



QUARTERLY 2 2020

Wind in the Willows

Special Edition

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Commencement Speeches Of 2020

Dreams are a great test. Because a dream is going to test your resolve, and you're going to know a dream from a pipe dream. You're going to know a dream from a casual brush with something that you got excited about, and then it evaporates. A real dream is something that not only hangs on to you but you will hang onto it. And it will power you through every obstacle that people and your environment will throw against you.

Because if we're in service of our dreams versus our dreams being in service to us it becomes something greater. It allows us to be game and it allows us to get over our fear to go forward no matter what obstacles are thrown in our path. **-Steven Spielberg**

Making it is not always an easy thing to do. I was one of those students that was always kind of like just barely making it. I think I took summer school, for gym. But it was nice because I got like a regular workout in. And I made mistakes. Just keep on truckin', keep on goin', movin' to the moon. Do not microwave metal. Not even a tiny spoon. **-Awkwafina (Actress)**

The reason I'm here, the reason I've had such a wonderful journey in my life thus far is that I found love. Yes, love. We were all made to love and I've found that we live our best lives, we are at our most successful, not simply because we're smarter than everyone else, not because we hustle harder, not because we become millionaires more quickly.

The key to success, the key to happiness is opening your mind and your heart to love, spending your time doing things you love with people you love. I believe that during uncertain and trying times, we must lean on love to show us our clearest path forward and that when you trust what your heart is telling you, love will be your North Star. **- John Legend (Musician)**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on **May 12th** at 7:30 p.m. at **Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.**

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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 drop off articles/news/photos at Kristin Puff 55 Roundwood Court or email to kristinpuff3@gmail.com.

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Willow Ridge Civic Association

WILLOW RIDGE DIRECTORY

**To all Members of the Willow Ridge Civic Association
The Willow Ridge Directory
for the year 2020 is done!!!!**

The WRCA 2020 Directory is complete. Due to Covid-19 and the quarantine situation, the directory was put on hold. It is now done, and distribution will be held during the period of May 30th and June 7th. We appreciate your understanding of the situation.

The directory lists the names, addresses and telephone numbers of 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.

A huge thank you to Kori Cahill, our Block Rep Coordinator, and all our amazing block reps who assisted in directory distribution. Your dedication and hard work is appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A WRCA MEMBER!!

Jane Sieman
Editor, 2020 Willow Ridge Directory

Grant Irwin graduating senior

Our son Grant has been at Sweet Home since pre-K, and he's received an awesome education at Willow Ridge, the Middle School, and the High School. The teachers are great, he's made a lot of fantastic friends, and he has really just thrived all around. We're very proud of him (of course).

Grant has committed to the University of South Florida in Tampa, where he plans to major in Social Science Education (and beach time), with plans of becoming a Secondary History Teacher. Sounds good to us!



Logan Roussie

Sweet Home High School
2020 graduate.
Attending RIT in the fall for
Software Engineering.

Class
of 2020 



Morgan Applegate

Attended Cardinal O'Hara High School

List of Activities over 4 years:

Varsity Soccer all four years

Outdoor track Freshman and Sophomore year

NHS Junior and Senior Year

Art Club-Freshman year

Travel Club-Junior and Senior year

Kenmore Travel Soccer all four years

Community Involvement:

Served as a volunteer in the 1st grade class for 3 years at The Chapel at Crosspoint

-Mission trip to Costa Rica-Senior Year

Currently works as an essential worker as a dietary aide at McCulley Nursing Home

Awards:

MVP of Soccer League-Sophomore year

All Catholics for soccer all four years

MVP with 3 goals in the Championship game her Senior year

Honor Roll all four years

Morgan will be taking a 9 month gap year, leaving in September, through the World Race.

She will be traveling to countries in Africa and Asia. Upon her return, she will be attending college at St. John Fisher to be a Nurse Practitioner and play soccer.

