

Village of Williamsburg

Established 1796

December 2016 ~ January ~ February 2017 Newsletter

A Message from the Mayor...

Hello to all,

Being a summer person I'm not always thrilled to see colder weather and falling leaves but it appears that we are getting a gradual cool down and I'll admit the colors are awesome. Welcome fall!

It has been a good summer with new blacktop on Main Street and plans for future projects underway. Our bids for the expansion to our sewer plant have been accepted and once this project is complete the village will be well positioned to provide this necessary utility to new businesses and the customers we are pursuing. Funds for this project have been secured with grants from the Ohio Public Works Commission, the Appalachia Regional Commission, the U S Army Corp of Engineers and a 0% interest loan from the EPA. It is always challenging to pursue these grants and so worth every effort to get them.

We recently met with representatives of the Ohio State Extension Office who will be working with us and a group of local volunteers on a visioning plan for our village. It is always good to step back and take a new look at what we have, what we need and what we want. Sounds simple, right? That's when we find ourselves moving to the next step which is what is real, what is realistic and what is reality. Our ongoing goal is to grow our economy while maintaining the character and unique qualities of Williamsburg.

We welcome the addition of a new Business Association here in Williamsburg. With this new groups efforts to build a better Burg we look forward to working with them on events and projects that will not only benefit our current local businesses and residents but will also help to showcase the amenities and opportunities here in Williamsburg.

As I look back over the year and the events that have taken place there are many to be thanked. We started our year with the "Rock and Roast" fundraiser in January which raised approximately \$25,000.00 for the extension of the Williamsburg-Batavia Hike Bike Trail, followed by the Community Park Easter Egg Hunt, the Clean and Green volunteers picked up litter, the Grassy Run Rendezvous brought many visitors to Burg, the Garden Club provided the beautiful flowers along our Main Street, the June in Olde Williamsburg Committee gave us another awesome 3 day festival, our Police Departments celebrated National Night Out with our community, Harmony Hill Historical Association and the Community Band celebrated our history, the Serve the Burg group held a community service day, the Old Firehouse Brewery hosted street events, the Rotary sponsored Bike Nite for the community, the American Legion hosted the annual Car Show, the Township EMS helped get us through Halloween and the "Turkey Day 5/10K" and the Christmas Walk are being planned as I write this... I need to thank them all. These are just a few examples of the people and events that throughout the year make Williamsburg special.

As this will be my last newsletter of the year I would like to wish each of you blessings throughout the holiday season and throughout the New Year.

Till next time,
Mary Ann

What's Happening in our Community?

Special Dates to Remember

Village Office Closed - Dec. 26th, Dec. 30th, Jan. 2nd & Feb. 15th

Council Meetings - Dec. 8th, Jan. 12th & Feb. 9th

School Winter Break - Dec. 22nd to Jan. 3rd

No School - Jan. 16th, Feb. 17th & 20th



Christmas Walk
Dec. 2nd from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Free fire truck rides, visit with Santa, refreshments, strolling carolers, music and more! Don't miss the family fun. Businesses open late, sales, specials and more. Pick up your holiday gifts at one of our local specialty shops!

School Events to Remember

Wrestling Invitational - Dec. 3rd
Band & Choir Concert - Dec. 18th
Band Plays Gator Bowl - Dec. 31st
Winter Homecoming - Jan. 13th
PT Conf. Elementary - Feb. 16th & 21st

PT Conf. Middle/High - Feb. 17th

News From The Village...

From the Utility Clerk

Please review your bill!!!

Utility bills are mailed on or about the 15th of each month and should arrive in your mailbox by the 20th. As a reminder, Utility bill payments are due by the 5th of the month to avoid late fees. Please review your bill immediately for any issues. If you feel your bill is not accurate, please contact the Utility Clerk as soon as possible at (513) 724-6107 so the issue can be investigated. A quicker investigation could make it easier to determine where the problem lie. It may also prevent late fees being added to your account for unpaid balances and will potentially save you money!

