

Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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From The Trustees

Every Year Clermont 20/20 sponsors an event called salute to Leaders. This event is meant to recognize individuals and organizations that have made a positive difference in their community by repeatedly engaging themselves in selfless acts of kindness, goodwill, and consideration for others.

This year Williamsburg was very well represented at the 2011 Salute to Leaders event. Lucy Snell was the recipient of the Williamsburg Township Award for the countless hours she has given of herself to help and improve several groups and organizations in and around Williamsburg. The County Health / Health Care Award was given to Travis and Michelle Fisher for all they have done for the kids in athletics, the schools, and the community. Williamsburg Operation Restoration received the County Community Project Award for updating the athletic facility at the football field and, "Restoring pride and tradition to our Williamsburg Wildcats." Congratulations to all the award recipients.

As we all know we have had a very wet spring. In April alone we had over 13.5 inches of rain making it the wettest April ever and the 2nd wettest month ever recorded in the Cincinnati area. Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter the ground has dried up and the sun is shining, (WE HOPE)

On Saturday, April 23rd during the afternoon and evening we received almost 3 inches of rain in a very short time. With the ground already saturated this caused a lot of streams and ditches to overflow. Water was observed running onto and over the Roadway in places where water had never been seen on the road before. The creek along the lower section of Todds Run Foster Road came out of its banks and flooded a long section of that road making it impassable. A resident called the Clermont County Communications Center (as they should have), and reported the problem. Even though the Comm. Center has several contact phone numbers for the township, the person on duty made just one phone call to the maintenance building and left a message on, the voice mail. With it being a Saturday evening and after hours, the message was not received until well after the fact. Thanks to another resident calling one of the Township Trustees to report the problem, we were able to get up high water signs in a timely manner. Any time you observe water over the road, trees on the road, wires down, or any emergency situation that requires immediate attention you should call the Clermont County Communication Center at 513-732-2231. We would also encourage you to call and report the situation to one of the Township Trustees. The sooner we are made aware of a problem, the sooner we can react.

In collaboration with Clermont 20/20, the village of Williamsburg, and the Williamsburg Township Trustees, there will be an effort to recycle computers and other associated items. On Friday June 10th and Saturday June 11th, 2011 Computers may be dropped off for recycling at 3rd and Main St. at the community parking area (old Sunoco Station) from 8am to 5pm each day. Computers will be secured and information on the hard drive will be destroyed by the Cincinnati Computer Cooperative. Items to be collected will be computers, hard drives, keyboards and other related items. If you have any questions you can call Becky Ploucha at 513-753-9222.

From the Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor

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

Williamsburg Township Clean up will be on June 9-10, & 11th and on Oct. 6, 7 & 8th. Dumpsters and compactor trucks will be located at the end of North 8th Street. The hours of operation will

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be from 8am to 8pm on Thursday and Friday's and from 8am to 4pm Saturday.

The township can not accept chemicals, liquid paint, batteries or any units containing refrigerant. The township is planning on mowing Township roads the first week of June. Please pay attention to maintenance equipment and maintenance personnel.

The Township has budgeted and planned to pave Todds Run Foster Road this summer. Several failing culverts were identified and replaced in preparation for the paving project. Expect traffic delays during paving.



News from your Emergency Services



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 have been sending out random surveys from emergency calls we make in the community, we have appreciated the 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.

We would ask residents to trim back tree limbs from their driveways to make access easier for our vehicles in getting to their homes. We have encountered some driveways that are difficult to access with our vehicles. The trees should be trimmed back to give us clearance for our vehicles, which could suffer damage to the paint, lights, and mirrors. Lack of accessibility for our vehicles may cause delays in getting you the assistance you need.

Help us find you; The Cadets on our department are doing a fund raiser for summer camp. They are selling reflective address signs to aid in finding the correct address when we respond for an emergency. The cost of these signs is \$15, call the Station to order 724-7744 or 724-7382

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 270 Emergency Medical Runs and 72 Fire Calls. Again 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 bills please contact Judy Morgan at 724-7382 or drop the bill off at the Firehouse and we will get it taken care of for you.

Chief Ken Wylie

Williamsburg Township Zoning Office

No posting, please. When signs, posters or recreational equipment such as basketball rims, are attached to utility pole, it creates serious hazards.

A sharp object like nails, tacks, staples all present eminent danger. If a lineman comes into contact with a foreign object when climbing, good footing cannot be obtained. Climbing hooks could cut out and serious injury could result. It also could be dangerous if an arm or leg catches on a nail or other object on the pole. Sharp objects can also puncture gloves, boots and other safety equipment, putting the workers at risk of electrocution.

