

August — October
2020



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. The October 13th Board Meeting is on a Tuesday due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

**Approved Minutes and Agendas
may be viewed at the Village Office or
at williamsville.illinois.gov.**

Village of Williamsville

141 W. Main St.
217.566.3806

Office Hours
7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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

<u>Village President</u> Thomas R. Yokley 217.306.0004	<u>Economic Development</u> Trustee Heather Hofferkamp 217.622.5408	<u>Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Storm Sewers</u> , Trustee Patrick Gettleman 217.750.1077	<u>Water & Sewer</u> Trustee Matt Bunger 217.473.2690	<u>Public Safety</u> Trustee John Brennan 217.652.5511	<u>Parks & Recreation</u> Trustee Dave Carter 217.566.2349	<u>Finance</u> Trustee Skylar Tierney 217.638.2402	<u>Village Clerk</u> Karen Winger 217.566.3806	<u>Treasurer</u> Heidi Darow 217.566.3806
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VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
141 W. MAIN STREET
WILLIAMSVILLE, IL 62693

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WILLIAMSVILLE, IL
PERMIT NO. 9

**Current Williamsville Resident
Williamsville, IL 62693**

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WILLIAMSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Scott Gaddy

The WVFD 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 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of our team, call us at 566-3311, visit our website at wfpdillinois.com or join us at one of our meetings. WFPD Board members are Brian Mendenhall, President; Rich Spenn, Secretary; Brittnee Hamilton, Treasurer; Darbin Calvert and Darren Horton, Trustees.

Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treat will be October 31st from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please remember to slow down and drive carefully! Have a happy and safe Halloween! Be sure to keep checking the Village of Williamsville's website for any updates or changes!

COVID-19

While it seems like the public has already received a lot of information about COVID-19, we would like to take a moment to refresh those in our community of some important precautions and proper handwashing techniques. The CDC is following the situation closely, and provides updates and information to their website at cdc.gov frequently. You can view some proper handwashing techniques below, provided by the CDC.

Key Times to Wash Your Hands:

- ⇒ Before, during, and after preparing food
- ⇒ Before eating food
- ⇒ After touching an item that is frequently touched
- ⇒ Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- ⇒ Before and after treating a wound
- ⇒ After going to the restroom
- ⇒ After changing diapers
- ⇒ After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- ⇒ After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- ⇒ After handling pet food or pet treats
- ⇒ After touching garbage

Five Steps to Properly Washing Your Hands

- ⇒ Wet your hands with clean, running water.
- ⇒ Lather your hands by rubbing together with soap. Be sure to lather the back of your hands, between fingers, and under your nails.
- ⇒ Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- ⇒ Rinse your hands well under clean, running water
- ⇒ Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

What if There's No Soap or Water Available?

- ⇒ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- ⇒ Hand sanitizers reduce the number of germs on hands, but they do not rid all types of germs.

Practice Social Distancing



Stay 6 feet (2 arm's lengths) from other people.

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More information at williamsville.illinois.gov

WILLIAMSVILLE'S ALL TOWN GARAGE SALES & CLEAN UP SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

GARAGE SALES: 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

CLEAN UP: 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

BLH: 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

*****THIS EVENT IS
SATURDAY ONLY*****

BLH Computers, Inc. will be accepting CRTs and TVs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Village and Township Garage. Residents will pay \$20 to \$40 for televisions, depending on size and \$20 for CRT monitors.



More information can be found at Williamsville.Illinois.Gov.

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**Williamsville Fall Festival
Sunday, September 13th**

**FALL FESTIVAL STREET CLOSURES &
PARKING**

Sunday, September 13th

- Main Street from Walnut Street to Vine Street
- Pine Street from the Railroad tracks to Harpole Street
- No street parking will be allowed in these areas during these times, unless specifically authorized by the Williamsville Police Department.
- Through traffic on Jones Street will be permitted throughout the events.
- Handicap parking will be available at the Village Hall parking lot and behind the Police Station. Parking (other than handicapped) behind the Police Station is by permit ONLY. Parking behind Bella Trattoria is for employees of the restaurant only.



*** Please Note ***

The Williamsville Community Foundation values everyone's health and safety. We will continue to follow the Department of Public Health and CDC's recommendations for any activities held at this year's Fall Festival. If there are any changes or cancellations, they will be posted on Facebook and on the Village of Williamsville's website.

For more details on this year's Fall Festival, head to www.williamsville.illinois.gov/fall-festival.

