

# WRENWOOD NEWSLETTER

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### The President's Corner

I really cannot believe that summer is here again!! As we move into the warmer months and kids will be out playing, I would be remiss if I did not remind people of maintaining reasonable speeds when driving in our neighborhood.

Before looking forward to the summer, I would like to extend some special "Thank You's" to several folks. Lisa Willford set up the annual neighborhood garage sale again this year and had a great turn out – This annual event has been a tremendous success. She is also taking on the responsibility of putting out the newsletter and deserves our gratitude for that effort. Lisa Zaleski, who is stepping down from publishing the newsletter has done a great job over the past several years and her efforts and dedication will be sorely missed!

I would also like to thank the Landscape Committee of Rick Briner, Dave Higgins, Edwin Rivera, Shawn Semer and Wade Woolford for their assistance in keeping the issue of the front entrance moving. Additional efforts of your Trustees, Lisa Dailey, Lynne Gardner, Ken Krieg and myself also have kept things rolling along.

On the topic of the front entrance, a follow-up meeting was held and votes cast – The preferred alternative of the sign set at a 45-degree angle to the road, with the option of placing the structure on both sides for symmetry, was selected. So everyone is on the same page of the discussions, the basics are these:

1. In an effort to stay within the current budgets and not require additional dues, we will refine the project to stay within our current cash reserves. To that end, it is very likely that the "soft-scape" portions of the project (e.g.—flowers, trees, shrubs, etc.) may be sacrificed to ensure completion of the "hard-scape" portions. As we move forward from year to year, additional landscaping may be added as our annual budget allows.
2. The concept selected will be refined by the Landscape Committee in an attempt to meet the considerations presented by HOA Members present at each meeting. Such discussions included accent lighting, use of stone versus brick, use of finials and the like. The core, however, of the approved concept is the sign, plus fixtures to provide holiday lights to the center island. As such, we will incorporate a power feed to the northernmost center island in the final package.
3. Based upon comments received from the Township, the Zoning Code does not allow the placement of lettering on both sides of the entrance without a variance. We will request such a variance through the Township, but will continue forward with the improvements as a "sign" on one side and a "feature" on the other if the variance is not granted, provided the budget will allow.
4. It is our intent to have the sign and power to the center island completed in time for the holidays this year.

The Landscape Committee will be meeting periodically through the summer to get bid packages out to prospective contractors. We look forward to finally getting the new front entry feature in place!

*The President's Corner continued...*

It is my understanding that the annual Wrenwood Neighborhood picnic will be held on Honeysuckle, between Hollyhock and Wrens Nest this year. An extremely able team of volunteers from that block have agreed to carry things forward. More details will be provided as the time nears. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Lisa Dailey at treasurer@wrenwood.net or through the "Bunko Ladies."

**GROUP DISCOUNTS:** A few group discounts of note have been set up for our neighborhood. Ed and Janet Schofield set up a group discount at Laurel Hill Swim and Tennis Club. Also, the John Deere Landscapes on Shanrock, just off of Airport Highway, you can obtain up to a 10% discount on fertilizer and other supplies. For the John Deere location, please be sure to ask for John and mention that you are part of the Wrenwood Homeowner's Association. This fall we will also have some discounts set up for sprinkler winterization and I understand that some folks have grouped together for driveway sealers and landscape services — If you have any input on those, please let us know so that we can disseminate the information throughout the neighborhood.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:** The addition of any new patios, decks, fences, pergolas, in-ground pools, arbors, etc., as well as modifications to your home, are to be **submitted and approved by the Board PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION**. Also, any structure that is built requires a zoning permit through the Township and, more than likely, a building permit through Lucas County. A couple of these took place this year without prior approval and will be addressed shortly.

**BOATS, CAMPERS AND TRAILERS:** Boats, campers, trailers, etc. are not to be stored outside. The deed restrictions for each plat clearly state that such items are to be stored within the garage or someplace off-site.

**TRASH CLEAN-UP:** As noted in some prior e-mails and articles, there are various critters prowling the neighborhood at night looking for an easy dinner. If you put your trash at the curb the night before pick-up, please be sure to use a trash can with a lid, versus simply setting bags out as those are easily torn open and strewn about. Further, if your garbage does get disturbed by one of these critters, please show some common courtesy and clean up the mess as soon as possible — It not only degrades the look of your own home, but also has a detrimental impact on all of us.

**ANNUAL DUES:** There are currently eight (8) homeowners who have not paid their annual dues. All have been served written notice that liens will be filed against those properties by the end of June if the dues are not paid. It is unfortunate that we have to enact such measures to collect \$150 for all homeowners, but we have filed liens each and every year.

