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Wind in the Willows

Message from the President

Health Crisis

Hello Willow Ridge Civic Association Members!

We had a Newsletter in the works but so much has changed recently we had to scrap it. I'm going to post info from Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company and list local restaurants that are doing Take Out business.

We are all in this together!
Stay Healthy Willow Ridge!

Stay Informed

It's not too late to Join or Renew your WRCA Membership. Only \$17 per year! Your Dues support Children's Activities, Scholarships, Adult Activities, Monthly Newsletter and our voice in Local Government.

~Erich Krueger ~

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

Follow us on Facebook
Willow Ridge Civic Association

Help Managing Anxiety and/or Stress

We have 2 Willow Ridge Civic Association Members who have stepped up to help with anyone dealing with Managing with any Anxiety and or Stress during this Health Crisis. Both of them are licensed social workers and have experience working with families who have experienced trauma, working with children from preschool up to 12th grade and their families. They can help with community resources, anxiety, and immediate errands running for those who cannot leave their homes.

You can email them at: anxietyandstresshelp@wrca.us

So you ask yourself "Why Join the WRCA?"

- Develop a cleaner, safer, healthier neighborhood and improve the quality of life for residents.
- Empower residents to have a voice and work toward, and achieve common neighborhood goals, a unified vision of who we are as a neighborhood.
 - Promote friendship, and foster a sense of concern and caring among people in the neighborhood.
- Develop better awareness and access to the services and agencies of the school, city, and county governments.
- Solve problems which exist/arise within the neighborhood.
 - Protect youth, and support and strengthen neighborhood schools.
 - Children and Adult events.
 - Directory (of Residents, Baby sitters, Coupons from local vendors)
 - Monthly Newsletters (Wind In The Willows) Neighborhood News and Events

These are just some of the reasons to renew and join Willow Ridge Civic Association.

Willow Ridge is a Great Place to live!

I look forward to welcoming back the renewal members and the

Brand New Members!

- H. Erich Krueger

POSTPONED

Boy Scout Troop 173

Chiavetta's Spring Barbecue



\$10.50/dinner (presale)

\$11.00 day of event

Includes 1/2 Chiavetta's Famous BBQ Chicken, 2 salads, and Roll with Butter.

When: Saturday, April 25th 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM (or until Sold Out)

Where: Parking lot next to Convenient on Willow Ridge Dr.
off Niagara Falls Blvd.

FREE DELIVERY in Willow Ridge and Parkview!
Credit/Debit Cards taken the day of sale.



Please contact Lisa Collins at #239-5792 with questions
or to preorder dinners.

Name: _____ Total Paid _____
 Address: _____ CK # _____
 Phone : _____ # of Dinners _____

Home Delivery: Yes _____ No _____ Time Requested _____
 Pick Up @ site _____ Time _____

Warm Welcome

The Willow Ridge Civic Association extends a warm welcome to all the new homeowners who have chosen to purchase a home in our neighborhood in 2019. We look forward to sharing the many activities that the WRCA sponsors for our members throughout the year with you.

- Amberwood 99 - Anthony Caruso Jr.
- Brookpark 70 - Christopher & Peggy Witter
- Dalewood 13 - Leanne Geier, Ryan Stabler
- Dalewood 130 - Raymond Shu
- Dalewood 148 - Andrew & Jennifer McCall
- Denrose 300 - Emmilly Hammann,
Mathew Johnson
- Denrose 344 - Lee Anthony Rynski
- Edgewater 748 - David & Racheal Wantuck
- Edgewater 752 - Rah Chen, Li Su
- Edgewater 756 - Eileen Keh, Li Tang
- Edgewater 760 - Bojidar & Michael Kandar
- Edgewater 783 - Scott Pfalzer
- Edgewater 814 - Brianna Hahn,
Evangella Philippou
- Edgewater 838 - Chanjit Singh
- Edgewater 844 - 8 Edgewater LLC
- Hubbardston 65 - Christopher Koster,
Lindsay Prentice
- Kaymar 37 - John Janish
- Kaymar 84 - Ashley Cannon
- Kaymar 155 - Candice & Noah McHale
- Kaymar 437 - Warren Wong
- Kaymar 573 - Sjoh LLC
- North Brier 143 - Katherine D'Amico,
Christopher Dalmas
- North Brier 245 - Desiree & Joseph Mirabelli
- Parkhaven 10 - Michael Ruzala
- Parkhaven 92 - Patricia Farrell
- Parkhaven 140 - Jun Qui, Xia Zhang
- Peppertree 294 - Dimario Bell Sr.
- Rockdale Court 217 - Todd Nicosia
- Rockdale Court 249 - Allison & Patrick Mulcahy
- Rockdale 26 - Ali & Suroye Mavludova
- Rumson 47 - Carl Kordes, Kara Kurek
- South Ellicott Creek 297 - Sharmilla Naveneethan

