

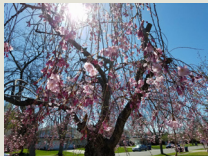
July/August 2017



# Wind in the Willows

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## Message from the President

# Hope to see you all at WRCA NATIONAL NIGHT OUT and at Movie Night.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 1st**  
National Night Out

**August 4th**  
Movie Night

**Oct 21st**  
Kids Halloween Party

**Early December**  
Holiday Tree Lighting

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT** *July/August 2017*

I hope everyone is enjoying their Summer, going swimming, tanning, or in my case, staring out my office window.

WRCA has upcoming events to look forward to:

National Night Out on August 1st that John Miller does a fantastic job on! It is one of my favorite Willow Ridge events.

Movie Night that WRCA and the Town of Amherst will be at Bedford Park this Summer on August 5th.

I have been working on getting The Asian Market (they took over the old Walmart property) to be good neighbors and to be diligent on the upkeep of the berm and the sidewalk on Chestnut Ridge. At this point, I have contacted the Amherst Highway Department and have sent emails to the new owners. I will continue to work on this until we have a positive resolve.

**Hope to see you all at WRCA NATIONAL NIGHT OUT and at Movie Night.**

**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 about letters of intent, National Honor Society honorees, special certifications, Girl Scout Gold Awards, Boy Scout Eagle Scouts, and much more!**

Send your news and photos to 136 Dalewood Drive or email it to [WITW@WRCA.US](mailto:WITW@WRCA.US).

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## Neighborhood News

### Congratulations

**WRCA and Dollars For Scholars would like to Congratulate Miranda Lefebvre and Paulo Periera!!**

**They are our Scholarship Winners!!!**



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### WRCA & Amherst Police Dept. Present National Night Out

A annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

**Tuesday August 1st. 6 PM to 9 PM  
at Willow Ridge Elementary,**

There will be Police and Fire Dept Demonstrations, Bounce House, Pony Rides, Bicycle Decoration Contest, Prizes, Music by DJ Erich, Self defense demos, and so much more!!

**MARK YOUR CALENDERS!!!**

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### Welcome New Neighbor

Gregory Luchey and Leonard Boyd (adults)  
133 Parkhaven Dr.  
Moved from Seattle, Washington

# WRCA Minutes

WRCA Minutes  
June 13, 2017

The June WRCA meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm by President Erich Krueger.

In attendance were President Erich Kreger, Treasurer Donna Mosteller, Secretary Jane Sieman, and Board Members John Radens, Connie Holovics, Cassie Schwab and Marijean Nichols. Excused was Vice President Tom Amodeo and Board Member Andy Annesi.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion was made to approve the May meeting minutes by John Radens and seconded by Marijean Nichols.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Mosteller submitted a treasurer's report. Income for the month of May was \$17. Expenses for the month of May was \$250.00. The balance for the end of May was \$6010. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by John Radens and seconded by Connie Holovics.

Membership commission to begin with the 2017 Membership year was approved. Motion made to accept by Connie Holovics and seconded by John Radens.

2017-2018 Budget was discussed line by line. Motion made to accept by Connie Holovics and seconded by Marijean Nichols. Motion was made to approve payment of all expenses for the month of June by Connie Holovics and seconded by Marijean Nichols.

## DISCUSSION

Tax Satus - Discussed filing for Tax Exempt and monitoring of sales tax. W will revisit next year at September meeting. Donna to contact Ben Procopio.

WITW Advertising and invoicing was discussed. Erich will contact Andy Annesi (WITW Advertising Contact) to discuss.

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 1, 2017 - Parade starts at 6 pm from the Fire Hall and ends at Willow Ridge School where the night's events will happen. John Miller is contact for this event.

Movie Night - Friday, August 4, 2017 - The Town of Amherst Youth Board will be presenting the movie Moana at Bedford Park at dusk. Movie is free to all movie goers. Jim Cwierley is contact for this event.

