

January — February

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 of Williamsville’s website.

**Approved Minutes and Agendas may be viewed at the Village Hall or the by visiting the Village of Williamsville’s website at [williamsville.illinois.gov](http://williamsville.illinois.gov).**

*Village of Williamsville*

141 W. Main St.

217.566.3806

*Office Hours*

7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Monday-Friday**

Village Fax  
2175662105

Fire Non-Emergency  
2175663311

Police Non-Emergency  
2175663634

Water Emergency  
2173065803

Library  
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Post Office  
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VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE

141 W. MAIN STREET

WILLIAMSVILLE, IL 62693

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**CURRENT WILLIAMSVILLE RESIDENT**

**WILLIAMSVILLE, IL 62693**



# WILLIAMSVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## January 2020

| Sun | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fri | Sat |
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Please check our website for any changes to dates or times

## February 2020

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## January Events

- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> -**
  - Village Office and Library Closed
  - New Year's Day
- Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Fun Day at WPLM
  - WCF Meeting
  - Village Hall at 6:30 p.m.
  - Woodcarvers
  - Community Center at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Coffee Hour
  - WPLM at 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Quarter Auction
  - Community Center at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Village Board Meeting
  - Village Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Coffee Hour
  - WPLM at 10:00 a.m.
  - Fireside Chat
  - WPLM at 12:30 p.m.
  - WPLM Board Meeting
  - WPLM at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Village Office and Library Closed
  - Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> -**
  - Coffee Hour
  - WPLM at 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> -**
  - Fireside Chat
  - WPLM at 12:30 p.m.
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Village Board Meeting
  - Village Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Coffee Hour
  - WPLM at 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Book Club
  - WPLM at 7:00 p.m.

## February Events

- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> -**
  - WCF Meeting
  - Village Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Coffee Hour
  - WPLM at 10:00 a.m.
  - Woodcarvers
  - Community Center at 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Village Board Meeting
  - Village Hall - 6:30 p.m.
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Coffee Hour
  - WPLM at 10:00 a.m.
  - Fireside Chat
  - WPLM at 12:30 p.m.
  - WPLM Board Meeting
  - WPLM at 5:30 p.m.
  - Quarter Auction
  - Community Center - 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Village Hall and Library Closed
  - Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Village Hall and Library Closed
  - Presidents' Day
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Coffee Hour
  - WPLM at 10:00 a.m.
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Fireside Chat
  - WPLM at 12:30 p.m.
- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> -**
  - Village Board Meeting
  - Village Hall - 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> -**
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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](http://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.

### Safety Note: Traveling in the Winter

Winter weather is here, and while it may look pretty on the ground and trees, travel can become dangerous quickly. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with the U.S. Department of Transportation provides great tools and tips on staying safe during winter weather. You can find some of that information below head to their website at [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) for more in depth details.

If you *must* travel during winter road conditions, it is important to start by preparing your vehicle for the weather. Check your battery, tires, windshield wipers, and fuel level. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has provided a vehicle safety checklist, which can be found to the right, for travelers.

Once you are ready to leave, be sure to scrape and clean *all* windows completely and make sure your headlights and taillights are visible. Slow down and increase following distances between the vehicle in front of you. Also, keep your distance from snow plows; do not crowd them or travel beside them.

Also, make sure to have a emergency supply kit in your vehicle at all times. If you were to get stranded, it may take several hours for emergency personnel to get to you. Before you hit the road, consider putting jumper cables, a flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit, water, car charger, nonperishable foods, blankets, warm clothing, etc. in your vehicle. If you find yourself stranded, stay in your car. Avoid asphyxiation from carbon monoxide poisoning by clearing the exhaust pipe of any snow and only run your vehicle sporadically long enough to get warm.

Check out more information and tips on staying safe during hazardous road conditions on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website at [www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips/](http://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips/)

## Volunteer Recruiting!

The Fire Department is always searching for new recruits. Membership meets every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. We offer training, gear and equipment to do your job along with a stipend twice a year. If you would like the opportunity to help your community, please attend any meeting at the Firehouse on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. or call 566-3311 for more information. We would be glad to have you join us!

### Winter Driving Tips

#### Go Over Your Vehicle Safety Checklist



##### Battery

When the temperature drops, so does battery power. For gasoline and diesel engines, it takes more battery power to start your vehicle in cold weather. For electric and hybrid-electric vehicles, the driving range is reduced when the battery is cold. Have your mechanic check your battery, charging system, and belts. And have them make any necessary repairs or replacements. For hybrid-electric vehicles, keep gasoline in the tank to support the gasoline engine.



##### Lights

Check your headlights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers, and interior lights. Be sure to also check your trailer brake lights and turn signals, if necessary.



##### Cooling System

Make sure you have enough coolant in your vehicle, and that the coolant meets the manufacturer's specifications. See your vehicle owner's manual for specific recommendations on coolant. You or a mechanic should check the cooling system for leaks, test the coolant, and drain or replace old coolant as needed.



