



# Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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## From The Trustees

Driving past the St. Rt. 32/Half Acre corridor it is easy to see that economic growth is coming to Williamsburg Township. At an August ground breaking ceremony, Williamsburg Township Trustees had the opportunity to welcome Design Within Reach, on behalf of the residents of Williamsburg Township, to our community.

In discussion with the Clermont County Economic Development team the following high point was given, "The Clermont County CIC has sold its first property at South Afton Industrial Park to Duke Realty, which has begun to build a \$17 million, 617,760-square-foot, build-to-suit distribution facility for Design Within Reach, a furniture and home accessories company. Duke Realty purchased 46.83 acres at South Afton on July 9, 2018. The facility will be the second largest industrial building in Clermont County, second only to the former Ford plant, which was built 37 years ago. Design Within Reach expects to employ 85 people at its facility when it opens in 2019."

The Williamsburg Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer, joined by the Clermont County Commissioners, executives from Design Within Reach, and Duke Realty celebrated the ground breaking on August 15, 2018. Executives at Design Within Reach praised the site's proximity to a number of interstates and its markets in the eastern half of the United States.

At the ground breaking, this statement was given from the Williamsburg Township Trustees, "It has been the vision of the Williamsburg Township Trustees that the St. Rt. 32/Half Acre corridor would develop with quality businesses and bring economic growth, which is now South Afton Industrial Park. The Clermont County Commissioners commitment has made this effort a shared vision and a common goal. It takes leaders to identify an opportunity and create a solution, we appreciate their leadership. It has been a pleasure to partner with the Clermont County Commissioners and work with the Clermont County Economic Development team on this effort.

Design Within Reach ground breaking represents the start of a new chapter in this area's future. Collectively, our influence in leadership has made our vision a reality, and our passion to face into the challenges of change will continue to define our leadership.

The importance of economic development is just as significant as protecting the integrity of Williamsburg's Mayberry atmosphere. This community is a special place that we are sure you will come to value. South Afton Industrial Park is a place to bring business and grow a strong future, not only as a business, just as importantly, as a family.

Investment of tax payers' dollars has created a strong infrastructure at South Afton Industrial Park, which will bring a sustained return. We are fortunate that this opportunity happened in Williamsburg Township, and we are appreciative that Design Within Reach is the first to be a part of this tremendous opportunity. We call this home and are grateful that you made the decision to be part of it, welcome to Williamsburg Township!"

Continuous efforts are being made to attract other business partners to be a part of this ongoing initiative!

In September 2018, Republic trash removal services notified resident in the township that they would no longer extend these residential services. This notice left only Rumpke trash removal service as a provider, in the township, creating a monopoly.

The Williamsburg Township Trustees contacted Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District which supported Williamsburg Township in requesting proposals for waste collection and recycling services. Subsequently, Rumpke's proposal was reviewed and accepted to provide this service to the Williamsburg Township residents.

**This action is only for the residents of Williamsburg Township and not the residents of the Village of Williamsburg. The Village of Williamsburg will continue to have this service provided by Republic.**

The Trustees of Williamsburg Township prefers not to interfere with the financial decisions of the residents; however, **with trash removal service costs soaring and the fuel surcharge out of control**, we could not stand by and allow a monopoly to occur. At the regular Williamsburg Township meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018, we voted to accept and enter into a five year contract with Rumpke with a two year potential extension for a mutually agreed upon renewal option. The five year bid includes once per week curbside solid waste collection using (1) 96 gallon container (or equivalent size) provided by Rumpke and two times per month curbside recycling collection using (1) 65 gallon container (or equivalent size) provided by Rumpke.

One container for waste and one container for recycling will be provided by Rumpke with the customer having the option of increasing or deleting containers. Adding containers has an added cost reflected below.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
<b>Cost per month</b>	\$19.50	\$19.50	\$20.09	\$20.69	\$21.31
Additional 96 Gallon Container	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25
Additional 65 Gal. Recycle Container	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$3.25

⇒ For those who are physically disabled or otherwise unable to place waste at the curb, Rumpke will provide walk up service. This will require a written request from the customer and proof of disability may be required.

This action should result in a cost reduction for the residents each pay period and cost savings yearly, each year of the agreement, to include year five.

**All details will be communicated by Rumpke to the residents**, prior to the start of this contracted service, which will start April 1, 2019. If you already use



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services from Rumpke, the greatest change that you will experience will be a cost reduction and no surcharge.

Mr. Wendell Cowdrey, past Chief of the Williamsburg Fire Department, passed away on September 2, 2018. Mr. Cowdrey joined the Fire Department in 1949. Due to his leadership, he was promoted to Captain. On January 1, 1970 he was appointed Fire Chief and continued to serve until December 31, 1976, when he retired from the Fire Department. Rising to the position of Chief is commendable, the passion to keep the community safe is an admirable quality in one's character. Chief Cowdrey volunteered on the Fire Department for twenty-seven years, five of those years as Chief. Williamsburg Township is grateful for his service and the sacrifices that Chief Cowdrey and his family went through as he served our community and kept us safe.

