

Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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From The Trustees

On July 28, 2014, Chief Ken Wylie informed the Williamsburg Township Trustees of his intent to resign effective December 31, 2014. Due to Chief Wylie's deep appreciation for the Williamsburg Emergency Services team and community, a lengthy advance notice was extended to allow the Trustees ample time to make the proper arrangements to back fill this position.

Resumes were collected internally and an extensive interview process was completed. At the October 27, 2014 Williamsburg Trustees meeting, it was announced that Assistant Chief Kevin Wiedemann will assume the role of Williamsburg Emergency Services Chief of Williamsburg Township, effective January 1, 2015.

A large slate of internal resume applicants participated in the interview process. Throughout the interview process, we continuously recognized the talent and skill set that each leader exhibited at the interviews. We are proud that dedicated professionals would not only take part in the interview process, they would demonstrate the passion for community involvement each day in the workplace.

We are grateful that each candidate cared enough to participate; more than that, we are gratified that they serve us each day as leaders in our community. It takes a special committed individual to devote time to make our Township a safe place to live and raise a Family. We recognized their character, leadership, and values and on behalf of a grateful community, we thank each one that participated.

We commend Chief Wylie for positioning Williamsburg Emergency Services and Williamsburg Township for the greatest degree of success throughout this process.

With winter just around the corner, escalating salt prices and limited quantities has left many Ohio counties and townships scrambling to fill their salt bins. Brian Tatman, Williamsburg Maintenance Manager is well prepared. Mr. Tatman replenished our salt bins at the end of last winter to be ready for the tough weather conditions that we might be heading into. Even with full salt bins, we still need to be conservative.

Other Ohio counties and townships are still struggling to replenish their salt supplies. Knowing that, there is a high probability that primary roads will be cleared and treated quickly in order of priority. There might be a conservative approach when it comes to secondary roads. Due to limited salt supply and the cost, road conditions might be challenging in many places throughout the state.

Following is the snow advisory information from the Clermont County Sheriffs website (<http://www.clermontsheriff.org/RoadConditions.aspx>). Due to a limited salt supply in many locations, you might want to be familiar with it.

Clermont County Snow Advisory Information

Snow advisory notifications are broadcast by local television and radio stations

NOTE: We request that citizens get snow advisory information from Radio/TV broadcasts rather than calling the Sheriff's Office or Communications Center.

Under Ohio law County Sheriffs may declare "Snow Advisories" as appropriate. When the condition of roads and highways within Clermont County has become impaired as the result of snow or ice, a snow advisory may be declared and conveyed to all electronic and print media within the Greater Cincinnati area.

In Clermont County snow emergencies are used sparingly, and only when roadway conditions are treacherous throughout the entire county.

There are three levels of Snow Advisories:

Level One: "ROADWAYS ARE HAZARDOUS WITH BLOWING AND DRIFTING SNOW. ROADS ARE ALSO ICY. DRIVE VERY CAUTIOUSLY."

This level of snow emergency is merely advisory in nature, cautioning motorists to drive carefully on snow covered and icy roadways. Since this states the obvious, this level will rarely be used in Clermont County.

Level Two: "ROADWAYS ARE HAZARDOUS WITH BLOWING AND DRIFTING SNOW. ONLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO FEEL IT IS NECESSARY TO DRIVE SHOULD BE OUT ON THE ROADWAYS. CONTACT YOUR EMPLOYER TO SEE IF YOU SHOULD REPORT FOR WORK.."

This level of snow advisory is more severe than Level One and recommends that only necessary vehicular travel be undertaken. There are NO legal restrictions or penalties for driving under a Level Two advisory. Offices and businesses have the discretion to establish "Work or No-Work" policies for their staff and employees under this level.

Level Three: "ALL ROADWAYS ARE CLOSED TO NON-EMERGENCY PERSONNEL. NO ONE SHOULD BE OUT DURING THESE CONDITIONS UNLESS IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO TRAVEL. ALL EMPLOYEES SHOULD CONTACT THEIR EMPLOYER TO SEE IF THEY SHOULD REPORT TO WORK. THOSE TRAVELING ON THE ROADWAYS MAY SUBJECT THEMSELVES TO ARREST."

