

Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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From The Trustees

South Afton Industrial Park has been a vision of the Clermont County Commissioners and the Clermont County Department of Community and Economic Development for some time. This project is progressing at a steady pace as a business ready site for manufacturers. The property, purchased on February 1, 2016 will support job creation; as well as, new revenue to support our local school district and township services... This became a reality on April 4, 2018 when the Clermont County CIC reached agreement with the Williamsburg Township Trustees and the Village of Williamsburg, which will proceed in entering into a contract to create the Williamsburg Joint Economic Development District (JEDD). This will be achieved through various checks and balances, with respect to legal protocol, to accomplish this goal.

As Williamsburg Township Trustees, we are excited that the South Afton Industrial Park continues to draw interest from domestic and international manufacturing companies. To date the site has been submitted for 37 leads through REDI Cincinnati and JobsOhio. Of those 37 leads, Clermont County's economic development team has conducted eight site visits with companies.

Additionally, the Clermont County CIC announced a partnership with Miller-Valentine Group, one of the largest commercial real estate developers in the Cincinnati and Dayton markets. The Miller-Valentine Group is the preferred development partner for South Afton Industrial Park. This means that companies considering South Afton Industrial

Park for a new location can receive free construction cost estimates, preliminary site layout plans, financing assistance, and comparisons of ownership options including construction only, design-build or build-to-suit for lease. Although Miller-Valentine Group is the preferred developer for this site, any company considering South Afton Industrial Park for a new facility can still choose the builder of their choice.

This is an exciting opportunity for our community and we will continue to partner with the Clermont County Commissioners to make the best of each opportunity, as it becomes available.

Mr. & Mrs. Gaskins were chosen as the Williamsburg Township recipients to the 25th Annual Salute to Leaders this year. Tom and Anne Gaskins have lived in Williamsburg, Ohio for fifty years. They have five grown children, all of which graduated from Williamsburg High School. They have fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Tom and Anne have been a part of this community in many different ways. Tom started The Ministry To The Aged in 1974 where he served eleven nursing homes weekly. He and Anne are currently serving in five homes. The Ministry To The Aged wasn't just contained to going to nursing homes, they have done many funerals, hospital visits, home visits as well as always having an open door to their own home for people in need.

Anne, also known as Miss Annie, drove a school bus for forty-three years. She drove for Bethel Tate

Schools for her first two years and then drove her last forty-one years at Williamsburg Local Schools. Miss Annie not only drove her children to and from school each day, she loved and cherished them. Just ask to see the boxes of art work and letters she has accumulated and kept over the years!

Tom and Anne have lived their lives fully for the Lord Jesus Christ. What you see outside of their home is what you see inside their home. Many churches, families and individual people have supported them through the years with their finances and trust. Their lives have always represented a pillar of strength to many communities because of their true commitment and relationship with Jesus Christ.

It takes a family, church, and community to raise our children, their passion has an impact on that each day. Please join the community of Williamsburg Township in honoring Mr. & Mrs. Gaskins, your significant contribution to Williamsburg Township continues to make our community a great place to raise a family. For your passion to serve, we **Salute** you! Job well done!

Each March, the Clermont County Trustees Association meets at the Clermont County Public Health Department. After our regular order of business, the Clermont County Trustees adjourn, and a Clermont County District Advisory Council Meeting is held. The value this department offers our community is always an eye opener and has a lot to offer families in need. You can access their site through clermonthealthdistrict.org. Many of us may go through a time when just a

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little bit of help would be appreciated. We admire what they offer our community and their professionalism. Visit their website and speak with them, if the opportunity exists.

As reported last year, Williamsburg Township Zoning Officer, Vonnie Malott, started the gears turning to simplify and update our zoning regulations. The Williamsburg Zoning Board, Chairman David Durham, Ed Boll, Don Frodge, Paul Kieth, and Mike Pope have been very busy making the verbiage user-friendly and supporting Mrs. Malott in updating the regulations. Clermont County Community & Economic Development Assistant Director Adele Evans and County Planner Taylor Corbett has provided the technical support to accomplish this difficult task. The process has started to get the proper final approval from the Williamsburg Township Zoning Board, Clermont County Planning Commission, and the Williamsburg Township Trustees.

Hats off to Williamsburg Township Zoning Officer, Vonnie Malott for leading the march on this challenging task!

Williamsburg Township Junk Days have been set for June 7-9, 2018. The hours will be June 7th from 8am-8pm, June 8th from 8am-8pm, and June 9th 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 2018. For information concerning this event, please call 724-1110. The Williamsburg Township Maintenance Department Building is located at the

end of North 8th Street. Tires will not be accepted at this event.

Each year, the Clermont County Trustees Association (CCTA) hold their annual fund raiser. As in the past, Bonnie Batchler, Chairperson of the CCTA and Pierce Township Trustee, led the effort. Funds raised go toward those in need and our youth. This commendable effort raised a total of \$26,508.00. The guest speaker of this year's event was Tom Browning, which everyone enjoyed. Bonnie Batchler's perseverance and passion keeps the association on track, to accomplish this worthy achievement. Our very own Guy Bainum is dedicated to this team and plays a large part in the success. Congratulations on this great accomplishment!

