

# Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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On March 19, 2020, the Clermont County Board of Health held their annual meeting with the Clermont County Trustees, and other Clermont County leaders. As usual, the Board of Health delivered a comprehensive review of Clermont County Public Health's accomplishments in 2019 and more importantly, direction for 2020, and beyond. This team led by Julianne Nesbit, Clermont County Health Commissioner, quietly plays a significant role in our everyday lives by addressing the community health needs. As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) changes our everyday life and becomes a household term, locally and globally, it becomes more apparent of the impact this team provides for us and the resources that is offered. Their website can be located at <a href="https://www.ccphohio.org">www.ccphohio.org</a>. We appreciate all that they accomplish for us and consider them to be part of the front line with health care providers, Emergency Services, and our Sheriff Department/Police. We are all in this together and these leaders are there for us! On behalf of Williamsburg Township, Thank You!

For each of us, as a Williamsburg Township resident, there is pride in the community atmosphere. Please continue wellness checks, by phone or as appropriate, on family and neighbors, as we experience the effects of COVID-19. Many of the Churches in the community continue to have on-line worship services. The Williamsburg Food Pantry is always in need of donations so they can continue to serve those in need.

It has come to our attention that Williamsburg Township Resident, Larry Cadwallader has quietly retired from the Board of Health, after serving the citizens of Clermont County for 15 years. Prior to that, Mr. Cadwallader served as an elected Williamsburg Township Trustee for 24 years. Thank you for all the years of community service and dedication to Williamsburg Township and Clermont County in your contribution to improve the quality of our community and lives. **Job well done!** 

The Clermont County Chamber has identified, through each community, their annual "Salute to Leaders" which recognizes individuals who played a significant role in their community. This year's Williamsburg Township nominee is David Caudill. The Salute to Leaders will be rescheduled for later this year; however, we don't want to miss the opportunity to give credit where recognition is deserved.

David Caudill's passion for community service began as he served our country from 1956 - 1964, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force, specializing as a Communication Center Specialist. His service took him to countries such as Canada. Japan, Korea, and Italy. He served at the Pentagon as well, during the Cuban missile crisis. Becoming a Williamsburg Township resident in 1970, he worked as a teacher for the Batavia Public Schools, from 1966 -1991. During this time he served as the Teacher Association's President presiding as chief contract negotiator at the bargaining table. He also served as assistant football coach. His service to Williamsburg Township started in 1980, when he began as a volunteer Basic EMT, then Advanced EMT, and for the last 29 years as a paramedic on the Williamsburg Township Life Squad. During that time he served as life squad chief in 1985 and again in 1988. David Caudill also served as an assistant to the Township Fiscal Officer for two years and was then appointed as the Fiscal Officer. He ran and was elected for eight years until he retired, serving as the elected Fiscal Officer from 1991-1999. Mr. Caudill has been a member of the Williamsburg American Legion Post #288 since 1986 and served as the Post Commander in 1992. He served as the Post Chaplain from 1987 - 2018 and led the Memorial Day Community Service in all three township cemeteries as well as three in Brown County. Accomplishments include a Master's Degree in History and Political Science; as well as, a Minor in Education. His post graduate studies were conducted at "The Ohio State" and Northern Kentucky University. Mr. Caudill is a member of Batavia Lodge # 104, F. & A. M., achieving Past Master in 1973, 1976, and 1980. He has been a member of Williamsburg Faith Baptist Church, since 1972. David is the proud parent of two adult children, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. David Caudill, on behalf of our community, the Williamsburg Township Trustees Salutes you for your passion

Williamsburg Township Junk Days have been set for June 11-13, 2020. The intent is to move forward with this event. Instructions on spacing/intervals will be given, as you enter the area. The hours will be Thursday, June 11 from 8am-8pm, Friday, June 12 from 8am-8pm, and Saturday, June 13 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 2020. For information concerning this event, please call Brian Tatman at 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.

