WRCA

Summer 2019

Wind in the Willows

Message from the President

Whoever ordered the Hot Weather...

THANK YOU!

Summer is here and WRCA has several great events coming up!

A Shout Out to Joseph Battaglia for putting together this year's Garage Sale Weekend!

WRCA and Amherst Police National Night Out August 6th.

Jim Cwierley has once again worked with Town of Amherst Youth Board to have Movie Night in Willow Ridge. July 26th at Willow Ridge Park (Willow Ridge Elementary if it rains) this year's movie will be Mary Poppins Returns. Look at the flyer in this month's Newsletter for all dates, times, locations and movies.

With warmer weather approaching there will be more residents walking, jogging and cycling and children will be outside playing and walking to school, so I am asking drivers to please watch your speed through our neighborhood, come to a full stop at Stop Signs and Don't Text and Drive! Amherst Police will be stepping up watching for speeders and Stop sign runners.

Don't forget Tuesday July 30th NFTA & WRCA will hold a meeting regarding Metro Rail Extension Project. Some displays, PowerPoint presentation and Q&A time from 7:30 pm to 9 pm at Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company 45 S Ellicott Creek Rd, Amherst, NY 14228

Everyone have a Safe and Happy Summer!!

Erich Krueger

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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.

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Visit us on the web at 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

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

Welcome to Carl and Kora Cordes who recently moved into 47 Rumson. They came to us from Hamburg. Carl is a teacher and Kora is an administrator. We hope you enjoy your new home and new neighborhood.

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.

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The Highway Department should start to mill South Ellicott on Monday - July 29th.



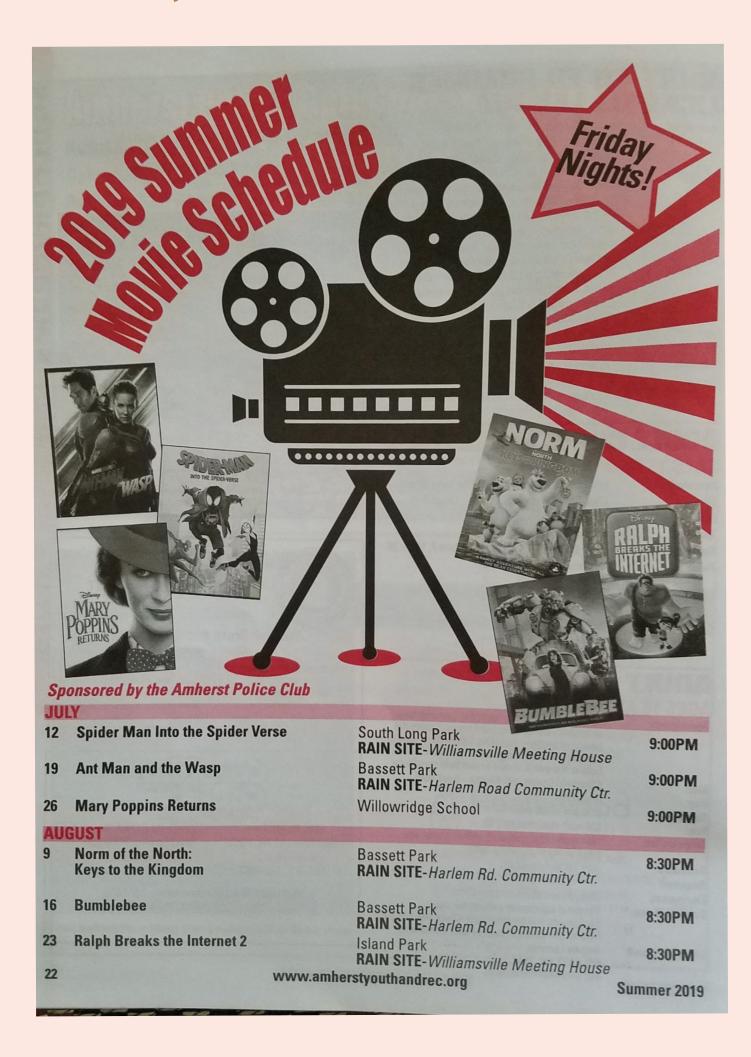


MEET THE CANIDATES NIGHTS

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

Community News





Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

The below events are with Kelly Sieman for WRCA

Friday, July 26 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. A Dose of Nature: Beach Walk Beaver Island State Park

