



Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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From the Trustees

On behalf of Williamsburg Township, we congratulate Bari Henning on his retirement after 24 years as a Williamsburg Township Trustee. He has experienced significant changes in the township throughout his tenure and has offered leadership during the peaks and valleys, concerning growth. Mr. Henning will continue to represent Williamsburg Township as the President of the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) and will continue to sit as a member of the Clermont County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC). Thank you for your contribution and continued leadership on the JEDD and CIC.

Congratulations to the Williamsburg School District on the groundbreaking of the new Williamsburg Elementary. The complete event was a class act. Opening of the time capsule was intriguing. A significant cross section of community leaders was present. The priceless moment was watching students from each elementary grade break ground with their shovels. Absolutely priceless! They are our future. Mr. Early, Mr. Dunn, teachers, and the Williamsburg School Board; great job! You make **Our community a tremendous place to live and an incredible place to raise a Family! Job well done. Go Wildcats!**

On Monday, May 25, 2026, the Williamsburg American Legion Post 288 will host their Williamsburg Annual Memorial Day Parade which will start at 11am and the parade will conclude at the Williamsburg Cemetery. Let's keep our service men and women in our prayers, daily, as they face the challenges of pending battles. Our acts of patriotism reflect our respect for all our active service members and veterans. Let us reflect on our unity of patriotism each day, not just on Veteran's Day. It is a perfect time to display our American flag to show respect to our active military, our veterans, and those we show respect to on Memorial Day. Proper display of the American Flag can be viewed at the Legion site, williamsburglegion.com/flag-etiquette

Williamsburg Township Junk Days have been set for June 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2026. The hours will be Thursday, June 11th from 8am-8pm, Friday, June 12th from 8am-8pm, and Saturday, June 13th from 8am-4pm. The collection point will again be the Williamsburg Township Maintenance Department Building located at the end of North 8th Street. There will be only one Junk Day event set for the township for 2026. Tires will not be accepted at this event. **If asked to identify yourself as a resident, a driver license or utility bill would be sufficient.**

After careful consideration, we would like to respectfully address annexation. Williamsburg Township values a strong and thriving Village of Williamsburg, and we recognize that the long-term success of both communities is closely connected. Since 2015, the village has annexed 595 acres from the unincorporated township, underscoring the significant growth taking place in our area. At the same time, many residents continue to choose Williamsburg Township because of its rural character, open spaces, and quality of life. As we look to the future, we believe the best path forward is one that supports responsible growth, respects the unique identity of both communities, and reflects a shared commitment to thoughtful planning and cooperation. By working together, we can encourage progress while preserving the values and character that make this area such an attractive place to live and invest.

Williamsburg Township officials met with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in January 2026 to discuss traffic growth, safety concerns, and future access needs along the State Route 32 corridor. The conversation focused on ongoing safety concerns related to accidents near McKeever and Dela Palma Roads, primarily due to increasing traffic volumes driven by economic development and anticipated future growth. Township officials also emphasized the need to address bridge(s) and highway access in this area. ODOT informed us that they are working to place a bridge at Eastwood Road in Brown County, closing McKeever Road and Dela Palma Road access to State Route 32. The Township informed ODOT that no closures will be taking place on McKeever Road or Dela Palma Road to State Route 32. The township emphasized that protecting residents must remain the top priority, especially when it comes to emergency service response, school bus safety, and maintaining a critical access point that supports the Williamsburg Village's and Township's future growth. The township will continue to work with ODOT and other government officials to address these concerns and pursue long-term solutions that support both safety and responsible growth.

The Clermont County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) is working hard to finalize the pending sale of the property at Eastern Cincinnati Innovation Park. This is located on the west side of Half Acre Road between SR 32 and SR 276. The CIC, along with REDI Cincinnati, (Jobs Ohio), have signed a Letter of Intent for a Transformational Project with an International Advanced Manufacturing Company.

Data centers have brought heightened awareness to many areas in the State of Ohio. Ohio has about 200 data centers, making it the fifth highest state in the country with data centers. A large or “hyperscale” data center can use as much electricity as 100,000 homes. On January 26, 2026, at the regular stated Williamsburg Township meeting, a six-month moratorium was passed to address zoning on data centers. This process should be completed by July.

The Clermont County Board of Commissioners and the Williamsburg Township Trustees have partnered in pursuing economic development measures to assist and encourage development in specific areas of Williamsburg Township. This was accomplished by creating a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) District. A CRA is a designated zone established by local governments under the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) to promote revitalization and economic growth. Properties located within the CRA District are eligible for specific incentives designed to encourage improvements and new construction. This property is located north of SR 32, the east side of Half Acre Road, and SR 276. Please review our minutes of February 23, 2026, for more specific information. In the spirit of full transparency, the township does not sign Non-Discloser Agreements (NDA).

A one-year extension of service was negotiated with Rumpke Waste Services. The current contract extension will be in effective April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027. The cost will be \$23.73 per resident per month, which reflects a 3% increase. Residents will be billed quarterly at \$71.19. All details remain the same, other than the 3% increase. Contact Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171 concerning trash carts, recycling carts, and large item pick up. This will be the last extension, by mutual agreement, under this contract. Late fall, we will prepare to put this service out for bid. Once completed, we expect that more than one provider will bid on services for the township. This process will be completed by April 1, 2027.

We have been working with Desmond Maaytah, Executive Director, Clermont County Land Reutilization Corporation to demolish three 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.

