



Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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From The Trustees

COVID19 has not letup and we continue to persevere! Many adjustments have been made to adapt to changes from this pandemic. Williamsburg Township has experienced COVID19 in adults and the youth in our community. Social distancing, wearing a mask, and using common sense in situations or gatherings is part of our new normal. Please continue wellness checks, by phone or as appropriate, on family and neighbors, as we experience the effects of COVID-19.

The Clermont County Board of Health team, led by Julianne Nesbit, Clermont County Health Commissioner, stays current on the community health needs. As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) changes our everyday life, this group is there for us. Their website can be located at www.ccphohio.org. We are not in this alone!

Great news at South Afton Park, Nestles Purina has purchased the remaining 193 acres and has submitted a site plan investing \$550 million to build a 1.2 million square foot facility, in our community. This State of the Art, technology advanced facility, will house numerous production lines. Purina will hire approximately 300 employees, with the intent to hire locally. The facility will have expanded rail services with more than 14 rail cars of grain delivered each day. Significant amounts of grain will be required with the request to obtain and source locally to produce the dry pet food. The project is expected to be complete and operational by 2023.

Many states and communities bargained hard to secure this opportunity. Williamsburg Township will be the site; which, is one of two new Purina plants that will produce pet food on the east side of the country.

It has been the vision of the Williamsburg Township Trustees that the St. Rt. 32/Half Acre corridor, South Afton Park, would develop with quality businesses and bring economic growth. Governor DeWine and the Clermont County Commissioners commitment has made this effort a shared vision, a common goal. It takes leaders to identify an opportunity and create a solution, we appreciate their leadership. As always, the Clermont County Economic Development Team, led by Department of Community and Economic Development Director Michael McNamara and Assistant County Administrator Greg Bickford, has played a significant role in making this project a reality. Hopefully, this will be a segue for restaurants and other businesses to bring workforce development to Williamsburg Township.

As the project progresses, expect detailed information from the Clermont County Commissioners and Clermont County Economic Development Team and, as always, we will update through our newsletters. To view and apply for positions at Purina's newest factory, please visit purinajobs.com/WilliamsburgTownship. To receive alerts and updates on new available positions, visit purinajobs.com/OH.

After numerous attempts, the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce met the challenge to hold and recognize the 2020 Salute to Leaders. This was due to COVID19 risk and the difficulty of how to coordinate a large group of Salute to Leaders nominees. After many changes, the event was held and Williamsburg Township 2020 Salute to Leader candidate David Caudill was recognized. Late summer, David made a conscious decision to step back from the Williamsburg Emergency Services after 40 years of dedication to the residence of Williamsburg Township. Forty years of coming to the aid of residence, addressing their need, and viewing the relief shown on the faces of those in need and their families. David, on behalf of Williamsburg Township, thank you and we are grateful for your service. Enjoy your family, the grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Job well done servant!

Former Williamsburg Emergency Fire Chief Ken Wylie has announced his retirement. Mr. Wylie joined the Williamsburg Township Emergency Services in July of 1984 and served as the Chief of Williamsburg Emergency Services from 2010-2014. During that time, he served Central Joint Fire & EMS and New Richmond Fire Department, as well. He continued to volunteer in our community, after he stepped down as Fire Chief.

It is known that Ken's father was the most influential person in his life. Ken is proud to tell anyone that, "My father showed us how to live an exceptional life, living by the two greatest commandments: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself." Without a doubt, your father would have been proud of you and we are as well! Job well done servant!

Williamsburg Emergency Services consist of full-time employees, part time employees, and volunteers. The volunteers make up the largest part of this team. For some time, the number of volunteers has been diminishing. If you are interested in opportunity to serve on the Fire Department or Emergency Services, please call Chief Wiedemann at 513-724-7744.

Williamsburg Township Fiscal Officer Greg Carson, has completed a clean audit with all funds accounted for. Williamsburg Township is one of several townships in Clermont County to post online spending on OhioCheckbook.com. As we remain prudent in managing Williamsburg Township tax payer's money, this is an excellent way to give taxpayers full transparency to how the money is being spent.