Respectfully,

Guy Bainum Bari Henning
Gary Jordan

**Williamsburg Township
Junk Days
Spring Clean-up
Dates
June 7th, 8th & 9th**



**NEWS
FROM
YOUR**



**EMERGENCY
SERVICES**

What's new at Emergency Services Department... The Department has gone to electronic reporting for EMS details, this helps for better and faster reports, which results in quicker turnaround time at hospitals. With the increase in run volume from the past couple of years this will aid in our reporting procedures and save time. In 2015 the department had 1,381, in 2016 we had 1,358 and in 2017 we had 1,523 we have incurred an increase. We are averaging over a hundred runs a month.

With the increase in runs it helps with response time if your address is visible from the roadway. You may purchase a reflective number sign from the department. Cost is \$ 15.00 per sign.

With spring time comes spring cleaning, when burning brush please contact the Fire Department @ (513)724-7744 for a permit. Open burns are not permitted in the Village of Williamsburg.

Williamsburg Township Emergency Services would like to wish the community a safe and wonderful Spring/Summer.

Kevin Wiedemann
Chief

Williamsburg Township Zoning

There has been a change in the fees charged for permits effective January 1, 2018. This is the first time in 18 years that there has been an increase.

Fee Schedule:

Single Family Dwellings	\$200	Swimming Pools	Above Ground \$30 - In ground \$60
Two Family Dwellings	\$300	Re-Construction (alteration, addition, changes, etc.)	
Multi-Family Dwellings	\$150 per unit	Residential	\$75
Commercial/Industrial	\$.05 per sq. ft. /\$250 minimum	Commercial/Industrial	\$.05 sq. ft. / \$250
Garage & Accessory Buildings	100 sq. ft. or less \$30 -	Signs	\$2 sq. ft. / \$50 minimum
Over 100 sq. ft.	\$60		

If you have any questions pertaining to Zoning please call 513-724-5529

Williamsburg Township Road and Cemetery

Spring has finally made its way here. Which means mowing has begun. Remember that any decorations placed in the grass will be removed except for Memorial Day and 5 working days after. We have graves available for sale. If you want to purchase graves, please contact the office at 513-724-1110 to set up an appointment.

This past winter we used approximately 150 tons of road salt to keep the roads cleared.

Junk Days is set for June 7 and 8 from 8 am to 8 pm and June 9 from 8 am to 4 pm. Some items we can not accept are batteries, tires, anything with refrigerant and any liquids. If you have paint, remove the lids and let it dry out and then it can be brought in for disposal. We also can not accept propane tanks. If you have items that you are unsure of please call the office and we will let you know.

The week after Memorial Day road crews will be out mowing alongside the roads and trimming trees back. Please be careful when passing them and give them plenty of room.

Harmony Hill

Being one of 28 National Register of Historic Places in Clermont County, the Byron Williams' Greek Revival house is located at 112 Gay Street in Williamsburg, Ohio. This house was built around 1862-63 by Col. John Williams, father of Byron Williams, who was the famous historian of Clermont & Brown Counties. Roland & Vanessa Neth are the current owners.

The house played an important part in the Morgan Raiders' Narratives. The incident involved Capt. George Harris, who was in command of General Morgan's artillery. He decided to renounce his service in the Confederacy movement and was hidden in the attic of the home by Byron Williams, while several of Morgan's Raiders were sleeping in the rooms below. Once Morgan's Raiders moved out of Williamsburg Capt. Harris was able to reach General Burnside, a Union general. Eventually Capt. Harris joined his father, a notable officer in the Union service. This story was first published on July 12, 1892, in the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette and then reprinted many times.



HISTORY NOTES above are courtesy of the HARMONY HILL ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE HARMONY HILL ASSOCIATION ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. TO JOIN, SIMPLY FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION AND SEND TO: Harmony Hill Association, Inc., % Beth Barth, 3905 Elston Hockstock Rd., Batavia, Ohio 45103. We will send you a receipt for tax purposes. Checks should be made payable to Harmony Hill Association, Inc.

Check one:

- Lifetime Family Membership - \$100
 - Annual Family Membership - \$24
 - Annual Single Adult - \$12
 - Annual Student (K-12) - \$3
- Corporate memberships or donations from individuals are also gladly accepted!**

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Membership _____ Donation _____

Annual memberships are effective from January 1- December 31.

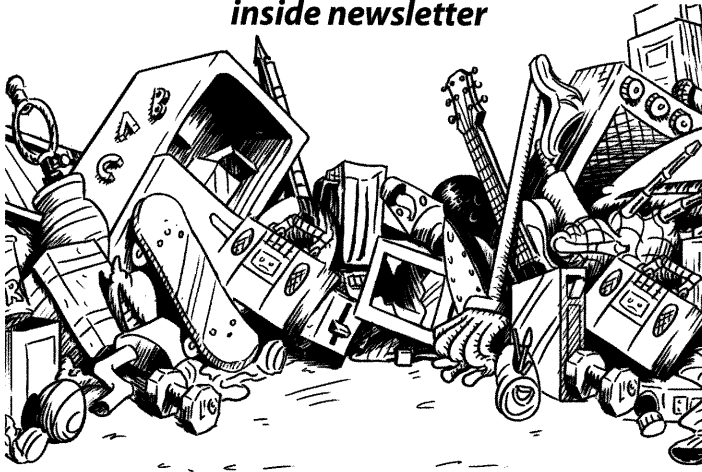
Visit the Harmony Hill Museum and Clermont County Historical Society Museum the first Saturday of each month from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. at 299 South Third Street, Williamsburg.

Williamsburg Township Junk Days

Spring Clean-up Dates

June 7th, 8th & 9th

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

June in Olde Williamsburgh

June 1st-2nd-3rd, 2018

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



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