

Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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From The Trustees



We are sad to announce that our Emergency Services Chief, Richard R. Malott has decided to step down from the Chief position at the end of this year. Chief Malott joined the fire department May 14, 1962, and was appointed Chief January 1, 1977. After retiring from Ford Motor Company a few years ago, Dick assumed the role of a full time Fire Chief, yet continuing to work for part time pay. Dick has always been a dedicated chief showing a high level of concern and compassion to our community and the personnel that worked under him. He has truly become an Icon of our community. The person, Chief Richard R. Malott, cannot be replaced however; the trustees are currently in the process of looking for a new Emergency Services Chief. ***Dick, thanks for the many years of dedicated service to our community!***

If you have traveled through the S. R. 32 and Dela Palma intersection lately, you may have noticed a change with the traffic signals. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) recently installed left turn signals for traffic making a left turn off of S R 32 onto Dela Palma. In 2007 the Trustees contacted ODOT and requested they install left turn arrows, and lengthen the left turn lanes to improve safety at this intersection. After several discussions ODOT agreed these upgrades were needed, and they would put this project on the schedule to be done in 2008.

It has taken ODOT longer than originally expected to complete this project, however, it is now complete. We feel the installation of the longer left turn lanes and the left turn signal will make this a safer intersection.

From the Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor

The Township opened a new section of the Cemetery which has 640 new grave spaces available. The cost of the grave spaces is \$250.00 per grave for Williamsburg Township residents and \$650 for non-residents.

Anyone in the cemetery observing someone doing damage or suspected of doing damage should call Clermont County Dispatcher at 732-2231 or the Williamsburg Police at 724-2261.

Williamsburg Township has stock piled approximately 150 tons of road salt to keep the township roads safe during the winter months

Williamsburg Township Zoning Office



The Williamsburg Township Zoning Commission is in the process of amending the zoning resolutions. The text change s that they are working diligently on is for alternative energy sources. If there is a text amendment it first must go to the Williamsburg Township Zoning Commission to get the correct wording for the Township. This includes the Township Attorney and references from professional experts. Each of these meeting is publicized and all public are invited to come and discuss their views. The next step is to go to the Clermont County Planning Commission for their insight. After that meeting it must come back to the Williamsburg Township Zoning Commission for any reviews or changes suggested by the Clermont County Planning Commission. To continue the process the next step is to take the amendment to the Williamsburg Township Trustees for their approval/denial of the amendment. If there is a denial then the changes do not take place. If the Trustees approve of the amendment there will be a 30 day waiting period for anyone to object to the amendment. If there are no objections then the amendment takes affect. The complete process of any text change (amendment) to the Williamsburg Township Zoning Resolutions is at least 3 months. But the entire process usually takes longer because the wording is reviewed by all of the parties concerned.



News from your Emergency Services



This will be the last newsletter written by Fire Chief Richard R. Malott as I am retiring December 31st 2009. I am staying on as a Firefighter, but stepping down as Chief. I would like to thank all the people for their support while I was Chief, especially the members of the Fire Department and Life Squad. The Volunteers, the paid, and the part time personnel have been great to work with. For the ones I have made mad I apologize, for the ones I didn't make mad, you put up with a lot. All of the Township Trustees and Village Officials over the years have always been a great bunch to work with. Last but not least, I would like to thank the citizens of our Village and Township for their support of the tax levies and donations that it takes to run the Department. Again thank you to everyone.

I want to remind everyone to check your heating system and chimneys for the winter season. If you have tree limbs over you driveways remember our trucks and squads are very large and need the limbs cut back so we can get to your homes. The batteries in your smoke alarms should be changed when the time changes at the end of October. If anyone needs a smoke alarm we have some at the station. They are donated by the American Red Cross and free to our residents.

