

Wind In The Willows Updater!

No WRCA Children's Halloween Party due to Covid. Sorry we did try to see if there was a safe way to do it, but in the end we felt it would be better to cancel and hope things are better for next year.



MEETING NOTICE!

WRCA Member Meeting

Date: October 13, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company

45 S Ellicott Creek Rd, Amherst, New York 14228

Downstairs Meeting Room

Only Allowed 20 people (including Board Members)

Masks Are Required!

Topics: General Business, Board Member Positions. Election

Get Involved! Don't Be A Spectator! This is Your Community!

There will be ZOOM Meeting code the day of the meeting.

Go to WRCA.US or follow us on

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/322809085293342> (Willow Ridge Civic

Association Members Only)

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.



The 13 Pumpkins of Halloween

Celebrate Halloween safely with your family (in costume if you want) while you explore the Willow Ridge Neighborhood during the thirteen days of Halloween (October 19-31).

Can you find all thirteen pumpkins in our Willow Ridge neighborhood?

Enjoy a walk with your family while you look for the pumpkin markers throughout the neighborhood. Watch our local Willow Ridge Facebook pages for location clues, too. Each marker will have a number and a word. Once you find all the pumpkin markers, unscramble the Halloween poem.

All correct entries will be entered into a drawing for one of two prizes. A very special thank you to Andersons and Insomnia Cookie for their donation of \$25 gift cards. .

Be sure you include the following in your entry:

Pumpkin marker numbers, word and addresses where found, then the unscrambled poem with your contact information (name, address, phone # and email.)

Submit your entry and contact information to:

13PumpkinsWR@gmail.com or 740 Edgewater Drive, Amherst, NY 14228

Participants must reside in the Willow Ridge neighborhood.



Willow Ridge PTO News and Events

Since this year will be very different for our students (some fully remote and some in school daily) the PTO is working on ways to bring many of our activities and fundraisers back this year. We recognize that this will be a challenge with the COVID 19 restrictions and the various hardships that Willow Ridge families have experienced – so it is still a work in progress. It is our full intention to do as many activities as we can once we see how the school year would look, including a virtual Scholastic Book Fair, figuring out the annual Harvest Dance & February Frolics, etc. Some activities like the Ninja Obstacle Course are just not possible this year, but we hope with time and proper planning that we can still have things like Science Night and Multicultural night as well as other options for the kids.

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 Thursday of the month from 6:30-8 by Zoom (until further notice). If you are interested in attending, please look at the Willow Ridge Elementary PTO FB page on the day of the meeting for the link or email us at willowridgepto@gmail.com. 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!

Upcoming meetings (start at 6:30 via Zoom):

Check out our Facebook page for the link or email one of the Board Members below). As always, new members are always welcomed!

· October 1 November 5 December 3

· January 7 February 4 March 4

· April 1 May 6 June 3

2019-2020 PTO Board Members are:

Co-Presidents: Jessica Stephens e: jesslynnstephens@gmail.com

Deepa Saini e: deepa.t.saini@gmail.com

Treasurer: Jesica Kenney e: Jesicakenney@gmail.com

Co-Membership: Erin Kubiak e: ErinMurphy.remax@gmail.com Yovanna Vega e: yovannavega@gmail.com Secretary: Kristi



2020–21 Homeschool
EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT
 Session 1

Why Educational Enrichment?

Educational Enrichment for Homeschoolers is a series of 6 week courses in art and music for students in two age-separated groups: K–2nd grade and 3rd–6th grades. A total of five 6–week sessions will be offered for the 2020–21 school year.

Our goal is to assist both new and seasoned homeschooling families in the Willow Ridge and Parkview communities by providing instruction in the required subject areas of art and music.

Each class will be taught by seasoned homeschool parents with educational backgrounds & experience.

The cost is \$10/6 week session.

When & Where:

Fridays 1:00–3:00pm

**October 16
 October 23
 October 30
 November 6
 November 13
 November 20**

**Amherst Baptist Church
 100 Willow Ridge Dr.
 Amherst, NY 14228**

To register, visit
www.amherstbaptist.com
 and click on the
 "Educational Enrichment" link.
 For more information, contact
 Kathryn Napoli
kathryn@amherstbaptist.com



**ART Schedule for
 Session 1
 Lines & Shapes**

**10/16 Lines of All Kinds
 10/23 Curves & Angles
 10/30 Shape Design
 11/6 Shape Projects/Collage
 11/13 Ancient Egyptian Art
 11/20 Adinkra Cloth Art**

**Music
 Appreciation
 Session 1**

**SEBASTIAN BACH,
 THE BOY FROM THURINGIA**