Becoming prepared for the Ebola in the United States is happening at a National, State, and local level. These efforts are well underway in Clermont County. The Clermont County Public Health District is actively working with our local hospital, first responders, and other community partners to be prepared. These groups of leaders work hard each day, on our behalf, to keep our community healthy. Their website is at clermonthealthdistrict.org.

The Clermont County Health District is a very progressive department that works on our behalf, which we are fortunate to have. Take the time to view their website to see what is offered concerning community health, education, and awareness (to include Ebola awareness).

Over the last year we have had several communications with ODOT and county officials about the deterioration of Half Acre Road. Recently the Clermont County Engineers in conjunction with the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District agreed to repave Half Acre Road. The bid has been awarded to Barrett Paving and should be completed some time in December of this year, weather permitting. However the two lane section of Half Acre near SR 276 will not be paved at this time. It will be part of a larger project that will be done at a later date.



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.

As a reminder it is that time of year to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and ensure that they are in proper working order, also to have your heating systems checked and chimneys cleaned and inspected.

Williamsburg Township Emergency Services partnered with several other departments in Clermont County for funding for new portable radios. We have a number of radios that are no longer serviceable and are in need of replacement. We will be paying 10% of the cost of these radios, our cost will be \$7050, a savings of 63,450 for the township. I would like to say a big thank you to Chief Steve Pegram of Goshen Township for writing this grant for the departments.

This will be my last article for the Newsletter, as I will be stepping down from the position of Chief at the end of December. It has been my honor to serve the residents of Williamsburg in this capacity. It has been a pleasure to work with the Williamsburg Township Trustees, for which I have the utmost respect, this township is very fortunate to have such dedicated leadership. Most of all however I truly thank the men and women of the Williamsburg Township Emergency Services Department for the commitment and dedication they have to this organization and community. I look forward to working with the new chief to see this organization continue to grow and move to the next level of service.

Chief Ken Wylie

❖❖❖ From the Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor ❖❖❖

The Cemetery still has plenty of grave spaces available. We have put in the last of the foundations for headstones. If we receive foundation orders from here on out, we may not be able to get them in due to the weather. If you have a question about a foundation please call us at the Cemetery office.

Winter is just around the corner. We have about 130 tons of salt on hand. With that being said, there is a salt shortage and the township did not receive a bid for salt this year. We have been in contact with some other companies about getting salt for the winter. Most places are charging up to \$120.00 a ton for salt this year. Last year the salt prices were around \$48.00 a ton. The township is working hard to get some salt this year even if it is less tonnage than we have received in past years. I have talked with the Trustees and we may have to cut back on salt usage this winter. If we do the lighter snow amounts may have to just be plowed off and salt spread at intersections, hills and curves. We will keep a close eye on the snow events and how much the forecasters are predicting. Please remember when the salt trucks are out taking care of the roads to give them plenty of room. And when you clean your driveway don't push the snow out in the road, especially when it has been cleared. When you do it can cause a road hazard and you can be liable for it.

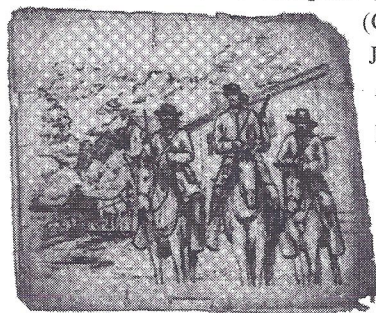
Thank You
Brian Tatman
Williamsburg Township Roads and Cemetery Supervisor

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

Any Township resident that has a complaint & wants to know the outcome of an inspection will need to leave a number so that you can be reached. There will be an explanation for you to let you know what can and/or cannot be done at the Township level. The Williamsburg Township Zoning Resolutions have rules and regulations that are followed. The Township Attorney is contacted if there are questions concerning the Resolutions and Ohio Revised Code.