Veteran's Day is November 11, 2020. Individuals who have served are this country's National Treasure. It's an opportunity to reflect on our freedom and the fact that freedom is not free. The Village of Williamsburg has done a tremendous job posting pictures of our veterans. Keep in mind that the pictures of all the veterans may not be posted. Some veterans may be at the American Legion Hall or quietly at home. Some rest

at graveside and we are their spokespersons! An example would be Medal of Honor recipient John H. Wageman who lies in rest at Clover Cemetery. Mr. Wageman was an American Soldier who fought for the Union Army during the American Civil War. He received the Medal of Honor for Valor. And was part of the 60th Ohio Infantry. This honor was received on July 27, 1896 for his actions at the second Battle of Petersburg on July 17, 1864. It is a story worth the effort to research! Regardless if it is General Lytle, one of the named veterans posted in the Village, who died in action or MIA/Pow, or one that we are unaware of, this veterans' day, and always, take the time and opportunity to recognize what the holiday is set for, reflect on those who have served and thank a veteran for their service and your Freedom! More information can be obtained on Williamsburg history from the team at Harmony Hill, which has recorded and kept up history for future generations. Information on our history, news, and events can be obtained at harmonyhillmuseum.com. Did you know that 189 Civil War Veterans are buried in the Williamsburg Township Cemetery? In the Spring, we acknowledged our graduating high school 2020...

In the Spring, we acknowledged our graduating high school 2020 seniors! As a community, we are so proud of the Class of 2021! You are receiving an excellent education, from the very best teachers, and they are preparing you for the next exciting chapter in your life. As you meet, address, and overcome all the challenges of what COVID 19 presents you during the school year, we wish you God's Blessing and Grace! You are true champions and you are our future! Go Wildcats!!!

Williamsburg Township randomly places a radar sign on various roads, to obviously bring awareness of a driver's speed. Drive safe and please watch for children by the road.

Winter is just around the corner. Just a reminder, 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.

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

Our next newsletter will be in the spring. By that time much development on Nestles Purina will have been accomplished and there will be a lot more information to share. We wish you all the Blessings for Thanksgiving and God's Grace during the Christmas Holidays! Be safe, stay strong, and remain well, as a community.

Our Community is a tremendous place to live and an incredible place to raise a Family!

Respectfully,

Bari Henning, Gary Jordan, Guy Bainum

Zoning

The Zoning office is open by appointment only by calling 513-724-5529. A zoning permit is required for any structure thru the township. Then you have to go to Clermont County Permit Central to get permits thru the County. When applying for a zoning permit you need a detailed site plan of where the structure will be on your property and how far it is from your property lines. If you have any questions please contact the Zoning Administrator.

Roads

Winter is on its way, just a reminder when cleaning your driveway push the snow to the sides of your driveway not out in the roadway. The Township has approximately 120 tons salt on hand and another 120 tons salt on order if we need it. The road crew has been out patching several roads with the new Durapatcher this year. We will continue to patch roads as long as the road temperatures stay up. The Township is working with the Clermont County Engineer on blacktopping roads next year.

Cemetery

We still have plenty of graves spaces available. If you need a cemetery plot please call the Maintenance office to make an appointment at 513-724-1110. Just a reminder Shephard Hooks are not allowed in the Cemetery. If you want to place Christmas decorations in the grass please wait until after December 1, we will be mowing and mulching leaves until then.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Tatman

Williamsburg Township

Zoning, Roads & Cemetery Supervisor btatman@williamsburgtownship.org

Updated Covid 19 case number information can be found on the Clermont County Board of Health website at ccphohio.org. The department would like to extend the invitation to the Township Board to join the Clermont County Board of Health in the following ways:

The department would like to extend the gratitude to the Township Trustees on the support of the purchase of a new 2019 Horton Life Squad. The new unit was put in service in June of this year.

Williamsburg Township Emergency Services announces the retirement of Former Fire Chief Ken Wylie and Former EMS Chief Dave Caudill. Ken joined the department in 1984 and Dave joined the department in 1980. Please join us in congratulating these two on a standout career serving the community with compassion, dedication and leadership. We wish them a very happy and healthy retirement.

