

Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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From The Trustees

Recently, Cain Run Road was resurfaced by using the purchasing power of the Clermont County Engineers. The County Engineers office allowed Williamsburg Township to participate in their cooperative which led to significant savings. As permitted, Williamsburg Township will partner with the Clermont County Engineers office to save on future road resurfacing projects as needed.

Often, there are questions on who is responsible to maintain certain roads. Following is a brief description on road types and responsibilities. There are four types of roads in Clermont County; 1) State Highways, Interstate Highways, and U.S. Highways 2) County Roads 3) Township and Municipal Roads and 4) Private Roads. There are 264 miles of these roads in Clermont County.

The Ohio Department of Transportation is responsible for State, Interstate, and U.S. Highways; in example, Interstate 275, US 50, SR 276, SR32, and SR 133. These roads are generally main thoroughfares of the county. The Ohio Department of Transportation can be reached at 797-6008.

The second type of roads is county roads. There are 386 miles of county roads in Clermont County, which the County Engineer is responsible for. Cough Pike, Jackson Pike, Dela Palma, Half Acre, and Tollgate Road are a few examples of county roads. The County Engineers can be reached at 732-8869.

The third type of roads is Township and municipal roads. Township roads are public roads maintained by each township highway department. Examples of these roads that apply to Williamsburg Township is Alexander Lane, Cobb Road, Ireton Road, McKeever Schoolhouse Road, and Todd's Run Foster Road to name a few. For a complete list of Williamsburg Township Roads, please visit the Williamsburg Township website and access the roads and maintenance feature. Brian Tatman, Williamsburg Township Maintenance Supervisor can be reached at 724-1110. There is 18.7 miles of road to maintain in Williamsburg Township. Municipal roads are those located within a city or incorporated village.

The fourth type of roads is private, which is maintained by the owner or owners. More information on this topic can be viewed on the Clermont County Engineers site at clermontengineer.org.

The Ohio Township Association scholarship program is under way. Graduating High School Seniors who wish to submit a scholarship application may do so by filling out the 2014 application. High school seniors who are U.S. citizens; reside in an Ohio Township; and plan to attend a two or four year Ohio College or university in the fall of 2014 is eligible. Three \$1500.00 scholarships will be awarded through two categories; Local Government and Academic Achievement. Interested seniors may obtain full details to the application process from the Guidance Councilor at Williamsburg High School. The application deadline is January 31, 2014.



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 to send 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 are \$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. If you are interested in signing up for a CPR or first aid class please call to schedule, with offer class free to township residents. We also offer a babysitting first aid class as well.

Congratulations to Jamie Williams our newest Paramedic. Jamie attended UC's paramedic program from August 2012 through June 2013. This required a great deal of time away from the family as not only was time spent at school but also countless hours of clinical times. Thanks Jamie for a job well done.

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News from your Emergency Services



An excellent question about combination smoke/carbon monoxide (CO) alarms; "How do I know when it is the smoke part of the alarm going off?" Neither National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72, National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code nor NFPA 720, Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detection and Warning Equipment have a requirement for a voice announcement when the alarms activate. However, the smoke alarm is equipped with a requirement to "beep" three times with a short pause between each beep and then a slightly longer pause before the next three beeps. A CO alarm is equipped with a requirement to "beep" four times with a short pause between each beep and then a slightly longer pause before the next four beeps.

The International Residential Code (IRC) requires new homes to have CO alarms if they have an attached garage, a fireplace or any fuel-burning appliances (such as a gas clothes dryer, gas water heater, oil furnace, etc.). In most cases, hard-wired battery-backup smoke alarms are installed in the bedrooms, but combination smoke/CO alarms are being installed in the common areas to save money. It is very important for everyone in the home to know the difference in sounds between the smoke and CO alarms.

Currently, there are a number of different battery powered smoke/CO alarms available in retail stores. These devices offer a wider variety of alarm service for the occupants; however, it is critical that the occupants know the difference in sounds the alarms make if there is no voice announcement.

Test your smoke alarms on a regular basis (at least monthly). Vacuum the dust off smoke alarms every six months and change your batteries.

