

# Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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Township Trustee Meetings ~ 2nd & 4th Monday 7:30 PM at Township Hall, located on Alexander Ln.

## From The Trustees

In a recent letter received from the Clermont County Engineer, a listing of bridges in Williamsburg and their condition was given. According to the Engineer, there are 16 bridges in the Township, with only one having a restricted weight limit. The Engineer has replaced one bridge in the last five years and that was the bridge on Dela Palma between SR 32 and the Clermont/Brown County lines.

There are several other bridges and culverts on both county and Township roads that are in varying conditions. The Engineer did not mention that all the culverts and bridges on County roads are the responsibility of the county Engineer and the bridges on Township roads are also the responsibility of the county engineer. The culverts on Township roads are the responsibility of the township.

Every year Clermont 20/20 holds a "Salute to Leader" annual meeting to honor individuals from each township and individuals from around the County. This year's meeting will be held Thursday, March 13, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Eastgate. Each year Clermont 20/20 requests Williamsburg Township to select an individual from our township who has made a substantial contribution to the quality of life for citizens in our community. If anyone would like to nominate an individual to receive this honor, please contact one of the Township Trustees. Listed below is a list of previous Salute to Leaders recipients for Williamsburg Township and their respective years:

2007 - Roy Abrams  
2006 - Jim Lefferson  
2005 - Earl Whiteman  
2004 - Paul Jones  
2003 - Larry Cadwallader  
2002 - Myers Deel  
2001 - Harmony Hill Association Olde Williamsburg Inc.  
2000 - Williamsburg Garden club  
1999 - Robert Wood  
1998 - Volunteer Life Squad  
1997 - Marty MacVeigh  
1996 - Harold J. Hundmer  
1995 - Earl Whiteman  
1994 - Richard Malott



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## News from your Emergency Services

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We have asked residents to cut back tree limbs from driveways to make it possible for our vehicles to have access to their homes. We still encounter some drives that are not accessible with our Squads and Fire trucks. They should be trimmed back to give us clearance for our vehicles which could suffer a lot of damage to the paint, lights, and mirrors. Lack of accessibility for our vehicles causes delays in getting help to you.

It comes the time of the year to remind everyone of the many hazards of winter. Have your heating system checked and for the many of us our chimneys should be checked as well. If you haven't changed your batteries in your smoke and CO alarms you should do so and make sure they are in working order. We do have smoke alarms and batteries available for anyone in need of them.

The flickering light of a candle can add beauty and tradition to your holidays. But left unattended or within a child's reach can turn your holidays to tragedy.

Croswell Bus Lines donated a used 25 passenger bus to our division of Fire to be used as a rehab unit at large fires or incidents. This will allow Firefighters to get in out of the weather for recovery before returning to their task at hand. We are adding a generator and other necessary equipment before putting in service.

The Williamsburg Township Emergency Services took delivery of a new Fire Truck last December, replacing a 1978 model. After trying to sell the 78 in many fire magazines and advertisements we had no one showing any interest in the truck We heard that Peoples Fire Department was in bad need of a truck, but lacked the money to make a purchase. The Township Trustees and Fire Chief decided to donate the 78 Pumper to the village of Peoples at no cost to them. They had to do some repairs but have now put the truck into service in their area

Last but not least have a Happy Holiday Season. Please be safe and allow some extra time for travel.

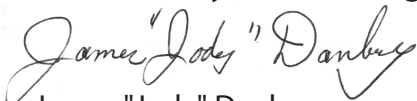
Fire Chief Richard R Malott

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## A Message From James "Jody" Danbury

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I have enjoyed working as your Township Trustee for the past 12 years. I feel we have accomplished a lot in that time by working together as a team. I appreciate all the support I have received from the residents of the township. I have called my opponent, (Guy), and offered my congratulations on winning the election and offered my help to him and the township if ever needed in the future. I would like to thank everyone who allowed me to put a sign on their property and due to circumstances beyond my control I want to apologize for the delay in removing my signs like I promised.



James "Jody" Danbury

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## Information From The Clermont County Humane Society

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Batavia, Ohio.

"It happens all too often," says Debra wood, the chief animal control officer for the Clermont County Humane Society. We pick up a stray dog and it's wearing a collar, but there is no dog tag attached, so we have no way to contact the owner." Every year, the Clermont Humane Society processes about 2,250 dogs; for the lucky few that are wearing their dog tags, their separation from their owner is brief. For the other pets that somehow stray from their owners, a reunion may never be possible.

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"When a dog is wearing a tag, we can put a hold on the animal for 14 days, giving us time to call the owner, personally contact him at his home, or even send a certified letter," says Wood. "It's really disheartening when we hear so many people say they will not buy tags for their dogs (sold for \$14.75 between December 1 and January 31 each year) because they are indoor animals. Doors open, leashes break, and frequently those beloved animals end up as strays."

According to the Ohio Revised Code, dogs are required to be licensed each year, failure to do so could result in a \$95 fine. By law, if a dog is not licensed, it can be adopted out or destroyed after being held for only 72 hours.

All proceeds collected for dog and kennel licenses in Clermont County, go to the Humane Society to operate the animal control program and care for the animals housed at the animal shelter located at 4025 Filager Road in Batavia. In Clermont County during 2006, licenses were purchased for 18,146 dogs; that's a number Wood believes represents less than half of the dogs living in the county. "If you love your pet and do not want to be separated, make sure a tag is securely attached to his collar," she said.

For more information on dog licensing and locations where tags are available, contact the Clermont County Auditor's Office at (513) 732-7150. Or visit the Web site [www.Clermont Auditor.org](http://www.Clermont Auditor.org) for a complete list of locations to purchase dog licenses. Don't lose your best friend.

### — From the Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor —

Williamsburg Township has cemetery grave spaces available in the Williamsburg Cemetery and Concord Cemetery located on Twin Bridges Road, at a cost of \$250.00 to township residents and \$650.00 for non-residents.

Roads paved during the summer months were: Happy Hollow Road, Ireton Road and 300' of Aston Road in front of the Bair Creek Subdivision.

The Township will be purchasing road salt from Clermont County during the winter months at a cost of \$45.00 per ton.

We continually check out street signs, (stop sign, road name signs, stop ahead, etc.), however, if you notice a sign that is missing or damaged, please call Earl Whiteman at 513-724-1110 or one of the Township Trustees.

Earl Whiteman,  
Cemetery Sexton  
(513) 724-1110

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### Williamsburg Township Zoning Office

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Williamsburg Township is divided into classes of Districts. These Districts in the unincorporated territory of Williamsburg Township regulate the use of building and premises, height of buildings, size of yards and area of lots that may vary by zoned districts. They are not the same districts used by the Clermont County Auditors Department - their designated districts are for taxing purposes. So the district you see on your County tax bill is not necessarily the same as the district your property is located in the Township.

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