

# Williamsburg Township Newsletter

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

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Village of Williamsburg Newsletter can be seen at [Williamsburgohio.org](http://Williamsburgohio.org)

## From The Trustees

Winter is fast approaching, and we are all hoping this winter weather will not be as bad as last year. We didn't have a blizzard last year, but we did have several snow events which required several applications of salt to our roadways. In the past we would go to Batavia and purchase salt from Clermont County as we needed it. Last year when the county's salt supply got very low they cut us off and we were unable to purchase salt for our township roads. That obviously put us in a very bad Situation. This year the trustee's have made some changes to try to be more prepared. We built a salt barn behind our maintenance building so we can store our own salt at our location, we also became a member of Southwest Ohio Purchasers For Government, (SWOP4G). By being a member of (SWOP4G) Williamsburg Township can buy salt direct from salt suppliers at reduced cost and have the salt delivered to our salt barn. The bad news is last years bad winter depleted all the reserve salt stock piles of the supplier's in this region. The salt supplier's have told us there is plenty of salt in the mines. It takes time to get the salt out of the mines and transported to this area. With such high usage of salt in this region last year, they haven't had enough time to replenish the stock piles in this area. Since the salt suppliers were unsure of how much salt they would have available, this year, they refused to enter into contracts with a large number of entities in this area, including Williamsburg Township. With the basics of low salt supply and high demand the Cost has more than doubled and for some it's more than tripled what the cost of the salt was last year. The good news is Williamsburg Township will have salt this year. We are currently negotiating with a neighboring township to purchase salt for this year. However, with the supply being low and the cost being inflated the trustees are looking at ways to conserve on salt and still keep our roads open and passable when that snow comes.

The trustee's have recently purchased new software for our cemeteries. Once we have all the data entered this software will greatly improve our ability to preserve, track and keep records of all the plots and lots in the cemeteries. Our records only go back to 1930, so the older section will be a slower process to enter the data into the software. Information from the older section will have to be obtained from each gravesite.

The Trustee's always appreciate input from Township residents. Please feel free to attend our meetings which are the second and forth Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

— From the Cemetery Sexton and Road Maintenance Supervisor —

The Township purchased a new 2008 Ford F-550 Dump Truck for road maintenance. Williamsburg Township have grave spaces available In Williamsburg Cemetary and Concord Cemetery. The current price schedule is listed below.

Effective May 12, 2008, the following prices will be in effect at all Williamsburg Cemeteries:

**CEMETERY LOT** - Williamsburg Township Residents

Single Grave..... \$250.00

**CEMETERY LOT** - Non-residents

Single Grave..... \$650.00

**OPENING / CLOSING, DISINTERMENT, FOUNDATION, DEED**

Opening an adult grave Monday - Friday.....	\$350.00
Opening an adult grave Saturday BEFORE NOON.....	\$450.00
Opening an adult grave Saturday AFTER NOON.....	\$650.00
Opening an adult grave Sundays or Holidays.....	\$650.00
Infant grave (up to 42 inches) Monday - Friday.....	\$100.00
Infant grave Saturday BEFORE NOON.....	\$125.00
Infant grave Saturday AFTER NOON.....	\$350.00
Infant grave Sundays or Holidays.....	\$350.00
Cremation burial Monday - Friday.....	\$150.00
Cremation burial Saturday BEFORE NOON.....	\$300.00
Cremation burial Saturday AFTER NOON.....	\$500.00
Cremation burial Sundays or Holidays.....	\$500.00
Disinterment of infant grave.....	\$300.00
Disinterment of adult grave.....	\$1000.00
Foundation charges (\$80.00 minimum) Per Sq. foot.....	\$40.00
Cemetery deed transfer between township residents.....	\$50.00
Cemetery deed transfer from twp resident to non twp resident.....	\$50.00 PLUS \$400/GRAVE

Indigent burial by special arrangement with trustees.

Note: These prices supersede those in the existing cemetery regulations, but do not replace any fees of a special nature that may be spelled out in those regulations.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 724-1110, Monday - Friday (8AM-5PM) In an emergency, you may contact me at my cell phone after 5PM or on weekends - 638-9900.

Sincerely,  
Earl D. Whiteman, Williamsburg Cemeteries Sexton

**Williamsburg Township Zoning Office**

**W**illiamsburg Township Board of Zoning Appeals: this Board consists of 5 members with 2 alternates. The two alternates fill in when any of the regular members are unable to attend hearings. The duties of the Board of Zoning Appeals are to have hearings for variances and conditional uses.

Variances and conditional uses are approved or denied depending on the circumstances of the property in question. The Board of Zoning Appeals has rules and regulations to follow so that they may make a legal and impartial decision.

Variances are an exception or deviation from the dimensional requirements of the Zoning Resolution, such as setbacks and building height. Use variances are not allowed under any circumstances. Variances may be granted by the Township Board of Zoning Appeals upon determination that the strict application of the adopted zoning regulations would deprive a property owner of the same privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the same zoning district.

Conditional use is a use which because of special requirements or characteristics may be allowed only after the Board of Zoning Appeals has granted approval by imposing such conditions as are determined to be necessary to mitigate undesirable land use impacts and help assure compatibility.

# News from your Emergency Services

Most of you are aware of the wind storm going through our area on Sept. 14th. I want to inform everyone of how busy you're Fire and EMS was due to the storm. We received our first dispatch at 12:40 pm for wires down and finished our last run at 11:30 pm. We had a total of 45 calls between that time and a total of 16 Volunteer Firefighters put in 176 man hours. The next several days were very busy as well.

If a tree is a hazard or blocking a roadway and not too large for our equipment to handle, we can remove it. But only if there are no electric wires involved. Our policy for safety of all concerned is; if there are wires involved we will not touch them until the electric company makes it safe. The electric company warns us to treat all wires as live ones, because you never know when they will through a switch and they will become live wires.

The Township Trustees set-up a brush drop-off at the Fire Station then rented a chipper to dispose of the brush. This was a huge success for our citizens judging by the pile of brush we had.

We came through this with no major injuries. I would like to thank the many neighbors helping neighbors and the many people that helped the Fire Department in a time of need.

Richard Malott  
Fire Chief

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**Entered in the National Register of Historic places (National Park Service, Department of the Interior)**

## The Dairy House at Harmony Hill

# Join your Historical Society and learn more about the community where you live!

### HARMONY HILL ACTIVITIES

2009 members will be eligible to attend two special programs. The first is designed to help trace genealogy and will be presented by a member of the Genealogical Society. The second will be a program on scrapbooking your family heritage, and will be presented by Julia Hess, Independent Creative Memories Scrapbooking Consultant and Harmony Hill Board Member.

### HARMONY HILL MUSEUM

The museum at Harmony Hill houses both the Harmony Hill Association, Inc. and the Clermont County Historical Society. Both are open (free of charge) to visitors on the first Saturday of each month from 1-4 P.M. Exceptions are holiday weekends and those months in which the museums are open for other events such as County Museum Day in September. The Dairy House is the oldest building in Clermont County. Spinning and rug weaving demonstrations take place in the garage, weather permitting. Several museum display cases are changed during the year, but photos and memorabilia from the Lytle Family and from friends and families of Williamsburg residents dominate the displays. Numerous pamphlets and items of historic interest are available - some free of charge.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete the application form and mail or bring to:  
Harmony Hill Association, Inc., 299 South Third St., Williamsburg, Ohio 45176

**Please print clearly:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Memberships:**

Student (K-12): \$3  
Single Adult: \$12  
Family: \$24

**For further information call:**

(513) 724-7824

Dues are effective: January 1-December 31

(Membership gift is presented to new members; pick up at Harmony Hill.)

Please make checks payable to: Harmony Hill Assoc., Inc. (Contributions are tax deductible.)