Escape the stress of life, increase physical activity and energy level, improve mood, and reconnect with nature. In the last month, how often have you skipped stones, smelled a flower, watched a sunset? Join us on a beach walk along the shore of the Niagara River, watch the sun start to set and skip a rock or two. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Sunday, July 28 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fun Facts with Kelly: Wildflowers
Earl W. Brydges Artpark State Park

Artpark State Park showcases man-made art, but also natural masterpieces in the form of wildflowers. Take a stroll along the Gorge Trail and learn about its unique flora. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Friday, August 2 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Fun Facts with Kelly: Kayaking Beaver Island State Park

Do you enjoy kayaking, or perhaps want to try something new? Look at the world from a different perspective and paddle around the lagoon within Beaver Island State Park. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.

Friday, August 23
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
A Dose of Nature: Gorge Rim Walk
Whirlpool State Park

Escape the stress of life, increase physical activity and energy level, improve mood, and reconnect with nature. How often do you smell a flower, watch a sunset, or take in nature's beauty? Join us for a walk along the Niagara Gorge to Devil's Hole State Park and back. For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.





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

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



CONGRATULATIONS to the WITW NERS

Andrew Thiele and **Ashleigh Lucina-Poydock**

> Best of Luck with your future academic achievements

Scholarship America Dollars for SCHOLARS*

July 11, 2019

Erich Krueger 82 Sweetwood Dr. N. Amherst, NY 14228

Happy Summer! As you probably already know, the Class of 2019 graduated from Sweet Home on Thursday, June 27th at UB Center for the Arts. It was certainly a proud moment for all of the 244 graduates and their family and friends Dear Erich,

Sweet Home on Thursday, June 27th at UB Center for the Arts. It was cerproud moment for all of the $244\,$ graduates and their family and friends.

Earlier in Graduation Week, another highlight on the calendar took place - Senior Earlier in Graduation Week, another highlight on the calendar took place – Senior Awards Night. Nearly 200 awards were handed out to our seniors totaling over \$165,000 in scholarships and grants, \$88,250 of which fell under the Sweet Home Dellars for Scholars umbrella

Senior Awards Night could not have been possible without the support of you and your organization. On behalf of the Sweet Home Dollars for Scholare Chanter 1 Senior Awards Night could not have been possible without the support of you all your organization. On behalf of the Sweet Home Dollars for Scholars Chapter, I personally would like to thank you for your continued support of our Sweet Home Dollars for your continued support of our Sweet Home Dollars for your continued support of our Sweet Home Dollars for your continued support of our Sweet Home Dollars for your continued support of our Sweet Home Dollars for your support of our Sweet Home Dollars for your Your Sweet Home Dollars Dollars for Scholars umbrella. your organization. On behalf of the Sweet Home Dollars for Scholars Unapter, I personally would like to thank you for your continued support of our Sweet Home

Enjoy the enclosed picture of your award winner as a small token of our award we look forward to seeing you at annectation. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you at Enjoy the enclosed picture of your award winner as a small token of our appreciation. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you at Senior Awarde Night 20101 students. Awards Night 2019!

Sincerely Donald Feldmann Sweet Home Dollars for Scholars

Dear Willow Ridge Civic Association, Thank you so much for considering me and selecting we to recieve the Willow Ridge Civic Civic Association Scholarship ! This contribution to the next steps in my life at higher education is very much appreciated. It means so much to me that I was Chosen for an award from the place where my education started! Thank you again! Andrew Thiele

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



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

illow 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.





Single Family Homes being Rented Out as Dorms





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

KIDS PAGEWind in the Willows

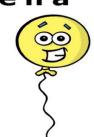


Hidden Words

Find fourteen words beginning with 'b' from these jumbled letters.

Ibnolwotena

Picture clue to one of the hidden words.



You found more than fourteen! You're too good...

Word Trail

Starting at the selected white letter, move in any direction (but use each letter only once) to find a four-word phrase (1, 5, 6, 4) related to the cartoon.



Alfakodo

Letters A to Z have a number value, some are shown in the right hand cells. Create remaining values using clues in centre cells.

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Pic Puzzle

CATCH!

FIND THE 2 THAT ARE THE SAME









A broken water main.
HIDDEN WORDS:
Balloon, ball, ban, bell, bow,
bellow, bowel, bowl, bean, bolt,
belt, bet, bat and boot.