**SPEEDING:** Do I really need to continue to harp on this? There are people walking, kids playing, folks on bikes, etc. The posted speed limit is 25 MPH — **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!!**

We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer and will get the information for the summer picnic out soon!

The neighborhood playgroup for preschool children continues to meet during the summer at area parks, as well as homes. Come join us Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00. Contact Jennifer Puls (mj puls@toast.net or 861-0168) for the schedule.

## Ladies Night Out

We are looking volunteers for the monthly Ladies Night Out for the months of August–November. It's simple—just pick a date, plan an event and email the ladies in the neighborhood. Past LNO's have included dinner at new/interesting restaurants in town, scrapbooking, beer & bowling, a night at the Toledo Museum of Art.

You can call Chris Weirman at 419-867-3554 and she will help you coordinate your event.

Buck Brothers ([www.buckbros.com](http://www.buckbros.com)) has offered a discount rate of \$85 for driveway sealing to all Wrenwood residents.

## Annual Wrenwood Block Party

With summer in full swing, plans are in the works for the annual Wrenwood block party. Information will be distributed when the plans are finalized. If you'd like to be a helper or have any suggestions—Lisa Dailey (419-491-8475) and Nancy Brandeberry (419-865-8142) are coordinating this event.

## **www.wrenwood.net**

Don't forget to check the official Wrenwood website for all the latest information.

Jim Tomlinson of 3853 Silverberry Circle is our webmaster. If you have any suggestions or comments please contact Jim at 419-865-1806 or [webmaster@wrenwood.net](mailto:webmaster@wrenwood.net)

Be on the lookout for a new website section "Our Wildlife in Wrenwood". You can email photos or videos to Jim. Please include your first name and street address as well as a caption (can be fun, serious, or just the creature's name).

Other items of interest on the website are information on Ladies Night Out, Playgroup, prior Newsletters, Meeting Minutes, Helpers Wanted/Available and community links of interest.



The Wrenwood newsletter is now distributed electronically. Any email address changes or additions should be given to Lisa Dailey.

### **Laurel Hill Membership Discount for Wrenwood Residents**

This summer, Laurel Hill Swim and Tennis Club is offering a discounted rate to residents of our subdivision. For those of you who are new to the area, or who are unfamiliar with Laurel Hill, they are the premiere tennis and swim club in NW Ohio. Open since 1965, the club offers outdoor swimming in an Olympic-size pool, and tennis programs and facilities un-matched in the area. There are also many fun activities for the whole family throughout the summer.

If you are interested in joining and would like to receive the Wrenwood discount, please contact Lynne Gardner (419.531.7046 or [lynnegardner@bex.net](mailto:lynnegardner@bex.net)) for more information.

And check out Laurel Hill's website – [www.laurelhillclub.com](http://www.laurelhillclub.com).

Laurel Hill is located at 2222 Cass Road, just east of Reynolds and Heatherdowns.

It has been brought to the attention of the HOA Board that there have been several bothersome events that have occurred within our neighborhood over the past few weeks. These events have included at least two vehicles that were opened and had items stolen, several houses and properties, as well as at least one car, that were vandalized with spray paint and some mailboxes that were also damaged. While none of these items are necessarily something that we as a Board can address directly, we felt it prudent to disseminate some general tips to address the aftermath and, hopefully, prevent future such events from occurring again.

- 1) If you did fall victim to one of the above or any other such criminal activity, contact the Lucas County Sheriff's office immediately. If you feel threatened, dial "911", if it is discovered well after the fact, please use the non-emergency numbers at (419) 213-4941 or (419) 213-5111. They will assist you in filing a formal report.
- 2) If you must park your vehicle outside at night, be sure to lock the doors and remove anything of value (e.g. - GPS units, laptops, i-pods, satellite receivers, etc.) from the car and take them inside. If you have an alarm, set it. Leave the outside lights on to keep the driveway well lit. These instances of car break-ins are generally "crimes of opportunity", so don't make it easy.
- 3) Get to know your neighbors -- even beyond just next door. Try to develop a network of friends to aid in keeping an eye on each other's homes whether you are home or not. Again, most issues that occur are "opportunities". If the criminals and vandals know that we are watching out for one another, they will move on to easier targets.

None of the discussion above can immediately relieve the sense of loss and anger that can be caused by criminals and vandals. What we can effectively create, however, is an even safer community for our homes and families. We are all very fortunate to be able to live here in Wrenwood. It is a great neighborhood, full of wonderful, generous people -- We need to help one another sustain that environment.

The Wrenwood HOA Board