❖❖❖❖❖❖❖ HARMONY HILL ❖❖❖❖❖❖❖

"Morgan's First Ohio Campsite", John Hunt Morgan Trail Sign #11. SR 133, west Main Street at the corner of Toll Gate Road. (GPS Coordinates 84-3-52.14& 39-3 -37.17) About 4 p.m. on July 14, 1863, Confederate General John Morgan and his raiders stopped in Williamsburg to establish their first campsite in Ohio. Approximately 2,000 cavalymen remained in the rebel force.



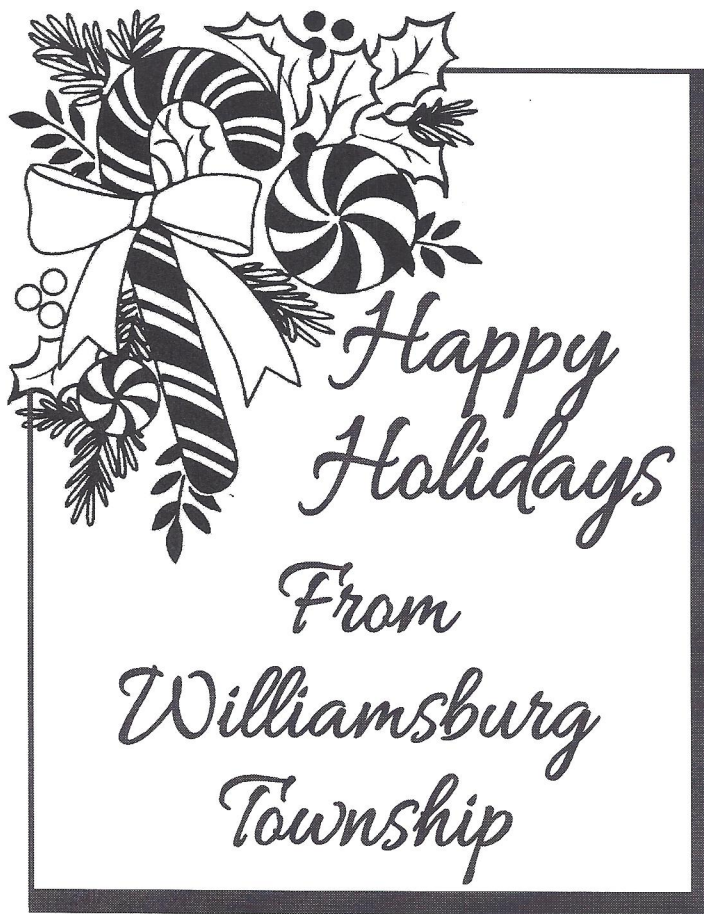
Many of the officers spent the night in the tavern owned by John Wesley Kain on Main Street. The preparation of meals for 127 raiders kept the tavern staff busy. Morgan stayed in Room 9 of the adjoining Kain House Hotel. While there, Morgan went through the mail that his men had confiscated looking for cash and news of military importance. Six of Morgan's officers also slept at the Kain House. Other officers remained with their men. The raiders set up camp east of the town along Bethel Road between the East Fork River Bridge and the hill. A few settled down

in town and others did so in the fields and along the roads to Owensville (known as Boston at the time) and Batavia.

The raiders' rest ended with a 3 a.m. reveille. The advance riders were on the road by dawn, and the last of Morgan's men were gone by 8 a.m. that morning.

❖❖❖❖❖❖❖ Williamsburg Rotary Club ❖❖❖❖❖❖❖

The Williamsburg Rotary Club is proud to share the many ways they participate in International projects and support the local Community. Internationally, we worked directly with a Rotary Club in Romania to renovate a facility for handicapped adults and partnered with the Cincinnati Club to install wells in Africa to provide clean water. Locally we give each 3rd grade student a dictionary and each 5th grade student a thesaurus. Also our Club annually awards four \$1000.00 scholarships to Williamsburg High School graduates. Our Club was also proud to have been the largest donor to "Restore the Roar" which helped with renovations to the football facility. Rotary was also the driving force behind the mural project with the first mural being placed on the old Sunoco building at the corner of West Main St and South Third Street. Currently we are seeking new members to join our Club and would like to extend an Invitation to you to join us for lunch each Tuesday at noon at the Williamsburg Emergency Services Building 915 W. Main. Street.



Trains of Williamsburg 2014 Christmas Walk



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