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Willow Ridge PTO News and Events

he 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.

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



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



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.



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.

Fundraiser

RCA member **Debbie Malarkey** Is on the board as chair of their TLC Totes Committee, an outreach committee which specifically supports women within 6 months of a breast cancer diagnosis.

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Strike Out Breast Cancer - 2019

Details

Strike Out Breast Cancer 2019 is scheduled for Saturday, August 3. This one of a kind event includes a pregame party, breast cancer awareness walk, and Bisons baseball game all to benefit the Breast Cancer Network of WNY and metastatic breast cancer research.

Here's the agenda:

3:00 - Registration and Pregame Party downtown in Cathedral Park. Includes entertainment, food, beverages, games, zumba, Bisons mascots, photo system, dance contests, swag bags, walk lanyard, and t-shirt contests for best team t-shirt, best "in memory of" t-shirt, and best overall t-shirt. "Bisons Bucks" certificates to be spent at Sahlen Field will be awarded to contest winners. For more t-shirt details and ideas on how to create your t-shirt, check out our blog post.

Our very own DJ Erich Krueger will be DJing the Pre Game Party.

4:45 - Line up for the Strike Out Breast Cancer awareness walk to Sahlen Field

5:15 - Arrive at stadium and get on to the field for group photos

6:05 - Take your seat for the Bisons game

Event tickets are \$30, \$12 for kids 12 and under, kids under 3 are free

Breast cancer patients and survivors are FREE

Or if you can't attend the entire event, you may also purchase tickets to the Bisons game for just \$11.

Network of WNY

The Breast Cancer Network of WNY 3297 Walden Ave., Depew, NY 14043



· A Fun, Family-Friendly Event

Pregame Party at 3:00 pm

Bisons Game at 6:05 pm

Walk at 5:00 pm

The June 11, 2019 WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:38 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, Cassandra Schwab and Kori Cahill. Excused was Vice President, Kristin Puff. and Board Member Andy Annesi. Also in attendance were Town of Amherst Town Clerk Jeffery Zeplowitz, Jim & Jane Steel, Earl Kunz, and Alan Zak.

WRCA welcomed Town of Amherst Town Clerk Jeffery Zeplowitz. Discussion was held regarding the services available from the Town Clerk's office such as dog licenses (which will are available online to renew), hunting and fishing licenses, permits for block parties, snowplowing and landscaping permits, marriage, birth and death certificates. solicitors permits. EZ passes to be sold as a service in the near future. Mr. Zeplowitz also discussed FOIL, Freedom of Information Law and shared some other information about functions of his office and also had a supply of fliers, brochures etc on hand at the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

May minutes were not available to approve.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Mosteller, Treasurer, submitted a treasurer's report. Income for the month of May was \$17.00 and expenses were \$414.92. June income to date is \$0 and expenses is .79. The balance as of today's date 6/11/19 is \$10,009.16. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by John Radens and seconded by Marijean Nichols.

Budget was discussed. Lines added were WRCA Cleanup - \$150 and Boyscouts/Cubscouts - \$200. Children's Easter and Halloween parties were increased due to rapid growth in attendance each year and National Night Out was decreased. An increase in membership dues by \$3.00 from \$17.00 to \$20.00 for 2020 was discussed as well as a additional proposed increase to those members who receive hard copies due to the expense of printing, labeling and postage. Motion made to accept by Marijean Nichols and seconded by John Radens. Vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION

Membership & Directory
- Jane Sieman reported
and submitted reports.
Membership is at 472
and we received 31
advertisers for the 2019
Directory.

Wine Tasting Event -

We are looking to revisit this event for the fall and will discuss at our September 10, 2019 meeting.

We are looking to hold a member's meeting sometime in July with the NFTA regarding the Metro Rail Extension Project with presentations, displays and Q & A time. The meeting will be held at the fire hall. As soon as a date and time is confirmed, we will notify membership by email and in an upcoming WITW.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting came to a close at 9:46 pm. Motion was made by Cassandra Schwab to adjourn and seconded by John Radens. Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on September 10th, at 7:30 p.m. at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Sieman-WRCA Secretary 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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Classifies are FREE for WRCA Members

For Sale Small Puppy Crate:

Thinking of getting a little puppy? Here's a deal for you. I have a small dog crate, puppy pads and 2 frames. All this can be yours for a very reasonable price. Call 868-2865 for dimensions. Thank you, Sandy