With fall in sight, the first snow will be here before you know it. Our Township Maintenance Department has the salt bins ready and is prepared to keep our roads safe this winter. The following is information from the Clermont County Sheriff's Department on snow advisory information, and is placed in the fall township newsletter each year. Please review for your safety!

### **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. This information can be viewed at, [www.clermontsheriff.org](http://www.clermontsheriff.org).

**Our goal is to keep everyone safe and our township roads clear.**

Last but not least, each year on November 11, we honor veterans across the country. Williamsburg Township is a great community to raise a family and we live free in a great country. This Veterans Day, take time to exhibit our thankfulness to those that served and reflect on those who paid the ultimate price. On behalf on the community of Williamsburg Township, "We are grateful for all veterans who served our country, your service makes our Township proud, Thank you!"

Respectfully,

Guy Bainum

Bari Henning

Gary Jordan

## **Williamsburg Township Road and Cemetery**

### **Roads**

Winter is approaching soon, during snow and ice events please keep a safe distance when following salt equipment. If possible move over to the edge of the road the best you can. The Township has 250 tons of salt on order for the winter of 2018/2019.

We replaced a couple of road pipes this year. One was on Todd's Run Foster Road and the other was on Bass Road. The pipes were damaged from debris and fertilizer from fields washing thru them. Both pipes were metal, now they are plastic and there should be less maintenance issues with them.

### **Cemetery**

The Township still has plenty of grave spaces available to purchase. If you would like to purchase any please contact the maintenance office at 513-724-1110 to schedule an appointment. This past spring and summer has been a trying time for our crew with the grass mowing. The seasons were very wet and made it difficult to keep up the mowing of the cemetery. We do apologize for any issues that you may have had. The crew takes pride in the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery because it is such a special place. We have not been able to do some of the other projects that we have had scheduled to do this year. We will get them finished as quickly as possible. Just a reminder that during mowing season any decorations in the grass will be removed for mowing purpose.

## **News from your Emergency Services**

The Department is happy to announce that we are now staffed with (2) EMS members 24/7, this will allow for quicker response times on EMS runs. Please welcome our new part-time hire, Anthony Dryden EMT/Firefighter to the department. The department would like to remind everyone to have working smoke detectors installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries. With the winter months ahead, please have your chimney checked for creosote buildup, a little preventive maintenance could save a life. I would like to thank the community for your continued support and would like to wish everyone a safe Holiday season.

Thank you,  
Kevin Wiedemann Fire Chief

**SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!**  
**CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES!**





## \*\*\*\*\* Williamsburg Township Zoning Office \*\*\*\*\*

### New Resolution Book 2018

After several meetings of the Williamsburg Township Zoning Commission, members: David Durham, Ed Boll, Don Frodge, Paul Keith, Mike Pope and Chad Graybill and the Planner, Taylor Corbett, with the Department of Community & Economic Development at Clermont County the updated Williamsburg Township Resolution Book is on-line at: [williamsburgtownship.org](http://williamsburgtownship.org). It is easier to understand and very well organized. There is also a copy of the book at the Law Library in Batavia, and the Williamsburg Library. If there are questions concerning text that you need clarified call the Williamsburg Township Zoning Office at 513-724-5529. I am not in the office all of the time but when you leave a message I do get back to you as soon as possible.

## \*\*\*\*\* Harmony Hill \*\*\*\*\*

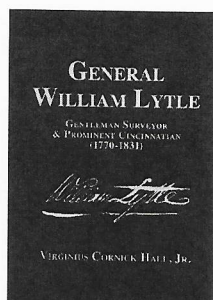
Have you ever wondered about the characteristics of the pioneers who left the comforts of the East in order to settle an uncharted area full of animals, Indians, and who knows what?

If you have, or if you are just curious about the founding of our area, a recently published book, **GENERAL WILLIAM LYTLE, GENTLEMAN SURVEYOR & PROMINENT CINCINNATIAN**, was written by his Great-Great-Great Grandson, Virginius Cornick Hall, Jr. The author used the famous "Lytle papers" for the information and printed General Lytle's own words as



**Miniature of William Lytle**  
by Unknown Artist  
*In Possession of Author*

he chronicled his life from a young boy of 10 traveling by boat down the Ohio River, shooting and skinning a bear at the age of 14, fighting -Indians, becoming a surveyor, founding the town of Williamsburg, Ohio, and ending his final days as a prominent citizen of Cincinnati. These papers convey the General's life and character as well as the world in which he lived. Especially of interest is the description of how he carved the town of Lytlestown, now known as Williamsburg, from the wilderness and his days of living at Harmony Hill.



The book includes a copy of the earliest known map of Williamsburgh, thought to be drawn by Lytle. This book is a revealing portrait of the man and his life as a pioneer through his letters and records. Once reading this, the reader will have a greater admiration of those who settled this area.

This book is only available through the Harmony Hill and Dairy House Museum for a donation of \$15 plus postage.

Contact Izella Cadwallader at 513-724-7790 or visit the museum on the first Saturday of each month 1-4 pm located at 299 S. Third St., Williamsburg.

### 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

# Christmas Walk

FRIDAY  
DEC. 7, 2018  
5PM-9PM



Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year  
From  
Williamsburg Township

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