

Village of Williamsburg

Established 1796

March ~ April ~ May, 2017 Newsletter

A Message from the Mayor...

Hello to all,

As we head towards spring I'm ready for the energy and new life that seems to come with it. With this winter's ups and downs we could use some consistent sunshine!!

Reports from our local library and businesses that participated in last year's "Trains of Williamsburg" indicated record crowds visiting throughout the village during our Christmas Walk. I am very appreciative of the volunteers that sponsor this event and of all those that participate in this one night welcome to the holiday season here in the Village.

I would also like to mention the record number of "friends" that showed up for the "Unofficial Turkey Day 5/10K" this last Thanksgiving morning to walk/run on the Williamsburg-Batavia Hike/Bike Trail and to contribute canned goods, dry goods and money for the Williamsburg Emergency Mission. This gathering started 3 years ago with 3 friends asking friends on social media to come walk with them on Thanksgiving morning not only for exercise before the turkey feast but also to help fill the shelves at the Community of Churches Emergency Mission here in Williamsburg with a token entry of donations for the food pantry. Their friends have grown from approximately 50 to over 225 this past Thanksgiving. They filled a van which filled the shelves at the pantry. The organizers, Jaime Hart, Cassie and Rachel Lefker will be honored at an upcoming "Salute to Leaders" event which recognizes volunteers that give back to their communities through efforts such as this. We have many volunteers here in Williamsburg that have over time made significant contributions of time to our community. I imagine we all know of some who deserve our thanks.

A quick note on projects we are working on include our efforts to improve our network of sidewalks as they relate to connectivity to our schools. Our Administrator, Susan Ellerhorst, has been working with our Superintendent, Matt Earley and our Elementary Principal, Kevin Dunn to prepare our Safe Routes to School application for potential funding of this effort. Though the property owner is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the sidewalks along their property we continue to try to find grants when and where possible. I am appreciative of the relationship we have with our school system and continue to believe that our "Wildcat Pride - Village Wide" is a message not only our kids need to know but all who call Williamsburg home.

As some of our recently annexed property at our SR 133/SR 32 interchange has been purchased by a developer that has indicated he looks forward to growing the economy of Williamsburg, we look forward to working towards the security and stability that economic growth within the village can bring to our residents and current businesses. With the news of the Blue Oven Farm Store opening soon in Williamsburg Township at McKeever Pike and SR 32 we know the visitors to that facility will find an open door to the Village of Williamsburg. We Welcome Blue Oven to Williamsburg!

Till next time,
Mary Ann

Community Notes & Dates to Remember...

April 8th - *Easter Egg Hunt* 10 a.m. at Community Park

April 8th - *Quarter Auction* for JIOW at American Legion 288 at 7 p.m.

April 22nd - *Clean & Green Litter Clean-up* - from 10 a.m. - noon. Call (513) 724-6107 to register.

April 22nd - *Free Community Shred* 9 a.m. - noon at 285 W Main Street. Limit 5 file boxes per vehicle.

April 28th-30th - *Grassy Run* history encampment at Community park.

May 2nd - *Garden Club Plant Auction*

at Methodist Church 6:30 p.m.

May 6-7th - *Village Wide Yard Sales*

May 29th - *Village Offices closed* for Memorial Day



School Dates to Remember!!

March 10th - End of 3rd Quarter

March 27th-31st - *Spring Break*

April 14th - No School

April 21st-23rd - *Spring Musical "Annie"*

May 17th - *Senior Recognition/Awards Night* 6:30 p.m.

May 18th - *Spring Band/Concert* 7 p.m.

May 23rd - Last day for Students

May 23rd - *US Grant Senior Awards*

May 27th - *Graduation*, 10:30 a.m. at Clear Mountain Community Church

News From The Village...

Income Tax News

In 2017, Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) will continue to perform income tax collection and other requirements for the Village of Williamsburg. Any and all questions regarding income tax should be directed to R.I.T.A. at 1-800-860-7482. You can also contact R.I.T.A. online at www.RITAOHIO.com.

Protect Your Identity

Williamsburg Township and Village residents and businesses are invited to bring up to 5 file boxes of personal/confidential documents to the Free Community Shred from 9:00 a.m. - noon on April 22nd at 285 W. Main Street in Williamsburg.

Child Support Warrant Amnesty

Clermont County Child Support Enforcement Division will offer amnesty in March to noncustodial parents who have outstanding civil warrants relating to a child support hearing. This service, which will be offered at no cost, will help noncustodial parents get back on track legally. To find out more, noncustodial parents can call their caseworkers at (513) 732-7248 or visit clermontsupportskids.org.

Williamsburg Library Programs

Visit clermlibrary.org or call (513) 724-1070 for upcoming events to enjoy with your family and friends at the Williamsburg Library located at 594 W. Main St.

Village Brush Collection Schedule

On the first Monday in April, the Village will follow the curbside brush collection schedule listed below.

Area 1—1st Monday of each Month

N Eighth St.	N Front St.	N Fifth St.
N Fourth St.	N Third St.	N Second St.
Hudson St.	N High St.	Gay St.
Walnut St.	N Broadway	N Mulberry Aly.
N Dorothy Aly.	N Jessamine Aly.	