##### Windshield Washer Reservoir

You can go through a lot of windshield wiper fluid fairly quickly in a single snowstorm, so be prepared for whatever might come your way by ensuring your vehicle's reservoir is full of high-quality "winter" fluid with de-icer before winter weather hits.



##### Windshield Wipers and Defrosters

Make sure defrosters and windshield wipers – both front and rear – work, and replace any worn blades. You may also want to consider installing heavy-duty winter wipers if you live in an area that gets a lot of snow and ice.

##### Floor Mats

Improperly installed floor mats in your vehicle may interfere with the operation of the accelerator or brake pedal, increasing the risk of a crash. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for mat installation, use retention clips to secure the mat and prevent it from sliding forward, and always use mats that are the correct size and fit for your vehicle.

##### Tires

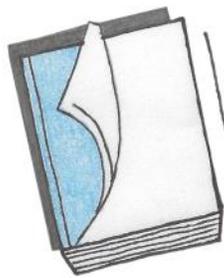
As the outside temperature drops, so does tire inflation pressure. Make sure each tire is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended inflation pressure, which is listed in your owner's manual and on a placard located on the driver's side door frame. The correct pressure is NOT the number listed on the tire. Be sure to check tires when they are cold, which means the car hasn't been driven for at least three hours. Read through for safe tire tips:

- Regardless of season, inspect your tires at least once a month and before long road trips. It only takes about five minutes. If you find yourself driving under less-than-optimal road conditions this winter, you'll be glad you took the time. Don't forget to check your spare tire.



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# Williamsville

PUBLIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM



### January Events at the Library

- 1 - Library Closed for New Year's Day
- 6 - Fun Day (Last Day of Winter Break)
- 7 - Coffee Hour
- 14 - Coffee Hour
- 14 - Fireside Chat
- 14 - Library Board Meeting
- 20 - Library Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21 - Coffee Hour
- 23 - Fireside Chat
- 28 - Coffee Hour
- 30 - Book Club

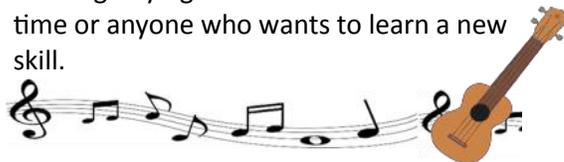
### February Events at the Library

- 4 - Coffee Hour
- 11 - Coffee Hour
- 11 - Fireside Chat
- 11 - Library Board Meeting
- 12 - Library Closed for Lincoln's Birthday
- 17 - Library Closed for Presidents' Day
- 18 - Coffee Hour
- 20 - Fireside Chat
- 25 - Coffee Hour
- 27 - Book Club

Check WPLM's website for any changes to events!

### Library of Things

Most people know WPLM has books, audiobooks, magazines, DVD's, and databases. Did you know we also have book and activity kits for young patrons, STEM kits for older kids, and art kits for teens and adults? Now WPLM is expanding our "Library of Things" to include five ukulele kits. Each kit contains a ukulele donated by Springfield Uketopian, Barb Lanier, a tuner, music for beginners, and an optional music stand. The kits are a great option for anyone considering buying an instrument for the first time or anyone who wants to learn a new skill.



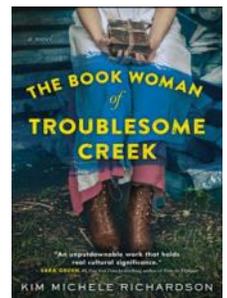
### Digital Resources

You can access e-books, audiobooks, and magazines 24/7 by visiting [www.williamsvillelibrary.org](http://www.williamsvillelibrary.org). Simply click on the "Services" tab and choose "Library on the Go". If spending time with family over the holidays has you wondering where you came from, you can find out with Ancestry.com. You can access the genealogy database for free at WPLM with your own computer or one of the library's three public computers.



### Book Club

Did you make a New Year's resolution to read more books this year? A great way to do that is to join the Williamsville Public Library and Museum's Book Club. The discussions take place the last Thursday of the Month from January to November at 7:00 p.m. around the fireplace. This year we begin with a discussion about *What the Wind Knows* by Amy Harman on Thursday, January 30, followed by *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson on Thursday, February 27, 2020. The books are chosen by the book club members. Each member is assigned a specific month at our November meeting. The books are as varied as the individuals that attend the meetings. It seems at every gathering someone will say that they were so glad that someone had chosen this book, because I would have never read it if it wasn't a book club selection. So, expand your horizons and explore new books with thoughtful people.



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**WPLM always has several events going on. All events are free, but registration is requested for some events. To register please call WPLM at 566-3520, or register through our website at [williamsville.library.org](http://williamsville.library.org). You can stay updated about upcoming events by following us on Facebook.**

### Drop in Activities

WPLM changes the game and activity stations each month. There is always something for kids to do, play, or make whenever you have time to stop by WPLM. WPLM is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

### Electronics Available to Check Out

You can try before you buy! Hot spots and tablets are available to WPLM patrons. Seniors who are considering buying a tablet can check out a Kindle or iPad to see which they prefer. Lack of internet service is not an obstacle. WPLM patrons can also check out a hot spot, which allows you to access the internet from anywhere! The hot spots are also popular for traveling.