Fire Chief Richard R. Malott

HARMONY HILL DAIRY HOUSE
299 South 3d and Willow Streets

William Lytle surveyed and platted the town of Lytlestown, later to be named Williamsburgh, in 1796. It was four years later before he was able to acquire the 600 acres he wanted for his home. He chose what he thought to be the most beautiful land located along the East Fork on a hill overlooking the town that he founded. Lytle chose John Charles, considered a skilled builder of the time, to build his home, adjacent dairy house and land office and he named his homestead "Harmony Hill". The dairy house or milk house, was constructed of stone as was the land office. The dairy house served as a "refrigerator" for his family. It was there that perishables items such as milk, eggs, butter, cheese and meat were kept cool. During the winter, blocks of ice were brought from the East Fork below, packed with straw and placed in the dairy house. The straw helped the ice to remain frozen until spring. A well was dug adjacent to the dairy house to supply fresh water for the family and to cool their food throughout the summer. The dug well was rare at the time, as most settlers built their homes near a source of water, such as a spring.

The Harmony Hill Association was formed as the result of Williamsburg's Bicentennial Celebration in 1996. The Organization rapidly moved forward to acquire the homestead site and dairy house in 1997. On June 28th, 2001, the restored dairy house was added to the National Register of Historic Places as an early building associated with the settlement of Clermont County, and for its association with the exploration and settlement of southwest Ohio's Virginia Military District. It is considered to be the oldest building in Clermont County. The dairy house can be visited daily and the museum (free of charge) is open on the first Saturday of every month from 1:00 to 4:00. Harmony Hill is also a terminus for the recently completed Williamsburg Bike and Hike Trail.

If you are interested in learning more about the history of Williamsburg, the activities of the Harmony Hill Association, or if you have any items you would care to donate or loan to the

If you would like to become a member of Harmony Hill Association, Inc., please complete the application form below and bring or mail it to: **HARMONY HILL ASSOCIATION, INC., 299 South Third Street, Williamsburg, Ohio 45176. Please make checks payable to: Harmony Hill Association, Inc.;**

Harmony Hill Association Annual Memberships:
Student (K-12) - \$3 Single Adult - \$12 Family - \$24

Membership dues are effective from January 1 – December 31

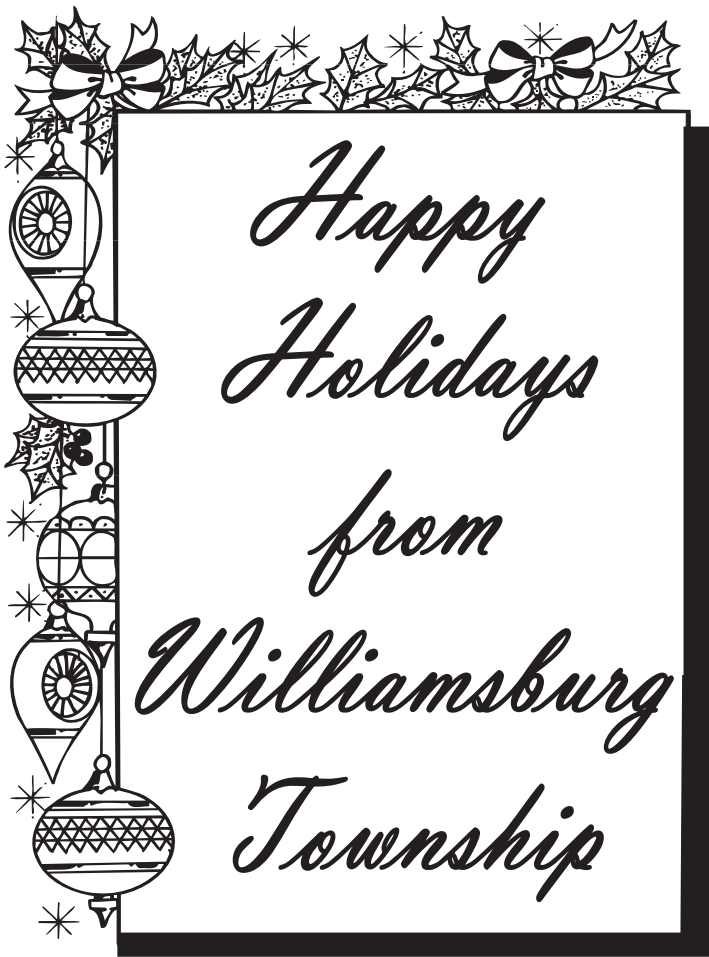
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*Happy
Holidays
from
Williamsburg
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Trains of Williamsburg 2009 Christmas Walk

(Downtown Williamsburg)

Friday

December 4th, 2009

6:00_{pm} - 9:00_{pm}



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