

April 2019



Wind in the Willows

Message from the President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next WRCA Board Meeting
April 9th at 7:30pm to 9pm at
Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire
Company 45 S Ellicott Creek
Rd, Amherst, NY 14228

Special Guest:
Patrick Lucey Town of
Amherst Highway
Supervisor

SPRING TIME IN WILLOW RIDGE!

One of Willow Ridge Civic Association’s signature events coming up for April 6th will be the Children’s Easter Party! Cassandra is doing a fantastic job putting this together!

Our next meeting coming up on April 9th we will have Pat Lucey the Town of Amherst Highway Supervisor, as always I urge Willow Ridge residents to attend these meetings.

Last WRCA Meeting we had the opportunity to honor the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts! I want to thank Scout Masters Gerry Poydock and Jason Weiser and the Scouts that came to the meeting.

Jane Sieman is working hard on the WRCA Directories!! We will be having these out for delivery in April!

Erich Krueger



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WRCA.US

Share your stories!

Do you know of a new neighbor or maybe a long time friend leaving Willow Ridge? Have you or your child made a significant achievement lately? We want to know about letters of intent, National Honor Society honorees, special certifications, Girl Scout Gold Awards, Boy Scout Eagle Scouts, and more!

Send your news and photos to 136 Dalewood Drive or email it to WITW@WRCA.US.

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WRCA MEETING NOTICE!

Tuesday April 9th at 7:30 PM

Where: Ellicott Creek
Volunteer Fire
Company

Special Guest:
Patrick Lucey Town of
Amherst Highway Supervisor

WANTED NEWS AND PHOTOS:

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We value your community participation that is key to our community Willow Ridge Civic Association. We enjoy bringing people together, including neighbors, to capture the values and interests of our community.

JOIN TODAY

The March 12, 2019 WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:41 pm by President Erich Krueger.

In attendance were President Erich Krueger, Treasurer, Donna Mosteller, Secretary Jane Sieman and Board Members John Radens, Marijean Nichols, Ann Nichols, Andy Annesi, and Cassandra Schwab. Excused was Vice President Kristin Puff. Also signed in as attending were Joe Colon, Joey Colon, Nicholas Quilty-Koval, Jason P. Weiser, Noah P. Weiser, John, Val and Drew Czamara, Lisa Collins, Tracy Conhiser-Uy, Gerry Poydock, Steve Meyer, Joe Battaglia, and Mark Valle. It was noted that some attendees did not sign in.

Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173 and Willow Ridge Cub Scout Pack 173 led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. They both presented WRCA with their Charters. Scoutmaster Gerry Poydock and Cubmaster Jason Weiser explained the charter process. Also presented to the WRCA Board and the members by the troop and pack were current and recently completed Eagle Scout projects, the upcoming Philmont trip, a trip to Washington DC held during February break, cubscout field trips and camping sleepovers. They also provided a nice picture slide show. Mr. Steve Meyer represented NYS Assemblywoman Karen McMahan and presented a letter to both the Troop and Pack from Ms. McMahan.

Also discussed with Troop 173 was the upkeep of the Willow Ridge Map Kiosks

at Convenient and at the entrance of Willow Ridge Elementary School. Eagle Scout Keith Sieman will donate supplies to the troop and the troop will update and maintain the kiosks as one of their spring cleanup projects this year.

Discussed and confirmed with Troop 173 was the delivery of the 2019 WRCA directories to members the weekend of April 13th.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion was made to approve the February meeting minutes as it will be published in an upcoming issue by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Donna Mosteller.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Mosteller, Treasurer, submitted a treasurer's report. Income for the month of February was \$2,275.50 and expenses for the month of February were \$62.27. Expenses to date for March is \$11.06. The balance as of today's date 3/12/19 is \$12,146.44. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Cassandra Schwab.

DISCUSSION

Membership & Directory - Jane Sieman reported. Close to 450 memberships have been received. The covers for the directory will be going to the printer by the 20th of March. Books should be done from the printer by April 8th and the distributed by Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173 on the weekend of April 13th.

Garage Sale - Joe Battaglia reported. Willow Ridge Garage sale is scheduled for June 6 thru June 9, 2019. Details to follow in upcoming WITWs.

