

# Village of Williamsburg

*Established 1796*

*September ~ October ~ November 2016 Newsletter*

## *A Message from the Mayor...*

Hello to all,

Being a warm weather person it is hard for me to say I am looking forward to fall but this summer's high temperatures has taken its toll on my outdoor enjoyment. Our guys have successfully maintained the beautiful flowers along our Main St. and other than the continued vandalism of the flowers on our bridge we have enjoyed our Garden Clubs beautification of our Village. I will never understand what satisfaction anyone can possibly get out of damaging or destroying public property. With damage being seen at the bridge and with the destruction of fencing along our Broadway section of the Hike/Bike Trail I am encouraging all our residents to report any acts of vandalism they may encounter. With the Main Street repaving by ODOT being complete we look forward to the East Main Street repaving to begin soon. This joint project with Clermont County is being partially funded through an Ohio Public Works grant which has greatly reduced the Villages overall cost for the upgrades and paving being done on this section.

Within the next few weeks we will be publishing our requests for bids on Phase III of our sewer plant project. This multi-million dollar project will not only provide the necessary upgrades needed for current users but also the capacity to grow our user base with the ongoing efforts to increase our economic development opportunities. This project is also being done with grants and local dollars.

During the next few months we will be working with the Ohio State Extension office and an associate of the Clermont County Economic Development Department to increase our efforts to vision and plan for future growth. As the Village updates its 5 year plan each year it is important to balance need, want and reality. This is an ongoing effort. It was with mixed feelings that we accepted the resignation of Councilwoman Terri Ousley. I thank Terri for her years of service to Williamsburg and was happy to hear that she will continue to be active in the Villages community activities. After the required posting of this important position expired Council selected Ronald Ferree Jr. to fill Terri's seat. Ron has indicated he looks forward to being a part of the efforts to grow Williamsburg and we look forward to the energy and efforts he brings to Council.

Till next time,  
Mary Ann

## What's Happening in Our Community...

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| * <b>Mum Sale:</b> Fri. & Sat. until Sept.10th at SR 32 & SR133 | * <b>Village Wide Yard Sales:</b> Sept.10th & 11th                               | * <b>No School:</b> Sept. 5th, Oct. 10th, Nov. 8th, Nov. 23rd-25th. |
| * <b>Homecoming/Parade:</b> Sept. 23rd                          | * <b>Village Offices Closed:</b> Sept. 5th, Nov. 11th, Nov. 24th & 25th          | * <b>Grandparents Breakfast Elem.:</b> Sept 16th                    |
| * <b>Christmas Walk Quarter Auction:</b> Oct. 8th at A.L.       | * <b>Council Meetings:</b> scheduled for Sept. 8, Oct. 13 & Nov. 10 at 5:30 p.m. | * <b>PT Conf. Middle/High:</b> Sept. 15th & Oct. 27th               |
| * <b>Craft Show Music Boosters:</b> Nov. 9th at High School     | * <b>BOE Meetings:</b> Sept. 19th, Oct. 17th & Nov. 21nd                         | * <b>PT Conf. Elementary:</b> Nov. 3rd & 7th                        |

# News From The Village...

## *Zoning and Housing Code*

The Village of Williamsburg has both a Zoning Code and a Housing Code that require certain levels of property maintenance. Some of the items that are required are as follows:

- ◇ recreational vehicles, campers, boats are restricted to park in the rear lot of the yard from **November 1st—March 31st**
- ◇ trash cans must be placed behind front of home after trash has been collected every week
- ◇ front, back and side yard grass must be cut and trimmed
- ◇ store all items inside your home or an outbuilding, not on your porch or in your open yard
- ◇ all swimming pools must be enclosed by an approved fence
- ◇ your home must be kept in general good repair (siding must be replaced, gutters and roofs repaired as needed, etc.)

Any questions? Visit [www.williamsburgohio.org](http://www.williamsburgohio.org) for additional information about Zoning or call 513-724-6107.

## *Community Park News*

Stop by the Community Park to check out the new shelter in September. The Village of Williamsburg received a Nature Works grant to help offset the construction expense of the new picnic shelter at the park.

We are also taking Park Shelter Reservations for the 2017 season. For more information or to reserve your date, please call (513) 724-6107 or visit our office at 107 W. Main St.

## *Williamsburg Library Programs*

Visit [www.clermontlibrary.org](http://www.clermontlibrary.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.

## *From the Street Department*

Leaf pick-up will begin in early November weather dependent. During this time, brush & limbs will not be picked up. Brush pick-up will resume in early April. To ensure fast and accurate leaf pick up, some guidelines have been set in place. If these guidelines are not followed, public works will leave a door hanger on your door stating what was not followed and the leaves will not be picked up until the problem is corrected.

