

Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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From The Trustees

We would like to congratulate Earl Whiteman on his recent retirement from Williamsburg Township. Earl retired October 31, 2012 after being employed by the township for 34 years. He has been the Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor for the past 25 years. Without doubt, Earl's tireless dedication and work ethics has moved Williamsburg Township forward. With much gratitude, on behalf of Williamsburg Township ... job well done.

We have promoted Brian Tatman to the position of Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor. Brian has worked for Williamsburg Township, and under Earl's supervision for over 12 years. We feel Brian has been very well trained and very capable to take on this new position. We also feel he will serve the township well.

It has been another difficult year for many Townships, in Clermont County, dealing with the Asian Longhorn Beetle and the Emerald Ash Bore. The Asian Longhorn Beetle is native to Japan, Korea, and Southern China.

The Asian Longhorn Beetle is a serious threat to the hardwood trees in its native environment and has proven so in some townships in Ohio. The Emerald Ash Bore is an exotic, invasive wood bore insect that infects and kills native North American Ash trees. As of September 8th, 2010, all 88 counties are under quarantine. The quarantine prohibits the transportation of all non-coniferous firewood, which includes maple, hickory, and ash trees.

Once the Asian Longhorn Beetle and the Emerald Ash Bore is introduced into an area, it is unintentionally spread by individuals moving infested wood, for various reasons. To stop the spread of this insect, it is imperative that citizens to follow the quarantine procedures in infested areas by not moving any regulated material, such as firewood, brush, or lumber that is infested.

With this in mind, please consider movement of firewood within the community. The Ohio Department of Agriculture has announced that the Asian Longhorn Beetle has been discovered on two properties in Stonelick Township as well as Tate Township. It is illegal to move infested wood outside of these quarantine areas. Let's protect our community. To learn more concerning this matter, go to www.clermontcountyohio.gov/.

Williamsburg Township Zoning Office

Section 206 Temporary Placement (*Permit Required)

In all Districts, storing a utility trailer, travel trailer, camper, recreational vehicle or boat shall be permitted providing that no habitation be maintained and no business conducted therein while such vehicle is so parked or stored, however occupying such a vehicle for a period of thirty (30) days or less and deemed vacationing or recreation shall not be prohibited. Should the occupation of such a vehicle extend beyond a thirty-day period a permit will be required from the Zoning Administrator for an additional period of 60 days maximum occupancy and if he/she so deems it necessary shall seek a ruling of the Board of Appeals. Not more than one such vehicle shall be permitted during the same time. All such vehicles shall be parked within no less than the set back lines for the zone district where the vehicle is being stored, and in the case of residential zoned districts shall be parked behind the rear line of the residential dwelling.



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 continue 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.

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.

Congratulations to Daniel Bainum our newest paramedic. Daniel completed the class this past summer and passed the National Registry Test in August. Daniel has been a member of the Williamsburg Township Emergency Services since August 10, 1998.

Smoke Alarms and Escape Plans Key to Surviving Fires in the Home;

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) are providing new statistics on fires in American homes and urging consumers to install smoke alarms in their homes and check to make sure all smoke alarms are working properly. It is also vitally important to develop and practice a family fire escape plan.

In a recent report CPSC estimates there were an average of 366,700 unintentional residential fires, 2,310 deaths, 12,550 injuries and more than \$7 billion in property damage each year attended by fire service between 2008 and 2010.

The top cause of fires in the home is cooking equipment, accounting for an estimated 147,400 or 40 percent of residential fires each year between 2008 and 2010. Cooking was also associated with the largest percentage of fire-related injuries, an estimated average 27.4 percent or 3,450, in the home.

Home heating and cooling equipment, including portable space heaters, was a top cause of fire deaths, accounting for about nine percent or 210 deaths on average, in homes each year between 2008 and 2010. Portable heaters were associated with 100 of those deaths each year.

Every day Americans experience the horror of fire but most people don't understand fire.

Fire is FAST!

There is little time! In less than 30 seconds a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for thick black smoke to fill a house or for it to be engulfed in flames. Most deadly fires occur in the home when people are asleep. If you wake up to a fire, you won't have time to grab valuables because fire spreads too quickly and the smoke is too thick. There is only time to escape.

Fire is HOT!

Heat is more threatening than flames. A fire's heat alone can kill. Room temperatures in a fire can be 100 degrees at floor level and rise to 600 degrees at eye level. Inhaling this super-hot air will scorch your lungs. This heat can melt clothes to your skin. In five minutes, a room can get so hot that everything in it ignites at once: this is called flashover.

Fire is DARK!

Fire isn't bright, it's pitch black. Fire starts bright, but quickly produces black smoke and complete darkness. If you wake up to a fire you may be blinded, disoriented and unable to find your way around the home you've lived in for years.

Fire is DEADLY!

Smoke and toxic gases kill more people than flames do. Fire uses up the oxygen you need and produces smoke and poisonous gases that kill. Breathing even small amounts of smoke and toxic gases can make you drowsy, disoriented and short of breath. The odorless, colorless fumes can lull you into a deep sleep before the flames reach your door. You may not wake up in time to escape.

Only when we know the true nature of fire can we prepare our families and ourselves.

Please remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change the time on your clocks and have at least 2 escape routes from your home. Also it is an excellent time to have your heating system checked for safe and proper operation.

Chief Ken Wylie

From the Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor

My name is Brian Tatman, I have been appointed the new Cemetery Sexton and Roads Maintenance Supervisor. I want to thank Mr. Earl Whiteman for his 34 years of dedicated service to Williamsburg Township and its residents. He has retired as of October 31, 2012.