Williamsburg Emergency Mission/Pantry is supported by several churches in the Williamsburg area. It is operated out of the Williamsburg United Methodist Church, in collaboration with other churches in the area. Many residence use this effort when they are in need of a hand up. This is a very difficult time for many, regardless of the situation. The Williamsburg Emergency Mission/Pantry is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am through 1pm and their number is 513-724-0085. For those who do not need the support at this time, it is an excellent opportunity to support the Williamsburg Emergency Mission/Pantry through a monetary or food donation. We are all in this together.

Williamsburg Township randomly places a radar sign on various roads, to obviously bring awareness of a drivers speed. It is an effort to bring awareness to safety, for everyone on the road. As school year comes to an end, however that may turn out, please remind all new drivers to drive safe, and commit to safety. Please exercise safety as the State, County, and Township road crews are out working on the roads.

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It is that time of year when our high school seniors graduate! The 2020 graduating class has proven to be champions in the classroom and on the sports field. As a community, we are so proud of your achievements! You have been provided with an excellent education, from the very best teachers, and have been prepared for the next exciting chapter in your life. Congratulations on your accomplishments and God's Blessing and Grace!

Williamsburg Township Emergency Services and Williamsburg Township Maintenance Department remains highly functional, during this difficult time. We are asking for prayers for those in these departments, that keep us safe, and serving individuals around us that are not well. It is important to remember to support our local businesses, in this very difficult time for them. Be safe, stay strong, and remain well, as a community.

Respectfully,

Guy Bainum - Bari Henning - Gary Jordan





I hope that everyone is safe and healthy, who would have thought 2020 would have started like this. Myself, Clermont County EMS Chiefs, and Clermont County Health Department have been communicating almost daily to stay ahead of the COVID-19, pandemic. The health and wellbeing of our members and the community is our top priority. The document below reflects the procedure that has been implemented to protect our community and EMS members, during this time. The Township has ordered a new state of the art 2020 Ford F-550 life squad, the expectation is that it should be delivered in June. The new unit will take the place of the 2009 unit, the older unit will now be used as a back-up unit. With warmer weather coming, please remember when doing yard work to trim tree branches from obstructing your driveway. This will help if our units need to get to your property. The village has a NO open burn policy, if you live in the township you can stop by the Firehouse Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for a burn permit.

Thank you, Chief Wiedemann

Williamsburg Township Emergency Services Office of Chief Wiedemann 915 West Main Street Williamsburg Ohio, 45176 Phone: 513-724-7744 Fax: 513-724-1134

#### WTES COVID-19 Changes

The Williamsburg Township Emergency Services will be implementing the following changes at the recommendation of CDC, Clermont County EMA and the Fire Chiefs to go into effect March 18, 2020.

- The Fire Station will be closed to the public until further notice. If you have any business to conduct with the Department, please call the Station @ 513-724-7744.
- 2. If you need an ambulance, Call 911 and not the Station.
- We will no longer be taking a passenger with us in the ambulance to the hospital. An exception will be made for a minor child/mentally challenged or special needs patient we will take (1) one parent/caregiver with us.
- We will only be transporting to the four (4) closest hospitals: Clermont Mercy, Mt Orab Mercy, Anderson Mercy and Bethesda North. Trauma patients requiring a Level 1 trauma center will be taken to UC Main and children will be transported to Children's Main.
- We thoroughly disinfect the Units and equipment after each patient encounter.
- 6. If you have any questions concerning COVID-19 go to cdc.gov for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

