

Village of Williamsburg

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October 2020 Newsletter

A Message from the Mayor...

Hello to all,

Is there light at the end of this tunnel?? I believe there is.

As we all know several of our small businesses have closed during these unprecedented times and as businesses begin to reopen it will continue to be a priority to have an open door to the entrepreneurs investing in Williamsburg. I am happy and excited to report that Holtman's has indicated they will reopen hopefully in time for the Christmas Walk. As we see the increased number of vehicles driving through our village on a day to day basis and we get reports of a record number of visitors hiking and biking along the Williamsburg-Batavia Hike Bike Trail added to expected growth along the 32 corridor we have to ask ourselves what will these vehicles stop for and why not Williamsburg! Planning is important, necessary and ongoing but I believe at times we will only be limited by the limits we place upon ourselves.

As we look forward to the completion of the Phase I Gay Street project (hooray!!) we will have the Phase II Gay Street project ready to put out to bids. Please check our website for details and for reports on upcoming projects.

With an increased awareness of property improvements it is a with the understanding that we all know as we clean up, fix up and take pride in our properties we are representing not only ourselves but our community as a whole. I tell our students how special it is to have "Wildcat Pride" and when I asked to put the sign up at the school to indicate "Wildcat Pride Village Wide" I felt it was important for them to see that every day as they entered the school grounds. I feel it is equally as important that we all know that "Williamsburg Pride" speaks volumes as to who we are as a community.

As this will be my last newsletter before the upcoming holiday season, I would like to wish you all blessings throughout the season and into the New Year.

Best regards,

Mary Ann

Community Notes & Dates to Remember...

Trick or Treating: 6:00 pm -8:00pm October 31st

****Lytle Trace Senior Apartments will not be participating in Trick or Treat this year.**

Village office: will be closed Nov 11th, Veterans Day-Holiday.

Village office: will be closed Nov 26th & 27th, Thanksgiving Holiday.

Christmas Walk and Decorating Contest:
Dec 4th

Change Your Clocks Back & Smoke Alarm Batteries

The Village reminds residents to change the batteries in smoke, carbon monoxide and any other type of detection device in your home when you turn your clock back on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020.

REMINDER: A Mask is required when entering the Village Office.



Thank you!

School Events to Remember

* **HealthSource Ribbon Cutting:** Oct 12th

* **End of 1st Quarter:** Oct 16th

* **MS/HS Band Concert:** Oct 20th

* **OSHAA Fall Sports Tournaments:** TBA

Please visit www.burgschool.org for further information or contact numbers.

News from the Village...

Sewer Problems on the Rise Due to Covid-19 with More People at Home

Many convenient household products are labeled or marketed as disposable and flushable. However, most of these products have the ability to clog and stop up not only the sewer line on private property, but also can cause blockage and service problems in the public sewer system and pump stations. Sewer line repairs can be costly for everyone.

How can we all help to reduce the risk of costly repairs and or equipment replacement expenses now and in the future? Do not flush these items: *all disinfectant wipes, hygienic wipes, moist towelettes, Q-tips, disposable diapers, paper towels, toilet cleaning pads, tampons, dental floss* Questions? Call (513) 724-6107 for additional information.

Electric and Gas Aggregation

Williamsburg Village voted to place on the November 3rd ballot the question of whether the Village should engage in electric and natural gas aggregation.

Aggregation is the process by which the Village would negotiate a bulk price on the electric and natural gas commodities for its residents and small businesses. Individual consumers would then decide if they wanted to opt-out of the negotiated price and continue to provide for their own electric or natural gas supplies. If approved by the voters, residents would see no change in their electric or gas services. Duke Energy would continue to carry, service, and bill for the service.

This is a completely voluntary program. Residents will be given the choice to opt-out of the program if they do not wish to participate. Without any fee at any time.

Trick or Treat

The Village of Williamsburg will allow trick or treating from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Halloween night. We will be supportive of parental choice as to whether to allow their children to



participate in this annual outing or not and we will be encouraging all that do participate to follow public health

guidelines regarding social distancing and the wearing of masks. We will be asking that residents that want to allow trick or treaters to stop at their residences to turn on porch lights and be visible to the approaching trick or treaters. Our police and township emergency services personnel will be out and about during the trick or treat hours to help ensure the safety of all those that chose to trick or treat.

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



Haunted Woods is Open!

The Williamsburg Junior Athletic Association announces the 2020 dates for the Haunted Woods. Mark your calendar for 10/16 -10/17 & 10/23-10/24 from 7pm-12:00 AM. General admission is \$20.00 for a hayride and terrifying walk. Free kids' day is scheduled for 10/17 from 3pm-6pm. Located at the W.J.A.A Sports Complex at 3759 Old State Route 32, Williamsburg, OH 45176. Visit facebook.com/Hauntedwoods/ for more details.

Christmas Walk Decorating Contest

We are excited to announce Christmas Walk is scheduled for December 4, 2020. Visit facebook.com/trainsofwilliamsburg/ for additional information. The Christmas Walk Committee will be sponsoring a decorating contest for residents of the village of Williamsburg. All residents are encouraged to participate, making the spirit of Christmas a visible presence in Williamsburg.

The theme for the contest is **Light Up Williamsburg with a Magical Christmas**. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be awarded gift cards to a local business! Decorations must be assembled by the contestant(s), and adequate lighting is essential.

To enter the contest please submit a picture of your home to: williamsburgchristmaswalk@gmail.com. Please be sure to include your name and address. All photos must be received no later than Monday, December 7th at Noon.

Photos will be uploaded to Trains of Williamsburg Facebook page where neighbors and residents can vote on the most magical home. Voting will remain open until Monday, December 14th at Noon. Winners will be announced shortly after. All members of the village are encouraged to participate! We can't wait to see your photos!

Business Decorating Contest

Williamsburg Businesses please join us in bringing extra holiday cheer to the Trains of Williamsburg Christmas Walk this year! Decorate your business, your windows, or walls with the holiday theme of your choice. The community will vote and the winning business will be rewarded with the traveling trophy to display all year long. Volunteers for the window decorating can be arranged; please reach out to Tressa at 937-283-3147 to do so. More details to come! Thank you for joining us in the first annual Train Walk Contest!