Zombie houses in Willow Ridge was raised by a concerned Willow Ridge Member. John Radens will make contacts and begin steps to getting this issue resolved.

Garage Sale - Willow Ridge Garage Sale was a success. Thank you Joe Battaglia.

There being no further business at had, the meeting came to a close at 9:30 pm. Motion was made by Donna Mosteller o adjourn and seconded by Marijean Nichols. Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 pm in Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Sieman  
WRCA Secretary

## Senate Bill S6687 - 2017-2018 Legislative Session

**Directs the public service commission to prohibit the attachment of wireless equipment or any other like attachments to existing utility poles in certain circumstances**  
**This bill is being sponsored by Kemp Hannon (R, C, IP) 6TH SENATE DISTRICT**  
**Click on the link and hit AYE to support!**

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/s6687>

## Cinnamon Apple Popcorn

- 2 cups chopped dried apples
- 10 cups popped popcorn
- 2 cups pecan halves
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees F.
2. Place apples in a large shallow baking pan. Bake 20 minutes.
3. Remove pan from oven and stir in popcorn and nuts.
4. In a small bowl combine remaining ingredients.
5. Drizzle butter mixture over popcorn mixture, stirring well.
6. Bake for 30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes.
7. Pour onto wax paper



# Community News

Willow Ridge Civic Association would like to thank Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173 for their assistance delivering the 2017 Willow Ridge Directory to all our members!



## Congratulations Sweet Home High School Class of 2017



### 2017 WRCA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The following thank you note was received from 2017 WRCA Scholarship Winner, Miranda Lefebvre:



*Dear Mr. Krueger,*

*Please share my sincere gratitude with the Willow Ridge Civic Association for the generous gift of \$250.*

***Your support of my college education means a great deal to me. I will always be thankful to my Willow Ridge community.***

*Thank you so much again.*

***Best Wishes,  
Miranda Lefebvre***

The WRCA sends our good wishes to Miranda and all our 2017 high school graduates in our community.

## CONGRATULATIONS

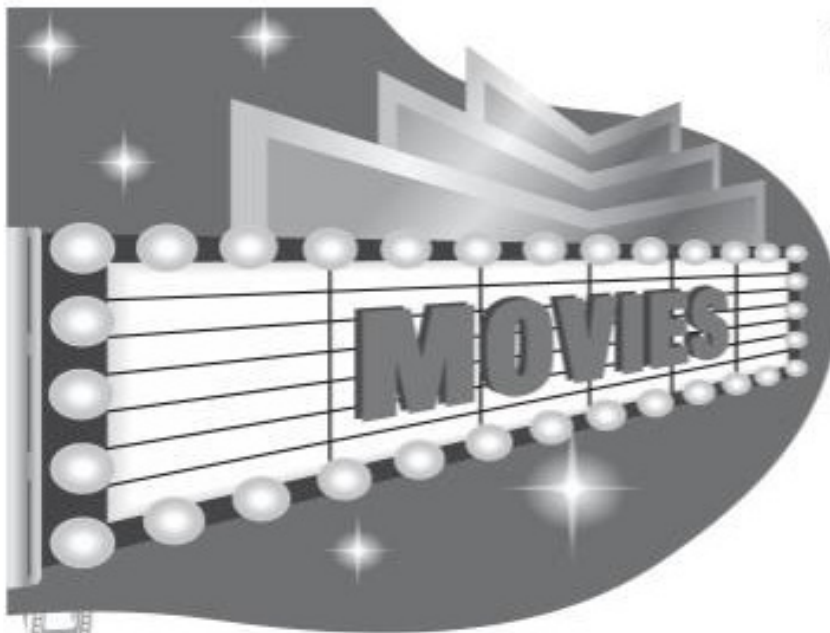
**Congratulations to Katie McHenry** who was recently honored as one of the top 3 best softball pitchers/player to play for AMCC (Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference) as they celebrated their 20th anniversary. She was the starting pitcher for D'youville College where she broke all of the school's itching records and 1/2 of the conference records. She was also ranked 11th in the country for ERA's. Kalie graduated from D'youville in 2016 with a BS in Business



Management and a minor in Exercise Sport Science. She is resently the assistant/pitching coach for Medaille College. **Her VERY proud parents are David and Terri McHenry at 327 Denrose Drive.**



# Community News



## Town of Amherst Youth and Recreation Department 2017 Summer Movie Series

Clearfield Community Center  
(Unless otherwise noted)

All movies shown Friday nights on the lawn.

