

# Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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## From The Trustees

Last year with the help of grant money we were able to install two more warning sirens in the township. With the additional sirens, we now have six sirens located in Williamsburg, two in the village and four out in the township. The sirens are activated by the Clermont County Department of Public Safety Services. They are now called outdoor all-hazard Warning Sirens. The sirens will go off whenever there is a situation resulting in a potential life threat and / or major property damage, such as a tornado, flood, large hazardous - material accident or a terrorism event. Weather situations that will activate the sirens are (1) Tornado warning for Clermont County. (2) Tornado warning for an adjacent county that could affect Clermont County. (3) a severe thunderstorm warning for Clermont County, while under an existing Tornado watch. Other events that would activate the warning siren are Flash Flood warnings, High Wind warnings, Civil Emergency messages and Hazardous Material releases. When the sirens are activated, it is intended as a signal to those that hear them to immediately tune to radio, TV, NOAA all hazards radio, or other local media for further information. Do not call 911 unless you have an actual emergency. On the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon, the outdoor all-hazard warning sirens are tested.

The trustees have selected Ken Wylie to be the new Emergency Services Chief. He replaced Chief Dick Malott who retired after 32 years as Chief. Ken has been a resident of Williamsburg Township for 31 years and a member of of the Williamsburg Emergency Services for 26 years. He is retired from Duke Energy where he held a Supervisor position. Ken is a Certified Firefighter and Paramedic. We felt Ken was a great fit for the Emergency Services Department and our community.

## Williamsburg Township Zoning Office

It is grass cutting season. Just a reminder that the grass needs to be mowed at the very least two times during the summer months. When the grass is kept mowed it enhances the property value of your property and also the neighborhood.

Also to remind property owners with in ground pools that it is a requirement that there is a fence around the pool. You do not need a permit for the fence but it does need to be at the least four feet high. This requirement is for safety purposes so especially children will not injure themselves. Any property owner with an above ground pool the outer structure is counted as the fence, as long as the structure is four feet in height, but it still needs a gated lock for safety.

It is the property owner's responsibility if someone is injured and has not met the requirements of the Williamsburg Township Zoning Resolutions.





## News from your Emergency Services



As the newly appointed chief of the Williamsburg Township Emergency Services I would like to take the opportunity to invite the residents of the township to stop by the station for a visit and tour. I would also like to give a very special thanks to Chief Malott for the years of dedicated service as fire chief and the help in the time of transition.

It is the mission of Williamsburg Township Emergency Services to provide the highest level of life and property safety through the extension of Fire Prevention, Fire Suppression, Medical Rescue and Public Education Services, consistent with the prudent Utilization of public funds. We will be sending out random surveys from emergency calls we make in the community, we would appreciate positive feedback as to how we may better serve you our customers. It's our goal to continue to provide the highest quality of service that you have come to expect.

With many residents cleaning up their yards after the winter I would like to remind you of our Burn Permit Policy: If the below criteria is met you will be issued a burn permit by the Williamsburg Emergency Services Department ( a permit is required for any open burning in the township).

1. Location of the burn shall not be within 50 feet of any structure and adequate provision is made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet from any structure.
2. Fires shall not contain any rubbish, garbage, trash, any material made of or coated with rubber plastic, leather or petroleum based material.
3. Fires shall not be started with or contain any flammable or combustible liquids.
4. Fire shall be attended to at all times and fire extinguishing equipment shall be available.
5. It may be requested that the fire be extinguished if the smoke or odor emissions become offensive to your neighbors.
6. All open burning shall be done during daylight hours 08:00 – 20:00 hrs.

Also there is no open burning allowed inside of the village limit. If you are in the township but close to the village you can not burn within 1000 ft of an occupied structure.

Another service we provide is residential home fire safety inspection when requested. If you are interested in having a fire safety inspection call Assistant Chief Kevin Wiedmann at the station (724-7744) and he will set up an appointment for your inspection.

We will also be glad to check blood pressures and blood sugar levels for any township resident. Just stop by during normal business hours 8:00 am – 6:00 pm.

To date this year Williamsburg Emergency Services has made 286 Emergency Medical Runs and 80 Fire Calls.

I would also like to remind residents of our billing policy. It is our policy to bill for all medical runs in which a patient is transported to the hospital. We bill directly to your insurance company, you will not receive a bill from Williamsburg Township Emergency Services or our billing agent Medicount. If you do receive a bill please contact Judy Morgan at 724-7382 and we will get it taken care of for you.

Chief Ken Wylie

## — From the Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor —

Mowing season is here again and any decorations or material placed on the grass during mowing season will be discarded except on Memorial Day and 5 working days after it.

Starting this year Cemetary personal will be blowing the grass off tumbstones. If you place items and decorations on the base of the tumbstone we will not be able to blow the grass from the stone.

