



**Pulling Together for Growth and Support**

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## October 2009 Newsletter

*If you have nominations for the position of President, Vice President, or Trustee, please get those in to the Executive Director by Nov. 6, 2009.*

### Upcoming Events:

**After Hours:** Come and support local businesses by networking. **Refreshments will be provided.** If your business is interested in having after hours, please contact the Willard Area Chamber.

**October 22nd at 5:30 pm** is State Farm's After Hours in the Blossom Centre location.



**November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm till 8:30 pm** is Sharpnack Ford's After Hours. Service demonstrations will be given to teach you how to check your car so that you can be ready for winter.



### **December 4, 2009**

Downtown Parade of Lights at 6:30 pm (line-up of floats from 5 to 6 pm). This year's theme is "Christmas Lights, Hometown Nights."



### From the Director:

We at the Chamber have been updating all of our files in order to be more efficient and communicate better. It came to our attention that our due structure was not consistent. In order to be consistent and fair, we want to make sure our due structure is being applied equally. **WE WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT WE ARE *NOT* RAISING DUES!** We are proud that we have not raised dues in about five years, and are the most inexpensive of all area chambers.

When we go to send out 2010 invoices, we are asking you to refigure your dues. We want to make sure that the due structure we have is being consistently applied. Therefore, some dues may slightly decrease or increase. Therefore, we want to apologize for any inconsistencies in the past.

Thanks for all of your support of local businesses and the Willard Community. We want to make sure your support stays local, and the community knows about your business. Please contact me with any questions.

Ricky Branham  
Executive Director