

# Village of Williamsburg

*Established 1796*

*December 2018~ January ~ February 2019 Newsletter*

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

Hello to all,

As I sit down to write this note to our residents I think about the world around us and how we fit into that picture. I recently had the opportunity to speak to some of our high school students and we talked a little bit about how we fit in. It was so refreshing to hear that even though we hear on television every single day mostly the bad news that there is a sense of good news here in Williamsburg. We talked about our village, our township, our school and some of the things that we see around us and what we know and what we don't know. I was able to share with them some of the things that we have been doing here in the Village that may not get noticed but are key to the future of Williamsburg. We talked about community involvement. That can mean volunteering, which I could write an entire page about because we have so many volunteers that go above and beyond to serve Williamsburg in so many ways, or it can mean seeking an elected position.

I am happy to report that the final phase our expansion project at our sewer plant is near completion. This has been a 3 phase project with this final stage being made possible by multiple grants along with local funds. I am extremely pleased that we have been able to complete this project which will help to define the future of Williamsburg. This sewer plant expansion will provide our Village with not only top notch technology but also the added capacity for future economic growth needed to continue to keep Williamsburg a viable, vibrant community that is truly open for business with the utilities needed to serve not only our current residents and businesses but others that will see Williamsburg as a great location.

Though we are no longer exempt from some of the bad influences that have found their way into our environment I can assure you that we work every day to protect and serve our Village with all the resources we have available to us. With the addition of a canine officer to our police force we have added the expertise needed to aggressively pursue some of our concerns. We welcome Officer Herren and canine Officer "Bragi" to our department.

As we look to our future I was reminded to look back to where we came from. There is a new book "General William Lytle, Gentleman Surveyor and Prominent Cincinnati" written by his great-great-great grandson, Virginius Cornick Hall Jr. that recently became available through our Williamsburg Harmony Hill Association. Of particular interest locally is the description of how he carved the town of Lytlestown, later changed to Williamsburg, from the wilderness and his days living here at Harmony Hill. This book is available from the Harmony Hill Association. Contact information is available at our office. This publication really defines the beginning of how we became a part of the "picture."

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

Till next time,  
Mary Ann

## *What's Happening in our Community?*

### Special Dates to Remember

- \* **Village Office Closed** - Dec. 24th, Dec. 25th, Jan. 1st & Feb. 18th
- \* **Council Meetings** - Dec. 13th, Jan. 10th & Feb. 14th
- \* **School Winter Break** - Dec. 20th to Jan. 2nd
- \* **No School** - Jan. 21st, Feb. 15th & 18th



### Christmas Walk Dec. 7th 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 Events to Remember

- \* **Elementary School Concert** - Dec. 5th
- \* **Mid/High School Concert** - Dec. 9th
- \* **Winter Homecoming** - Jan. 4th
- \* **PT Conf. Elementary** - Jan. 24th & 29th
- \* **PT Conf. Middle/High** - Feb. 7th

# 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. As a reminder, Utility bill payments are due by the 5th of the month to avoid late fees. 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 Monday night for pick-up Tuesday morning. Mattresses and furniture need to be securely wrapped in plastic for collection. Our contract with CSI does not require that they return for cans not placed curbside in a timely manner. We also ask that you move your can back 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!

## *From the Public Works Dept.*

### **Leaf Collection**

A highly used service in the Village is free leaf collection from November 1st to December 15th depending on the weather. Brush will not be picked up during this time period, but will resume in April.

To ensure leaves are collected, follow these guidelines.

- Rake clean leaf piles to the curb.
- Keep leaf piles away from parked vehicles and storm drains and catch basins.

Every effort will be made to collect leaves on a weekly basis. However, the weather and the size of the piles will affect the collection timeframe in each neighborhood. For additional information, call Village Hall at (513)724-6107 or visit [www.williamsburgohio.org](http://www.williamsburgohio.org) about the leaf collection 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. offers residents and businesses free an online filing and payments options. R.I.T.A. is 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](http://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 7th. Don't miss the family friendly activities at the North Pole. Listen to the strolling carolers, take a ride on the fire truck, visit the camel and other live animals and enjoy the celebration with local businesses!

Have a safe, merry holiday season!



### *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**

**MAYOR**

Mary Ann Lefker

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Tim Wood, Vice-Mayor

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Priscilla Bush, *Finance Clerk*

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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Kyle Cribbet, *Utility Dept. Supt.*

Spencer Capps, *Public Works Staff*

Bryan Bachtel, *Street Dept. Supt.*

Matt Ernst, *Public Works Staff*

Danny Hamblin, *Public Works Staff*

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Michael Gregory, *Chief of Police*

Randy Ruehrwein, *Sergeant*

Jon Adamson, *Corporal, SRO*

Jason Flynn, *Full-time Officer*

Margaret Timmers, *Full-time Officer*

Corey Herren, *Full-time K9 Officer*

K9 Bragi—*Full-time Officer*

**Village Office Hours**

***Administration, Utilities, Clerk of Courts and Zoning***

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

***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

Police (Non-Emergency) 724-2261

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**Emergency: Call 911**

# Spotlight On...



## Christmas Walk



The Annual "Trains of Williamsburg Christmas Walk" will be held on Friday, December 7th from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. throughout the heart of downtown Williamsburg. Many businesses will offer special events for visitors.

- North Pole at The Old Sunoco Station (3rd and Main Street)-

Featuring a visit from Santa Claus from 6:00-8:00 p.m., music from several different groups from 5:00-8:30 p.m. and free fire truck rides from 6:00 -9:00 p.m. from the Williamsburg Township Fire Department.

- Williamsburg Community Center (107 W. Main Street)-

Featuring the Williamsburg Garden Club's Silent Auction with an assortment of various items for auction. Buy a piece of history from Harmony Hill! New wood ornaments of the Dairy House and the Old High School! Enjoy the Christmas Walk bake sale. Lester Scott's hand carved Santa raffle proceeds will help support the Christmas Walk. Winner drawn on December 7th.. The 2018 Christmas Walk Trains of Williamsburg ornaments will be available while supplies last.

- Williamsburg Presbyterian Church (199 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 (330 Gay Street) -

A turkey and ham dinner will be served from 5:00 - 8:00 p. m. Children's menu available. Adults \$8.00, Children 4-12 \$4.00, 3 and 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.

- American Legion (East Main Street) -

Stop by the Legion to view the festive collection of decorated Christmas trees and train displays! Visit the Crafters with special gifts for sale.

-Williamsburg Branch Library -

The Hands Up! Puppet Troupe will perform holiday show at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. Refreshments, a scavenger hunt and visit with Mrs. Claus. The kids can warm up from the cold in the children's playroom

- 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 be train displays, strolling carolers and a Nativity scene with live animals!!*

*Special thanks to Croswell Bus Lines for the donation of the shuttle service during the event.*

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## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- \* Planning Commission is responsible for the application, interpretation, and enforcement of the Zoning and Housing Code.
- \* Parks & Recreation Committee coordinates recreational efforts and manages the Community Park.
- \* Personnel Committee reviews and discusses policies and procedures related to Village employees.
- \* Utilities Committee reviews and discusses policies related to utility services (i.e. water and sanitary sewer)
- \* Economic Development Committee directs efforts to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for the Community.
- \* Tree Board advises Village Council and administration on matters related to Williamsburg's urban forest.
- \* Facilities and Equipment Committee reviews and discusses maintenance of public property and equipment (i.e. buildings and park).

**The dates and times for the Boards and Committees meetings are available on the Village Calendar of Events at [www.williamsburgohio.org](http://www.williamsburgohio.org).**

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.