Easter Party - Cassandra Schwab reported. WRCA Children's Easter Party will be held at Willow Ridge Elementary School on Saturday, April 6th, 2019 at 10 am to noon. There will be an egg hunt, bounce house, games, snacks, music and the Easter Bunny! Set up is scheduled for Friday April 5th. A volunteer meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:30 at the firehall.

Discussed was the content of events from religious organizations in the WITWs and how to present it. After much discussion, it was determined and agreed that there will be a 'community events section' to list religious events in the WITWs.

Town of Amherst Highway Superintendent, Patrick Lucey will be the guest speaker at the next meeting on April 9th.

All April WITW articles/content is due to Kristin Puff by March 25, 2019.3.24

WRCA Board Business cards were discussed.

SUNY Buffalo State students Nicholas Quilty-Koval and Mark Valle reported that they are still interested in any WRCA member interested in participating in an interview regarding Willow Ridge changes, demographics, zoning changes etc. Please reach out to any WRCA board member if interested.

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There being no further business at hand, the meeting came to a close at 8:37 pm. Motion was made by Cassandra Schwab to adjourn and seconded by Andy Annesi. Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Sieman-WRCA Secretary.

Christmas Lights Contest Winners



110 Jeanmoor
60 Westcliffe
206 Parkhaven
47 Roundwood
111 Grassepointe
36 McIntosh
590 Kaymar
7 Maricrest **Best In Show**
450 Willow Green
43 Manor Oak, **Griswold Award**

It is with very mixed emotions that our family is leaving our home at 217 Rockdale Court here in Willow Ridge. We will miss everyone in our great community as we take on a new exciting adventure for our family. Being a member of this community and a part of the civic association has always been considered a privilege for us. Thank you for making this the best and most active communities in WNY. We are going to be listing our home, but first wanted to share with our neighborhood.

Highlights: 3 Bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1842 sq ft, Heated & Gated Inground Pool: Tons of update. New Pump (2014), New Heater (2016), New Liner (2018), Regraded Depth/Filled In (2018), Sand Filter (2018), Deck (2015) New Roof (2014 – Complete Tear Off and plywood upgrade), Frigidaire Stainless Steel Appliances (French Door Refrigerator, Oven, & Dishwasher) Central AC/Heat, Three Season Room with locked pool access, Outdoor speakers wired for indoor/outdoor use, Wood Burning Fireplace. Much More...

We are having an open house on April 14, 2019. For a private showing or for general interest please contact our very good friend, Amy Carrol from JLawrence Realty or you can always text or call me.

Call or Text Amy: 716-523-4724

E-Mail: amycarrolrealtor@yahoo.com

Call or Text Me (Tom Amodeo): 716-250-9928

Once Again, thank you for the privilege of being your neighbors.

Community News

The February 12, 2019 WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by President Erich Krueger.

In attendance were President Erich Krueger, Vice President Kristin Puff, Treasurer, Donna Mosteller, Secretary Jane Sieman and Board Members John Radens, Marijean Nichols, Ann Nichols, Andy Annesi, and Cassandra Schwab. Also in attendance were Steve Steinberg, Michael & Liz Chirico, Erin & Eric Cichowski, Dan Howard, Mark Valle, Nicholas Quilty-Koval, Jim & Jane Steel, Bill & Patty Lisk, Earl Kunz, Carlo Petermann, Yovanna Vega, and Town of Amherst Code Enforcer Joe Frese.

WRCA welcomed Amherst Town Code Enforcer, Joe Frese, Code Enforcer for Town of Amherst Building Department. Discussion was held regarding, Rental Management Code, illegal parking on lawns, property maintenance, sidewalk maintenance including uplifting and cracking of sidewalk slabs and snow removal, new town laws regarding Licensing of Property Managers & Local Law to Amend The Zoning Ordinance, "Standards for Sexually Oriented Businesses", and the availability of extra totes available to residents for an extra fee. Residents who want to file complaints town code issues can do so online.