**Williamsville
Fall Festival
2020
Car Cruise**

Sunday, September 13, 2020

**Line Up: 11:30 a.m.
Cruise Start: 12:00 p.m.**

No cost
Cars of all makes and models
Watch from your own front yard or spaced-out on the Boulevard

Sponsored by the Williamsville Community Foundation
Email williamfawns@att.net or call 217-416-7798 for more info

Details are subject to change

**Save the Date!!
Boo! On the Boulevard
Saturday, October 24th
4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**



SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

Williamsville Community Foundation is proud to present our annual WILLIAMSVILLE FALL FESTIVAL. This is a fun, family friendly event you can enjoy from your home, or safely distanced downtown.



CAR CRUISE - 12:00pm

A parade of cars of all make and model will be cruising through town starting at noon. Watch from your own front yard or spaced-out on the Boulevard. No cost to participate! Line up starts at 11:30am at the Williamsville High School parking lot. Cruise route will be shared in a future communication. Email williamfawns@att.net or call 217-416-7798 for more info.



FOOD VENDORS - Starting 11:00am

We will be hosting fair food from local food vendors, like the Dog House and the Lemonade Factory, in Downtown Williamsville. Follow us on Facebook for updates along the way.

VIRTUAL CHILI COOK-OFF (All Day)

Register for the first ever Virtual Chili Cook-Off. No cost to join! Join several local chefs as we connect online. For more information on how to register, email pgettleman@yahoo.com or call 217-750-1077. Winners and honorable mentions will be posted online.

DRAW/ SKETCH ART CONTEST

Show us your creativity and art skills by entering your drawing or sketch into our art contest. This year's theme is "*The Favorite Thing About My Hometown.*" Entries can be handed in person at Village Hall before 3pm, Friday, Sept 11, or at the Old Bank Bldg in Williamsville between 11am and 2pm the day of the event. Winners will be announced online by age category: 0-3; 4-6; 7-12; 13-17; and 18+. Email questions to jillgiacomini@gmail.com, or call 217-725-5968.

PHOTO CONTEST

We want to see your best photos of our home town! Our theme this year is "*What I Love About Williamsville.*" Submit your high-resolution entries via email to Roy.Pyers@gmail.com by 2pm on Sept 13, or call 217-652-0591 to make other arrangements. Be sure to include your name, age and phone number. Winners and prizes will be announced online for two age categories: 17 and under; and 18+.

(Note: Any original artwork or photo submitted may be shared and/or used by the Williamsville Community Foundation for this and/or future events.)

WILLIAMSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM



Thank you to Douglas-Hart Nature Center and Valerie Sagle, owner of Carli Mae Designs, for producing videos for this summer's virtual programming for kids, teens, and adults.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the on-line Summer Reading Bingo Challenges and the Sidewalk Chalk Book Challenge. Congratulations to all the winners of the \$20 Target gift cards!

Expanded Service

Monday- Thursday 10am-7pm

Choose Curbside Pick-up OR Grab & Go Service

Something for Everyone

On-line databases, e-books, magazines, and more are always available at www.williamsvillelibrary.org.



Coming this Fall



Learn about upcoming virtual programs, activity kits, and the next step in expanding services by following WPLM on Facebook .

Questions or suggestions?

Call 566-3520 or e-mail billtownlib@yahoo.com

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EVENT CANCELLED

The Annual Christmas in the Village Event has been cancelled.

Limb and Branch Pick Up

Our public works department has resumed their normal schedule for limb and branch pick up. If you have any limbs or branches, please set them by the road. It is also recommended for any limbs and branches to be set out the night before, as they start picking up early in the morning. You can view the schedule for pick up below!

- East of Carter - Monday
- Elm Street to Carter - Wednesday
- West of Elm Street and Knollwood - Friday



Thank You for Your Support!

The Village of Williamsville would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has donated to the park fund, or anyone who has attended any of our fundraisers. We are making great progress towards our goal, and every donation has made a great impact. Also, thank you to everyone (Wolf Creek Farms, LLC and Kona Ice of Springfield and Taylorville) who hosted or helped organize a fundraiser for the park. We appreciate all the work and time that was put in. It is because of our community, we were able to provide much needed improvements to our Williamsville Park.

If you have not been able to donate yet, there is still time and a need! You can drop off a check at the Village Hall and make note in the memo line it is for the park fund. Every donation, regardless "big" or "small" makes a huge difference! Your support and donation will go towards the new playground equipment and sidewalks that were installed.

Thank you again to our community! We are lucky to have a community that comes together to look for ways to contribute when there is a need!

Seeking Volunteers!!

