

June 2019



Wind in the Willows

Message from the President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next WRCA Board Meeting
 Tuesday July 30th at 7:30pm
 to 9pm at Ellicott Creek
 Volunteer Fire Company
 45 S Ellicott Creek Rd,
 Amherst, NY 14228
 Topic: NFTA & WRCA will
 hold a meeting regarding
 Metro Rail Extension
 Project. Some displays,
 PowerPoint presentation
 and Q&A time.

*Yes it has been a
Soggy Spring!*

Trying to keep up to cutting our lawns has been a challenge! But on the bright side the grass has never been Greener!!



I want to welcome Kori Cahill to the Willow Ridge Civic Association Board!

I want to thank the students from Buffalo State College, their Professor and Town of Amherst Officials for their work on Willow Ridge Community and Neighborhood Assessment. This is the PDF from their presentation at last month's WRCA Meeting.
<https://wrca.us/willow-ridge-assessment>

As Summer approaches we have a few Events that will take place here in Willow Ridge
Town of Amherst Youth Board will be doing
Movie Night on July 26th!

WRCA, Amherst Police and Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company will be doing our Yearly NATIONAL NIGHT OUT on Tuesday August 6th!

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Visit us on the web at

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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

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

Follow us on Facebook
Willow Ridge Civic Association



BOWLING LEAGUE OPENINGS AVAILABLE.

The Willow Ridge Bowling League has openings available for the next bowling season beginning in September at Airport Bowling Lanes. This is a fun couples bowling league which is scheduled to bowl once a month on Friday evenings beginning in September through early May 2020. Whether you are a beginner or more seasoned bowler, come join us – two couples per team. Also, there is an opening for one couple to join an existing team since their partners retired due to health reasons. For further information or sign-up, call Dick Lippold, current League President, at 691-7080 or send an e-mail message to rlippold@aol.com .



WRCA MEETING NOTICE!

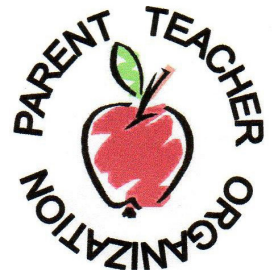
Tuesday July 30th at 7:30 PM

Where: Ellicott Creek
Volunteer Fire
Company



PTO Help Wanted!

Willow Ridge Elementary Needs volunteers and we need some for our first big event, the Scholastic Book Fair!
If anyone can help, they can email Jessica Stephens at jesslynnstephens@gmail.com



WANTED NEWS AND PHOTOS:

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.

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.

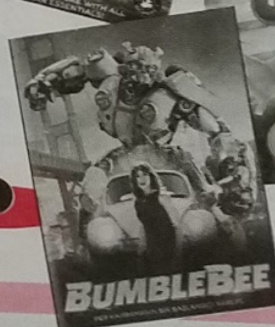
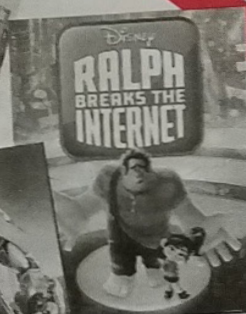
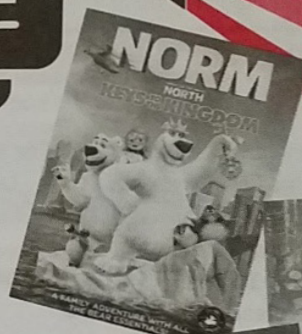
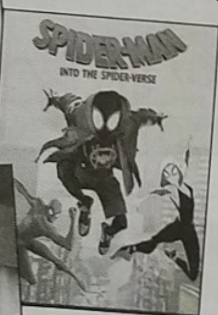


MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHTS

The Willow Ridge Civic Association Board believes it is important for the candidates running for local office in Town of Amherst to come and speak at our meetings. We think it would be informative to hear their ideas and what their view of the future of the Town of Amherst is and what they will do with issues that affect Willow Ridge.

**The 2 nights planned are:
September 10th 2019
October 8th 2019**

2019 Summer Movie Schedule



Sponsored by the Amherst Police Club

JULY

12	Spider Man Into the Spider Verse	South Long Park RAIN SITE- <i>Williamsville Meeting House</i>	9:00PM
19	Ant Man and the Wasp	Bassett Park RAIN SITE- <i>Harlem Road Community Ctr.</i>	9:00PM
26	Mary Poppins Returns	Willowridge School	9:00PM

AUGUST

9	Norm of the North: Keys to the Kingdom	Bassett Park RAIN SITE- <i>Harlem Rd. Community Ctr.</i>	8:30PM
16	Bumblebee	Bassett Park RAIN SITE- <i>Harlem Rd. Community Ctr.</i>	8:30PM
23	Ralph Breaks the Internet 2	Island Park RAIN SITE- <i>Williamsville Meeting House</i>	8:30PM

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Summer 2019

Kayaking with Kelly

Beaver Island State Park

Saturdays Only!

