



# Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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## From The Trustees

Three community leaders passed away during 2025. Allen Boothby and Jim Taylor had served Williamsburg Township as trustees and dedicated their time and skill set to the betterment of our community. Tara Bice served Williamsburg Emergency Services for over 30 years. Each of these leader's dedicated public service added value to our community and we extend our condolences, on behalf of the residents, to their families. Their dedication has made our community a tremendous place to live and a better place to raise our families. **Their commitment to serve and their leadership did not go unnoticed, and we are grateful!**

It's has been a challenging year for the residents to navigate around the township, county, and state roads, due to improvements this summer. This road work was needed prior to the beginning of the new school year. The bridge on Bethel Concord has been closed for much of the year for emergency repairs. Initial work on the bridge had started only to be washed out by another 100-year downpour. Jeremy Evans, Clermont County Engineer, is focused on the best type of repair and a request for more dedicated funds to properly address the issue. His main focus is to keep residents safe on the roads. This bridge will remain shut down and hopefully will be repaired by year end 2025 or in the first quarter of 2026. For a complete list of Clermont County current roads, bridge construction, project status, to include closures go to [clermontengineer.org](http://clermontengineer.org).

Earlier in the spring, we met with the Clermont County Engineers and Ohio Department of Transportation concerning the traffic at Half Acre and Sauls Drive in South Alton Park. Topics were traffic safety at Half Acre Road, James Sauls Drive and Alton Drive. Clermont County Engineers will be installing a roundabout by Purina and Design Within Reach to reduce the congestion and create a safer traffic pattern in this area.

Williamsburg Township coordinated another meeting with Adam Bird, Ohio House of Representatives 63rd District requesting support on a bridge(s) over McKeever Road and Dela Palma Road. This area continues to be a high area of accidents which has resulted in deaths and near-death accidents. More growth in the area will create significant safety challenges. The time to prepare for the construction of a bridge takes a considerable amount of planning. Williamsburg Township remains persistent on this issue. We are grateful that Representative Bird took the time to meet with us on this very serious matter!

Sally Drive and Coon Avenue were resurfaced this summer. The road project for 2026 will be Ashton Road and possibly full depth repair of Musgrove Road. Ongoing discussions have already taken place concerning which road(s) will be resurfaced in 2027.

We have been in the process of renewing Williamsburg Township's 20-year Land Use Plan. Drew DeMarsh, Clermont County Economic Development, is working with us to prepare an updated document reflecting our current values of area growth and land usage within the township. This comprehensive update will support our desire to maintain the rural charm of our community while driving economic growth on the St. Rt. 32 corridor. We are dedicated to honoring our past and shaping our future!

Prior to completing this initiative, we will need to survey the residents of the community to get their input on numerous issues which are economic in nature concerning business, rural growth, and sensitive issues, such as solar, nuclear, or other energy related matters in the Williamsburg Township area. Our intention is to get the greatest response obtainable so we can understand the values of the residents. Once this is completed, we will be able to complete the Williamsburg Township's 20-year Land Use Plan. The survey will be communicated in advance.

We are putting final touches on our Williamsburg Township Policy document and our Standard Operation Guidelines (SOG) for our Emergency Services team. We endeavor to maintain and update documents for operational guidelines and responsibilities for the trustees, fiscal officer, and all employees. As economic development continues to move through our township and other technologies, such as artificial intelligence, social media, and information technology, we want to stay at the leading edge of this change, being pro-active not reactive. All changes go through the Clermont County Prosecutors office (legal) to be reviewed and legally acceptable.

Fiscal Officer Doug Lefferson and trustees attended the Clermont County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC). All Enterprise Zones, Tax Increment Financing, and Community Reinvestments were approved. The intent of this meeting is to review these agreements with area businesses and review compliance with the understanding of agreements.

Williamsburg Township is patrolled by the Clermont County Sheriff's Office. When available, the Sheriff's office reviews the offense report in our stated public meetings with the Trustees. The report is a very comprehensive account of the activity within the township and a monthly running record of activities. We appreciate and value the daily commitment this team provides, keeping our community safe.

On August 21, 2025, Design Within Reach kicked off their groundbreaking of a 112,320 square foot expansion at their 617,760 square foot facility. We appreciate their commitment to growth and their boldness to embrace the fact that they are proud to be in Williamsburg Township!

We have been working with Desmond Maaytah, Executive Director, Clermont County Land Reutilization Corporation to demolish structures that are unsafe in Williamsburg Township. Many times, these funds pay for the complete demolition of the dilapidated structure. If you have a building that fits this description and desire to have the structure removed, please call the township so we may work with you to access this opportunity. The process can be lengthy as Mr. Maaytah acquires funds for the projects. Currently, there are two dwellings that are on the schedule to be removed.

