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From The Trustees

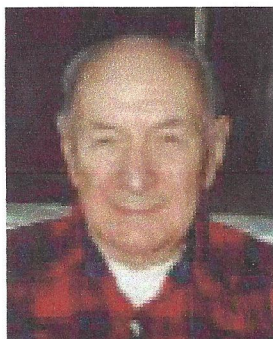
Williamsburg Township Maintenance Department is busy repairing the roads and cutting grass after a tough winter. We commend the Maintenance Department for keeping the roads safe for our residents this past winter by keeping the roads clear. This task seemed like a daily effort; however, they were up for the task. While some county and township maintenance departments found it a challenge to keep a surplus of salt, Williamsburg Township Maintenance Manager, Brian Tatman, kept a safe stock pile, while keeping the roads clear. Job well done to Brian and his department.

Clermont County Chamber of Commerce Foundation hosted the 21st Annual Salute to Leaders Awards Banquet on March 11, 2014. Trustees in each of the county's fourteen townships and Milford City Council members honored a resident for their ongoing volunteer service to their community. This year's event was held at the Oasis in Miami Township with more than 550 attending.



The Williamsburg Township Salute to Leaders award for 2014 goes to Roger Maham. Roger Maham's service to Williamsburg Township began in the 1970's, first as a member of the Williamsburg Village Council and later as Mayor. His achievements included establishing a permanent and viable revenue stream with the creation of an earning's tax; hiring the first village administrator in the county; securing multiple Community Development Block Grants funding the construction of village offices, the Community Center and Village Park; and consolidating village departments to create a modern and efficient government organizational structure. The growth of a Hazardous Waste facility upstream from Williamsburg motivated Roger to create and chair the "Clermont County Citizens Advisory Committee on Hazardous Waste," a powerful force to protect the environmental impact of the facility. This led to serving 18 years, many as Chairman, on the Clermont County Zoning Commission during a period of dynamic growth. With all this, Roger still found time to coach high school baseball and was instrumental in building a new baseball complex. Well done, Roger Maham, Williamsburg Township Salutes you!

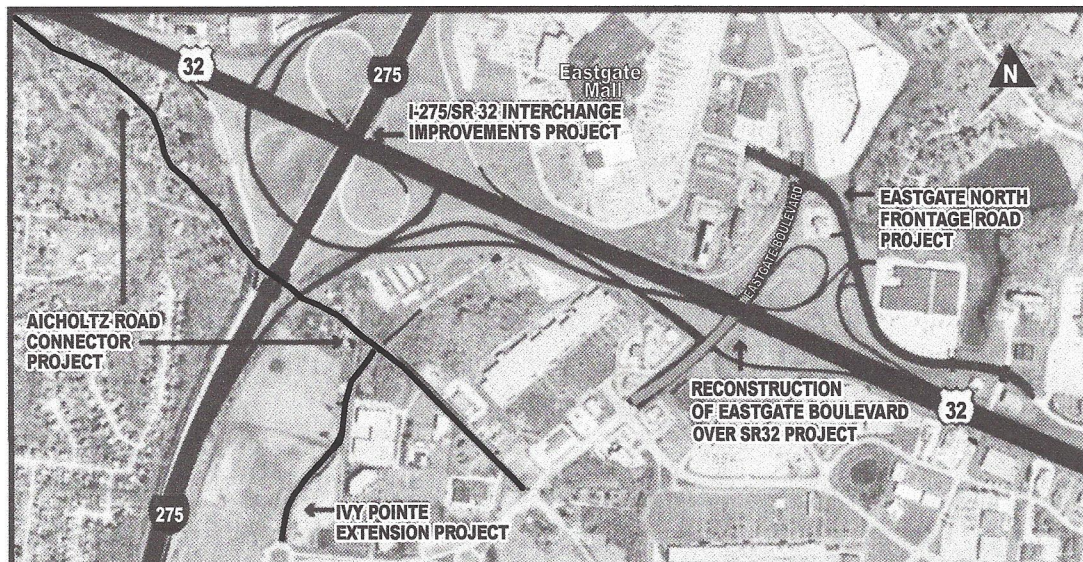
Williamsburg Township Junk Days has been set for June 12 -14, 2014. The hours will be June 12th from 8am-8pm, June 13th from 8am-8pm, and June 14th from 8am-4pm. The collection point will again be the Williamsburg Township Maintenance Department Building. There will be only one Junk Day event set for the township for 2014



Williamsburg Township has mourned the passing of one of our finest leaders and volunteers.

