

Village of Williamsburg

Established 1796

December ~ January ~ February 2016 Newsletter

A Message from the Mayor...

Hello to all,

With the change in the season, from summer to fall, I hope we can enjoy the beautiful changing colors of the leaves before we mow them, rake them or just watch them blow away. It's one of those good news bad news things that changes day to day. If they are all gone before you read this note I hope you enjoyed at least one leaf change.

Our trick or treaters had a good night to roam the village and thanks to our Police Department and our Township Emergency Services Department our kids were kept safe walking along our streets. This one night is another example of the village and the township working together as the "community of Williamsburg."

Also during the month of October the 3rd phase of the Williamsburg-Batavia Hike/Bike Trail was opened with the official ribbon cutting on October 15th. This phase takes the trail over the repaved Zagar Rd. and into Batavia Township. With the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources coming down from Columbus to take part in the ribbon cutting our trail, along with the East Fork State Park, is getting some recognition that will benefit our efforts to keep the trail moving and encourage upgrades and opportunities within the park. As each improvement to East Fork State Park brings more visitors it also improves the economic development opportunities we have with new visitors to our village. As Phase IV is planned and a grant request for funds has been written it is our hope to be able to reopen and pave the Summit Rd. section of the trail in 2016. With that in mind the 3rd "Rock and Roast" is being planned for January 23rd, 2016. Last year's event raised over \$10,000.00 for the trail project. Keep an eye on our website for information about this event towards the end of the year.

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With the help of the Community Development Block Grant funding the highly used South 5th Street sidewalks are now safe for our kids walking to and from our schools, our families and our fitness walkers as well. With the recent notification that we have been awarded a grant from Nature Works to help with funding for a 2nd shelter at our Community Park we will be able to add to the amenities our park has to offer and with pending grants on several other projects in the wings we will be busy in 2016.

As I write this note our Williamsburg High School football team is preparing to head to a state playoff game in Mechanicsburg. Congratulations Wildcats! It's been quite season thus far for several of our school's teams and groups with titles and recognitions well earned. When I first used the term "Wildcat Pride Village Wide" my hope was that the students entering the school grounds as they passed our welcome sign would in some way feel the pride in not only our school but in our community as well. Though nothing is perfect I see the pride every day in so many ways. Whether it's sports, music, academics or just being good citizens our Wildcat Pride represents us all in what we call WILLIAMSBURG!

It is an honor for me to serve as your Mayor and as we move into 2016 I look forward to the challenges and rewards of representing our village. As this will be my last newsletter of the year I would like to wish you all blessings throughout the holiday season and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann

What's Happening in our Community?

Special Dates to Remember

Williamsburg Garden Club's Home Tour - Dec. 5 from 1-5 p.m.
Village Office Closed - Thursday & Friday Dec. 24 & 25
Village Office Closed - Thursday & Friday Dec. 31 & Jan. 1
Village Office Closed - Feb. 15
Council Meetings - Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & Feb. 11



Christmas Walk

Dec. 4th 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 Dates to Remember

Winter Break - Dec. 21st to Jan. 1st
No School - Jan. 18th
Parent/Teacher Conf. Elementary - Feb. 4th & 9th
Parent/Teacher Conf. Middle/High - Feb. 11th & 18th
No School - Feb. 12th
No School - Feb. 15th

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. 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 off the curb 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.

Brush Collection in January

A highly used service in the Village is the year-round brush removal provided by the Village for the residents from January 1st to November 1st. Please be advised, any professional tree trimmers, contractors, landscaping companies, etc., are required to remove any waste generated from the home owners property and not placed out by the curb for public works to remove.

To ensure fast and accurate removal, some guidelines have been established. If the guidelines are not followed, a door hanger notice will be left and the brush will not be picked up. For additional information, call Village Hall at (513)724-6107 or visit www.williamsburgohio.org about the brush removal 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. was chosen by the Village for its ability to offer residents and businesses free an online filing and payments to maximize the Village's tax collection efforts. R.I.T.A. will be 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 4th. Don't miss this fun family friendly event at the North Pole. Listen to the strolling carolers, take a ride on the fire truck and enjoy the free refreshments! Have a safe, merry holiday season and shop local!
Susan Ellerhorst



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

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Mary Ann Lefker

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Kyle Cribbet - Utility Dept. Supt.

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Jason Barger - Public Works Staff

Jason Layman - Public Works Staff

Alex Smith - Public Works Staff

Danny Hamblin - Public Works 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

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 4th from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. throughout the heart of downtown Williamsburg. Many businesses will offer special events for visitors.

- Visit the North Pole at The Old Sunoco Station -

Featuring a visit from Santa Claus from 6:00-8:00 p.m., music from several different groups, and deep fried oreos and turkey sandwiches will be for sale by the Clear Mountain Community Church Avalanche Youth Group.

- Williamsburg Community Center -

Featuring the Williamsburg Garden Club's Silent Auction with an assortment of various items for auction. Purchase a Garden Club Cookbook! Buy a piece of history from Harmony Hill! New wood ornaments of the Dairy House and the Old High School! Get raffle tickets for handcrafted Santa and Gingerbread houses. Enjoy the Christmas Walk bake sale. Lester Scott hand carved Santa raffle to support the Christmas Walk. Winner drawn on December 4th.

- Williamsburg Presbyterian Church (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 (Gay Street) -

A Turkey/Ham Mission Supper will be served at Fellowship Hall Serving will be from 5:00 - 8:00 p. m. Children's menu available. Adults \$8.00, Children 4-12 \$4.00, 3 & under free. Benefiting The Williamsburg Community Mission and Christ's Kitchen Table. Holiday Help and Hope service 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.

-Williamsburg Branch Library -

Doors will be open from 5:30- 8:00 p.m. Watch the Dream Weavers at 6:00 & 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Clause will be handing out candy canes and mini coloring books. Craft table available to make an ornament with hot chocolate and cookies being served. Register for the Library Christmas gift basket!

- American Legion (East Main Street) -

Visit exciting train displays! Crafters with special gifts for sale.

- Williamsburg Alumni Association -

Make your own 2015 Williamsburg Christmas Walk ornament at the booth.

- 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 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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VILLAGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- Village Council - 2nd Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Community Center
- Planning Commission - 1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Community Center
- Parks & Recreation Committee - 1st Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Community Center
- Personnel Committee - 1st Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Community Center
- Utilities Committee - 4th 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 in February, March, April, June, September and November, 2016
- Facilities and Equipment - 2nd Tuesday of even-numbered months at 5:30 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.

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. 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! Come grow with us!