Judy Raub of the Kiwanis Club of East Fork Region recently attended a Williamsburg Township meeting and presented information on what this team does to improve our community and make meaningful change. Kiwanis is dedicated to improving the world one child at a time. They also honor those who serve by presenting the "Fields of Honor". More information can be obtained by visiting [www.eastforkkiwanis.org](http://www.eastforkkiwanis.org) or calling 513-735-9171. They are determined to make our community a tremendous place to live and raise a family.

Erica Pursley of the Clermont County Mental Health Board made a presentation at a recent meeting bringing attention to their levy to support mental health and recovery. This service supports over 25,000 Clermont County residents each year. In 2024, 7,088 youth received behavior support services – up 18% since 2022. This program supports mental health, substance use treatment, prevention, recovery, harm prevention, suicide prevention, and many more matters. This levy is a renewal and will not increase your taxes. Visit [www.ccmhbr.org](http://www.ccmhbr.org) for more information.



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As a nation and community, each year we celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11. This year we are asking the entire community to fly our American flag to show respect to our veterans on this date. It's our community, let's show unity in our patriotism. Flying the American Flag is an incredible way to reflect American Pride and respect to our veterans! Proper display of the American Flag can be viewed at the Legion site, <https://www.aflag.com>. Let us define our community and leave a great legacy. We are grateful for the Williamsburg American Legion Post 288, support them in their activities.

#### Happy Veteran's Day!

After a wet spring, hot summer, and dry fall, it is time to focus on winter. Just a reminder, when the condition of roads and highways within Clermont County have 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.**

Consider supporting the various church food pantries in our community. Some pantries operate year-round in support of those who may need a helping hand. Winter is a tough time for many due to heating bills and rising inflation. Please consider supporting the church pantries in our community through a monetary or food donation.

Did you know that Clermont County is considered an Appalachian County? We are the last county in Southwestern Ohio to be included in this recognition. Other information about Clermont County and the East Fork State Park please visit [www.discoverclermont.com](http://www.discoverclermont.com).

Please take the time to support the businesses in Williamsburg Township and the Village of Williamsburg. It is an incredible way to invest in our community and support the growth as we face into our ever-changing future. We are in this together.

As we face into 2026, 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.

#### Go Wildcats!!!

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

Respectfully,  
Guy Bainum  
Trustee

Bari Henning  
Trustee

Gary Jordan  
Trustee

Doug Lefferson  
Fiscal Officer



#### News from your Emergency Services



With each passing day we encounter small signs of the changing of the season. The calming vibrant foliage settles the mind and soul. The impending excitement of family hayrides, pumpkin patches, and those famous fall family photos. Enjoy these events and make many memories. The fresh cool morning air preludes the coming winter. Shortly after the leaves hit the ground, the snow will begin to fall. When temperatures fall and ice begins to take over the landscape remember to be cautious when walking outside. One fun fact about ice is that you can never judge the strength of ice by the thickness alone. There are multiple variables that can affect the strength of an ice sheet. Humans and animals wander out onto frozen bodies of water for a multitude of reasons. Tragedy can strike in seconds. Spend a few minutes talking to your family and pets about the dangers associated with ice, frozen bodies of water, and being submerged in cold water. Also, remember to dress for the weather and always stay hydrated.

As we close out another year, we are excited for the opportunity to lead our community into 2026. Our efforts throughout 2025 were spent providing an admirable, top-notch Fire and EMS service to the members in our community. We have updated equipment to better support our needs and complement our ability to protect our community. We rebranded our department logo to encapsulate the wildcat pride that flows among our community. As our department cherishes the heart and image of the community, we strive to represent the community with fierceness, pride, honor, empathy, compassion, and valor among many other attributes. We thank our community for the support that is shown to us from each of you in a variety of facets. On your best days or on your worst days we want to be a shining light. I want to personally thank each of you for making Williamsburg a better place and for the support you give to our fire department.

Your Fire Chief,  
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#### Zoning

#### Williamsburg Township Zoning Office



Over the summer we have been working on the Williamsburg Township Land Use Plan, which was last updated in 2005. This time we are looking to get a much larger group. We are working with Clermont County, and we will be sending a survey out by mail, or you will also be able to take it online if you choose. It will help Township leaders get a better understanding of what the residents think the township zoning should be doing and focusing on. The Zoning Office is open by appointment only. If you need to make an appointment, please call 513-724-5529.

