

# Williamsburg Township Newsletter

P.O. Box 499, Williamsburg, Ohio 45176-0499

FALL / WINTER 2005-2006

James Danbury	Bari Henning	James Taylor	Gregory W. Carson
Chairman	Vice Chairman	Trustee	Clerk
724-7852	724-2994	724-3368	724-8333

[www.williamsburgtownship.org](http://www.williamsburgtownship.org)

Township Trustee Meetings ~ 2nd & 4th Monday 7:30 PM at Township Hall, located on Alexander Ln.

## From The Trustees

Williamsburg Township had four firefighters accepted by the State and by FEMA to travel to the hurricane devastated area on the gulf coast to assist the local people. Two of the firefighters were in the area for four weeks helping the local firemen and FEMA provide basic necessities such as water, food, and shelter. The other two were in the area for two weeks helping as they were requested. They were working sometimes up to 18 hours a day.

Williamsburg Township is proud of the unselfish volunteering of all of our Emergency Service Personnel. We are grateful to have such a great caliber of people who are always there to help in a time of need.

We were recently notified by the Ohio Department of Transportation that they would like to close the median strip at McKeever Road and St. Rt. 32 intersection. Their reasoning for this is that in the last two years their have been 22 reported accidents at the intersection. Of those 22 accidents 82% were angle type accidents. If this intersection is closed it would become a right-in/right-out operation for both east and westbound motorists.

We have written to ODOT in regards to this matter and we feel if they do close the median strip (for safety reasons) that we need a left turn land and left turn traffic light at the intersection of St. Rt. 32 and Dela Palma Rd.

If any of the citizens would like to write a letter to the trustees to support this thought please do so.

The trustee's received a request from residents living along two of our township roads to lower the speed limit. We as Township Trustee's don't have the authority to lower speed limits. We must file a request with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) asking for a speed limit reduction. We filed the proper request, and are glad to inform you ODOT authorized a speed limit reduction on Cain Run Road to 30 m.p.h., however, we regret to say ODOT denied a speed limit reduction on Hennings Mill Road.

We have noticed more and more advertisement type signs attached to utility poles throughout the township. They have become an eyesore around the township, and also when nails and screws are left in the poles, this can create a hazard for workers climbing the poles. We have instructed our township workers to remove these signs when they see them. Anyone wanting to claim a sign we removed can. These signs will be kept at the township maintenance building on North 8<sup>th</sup> St. for a reasonable amount of time. Any signs placed in the right of way that may obstruct a motorist view will also be removed.

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

Keeping you informed.

Williamsburg Township Newsletter  
P.O. Box 499  
Williamsburg, Ohio 45176-0499

BULK RATE  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Williamsburg, Ohio 45176  
Permit # 21

## Christmas Walk December 9 & 10, 2005

Don't miss the annual Village of Williamsburg Christmas Walk. The tentative schedule of events for this year is as follows:

### Friday, December 9 - 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.:

- ~ Visit the "North Pole" at the old Sunoco Station
- ~ Fire Truck rides (leaving from the corner of Third and Main Streets)
- ~ Craft show at Jazzatti's Rental Hall (127 North 3rd Street)
- ~ Miller's Amish Bakery goods for sale at Community Center
- ~ Garden Club Auction at Community Center
- ~ Live entertainment throughout the evening at the old Sunoco Station
- ~ Sit on Santa's lap at the "North Pole"
- ~ Finish your Christmas shopping - most local stores open during event!

### Saturday, December 10:

- ~ Parade at 11:00 a.m.
- ~ Craft show at Jazzatti's Rental Hall (127 North 3rd Street)
- ~ Finish your Christmas shopping - most local stores open during event!

For more information, contact the  
Williamsburg Christmas Walk  
Committee c/o 107 West Main Street  
Williamsburg, OH 45176 (513) 724-6107

---

## News From Your EMS & Fire

---

The year is rapidly coming to a close and we would like to remind everyone of the many hazards that come with this time of year. With the high cost of home heating fuels, a lot of citizens will be seeking alternative ways to heat our homes. Make sure your chimney is clean and in good working order along with all your heating equipment.

The flickering light of a candle can add beauty and tradition to the holidays. However, when left unattended or within a child's reach, they can turn your holidays into tragedy. Never use lighted candles on a tree or near evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles out of reach of children and pets.

Also if you have not change your batteries in your smoke and co detectors you should do so now. If you are in need of smoke detectors we have them available at the station for free. Thanks to the American Red Cross.

Last but not least have a happy holiday season, Watch for ice on the roads and **PLEASE KEEP IT SAFE.**

Fire Chief Richard R. Malott

---

## From the Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor

---

The Williamsburg Cemetery and Road Maintenance personnel have had a busy 2005. The crew replaced road pipe on Ireton and Happy Hollow Roads. They also paved Island Trail and East Island Trial Drives and the upper Williamsburg Cemetery Drive.

Along with the cemetery maintenance of mowing and trimming, there have been 75 burials in Williamsburg cemeteries since the first of January.

Grave spaces are available at Williamsburg and Concord Cemeteries. Spaces are \$200 per grave for Williamsburg residents and \$400 per grave for non-residents. For more information call Earl Whiteman at 724-1110.

Williamsburg Cemetery and Road Maintenance personnel -

Earl Whiteman  
Wayne Allison  
Brian Tatman

---

---

## Williamsburg Township Zoning Office 2005

---

To build a new residence, accessory building, or addition you will need the following to get a zoning certificate from the Williamsburg Township Zoning office. Anytime there is land space taken on our property for any building you will need a zoning certificate.

1. Parcel identification number (PIN) of property. 2.

Site plan - with dimensions.

3. Show on site plan where any existing buildings are located.

4. Show where the new building will be with dimensions of the building. If a single family residence is being built the least square footage will be **1,200** sq. ft. of living space

5. Show on the site plan how far it is to any property line.

Setbacks from each property line are as follows:

A. For front, measure from right-of-way to front line of building:

1. **60'** if Federal or State highway

2. **50'** if County or Township roadway

B. For side setbacks, each need to be a minimum of **12'** from property line to building line.

C. For back setback, it needs to be a minimum of **30'** from property line to building line.

D. New house construction cost \$50 for Zoning Certificate.

E. Accessory buildings cost is \$40 and room additions are calculated by the square footage.

If you have the above information which, will be used on the application form, it takes approximately fifteen minutes to get the certificate.

Williamsburg Township Zoning Department

(513) 724-5529

November 2005

---