When a line crew has to remove nails or staples from poles in order to climb during an outage, it takes that much longer to restore power. So please, do not attach any items, no matter how small or innocent looking. Someone's life may depend on it.

Information was from South Central Power Company publication April, 2011

FIRST BRIDGE IN CLERMONT COST ONLY \$35.00**The Williamsburg Times, May 8, 1936**

At the commissioners meeting in June 1811, thirty-five dollars was granted to build the first bridge in Clermont County across a branch of Clover Creek, on the State road (now Route 133), which was done to favor the increasing travel between Williamsburg, the County seat, and the southeastern settlements, and also to better the road for that section.

No other appropriations were made until 1814, when ten dollars was paid for making a bridge across Little Sterling Creek, which was the second bridge in the county. In 1812, Clermont appropriated nearly a thousand dollars for road and bridge work, more in fact than all the monies before for that purpose. Alexander Blair was appointed to superintend the construction of a bridge across the East Fork, and men of high standing were placed in charge of the improvements of the leading highways and new roads were laid in, every direction.

The people of southern and central Clermont regarded the Union bridge across the Little Miami, below Newtown, as the greatest event of that half century in 1836.

In Clermont County, bridge construction seems to have waited until the building of Toll roads started the custom, but a bridge, the first at Williamsburg was authorized in 1828, and finished in 1845. The bridge was built in two sections across the island at the foot of Main Street and lasted until swept away by a flood in 1858. The second or replacing single span bridge was burned by Morgan's Raiders in 1863.

On March 20, 1864 the commissioners of the State reported \$2,700 claim for the construction of bridge over East Fork, Williamsburg. George Felter, county surveyor made plans immediately for the construction of a new bridge, the third which was completed the winter of 1864. (The Old Wooden bridge, the third which was completed the winter of 1864. (The Old Wooden Bridge). George Felter was assisted in designing and building the bridge by Peter Snell and Isaac McAdams.

The Iron Bridge at Fourth Street Corporation line, Williamsburg, was authorized and built the year 1880.

The Railroad trestle spanned the East Fork in the year 1876-77, a wooden structure, and in 1890 it was replaced by a more modern steel structure.

The present new concrete bridge, the fourth, was first started by Representative John J. Hayden in 1929 and built by the State in 1935 at a cost of approximately \$65,000. In 1963 and on October 4, 2010 the deck was reconstructed.

Upcoming Harmony Hill Events

On **June 4th** at 1:00 pm a free program on Chair Caning will be held at Harmony Hill. Please call ahead to sign up at 724-3657.

On **June 15-18** the National Underground Railroad Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn-Eastgate. Although Williamsburg is not included on the official tour route, we certainly expect to have visitors come to see our five "Underground Railroad Freedom Trail" sites and Harmony Hill.

On **July 16th**, Harmony Hill will host the Williamsburg Garden Club's Garden Tour from 11:00am to 4:00 pm. This will be a community wide garden tour.

On Sunday, **August 28th** the annual "Lytle Birthday Party" will be held from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at Harmony Hill. There will be music by the Community Band, demonstrations and displays.

On **October 8th** at 1:30 pm an American Coins Program will be held at Harmony Hill. This is also a free program.

In the fall the Harmony Hill Association will again Sponsor a trip to the Rankin House and the Chilo Locks and Museum for Williamsburg 4th Graders.

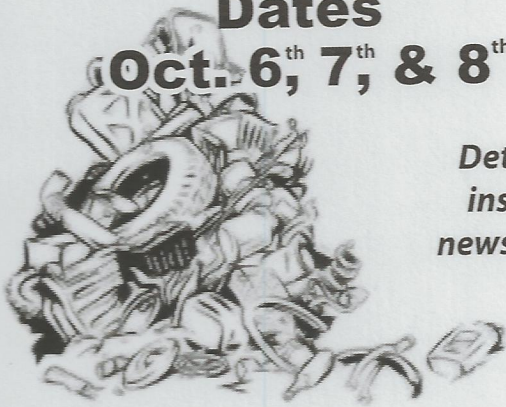
Williamsburg Township Junk Days

Spring Clean-up Dates

June 9th, 10th & 11th

Fall Clean-up Dates

Oct. 6th, 7th & 8th



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

June in Olde Williamsburgh

June 3rd, 4th & 5th

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

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