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Wind in the Willows

Message from the President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FALL IS IN FULL SWING!!

Soon the leaves will be falling and giving us extra yard work! I'm working on inviting guest speakers for our monthly meetings, so please let me know whom you would like to hear from in local government, school officials, or business leaders.

Dawn Cwierley is once again heading the Halloween House Decoration contest for Willow Ridge Residents to enter. Check out the flyer in this newsletter.”

H. Erich Krueger



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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

Facts About Buffalo

1. We were the first American city to have streetlights. In 1901, Niagara Falls' hydroelectric power made it possible for Buffalo to have street lights used for dramatic effect at the Pan American Expo, thus the nickname, City of Light.
2. Largest Dyngus Day celebration in the U.S. Most people probably don't even know what Dyngus Day is, but guess what? We do! We've been celebrating pierogis and paczkis for all longer than anyone in the United States!
3. The Turkey Trot is the oldest continually run race in America (1896). Each year, a bulk of our population gets up on Thanksgiving morning to run off the turkey before the L-Tryptophan even thinks about setting in. Dedication.
4. At one point in time, Buffalo had more millionaires per capita than any other city. During the 1860s until the turn of the 19th Century, bankers and industrial leaders flocked to Buffalo. Most took residence on Delaware Avenue, which became known as Millionaires Row.

WRCA MEETING NOTICE!

Tuesday November 12th at 7:30 PM

Where: Ellicott Creek
Volunteer Fire
Company





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Advertise in the WITW and also have your ad on our Website.
Ads in WITW contact : Andy at advertising@wrca.us .
Ads in WRCA Directory: Jane at secretary@wrca.us

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.**



Halloween Party

WRCA Halloween party is on
October 26th!

Anyone who wishes to Volunteer please
contact: Cassandra Schwab
children.events@wrca.us

Willow Ridge Civic Association

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY OCTOBER, 26TH 10 AM TO NOON



BOUNCE HOUSE,
CRAFTS, MUSIC,
GAMES,
GOULISH FUN!



LOCATION: WILLOW RIDGE ELEMENTARY
FOR MORE INFO OR TO VOLUNTEER
EMAIL children.events@wrca.us or Call Cassandra 982-3984



Halloween Decorating Contest

Will you have the spookiest house in the Willow Ridge neighborhood this Halloween?

Here's your chance to prove it! Willow Ridge Civic Association members, nominate your house or your neighbor's house by October 27 for a chance to win. Entrants will be judged on October 31 on the following criteria: originality, sound effects/animation, theme and overall presentation.

How to Enter: Entrants can submit the form below via mail to: WRCA Halloween Decorating Contest, 740 Edgewater Drive, Amherst, NY 14228 or email to spookyhousecontest@wrca.us. For more information, call Dawn at 525-1893.

Halloween Decorating Contest Entry for (circle one): My House My Neighbor's House

Home Owner Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ Amherst, NY 14228

Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Judging: Judging will take place from the street on October 31. Entrants homes will be photographed. The winner will receive an Anderson's gift card and special skull glass. Entrants are also encouraged to share photos of their decorated homes on our Facebook page prior to October 31.

"Houses that have won the contest are taken out of rotation for 3 years"

Subject: FEMA Assistance To Firefighters Grant Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company

We are happy to announce that we have been approved for a FEMA Assistance To Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$249,200. These funds will be used to replace our SCBA that is a vital part of our operations. Our Chiefs, Officers and Firefighters will spend countless hours evaluating multiple manufacturers in the next few months to determine what is best for us to purchase. We thank Representative Collins for sending a support letter in favor of our request. We always say that nothing in the fire service is cheap and this grant has taken quite a load off of the Company to try and fund this alone within the next two years.

Jim Cwierley - Sent the Link about this



Heartfelt Condolences

Neighbors on Dalewood Drive extend their heartfelt condolences to former neighbors Paul and Maryellen Burket and family after the death of their 23 year old son Thomas Burket.

Tommy was killed in a motorcycle accident in Niagara Falls on 8/26/19.

Grandparents Frank and Frances Munschauer and daughter Linda (Jacobs) were also longtime Dalewood neighbors.

Our thoughts are with the Burket and Munschauer families during this difficult time.



“If you have only one smile in you, give it to the people you love.”

“Nothing can dim the light which shines from within.”

“While one may encounter many defeats, one must not be defeated.”

- Maya Angelou



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)



Community News

**This is Nancy Mineo, block rep on Rumson.
My neighbor, Gaitrie Devi (Subryan)
at 46 Rumson has a dance studio.**

Her contact e-mail is gdevi820@gmail.com and her phone number is 604-5806 if you are interested in learning to dance or attend this show..

