

# Village of Williamsburg

June ~ July ~ August, 2017 Newsletter

## A Message from the Mayor...

Hello to all,

Welcome spring and the flowers it brings! Though our winter was bearable this past year the more consistent warmer temperatures are a welcome occurrence. As we plan for summer events here in the village please watch for announcements on our utility bills. From “June in Olde Williamsburgh” in June to “National Night Out” in August I hope you will create fond memories of a safe and happy Williamsburg summer.

With the new addition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> shelter at our Community Park we are developing more options for picnicking and special events. We continue to plan for expansion and enhancements to the park that will allow us to build upon the outdoor opportunities within this beautiful area of the village.

I am happy to report that statistics indicate there continues to be increased property values throughout the village and with multiple new housing starts, we are seeing more new families enjoying the appeal and pride of Williamsburg. Our school continues to be a focal point for our community and the accomplishments of our students brings recognition not only to them but to Williamsburg. I’m proud of our school and the opportunities our kids have within our district.

This past week we celebrated our 12<sup>th</sup> year as a “Tree City” and shared this distinction with our elementary students. During this year’s program the children from the school’s “Ranger Club”, along with their leader, Mr. Anderson, helped us learn more about the importance of trees and some of the current concerns with insects that are killing so many of our trees. As you look around your property you may see signs of dead and dying trees, especially the Ash trees, and recommendations are to have those trees removed as soon as possible. I think we have all seen some of the damage these dying trees can cause when storms pass through.

As we are planning for appropriate signage to be displayed near our intersection that will create interest for vehicles approaching our exit ramp, I think there may be many things we could say. But for now I think “Welcome Home” works!

Till next time,  
Mary Ann

## Community Notes & Dates to Remember...

- \* **June in Olde Williamsburgh:** June 2nd 3rd & 4th. Old High School Grounds. Schedule of events on page 3.
- \* **Council Meetings:** scheduled for June 8th, July 13th and August 10th at 5:30 p.m.
- \* **The Village Office:** will be closed July 3rd and July 4th.
- \* **Township Junk Days:** June 8th & 9th 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. & June 10th 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Eighth and Gay Street
- \* **Harmony Hill Museum:** Williamsburg Underground Railroad June 17th 1 p.m.
- \* **Garden Club Garden Tour:** Red, White & Bloom July 8th 10 - 4 p.m.
- \* **National Night Out:** August 1st
- \* **Memorial Day Parade:** May 29th
- \* **Disc Golf Tournament:** July 15 and August 20 at the Community Park
- \* **American Legion Car Show:** in the Park August 27th
- \* **Last Day of School:** May 23rd
- \* **Graduation:** May 27th
- \* **Alumni Banquet:** June 3rd
- \* **First Day:** for Students August 17th

# News From The Village...

## Water Quality Report Available

The 2016 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is available in PDF format to download from our website at [www.williamsburgohio.org](http://www.williamsburgohio.org). We will post this on our home page as well as on the "Residential Services/Water and Sewer" page once all of the report is ready to publish. If you would like a paper copy of the report, please stop by or call our office at (513) 724-6107 to request a copy.

## Radio Read Meter Upgrades Continue

Our crews are upgrading water meters to a new "radio read" system. Once a new meter has been installed, you will receive a letter (typically left at your front door) that will better explain the new meters. Call (513) 724-6107 with any questions.

## A Reminder for Residents and Businesses...

The Village contracts with Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) to manage our municipal income tax collections. R.I.T.A. was chosen by the Village for its ability to offer residents and businesses free online filing and payment processing and to maximize the Village's tax collection efforts.

R.I.T.A. will be responsible for all of the administration and collection of all income taxes and will serve as the Agent for the Village in this capacity. Please do not mail or drop off any local tax forms or money to the Village. Returns must be filed by all residents and businesses even if you do not owe money and sent to R.I.T.A. for processing. Questions? Please visit [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com) or call 1(866)-721-7482 for additional information.

## Shelter from the Storm

With the recent storms in mind, the Village of Williamsburg Safety Committee along with Williamsburg Schools, has designated the Williamsburg High School as a shelter-in-place location during tornado warnings. In the event of an issued tornado warning only, the doors will be opened and the public can take shelter there until the warnings are lifted. Note that this is for issued warnings only, not for tornado watches.

**PLEASE  
PICK UP  
AFTER  
YOUR PET**  
*Thank You!*

## How to report a streetlight outage?

Duke Energy has online tools to help you report streetlight outages. Duke Energy maintains numerous streetlights for safety and security in public areas in Williamsburg. If a streetlight is out in your neighborhood, visit [www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair](http://www.duke-energy.com/customer-service/request-light-repair)

to report the outage by entering the address closest to the streetlight, select the streetlight on the map, complete the form and submit. A confirmation email will be sent to you about your request.