I would like to remind you that winter is around the corner, when you see a snow plow or salt equipment out this year please don't follow too closely and try to give them the right of way. That way they can assure the roads are cleared for safer travel. We have 150 tons of salt on hand to start the winter snow season. Just a reminder not to plow or shovel snow into the roadway.

We have grave spaces available in Williamsburg Cemetery and Concord Cemetery. If you would like to schedule an appointment to pick graves out please call 513-724-1110 or 513-638-9900. You can also contact me at btatman@williamsburgtownship.org

HARMONY HILL

LEONIDAS H. FISHER, LAST CLERMONT CIVIL WAR VETERAN

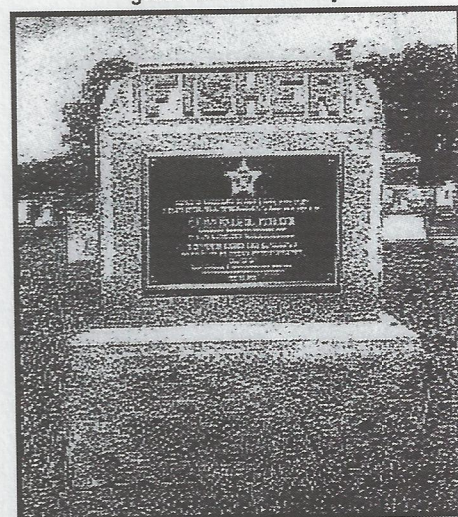
The Bob Slade story on the previous page made me remember the story of Leonidas H. Fisher.

It was just a few years ago, in 2006, that ceremonies were held at the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Monroe Township, Clermont County, and every other county in Ohio, were participating in the "Last Veteran" program, which was sponsored nationally by the Sons of the Union Veterans. This group is the direct descendant of the Grand Army of the Republic, or G.A.R., consisting of Civil War veterans, founded in 1866, and ended in 1956.

On May 20th, about 15 family members and 50 people came to the cemetery that sunny afternoon for a ceremony to pay respects to Pvt. Fisher and witness the unveiling of the bronzed tombstone commemorative plaque. James Houston, of the Sons of the Union Veterans, William H. Lytle Camp #10, and officiating host of the events, said there was always painstaking research done to make the claim of last veteran, but the designation requires the soldier to have died and been buried in that county. "It's a matter of recognizing the man's place in history and paying a debt that can never truly be paid," said Donald Darby, Camp Commander.

Leonidas Fisher in fact was born and died in Clermont County. Born 1843 on a farm near Moscow in Monroe Twp., he joined the Union Army at age seventeen. He enlisted in Company B, 59th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until 1864. He saw action in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and the Atlanta campaign.

Here in honored glory rests the last
Union Civil War Veteran of Clermont County
Leonidas H. Fisher
Pvt., Co.B., 59th Ohio Volunteer Infantry
May there deeds and sacrifices be kept ever
green in our memory



Look for Harmony Hill's booth at

the Christmas Walk

Dec. 7th at the Community Bldg.

Thank You so much!

Lucy

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete the application form and mail or bring to:
Harmony Hill Association, Inc., 299 South Third St., Williamsburg, Ohio 45176

Please print clearly:

Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone (____) _____ Email: _____

Annual Memberships:

Student (K-12): \$3

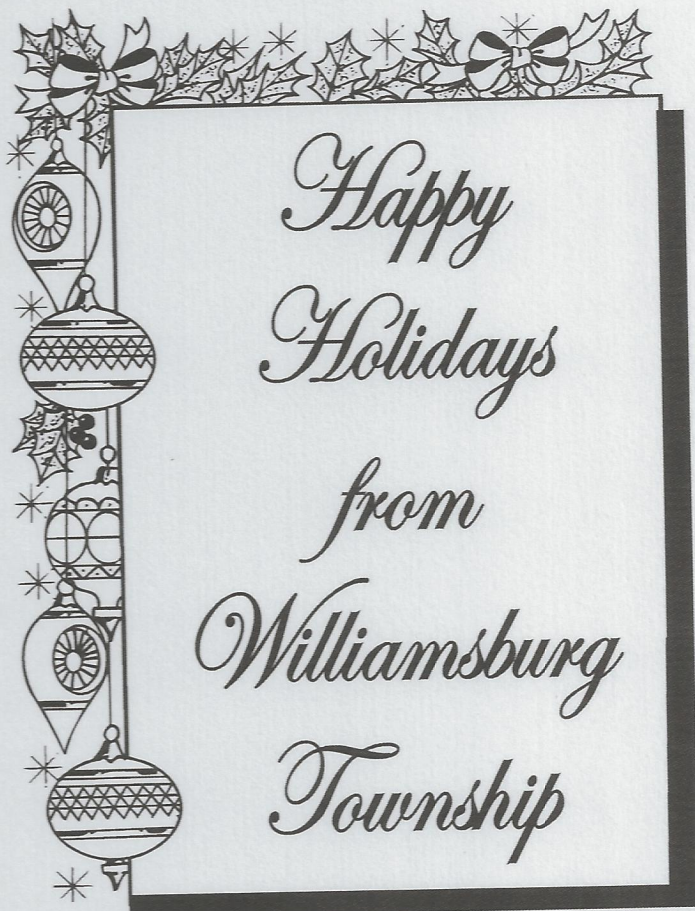
Single Adult: \$12

Family: \$24

Lifetime Family: \$100

Dues are effective: January 1-December 31 --- For further information call: 513) 724-7824

Please make checks payable to: Harmony Hill Assoc., Inc. (Contributions are tax deductible.)



Trains of Williamsburg 2012 Christmas Walk

(Downtown Williamsburg)

Friday

December 7th, 2012

5:00pm - 9:00pm



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