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The maintenance crew is slowly moving into the new office and maintenance facility. They are making sure everything works and flows for functionality. It is a great new asset to the township. The maintenance department will be receiving a new 2026 one-ton dump truck sometime in October. It will replace a 2008 F550. The new one-ton dump will come with everything to salt and plows roads. It will be ready for this winter's weather. This past summer the township paved Sally Drive and Coon Avenue.

**Cemetery**

Just a reminder during mowing season, there are no decorations to be placed in the grass in the cemetery. The mowing crews will be removing any decorations in the grass when they are mowing. Maintenance crews will continue to mow and mulch leaves through November. After Thanksgiving we will not be removing decorations until next spring. The township has plenty of grave spaces available for sale. If you need to purchase grave spaces, please call the maintenance office at 513-724-1110.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Tatman

Williamsburg Township - Zoning, Roads & Cemetery Supervisor

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**AMERICA 250 BARN**

Our area's only America-250 barn, located on McKeever Road, and visible from State Route 32, is owned by Lucy and Charles Snell. It is one of only five barns selected in the State of Ohio as an official America-250 barn. The painting on it depicts the Leavitt Thaxter Pease home in Williamsburg, New Richmond's Cranston Presbyterian Church and the Ohio River, and is representative of Underground Railroad activity in Clermont County - which has forty-two sites on its Freedom Trail, with 22 being on the National URR - more than in any other county in the state. Williamsburg has five of those sites, and Ohio has more URR sites than any other state. The dedication took place on a beautiful afternoon on August 27, 2025. Many area citizens, historical society representatives, Clermont County Convention and Visitors' Bureau staff, County Commissioners, Mayor Weaver and other dignitaries were present for the dedication.

A tremendous Thank You to the Snell family for all they did to prepare the barn for this distinct honor. This same barn also served as Ohio's Bicentennial Barn. The artist who painted the barn both times is Scott Hagan, "the Barn Artist." That nickname was given to him by the Ohio Bicentennial Commission. He painted all eighty-eight county barns for Ohio's Bicentennial Celebrations.

If you haven't visited Harmony Hill we encourage you to do so. It is so rewarding to be able to share information about Williamsburg History with museum visitors; sometimes they even learn about their ancestors or hear about former owners of their homes. The Clermont County Historical Society is open to visitors on the same first Saturday of the month that Harmony Hill is open (1-4).

If you wish to make a monetary donation to Harmony Hill, please fill out the information below. If you share this newsletter with someone who wishes to become a member, they can use the format to become a member. We deeply appreciate anything you can do to advance our purposes.

Please check one:

**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  
(effective Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

☐ Annual Single Adult - \$12  
(effective Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

☐ Annual Student Membership (K-12) - \$3  
(effective Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

☐ Donation - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate Memberships and Donations gladly accepted

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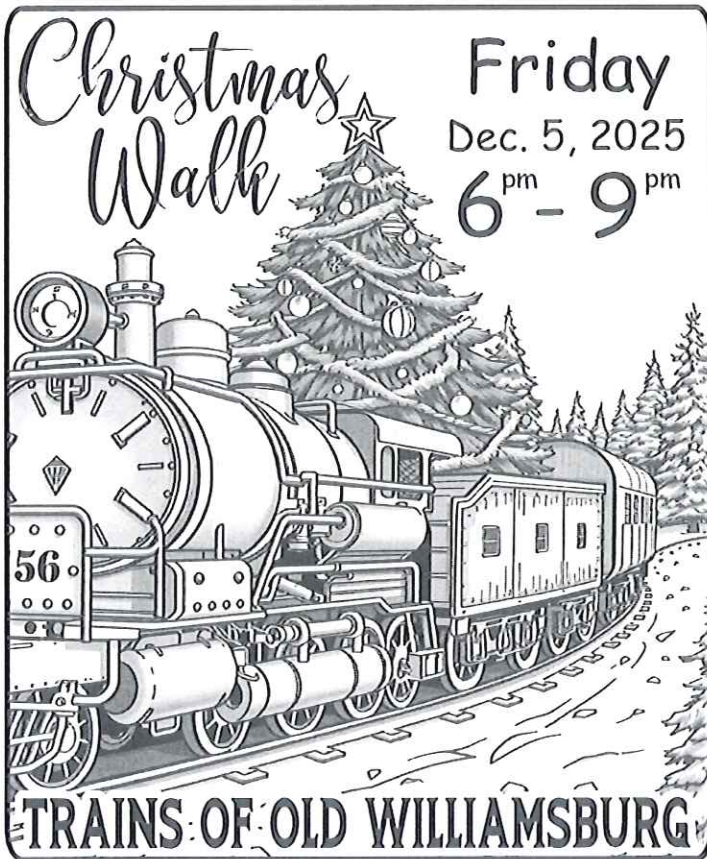
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Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \_\_\_\_\_

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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