We are excited about sharing our new Facebook site. The site went live on May 18, 2026, and is intended to share significant information that will keep the community up to date on activities. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/williamsburgtownship. We are making improvements to our website, as well. Our minutes are always posted on the site. You may notice that the newsletter has a fresh look while addressing cost and efficiency. We are doing our best to be effective and transparent. **Regular stated meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. You are always invited.**

Fun fact. There are 88 counties in the State of Ohio, with 1,308 townships. Clermont County has 14 townships. In late 1970’s, Williamsburg Township contributed a large amount of land to William Harsha State Park. Our unincorporated township continues to get smaller by virtue of annexation.

Clermont County is preparing to celebrate America 250. The Williamsburg community, with Liz Betemp, leading the march is no exception. Let’s support Liz and her team as they prepare to celebrate America 250 with a community picnic on Sunday, June 21, 2026, from noon to 3pm at Williamsburg Community Park! There will be food, fun, and it is free for the community. For more information, see their Facebook page at America 250 Williamsburg OH Community Picnic or contact them at 513-305-0607 to get involved. Let’s celebrate our history, by respecting our past and preparing to forge our future! For more information, please visit harmonyhillmuseum.com.

Just a reminder, please take 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 growth as we face our changing future.

As Williamsburg Schools complete another year, on behalf of the Williamsburg Township Community, congratulations to the graduating seniors. We wish you God’s Blessings and Grace. Be safe, stay strong, and remain well, as a community.

Go Wildcats!!!

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Respectfully,

Guy Bainum
Trustee

Gary Jordan
Trustee

Charlie Maklem
Trustee

Doug Lefferson
Fiscal Officer

**News From Your
Emergency Services**

Every call we respond to reminds us that we are more than a fire department; we are part of a community that looks out for one another. We are thankful for your continued support and the opportunity to serve you with dedication and care. Working together is the foundation of a safe and prepared community. As your Fire Department, we value the trust you place in us and remain committed to serving with professionalism, compassion, integrity, and a strong sense of shared responsibility, pride and honor.

Last year our fire department had 548 fire responses and 1188 EMS responses. We procured \$62,203.95 in grants and \$199,300 in private donations. Department members participated in different training opportunities covering a variety of aspects within Fire and EMS. These training courses allow our members to be best prepared for emergencies in our community and provide our residents with the highest quality of care. Each day we are proud to be a part of the Williamsburg community. Participating in community events such as the Farmer’s Market. School events including sporting events, fire prevention and education talks, career day events, school safety drills, and field day. Invited as honorary guest judges at the American Legion chili cook off. Memorial Day, June in Olde Williamsburgh, and the Homecoming parades are exciting events. Beyond community events, remember that we are available to help with changing batteries in your smoke and CO detectors.

As we turn the page to a new year, we are reminded that safety and service are strongest when shared. Our department members embody the vision of those that have come before us and laid stones to the foundation which supports our mission. Thank you for standing with us, supporting our mission, and helping make our community a place we are honored to protect. As we stand together as part of such a supportive community, we are enabled to face challenges and celebrate victories together. Alone we can do so little, together we can accomplish so much.

In the words of Mark Twain: *“Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.”*

Together, we continue to build a stronger and safer community.

Your Fire Chief,
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Williamsburg Township Emergency Services
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Roads, Cemetery, and Zoning

Roads

Musgrove Road will receive full depth repair this summer to improve the integrity of the road. Ashton Road will not be resurfaced this year due to potential annexation and the possibility of the vacating this road by virtue of this action. Clermont County Engineers are working to finish the bridge on Bethel Concord Road with a completion date by year end. Information on this project may be viewed on their website at clermontengineer.org.

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. If you are missing flowers that have been placed on headstones, they could have blown off the headstone, and the mowing crew picked them up and discarded them. 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.

Zoning

Williamsburg Township has been zoned since 1966. With that in mind please remember that you are required to mow and keep your property clean and free of debris. Unlicensed and junk vehicles are not allowed on your property. If you have unlicensed or junk vehicles, they should be stored in a building or removed from the property. The Williamsburg Township Zoning Commission will be looking at updating the Zoning Resolution Book this year. The Zoning Office is open by appointment only. If you need to make an appointment, please call 513-724-5529.

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Harmony Hill

Williamsburg Harmony Hill Association Salutes Our Revolutionary War Heroes

As we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, it is altogether fitting that we should pause to recognize the eleven Revolutionary Soldiers who are interred in the Williamsburg Township Cemetery. Some named below are known to have served together as "Minutemen" and came to here to claim land as payment for their service. The following eleven men were commemorated on Patriot's Day, April 19, 2015, at the cemetery where a new monument was erected in their honor by the Sons of the American Revolution: **Joseph Ball (1759-1864), Adam Bricker (1762-1843), Ramoth Bunton (1749-1862), Samuel Burnett ((1763-1862), Thomas Foster (1747-1804), Jacob Fry (1765-1839), John Huber (?-1818), James Kain, Jr. (1749-1815), Moses Leonard (1759-1844), John Lytle (1767-1843), Absolom Smith (1756-1834).** James Kain, Jr., Ramoth Bunton, Adam Bricker and John Lytle (William's brother) are known to have worked with our founder, William Lytle – either on his surveying crew or in other early activities which culminated in the formation of the Village of Williamsburg. Many of our 21st century families can trace their roots back to the men named above or others who served but are buried in other nearby cemeteries such as Concord, Clover or Hartman in Jackson Township. Are you one of those families?

More information concerning Harmony Hill and membership may be viewed at harmonyhillmuseum.com. Please come by and experience the rich history of our community!



June
**In Olde
Williamsburgh**
*Music, Food, Crafts, Fireworks,
Games & Family Fun on Main Street*
June 18th, 19th, and 20th, 2026
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