

# Village of Walbridge, Ohio, County of Wood

*"Remembering the Past, on Track for the Future"*

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To: All Walbridge Residents and Business Partners  
From: Mayor Dan Wilczynski

Dear Fellow Citizens and Business Partners;

I am writing this letter to:

- Inform you of some issues that have been happening and are being talked about in Walbridge.
- Let you know what actions we have taken and are taking (although please recognize I cannot disclose all the details regarding what we are doing).
- Ask for your help in working with our Police Department.

In 2008 there were 10 break-ins of homes as compared to 11 in 2007. In any town, but especially in Walbridge, I consider these as major crimes. While the number has not risen, any number of break-ins is a concern. We each need to feel and be safe in our own homes.

Here are some actions we have taken and will continue to take regarding this issue.

- We have tried to institute a "Block Watch" program in the past but were unable to get it going due to very poor attendance / participation. We consistently had two people from Walnut Hills at meetings but that was the extent of it. We are going to try to get it started again. Please join us. All this program involves is calling the police any and every time you see something suspicious in your neighborhood. You don't even need to give your name but if you do then we can follow up with you and be more effective at doing our job.
- We frequently involve the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) in our investigations of these crimes but their efforts take time and are not always as successful as depicted on TV with the various crime scene investigation shows. For example, if fingerprints do not match anyone that is currently in the databases then they do not present a lead. Shoe prints, while depicted on TV as a surefire way to find the person, do not provide a good lead. While we will continue to use BCI please understand the reality of these methods versus what we all see on TV.