## 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 Street.

## Are you interested in recycling?

Try using the drop-off recycling center at the corner of North Eighth Street and Gay Street provided by the Adams-Clermont County Solid Waste District. The drop-off center is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The following items are accepted: metal cans, plastic bottles, glass, mixed paper and cardboard.

## Where is your trash can?

Don't forget to put your garbage can at the curb on Tuesday night for pick-up on Wednesday morning. We also ask that you move your trash can back off the curb and 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!

## Grass Cutting Season is Here!

The Village has a high grass ordinance. Grass must be kept cut and all streetside/ditches/curbs trimmed. Please keep your grass cut and your yard neat so you can enjoy the summer weather outside safely.

## Zoning and Housing Code

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:

- store all items inside your home or an out-building, not in the yard or on your porch
- vehicles must be road-worthy and licensed
- All swimming pools must be enclosed by a fence
- Homes must be kept in general good repair (siding must be replaced, windows, gutters, roofs repaired as needed, paint etc.)

Visit [www.williamsburgohio.org](http://www.williamsburgohio.org) for "Zoning" or call (513) 724-6107 for any questions.

VILLAGE PERSONNEL

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Priscilla Bush, *Finance Clerk*

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Kyle Cribbet, *Public Works Supt.*

Ean Young, *Public Works Staff*

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Matt Ernst, *Street Dept. Staff*

Danny Hamblin, *Seasonal 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

For Emergencies – dial 911

Duke Energy – 800-544-6900

# Spotlight On...

## June in Olde Williamsburgh

**Friday, June 2:**

Noon – Midnight

5:00 – 11:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

6:30 – 11:00 p.m.

7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

9:00 – Midnight

Vendors & Food Booths Open

Carnival

Parade (line up at 5:30 p.m. at High School)

Main Stage: **Scholarship Presentation**

Beer Garden Open

Main Stage: **Williamsburg Community Band**

Main Stage: **Ronnie Vaughn**

**Saturday, June 3:**

9:00 a.m.

**5K Run/Walk “Run for the Funds”**

(providing scholarships for Williamsburg Local School students), 10K Run for The “W” Club (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.)

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Relaxation Station @ the Library**

Noon – 11:00 p.m.

Carnival

Noon – Midnight

Vendors and Food Booths Open

Noon – 11:00 p.m.

Beer Garden Open

1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.

**Kids Fest at the Library**

Ice Cream Social and Face Painting

Croc Talk presented by Newport Aquarium

Clermont County Sheriff’s Office Vehicles on display

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Main Stage: **The Williamsburg High School**

**Jazz Band**

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Main Stage: **David Wayne**

8:00 p.m.– Midnight

Main Stage: **Noah Smith**

9:30 p.m.

Main Stage: **Sponsorship Presentation**

**Sunday, June 4:**

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Main Stage: **Disc Jockey JD Richards**

Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Vendors and Food Booths Open

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show/Swap Meet**

(registration begins at 9:00 a.m.)

The Festival Committee is happy to welcome **Miracle Amusements** again this year as our carnival provider. New rides and games for your family fun!



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#### **July is Parks and Recreation Month**

The Community Park is a great place for residents and visitors to enjoy especially during the warm summer months. Located at 150 East Main Street, the park offers something for everyone to enjoy. Two shelters are available by reservation on a first come, first served basis. Each shelter has picnic tables, trash cans and grills. Shelter #1 can seat over 120 visitors. Shelter #2 can seat up to 64 visitors. The cost to reserve each shelter is \$50.00 per day. Both a completed reservation form and payment must be received to reserve the shelters.

To determine availability, please visit the Village Calendar at [www.williamsburgohio.org](http://www.williamsburgohio.org) or call the Village at (513) 724-6107. Please note that shelter reservations are not guaranteed until a completed form and payment have been received. To reserve the shelters for your next event, download the Park Shelter Reservation Form and submit with payment to the Village of Williamsburg. Payment may be made by cash, check, money order or credit card (Visa, MasterCard and Discover).

#### *Additional Park Amenities*

- \*Basketball Court
- \*Playground
- \*Restroom Facilities
- \*Disc Golf Course
- \*Benches
- \*Baseball Field
- \*River Access
- \*Sand Volleyball
- \*Corn hole Boards
- \*Walking Trail

Bring your family and friends to the Community Park for a visit.