



Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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From The Trustees

There has been a lot of work performed in the township to keep up with our everyday responsibilities. One of the most exciting events is the South Afton Commerce Park initiative, which the Clermont County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) has created. The Clermont County Commissioners put in place the South Afton Commerce Park project, which will create meaningful jobs for the area, allowing for an industrial park. The CIC, by virtue of the Clermont County Commissioners, creates tax base for our community, jobs, and the type of quality employers, we want in our community.

The first phase of infrastructure is in place and ready for development! South Afton Commerce Park is drawing interest from manufacturing firms both regionally and internationally, with multiple site visits to date. The Clermont County Economic Development Department continues to submit the site to prospects from brokers, site selectors, REDI Cincinnati and JobsOhio (the State of Ohio economic development organization).

South Afton Commerce Park has been selected for Phase 2 of the

State of Ohio's site authentication program called SiteOhio, which is managed by JobsOhio. SiteOhio puts properties through a comprehensive review and analysis. The SiteOhio seal indicates a site is ready for immediate development, guaranteeing that all utilities are on site with adequate capacities and that due diligence studies have been completed. South Afton Commerce Park has been selected to move on to a site visit with JobsOhio and their consultant for the SiteOhio program, which is part of the final steps before authentication. Receiving this authentication will be a big step towards getting South Afton Commerce Park in front of developers and companies alike.

The Williamsburg Township Trustees have partnered closely with the CIC to provide the type of support, which will make their effort meaningful, and reflect the attitude that they would want to continue to work with this community, after this phase is complete. There are many moving parts to the success of this project, which allows for many leaders in our community to exhibit the proper leadership for success! South Afton Commerce Park, through economic

development, will create opportunity for the Township, the Village, and more importantly the Williamsburg Public School system. Adele Evans, Interim Director, Clermont County Community and Economic Development, continues to work closely with the trustees to ensure that all parties are successful! Our sincere respect and appreciation goes out to Director Evans and her staff!

Late last year, Williamsburg Township Zoning Officer, Vonnie Malott, started the gears turning to simplify and update our zoning regulations. This was introduced with the vision of the South Afton project and the need to update an antiquated set of zoning regulations. The Williamsburg Zoning Board, Chairman David Durham, Ed Boll, and Don Frodge, have been very busy making the verbiage user friendly and supporting Mrs. Malott in updating the regulations. Clermont Economic Development Director Adele Evans and staff have provided the technical support to help us be successful. The Williamsburg Township Trustees have attended these meetings and anticipate the updated zoning regulations to be complete the

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first quarter of 2018. Great work Vonnie and the ZBA team! With fall in sight, the first snow will be here before you know it. Our Township Maintenance Department has the salt bins ready and is prepared to keep our roads safe this winter. The following is information from the Clermont County Sheriff's Department on snow advisory information. Our goal is to keep everyone safe and our township roads clear.

Clermont County Snow Advisory Information
Snow advisory notifications are broadcast by local television and radio stations

NOTE; We request that citizens get snow advisory information from Radio/TV broadcasts rather than calling the Sheriff's Office or Communications Center. Under Ohio law County Sheriffs may declare "Snow Advisories" as appropriate. When the condition of roads and highways within Clermont County has become impaired as the result of snow or ice, a snow advisory may be declared and conveyed to all electronic and print media within the Greater Cincinnati area. In Clermont County snow emergencies are used sparingly, and only when roadway conditions are treacherous throughout the entire county.

There are three levels of snow advisories. This information can be viewed at www.clermontsheriff.org.

Last but not least, each year on November 11, we honor veterans across the country. Williamsburg Township is a great community to raise a family and we live free in a great country. This Veteran's Day, take time to exhibit our thankfulness to those that served and reflect on those who paid the ultimate price. Thank a veteran for our freedom and honor the fallen.

Respectfully,
Bari Henning
Gary Jordan
Guy Bainum

***** Williamsburg Township Zoning Office *****

Article 4 Section 428 Schedule of fees:

The Board of Township Trustees shall by Resolution establish a schedule of fees for zoning certificates, amendments, appeals, variances, conditional uses permits, plan approvals, and other procedures and services pertaining to the administration and enforcement of this Resolution, after considering the recommendations of the Zoning Administrator with respect to actual administrative costs, both direct and indirect. The schedule of fees shall be posted in the office of the Zoning Administrator, and may only be altered or amended by the Board of Township Trustees. Until all such appropriate fees, charges, and expenses have been paid in full, no action shall be taken on any application, appeal, or administrative procedure.

If you have any questions pertaining to zoning please call 724-5529.

News from your Emergency Services

Williamsburg Township Emergency Services has received some great news; we have been awarded a BWC grant for \$12,398.00 to purchase a bunker gear washer/extractor. We also received a EMS grant for \$4,700.00.

We are also adding new technology and expanding our water rescue capabilities. The department is working with Clermont County Communications on a new CAD system, Premier One CAD. With the new system we are now using MDT's (Multi Data Terminal) this will give us more information and will free up radio traffic during emergencies. We have also placed in service our water rescue boats.

