

Village of Williamsburg

Established 1796

March ~ April ~ May, 2016 Newsletter

A Message from the Mayor...

Hello to all,

During the past three months since our last newsletter there have been several newsworthy items to report.

This year's Christmas Walk was bigger and better than ever. Our Main Street was beautifully lit for us all to enjoy during the holiday season. From the awesome train displays, to the Nativity with the live animals, to our businesses sharing in the festivities, to the Libraries special program, to the joy of hearing our elementary kids singing, to the awesomeness of our high school music department, to the strolling carolers and on and on we can truly say "The Trains of Williamsburg" brought us the holiday spirit we were looking for.

As we continue to pursue funding for the various projects around the village I can report that we will be receiving grant funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) and through the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission's Appalachian Regional Commission to be used toward our wastewater treatment plant upgrade. This along with the grant from the Army Corp of Engineers will be a significant step towards funding to complete Phase III of this project. We expect to start construction later this year.

We have also received notification that we have been awarded a Nature Works grant to help fund a second shelter at our Community Park. During the spring, summer and fall months our current shelter is in demand for rental and the 2nd shelter will provide alternatives for use by our community. We are also in the planning stages of strategic tree planting to provide some shade around the seating areas at our playground area. Our park is a great place to spend time in the outdoors and as we strive to maintain it I hope you will do your part should you see abuse or vandalism of our facilities.

As reported in a previous newsletter ODOT has indicated they will be repaving through our village sometime this year. As part of our planning for repaving projects here in the village this year we joined with the County on an OPWC grant application to pave East Main Street to the Brown County Line. It appears this grant is being funded with work to be done before the end of 2016. This County project submitted for OPWC funding will repair and repave Old State Route 32 from Batavia to the Brown County line. We are very appreciative for the opportunity to be a part of that grant application as it will be a huge cost savings for our village.

With the recent news of the County's investment in Williamsburg Township at the Half Acre Road site we all look forward to the economic development opportunities this project will create. As I have always said when something good happens in the village it is a good thing for the township and the same is true when something good happens in the township it is good for the village. We all know that when we say "Williamsburg" we don't think village or township, we think Community!

Till next time,
Mary Ann

Community Dates and Notes to Remember...

March 19th-Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.
at Community Park

April 23rd - Clean & Green Litter
Clean-up - from 10 a.m. - noon. Be at
Community Bld. at 10 a.m. Contact
Mayor Lefker to volunteer at (513)
724-6107

April 29-May 1st-Grassy Run history
encampment at Community park.

May 14-15th - Village Wide Yard
Sales

May 30th - Village Offices closed for
Memorial Day



School Dates to Remember!!

March 11th- End of 3rd Quarter

March 25th-April 3rd - Spring
Break

———— No School ————

May 24th - Last day for Students

May 25th - Last day for Staff

May 28th - Graduation, 10:30am
At Clear Mountain Community
Church

News From The Village...

Income Tax News

The Village has contracted with the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) to perform all 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.

2016 Spring Litter Clean-Up

The 2nd annual T-shirt Design Contest kick-started the event planning for the Spring Litter Clean-Up. Over 85 students submitted designs for the 2016 contest. Congratulations to this year's winner Karly Wigglesworth a 4th grader at New Richmond Elementary School. The Spring Litter Clean-Up will begin at 10:00 a.m. on April 23rd in Williamsburg. Volunteers are encouraged to call (513)724-6107 to register for the event.

Free Curbside Brush Collection

The Village acknowledges that brush collection is beneficial service for our residents. However, the volume of curbside brush collection has continued to increase over the past few years and we are trying to streamline the collection process in order to increase our efficiency and services to the community. Residents can help by following the guidelines below:

- Tree limbs and branches must not be over 6 inches in diameter and no longer than 8 feet. Bundled twigs and sticks must be no larger than 8 inches diameter and no higher than 4 feet will be picked up.
- Place tree limb and branch piles at the curb with cut section towards street by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, weather dependent.
- Do not block fire hydrants, sidewalks, or storm drains.
- The Village will not pick up vines, ornamental grasses or building materials.
- Only brush cut by residents can be placed at curb, contractors who do work for residents are required to remove all brush from property.

Your cooperation and patience will insure better service for all residents and assist in more efficient use of Village staff time. If your brush has not been picked up please check your door for a notice left by Public Works staff that will explain what needs to be done for next pick-up.

New Look for Utility Bills

Beginning in March, we are updating the format of our utility bills. Instead of receiving a post card, you will receive a full page letter sized bill in an envelope. This change will make the bill easier to read and will include a graph displaying use history along with additional information. You will be able to remove the bottom part of the bill to return with payment in an envelope provided. As these bills are received, please don't hesitate to call our office at (513)724-6107 with any questions or concerns!

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.

We're flushing hydrants!

During the week of April 11th, 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 18th!

The Village Compost Facility will re-open on April 18th. This facility is available free of charge to Village residents to drop off chipped brush, branches and yard debris. The Facility is open on Saturday from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and by appointment only during the week.

Please call the Village office at (513)724-6107 before you come for more information and guidelines.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

MAYOR

Mary Ann Lefker

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Jim Weaver, Vice-Mayor

Charles Covert

Dan Colonel

Dr. James King

Traci Schueler-Hurst

Terri Ousley

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.*

Jason Barger, *Public Works Staff*

Jason Layman, *Public Works Staff*

Chris Wright, *Street Supt.*

Alex Smith, *Street Dept. Staff*

Danny Hamblin, *Seasonal Staff*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Gregory, *Chief of Police*

Randy Ruehrwein, *Sergeant*

Jon Adamson, *Corporal, SRO*

Stephen Halkiu, *Full-time Officer*

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

& 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...

Carter Financial Services

Carter Financial Services, LLC. offers many different tax and account services for individuals, sole proprietor, partnerships and Corporations. The team has experience preparing standard tax returns as well as extremely complicated tax scenarios, and everywhere in between. They know that every single individual tax payer or business is unique, and they take the time to understand your position and present you with the most effective service and outcome you deserve. Carter Financial provides premium quality tax preparation at a reasonable cost.

“As a life long resident I’ve always wanted to offer my professional expertise to the local community at an affordable price. I have over 35 years experience and have retained professionally trained staff to assist. We offer true value with no gimmicks such as high interest rate loans”- David E. Carter, JD, CPA, MBA

Blue Oven CSA

Blue Oven Bakery will be offering a Community Supported Agriculture opportunity from June –September 2016. The vegetable portion would cost \$500 or about \$25 per week for fresh organic vegetables (tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, squash, radishes, carrots, beets, greens, peppers (hot and sweet), cabbage, herbs, leeks, onions, kale and more. You also will get stone ground local flour regularly and maybe some other stone ground products. An additional bread option would cost \$120 or about \$6 for any blue oven bread which is a really great deal. It's all going to be grown organically high quality vegetables and bread. The pick up is going to either be from Blue Oven farm or maybe a more centralized location like the Old Firehouse Brewery. Visit www.blueovenbakery.com for additional information.

Old Firehouse Brewery

Congratulations to the Old Firehouse Brewery on their recent purchase of 209-225 W. Main Street to expand their business for canning and kegging! The additional space will allow the brewery to add four more fermenters and double the capacity in the future. The Village appreciates Adam Cowan’s investment and support for the community.

Grassy Run Rendezvous

The 24th Annual Grassy Run Heritage Rendezvous is April 29-30 and May 1, 2016 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. 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 5:30 p.m. at Community Center
- Personnel Committee - 1st Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Community Center
- Utilities Committee - Last Thursday 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.