Tickets can be purchased online at www.devibollywooddance.com



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UJIMA THEATRE

October 19th, 2019

429 Plymouth Ave
Buffalo NY 14213

Doors Open: 6pm
Start Time: 7pm

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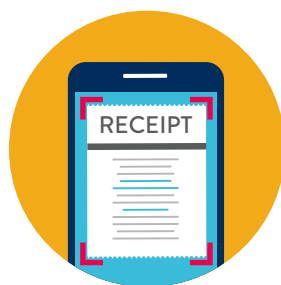


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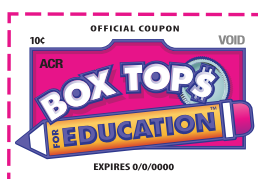
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Willow Ridge Elementary PTO Basket Raffle & Silent Auction



October 18, 2019
Doors at 6 pm
Silent Auction Ends 7:30 pm
Drawings Begin At 8:00 pm



Location: Willow Ridge Elementary
480 Willow Ridge Dr
Amherst, NY 14228



This Event is Sponsored by



3034 Sweet Home Rd
Amherst, NY 14228

- Free Admission
- Doors Open at 6pm; Winners will be called starting at 8:00pm
- Silent Auction ends at 7:30pm
- \$5 for a Sheet of 25 Tickets (Plus 1 Door Prize Ticket)
- \$20 for 5 Sheets of 25 Tickets (Plus 5 Door Prize Tickets)
- Basket Raffle winners do not need to be present to win
- Silent Auction and Door Prizes
- Silent Auction winners must be present and pay to win
- Favorites Pizza, desserts, and beverages for sale
- Tickets available at the door (cash and check only)

For More Information visit us:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/304914660461732/>

KIDS PAGE

You've Been Booed"
Halloween fun

What is
"You've Been Booed" anyway?



The basic premise of booing is that it's done secretly — like a Secret Santa of sorts, but instead of exchanging gifts at an office party, you're leaving a bucket or bag of Halloween-themed goodies on your neighbor's porch along with a note that encourages them to do the same. Don't wait until Halloween to start — this is a tradition that can be done during the whole month of October!

How to make an epic holiday boo basket

According to Kendra Montante, a Michigan mom who wrote a book on booing a few years ago, the practice has existed in different areas around the country since the 1980s but has gained in popularity over the last several years. You may have heard of the tradition with a different name, such as hobnob gobbling, spooking, the phantom, and even ghosting. But the basic tenets remain the same.

How to "boo" your neighbors

Print off a set of matching signs for each goodie bag you're making. After filling it with goodies, attach the "You've Been Booed!" sign to the front of your bag, and enclose the "We've Been Booed" sign inside. Your recipient will be instructed to post the latter on their front door (or window) so they don't get repeatedly booed, and they're supposed to keep the fun going by booing two additional neighbors in the next two days.

Ideas for your boo bags

First, start with a couple of bags, buckets or even a jack-o'-lantern candy bucket. Candy is a popular choice for many, as that's what kids often look forward to the most, right? However, it's also a good idea to include non-candy items because not every person can eat every Halloween candy, so while your Reese's Peanut Butter Cups may be loved by many, they can trigger allergic reactions in some people. In addition to (or instead of) candy, consider these non-candy ideas:

Bubbles Stickers Mini notebooks Pens or pencils Glow sticks Silly bands
Pocket hand sanitizer Mini flashlights Pretzels Cheese crackers Fruit snacks
Mini bags of popcorn Juice boxes Veggie chips Honey sticks Apple cider packets

After you've left your surprises, you and your family will be excited to see other neighbors putting up signs that they've been booted. Have fun!

Print your own custom "You've Been Booed" cards or make your own card.



Leaf Pickup Facts

Here are a few commonly asked questions about the Town's Leaf Pickup Program.

Question 1: Can I rake leaves into the street?

Answer: No. It's unsafe and illegal. Leaves plug the receivers during rain events and it causes vehicles to swerve into traffic unexpectedly causing an unsafe condition. They are also hard to pick up after they are driven over repeatedly, which slows down the leaf collection process.

Question 2: How many times do you go through the town?

Answer: Leaf pickup will begin in late October as crews become available to switch to leaf pick up duties. We will do our due diligence to pick up large piles of leaves before our official November 1st start date. Leaf pickup will continue until all the leaves are picked up or until snow prevents us from doing so. We also keep a log of what streets we complete and on what date.

Question 3: Why can't you schedule leaf pickup?

Answer: Our town has over 1100 streets within 53 square miles. Leaves also fall at different times throughout the Town. We put our resources where they are needed most, and move throughout the Town as fast as we can.

Question 4: How much of the Highway resources are put into leaf pickup?

Answer: During leaf season it's "all hands on deck". We have 5 leaf districts. Each district is staffed with people and equipment each day of the season. Other jobs have to be put off until the leaves are picked up. Because of the Buffalo weather we try to have all the leaves picked up before the first snowfall.

Question 5: Should I call the Highway to get my leaves picked up?

Answer: Generally no. If you think you were missed, or if it has been more than 2 weeks between a pickup then call. Please remember we do sometimes have weather emergencies or equipment breakdowns that might delay pick up, however, our goal is to get all the leaves picked up by November 30th.

