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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 8, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- **DEADLINE for the October WITW is September 11**
- **Classified (page 3)**
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Well, summer is officially over (not that we had much of one) now that school is starting again. Please watch for kids walking to school and drive carefully.

National Night Out was a huge success! The weather held up, we had some amazing activities, and there was a great turnout! A special thanks to John Miller for the terrific job he did organizing and running it! Next up is our family picnic, which, at the time of this writing, hasn't arrived as yet. However, I am sure it will be well attended.

Over the summer, the Ellicott Creek fire Department requested from the Town of Amherst, to build a training facility and a picnic grove on the lawn behind the fire hall. In what is now an ongoing process, they are in discussions with their neighbors on Denrose as to what would be the least disruptive design. If you have any ideas or questions, please do not hesitate to contact a board member.

Again, for all dog walkers, PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR ANIMAL! This is the law, and is appreciated by all who will walk the same path as you, not to mention the homeowner.

Finally, I hope everyone had a great summer and don't forget our next meeting on September 8. I hope to see you all there!

Warm Wishes, *Bob Foladare*

### It was National Night Out in Willow Ridge...

Lions, and tigers and bears, oh my! Well, no, but how about ponies, and rabbits, and goats, oh yes! Willow Ridge experienced a great evening of entertainment on August 4. Under swollen skies that looked threatening enough to conjure up a Kansas-style tornado (or a least a decent Buffalo downpour) families were undeterred from participating in what turned out to be a really awesome neighborhood event at the Willow Ridge School. Kids and parents, young and young at heart enjoyed the company two legged and four legged friends alike, while the aroma of hot dogs and sounds of jazzy tunes delighted the senses.

Police motorcycles, fire trucks, and a helicopter were on hand for close inspection and our Amherst emergency experts showed how they were ready to fight crime (whether in wicked witch form or not), teach fire safety (listening, wicked witch?), and how to protect our loved ones, ourselves and each other. All in all, I think would be burglars were having too much fun to think about committing a crime. But just in case, lets continue on in our quest to watch out for each other by being aware of unusual activities around us. After all, there's no place like home. Especially in Willow Ridge.





## at Amherst Baptist Church

100 Willow Ridge Drive, Amherst

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month

9:30am-11:30am

First meeting September 9<sup>th</sup>

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### WRCA WEB PAGE [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info)

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*School News*

**September**

- 7 Labor Day
- 8 Staff Development Day
- 9 First Day of School Grades K-12; All Modified Sports begins, HS
- 11 PTA Welcome Back Picnic, 5:30-7:30pm, MS
- 12 ACT, 7:45am, HS
- 14 PTA Meeting, 7pm, MS; Alumni Meeting, 6:30pm @ HS Library
- 15 Picture Day, HS; PTO Meeting, 6:30pm, WR; BOE Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC
- 16 Picture Day, HS & MS; Health & Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:30pm @ NVCC
- 17 Book Fair, 9/17-9/22, WR; PTSA Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library
- 20 Skating Party, WR
- 21 PSAT Signup @ Student Services, HS
- 22 Book Fair & Open House, 6:30-8pm, WR
- 23 Book Fair, 9/23-/25, MS; Open House, 7pm, HS
- 24 Open House, 7pm, MS
- 25 New Student Breakfast, HS
- 28 PLAN Signup @ Student Services, HS
- 29 PTA/PTO Council Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library; Scholarship Workshop during lunch periods

Events subject to change.  
Please watch for school handouts mailings.



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## Neighborhood News Sympathy

Neighbors on North Brier Drive wish to extend their deepest sympathies to Pat, and Maryann Garvin, and their family on the loss of Pat's mother, Margaret "Peggy" Garvin, who passed away on August 2. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

### Welcome

Neighbors on North Brier would like to welcome Jose and Alexis Lugo to their new home at 132 North Brier Road. Joining them are their children, Ruby, 18; Gabriel, 16; Ricardo, 12; and Christian, 8. Ruby would like to be added to our babysitting list. The family's phone number is 525-1644. Jose is the general manager of Jim's Steakout and Alexis is an Erie County Sheriff's Deputy. We wish them many years of happiness in their home.



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### LOCKS, DOORS, WINDOWS

- \* Install good dead bolt locks in your doors, *and use them*. About 50% of burglars enter homes through unlocked doors and windows. Avoid door locks that can be unlocked by breaking glass or door panels to reach inside.
- \* Secure sliding glass doors with commercial locks and sturdy wooden dowel in the track, or a nail inserted through a hole drilled in the sliding glass door frame projecting into the fixed frame.
- \* Lock double hung windows by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in each top corner of the inside sash and part way through the outside sash.
- \* Keep valuables in a secure place in your home, preferably in a locked security safe.

### OUTSIDE

- \* Trim shrubbery that hides doors and windows, and cut back tree limbs that could help a burglar reach a second story window.
- \* Make sure porches, entrances and yards are well lit.
- \* Report broken street lights to the utility company.
- \* Do not hide house keys in mailboxes or under doormats. Instead, give a duplicate key to a trusted friend or neighbor in case you are locked out.
- \* Change locks as soon as you move into a new home. Before you move into an apartment, make sure the landlord changes the locks from the previous tenant. *(Continued on Page 6)*

**Willow Ridge Garden Club Meeting**

**Wednesday, September 2, 2009**

**7:30—9:00 p.m.**

**Zion United Church of Christ**

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*(Crime Prevention Tips Continued from page 5)*

**WHILE AWAY**

\* Leave lights and a radio on to give your home an occupied look. Use timing devices to turn lights and radios on and off a varying times. Keep your garage door closed and locked.

\* If going away for longer than a few days, arrange to have someone pick up your mail and newspapers. Have regularly scheduled deliveries stopped or sent elsewhere.

\* Don't announce plans for a party or vacation prior to leaving.

\* Use unpredictable hiding places for valuables, like among cleaning supplies under your sink or beneath logs in a wood box. Keep valuable, but rarely used items in a safe deposit box.

\* One of the best ways to prevent crime is to get to know your neighbors, and watch each other's homes. Exchange work and vacation schedules with a neighbor you trust so you can keep an eye on each other's homes.

\* *Most important of all...* be sure to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood to the police immediately. Make sure you stay on the line to give the operator all the details, including license plate numbers and vehicle identification, if possible.

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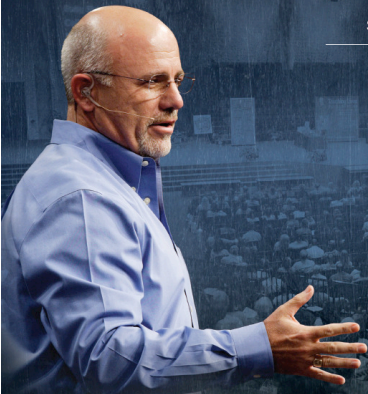
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GROUND at the school. Tickets are only \$20.00 and include a delicious lunch. This is an opportunity to have a great time with your friends, win some prizes, *and* support a worthy cause. Please consider calling some friends and getting a table together!! Call the school @250-1575 for tickets and further information. If you are willing to supply a theme basket or if you would like to purchase advertising for the program, or to help in any other way, please call Mr. Lovering (Willow Ridge Elementary School Principal) at 250-1575!



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