Harold (Bud) Hundemer passed March 1st, 2014. Bud joined the Williamsburg Emergency Services October 1955 and served the Department for 50 years. He served several of those years as a Captain while mentoring numerous other young Firefighters who now lead this great group of men and women who keep our community safe. For obvious reasons, Bud was the Williamsburg Township recipient of the Salute the Leaders award in 1996. His dedication and passion to volunteer and to keep Williamsburg residents safe is greatly respected. On behalf of the Williamsburg Township Trustees, Williamsburg Emergency Services, and the Williamsburg Community, we extend our condolences to the family of Mr. Harold (Bud) Hundemer.

Information concerning the status of the I-275/SR 32 Interchange improvement updates can be viewed at <http://www.transportation.ohio.gov/dist8>. Information concerning work schedules and lanes closures can be viewed as well as other projects in the county.



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.

Congratulations to Matt Ross, Chris Wright, and Jordan Wright upon completion of their Fighter I Class, also to Jason Pollitt and Jamie Williams upon completion of their Fire Office II Class.

Junior Firefighter ranks growing

If you aren't related to someone at the Williamsburg Township Emergency Services, chances are very good that you know someone that is connected to the fire department in some way or another. I suppose that is why the Junior Cadet/Cadet Program at the Williamsburg Township emergency Services is constantly growing.

The Cadet program was founded in 1977, and consists of youths aged 15 to 18. It was designed to teach safety and basic skills required for firefighting. The Junior Cadet Program was founded in 2014, and consists of youths 12 to 15. It is designed to teach the youth what to expect when joining the cadet program.

This group of youth in training has been busy participating in parades and helping with fire prevention activities at local events.

The Junior Cadets/Cadets meet at Station the second Sundays of the month at 1 p.m. If you would like to get more information or an application, please contact Captain Jason Pollitt at 513-724-7744.

It's not all work and no play for these youngsters. To balance out the intensive training the Junior Cadets/Cadets of Williamsburg Township complete, they plan fundraisers at the fire station for the purchase of uniforms and for Summer Camp Programs.

In October the Williamsburg Township Fireman's Auxiliary hosted there bi-annual family portrait fundraiser with Color craft Portrait Studio. This year's proceeds from the fundraiser went to the purchase of a "Sparky the Fire Dog" Costume. The fire department will use Sparky in our fire prevention programs and activities. Which consist of visiting pre-schools, Williamsburg Elementary School, Numerous parades that are held in the Township and any other appropriate activities. Sparky will help the Williamsburg Township Emergency Services personnel to educate kids on Fire prevention and potential problems before they occur, ultimately minimizing the chance for property loss, injury or even the loss of a life. The Williamsburg Township Emergency Services recognizes and thanks the auxiliary and residents of Williamsburg Township for making this possible!!

Chief Ken Wylie

Williamsburg Township Road and Cemetery

The winter of 2013 -2014 is over and the township used approximately 175 tons of road salt to treat the township roads. The salt barn is full and ready for next winter. The township has ordered a new 2015 7400 International 7400 dump truck with salt spreader and snow plow. It will replace our 2000 International 4900.

Mowing season is here and just a reminder that any decorations left on the ground during mowing season will be discarded, except for Memorial Day and 5 working days after. From January 1 thru December 31, 2013 the cemetery had 66 funerals for the year. We still have grave spaces available. Anyone interested in purchasing grave spaces call the Cemetery Office at 513-724-1110 to make an appointment.

We will start mowing and trimming township roads May 27, 2014. Please slow down when passing any equipment that is out working on the roads. Junk Days will be June 12 and 13 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and June 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. . . . Some items that we can not take are any item that has had refrigerant in it, still in liquid form and propane tank and batteries. If you have any questions about what you are plan to bring call the Cemetery Office and we can answer any questions.