Uplifting thoughts: "Be bold, be courageous, be your BEST!"-Gabrielle Gifford

Shannon Lynch



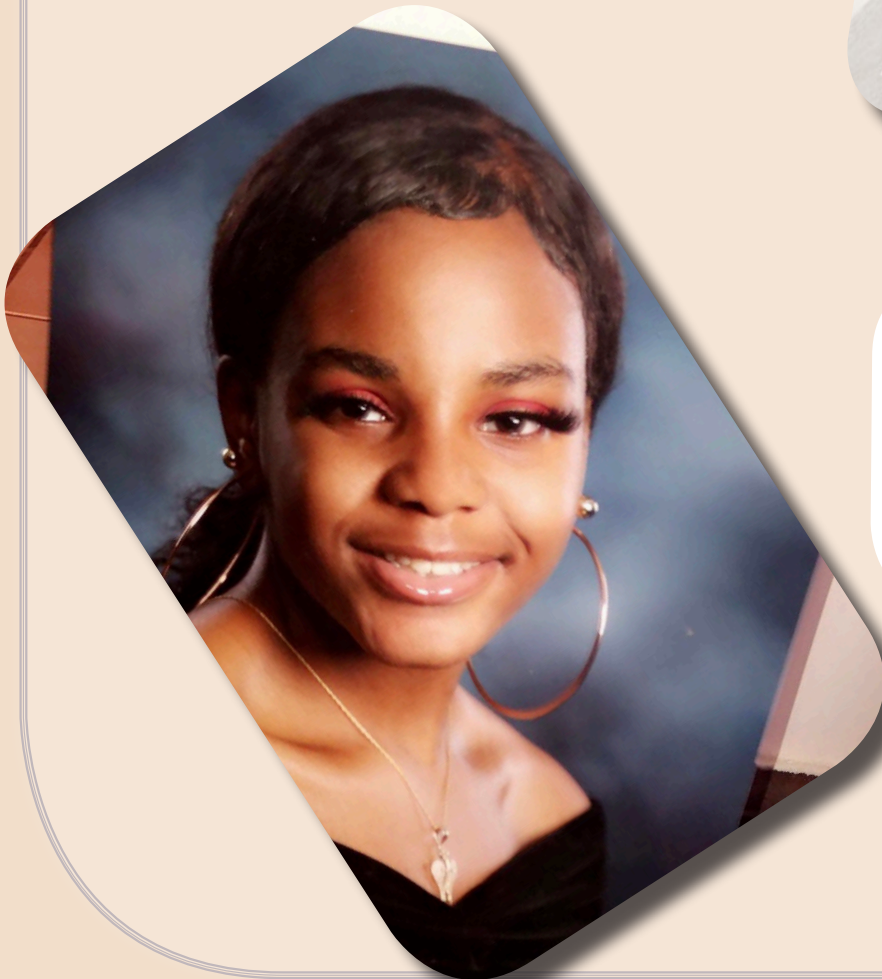
A National Honor Society senior graduating from SHHS. She attended Willow Ridge, SHMS and SHHS. Shannon has been heavily involved in the music & theater programs throughout all of her years at Sweet Home.

She plans to attend college in the fall at either UB or Canisius, with the hopes of continuing to grad school. After a PhD, Shannon would like to set up a Psychiatric practice locally.



Angel Brooks

2020 graduate from Sweet Home High School and Buffalo Prep. Angels plan is to attend Buffalo State College.



Teal Winkle

Graduation from
Sweethome High School
class of 2020

National Honor Society,
Varsity Swim,
Numerous Clubs

Going to Trocaire College
pursuing a bachelors
in Nursing

Awarded Trocaire's
Presidential Scholarship
for Academic Achievement



Jacob Murak

graduating from Sweet
Home High School.

Going to study
Forensic Science at West
Virginia University with an
academic scholarship.

We are extremely proud
of him and know that he
will do great things!
We love you Jacob!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Tyler and Amber





Ian Samulski

8th graders moving up to SHHS.
Ian Samulski, will be a
freshman next year

Alexander Bacon

is a 5th grader at Willow Ridge
Elementary School headed to Sweet
Home Middle School in the fall.

He is Vice President of student council,
plays the saxophone, a cub scout,
plays football, basketball and baseball.
And is an avid fisherman.



Message from the President

June 2020

Dear Willow Ridge Civic Association Members

I hope everyone is staying healthy! 2020 is definitely not the way a lot of us wanted to start a new decade. We had to cancel some of our Association events and I know at this point this Summer is going to be a Bummer (No Festivals or Concerts) but one bright spot you can mark on your calendar Tuesday, August 4th for National Night Out! National Night Out is still on the schedule at this point so Wear your face masks and keep up the Social Distancing to keep that curve down!

It has been so good to see so many members coming to get face masks! Town of Amherst Emergency Services gave WRCA 2000 face masks to hand out in our area so we are trying to do a hand out every 2 weeks. The next one will be on Saturday June 27th. I will post the times of the hand out soon. Watch your emails or our Facebook Pages. I am also planning on 1 or 2 food trucks.

I want to thank Jane Sieman for another fantastic job on the WRCA Directory! Having to deal with businesses and their Covid 19 limitations put her behind getting everything wrapped up. I know Jane appreciates everyone's patience.