Dan Howard, Director of Urban Planning, Geography Dept at Buff State is working with SUNY Buffalo State students Nicholas Quilty-Koval and

Mark Valle and will be looking at Willow Ridge demographics, zoning changes, traffic circulation and traffic issues. Nicholas and Mark will be conducting interviews with residents who voluntarily contact them to discuss these subjects and also discuss the changes they have seen over the years in our area. Contact information was given out at the meeting. Any WRCA member interested in also participating, can reach out to the WRCA Board who will then contact them.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion was made to approve the January meeting minutes as it will be published in the February issue by Marijean Nichols and seconded by John Radens.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Mosteller, Treasurer, submitted a treasurer's report. Income for the month of January was \$2,267.00 and expenses for the month of January were \$440.57. Expenses to date for February \$13.43. The balance as of today's date 2/12/19 is \$9,919.78. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by John Radens and seconded by Marijean Nichols.

DISCUSSION

Membership & Directory - Jane Sieman reported. Close to 400 memberships have been received. Reminder postcards have gone out to all residents who haven't responded. Advertiser letters for the directory have also gone out.

Dollar for Scholars - discussed

the wording and guidelines for qualifying students such as the student's family being a WRCA member and lowering the required average of the student seeking the WRCA scholarship. Don Feldman at the high school will be contacted to followup.

Discussion was held regarding the proposal of the extension of the Metro Rail to UB North. More information can be found at NFTAMetroRailExpansion.com.

WRCA sent board meeting dates to Town Supervisor Brian Kulpa and Town of Amherst Highway Dept Superintendent, Pat Lucey and invited them to be a guest speaker at one of these future meeting. We would like to also plan a 'Meet the Candidates Night' for local elections.

Discussion was held regarding the Neighborhood Dance aka Snowflake Dance and yearly interest by WRCA members.

Children's Easter Party - Tentative Date is Saturday, April 6th. Discussed Egg Hunt. Volunteer list is looking good. Cassandra Schwab is point of contact for this event.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting came to a close at 9:07 pm. Motion was made by Cassandra Schwab to adjourn and seconded by Ann Nichols. Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Sieman-WRCA
Secretary.

WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY



Willow Ridge Elementary School 10 AM to Noon
Saturday April 6th, 10 AM to Noon
Egg Hunt, Bounce House, Games, Snacks, Music,
Face Painting by Shelia
Fire Truck from ECVFC



GARAGE SALE



Willow Ridge Garage Sale Weekend 2019

June 6th - 9th

To get your sale on the list

Contact Joe Battaglia by

TEXT : 716-863-4586

Email: garagesaleweekend@wrca.us

A WRCA SPONSORED EVENT !



The Willow Ridge Directory

To the Members of the
Willow Ridge Civic Association

The Willow Ridge Directory for the year 2019 is done!!!!

It will be delivered the weekend of April 13th and 14th by Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173.

The directory lists the names, addresses and telephone numbers of more than 1,000 families who live in the Willow Ridge area. Residents rely on it to contact neighbors and committees and to locate local goods and services. The directory is especially useful to those who are just moving into the area. There is also a public service directory located in the front of the directory.

If anyone has a change over the coming year, (such as a birth of a child) please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing me at jsie44@yahoo.com. I like to keep all this information as current as possible throughout the year.

I wish to THANK all the advertisers for supporting our Association. A great many of them generously contributed coupons in a special tear out section of the directory.

I hope the directory will continue to be a useful reference book and that the contents are as accurate as possible.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A WRCA MEMBER!!

Jane Sieman
Editor, 2019 Willow Ridge Directory

WRCA Would like to thank the Scouts from Troop and Pack 173 and their Scout Masters for attending March's Willow Ridge Civic Association Meeting as they presented the signed charter for 2019

I would like to send our appreciation to Karen McMahan from the New York State Assembly for sending a Representative to also honor the Scouts!



Willow Ridge PTO News and Events

The PTO would love to encourage anyone that has interest to please consider coming to one of the meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 (childcare provided) in the Willow Ridge Elementary Cafeteria. You can just to commit to the time and events that you are able to – by joining you are not committing to participate in every event throughout the school year – just a few hours here and there whenever you can. It is all greatly appreciated and new ideas are always welcome! If you would like to get more information please reach out to us through the Willow Ridge PTO Facebook page or contact the Co-President Dawn Rydzynski at dawnrydzynski@yahoo.com.

