

Holiday Calendar & Board Meeting Schedule Released

The Village of Williamsville has released their Holiday Calendar and Board Meeting Schedule for 2023. Both schedules can be found on the Village of Williamsville's website.

In 2023, board meetings will continue to be on Monday nights, unless otherwise noted, but will be held at **6:00 p.m.** Board meeting agendas and minutes will continue to be posted on the Village of Williamsville's website, and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

2023 Board Meetings

Now at 6:00 p.m.

Snow Removal

Winter weather is upon us. During snowstorms, please do not park on the streets. This allows our public works department to plow streets more effectively. Also, when driving, please use caution around our plows. Do not follow closely or crowd them, to keep everyone safe. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

The Village of Williamsville would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We are fortunate to have an amazing community with amazing residents. We hope this holiday season is full of happiness, joy, and many memories.



Upcoming Board Meetings
January 9
January 23
February 14 (Tuesday)
February 27

Community Calendar

- Jan. 2: Village Hall Closed for New Years Day (Observed)
- Jan 3: Coffee Hour
- Jan 3: Foundation Meeting
- Jan. 6: WCC's Cereal, Cinema & Socks Event
- Jan. 9: Village Board Meeting
- Jan. 10: Coffee Hour
- Jan. 10: WPLM Board Meeting
- Jan. 11: WPLM Virtual Event at 7 PM with author Ross Gay
- Jan. 12: Quarter Auction
- Jan. 16: Village Hall Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
- Jan. 17: Coffee Hour
- Jan. 23: Village Board Meeting
- Jan 24: Coffee Hour
- Jan. 26: Book Club over *Thirty Things I Love About Myself*
- Jan. 29: WCC Spaghetti Bake Fund-raiser
- Jan. 31: Coffee Hour
- Feb. 6: Foundation Meeting
- Feb. 7: Coffee Hour
- Feb. 9: Quarter Auction
- Feb. 11: WCC's Nachos & Nonsense Event
- Feb. 13: Village Hall Closed for Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 14: Coffee Hour
- Feb. 14: WPLM Board Meeting
- Feb. 14: Village Board Meeting (Tuesday)
- Feb. 20: Village Hall Closed for Presidents' Day
- Feb. 21: Coffee Hour
- Feb. 23: Book Club over *How Lucky*
- Feb. 27: Village Board Meeting
- Feb. 28: Coffee Hour

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Foundation News

About the WCF

One of the best things about small town life is the sense of community that exists among the people who live there. For many years, Williamsville has been fortunate enough to have a group of people who care enough to lend their time and expertise to a number of community events each year.

The Williamsville Community Foundation was established with three main purposes in mind. First, to encourage and promote good will and fellowship within the community of Williamsville. Second, to promote historic preservation and historic education within the Village of Williamsville, and lastly, to sponsor fundraising events to offset the expenses of funding other community related activities.

We are actively seeking new members to join the Foundation to help us keep the community spirit alive in Williamsville! Members can be as involved as they would like. Throughout the year, the Williamsville Community Foundation puts on multiple events, including the Easter Egg Hunt, Picnic in the Park, Fourth of July Celebration in conjunction with the Village of Williamsville, Autumn on the Boulevard, Boo on the Boulevard, and Christmas on the Boulevard. If you are interested in joining, please attend one of our meetings or contact Bill Fawns, WCF president, at 217-415-7798.

WILLIAMSVILLE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

**JOIN
US!**

January & February Quarter Auctions

Make plans to join us for the January and February quarter auctions, which are scheduled for January 12th and February 9th.

Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and the auction begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be prizes, food, fun, and numerous vendors on hand! So grab your friends and bring your quarters for a night full of fun!

2023 Events

Below you can find a *tentative* schedule for our 2023 events. Please note, these dates are subject to change, so be sure to follow the WCF on Facebook and keep an eye out on the Village of Williamsville website for any changes. We look forward to seeing you there!

Apr. 1 - Easter Egg Hunt

May 21 - Picnic in the Park

July 2 - Fourth of July Celebration

Sep. 9 & 10 - Autumn on the Boulevard

Oct. 28 - Boo! on the Boulevard

Dec. 9 - Christmas on the Boulevard

** Dates subject to change*

Thank You

The Williamsville Community Foundation appreciates everyone's support, attendance and donations over the past year. We had an outstanding turnout for all our events, and are thankful for our community that made that happen.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Williamsville Public Library and Museum

Join the Friends of Williamsville Public Library and Museum

Friends Member Benefits Include:

- ♦ Preview new museum exhibits before they open to the public
- ♦ Shop the Preview Sale for the annual Book Sale
- ♦ Help complete the Outdoor Education Space behind WPLM

All Current Friends Memberships Expire December 31



Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Level

Individual \$20.00

Family \$30.00

Book Lover \$40.00

Best Friend \$50.00

Other \$_____

Check and Form to:

Friends of WPLM

217 North Elm Street

Williamsville, IL 62693

Questions? Call (217) 566-3520

Your contribution is tax deductible (to the extent allowed by law)

Williamsville Public Library and Museum

Recycling at WPLM

You can still drop off old eyeglasses (with or without cases), as well as used ink cartridges and cell phones in the WPLM foyer for recycling. Household batteries are no longer being accepted, because they are not currently being accepted in bulk for recycling by local retailers. WPLM is exploring other options, but please consider investing in rechargeable batteries and chargers. Rechargeable batteries create less hazardous waste, and some local electronics and home improvement stores do accept rechargeable batteries for recycling.