***The WRCA wants to welcome 2 new Board members:
Sharon Grogan and Kristin Cangialosi.***

Donna Mosteller has stepped down as Treasurer, we would like to **thank** Donna for her hard work on our books and watching our finances and sometimes telling me no we can't afford that. Donna will be the chair for the committee updating the WRCA Bylaws.

Board member Ann Nichols Schalberg has had to also step down from the board. We want to wish Ann much success being the new Town of Amherst Prosecutor, on top of that Ann is still on the Board at the Town of Amherst ZBA. Ann also will be working with Donna on updating the WRCA Bylaws.

***Once again I want to thank the both Donna and Ann for
their service to WRCA and to the Neighborhood!***

Everyone Stay Healthy!!

H. Erich Krueger

WRCA MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

The March 10, 2020 WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by President, Erich Krueger.

In attendance were President – Erich Krueger, Treasurer – Donna Mosteller, Secretary - Jane Sieman and Board Members Ann Nichols, John Radens, Cassandra Schwab and Kori Cahill. Excused were Vice President – Kristin Puff, and Board Members Andy Annesi and Marijean Nichols. Also, in attendance was Steve Steinberg.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The December 2019, January 2020 and February 2020 minutes were handed out and reviewed. Motion was made to approve all minutes by Ann Nichols and seconded by Cassandra Schwab.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Donna Mosteller submitted the current treasurer's report: The current balance as of today is \$11035.15. Income for February was \$2,360.00 and March to date is \$0.00. Expenses for February was \$278.04 and March to date 682.41. Budget for 2019-2020 was reviewed also. Motion was made to approve by John Radens and seconded by Kori Cahill.

DISCUSSION (New and Old Business)

After 4 years of being WRCA Treasurer, Donna Mosteller, submitted her letter of resignation. She has offered to handle the responsibilities of the Treasurer until a replacement is trained or at the end of the fiscal year (June 2020). We are very sad but grateful for Donna's many years of service and dedication. She has been a huge asset to our organization and will be greatly missed. Membership/Directory 2020

– Jane Sieman reported. Currently our membership is over 400. The book is scheduled to go to the printer the week of March 20th and delivery is planned for the weekend of April 4th by Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173.

Discussion was held about the membership dues for 2021. It was voted on and approved that the dues starting with membership year for 2021 will go from \$17.00 to \$20.00. Motion was made to accept by John Radens and seconded by Ann Nichols.

WRCA By laws.

Secretary Jane Sieman distributed the remaining copies to officers and board members that needed them. At the next meeting we will form a committee to review and update them at a date to

be determined. WRCA Officer and Board positions. Next year there will be some positions that will be open as some terms will be expiring. A list of what will be available in January 2021 will be put together in the next month so we can begin the process of looking for position replacements. WRCA Children's' Easter Party will be held on Saturday, April 4th, at Willow Ridge Elementary School. Games, crafts, treats and the Easter Bunny! Cassandra Schwab is the contact for this event. Details will follow thru newsletter, facebook and email.

ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business at hand, the meeting ended at 9:01 pm. Motion was made by Cassandra Schwab to adjourn and seconded by Kori Cahill. The April meeting has been cancelled, therefore, the next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. (please note change of start time of next meeting).

**Respectfully submitted,
Jane Sieman –
WRCA Secretary**

WRCA MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

The February 11, 2020 WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:37pm by President, Erich Krueger. In attendance were President – Erich Krueger, Secretary - Jane Sieman and Board Members Ann Nichols, Marijean Nichols, and Kori Cahill. Excused were Vice President – Kristin Puff, Treasurer – Donna Mosteller and Board Members Andy Annesi, John Radens, and Cassandra Schwab. Also, in attendance were Steve Steinberg, Bob Lannen, Jim and Jane Steele, Kennedy Schultz, Quinn Schultz, and Jerry Moran.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was no quorum to approve the December 2019 and January 2020 at this meeting. Will carry over at next meeting to approve.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Donna Mosteller provided us with the following: The current balance is \$11,935. Paypal has been deposited into our account. We will have to replenish our checks soon. Insurance payment is \$218.00 towards new policy. We will approve this report at our March meeting.

DISCUSSION

Membership/Directory 2020 – Jane Sieman reported. To date we have received approximately 370 members. Reminder postcards are going to the printer this week and will be mailed to those in Willow Ridge that haven't renewed/joined for 2020 next week. Deadline to join WRCA to secure a correct listing in the directory is March 10th, 2020. Letters to renew ads in the directory went out to advertisers. Directory is due to the printer by March 20th.

WRCA By laws.