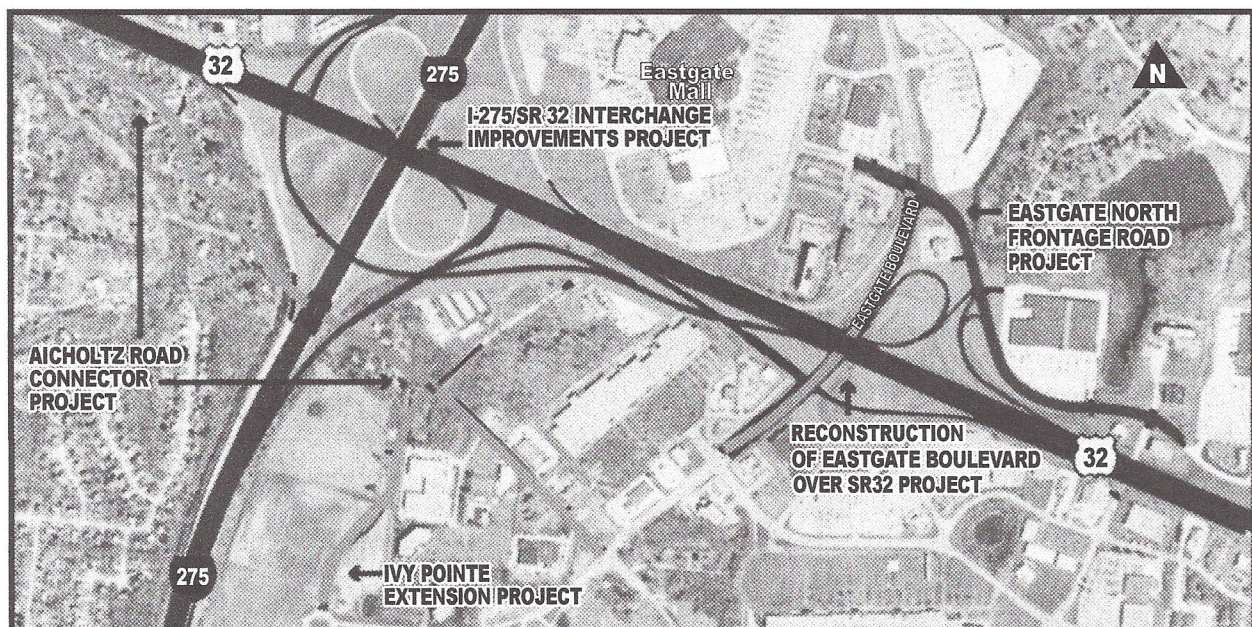
Have a home fire escape plan for the entire family and include overnight guests.

Chief Ken Wylie

***** What's going on in Eastgate? *****

We have all seen all the construction around Eastgate and the I-275/SR 32 interchange and wondered what they are doing. The construction that is currently going on is broke up into 3 phases. Phase 1 consist of improvements to Eastgate North Frontage Road which have been completed. Phase 2 consists of reconstruction of Eastgate Boulevard over SR 32. This project includes the reconstruction and widening of the Eastgate Boulevard structure over SR 32, the relocation of the existing westbound entrance and exit ramps from SR 32 to Eastgate North Drive instead of Eastgate Boulevard, and the reconstruction of the westbound loop ramp from Eastgate Boulevard to SR 32. This phase is estimated to be completed in the Fall of 2014. Phase 3 consists of I-275/SR32 improvements. These improvements represent the most significant change to traffic patterns in the area. Improvements to the I-275/SR 32 Interchange will address a variety of problems associated with the existing interchanges. The planned improvements include widening portions of SR 32 from Old SR 74 to Eastgate Square Drive, constructing new ramps to provide new access to SR 32 from I-275, as well as new ramps and structures under I-275 that will allow for the Aicholtz Road connector, and improve safety by increasing the spacing distance between on and off ramps to eliminate weaving traffic. The estimated completion date for phase 3 is Fall 2015.

The map below shows what all this will look like when completed. You can go online to: GoClermont.org and get more information about these improvement projects as well as other improvement projects that are planned for Clermont County.



From the Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor

Winter time is almost upon us and I would like to remind everyone that when you plow or shovel your driveway not to push it into the roadway. When you do it can create a hazard. The Township has approximately 150 tons of salt on hand, and we have 100 tons on order if we need it. Also please stay back at least 100 feet if you follow a salt or plow truck and if possible give them the right-a-way. The salt and plow trucks are trying to clear the roads for not just your safety but everyone else also.

This year Williamsburg Township went in with the Clermont County Engineer and several other Townships and Villages for paving bids. When all entities went in together they receive a lower bid than all of them doing this on their own. The Township paved Cain Run Road and replaced all the culvert pipes that went under the roadway. The Township will look to do this in the future on their next paving project.

We still have grave spaces available in the Williamsburg Township Cemetery and Concord Cemetery. If you would like to purchase any please contact the Maintenance Office at 513-724-1110 to set up an appointment.