Area 2—2nd Monday of each month

S Eighth St.	S Sixth St.	S Fifth St.
S Broadway	S Fourth St.	S Third St.
S Second St.	S Front St.	Spring St.
Willow St.	Lytle St.	Wilmar St.
S High St.	S Mulberry Aly.	
S Jessamine Aly.		

Area 3—3rd Monday of each month

Paradise Ln.	Moore St.	Kermit Ave.
Hoffman St.	Curry Dr.	Smith St.
Winding Trl.	Coral Ct.	Amber Ct.
Dawn Ct.	Zachary Dr.	Southwynd Trl.
Julian Dr.	Happy Ln.	Nevels Dr.
E Main St.		

Area 4—4th Monday of each month

Old SR 32	W Main St.	Rose Ln.
Tollgate Rd.	St. Rt. 133	All Star Dr.
Todd's Run Foster Rd.		

Note: When a holiday falls on your regularly scheduled Monday, place the items out for Tuesday. The compost lot is also available for drop off between scheduled collection days.

As this is a labor intensive task, this schedule will allow staff to perform the collection in a timely and effective manner. Your cooperation and patience will ensure better service for all residents and assist in more efficient use of Village resources for other projects and services. Working together will help keep our community attractive and brush-free. Call (513) 724-6107 with any questions.

We're flushing hydrants!

During the week of April 10th, Village Public Works and Williamsburg Township Emergency Services will be flushing hydrants. This not only helps maintain water quality, but also gives us the opportunity to perform maintenance on the hydrants.

It may cause you to have brown water. If you do have brown water, run your faucets for a few minutes to see if it clears. It should, but if it doesn't, please call the Village office and let us know.

From the Police Department

With warmer weather coming, there will be more children playing outside. Please take extra care in areas where children could be playing. Pay particular attention in congested areas, where cars are parked along the roads and where views of what lies ahead are obstructed.

A reminder to lock your vehicles and take all personal items or items of value inside with you. Leaving your vehicle unlocked or leaving items visible to passersby could result in a theft of those items.

-Mike Gregory,
Police Chief



Village Compost Facility Re-Opens April 15th!

The Village Compost Facility will be open on Saturdays between 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. from April 15th-Oct. 1st. This facility is available free of charge to Village residents to drop off chipped brush, branches and yard debris. The facility is open by appointment only during the week. Please call the Village office at (513) 724-6107 before you come for more information and guidelines.

Utility Billing Contact Information

The Village urges residents and businesses to update their contact information (phone number, email address, etc.) with the utility clerk for unexpected emergency and notification purposes.

Permits for Spring Projects

Spring is a great time of the year to tackle new projects such as building additions, decks, porches etc. If you are not sure if your project requires a permit, please call (513) 724-6107 for additional information.

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, *Public Works Supt.*

Ean Young, *Public Works Staff*

Chris Wright, *Street Supt.*

Danny Hamblin, *Seasonal Staff*

Matt Ernst, *Street Dept. Staff*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Gregory, *Chief of Police*

Randy Ruehrwein, *Sergeant*

Jon Adamson, *Corporal, SRO*

Jason Flynn, *Full-time Officer*

Adam Rolph, *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

& Public Works - **724-6107**

(leave message after hrs. for utility issues)

Police (Non-Emergency) - **724-2261**

Fire Department/Life Squad - **724-7744**

Duke Energy - **800-544-6900**

Spotlight On...

Blue Oven Farm Store

Are you looking for fresh organic food available close to home? Blue Oven is opening a farm store at 4257 McKeever Pike. Their goal will be to provide farm fresh products to the community. Blue Oven Farm store will be stocked with fresh organics including the delicious baked goods, flour, wheat, eggs and pasture raised meat. Visit www.blueovenbakery.com for additional information about the farm store.

Blue Oven Bakery will be offering a Community Supported Agriculture (C.S.A.) opportunity for 2017. With an upfront subscription cost, members gain access to a bounty of fresh organic items beginning in May and continuing until the final harvest of the year. There are three subscription options to choose from, each coming with an increase credit to your membership:

- Starting member: \$250 buy in with a \$25 credit.
- Standard member \$500 buy in with a \$50 credit.
- Super member \$800 buy in with a \$120 credit.

Contact Ian at ianzeglin@gmail.com or call at (513) 833-4537 if you have any questions about the C.S.A.



Grassy Run Rendezvous

The 26th Annual Grassy Run Heritage Rendezvous is April 28-30, 2017 at the Williamsburg Community Park. Step back in time and explore a historically correct living history encampment with demonstrations of long forgotten crafts and arts of the 1700's era. Hands on children's craft areas, storytellers and strolling musicians.

Friday is the school day program where home schools and public schools are invited 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Registration is required. Call (513) 724-3740. Saturday hours are 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Sunday hours are 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Visit the period musicians, crafters of old world items, bump into the likes of Daniel Boone, Simon Kenton, and Chief Corn Stalk. It is the largest outdoor historical event in Southwest Ohio. The organization would like to thank the citizens of Williamsburg, and Council, for their past and continued support of this event and its members! For more information on the event please contact George West (513) 625-1461 or visit www.GrassyRun.org.

Dial 911 for Police or Fire Emergency

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VILLAGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- Village Council - 2nd Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Community Center
- 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 - Last 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 Committee six times per year
- Facilities and Equipment - 2nd Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December 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 & on website. Meeting are subject to change and new dates will be posted at Village Hall and on website.