

Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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

SPRING / SUMMER 2004

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From The Trustees

As a Trustee I would like to invite everyone to visit one of the Trustees' meetings. With input from residents the Trustees are better able to make decisions that benefit more residents. If you have a problem, call the Trustees and ask for assistance. If you have a concern about life in the Township, call the Trustees, or if you just have a question, please call the Trustees.

The only way that the Township can work effectively and to your benefit is to know what you need or want. Without that input decisions are made that you may not think benefits the Township. Even if the decision is not what you think it should be you should at least let us know.

Please visit us on the web at www.williamsburgtownship.org or contact Jim Taylor at jtaylor@williamsburgtownship.org, James Danbury at jdandbury@williamsburgtownship.org, Bari Henning at bhenning@williamsburgtownship.org, Greg Carson at gcarson@williamsburgtownship.org, & our Zoning Department at zoning@williamsburgtownship.org,

In November of last year the location of our voting poles in Williamsburg Twp. was moved from the elementary school to the Emergency Services building at 915 W. Main Street. We hope the change has and will provide easier access and better parking.

We are currently working on creating a land use plan for our Township. The trustee's have hired Frank Raeon, AICP, "Planning & Development Solutions" to assist the Township in completing the plan. Putting a land use plan in affect now can better prepare us for future development.

IT'S MOWING SEASON AGAIN

Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor

Please keep in mind the following rules and regulations regarding the cemeteries and roads.

Cemeteries - Please keep all flowers, statues, and other objects off of the ground. Maintenance personnel must remove all objects from the grass before mowing so not to cause injury to themselves or damage to the equipment.

Roads - Maintenance crews are scheduled to begin mowing the Williamsburg Township roads the first week of June. Please remind children to stay away from the roadside. Last year small children were hiding in tall weeds along a roadway. Luckily no one was hurt, but the incident caused the operator of the road mower great stress.

Earl D. Whiteman
724-2405

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

Keeping you informed.

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WILLIAMSBURG TOWNSHIP JUNK DAYS

Dumpsters will be available at the end of North 8th St., near the cemetery to receive hard to dispose of items.

DATES
June 10, 11 & 12

Thursday & Friday 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 am. until 5:00 p.m.

The following items will not be accepted: shingles or construction debris, paints, oil tanks, yard waste, tree limbs or shrubs, hazardous materials or car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs.

Refrigerators, freezer, air conditioners, dehumidifiers will only be taken if freon has been removed and tagged by certified technician.

Tires will be accepted at the following rate:

\$2.00 per car tire - 16" and below
\$5.00 if on rim

\$8.50 per a truck tire
\$18.00 if on rim

\$35.00 per tractor tire
\$50.00 if on rim

Proof of Williamsburg Township residency required!

For more information please contact
Earl Whiteman, Maintenance Supervisor
513-724-1110

June In
Olde Williamsburgh

June 10th ~ 12th

Williamsburg, Old High School

513-724-6107

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Permit # 21

News From Your Emergency Services

The Williamsburg Township Emergency Services has been very busy as of late. The Fire Division did not have a Thermal Imaging Camera, which are used for rescues in fires and heavy smoke and to find hidden fires in walls and other places that Firefighters cannot find without doing a lot of damage. We had several fund raisers and thanks to our citizens and some donations we were able to purchase a camera for our Department.

Our Fire Division also was the recipient of a FEMA Grant in late 2003 for \$89,658.00 the percentage that the Fire Department had to pay for the Grant was 10% or \$8,965.00. The money was spent on 38 sets of bunker gear, new helmets, gloves, and boots for our Firefighters. We also received another Thermal Imaging Camera and Seven Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) which are tanks used to enter a fire or heavy smoke. We also received fitness equipment consisting of 2 treadmills, a multi purpose gym, a recumbent bike, and a cross trainer. With the help of a matching Grant with Clermont County we will be starting an addition on the Emergency Service Building. This addition will contain sleeping quarters, showers, a day room, and exercise room. We now have paid Paramedics and EMT's at the station from Saturday 6 a.m. until 6 a.m. Monday. Thanks to our Citizens for making this possible by passage of the tax levy last November. We needed to do this as we were having trouble getting Volunteer coverage on weekends. And last but not least the Fire Department has purchased a used 85 ft. Aerial. We are adding equipment and will be training on it in the future before putting it into service.

Richard R. Malot
Emergency Services Cheif
724-7744

Williamsburg Township Zoning Office

Property owners in Williamsburg Township need a zoning certificate from the Zoning Department whenever land space is taken. For example, when a room addition is built, a shed (no matter what size), even the canopies that have removable sides or no sides, new buildings, pole barns, decks, & swimming pools (above ground or inground) are a few. Another thing the Township citizens need to do is get information on whether they need a zoning certificate for any signs that go up in the Township. There are many different signs and many different rules governing those signs. Some need a certificate and some don't, so call to find out.

If there is any Township residence that would like to participate on a Township Board there is an opening for a board member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Learn how the Township operates and assist in making decisions for Appeals to the Township Zoning Resolutions.

For more information call the Williamsburg Township Zoning Office at 724-5529.

HARMONY HILL

Did you know that the oldest structure in Clermont County is located at 299 South Third Street in Williamsburg? It is the Dairy House at Harmony Hill, the homestead site of Major General William Lytle, founder of our town.

In 1796, Lytle founded our town and chose 500 acres of prime property for his home. He named his homestead site "Harmony Hill", and there, in 1800, John Charles built Lytle's home, dairy house and land office. From the porch of his home he could look over the East Fork valley and see travelers on the Dela Palma Road (the main route to the Ohio State capitol in Chillicothe). He was a surveyor, and he sold thousands of acres of land from this historic site. He also served as the County's first Post Master and Clerk of Courts.

A decision was made after the Williamsburg Bicentennial Celebration in 1996, to form a committee called the Harmony Hill Association. This committee, consisting of Lucy Snell, Marty MacVeigh, Izella Cadwallader and James Lefferson, were to look into acquiring and restoring the dairy house, the only original building left. In 1997, they were able, with the help of others in the community, to raise \$115,000 to purchase the Harmony Hill property and move forward with the restoration. The historical and architectural significance of the dairy house was acknowledged when it was listed in 2001 on the National Register of Historic Sites.

Another goal of the committee was the establishment of a museum at the location. This, also, has become a reality. The museum is open to the public on the first Saturday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM and by special appointment. There are many interesting items on display pertaining to Lytle and Williamsburg. The Clermont County Historical Society also has an office and museum in the building.

The Association sponsors "History Week" each year in April for Williamsburg Elementary School 4th grade students. During the week, guest speakers go into the school and talk to the students about local, county and state history. Harmony Hill will also be included on several Underground Railroad tours throughout the coming year.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Harmony Hill organization or if you have any items you would care to donate or loan to the museum, call 724-7824.