***** Williamsburg Township Zoning Office *****

The requirements for fencing in the Township are for in ground pools for safety, farm pond/lakes for safety and line of sight for corner lots for visibility.

In ground pools should have a fence at least four foot in height and of substantial materials and a minimum of five foot from the outer walls or the edge of the pool. An above ground pool's wall will be considered the fence as long as the wall is not less than 4 feet above ground and provided with a lockable fence gate and a removable ladder (Contact zoning office for specifics).

In any district in order to provide a clear view of intersecting streets to motorists there should be provided a clear triangular area of clear vision so no fences, structures, structural support or plantings should be erected or maintained in this area.

Farm ponds/lakes that are newly constructed and are located less than 100 feet from the right-of-way and/or a property line must be completely fenced for safety reasons. But please remember that there are ponds and lakes that are grandfathered (meaning that they have been in existence before these resolutions).

Temporary Signs

Special event signs, real estate signs and political signs must be out of the right-of-way and have the land owner's permission to be erected on property. They are temporary signs from 5 days for special events to the maximum of 240 days for political signs. Such signs should be removed within 2 to 5 days after the event.

Special event & real estate signs considered temporary are 2'X 1' in size. If the signs are larger then a permit may be required.

Call the Williamsburg Township Zoning office 724-5529 for information on any sign that you may want to erect in the Township.

HARMONY HILL

HARMONY HILL POST OFFICE

The first post office in Clermont County was in William Lytle's land office at Harmony Hill. It was October 1802 that Lytle was commissioned as Deputy Post Master of Clermont County. People came there from far and wide to post their letters and pick up their mail because it was the only post office between Maysville, Kentucky and Newtown, Ohio. The records show that John Charles presented a bill in August 1803 for an alphabet case for the post office. Charles, a very skilled builder, built the land office and dairy house at Harmony Hill for Lytle in 1800, as well as, a stone house on Front Street in 1805 as a home for Samuel Davies. During the War of 1812 the local militia held meetings there. One of men in attendance at those meetings was the famous frontiersman Simon Kenton. Today, this building is the headquarters for the Williamsburg Police Department.

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

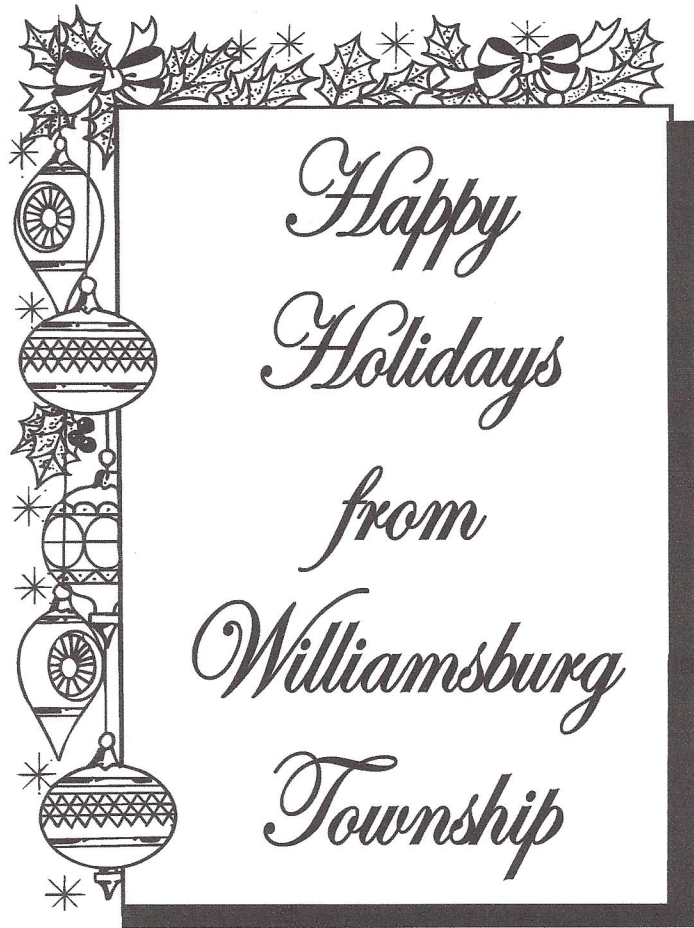
Single Adult: \$12

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.)



*Happy
Holidays
from
Williamsburg
Township*

Trains of Williamsburg 2013 Christmas Walk

(Downtown Williamsburg)

Friday

December 6th, 2013

5:00_{pm} - 9:00_{pm}



OR CURRENT RESIDENT

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