Secretary Jane Sieman will distribute remaining copies to officers and board members that need them at the March meeting. We will then form a committee to review and update them at a date to be determined. WRCA Newsletter was discussed. Discussion was continued about producing a quarterly WITWs. The next issue published will be a Feb/Mar issue as January was already issued. We will then have an April/May/June issue, July/Aug/Sep issue, and an October/November/December issue. The October/Nov/December issue will be our membership drive issue that gets mailed to all Willow Ridge Residents.

We will continue to keep our membership informed on any updates, important community/ town news etc on social media and by email as they become available as we currently do. A one-page flyer/newsletter/updater will be mailed during the three-month period to our membership that do not have computer capabilities.

Metro Rail upcoming Meetings. A public hearing is scheduled at Sweet Home Middle School on Feb 25. It was discussed about maybe inviting Town Planner, Dan Howard and/or Town Supervisor, Brian Kulpa to a future WRCA member meeting to address issues/questions that WRCA members may have. Activities for WRCA - We are still looking for ideas for activities for WRCA membership. In addition to the bowling and pedal tours ideas, we have added a DJ Trivia Night to the list.

Willow Ridge Spring Clean Up tentative date is April 25th. Erich Krueger will reach out to various people to help run this event and Pat Lucey, Amherst Highway Superintendent about some supplies, such as totes, garbage bags and gloves.

Wear your face masks and keep up the Social Distancing

A colorful poster for a garage sale. At the top, there's a string of colorful triangular bunting. The words "GARAGE SALE" are written in large, bold, green letters with black outlines. To the left of "SALE" are icons of a golf bag, a yellow ball, and a pink square. To the right are a yellow ball and a pink office chair. Below the title, the text reads: "WILLOW RIDGE GARAGE SALE WEEKEND 2020", "JUNE 25TH TO JUNE 28TH 8 AM to 3 PM", "GET YOUR SALE ON THE LIST!", "CONTACT JOE BATTAGLIA BY:", "TEXT: 716-863-4586", "EMAIL: Garagesaleweekend@wrca.us", and "A WRCA SPONSERED EVENT!". On the right side, there is a circular logo featuring a tree and the letters "WRCA".

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A WRCA SPONSERED EVENT!

FEBRUARY 11, 2020 Minutes continued

WRCA Children's' Easter Party will be held on Saturday, April 4th, at Willow Ridge Elementary School. Cassandra Schwab is the contact for this event. Details to follow in this issue.

Quinn Schultz from Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173 was in attendance tonight and introduced as he is working on his Communications Merit Badge towards his Eagle Scout requirements.

April WRCA meeting has been rescheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:30 due to the original date falling in the middle of the Easter holiday week.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business at hand, the meeting ended at 8:35 pm. Motion was made by Marijean Nichols to adjourn and seconded by Ann Nichols.

Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Sieman – WRCA Secretary

Free Drive-In Family Vacation Bible School

DATES: June 28 - July 02, 2020

(Raindate: July 3rd)

Sunday - Thursday - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

INFORMATION:

Join us for this year's Vacation Bible School, Drive-In Style! We invite your entire family to be a part of this year's unique experience. No age is too young or too old! Go to <http://www.AmherstBaptist.com> and scroll down to watch the video for more information. Or watch it here on YouTube: 2020 VBS Amherst Baptist Church Promo Video https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=8&v=XLKSjQB9AUw&feature=emb_logo

Then click the VBS link to register your family. We're planning on live-streaming it too, so choose which one to register for.



We can't wait to see you!

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“Sharing truth with a passion so people have a passion for the Truth.”



Summer Time



1.Parrot 2.Watermelon 3.Whale
4.Bird 5.Palm 6.Airplane 7.Sunscreen
8.Cocktail 9.Skydiving 10.Sun

The Summer Season Fun Facts

- Summer in the Northern Hemisphere begins on June 21 and ends on September 23.
- When it's summer in the Northern Hemisphere, it's winter in the Southern Hemisphere, and vice versa.
- Summer occurs because of the way the Earth is tilted towards the sun. The hemisphere tilted towards the sun experiences summer and the hemisphere tilted away experiences winter.
- Summer is the whole months of December, January and February in the Southern Hemisphere and the whole months of June, July and August in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The dates from July 3 until August 11 were labeled as "dog days of summer", after Sirius, the Dog Star, located in the constellation of Canis Major.

WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Teal Winkle & Gavin Jana



Willow Ridge Civic Association Members

After much debate and cost cutting, the Board and I have voted to raise membership dues by \$3 in order to keep up to the costs of operating our association. I hope we do not see the need to do this again for at least another ten years. The new yearly rate will be \$20.00 per household membership.

**The WRCA is over 50 years old and the WRCA can't do it without you!
Your membership is greatly appreciated!**

Thank you for being a Willow Ridge Civic Association Member.

President
H. Erich Krueger

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