Rain Site: Inside Community Center

- 7/7 ..... **Rogue One**
- 7/14 ..... **Lego Batman Movie**
- 7/21 ..... **Sing**
- 7/28 ..... **Power Rangers**
- 8/4 ..... **Moana** @ Willowridge Park
- 8/11 ..... **Pete's Dragon**
- 8/18 ..... **Fantastic Beasts and  
Where to Find Them**
- 8/25 ..... **Storks**



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**TOWN OF AMHERST YOUTH BOARD  
PRESENTS**



**MOVIE NIGHT ~ Aug 4th @ Dusk**

**Location: Willowridge Park (Bedford Park)**

**Presented by Town of Amherst Youth Board.**

## For Sale

Black & Decker Power Saw  
Black & Decker Drill Press  
Craftsman Radical Saw 10"  
Pro-tech Bench Grinder 6"  
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## Wanted:

1974 Sweet Home High  
School Year book  
Seamstress for zipper repair  
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## Lost:

Ladies Bracelet with  
magnetic catch Reward  
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## Found:

Toyota Wheel cover  
Sun Glasses  
Hop Earrings on Parkhaven  
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**For Sale:** Frigidaire  
Electric Range with Oven  
and flat top surface units.  
Great shape and only  
replaced when remodeling  
kitchen to match other  
appliances. \$195. Cell  
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**Wanted:** St. Amelia's Class  
of 1967 graduates interested  
in getting together for our  
50th reunion. If you want  
to catch up with our fellow  
classmates, join our group  
on Facebook - St. Amelia's  
Class of 1967 - some  
of us will find our class  
graduation pictures posted  
in the Facebook group  
Growing Up in the Town of  
Tonawanda.



# WITW DELIVERY

**M**ost neighbors are aware that WITW is now delivered electronically to WRCA members. A small minority of members who do not have a computer do receive a printed copy, usually hand-delivered by a board member who kindly drops it off.

A member recently asked why we made this change. The answer is quite simple, we had no choice. WRCA is funded by our dues and we have to carefully consider each expenditure to stay within our yearly budget. We switched to the email format in order to cut the high expense of printing and postage. This frees up the funds needed to continue our children's parties and our sponsorship of National Night Out.

As we are an organization of volunteers, we can't our board expenditures to be less than zero. We donate our time to make sure that membership dues are spent on activities that benefit the members. This is what makes Willow Ridge such a great neighborhood to live in.

Members are invited to attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month from September through June. We welcome any questions, suggestions or concerns you may have. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of our activities, we would be happy to accept your help.