On-Going School Programs:

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – Non-expired box-tops help us get free money for items we can use in various school activities. These can be dropped off at the school or contact the PTO thru the school or our Facebook Page and we can arrange a pickup.



SCHOOL SPIRIT – Please make sure that your child wears Blue and Gold on Fridays for chances to win prizes with their classroom throughout the year

Upcoming Events:

Check out our Facebook page for more information.
As always, volunteers are always welcomed!

March 5 - 6:30-8:00 PTO Meeting at the school cafeteria (childcare provided)

March 15 – Staff Development Day – No School/Parent Teacher Conferences

March 21 – Parent University

April 2 - 6:30-8:00 PTO Meeting at the school cafeteria (childcare provided)

April 8 – 12 – Scholastic Book Fair

April 12 – Science Night

April 16 – Board of Education Voting Meeting

April 18-26 – Spring Recess

More Information on any of these events is also listed on the district calendar at www.sweethomeschools.org

We are always looking for more members and volunteers. If you would like more information on how to get involved, please stop into one of the meetings or reach out to us on our Facebook page Willow Ridge Elementary School PTO.

–Erin Murphy-Kubiak, PTO Member

Boy Scouts, Troop 173 and Cub Scouts, Pack 173 from Willow Ridge



When the grass isn't greener; controlling our weeds without harming our families

There are many things that make the Willowridge community a superior place to live. For raising a family, I can't think of a better neighborhood! With spring right around the corner, I want to take a moment to encourage the community to avoid spraying pesticides on their lawns, and instead look into some of the safer alternatives that are listed below.

Since my article on this matter last spring, new developments have “sprung” up confirming the hazards of lawn care products such as Monsanto’s round up due to its main active ingredient, glyphosate. A San Francisco jury found Monsanto liable for a school groundskeeper’s lymphoma that he said developed after years of applying the company’s trademarked Roundup weed killer. The jury deliberated three days before awarding \$39 million in compensatory damages and \$250 million in punitive damages to groundskeeper DeWayne Lee Johnson, 46. He claimed that years of applying Monsanto’s Roundup and Ranger Pro to school properties in a Bay Area suburb of Benicia caused his incurable non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. The verdict “signals a turning tide,” said Linda Wells, Midwest organizing director for Pesticide Action Network. “It’s time to get carcinogenic pesticides off the market, and fight for the protective regulations we all deserve,” Wells said. We aren’t there yet, as these products are still on the shelves. We as consumers need to be aware and make educated choices until our government has better regulations set in place.



Lawns serve as the primary play space for our kids and pets. Despite what Scotts®, Bayer, TruGreen®, and other corporations in the so-called green industry would have us think, lawns are far from green, environmentally speaking. In addition, the 24 hour window in which the lawns should be avoided (per the yellow flag cautionary statements) is also not necessarily sufficient. Studies have found that the residues can last 5-6 days after application so there really is no telling which areas are chemical laden or safe to trot. Fourteen of the 30 most commonly used lawn pesticides are neurotoxins and are known or suspected carcinogens, and two-thirds of them may cause reproductive harm in humans. Here are some stats that you may find alarming: 53% of TruGreen ChemLawn’s pesticide products include ingredients that are possible carcinogens, as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. 41% of TruGreen ChemLawn’s pesticide products include ingredients that are banned or restricted in other countries. All 32 of TruGreen ChemLawn’s pesticide products include ingredients that pose threats to the environment, including: threats to water supplies, aquatic organisms, and non-targeted insects.



Many of the chemicals we dump on our lawns are herbicides meant to kill “weeds” that actually offer benefits. Clover, for example, fixes nitrogen that can support turf-grass growth. Violets can host rare butterflies like the regal fritillary. Up until the 1800’s, dandelions were seen as extremely beneficial. People would remove grass to plant dandelions! Despite labels that say these chemical products are safe for use around children and pets, ongoing scientific studies find many of them are anything but, which means we need to consider some alternatives.

