

WRENWOOD NEWSLETTER

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The President's Corner

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It is amazing how fast the summer goes by and we are now into Fall weather! And what a summer it was – Picture perfect weather and great opportunities to see so many folks around the neighborhood. I sincerely hope that it was a great summer for all of you as well.

Notable events from the summer included the neighborhood softball team. Under the leadership of Beth Swift, the Wrenwood Dirty Birds co-ed softball team managed to jump from only one win in the first season to six this year, as well as a berth in the playoffs. “Thank you” to Beth for all of her efforts as the fearless leader of team and to all of the team members who participated.

Lisa Dailey, our Homeowner's Association Treasurer, did a wonderful job working with the neighbors on Honeysuckle to host this year's annual picnic. Folks lending a significant hand in the event included the Brandeberrys, Curcios and Beemans who were all extremely helpful with the picnic. The event held on Saturday, September 12th was well attended (200+ folks) and featured a bicycle parade with prizes, the Monclova Fire Department, face painting, a clown and all sorts of fun and games for the families. Late summer also saw the beginning of the newly formed Wrenwood Bowling League. We have officially grown to include 16, four-person teams representing a wide cross-section of our neighborhood. Loretta Burns has spearheaded this endeavor with great success. In addition, Lisa Willford arranged the annual Wrenwood Community Garage Sale that was another huge success!

This summer also brought the completion of the planning for new front entry feature. Admittedly, I am a little behind in getting the proposals out to bid – Work and life sometime get in the way – but we are moving forward. If all continues as planned, the bids will be returned by the end of the month and we will attempt to have the electrical portions of the project completed in time for some holiday lighting ... Keep your fingers crossed! The remainder of the project will likely not be completed until mid-Spring. In the meantime, we may be without an entry sign for a period of time, but it will be worth the wait when we are completed. We were able to successfully work with the Township to gain approval for the placement of two signs (one on each side) and, providing the bids and

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budget allow, both will be constructed.

Recently some comments and concerns have been raised by residents regarding various issues within the development. Some of these items are within the Board's control, while others are not.

Solicitors — There have been reports of suspicious characters roaming through the neighborhoods of Monclova Township and using the cover of soliciting donations and/or evangelization to scope out homes that are empty during the day. They are also looking for signs of residences that do not have indications of home alarm systems. If you happen to see such individuals, please contact the Lucas County Sheriff's Department immediately. This is also a further reason to get to know your neighbors on all sides of your home and beyond. Such vigilance will enable us to keep a watchful eye and protect each other.

As a follow-up on the issue of soliciting, I would like to take this opportunity to re-state some items included from the Newsletter of July 2007 and related to similar circumstances ...

1. Make sure that your garage doors and service entry doors are secured every evening and through the day when you are at work. The same for ground-floor windows and doors.
2. If you leave your car in the driveway overnight, be sure to lock the doors and set the alarm if you have one.
3. If you are away for vacation, be sure to contact the post office to stop your mail and the newspapers to stop delivery. Let at least one trusted neighbor know that you will be away so that they may keep an eye out for any issues.
4. Get to know your neighbors and exchange emergency contact information so that you may be reached if something should occur.
5. Be aware of the activities in the neighborhood — If you see someone that you do not recognize milling around a neighbor's home, contact that resident. Pay attention and be vigilant in keeping these problems from recurring.

We have a wonderful neighborhood and group of families here in Wrenwood. We are all extremely fortunate to have such an excellent community. Please help us in our endeavor to sustain that level.

In addition, a few folks have suggested placement of "No Soliciting" signs at the front entrance to the development. Such signs can be made and placed at the new entry signs. The issue will be discussed further with the other HOA Board Members.

Pet Messes & Control — It's hard to believe that, after nearly four years of commenting on pet messes, this remains an issue. However, the issue of common courtesy needs to be reminded. If your dog or other pet makes a mess in another resident's yard, please be respectful and clean it up. Also, we have received reports of various dogs roaming freely around the neighborhood. Again, please be courteous and responsible enough to maintain your pets in a proper manner.

Speeding — Particularly with the earlier onset of nightfall with winter approaching, all drivers have a responsibility to be safe within our neighborhood. Significant speeding by both younger drivers and adults persists within our streets. The speed limit within Wrenwood is 25 MPH. We will be

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contacting the Sherriff's Department to request the placement of a speed trailer within the neighborhood again this coming Spring as a reminder.

Neighborhood Directory – We are still in process of compiling and updating the neighborhood directory. Now that the newsletter is issued electronically it is of additional import to have your information up to date. We will also occasionally issue notices of special events, opportunities for group discounts and information for the entire neighborhood. Please be sure to include your updated information and provide it to Lisa Dailey at treasurer@wrenwood.net.

If there are other issues, within the bounds of control of the Homeowner's Association that you would like to have addressed, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at president@wrenwood.net.

Until the next issue, thank you for all of your comments and suggestions and we look forward to beautiful autumn in Wrenwood!



Lighten your workload with snow removal service!

Lisa Dailey has an outside contractor who will remove snow for \$25 (per visit) – If you are interested in this service you can contact her at treasurer@wrenwood.net. Also, be sure to check the Wrenwood website (www.wrenwood.net) for Wrenwood residents who can also provide this service—just click on the link for “Help Wanted/Available”.



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



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

Ladies Night Out

Would you like to meet some neighbors, take a break from your routine, and enjoy some fun? The Wrenwood Ladies Night Out is in need of a coordinator. Duties involved would be keeping the calendar of volunteers, and following up with the host for the month to make sure the event is going on as planned. Or, to be a host for LNO—just pick a date, plan an event and email the ladies in the neighborhood. Past night outs have included dinner at new/interesting restaurants in town, scrapbooking, beer & bowling, a night at the Toledo Museum of Art.

Contact Adam Hoff if you are interested in either of these positions.

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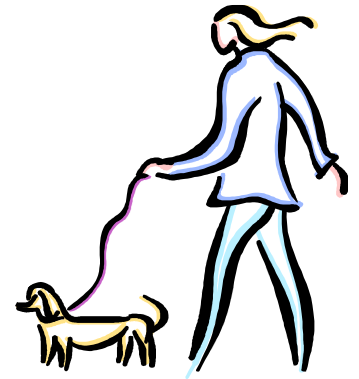
Don't forget to check the official Wrenwood website for all the latest information.

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

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.

Help Us Help You!



Looking for a babysitter or someone to watch your dog while you are out of town? We'd love to help! The Wrenwood website can provide you with contacts for these services. Check out "**Help Wanted / Services Offered**" at Wrenwood.net.

If you have a service that you would like to advertise—such as babysitting, lawn mowing and care, pet sitting, snow removal etc, contact our webmaster to be listed on the website.



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BLOCK PARTY PICS!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Block Party a success again this year! Here are some highlights from the party. The kids really enjoyed the clown show and the bouncers, and the adults loved the great food and friends!