- South Ellicott Creek 451 - Julianna Gauthier,
Christopher Mang
- South Ellicott Creek 627 & 580 - Margaret Curran,
Livingston Witrous
- Sweetwood 61 - Shargmiao Hau, Jun Zhang
- Sweetwood North 16 - Lisa & Zachery Schroder
- Sweetwood North 65 - Pamela Johnson
- Westcliffe 67 - Tracy Harding
- Willow Green 30 - Lorraine Comeau
- Willow Green 107 - Douglas & Ginamarie Keddie
- Willow Green 245 - Kareem & Tamara Simmons
- Willow Green 275 - Alison Pyszczynski
- Willow Green 276 - Kristin Filipiak,
Nicholas McFadden
- Willow Green 287 - Samantha & Todd Patterson
- Willow Lane 61 - Michael Odojewski
- Willow Ridge 159 - Shawn & Valerie Ward
- Willow Ridge 283 - Fannie Mae
- Willow Ridge 308 - Bin Chen
- Willow Ridge 315 - Michael Kavanagh,
Allison Kowalewski
- Willow Ridge 383 - Jun Qui, Xia Zhang

Willow Ridge Directory Delivery

The 2020 Willow Ridge Directory will be delivered to all WRCA members the weekend of April 4, 2020 by Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173. Thank you for being a WRCA Member!

**Advertiser request form Advertiser letter Wrca Invoice form
It is not too late to join! If you think you paid for 2020
and are not sure email secretary@wrca.us**

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY IS CANCELED!

Donald Feldmann, Office of Public & Community Relations

Sweet Home Central School District, has returned my call regarding if they will require any help. Don informed me that at the present moment they have everything covered. If a need arises I told him to reach out to us and we will do what we can. Parents if you need info don't forget to go to <https://sweethomeschools.org/>.

8 Remote Working Tips for Beginners

Our passions lie in a few areas: travel, global understanding and remote work. If you're jumping into the latter for the first time, we're here to give you a few tips from the experts. So you've convinced your boss to let you work remotely, or you've landed a new remote job - now what? How can you stay productive, creative, inspired and live up to all of the expectations that you've set for yourself within this new lifestyle?

1. Over-communicate.
2. Invest in reliable technology
3. Lean on your community of peers.
4. Consider your workspace.
5. Figure out your working style.
6. Take time for self-care.
7. Know when to "log off"
8. Embrace the perks of working remotely.



WRCA MEMBERS MEETING

May 12th I still need to see if Downstairs Meeting room will be available if not we will post a different location.

WILLOW RIDGE SPRING CLEAN UP!

Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 10 AM – 1 PM

Save The Date. Amherst Highway Dept will be supplying extra Totes, Garbage Bags and Gloves. I am working on getting to use Willow Ridge Elementary School for our base of operation.

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!!

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Amherst Baptist Church

March 17 at 8:53 PM

New Beginnings Food Pantry is ready for drive-through distribution this Saturday! Are you able and available to help during this unique time? Volunteers are needed at 9:00 Saturday morning. I texted Kathryn Turner Napoli "Hi Erich! Thanks for answering the call for volunteers on Saturday with the food pantry distribution. Would you please be in contact with Carol Young at your earliest convenience? She and her husband, John, are in charge of the pantry. I told her about you, so she is expecting to hear from you, and has further instructions for Saturday. Carol's email is wheatfieldmom@gmail.com I mentioned some of the questions about distributing food to elderly residents, and Carol has more information about how to best do that. If the pantry were just one funded by our church, we could more ably distribute as we desire. However, because they are a Food Bank of WNY/ Feed More pantry, they do have regulations they must abide by. That being said, they are very able and willing to help those in need. She did mention that the pantry at St. Christopher's likely also needs many volunteers as many of their regular volunteers are senior citizens. If you learn of desperate situations in the WR community, our deacons do have a benevolent fund that might be able to help, so keep that in mind as well.

Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company

A Very Important Message from your Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Co. regarding COVID-19

The leadership of the Fire Company is in constant contact with Local, County and State Officials and receives the most up to date information available regarding this pandemic on a daily basis. All information that is received is reviewed thoroughly and is then disseminated to the First Responders clearly.

To keep our Firefighters and others safe. We have closed both of our Fire Stations at 45 South Ellicott Creek Road and 3000 Sweet Home Road to any and all visitors or the general public. Which means for the foreseeable future Members will only be allowed in the Stations.

During this time of uncertainty we ask if you require an ambulance, for any reason, please be patient with the dispatchers at our local dispatch centers. The dispatchers will ask a series of questions that allow us to better understand your medical needs and the required levels of protection that are needed to keep everyone in the community as safe as possible.

Depending on the symptoms that are described over the phone, when arriving on scene our crew may be in full protective equipment including masks, goggles and gowns. Please don't be alarmed by this extra layer of protective equipment, this is to protect you, our responders and the community as a whole.. They will enter your home as quickly as possible while making sure that extra precautions are taken and the equipment is correctly and safely put on. Once our first responders are on location they may ask you the same questions that were asked by the local dispatch center and request that you go into greater detail when answering. This is to ensure that the first responders on location have all of the correct and most up to date information regarding your incident and that it is handled safely for everyone involved..

Most importantly for the safety of the First Responders if you have already tested positive for COVID-19 or have had contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID -19 and are now in need of hospitalization we kindly ask that this information be transmitted to the local dispatch center when placing the call as well as to the representatives of every First Response agency that you encounter when rendering assistance to you or anyone with you. This is to ensure that you receive the most appropriate care in regards to your situation and to ensure that we keep our first responders safe to handle other emergency calls going forward.

Furthermore, if you need to be transported to a hospital we may not be able to honor your request as to which hospital to take you to. This decision may be made by Erie County Department of Health which determines the current capacity and capabilities of all of the hospitals and what could better suit your needs.

Please know that the volunteer members of our Fire Company are committed to serving the residents In a safe and efficient manner keeping you, our responders, and the community as safe as we can as we navigate through this unprecedented time.

Joe Osika Fire Chief Ellicott Creek Vol Fire Co

Support your local restaurants.



These are Restaurants eateries
the Willow Ridge Community
that have Advertised and
supported the WRCA



They are doing daily specials.

Anderson's has always advertised in Willow Ridge Civic Association Directory and donated Ice Cream at National Night Out!

Anderson's Frozen Custard SHOW THEM SOME LOVE!!

Check out their Facebook Page or go to their website andersonscustard.com/

Franco's on the Blvd has always advertised in the Willow Ridge Directory!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Francos101/>

Website: francospizza.com

Classics V has always advertised in Willow Ridge Civic Association Directory

and hosted our Snowflake dances and Wine Tasting Events.

<https://classicsfive.com/curbsidepickup>

The Grapevine Restaurant and Catering

Although they haven't recently advertised with us, they are still part of our community.

If I am missing any place that we should be supporting please pass it to me.

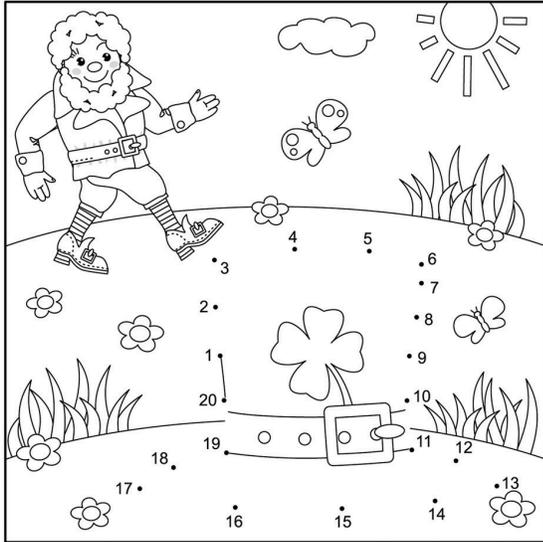
Any info that needs to get out to our neighborhood I will post on our Facebook pages

If you are on Facebook please join the Willow Ridge Civic Association Members Only

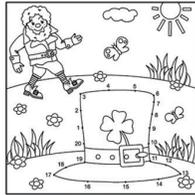
BE SAFE STAY HEALTHY!!