One last comment: Leaves that are put in yard waste recyclable bags or yard waste containers will be picked up weekly by Modern Disposal on your regular Refuse Day



until November 30th. The one exception is Thanksgiving Day when the pickup is one day later. We encourage residents to put out leaves at their earliest convenience. As stated previously we will continue to pick up leaves until they are all gone or the snow prevents us from doing so.

We hope to provide tentative schedules for daily road maintenance, spring cleanup and other time sensitive information. You can find new information on the Town of Amherst's Track Us portal and on the Highway Department's Facebook and Twitter (@amhersthighway1) accounts.

Source: http://www.amherst.ny.us/content/departments.php?dept_id=dept_11&div_id=div_16&menu_id=menu_12



FUN FACTS ABOUT FALL THAT WILL MAKE YOU SOUND SMART



Yes, it's fall. FINALLY!! Here are some facts about this wonderful season that will both inform and entertain you.

1. Americans typically refer to this time of year as "fall," while the British use the word "autumn." Historically, Fall was called "harvest" because of the "harvest moon" that occurs close to the autumn equinox.
2. Fall is caused by the Earth's tilt, not our distance from the sun. When the northern hemisphere tilts towards the sun, we get warmer. When it tilts away, we get colder. Fall and spring are the times of transition.
3. Weight gain around this time of year may not be from all the food. Researchers have found that lack of vitamin D reduces fat breakdown and triggers fat storage. So, the lack of sunlight has more to do with the extra gain than all the pumpkin spice lattes. Well, at least some of it.
4. Fall colors are caused by the amount of sugar in leaves. The more red in the leaf, the more sugar that leaf is storing. That is why Maple trees are so vibrant. Evergreens don't change because their leaves have a thick wax covering that protects the chlorophyll (green) in the leaves.
5. Ancient people wore Halloween costumes to hide from ghosts. The Celtic tradition believed that ghosts roamed the earth on Halloween. Wearing a disguise would help you these spirits.
6. Birds spend most of the fall migrating. Whether traveling from one state to another, from North America to South America (Swainson's Hawk, 14,000 miles), or from the North Pole to the South Pole (Arctic Tern, 44,000 miles), many birds spend this season traveling to mating grounds or finding food.
7. Fall tourism, aka "leaf peeping," brings in big money for New England states. The seasonal change bring around \$3 billion to the small region.
8. Children born in the fall are statistically better students and live longer. According to the UK Department of education and the University of Chicago, Fall is the best time to be born.

Source: <https://www.onecountry.com/entertainment/10-fun-fall-facts/>

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**WRCA MINUTES
May 14th, 2019**

The May WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Erich Krueger. Vice President Kristin Puff and Board Members Cassie Schwab, Ann Nichols, John Radens, Marijean Nichols and Andy Annesi were also present. In addition to the Board, the following also attended: Amherst Town Supervisor Brian Kulpa and Town Planning Director Dan Howard, Professor Jason Knight from Buffalo State College and his students Nicholas Quilty-Kowal, Mark Valle, Rachel Sokoloff and Mekhi Young. Residents attending were Jim Steel, Jane Steel, Sebastian Conhieser, Tracy Conhieser, Regan Flemming, Mary Jo Begev, Alan Aravajo, David Martin, Evelyn Hitchcock and Bob Lannen.

The regular agenda was suspended until after the presentation by the Buffalo State students concerning the Willow Ridge Study Area. Maps of the neighborhood study area and a 13 page study profile were handed out to the audience. The students presented their final findings based on the 2018 neighborhood meeting and on interviews with various residents and by the students' attendance at the WRCA monthly meetings. The report analyzed the past

and present community conditions and as it looked towards the future. Housing, land use and transportation data were used to characterize changes in the neighborhood since 2000. A question and answer period followed the presentation and the comprehensive report will be made available to the community.

At 9:02 p.m. the regular meeting of the WRCA was called back to order.

Secretary's Minutes:

The Secretary's Minutes from the April meeting were approved. The Secretary was excused from tonight's meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer was excused from tonight's meeting and her reports from April and May will be presented for consideration at the June meeting. Next year's budget will also be discussed at the June meeting.

Old Business:

Due to bad weather this year the Willow Ridge annual clean up was cancelled as planned. We will fund this event in the budget for the new fiscal year.

A donation formula for the Scouts in the community will be discussed as part of the new fiscal year's budget.

New Business:

Erich will ask the town about temporary seasonal fencing to keep the garbage from blowing into the wooded areas.

We would like to sponsor a bipartisan "Meet the Candidates" night at our September or October meeting. The WRCA Board will reach out to all candidates to set this up.

Erich proposed a poll to see if there is interest in an adult function in the fall.

There is an open seat on the WRCA Board. Kori Cahill was nominated and the board voted to approve Kori to fill the open seat.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

**Respectfully
submitted,
Marijean Nichols**



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