### **Leaf Removal Guidelines:**

- Leaves are to be piled at the curb line but extending back no further than 6 feet. Please use entire road frontage if needed.
- Keep brush and other debris such as rocks, garden hoses, bags, etc., out of the leaf piles. These will cause damage to the equipment and possible injury to the employee.
- Leaves piled by the street blocked behind parked cars will not be picked up.
- In order to avoid clogging storm sewers, please do not pile leaf piles on top of storm sewer catch basins.

Every effort is made to collect leaves in each area of the Village on a weekly basis; however, this cannot be guaranteed due to weather and the volume of pick up required from week to week. The schedule and the progress of leaf collection will be reviewed on a daily basis to ensure each area of the village is getting proper services. You also have the option to take leaves and brush to the Village's compost facility.

For more details about the leaf and brush pick up guidelines visit [www.williamsburgohio.org](http://www.williamsburgohio.org).

## *Compost Facility Use*

The Compost Facility is open Saturdays in September and October from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. or by appointment during business hours. This facility is located on McKeever Pike. The facility is available free of charge to all Village residents. The facility is also available to non-village residents at a cost of \$5 per use. Items that can be accepted are grass clippings, leaves, and chipped brush during hours of operation.

Please remember any material generated by a professional tree service or landscaper will be the responsibility of the service provider and cannot be placed at the curb or brought to the compost lot. Non-village residents and those wishing to arrange an appointment should call the Village office at (513) 724-6107.

## *From the Police Department*

School is back in session, which means we need to pay special attention to School Buses, School Zones and Crosswalks to ensure that our young people make it to and from school safely.

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. To safeguard your property and aid in recovery of stolen items, take pictures and note of make/model and serial numbers of all valuables whenever possible.



## VILLAGE PERSONNEL

### MAYOR

Mary Ann Lefker

### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Jim Weaver, Vice-Mayor

Charles Covert

Dan Colonel

Dr. James King

Traci Schueler-Hurst

Ronald 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 Department Superintendent*

Chris Wright - *Street Department Superintendent*

Ean Young - *Public Works Staff*

Danny Hamblin - *Street Dept. 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- **724-6107**

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

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

**In Case of Police or Fire  
Emergency - Dial 911**

# *Spotlight On...*

## **Historic Williamsburg Cemetery Tour**

Harmony Hill Association extends an invitation to the public to attend the inaugural tour of pioneer gravesites in the Williamsburg Cemetery on Saturday, September 24th. The walking tours will visit ten sites and at each, a costumed guide will speak for approximately five minutes. Speakers will share interesting stories and fascinating facts about early Williamsburgh and the frontiersmen, civic leaders, soldiers and abolitionist who helped shape its history.

The tour will last about an hour and is an easy walk for the average person; however, the ground is uneven in places and may prove challenging for anyone who requires much assistance walking. Participants are welcome to carry a folding chair to use at the stops. The tours begin at 1:00, 1:30, 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. and tickets will be available for a donation of \$10 per person or not more than \$20 per family. Tickets will be marked with the starting tour time to which the participant is assigned. In order to keep groups small, a limited number of tickets will be sold.

On Thursday, September 1st, Diane Vaughan will be selling the tickets at Wrinkles, 145 West Main Street. Shop hours are Monday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., closed on Wednesdays. All proceeds will go to the Harmony Hill Museum, 299 South Third Street, Williamsburg. The Harmony Hill Museum is open the first Saturday of each month from 1:00-4:00 PM and by appointment. For more information, call 724-7824 or 724-7790.

## **Old Firehouse Gives Back**

As part of their Second Anniversary Celebration, the Old Firehouse Brewery will be hosting fun filled activities on Main Street between 2:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Saturday September 17th to raise funds for the Williamsburg Police Department. Anyone interested in participating in the activities to raise funds for this worthy cause can stop by the brewery or visit [www.oldfirehousebrewery.com](http://www.oldfirehousebrewery.com).

The Burg BBQ Fest & Feral Hog 50K After Party will be held on October 15th from noon to 8:00 p.m. at the Fire House Brewery. Bring your family and friends to the BBQ cook off for a day of food and fun. All proceeds from this event will benefit Williamsburg Re-invented. Visit [www.oldfirehousebrewery.com](http://www.oldfirehousebrewery.com) for more information.

Please note Main Street will be closed between Second Street and Third Street during these events.

# *Village of Williamsburg*

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## *Fall 2016 Village Newsletter*



### *Welcome to the Village of Williamsburg, Ohio*

The Village of Williamsburg is “Open for Business”. Founded in 1796, the Village of Williamsburg combines rich history with a progressive present and the promise of an exciting future. Come grow with us! Whether you are a long-time resident, a visitor, or looking to relocate your family or business to Williamsburg..you will find everything you need to make yourself feel right at home!

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*