Kids' Fun Pages

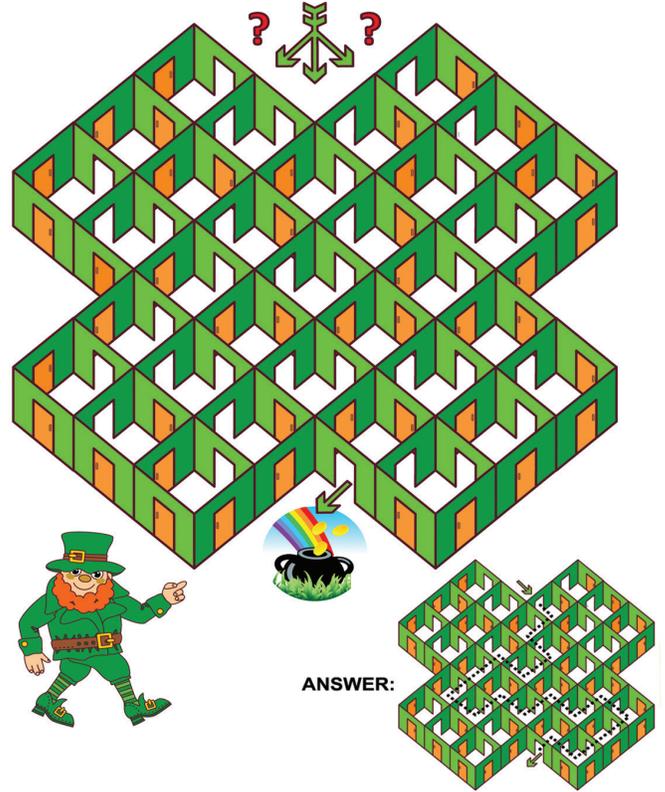
Draw a line from dot number 1 to dot number 2, then from dot number 2 to dot number 3, 3 to 4, and so on. Continue to join the dots until you have connected all the numbered dots. Then color the picture!



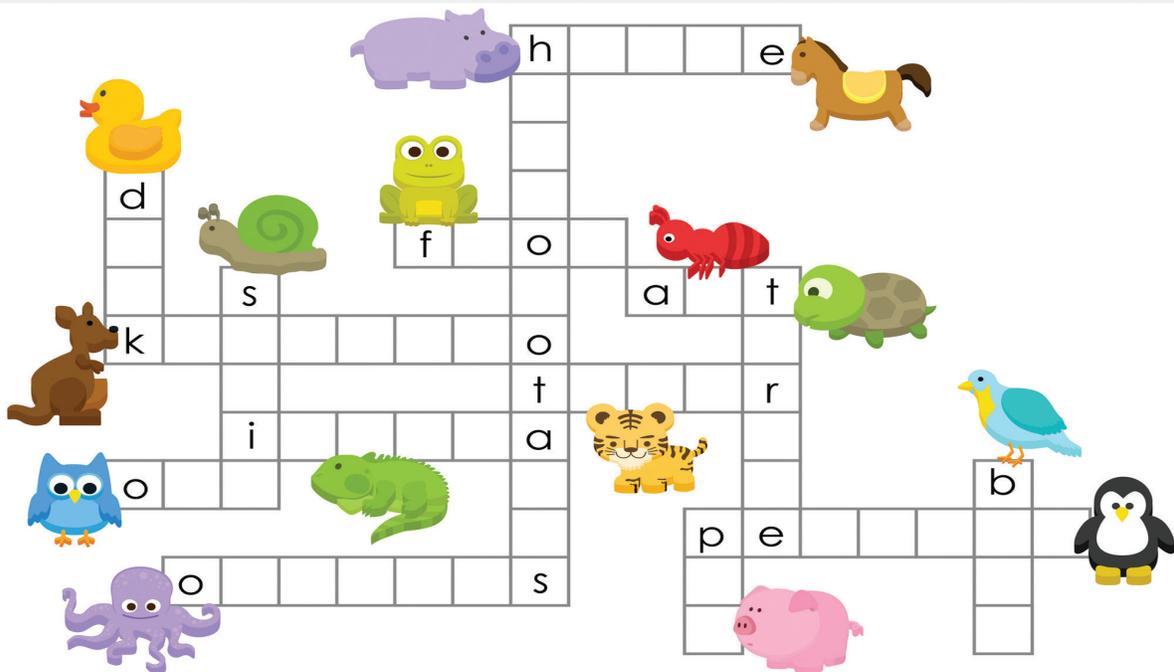
ANSWER:



Help the leprechaun get through this quatrefoil shaped maze. Start from the top. Avoid locked doors.