The WVFD is in great need of more volunteers! The Village of Williamsville fully supports the WVFD and encourages the public to see how they can help fill this need of volunteers. Volunteers for the fire department are vital to our community. If you are able to volunteer either as an EMS or firefighter, please contact the WVFD at 217-566-3311 or by attending any of their Thursday night meetings at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions about joining or would like to get more information, do not hesitate to reach out!



Having a fire department in our community is important for all the residents for many medical and financial reasons. In the event that you would need the fire department for a medical or fire emergency, response times would be generally be quicker having a department within the community. Also, without a fire department in the community, home insurance rates will increase and the values of homes will decrease. In order to make it possible to grow and improve the WVFD, it takes the whole community to support and take part in helping the fire department. Please do what you can to help the fire department any way possible!

Village Hall and Library Closed

The Village Hall will be closed on the following holidays:

- Monday, September 7th - Labor Day
- Monday, October 12th - Columbus Day

Village Board Meeting Schedule

There are Village Board Meetings scheduled for the following dates:

- August 10th
- August 24th
- September 14th
- September 28th
- October 13th (Tuesday)
- October 26th

Unless otherwise noted, all regular Village Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month and begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

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We are so excited that the new flower pots for our village have arrived. We appreciate the Williamsville Village Board for purchasing them! Also, thank you to the Williamsville Public Works employees for all their help getting the new pots in place, filling them with potting soil, and getting rid of our old, broken pots.

We hope everyone is enjoying the window frames that we added to the flower pots for this summer! The red Mandevillas growing up them are looking great and the rest of our flowers are looking beautiful in spite of the hot weather. Thank you to our Garden Club member Paul Finley for keeping everything watered. We are hoping to use the window frames into the fall and for Christmas as well.

You have probably seen us uptown pulling weeds and mulching this summer. The village had a sewer issue in one of the middle boulevards that needed replaced. A few of our plants were lost during the work, but we will be replanting them this fall, as well as some other areas where we have lost plants.

The Queen of Hearts Drawing is still temporarily halted due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We would love to see it resume soon.

We are hoping the Williamsville Community Foundation will get to have their annual "Boo On The Boulevard" festivities this year! If it is held, we will be thrilled to help them again with the costume contest. We have a great time decorating the tent and area for Halloween and getting to see all the kids in our community, dressed in their Halloween costumes!

Our regular monthly meetings are usually held on the first Saturday of each month. We meet at the Williamsville Library and Museum at 10:00 a.m. but because of COVID-19, we have been meeting at the park under the pavilion. If you are interested in joining this wonderful group, please contact Nique Scarbrough at 618-315-1099 or niquescarbrough@gmail.com.

Daylight Saving Time Ending

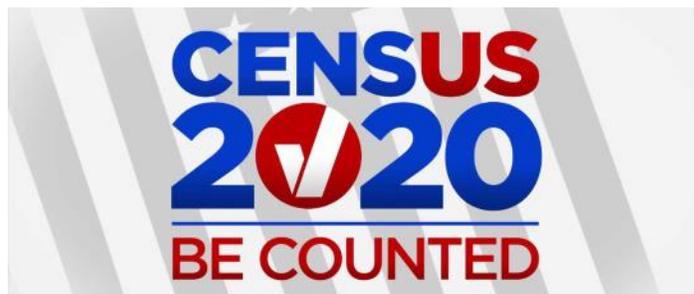
It's that time to move the clocks back again! Daylight Saving Time is ending on November 1st at 2:00 a.m. Before going to bed on Saturday, October 31st, be sure to set your clocks back one hour!

How Are Your Tax Dollars Spent?

As a Board, we like to keep you informed on how your tax dollars are distributed. It is important that you understand the revenues that are received and how they are spent.

This is an approximation (based on 2019's real estate taxes) of the breakdown of your taxes:

- Williamsville/Sherman School District: 59.65%
- Lincoln Land Community College: 6.36%
- Sangamon County: 10.08%
- Williams Township: 3.18%
- Williamsville R&B: 4.44%
- Williamsville Corp: 10.58%
- Williamsville Fire Protection District: 5.71%



The 2020 Census is still open! It is imperative for residents to complete the census for adequate funding to schools, roads, libraries, etc. It takes everyone in the community to respond to get accurate counts. The census results influence highway planning and construction, congressional representation, money allocated to schools, programs for rural areas, restore wildlife, provide housing assistance, and much more. Whether we realize it or not, many of the activities in our daily lives are affected by the census, and it takes everyone to do their part. The census is quick and easy to complete, and if you have any issues filling it out or did not receive a form to complete, please reach out to the Village Hall at 566-3806, and we will be happy to assist you!