Getting to the root (pun intended) of the problem does not begin with just swapping out harsh chemicals for safer herbicide products. Treating the weeds as a symptom of an unhealthy lawn instead of just an isolated problem will help you identify why they exist in the first place. For instance, a healthy soil for grass to grow is around a pH of 6.5. Adding lime if it is below 6.0 or gardener's sulfur if it is above 7.0 can help the grass flourish and cut down on the unwanted weeds. Over seeding can also encourage more grass to grow and is best done in the spring and fall. Mowing high (around 3 inches) to crowd out the weeds and create deeper grass roots will also help, which also leads to less need for watering. Seeding clover on your lawn fertilizes the soil naturally by taking nitrogen from the air and fixing it into the ground. Lastly, once you find that your lawn is healthier, use of organic, slow-release fertilizer and other organic and natural options like corn gluten can be beneficial; there are many helpful online resources for organic lawn maintenance. *New herbicides have reached the market that contain vinegar, lemon juice, and other plant-based ingredients. Many DIY recipes for weed killers can be found online, using a mixture of vinegar and castile soap. The general ratio is as follows: 1 gallon vinegar, 1 cup castile soap (like Dr. Bronners); combine in a garden sprayer and spray targeted weeds.*



Bringing about awareness is the first step to improving our environment. I am certain we can all agree that we want to keep Willowridge beautiful, thriving, and safe for generations to come. Please consider an environmentally “greener” landscape upon which our children and pets can roam and replace those pesky yellow flags with the yellow dandelions that nature intended.



MIRACULOUS BENEFITS OF DANDELION

FLOWER	LEAVES	ROOTS
<p>Tastes like sweet honey and has antioxidant properties which help increase immune function.</p> <p>Eat in a salad or on their own!</p>	<p>High in Vitamins A, C & Kand minerals like calcium, copper, iron, manganese & potassium</p> <p>Helps detox the liver & kidneys</p> <p>Eat raw in salads or juice it!</p>	<p>Cleanses & detoxifies the liver & gallbladder, and purifies the blood</p> <p>Helps ease upset stomachs</p> <p>Rich in iron, boron, beta-carotene & potassium</p> <p>Make into a tea!</p>

Willow Ridge Elementary

2018-2019 Calendar of Events

September

- 9/5 - First day of school
- 9/10-9/14 - Book Fair
- 9/11 - PTO Meeting
- 9/14 - Open House and Welcome Back Picnic
- 9/18 - Board of Education Meeting
- 9/21 - Community Day/Homecoming



November

- 11/6 - Staff Development Day
- 11/12 - No School
- 11/13 - PTO Meeting
- 11/16 - Harvest Dance
- 11/19 - Elementary Gold Band
- 11/20 - Board of Education Meeting
- 11/21-11/23 - No School
- 11/27-11/29 - Winter Wonderland



January

- 1/2 - School Resumes
- 1/8 - PTO Meeting
- 1/12 - All County Auditions
- 1/21 - No School
- 1/23 - Skating Party



March

- 3/2 & 3/6 - Elementary All-County Rehearsals
- 3/4-3/5 & 3/11-3/12 & 3/18-3/19 - Kindergarten Registration
- 3/5 - PTO Meeting
- 3/11 - Grade 4 Band Recital
- 3/15 - Staff Development Day & Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 3/15 - Second Trimester Ends
- 3/18 - Grade 4 Orchestra Recital
- 3/19 - Board of Education Voting Meeting
- 3/21 - Parent University
- 3/28 - Grade 5 Parent Orientation



May

- 5/1-5/3 - NYS Math Assessments Grades 3-8
- 5/6-5/7 & 5/8-5/9 & 5/13-5/14 & 5/20-5/21 - UPK Registration
- 5/7 - PTO Meeting
- 5/7 - Annual District Budget Meeting & "Meet the Candidates Night"
- 5/8 - Willow Ridge Chorus Concert
- 5/13 - Elementary Gold Orchestra
- 5/14 - Board of Education Voting Meeting
- 5/15 - Elementary Blue Band and Blue Orchestra Concert
- 5/21 - Annual District Budget Vote
- 5/21 - Elementary Gold Band
- 5/22 - Grade 5 Middle School Visit
- 5/24-5/27 - No School
- 5/29 - Grade 4 & 8 NYS Science Performance Assessments
- 5/31 - Bike Rodeo