Important Public Notice about your Water Meter

Meters and meter pits are the property of the Village, at no time are citizens or their representatives permitted to access them or to tamper with a meter. Should a meter pit or meter be damaged in any way, it will be repaired by the Village at the expense of the property owner. Contact Public Works or the Police Department for water emergencies.

A Note About Your Garbage Can...

Don't forget to put your garbage can at the curb Tuesday night for pick-up Wednesday morning. Our contract with CSI does not require that they return for cans not put curbside in a timely manner.

We also ask that you move your can back behind your house after trash pick up. This keeps the right-of-way clear along the roadway and improves the overall appearance of the Village. Thanks for your help in keeping 'Burg beautiful!

From the Public Works Dept.

Leaf Collection

A highly used service in the Village is free leaf collection from November 1st to December 15th depending on the weather. Brush will not be picked up during this time period, but will resume in April.

To ensure leaves are collected, follow these guidelines.

- Rake clean leaf piles to the curb.
- Keep leaf piles away from parked vehicles and storm drains and catch basins.

Every effort will be made to collect leaves on a weekly basis. However, the weather and the size of the piles will affect the collection timeframe in each neighborhood. For additional information, call Village Hall at (513)724-6107 or visit www.williamsburgohio.org about the leaf collection guidelines.

Snow and Ice Removal

Williamsburg Department of Public Works is responsible for the removal of ice and snow along public roadway within the municipal corporation of the Village.

The removal of ice and snow is completed on streets in a priority order. The general priority order for snow and ice removal is as follows:

- Main Street (old St. Rt. 32)
- Public Streets with moderate to severe grades
- All intersections

The Department of Public Works utilizes plowing and salting for snow and ice removal. The Village is not responsible for the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.

From the Finance Department

Income Tax Reminder

The Village contracts with the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) to manage our municipal tax collections. R.I.T.A. offers residents and businesses free an online filing and payments options. R.I.T.A. is responsible for the administration and collection of all income taxes and will serve as the Agent for the Village in this capacity. Questions?

Please call 1(866)721-7482 or visit www.ritaohio.com for additional information.

From the Administrator

Williamsburg will be all aglow and filled with holiday spirit when the Christmas Walk welcomes the holiday season on Friday, December 2nd. Don't miss the family friendly activities at the North Pole. Listen to the strolling carolers, take a ride on the fire truck, visit the camel and other live animals and enjoy the free treats! Have a safe, merry holiday season and shop local!



From the Police Department

Make sure that you do not leave any valuable items in your vehicle and always lock the doors. Secure your home by locking doors & windows while away & at night with special attention to garage doors. To help safe guard your property and help in recovery of stolen items, take pictures and record make, model and serial numbers of valuables. Respectfully,
Chief Mike Gregory

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

MAYOR

Mary Ann Lefker

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Jim Weaver, Vice-Mayor

Charles Covert

Dan Colonel

Dr. James King

Traci Schueler-Hurst

Ron Ferree Jr.

CLERK TREASURER

Michael Murray

SOLICITOR

Dexter Bastin

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Susan Ellerhorst

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Priscilla Bush, *Finance Clerk*

Sheila Sellers, *Utility Clerk*

Kenita Weaver, *Clerk of Courts*

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Kyle Cribbet - *Utility Dept. Supt.*

Chris Wright - *Street Dept. Supt.*

Ean Young - *Public Works Staff*

Danny Hamblin - *Public Works Staff*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Gregory, *Chief of Police*

Randy Ruehrwein, *Sergeant*

Jon Adamson, *Corporal, SRO*

Jason Flynn, *Full-time Officer*

Village Office Hours

Administration, Utilities, and Zoning

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Clerk of Courts

Mon. - Wed. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thurs. 8:00 am - Noon

Public Works Department

Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Important Phone Numbers

Administrative Offices- 724-6107

Police (Non-Emergency) - 724-2261

Fire Department/Life Squad - 724-7744

Public Works/Water./Sewer 724-2248

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Emergency: Call 911

Spotlight On...



