

Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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Township Trustee Meetings ~ 2nd & 4th Monday 7:30 PM at Township Hall, located on Alexander Ln.

From The Trustees

Williamsburg Township is very proud to be able to provide our residents with a top of the line Emergency Services Department. We strive to provide the best equipment possible. Our personnel is constantly updating their training, and always ready and willing to be of assistance when called upon. As you would have guessed the cost to provide these services are constantly rising.

Beginning July 1, 2006, the Williamsburg Emergency Services will begin a billing program for EMS Transport Services, known as (SOFT BILLING). The implementation of this program will bring additional revenue to the emergency services and possibly delay any type of tax levy.

Instead of the Township being responsible for the entire cost of all emergency transports, EMS billing collects from existing funds available within Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurance policies. If residents and/or family members are provided with emergency medical transportation services to a local hospital, a bill for transport will be sent to the insurance company, Medicare or Medicaid. Private and government health insurance plans include provisions for EMS transportation. The practice of EMS billing is common throughout the country with approximately 8% of communities nationwide participating.

It is important to note that patient care will not be compromised in any way by this program and residents should never be afraid to call 9-1-1- for help when needed. No one will ever be denied service based on ability to pay or for lack of health insurance. A "soft billing" policy will be followed in Williamsburg. Williamsburg residents will not be billed for a transport or any outstanding balance on a claim even if they do not have insurance.

If EMS personnel determine that transportation to the hospital is necessary, patient information is gathered if circumstances allow and paperwork is completed. The information is submitted to third party billing administrator, which submits the claim to Medicare or the insurance carrier and follows up as necessary until the claim is settled. Residents may receive an initial statement from the insurance company describing the service benefits.

WILLIAMSBURG TOWNSHIP WILL WAIVE CO-PAY AND DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNTS FOR RESIDENTS, AND RESIDENTS WILL NOT BE BILLED IF THEY DO NOT HAVE INSURANCE.

The Williamsburg Township EMS billing program will not affect patient care in any way. The Williamsburg Division of Fire and EMS will continue to provide excellent service to the Williamsburg community.

For more information, you can contact any of the Township Trustees or the Fire Chief.

News From Your EMS & Fire

We would like to inform our citizens of some of the free services that are available from the Williamsburg Township Emergency Services. We along with the Williamsburg Police Department have purchased Personal Emergency Cards for our citizens. You can get them from the Police Department or at the Fire House. The cards have places to list important information for us to use in an emergency. You can list next of kin or other persons we can contact in an emergency, also list medical conditions, allergies, and other pertinent information.

We have free smoke and CO alarms available; these are furnished by the American Red Cross. We will do free home inspections for anyone and also work with Clermont County Senior Services doing home inspections for seniors and can help you with getting free grab rails and other safety equipment installed in your homes.

Change in our policies, starting July 18th this year The Williamsburg Township Emergency Services will start charging the insurance companies of our residents for Life Squad Runs. Again this is "Insurance only" if there is co-pay with your insurance it will be waived. If you do not have insurance the charge will be waived and no out of pocket expenses will be incurred by our residents.

We have held off this billing process but feel at this time the need for the extra income is necessary to maintain the services without asking for another tax levy.

We have been experiencing an increase in the number of false fire alarms at a few businesses in the township. We have deemed it necessary to create a resolution to reduce these false alarms in the future. Beginning May 1st, 2006, a \$300.00 charge (per false alarm) will be assessed against any commercial establishment after one false alarm has occurred in each calendar year. After one false alarm in any calendar charge.

Richard R. Malott Fire Chief

From the Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor

The Williamsburg Township 2006 Clean Up schedule has been set. This year we will once again have spring clean up and a fall clean up. The dates for the spring clean up are June 8th, 9th, and 10th, and the fall clean up dates are October 5th, 6th, and 7th. Please note these dates on your calendar, especially the October dates.

Dumpster hours for Thursday and Friday (June 8th and 9th) & (October 5th and 6th) will be from 8:00AM - 8:00PM and Saturday (June 10th) & (October 7th) from 8:00AM - 4:00PM.

The dumpsters will be located at the end of North 8th Street, between the cemetery and the Dualite Building.

No batteries, paint, units containing refrigerants, or chemicals will be accepted.

The Township will be able to accept up to three tires of any size from each resident at no charge.

Cemetery

It is mowing season again. Please remember cemetery regulations state that any decorations or materials placed on the grass during mowing season will be discarded - except on Memorial Day and five working days after. Maintenance personnel must remove all objects from the grass before mowing so not to cause injury to them or damage to the equipment.

Williamsburg Township has grave spaces available at the Williamsburg Cemetery and Concord Cemetery at a cost of \$200 per grave for residents, and \$400 per grave for nonresidents. For more information contact Earl Whiteman at 724-1110.

Williamsburg Township Zoning Office 2006

There was a typo in the last newsletter from the Zoning Office that needs to be corrected. The following paragraph had **OUR** instead of **YOUR** which made for an assumption that property was other than the owners. This is an apology to anyone that thought the government was taking over any property.

"To build a new residence, accessory building, or addition you will need the following to get a zoning certificate from the Williamsburg Township Zoning office. Anytime there is land space taken on "**our**" property for any building you will need a zoning certificate." (The "our" should have been "your")

With summer coming many property owners are building decks, garages, barns, or sheds and erecting above ground pools and having in ground pools put in. All need a permit from Williamsburg Township Zoning Office.

Following is the cost:

Garage & accessory Buildings	\$40 (\$25 for accessory building 100 sq. ft. or less)
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Re-construction: (alteration, addition, change, etc)

Residential	\$50 (add \$0.05 per sq. ft. over 100 sq. ft.)
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Commercial	\$100 (add \$0.10 per sq. ft. over 100 sq. ft.)
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Swimming Pools	\$50 (in ground) - \$25 (above ground)
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For other permit cost call the zoning office at 724-5529.

June in Olde Williamsburgh Festival

June 2nd, 3rd and 4th 2006

The Old High School Grounds in Williamsburg, Ohio
(513) 724-6107

Crafts



**Baby
Contest**

Food

**Corn Hole
Tournament**

Parade



Fireworks

Car Show



Live Band

**Mini
Tractor Pull**

**Soap Box
Derby**

*For more information & schedule of events, go to
www.williamsburgohio.org*

Correction:

A mistake was discovered after this newsletter was printed. In the section, From The Trustees, the last line of the third paragraph states approximately 8% of communities nationwide participating. The correction is **85%** of communities nationwide participate. We apologize for this mistake.