Respectfully,

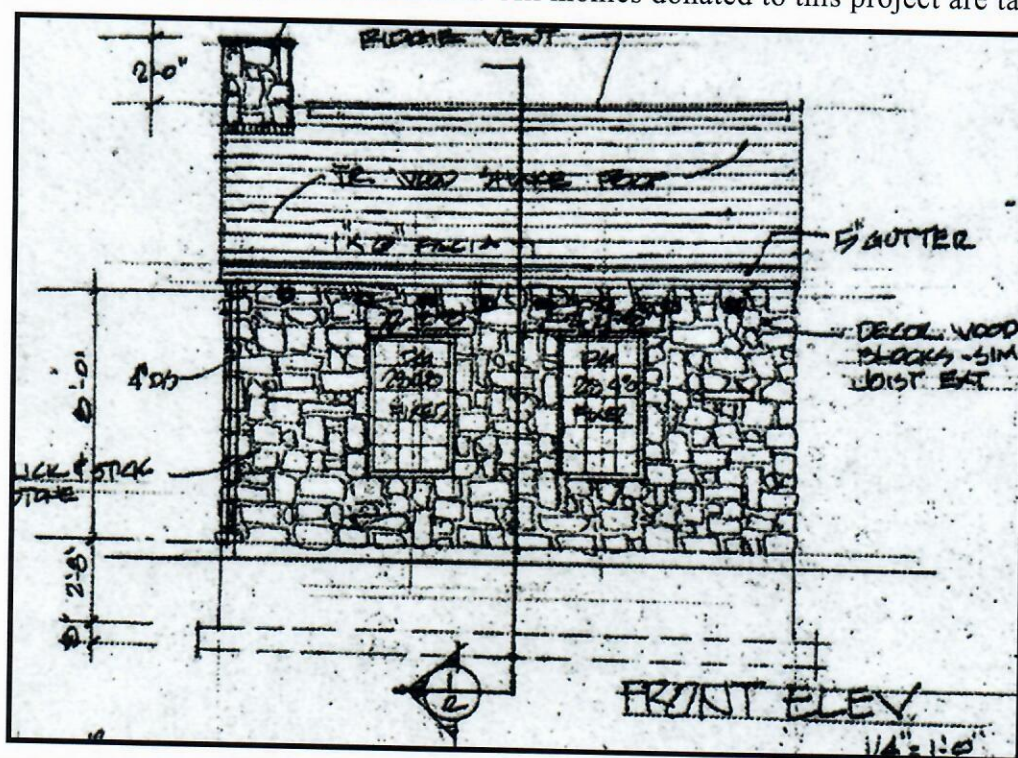
Kevin Wiedemann Fire Chief Williamsburg Township Emergency Services Station: 513-734-7744
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Harmony Hill

Harmony Hill, General William Lytle's homestead, included a frame house, a stone dairy house, and a stone land office. Lytle hired John Charles, a stone mason, to begin construction of these structures in 1800. Lytle's house and the stone land office are gone today but the dairy house continues to stand and has been designated on the National Register of Historic Places. Recently, the remains of the west wall stone foundation of the land office was located through the efforts of the Board of Harmony Hill Association and the Southwest Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio. Further excavation found remnants of the other walls of this 18' x 18' stone structure. As previously reported The Harmony Hill Association is endeavoring to rebuild General William Lytle's land office. This is a far reaching goal which will impact Williamsburg, the Township and the County. It will be an excellent educational tool of Lytle's surveying career, for our residents and children, as well as attracting those interested in the historical significance of the Virginia Military District. A section of the architect's plan is pictured but funds are needed. Please consider donating whatever you are able. Small contributions combined build into large projects. Harmony Hill Association is 501 C3 charitable foundation. All monies donated to this project are tax deductible.