Christmas Walk



The Annual "Trains of Williamsburg Christmas Walk" will be held on Friday, December 2nd from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. throughout the heart of downtown Williamsburg. Many businesses will offer special events for visitors.

- North Pole at The Old Sunoco Station (3rd and Main Street)-

Featuring a visit from Santa Claus from 6:00-8:00 p.m., music from several different groups from 5:00-8:30 p.m. and free fire truck rides from 6:00 -9:00 p.m. from the Williamsburg Township Fire Department.

- Williamsburg Community Center (107 W. Main Street)-

Featuring the Williamsburg Garden Club's Silent Auction with an assortment of various items for auction. Buy a piece of history from Harmony Hill! New wood ornaments of the Dairy House and the Old High School! Enjoy the Christmas Walk bake sale. Lester Scott's hand carved Santa raffle proceeds will help support the Christmas Walk. Winner drawn on December 2nd.

- Williamsburg Presbyterian Church (199 Gay Street) -

Hosting it's annual Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner includes a tossed salad, spaghetti (with delicious homemade sauce), dessert and beverage. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Hear the Community Band perform in the sanctuary at 7:00!

- Williamsburg United Methodist Church (330 Gay Street) -

A turkey and ham dinner will be served from 5:00 - 8:00 p. m. Children's menu available. Adults \$8.00, Children 4-12 \$4.00, 3 and under free. Benefiting The Williamsburg Community Mission and Christ's Kitchen Table. Blue Christmas as service of remembrance and hope will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come light a candle in memory of a lost loved one and hear tips on navigating the holidays from a trained grief counselor.

- Clermont Social #29 Masonic Lodge -

Warm up with hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. All children under 10 will get a chance to win a train set at 9:00 p.m.! Children must be present to win.

- American Legion (East Main Street) -

Stop by the Legion to view the festive collection of decorated Christmas trees and train displays! Visit the Crafters with special gifts for sale.

-Williamsburg Branch Library -

The Hands Up! Puppet Troupe will perform Holiday Hijinks at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. They help Santa save Christmas! Refreshments, a scavenger hunt and visit with

Mrs. Claus. Win a \$50.00 Amazon gift card!

- Train Raffle -

Don't forget the annual train raffle!!Who will win this year's train set?

Pick up your free tickets to be stamped at conductor stops!

There will be train displays, strolling carolers and a

Nativity scene with live animals!!

Special thanks to Croswell Bus Lines for the donation of the shuttle service .

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www.williamsburgohio.org



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PHYSIOLOGY LAB IN WILLIAMSBURG

The Physiology Lab is proud to serve the Village of Williamsburg as your premiere sports performance and wellness facility located at 342 W. Main St. Our gym is dedicated to improving all of your fitness, wellness and athletic needs focused on training athletes of all ages, as well as weekend warriors, fitness enthusiasts, Silver Sneakers, children and those just not embracing a healthy lifestyle.

The brainchild of Exercise Physiologist and 20 year veteran of the strength and conditioning industry Todd Seyler, The Rays as well as NFL football players, mixed martial arts, and collegiate athletes. Driven to purpose with a scientific approach, our goal is to service all in Clermont County with a non-judgmental, fun, energetic atmosphere that will not only reshape your physique and improve upon your health, but will also provide you with the education and tools to embrace a healthy lifestyle outside of the gym.

Stop in today for a no pressure tour of our facility and embody our motto, "dare to be inspired". For more information, please check out www.thephysiologylab.com.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2017

- Planning Commission - 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Community Center
- Parks & Recreation Committee - 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Community Center
- Personnel Committee - 1st Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Community Center
- Utilities Committee - 4th Monday at 6:00 p.m. at Community Center
- Economic Development Committee - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Community Center
- Tree Board - meets jointly with Economic Development in February, March, April, June, September and November
- Facilities and Equipment - 2nd Tuesday of even-numbered months at 5:00 p.m. at Community Center

Records Committee, Safety Committee, Finance Committee, Tax Review Board, and Board of Zoning Appeals meet as needed, these meetings will be posted as meetings are requested.