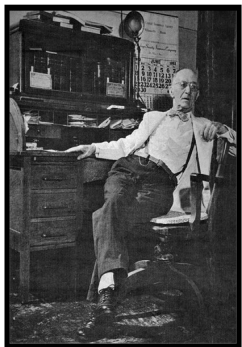
Cleaning Up for Good

If you end the holiday season with Christmas lights that no longer work you can bring them to a local Lowe's store for recycling. If you are running out of room in your closets and cabinets consider donating clothes and household items to second-hand stores. BLH Recycling and Best Buy accept a variety of outdated electronics for free, and other items, like TV's, are accepted for a small fee. Check their web sites for details.



Local History

Whether you have lived in Williamsville for four years or forty years, you can learn something new when you tour the museum displays featuring community organizations. You will discover how hundreds of volunteers have donated their time over the years to everything from community wide celebrations to rebuilding the arch on the boulevard. WPLM also has permanent displays including pictures of Old Route 66 and local one room schoolhouses. When you check out items at the service desk you will see a sign from Dr. Stuttle's office. Dr. A. L. Stuttle, originally from the Litchfield area, opened his practice in 1900 in Williamsville. For 64 years he served the Williamsville community and



delivered over 2,000 babies. He married a local woman, Pearl Jones, in 1902 and raised two children here. Dr. Stuttle was a Williamsville School Board Member for 29 years and a member of various community groups. Stop by WPLM to learn about others who have served Williamsville over the years and helped make it into the community you now call home.

Outdoor Updates

A lot of progress was made on the Outdoor Education Space this fall. The sidewalks are done, the fence is up, the shed is built, and the display beds have been constructed. WPLM has appreciated the ongoing community support of the project. Mrs. Smith and some of her FFA students helped assemble raised container beds and a compost tumbler this fall, and more will be done in the spring. WPLM also owes Jack Ealey, of Ealey Transportation, tons of thanks! Jack donated his time for consultations on the site and donated all the rock, which created the swale and the museum display borders. Work should be completed this spring so the site can be open to the public by early summer.

Library at Your Fingertips

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to spend less money, WPLM has an app for that. WPLM patrons can use the SHARE app from the Illinois Heartland Library System. Download the app to your phone. The next time you see a book or audiobook you are interested in just use the app to scan the ISBN barcode. You will be able to see immediately if it is available through the library, and then you can request the item rather than buying it. Instead of buying audiobooks, you can access thousands of titles on Libby by Overdrive or with Cloud Library. Movies, TV shows, music and more are also available for streaming with Hoopla. To search the databases or download apps visit www.williamsvillelibrary.org.

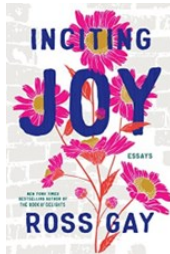


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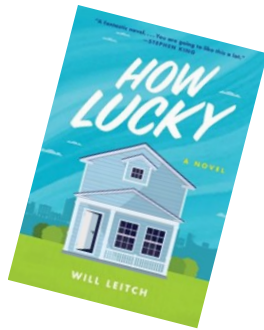
Village & Community News

More Upcoming WPLM Events

Free Virtual Programs: A new lineup of live, virtual author events will begin with Ross Gay, author of *Inciting Joy*. The award-winning essayist and poet will explore ways people can come together to choose joy as an alternative to divisiveness. The conversation will be presented Wednesday, January 11th, at 7:00 p.m. Future events will include best-selling authors Kwame Alexander and Mary Roach. Follow WPLM on Facebook for more details.



Book Club: Any adult is welcome to attend WPLM's Book Club on Thursday, January 26th, at 7:00 p.m. The January selection is *Thirty Things I Love About Myself* by Radhika Sanghani. The February book will be *How Lucky* by Will Leitch. Anyone can request a copy of the books regardless of plans to attend the Book Club event.



Upcoming Williamsville Christian Church Events

Cereal, Cinema & Socks: Wear your wackiest socks for an all-you-can-eat-cereal bar and movie night on January 6th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Bake Fundraiser: Join WCC on January 29th at noon for a spaghetti bake fundraiser for their youth's summer trips!

Nachos & Nonsense: On February 11th from 5:30-

8:00 p.m. WCC will be hosting a parents' night out event. There will be games, movies, food, and much more for kids to have fun while adults enjoy a night out. RSVP by February 8th at 217-566-3381.