October

- 10/1 - District PTO/PTA/PTSA Meeting & Volunteer Celebration
- 10/2 - PTO Meeting
- 10/3 - Picture Day
- 10/3 - Skating Party
- 10/5 - Early Dismissal/Emergency Evacuation Drill
- 10/5 - Influenza Shot Clinic
- 10/8 - No School
- 10/9 - Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
- 10/19 - Basket Raffle
- 10/22 - Picture Retake Day
- 10/23 - Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends



December

- 12/3 - Chorus Concert
- 12/4 - PTO Meeting
- 12/6 - No School
- 12/6 - End of 1st Trimester
- 12/6 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 12/7 - No School & Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 12/10 - Elementary Gold Orchestra
- 12/18 - Board of Education Voting Meeting
- 12/24-1/1 - Winter Recess/No School



February

- 2/1 - Staff Development Day
- 2/4 - Candy Sale Fundraiser Starts
- 2/5 - PTO Meeting
- 2/8 - February Frolics
- 2/12 - Board of Education Voting Meeting
- 2/14 - Leadership Day
- 2/18-2/22 - Winter Recess
- 2/27 - Candy Sale Fundraiser Ends



April

- 4/2-4/4 - ELA Assessments Grades 3-8
- 4/2 - PTO Meeting
- 4/8-4/12 - Book Fair
- 4/12 - Science Night
- 4/16 - Board of Education Voting Meeting
- 4/18-4/26 - Spring Recess



June

- 6/3 - Grade 4 & 8 Science Written Assessments
- 6/4 - PTO Meeting
- 6/7 - Bike Rodeo Rain Day
- 6/14 - Flag and Field Day
- 6/18 - Board of Education Voting Meeting
- 6/24 - Early Dismissal
- 6/25 - 5th Grade Moving Up
- 6/25 - Last Day of School/Early Dismissal





Americans spend \$1.9 billion on Easter , while 70% of Easter candy purchased is chocolate.

76% of Americans think the ears of a chocolate bunny should be the first to be eaten.

The first story of a rabbit hiding eggs in a garden was published in 1680.

Host a Egg Racing Activity

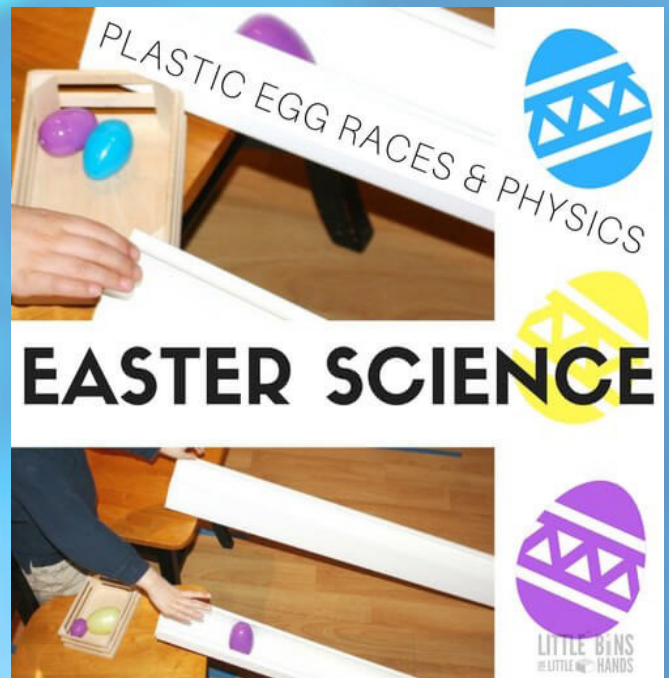
Science exploration with plastic Easter egg racing.

You will need a 10' plastic rain gutter for \$5 at Home Depot. Saw it in half, and sand the edges.

Race cars - two different sized plastic eggs, but you can add as many sizes as you like. Older kids will be able to extend the learning with this activity by comparing multiple size eggs.

PLASTIC EASTER EGG RACES SET UP SUPPLIES

- Plastic Eggs {variety of sizes is best!}
- Plastic Rain Gutters {or make your own ramps out of cardboard with bent sides to keep eggs from rolling off}
- Stopwatch {fun but optional and perfect for the older kids who need to extend the activity a bit}



Let the egg race experiments begin!

Make sure to get a discussion going with simple questions. Introduce a “What do you think will happen if...?” type of question.