**Continue to follow WRCA on social media.  
Members should find their WiTW  
easily accessible there.**

**I have buyers for Willow Ridge, call me  
to find out what your home is worth!**



**JOSEPH BATTAGLIA**  
Associate Real Estate Broker

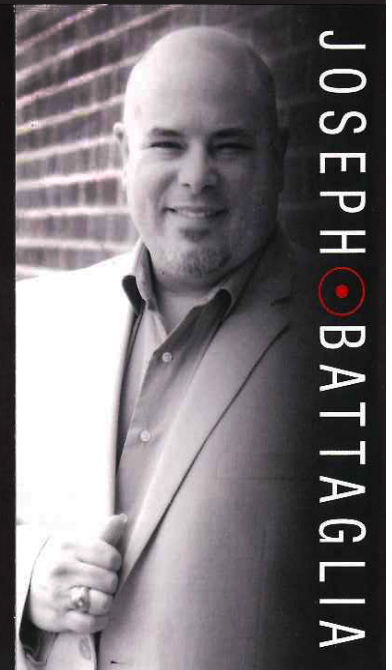
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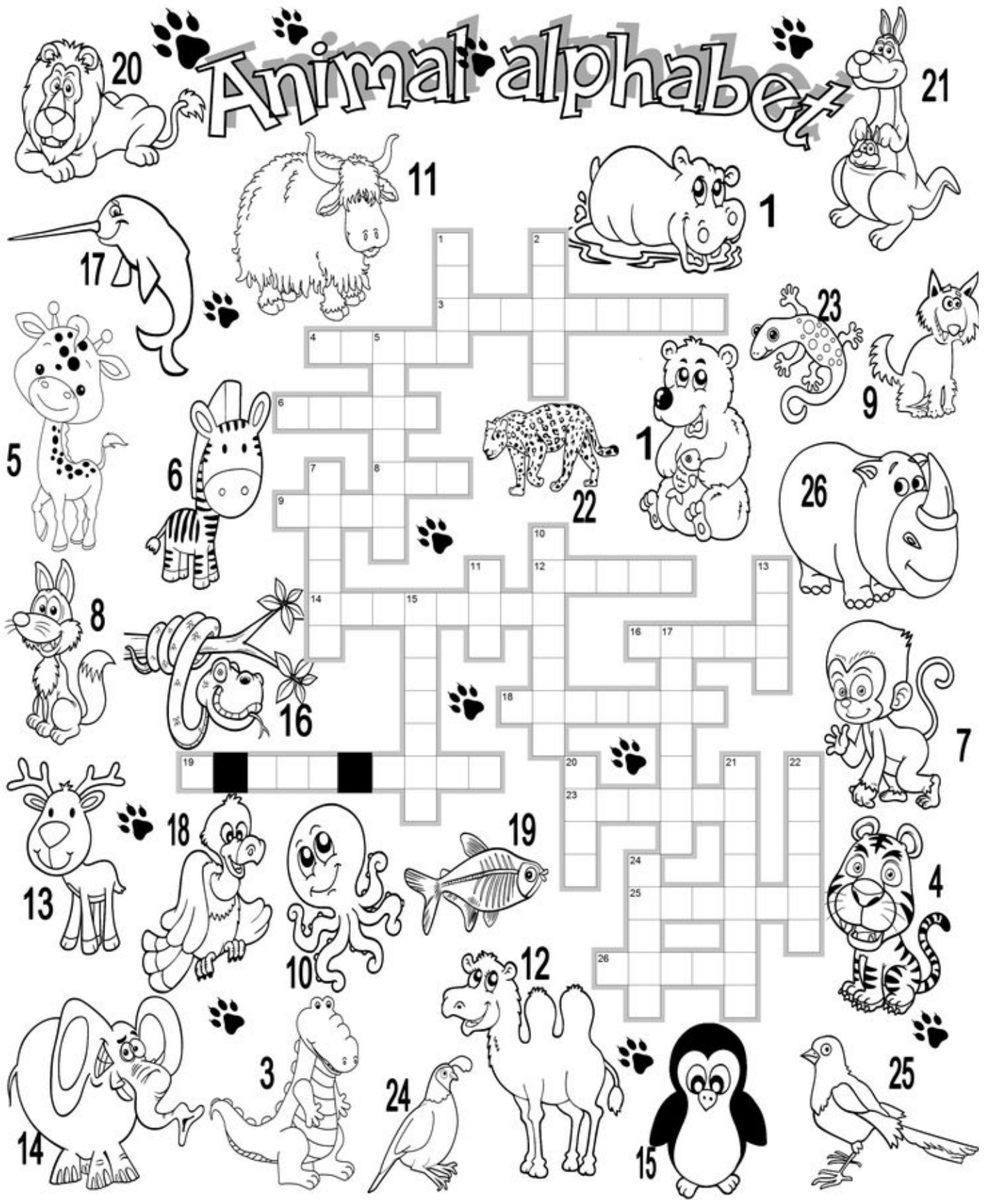
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### Amherst Fun Facts