Township clean up will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> dumpsters will be available at the end of North Eighth Street from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of June dumpster and compactor truck will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 pm. Dumpsters will also be available on Oct. 7, 8, & 9<sup>th</sup> of 2010. We are unable to take batteries, chemicals or items with refrigrant. We will take 3 tires of any size on or off the rim. The township has in stock 160 tons of road salt to keep roads safe next winter. The township maintenance crew will be mowing township roads the first week of June.



## Morgan's Raid

Williamsburg and its citizens were most certainly touched in numerous ways by the Civil War, but perhaps never so much so as on July 14, 1863, when Gen. John Hunt Morgan and nearly two thousand Confederates arrived in our village in a cloud of dust.

Clermont County residents had been alerted that Morgan was on his way, and some were successful in hiding valuables. Those less fortunate later reported having been relieved of such possessions as horses, wagons, grain, food, cash, guns and ammunition. Shops were looted, and goods were stolen or simply destroyed.

Morgan and most of his men rode into town from Owensville (then Boston) over today's Route 276 (then Deerfield Pike.) The night of July 14 was reportedly their first good night's rest in weeks. It also marked the end of a ninety-five mile march, made in thirty-five hours, which began in Sunmansville, Indiana.

As Morgan surveyed the village, he stopped at the home of John Lytle, brother of the founder of our town and of Clermont County. He used his saber to carve "John Morgan, July 14, 1863, 3000 men," on Lytle's doorstep. He also warned Mr. Lytle that he would burn the whole town if he was harassed by any Union Soldiers while he and his men were in Williamsburg. (Historians agree that Morgan's men actually numbered about 1900 when he arrived in Williamsburg. Perhaps he had not counted them for some time, or perhaps he was purposely exaggerating.)

Gen. Morgan chose the Kain House (tavern, livery and stable, built in 1816) as his headquarters, hoping to prevent his men from obtaining access to the liquor on the premises. He knew the enemy could not be too far behind, and he couldn't risk finding his men in a drunken stupor in the morning.

Many of his men camped on the Bethel Road beyond the bridge just outside the village; others bivouacked on or near the other most prominent roads leading into town. Still others imposed themselves on the residents of the town for the luxuries of a good meal and a soft bed. At the home of Byron Williams, 112 Gay St., one Capt. George Harris escaped from his Confederate comrades, and was eventually restored to his father, a Union Officer. (Harris had been attending State University in Nashville when the war began, and he was automatically assimilated into the Confederacy.)

At 3 A.M. on July 15, reveille sounded, and by eight o'clock, the last of Morgan's cavalry had thundered across the wooden bridge that spanned the East Fork of the Little Miami. In keeping with their method of operation, they burned the bridge behind them, in spite of the fact that the East Fork was almost dry, and could very easily be crossed by the Union troops who were certain to follow.

Many of the ladies of the town had already begun preparing food for the Union soldiers whom they knew would soon be passing through town in pursuit of Morgan. Residents placed long boards supported by boxes and barrels all along Main Street, and the ladies covered those planks with every kind of food available. Gen. Hobson's men, nearly 3,000 in number, arrived about one in the afternoon, and stopped only briefly to enjoy the banquet prepared in their honor. They crossed the East Fork, riding around the still smoking bridge, and pursued Morgan into nineteen of the eastern counties of Ohio before finally forcing his surrender on July 26, 1863.

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### 2010 PROGRAMS

Harmony Hill activities for 2010 will include two programs geared toward adult education. The first (June 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M.) will be a presentation by Debra Geesner, member of the Genealogical Society; she will give us helpful hints on researching our Family Trees. The second (October 2nd at 2 P.M.) will be a presentation on American Coins by Fred Liggett. His presentation will include a coin display, handouts and a chance for participants to ask questions and even bring two or three special coins for appraisal estimates. These programs will be presented at the Harmony Hill Museum located at 299 South Third Street, Williamsburg, Ohio. Space is limited, so call 513-724-3657 (Julia Hess) as soon as possible to reserve a spot. (Membership is not required in order to attend our programs.)

Harmony Hill Association has launched a campaign to expand its archive collection. "Williamsburg Treasures" is the campaign name, and it welcomes donations of any memorabilia with ties to Williamsburg's history, including items connected with residents, houses and/or activities. The association is also accepting old photos, newspaper or magazine articles, yearbooks, and other printed Williamsburg memorabilia.

### **Harmony Hill Association Annual Memberships:**

Student (K-12) - \$3 Single Adult - \$12 Family - \$24

(Membership dues are effective from January 1 – December 31)

Please print clearly:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Williamsburg Township Junk Days

**Spring Clean-up  
Dates  
June 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Clean-up  
Dates**

**Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**



*Details  
inside  
newsletter*



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

# *June in Olde Williamsburgh*

**June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

- \* **Rides**
- \* **Food**
- \* **Fireworks**
- \* **Live Band  
& More**

*For more information & schedule of events, go to  
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