Help your kids make predictions as to what will happen with different size eggs and different angles of ramps.

Older kids may also find learning about Newton’s 3 Laws to be interesting, and they can easily apply them to the eggs on the ramp.

NEWTON’S 3 LAWS

An object at rest stays in rest. The egg is not going to move unless a force is applied to it! So you need to pick it up and provide a way for the egg to accelerate! For every action there is an opposite and equal reaction.

Our set up would be a little better to show this if we had a platform for the egg to sit on at the top of the ramp. However, an object will stay in motion if it is in motion until it encounters an unbalanced force. The unbalanced force here is the shift from ramp to floor.

Easter Egg Races Experiment & Observations

Egg races make an excellent experiment to make predictions! We discussed the angles of the ramp and how they influenced the speed of the egg. Higher ramp/angle the faster the egg went, the lower the ramp angle, the slower the egg went.

Also discuss a favorite concept called gravity and how it helped to pull the eggs down but as the angle of the ramp decreased it slowed gravity down! The large egg was generally faster than the small egg except when the ramp was lower!

This simple egg race activity provided so many lessons to try out!

Each ramp angle presented a new discovery and a chance to guess what might happen! The ramps with the same angle we tested out the different size eggs and found the smaller egg was slower!

The ramp with the lowest angle also had the slowest moving egg with both big and small eggs. The big egg even had a hard time getting started, but it did get rolling after a few seconds. It couldn't catch up but finished once it got in motion. The egg on the high angle ramped zoomed down super fast with the help of gravity!

OLDER KIDS:

You can still extend the learning with our plastic Easter egg races activity by introducing friction and the role friction plays as an external force. Grab a towel and place it over a ramp to test the differences in speed.

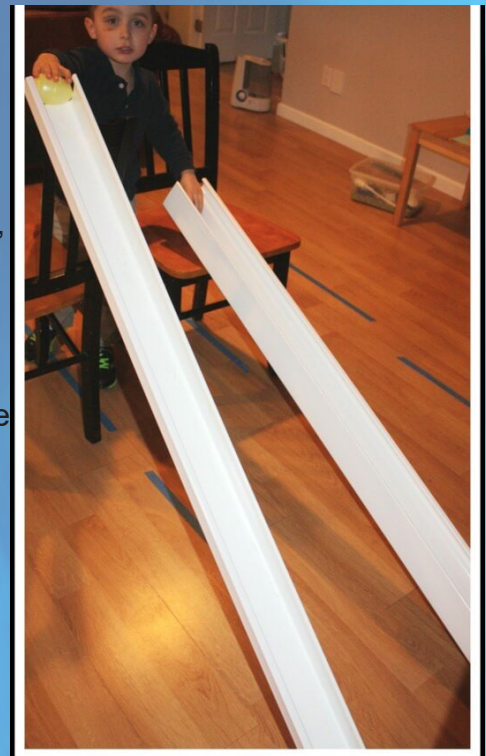
Additionally, you can talk about potential and kinetic energy. The egg at the top of the ramp has stored potential energy as the egg goes into motion it is using it's kinetic energy and the stored energy is decreasing! The energy an object has in motion is called kinetic energy. This energy is also determined a lot by the object itself!

Try it out! Experiment with these ideas and have fun! This is a great way to include both older kids and younger kids in the learning experience and have both age groups take away important information. Have a bowl of marbles ready that can be added to the eggs!

YOUNGER KIDS:

After we were finishing the egg races with plastic eggs, have the kids move the ramps up and down and guess what would happen to the different items. Hands on experimenting can be and should be playful for young kids!

For more activities visit <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/plastic-easter-egg-races-exploring-ramps-gravity-motion-saturday-science/>



High Angle

**PLACE
YOUR
AD HERE**
Contact
Advertising Sales
Andy Annesi
812 - 8851

Hi- I live on Amberwood Dr. I have an older dog, I am looking for a reliable teen to let him out in the back yard daily Monday-Friday. I would prefer mid afternoon. I would pay a daily fee as well.

-Natalie
Email: Naprn99@hotmail.com

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If you need to sell, maximize your gain by getting advice from someone who has an active interest in our neighborhood's home values, 26 years experience, and hundreds of satisfied customers...
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