Williamsburg Township Zoning Office

Warm weather is here again and the grass is growing! Ohio Revised Code 505.87 states that Townships will clear the vegetation and remove all garbage, refuse, or debris. The cost incurred when allowed shall be entered upon the tax duplicate of the Clermont County Auditor. Proper notification shall be made to the property owner (s) giving them time to get the mowing done. If during the summer months the grass is not mowed regularly then the Township will put a Public Notification in the Clermont Sun, the legal paper of Notice by the State of Ohio. The owner (s) will then have four days from the publication of the Notice to correct the noncompliance.

SCHOOLS OF WILLIAMSBURG

Recorded history of the area tells us that in the late 1700's, ministers who traveled to the various pioneer settlements to preach would sometimes remain to conduct school classes. Each student, child or adult, paid the teacher, either with money, food or lodging or with other items of material value. Sometimes surveyors would also conduct classes during the winter months. One such surveyor was Leonard Raper, the first teacher (of whom there is a written record) of pioneer youth in the Williamsburgh vicinity. He came to Williamsburgh in 1798 and was reputed to be excellent as both mathematician and surveyor.

The first school building erected within the village was a log structure with dirt floors, built in 1804 on the NW corner of Broadway and Main. The second such building was a two-room structure located on the SW corner of Main and Second. The third schoolhouse project was initiated in 1814 and completed in 1818. It was a two-story brick building which stood on the west side of Mulberry Alley (behind the present house and yard at 455 W. Main), and it faced Mulberry Alley. This "subscription school" was reportedly the first brick school between Cincinnati and Chillicothe. The first floor was used for school classes, and the second floor was the Masonic Hall. That building on Mulberry Alley became "Williamsburgh Union School" as a result of the passage of the Akron Law in 1849.

In 1821 the State of Ohio enacted law for the creation of common schools. Under that law a number of districts around each village were formed, and in each one a comfortable but sometimes rather rude building was provided. District #3 was the Todd's Run School; it was located on the east side of S.R. 133 halfway between Twin Bridges Road and Todd's Run (the waterway). District #4 was the Clover School; the original one was located at the present site of Clover Cemetery. It was later moved to 3398 S.R. 133 (which later became the 133 Club). The original building, reported to have been haunted, is said to have been on the Underground Railroad. District #5 was the Concord School, now a residence at 3346 Bethel Concord Rd. District #6 was the McKeever School which stood on the NW corner of Ireton and McKeever Schoolhouse Roads. District #7 was Funston, located on the SW corner of Halfacre Rd. and S.R. 276. It was built in 1870 and later became a general store, then a storage garage. District #8, called Bantam School was located on Williamsburg-Bantam Rd., just E of Kain's Run Rd., now under Harsha Lake. District #9 was Alpine (sometimes called Ashton); it was located on the NW corner of Ashton Rd. and S.R. 133, but has been moved and reconstructed on the grounds of the Antique Machinery Show at Georgetown, Ohio. The first district was located within the village; in the 1820's, it would have been the building which faced Mulberry Alley. (District #2 school is not identified in the records. It may have been the "colored school" mentioned in some of the early board minutes.)

In 1860, an eight-room, two-story brick building was completed on the "village square," the former site of the courthouse and jail. That school building was destroyed by fire in February of 1922. The present day three-story building on that same site was completed in September of 1923. It consisted of nineteen rooms and a gymnasium - part of the second story. Renovations and additions to the building were made in 1939 and 1958, and the small brick building on the southwest side of the main building was erected in 1965 to house the music department. In 1975 a new library was added to the east side of the school; it was not only for the benefit of the students, but was also open to the public.

In 1955 the first classes were held in the newly finished elementary building. Increasing enrollment necessitated the addition of an eight-room wing in 1958 and yet another wing in 1965.

In the fall of 1976 Williamsburg students in grades eleven and twelve had a new educational option. They could choose to attend the U.S. Grant Joint Vocational School located on the western edge of Bethel. Williamsburg joined with Bethel-Tate Local Schools, Felicity-Franklin Local Schools and New Richmond Exempted Village Schools to form this vocational school, now called Grant Career Center, which offers vocational training to adults as well as teens.

The present Williamsburg Middle/High School building was completed in 1996 and houses students in grades six through twelve.

Harmony Hill

Williamsburg Township Junk Days

**Spring Clean-up
Dates**

June 12th, 13th & 14th



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

*June in Olde
Williamsburgh*
**May 30th & 31st
June 1st, 2014**

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



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