Message from the Post Office

The USPS is reminding residents to please keep mailboxes cleaned out and packages picked up. This time of year especially, mailboxes get full and a large volume of packages get shipped. Please do your part in helping us deliver your items.



Thank you in advance and Merry Christmas from your local post office!

Congratulations to the 2023 Holiday Light Fight Winners!

The Village of Williamsville and Williamsville Community Foundation would like to congratulate our 2023 Holiday Light Fight winners!

First Place: Shanna Haycraft
Second Place: Kent Thompson
Third Place: Annie White
President's Choice: Frank Harney

Thank you to everyone who participated and decorated their house for this holiday season! It's always great to see our community decorated and lit up so beautifully this time of year!

Also, we would like to thank everyone who came out for the Foundation's Christmas on the Boulevard Event on December 10. It is great seeing the support our village has for all our community organizations.



Garden Club News

Happy Holidays

The Williamsville Garden Club hopes everyone has a great holiday season!

We also hope everyone enjoys the new large ornaments in the pots during this holiday season! Some of the profits received from the Queen of Hearts drawing were used to purchase them!

Thank You!

Thank you to those that have generously made a donation to the garden club this past year! Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Come Join Our Garden Club!

If you are interested in joining the Williamsville Garden Club, you can contact Nique Scarbrough at 618-315-1099. Regular garden club meetings are on the first Saturday of each month. However, the next meeting will be on Saturday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the Williamsville Community Center, due to the club taking December and January off.

Join our

Garden Club

To join, contact
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Winter Gardening Tips

Most people look at winter as an off-season for gardening, but there is still plenty you can do for your garden to make it succeed. The following three tips from www.polywood.com are excellent resources for gardening during the winter months!

1. Start an At-Home Compost System to Support your Garden

Composting is the natural process of decomposing food and yard waste. It helps to cut fertilizer costs and feed your plants the nutrients they need to flourish. You're also contributing less to the landfills that produce harmful greenhouse gases, like methane.

2. Begin Sowing Seeds Indoors

In January and February, get a head start and sow some seeds indoors. You'll need seed starting trays and good potting soil made for seed starting. Keep your seeds in a warm room with plenty of light and moisten the soil regularly. Follow the directions on the back of the seed packets for the best results.

A week before taking your seedlings outside to plant, set them outdoors in a sunny spot. Then, bring them back inside in the evening. This process helps your seedlings get acclimated to the outdoor weather.

3. Start Collecting Rainwater

Rainwater harvesting is great and eco-friendly. Without a filtration system, tap water can contain toxins and pollutants that are harmful to your plants. Rainwater is naturally clean and soft, which means it's suitable for gardening, washing and cleaning.

There are a couple ways to collect rainwater. A rain barrel is the best method to start with. Just place a barrel under your downspout to collect rainwater. If you decide to keep collecting rainwater, you can move on to wet or dry collection systems.

Source: Polywood.com

Williamsville Fire Department



The WVFD is staffed with 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 217-566-3311, visit our website at wfpdillinois.com or join us at one of our meetings held every Thursday.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Be Prepared for Winter Storms

Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning and heart attacks from overexertion.

If you are under a winter storm warning, find shelter right away and follow these safety guidelines.

- * Stay off the roads
- * Stay indoors and dress warm
- * Prepare for power outages
- * Only use generators outdoors
- * Listen for emergency information and alerts
- * Look for signs of hypothermia and frostbite
- * Check on your neighbors

Winter Safety Hazards

Carbon monoxide poisoning and fires can be common during the winter, especially due to generators and heaters. Be sure to take these precautions to avoid the dangers of carbon monoxide and fires.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless gas that can be

deadly within *minutes*. To help prevent this, be sure to place portable generators **outside** at least 20 feet away from windows, doors and vents. Never use them inside or in a garage. The fumes can enter air vent and/or your house and create a dangerous situation for everyone inside.

Also, be sure to make sure your carbon monoxide alarms are working. Since carbon monoxide is odorless, you will not smell it, making these alarms much more important. They could be your first indication that there is a problem and to evacuate the house.

Another danger during the winter are space heaters. According to the NFPA, half of all home heating fires occur from the months of December to February. Space heaters commonly contribute to these statistics when not used carefully. When using a space heater, place it *at least* three feet away from flammable materials. Install smoke alarms on every floor and every bedroom to alert you of any potential fire.

Other great tips are to only plug one heat-producing appliance into an electrical outlet at one time, have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year, and store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least ten feet from any nearby building.

Also, test your smoke alarms regularly to make sure they are working, and replace the batteries once a year.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.



Board Meetings

The regular semi-monthly meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month and will begin at 6:00 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 of Williamsville's website.

Minutes for previous board meetings can also be found on the Village of Williamsville's website.

Village of Williamsville

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

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