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 _____

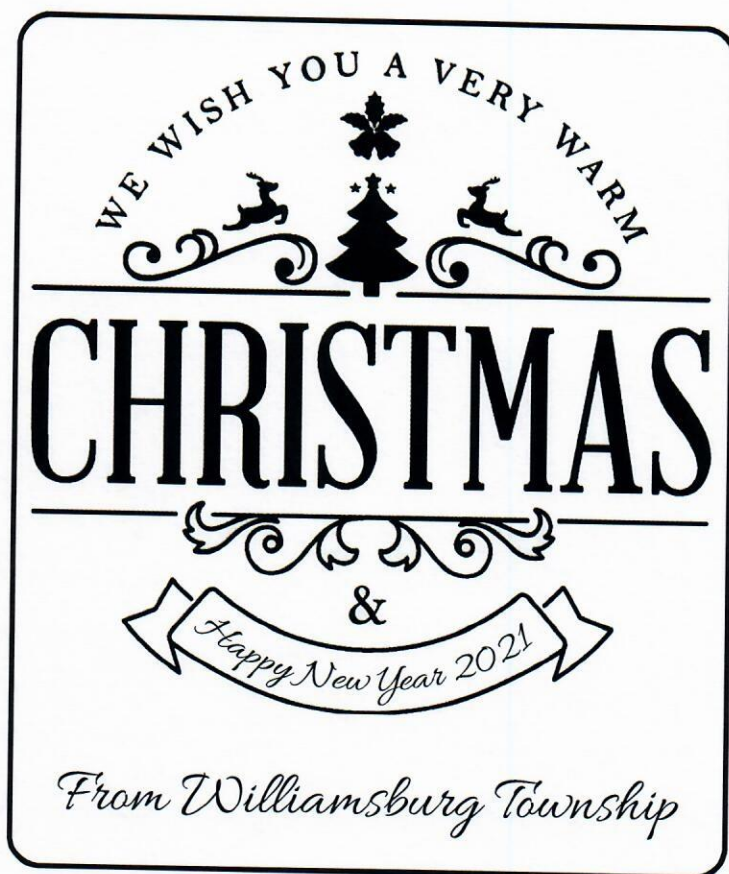
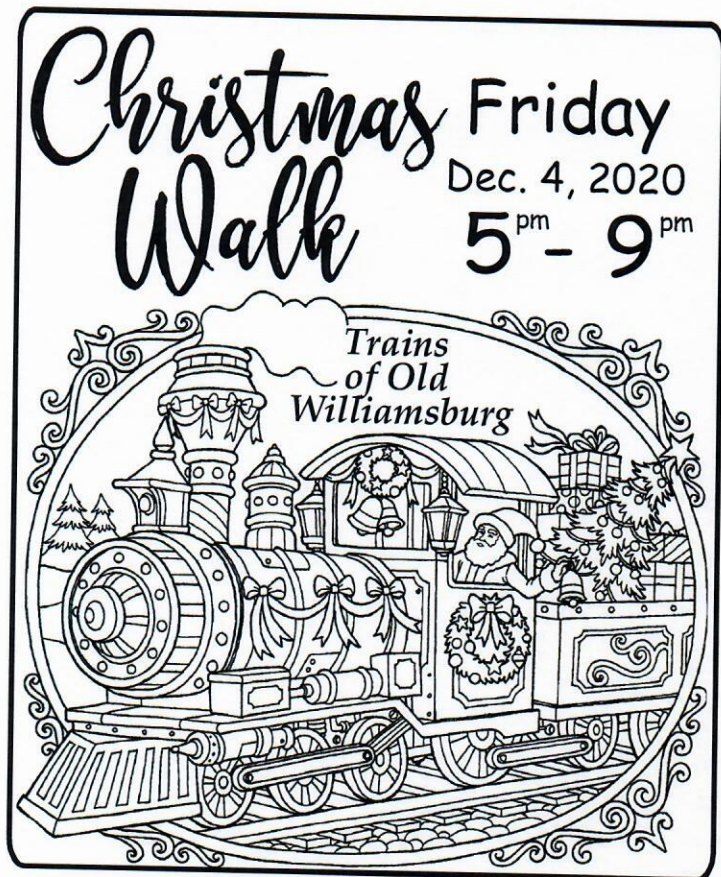
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Zip _____

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.



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