In July 2010, CNNMoney ranked Amherst 42nd in a list of the Top 100 Best Places to Live in America. In 2012, CNNMoney.com ranked Amherst 50th. In 2011 and 2012, Amherst was selected as one of America's 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise Alliance. Most recently in 2014, Amherst was ranked the #1 Safest City in America with a population between 100,000 and 500,000. There are five separate higher educational institutions with campuses in the town. University at Buffalo (oldest college in WNY), Daemen College, Erie Community College, Bryant & Stratton College (second oldest college in WNY) and a satellite campus of Canisius College.



# Rainy Day Homemade PlayDough Recipe

## Ingredients

1 cup of flour ¼ cup of salt  
½ cup of water  
3 to 5 drops of food coloring

## Instructions

Mix together the flour and the salt.  
Mix together ½ cup of warm water with a few drops of food coloring.  
Slowly pour the water into the flour mixture, stirring as you pour. Stir until combined, then knead with your hands until the flour is completely absorbed. If the dough is too sticky, add more flour until it doesn't stick at all.  
Keep your play dough in an airtight container.



The town of Amherst was created by the State of New York on April 10, 1818

Named after Lord Jeffrey Amherst. Amherst was formed from part of the town of Buffalo. Timothy S. Hopkins was elected the first supervisor of the town of Amherst in 1819. Part of Amherst was later used to form the town of Cheektowaga in 1839.

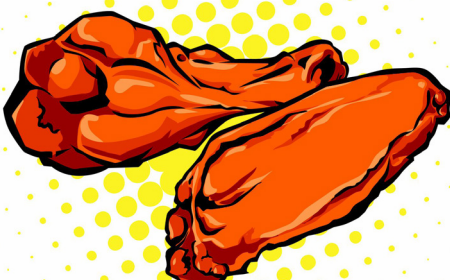
The Town of Amherst Archives Center is housed in the Former Reformed Mennonite Church. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.

## Second biggest city in New York State

Did you know that Buffalo is the second most populous city in the state of New York? Buffalo takes 2nd place after New York City for population..

With close to one million people New York City leads the state as the number one city in New York State. Buffalo, NY has around 261,000 people in the city center itself. Buffalo provides a range of entertainment, culture, colleges, parks, and restaurants and other things fun things to do.

**National Geographic magazine recently named it the third best food city in the world thanks to its chicken wings.**



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# Join Our Ellicott Creek Junior Firefighter Program!

**A**re you the type of person who feels a need to help those in need? Do you put the needs of your family, friends, and community before your own? Do you want to do more for your community but are not sure where to start? Do you want to push yourself, challenge yourself to do something meaningful and make a difference in people's lives?



Joining the Ellicott Creek Junior Firefighter program will give you the opportunity to become a team player. You will be not just a member of a vital community organization but a member of a family. Come join our family. We are made up of family, friends, and neighbors who care about you, your family and your home.

**Do you have the dedication, commitment, and drive to do something great?**

EMS, or Emergency



Medical Services, is an integral part of firefighting. In addition to responding to fires, car accidents, and water rescue calls, we also respond to EMS calls, more commonly known as First Aid calls. Ellicott Creek averages 450 EMS calls per year, ranging from a fall down stairs, to chest pain, to child birth. We have two primary vehicles that respond to EMS calls that are equipped with a full compliment of First Aid supplies, and all trucks in the fleet are equipped with AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators).

History The Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Co. had its beginnings in the latter part of 1943 and early 1944, when members of the community decided there was a need for a fire department to provide service for the northwest portion of the Town of Amherst.

The initial organizational meeting was held on October 16th, 1944 at District 16, located on North Ellicott Creek Road. The first order of business was the selection of the name for the organization. The name Ellicott Creek Auxiliary Fire Company Branch 1 was chosen.

On February 16th, 1986 the new firehall was completed and we moved across the street. In 2016, another station was added on Sweet Home Road to meet our increasing demands.

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