The department would like to remind everyone to change their smoke detector batteries and to have your furnaces serviced before cold weather months.

The department would like to thank the community for your continued support.

Thank you,
Kevin Wiedemann
Fire Chief

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!
CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES!



~~~~~ Williamsburg Township Road and Cemetery ~~~~~

Fall has come and winter is not to far off. Mowing season is slowing down, which means holiday decorations are coming out. Just a reminder that any decorations placed in the grass will be removed during mowing season. We will not remove items from the grass after December 1. We have plenty of grave spaces available. If you are interested in purchasing graves please contact the maintenance office at 513-724-1110 for an appointment.

Last years winter was very mild, this year who knows what the winter will bring. The maintenance department has around 120 tons of salt on hand to start the winter out. Salt is \$53.10 a ton this year. That is about \$10.00 cheaper than last year.

Please remember if you are behind a salt or plow truck this winter to give yourself plenty of following distance. Also if you clear your driveway off it is illegal to push the snow out into the roadway. Always clear your driveway off to sides.

Williamsburg Township Hall had a new roof installed this year. It was replaced due to storm damage earlier in the year. The roof was around 20 years old. This fall we will be out trimming trees along the roadway. The maintenance department is out cleaning ditches in several areas along township roads as well. If you see any equipment or workers on the roads please slow down.

~~~~~ Harmony Hill ~~~~~

WILLIAMSBURG'S FUNERAL BUSINESSES

W.M. Fryman was Williamsburg's first funeral director or undertaker, as they were formerly called; he served in that position for forty years, starting around 1846. Fryman was a cabinet maker, and he made the coffins which his wife, Louisa E. Ball, lined for him. Mr. Fryman was also a civic leader holding such positions as Town Council, Justice of the Peace and Mayor (1880). Their daughter, **Alice Fryman Smith**, became one of the few licensed women embalmers at that time. She entered the business with her father, and the firm became "Fryman and Smith."

Nathaniel T. Dailey came to Williamsburg in 1885, and acquired the undertaking business from Mr. Fryman (who was confined to his bed from about 1886 until his death in 1904.) Mr. Dailey had received a common school education and learned the carriage painting and repair trade. He received his undertaker training at Nicholasville, Ohio, and was licensed by the state of Ohio in 1883. Dailey helped organize and serve as president of the First National Bank at Williamsburg. He was a member and Past Master of Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, and the Angola Lodge, IOOF. He was an expert wood craftsman and carpenter, and made caskets in his livery shop. On January 1, 1890, **N.T. Dailey** formed a partnership with **A. Robinson**, and the **Dailey and Robinson Firm** served the community until 1892 when Robinson withdrew.

J. Isaac (Ike) Maham attended the Cincinnati College of Embalming, received his license in 1922, and was employed by the W. Mack Johnson Funeral Home. He married Naomi Elrod of Williamsburg in 1924. E.G. King had a mortuary service in Williamsburg at that time. After Isaac Maham moved to Williamsburg, he and N.T. Dailey formed a partnership in the funeral business (July 3, 1925.) On June 16, 1927, **E. G. King** sold his mortuary service to **Dailey and Maham**, and that business continued until Mr. Dailey's death in 1929. The present Maham Funeral Home was constructed by Isaac Maham in 1929, on the site where Dailey's livery building and office had stood. Prior to this time, all funerals were either held in the home or in a church, and all embalming was performed in the home.

In 1952, Isaac formed a partnership with his two sons, **Dan and Sam E. Maham**. In 1968, Sam purchased his brother's interest and remained in partnership with his father until 1969, when Isaac retired from active participation. Isaac remained active on a part-time basis until his death on August 16, 1975.

Sam Maham continued the business as sole proprietor until his son, **Steve** joined him in the practice in 1982. Steve attended the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and received his Embalming and Funeral Director's License in 1985. Steve is married to Teresa Whiteman, and they live on the corner of Second and Gay Streets, next to the funeral home.

HISTORY NOTES above are courtesy of the HARMONY HILL ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE HARMONY HILL ASSOCIATION ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. TO JOIN, SIMPLY FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION AND SEND TO: Harmony Hill Association, Inc., % Beth Barth, 3905 Elston Hockstock Rd., Batavia, Ohio 45103. We will send you a receipt for tax purposes. Checks should be made payable to Harmony Hill Association, Inc.

Check one:

☐ Lifetime Family Membership - \$100 ☐ Annual Family Membership - \$24 ☐ Annual Single Adult - \$12

☐ Annual Student (K-12) - \$3 **Corporate memberships or donations from individuals are also gladly accepted!**

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Membership _____ Donation _____

Annual memberships are effective from January 1- December 31.

Visit the Harmony Hill Museum and Clermont County Historical Society Museum the first Saturday of each month from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. at 299 South Third Street, Williamsburg.



Mark Your Calendars EVENTS



Election Day

November 7



Veterans Day

November 11



Happy Thanksgiving

November 23



Christmas Walk

December 1



& Happy New Year From Williamsburg Township

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