### FREE Museum Passes

Thanks to partnerships with local museums, WPLM can offer free passes to our patrons.

You can see the latest exhibits at Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, Illinois State Museum, and the Kidzeum of Health and Science. The museums are an easy way to entertain out of town guests or kids and grandkids who need a change of scenery. To reserve passes to any of the three museums please call WPLM at 566-3520. Admission is always free to the Illinois State Military Museum.



### Fun Day in January

The last day of holiday break for students is Monday, January 6. Drop by with kids or grandkids that day for special games and activities from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The movie *Abominable* will be shown in the multi-purpose room from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. A light snack will be provided.



### Coming Soon to a Library Near You

A ukulele workshop will be planned with Springfield Uketopians for February. A "Pie and Puzzles" event in honor of Pi Day and a driver's license renewal class are being planned for March. Plans for spring Backyard Basics and Creativebug events, as well as an expansion of WPLM's "Library of Things", are also in the works. Follow WPLM on Facebook to be one of the first to learn about upcoming opportunities or visit [www.williamsvillelibrary.org](http://www.williamsvillelibrary.org).

### Art Contest Winners

Congratulations to Sophia Corredato and Fiona Sirais, who were each awarded \$25 Target gift cards by WPLM. Their artwork received the most votes out of the ten entries displayed at WPLM during November. Thanks to Debbie Larson, WJHS Art Teacher, for encouraging 5th through 8th grade students to participate in the contest.



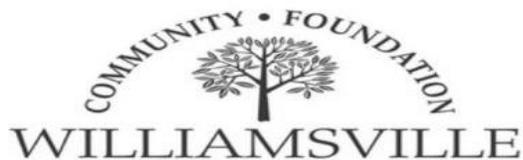
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### Thank You from the Williamsville Community Foundation's President and Board of Directors!

The Williamsville Community Foundation would like to say thank you to sponsors and the community for your continued support of the Williamsville Community Foundation's events that were held in 2019! We could not put on these events without you!

### February's Quarter Auction



February's Quarter Auction will be held on *Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>*. Please note, it is on Tuesday instead of Thursday. The proceeds will go towards our park! We hope to see you all there and appreciate all your generosity and support for our community!

### Christmas on the Boulevard

The Williamsville Community Foundation presented a new event last December called Christmas on the Boulevard. We loved seeing everyone who came out, and it was a great turn out! Those who attended were able to take part in horse drawn carriage rides, hot chocolate, cookies, a live performance at the Price-Prather House, and much more! Thank you to everyone who took time to help set up and make this event possible!

### House Decorating Contests

In 2019, the Williamsville Community Foundation introduced house decorating contests with prizes for two events, Boo! on the Boulevard and Christmas on the Boulevard! To be considered for the contests, residents had to call or stop by the Village Hall to sign up. With so many decorated houses, it was difficult to pick a winner! We look forward to continuing the house decorating contests in 2020 and hope you consider signing up when the events come near!



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

We appreciate those that made personal monetary donations to our club last year! Donations went towards purchasing plants, pumpkins, flags to put around town, and items for our Christmas decorations!

Right now, we are saving up to replace a couple of our pots. The two pots between Bella's and the Old Bank Building are in desperate need of replacement.

We are also working with the Williamsville High Schools agriculture teacher to help us with our spring plant purchases! If you would like to send a donation to our club, please make a check out to the Williamsville Garden Club and mail it to Nique Scarbrough at P.O. Box 94, Williamsville, Illinois 62693.

The Queen of Hearts Drawing, that we are helping with, is still going, and will continue until the Queen of Hearts card is picked! We would love for you to join us at Boondocks on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and participate in the drawing! There is also a 50/50 drawing every Wednesday! The pot is now over \$9,000! There is a food truck each night, and it is such a fun evening out! We are so excited to be included in such an amazing chance to raise funds for all the wonderful projects we have planned for our village and to help our efforts in replacing all of our village pots! For details on how this event works, please check out the Queen Of Hearts Sherman/Williamsville Facebook page or call Nique Scarbrough for details at 618-315-1099. The drawing is always at 7:00 p.m.! You can purchase tickets at the following locations: Williamsville Village Hall, Williamsville Subway, County Market in Sherman, Flourish with CID, Funky's Trophy Place, Carter Bros Lumber Co, Sam's Too, and One Stop Auto Shop. You can also purchase tickets at the event!

We always welcome new members! Our regular Garden Club meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month. We take December and January off, so our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 1st at 10:00 a.m. at the Williamsville Public Library and Museum.



**Curbside Recycling Reminders**

The new year is great time to start or fine tune recycling habits. In addition to re-using items, like cloth bags, you can reduce the amount of trash you create by avoiding single-use items. A significant amount of waste is generated by packaging, but a lot of it can be recycled. Lake Area Recycling suggests the following recycling guidelines. Check with your provider if you have any questions.

**What to Recycle:**

- Clear and colored glass (jar and bottles only)
- Newspaper (clean and including inserts)
- