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August 9, 2013

Dear Residents of the Village of Williamsville,

As a Board, we feel it is important that you understand how your tax dollars are spent and the benefits to residents. This will be a continuing publication. It is important that you understand the revenues that are received.

This is an approximation of the breakdown of your real estate taxes:

School District	62.8%	Lincoln Land Community College	6.3%
Sangamon County	9.7%	Village of Williamsville	4.4%
Williams Township	8.4%	Williamsville Library	2.0%
Williamsville Fire Protection District	6.4%		

The net TIF income is approximately \$60,000. The remainder of the bulk revenue that is received for the General Fund is from Sales Tax, Fuel Tax, and the Village's share of Income Tax.

Legislators exempted bio-diesel on the Village's share of Sales Tax. The Village imposed a fuel tax that does not fully replace the bio-diesel exemption. This was taken away by state legislators exempting all Sales Tax on bio-diesel through 2018.

Some services that Williamsville residents benefit from are:

- Maintenance of the park (ball fields, etc.)
- Village mows approximately 100 acres of right-a-ways, parks, and public ways
- Maintenance of the lake and trail
- Free cardboard and glass recycling
- Village offers free recycling bins to residents
- Village maintains the Boxcar Museum and Library
- Snow removal
- Free branch/yard waste pick-up
- Free yard waste bags available at Village Hall (limit 2 pkgs.)
- Village Hall offers faxing and copying services for a nominal fee
- Village offers free notary services
- Forms available on-line or in the office for your convenience
- Tents available for rent
- Maintenance of the Community Center, which is available for rental
- Village partners with and supports the Williamsville Community Foundation
- Village partners with and supports the Garden Club, which is for the beautification of Williamsville

- Williamsville Police Department:
  - Offers free vacation checks to keep your residence safe while out of town.
  - Offers free finger print cards for employment
  - Can assist you in case you are locked out of your vehicle
  - Hosts an annual Youth Fishing Derby -- everyone is welcome to attend.
  - Participates in the North County Teen Court, which is a valuable asset.
  - Takes pride in providing a comfortable, safe community
- Williamsville Library:
  - Offers Summer Reading program
  - Holds Book Club Meetings
  - Holds Coffee Hours twice a month
  - Offers Story Time during the school year
  - Offers free movie rentals
- Increasing the number of street lights to keep our citizens as safe as possible
- Williamsville's website is always available to stay informed of community events, etc. at [www.williamsville.illinois.gov](http://www.williamsville.illinois.gov)
- Williamsville publishes a bi-monthly newsletter to help keep our citizens informed
- Village helps maintain the Veterans' Memorial
- Village assists with purchase and installation of light post banners
- Village offers a Village Clean-up every year

We have not discussed water and sewer in this article due to the fact they are funded separately. These two funds will be discussed in the next newsletter. There has been an increase of 16.72% for the cost of water from CWLP. Water rates will not be increased at this time. However, there will likely be an increase during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Village President and Trustees  
Village of Williamsville

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## Williamsville Public Library News...

### *Story Time is Back!*

On Wednesday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Story Time returns! Please sign-up for this great program by stopping by the Library or calling 566-3520. Story Time lasts an hour and we explore the alphabet, shapes and colors, as well as celebrate all holidays. We read books, sing songs, do finger plays, play games and create masterpieces. Although this program is designed for preschoolers, everyone is welcome! Space is limited, so please pre-register.

### *Summer Reading – Have Book Will Travel*

The Library Board and staff would like to thank everyone that made Summer Reading for the children of Williamsville a success. We had huge crowds at our Wednesday programs. The reward party was attended by 25 children who read 16 hours and completed their book logs in just over a month.

Now it is time for the adult reading program sponsored by the Friends of the Williamsville Public Library. Adults (anyone 16 or over) can enter each time they complete a book. A weekly winner will be drawn for a local gift certificate during our Tuesday morning Coffee Hour. A grand prize with all entries will be drawn on November 5. So, stop in and tell us what you're reading!

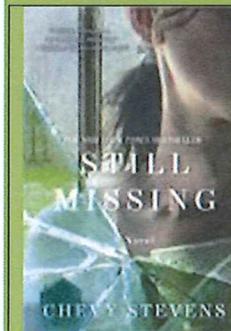


### Friends of the Library Meeting

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Library. The Friends group will be taking a member vote to change their mission statement and name to include the Historical Museum.

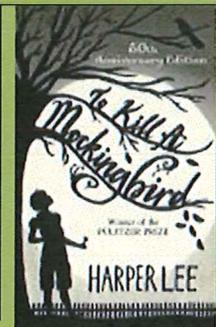
The Friends group is doing amazing things to help the Library and now they would like to discuss expanding to help preserve the history of Williamsville. Please join in and help make 2014 a great year for the Library and Museum!

### Book Club Meetings



The book club will discuss "Still Missing" by Chevy Stevens on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the library. This psychological thriller will have you on the edge of your seat.

The book club will discuss "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee on Thursday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the library. This classic is always fascinating and heartbreaking.



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## Around Town...

### *Elevator Safety*

With the fall harvest season approaching, please remember that the elevator property is not only very near the railroad tracks, but farm equipment and semi-trailers will be pulling in and out of the parking lot. Please don't walk on the elevator's property! Drivers may not be able to see you!

### *Burning*

The burning of landscape waste will be allowed from 9:00 a.m. until sunset on each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the time period September 15th thru December 15th (inclusive) when wind air speed is 14 m.p.h. or less; the landscape waste is dry to the touch prior to starting the fire; the fire is supervised at all times by a legally competent adult; and a water hose is connected and accessible. Burning must be on the owner's property - alongside the street or alley, but not in it.

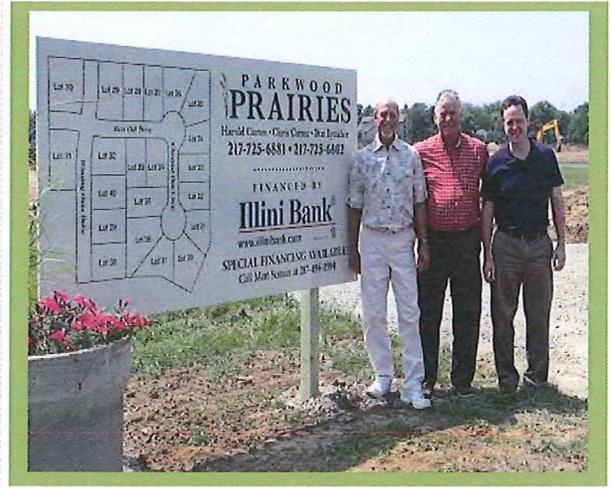
Burning of garbage, grass, litter, recyclable materials and substances other than landscape waste is strictly prohibited within the Village limits. Violators will be fined a minimum of \$50 for the first occurrence, \$100 for the second and \$500 for the third.

### *Congratulations!*

The Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department would like to congratulate Assistant Chief Tommy Nases, Captain J.T. Martin and Lieutenant Aaron Lorton who were presented with Certificates of Excellence by the American Heart Association for their life saving efforts while responding to a cardiac arrest.

### *Flu Clinic*

The Flu Clinic will be held on Thursday, September 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Community Center.



### *New Lots Available for Purchase*

Don Lyttaker, Harold Carter and Chris Carter, pictured, are the principles of Parkwood Prairie's newest addition of 21 lots. These lots are located in the far back of Parkwood subdivision off of East Main Street in Williamsville. Some of these lots are adjacent to the walking trail, the lake, the school and the 20 acres of Village Park. Illini Bank of Sherman helped with the sign as they are financing the development and will be available to finance lot purchases and new homes. Fall 2013 is the projected completion.

**Price range: \$45,000 - \$58,000**

*Developers and contact information:*

*Harold Carter 217-725-6881*

*Don Lyttaker 217-725-6802*

*Chris Carter 217-494-3789*

### *Community Senior Potluck*

The Williamsville United Methodist Church hosts a Community Senior Potluck at Noon on the first Tuesday of each month. It is a handicapped accessible facility and everyone is welcome.

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## 2013 Williamsville Fall Festival Street Closures

Main Street from Walnut Street to Vine Street – closed Friday, 9:30 a.m., will be open on Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Pine Street from Harpole Street to Flagg Street – closed Friday, 9:30 a.m., will be open on Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Other streets may be temporarily designated as “one-way” during the Fall Festival. Thanks for your patience and understanding!

### Library Hours:

Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Boxcar Museum Hours:

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to Noon  
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Alternating Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. It will be open on Saturday September 7, September 21, October 5, October 12 and October 19.

Please join us for the 15th Annual  
Christmas In The Village

Saturday October 19, 2013

8:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m.

Williamsville Community Center and The Old Bank Bld.  
141 West Main and 101 West Main

Featuring over 30 vendors!

Celebrating Home, J & J Jewelry, "gl Creations", Scentsy, Velata, Miche, Claygems and Wirewear, EZ Mix, Old Thyme, Frendz, The Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Stampin Up!, Florals by S & J, Handcrafted Cards from the Heart and More.....

Bring a friend! Shopping made easy!

For info, call 217-566-3357

## 2013 FALL FESTIVAL FISHING DERBY

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 8:00-11:00AM

Williamsville Lake

- Registration will start at 7:45AM. Participants may register anytime during the event.
- Participants will be grouped by age in three groups: 1-6, 7-12, 13-16. Participants 16 years of age must have a valid Illinois fishing license.
- Awards and Prizes will be determined by total weight of participant's largest 6 fish (any species).
- Participants will be responsible for any containers (buckets/baskets) to hold fish until check-in. Live bait (wax and red worms) will be available while supplies last. (Artificial lures and baits are allowed).
- It is the responsibility of participant to have their fish documented (weighed) by a volunteer.
- There is no rain make-up date for this event.
- Winner in each group will be announced at the conclusion of the event and at 3:00 PM at the Fall Festival on the Boulevard.

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Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department  
Chief: Brian Mendenhall.  
Assistant Chief: Tommy Nases.

The Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by dedicated men and women of the community who respond 24/7, 365 days a year to fire, medical and other emergencies. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:00. If you are interested in becoming a member of our team call us at 566-3311 or visit us at one of our meetings.

*Chief's Note: Summer is almost over and evenings are getting cooler. If you are going to have a backyard campfire be sure to use a fire pit. Make sure the pit is not next to the house or under a tree. Be sure to keep a bucket of water or hose nearby in case the fire gets out of hand. If it does spread don't hesitate to call 911. We would rather come to your home and find you put the fire out than arrive to find your house fully engulfed in fire. Also remember that ash and embers can stay hot for a long time. Finally, school will be starting soon so keep an eye out for kids going and coming from our schools.*

Class A extinguishers put out fires in ordinary combustibles such as cloth, wood, rubber, paper, and many plastics



Class B extinguishers are used on fires involving flammable liquids, such as grease, gasoline, oil, and oil-based paints.



Class C extinguishers are suitable for use on fires involving appliances, tools, or other equipment that is electrically energized or plugged in.



## Safety Tip: Fire Extinguishers

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:

- **P**ull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- **A**im low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- **S**weep the nozzle from side-to-side.

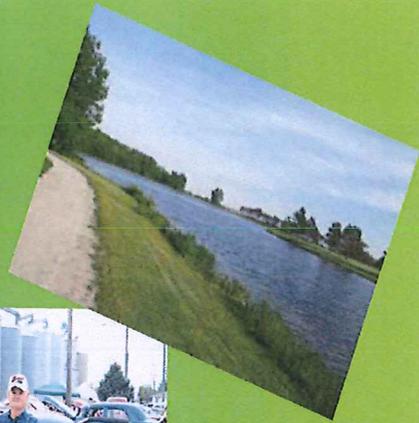
For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle. Many household fire extinguishers are labeled ABC for the three most common types of fires. Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.

Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.

Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.

Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a [home fire escape plan](#) and working [smoke alarms](#).

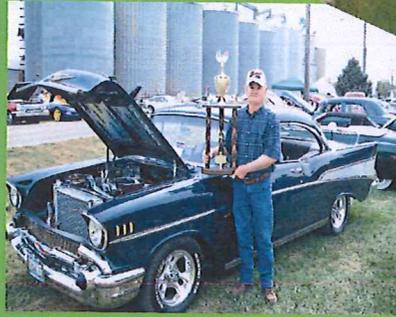
# Williamsville Fall Festival



## Friday Events From

**5pm-10:30pm**

- \* Car Cruise 5pm-8pm
- \* Imagine That 7:30pm-10:30pm
- \* Food Vendors



## Saturday Events From

**8:00am-10:00pm**

- \* Fishing Derby 8:00am
- \* 5K Walk/Run 8:00am
- \* Crafts & Independent Sales  
Consultants 9:00am
- \* Food Vendors 9:00am
- \* Methodist Chicken Dinner 4:30pm
- \* Kids Corner 9:00am-5:00pm
- \* Little Miss & Miss Pageant 1:00pm
- \* Demonstrations Throughout the Day
- \* Soap Carving 10:00am
- \* Bungee Jumping
- \* Boxcar Museum
- \* Junior High Dance 6:30pm
- \* New City Road 6:00pm-10:00pm

## Imagine That Friday

**7:30-10:30**



## New City Road

**Saturday**

**6:00-10:00**



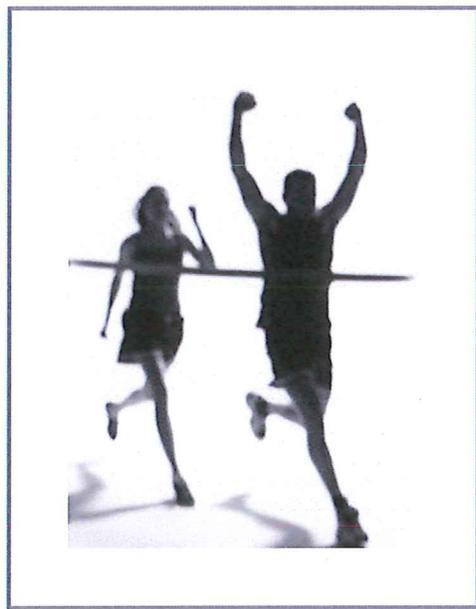
# September 6-7, 2013

Located in Williamsville, IL just north of Springfield, Mile Marker 109 directly off of I-55. Come Celebrate with Us,  
Fun for All Ages. For further information, please contact Williamsville Community Foundation (217) 899-9825.

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# Williamsville Fall Festival 5K Walk/Run & Kiddie Run

8:00 A.M.



Race Starts at Williamsville Jr. High by the  
Lake Trail

Registration open until 7:30 a.m. Race Day. Must register by 8/24/13 to receive T-Shirt.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$10 Per Individual WITHOUT T-Shirt**

**\$20 Per Individual WITH T-Shirt**

T-Shirt Adult Size *circle one*: S M L XL

## **Free Kiddie Run** *(no registration necessary)*

Registration forms and payments may be dropped off or mailed to the Williamsville Village Hall, 141 West Main Street, Williamsville, Illinois 62693. Make checks payable to the *Williamsville Community Foundation*. Call Bob at 217-414-8222 for more info.

Waiver of legal liability: By signing below, I for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby release and discharge from liability the Village of Williamsville, all sponsors, timers, directors and volunteers, and organizers of the Fall Festival 5K Run/Walk, all other persons associated with the event or otherwise, and their representatives, successors, and assignees for any and all injuries suffered by me in this event, however incurred or sustained. I attest and verify that I have knowledge of the risks involved in this event and I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in the event. **All persons under the age of 18 must have parent or guardian signature.**

X \_\_\_\_\_



***Williamsville Fall Festival Pageant 2013  
September 7, 2013  
Registration Form***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Consent: \_\_\_\_\_

***Age Groups***

*Little Miss Fall Festival (3-5 Years of Age)*

*Miss Fall Festival (6-9 Years of Age)*

***Contestants will be judged on:***

*Creative Wear/Question and Answer/ Formal Wear*

***Time: 1:00 pm***

***All contestants have to be Williamsville/Sherman residents!***

*We will accept registration up to 10:00 am the day of event*

*Point of Contact Lisa Casson (217) 220-7680 or Regenia Plake (217) 899-4925*



## **Boo! On the Boulevard**

**Haunted House • Hay Ride • Costume Contest • Food**

**Saturday, October 26, 2013**

**5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

**Costume Contest at 6:00 p.m.**

**Williamsville Park Pavilion**

Join us the Saturday before Halloween at Williamsville's first annual "Boo! On the Boulevard." Sponsored by the Williamsville Community Foundation, proceeds benefit the Williamsville Garden Club. Food and festivities begin at Williamsville's Park Pavilion where tickets can be purchased for hayride transportation to the Main Street Mansion Haunted House.

### **Hayride & Main Street Mansion Haunted House**

\$5.00 Admission – Target audience ages 4 to 12

Hayride will transport adults & children from the park to the haunted house

### **Free Costume Contest**

For children ages 0 to 12 – Begins at 6:00 p.m.

Prizes by age group in the following categories: Scariest, Funniest & Most Original

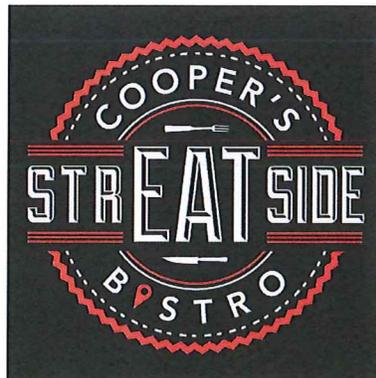
Register early online at [www.williamsville.illinois.gov](http://www.williamsville.illinois.gov)

Onsite registration starts at 5:30 p.m.

### **Free S'mores Station**

Sponsored by Mayor Tom Yokley

Justin Cooper's StrEATside Bistro Food Truck will be onsite offering amazing food selections, including a kid's meal



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## Williamsville Community Calendar

### September

- September 1 4H Club, Community Center, 5-8 p.m.  
September 2 Labor Day – Village Office and Library Closed  
September 3 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
September 3 WUMC Senior Potluck at Noon  
September 3 Library Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Library  
September 3 WCF Meeting, Village Hall 6:30 p.m.  
September 6 Williamsville Fall Festival, 5:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  
September 7 Williamsville Fall Festival, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
September 9 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
September 9 Woodcarvers in the Community Center – 7:00 p.m.  
September 10 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
September 10 Bingo at the Community Center 7:00 p.m.  
September 12 Flu Clinic 10:30 a.m. to Noon at Community Center  
September 12 Quarter Auction, 6:30 p.m. at Community Center  
September 17 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
September 18 Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library  
September 23 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
September 24 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
September 25 Story Time at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
September 26 Book Club – Still Missing by Chevy Stevens at 7:00 p.m. at the Library

**Please don't forget the upcoming Blood Drives at the end of August:**

*Williamsville Police Department Blood Drive on Saturday, August 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

*Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 27, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.*

### October

- October 1 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
October 1 WUMC Senior Potluck at Noon  
October 1 Library Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Library  
October 2 Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library  
October 2 Woodcarvers in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.  
October 6 4H Club, Community Center, 5-8 p.m.  
October 7 WCF Meeting, Village Hall 6:30 p.m.  
October 8 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
October 8 BINGO at 7:00 p.m. Community Center  
October 9 Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library  
October 10 Quarter Auction, 6:30 p.m. at Community Center  
October 12 WCF Junior High Dance 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
4-H Meeting 6 – 8 p.m. Community Center  
October 14 Columbus Day Observation, Village Office and Library closed  
October 14 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
October 15 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
October 16 Story Time at 10:00 and 6:30 p.m. at the Library  
October 19 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in the Village, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Community Center and Old Bank Building  
October 22 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
October 23 Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Library  
October 24 Book Club – To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee at 7:00 p.m. at the Library  
October 26 Boo! On the Boulevard, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. Williamsville Park Pavilion  
October 28 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
October 29 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
October 30 Story Time at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (wear your costumes!) at the Library  
October 31 Trick or Treat in the Village (hours to be determined – please check the sign)  
October 31 Trick or Treat at the Library for books during Trick or Treat hours

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## Village Board Meetings

The regular semi-monthly meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The public is always encouraged to attend. Special board meetings and committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Dates and agendas for all meetings are posted on the board near the door of the Village Hall and may also be reviewed on the Village website.

*Approved Minutes and Agendas  
may be viewed at the Village Office or the website at  
[www.williamsville.illinois.gov](http://www.williamsville.illinois.gov)*

**Village of Williamsville**  
141 W. Main St.  
217.566.3806

**Office Hours**  
7:30-11:30 am  
12:30 -3:30 pm  
Monday-Friday

Village Fax  
217.566.2105

Fire Non-Emergency  
217.566.3311

Police Non-Emergency  
217.566.3634

Water Emergency  
217.306.5803

Library  
217.566.3520

Post Office  
217.566.3651

Village President  
Thomas R. Yokley  
217.306.0004

Economic Development  
Trustee  
Valerie Patterson  
217.414.0197

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Sidewalks &  
Storm Sewers  
Trustee Mark Esker  
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Water & Sewer  
Trustee  
Matt Bunger  
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Trustee  
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Parks &  
Recreation  
Trustee  
Dave Carter  
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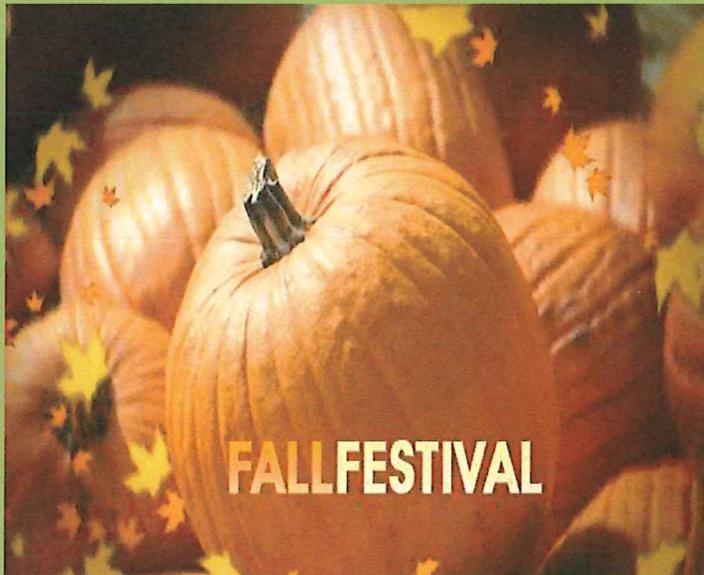
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Skylar Tierney  
217.638.2402

Village Clerk  
Karen Humphres  
217.566.3806

Treasurer  
Heidi Dowell  
217.566.3806

**Williamsville Fall Festival**  
Friday, September 6, 5:00 – 10:30 p.m.  
Saturday, September 7, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.

**Come Celebrate With Us!**



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WILLIAMSVILLE, IL 62693

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