Thank you, Chief Wiedemann

# Zoning, Roads and Cemetery .

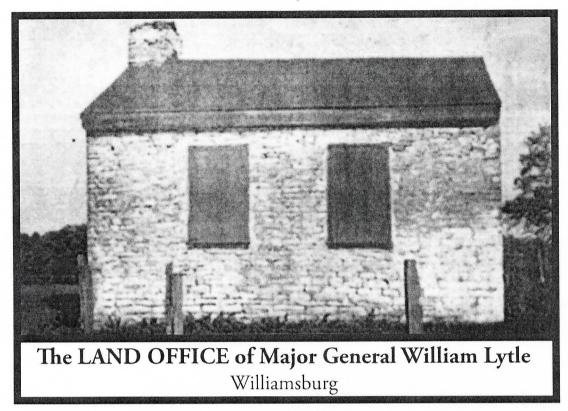
Just a reminder mowing season is starting, any decorations left in the grass, at the cemetery, will be removed and discarded except for Memorial Day and 5 working days after. We also have plenty of graves for sale. If we receive a foundation order by May I, it will be installed before Memorial Day. If we receive it after May I, it will be sometime in July before we pour foundations again. If you need to make an appointment to purchase graves please call the office to set up an appointment at 513-724-1110.

This past winter was very light with snow and ice, we only used 25 tons of salt for the entire winter. A normal winter we go thru 120 to 175 tons of salt. Williamsburg Township and Tate Township bought a Durapatcher Machine together. It is used for patching and repairing roadways. It will help extend the life of roadways. It will be a great tool for both departments. The Spring Clean Up/ Junk Days is scheduled for June 11th and 12th from 8am to 8pm and June 13th from 8am to 4pm. Some items we do not accept are tires, anything with refrigerant, oils and paints. If you have paint that is dry we can take it.

The Zoning Office is open by appointment only. All yards and lots shall be kept free of overgrown grasses, debris, junk, junk vehicles, and other materials that may cause a fire, health, or safefy hazard, or general unsightliness. No junk, inoperable, unlicensed, or unregistered vehicle shall be located on any property, except when stored within a completely enclosed building or when such storage is permitted as a principal use in the applicable zoning district. Hazards and unsanitary conditions shall be eliminated. The storage of flammable or hazardous materials must conform to the ORC and the requirements of the OEPA.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Tatman Williamsburg Township Zoning, Roads & Cemetery Supervisor btatman@williamsburgtownship.org

# Harmony Hill •



General William Lytle (1770-1831), known as the "Father of Clermont County", was a surveyor for the greater part of his life and surveyed more lands in Ohio than any other surveyor. He surveyed 139,000 acres of the Virginia Military District, which was set aside as payment to soldiers of the American Revolution. He then chose Williamsburg to be his own home, naming his residence "Harmony Hill" because of its unusual beauty. Harmony Hill consisted of Lytle's frame house, stone land office, dairy house and barn. The house burned but the stone dairy house remains, after being restored and is named on the National Register of Historic Places, It is thought to be the oldest standing structure in Clermont County. Lytle's residence has been replaced by a structure that houses the Harmony Hill Association and Museum and The Clermont County Historical Society.

Through the efforts of the Southwest Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, the foundation of Lytle's land office has recently been located and uncovered. The Harmony Hill Association is endeavoring to rebuild this structure, which was the only land office within the 4.2 million acres of the Virginia Military District. Both Presidents Lincoln and Grant visited Lytle's land office. Rebuilding the land office would draw much interest in the area's historical landscape. Applications for grants have been submitted as well as support from local organizations. Also, individual contributions are much appreciated.

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

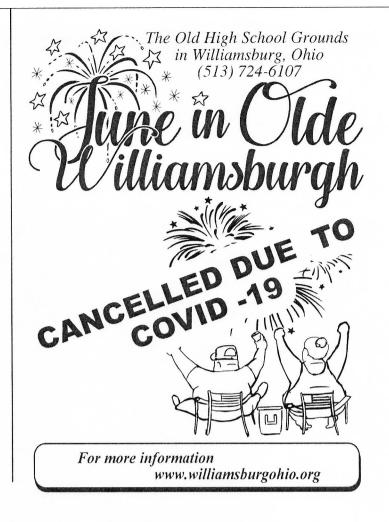
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# Williamsburg Township Junk Days Spring Clean-up Dates June 11, 12, 13,

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