11a.m. / 1 p.m. / 3 p.m.

A beginner's class on kayaking! Join Kelly and Tina, ACA certified kayak instructors for one-hour lessons. A kayak, paddle and life jacket will be provided for the class. Weather permitting. **Space is limited, sign up early. For information and registration call (716)282-5154.**



July: 6th

August: 3rd and 24th

September: 7th

Next WITW Meeting is July 30th.

The NFTA & WRCA will hold a meeting regarding Metro Rail Extension Project. Meeting will be at Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company in Downstairs Training Room, 7 pm to 9 pm. Some displays, PowerPoint presentation and Q&A time.

Kayaking with Tina

Beaver Island State Park

Thursdays Only!

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

A little more than a beginner's class on kayaking! Join Tina and Kelly, ACA certified kayak instructors, for more than just the basics. A kayak, paddle and life jacket will be provided for the class. Weather permitting. **Space is limited, sign up early. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.**



July: 11th, 18th, and 25th

August: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

September: 5th

Community News

NFTA & WRCA Meeting about Metro Rail Extension Project

Displays, PowerPoint presentation and Q&A
July 30th 7 pm to 9pm

Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company Downstairs Training Room



Neighborhood Meetings With

Kulpa

Amherst Town Supervisor

Come and talk about the future of your neighborhood!

EGGERTSVILLE - Monday, June 24, 2019 - 6:30pm

@ Windermere Elementary School auditorium (291 Windermere Blvd)

SNYDER - Monday, July 8, 2019 - 6:30pm

@ The Park School dining hall (4625 Harlem Rd)

WILLIAMSVILLE - Thursday, August 8, 2019 - 6:30pm

@ Hutchinson Hose Fire Dept banquet hall (5045 Sheridan Dr)

MAIN-TRANSIT - Thursday, August 29, 2019 - 6:30pm

@ Main-Transit Fire Dept banquet hall (6777 Main St)

GETZVILLE/AUDUBON - Thursday, September 12, 2019 - 6:30pm

@ Getzville Fire Dept banquet hall (630 Dodge Rd)

NORTH AMHERST - Thursday, October 3, 2019 - 6:30pm

@ North Amherst Fire Dept banquet hall (2200 Tonawanda Creek Rd)

ELLICOTT CREEK - Monday, November 4, 2019 - 6:30pm

@ Ellicott Creek Fire Dept banquet hall (45 S. Ellicott Creek Rd)

NORTH BAILEY - Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - 6:30pm

@ Sweet Home Middle School cafeteria (4150 Maple Rd)

EAST AMHERST/SWORMVILLE - Thursday, January 30, 2020 - 6:30pm

@ Transit Middle School cafeteria (8730 Transit Rd)



Concerns for the Willow Ridge Neighborhood

Willow Ridge Civic Association is more than Children's Parties, as those are nice, and I would say necessary, for WRCA outreach and goodwill. But the Association is also powerful in the politics of Amherst. We have the ability to have our local politicians' ears, by "Power In Numbers". We want to keep the quality of life that makes Willow Ridge such a special place. But we need to be vigilant and united. The WRCA is that united front. That being said, we have things we need to address to keep our neighborhood as a healthy, safe place to raise a family.

Items on our Hit List to address with the Town of Amherst:

The Corner of Niagara Falls Blvd and Willow Ridge, the first thing people see when entering our neighborhood.



Niagara Falls Blvd traffic and a popular corner with 3 restaurants, a new hotel and other businesses



Preserving green space between Niagara Falls Blvd and Willow Ridge, instead of tearing it down and building apartments. I have a problem with a ditch the developers dug, as it could be a mosquito breeding ground.



We do not need more traffic or more apartments that remove a natural barrier between Niagara Falls Blvd and Willow Ridge Estates. This green space is also home of many animals that when displaced, end up in our yards looking for new homes and food.

These are some of the issues about which we need to make our voices heard to the Town Government. This is the mission of the members of the Willow Ridge Civic Association.

H. Erich Krueger

JUNGLE PUZZLE PAGE

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Unscramble the words at the top of the puzzle, then use all of the letters in the circled boxes to solve the final phrase!



WORD SAFARI

Hunt for the words shown on the list below, then circle them as you find them!

- vulture
 leehippo
 melsgpcn
 hyenarhk
 lgoazpee
 slpkecey
 liaelkt d
 gorillae
 lndeeohp

- lion
 monkey
 gorilla
 hippo
 cheetah
 hyena
 gazelle
 leopard
 snake
 vulture

Games on this page are jungle-related. "Go Wild" when trying to solve each puzzle!