Animals Crosswords



SOCIAL DISTANCING:

What does it mean?

Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and cancelling events.



AVOID	Use Caution	Safe to DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Group GatheringsSleep OversPlaydatesConcertsTheatre OutingsAthletic EventsCrowded Retail StoresMallsWorkouts in GymsVisitors in your HouseNon-essential workers in your houseMass Transit Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Visit a local RestaurantVisit Grocery StoreGet Take OutPick up MedicationsPlay Tennis in a ParkVisiting the LibraryChurch ServicesTraveling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Take a WalkGo for a HikeYard WorkPlay in your YardClean out a ClosetRead a Good BookListen to MusicCook a MealFamily Game NightGo for a DriveGroup Video ChatsStream a favorite showCheck on a FriendCheck on Elderly Neighbor



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

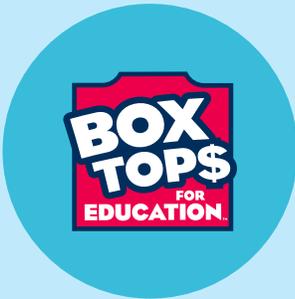
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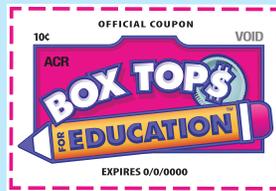
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Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. **You can still clip these and send them to school.** Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



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CRIME WATCH

Amherst, NY



National Grid Service Disconnection Scam

nationalgrid

Recently some National Grid customers have been contacted by scammers posing as National Grid employees who seek to obtain personal/financial information by threatening disconnection. The calls are coming from an area code 315 (Syracuse) number, lending them a greater appearance of legitimacy. National Grid wanted to make the public aware of this situation, and offer some tips, in case any of customers are impacted.

@AmherstPoliceNY

#SaferAmherstTogether



CRIME WATCH

Amherst, NY



A few quick tips from our friends at National Grid

- National Grid may ask for payment over the phone in a collection situation but will leave the method of payment up to the customer. National Grid will never demand immediate payment by wire transfer, Green Dot Money-Pak, or any other pre-paid card service.
- National Grid representatives will know your account number; never offer that information to a caller. Ask the caller to provide the last five digits of your National Grid account number. If the caller doesn't know your account number and/or you have any doubt the caller is a National Grid representative, hang up immediately and call National Grid directly.
- Every National Grid employee is required to carry a photo ID card, and any contractor doing work for the company is also required to carry ID. If someone is requesting entry into your home or business and does not have a valid ID and/or you have any doubts that they are a National Grid representative, do not let them in and contact National Grid and/or local authorities.
- If any of your constituents believe they are the targets of a scam, they should contact National Grid, their local law enforcement agency, and the Attorney General's office immediately. And if they are ever unsure of the legitimacy of a call they receive, they can always hang up and dial the number on their National Grid bill to ensure they are speaking to an actual National Grid representative.

@AmherstPoliceNY

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c: 863-4586

Free email service for buyers: JoeHasHomes4u@gmail.com

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Your Local Expert



**Classifieds are FREE for
WRCA Members**



16 Ideas for Getting Outside & Into Nature in March

1. Search for 4-leaf clovers.
2. Create a leprechaun garden.
3. Play in the mud.
4. Go on a spring nature walk.
5. Make a spring outdoor family fun list.
6. Adopt a caterpillar.
7. Plan your spring garden.
8. Go on a puddle walk.
9. Host an outdoor Easter egg hunt.
10. Hike to a waterfall.
11. Throw a backyard celebration to mark the start of spring.
12. Create a Spring Nature Photo Scavenger Hunt.
13. Make your own spring fun kit.
14. Take a wildflower walk.
15. Make a dandelion bouquet.
16. Build a bird house