Using just the letters in the word below, can you make at least 14 new words? **RULES:** You may only use a letter as many times as it is shown in the key word. Each word must be at least 4 letters long. **GOOD LUCK!**

ELEPHANT



Ocean facts

1. Around 70% of the Earth's surface is covered by oceans.
2. The largest ocean on Earth is the Pacific Ocean, covering around 30% of the Earth's surface.
3. The name "Pacific Ocean" comes from the Latin name Tere Pacificum, "peaceful sea".
4. The deepest known area of the Earth's oceans is known as the Mariana Trench.
5. The longest mountain range in the world is found under water. Stretching over 56,000km, the Mid-Oceanic Ridge is a mountain chain that runs along the centre of the ocean basins.
6. About 70% of the oxygen we breathe is produced by the oceans.
7. The sea is home to the world's largest living structure – the Great Barrier Reef.

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. (*Please note that this program will be going digital in the next month and more information will be posted here as it becomes available)

RECENT EVENTS:

This May and June the PTO worked hard on the yearbook, Flag and Field Day, Teacher Appreciation luncheon, helping with various awards nights and end of the year activities. We are working hard this summer and forming committees for the Annual Welcome Back Picnic, Scholastic Book Fair, Basket Raffle and Harvest Dance - so please watch for additional information on these events over the Summer.

June is a busy month for the PTO. In addition to saying goodbye to our 5th graders moving up to Middle School, we are also saying good-bye to various parents that play an integral role in the PTO. Specifically, we would like to recognize Liz Betchel for her hard work and dedication to make each program at Willow Ridge a success over the past almost 10 years with being affiliated with the school and PTO. Liz has chaired many committees and is always to “go to” person behind the scenes of most of our events. A huge thank you to Liz!!!

Past Events:

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

June 4 - 6:30-8:00 PTO Meeting at the school cafeteria (childcare provided)

June 14 – Last day for SchoolKidz Supply orders are due
(on-line orders are due June 21)

June 18 – Flag and Field Day

June 24 – Half Day (dismissal at 11:15)

June 25 – 5th Grade Moving Up Day and all school early dismissal (11:15)



Stay tuned for a complete schedule of events that we are planning for the Fall. And as always, thank you for making this year great – we rely on the community for support and we truly are thankful that everyone is so generous with their time!

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

Block Reps

This is a program we have been trying to restart since they were unceremoniously let go a decade ago. The Board believes the Block Reps played a major role in Membership and a personal touch to the Willow Ridge Civic Association. I have put Board member Kori Cahill in charge of the Block Rep Program, Jane Sieman will be helping Kori put the program up to speed.

Our goal is:

To contact current Block Reps
Recruit New Block Reps
Establish an email communication
Contact and identified new residents with a Welcome Letter and invitation to join the Association.

New resident information will be forwarded through Block-Reps
We would like to have Block Reps attend and make reports at monthly WRCA meetings as appropriate.

*If you are, or were or are interested in being a Block Rep
please email blockreps@wrca.us*

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!



WATCH FOR KIDS: The end of the school year means more kids are out and about, especially in neighborhoods.



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SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER! WATCH FOR KIDS



Neighborhood Safety Tips

- Never let your child walk anywhere alone, whether to the store, to a friend's house, or to the park.
- Never let your child play outside alone. Predators may cruise neighborhoods looking for unsupervised kids. Take turns with other parents in your neighborhood or enlist a trustworthy family member to help.
- If your child rides bikes, roller blades, or skateboards, make sure they are always with two buddies.
- Report any suspicious strangers or vehicles in the neighborhood to police.

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SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER! WATCH FOR KIDS



Safe driving around kids

- When driving, pay attention and scan the entire area around you.
- Look for kids playing near the street and slow down. Children are often unpredictable and unaware of danger around them.
- Slow down around children and other pedestrians.
- Watch for people about to step off the curb at crosswalks.

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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

Nobody Sells Willow Ridge Homes Better Than Joe!!!

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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c: 863-4586

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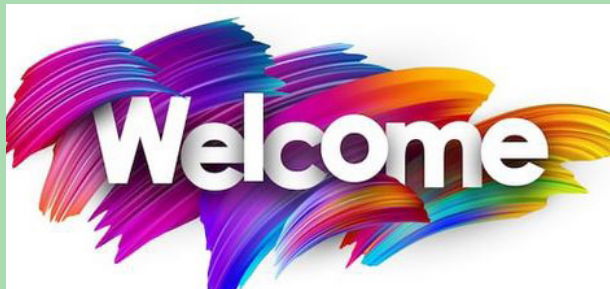
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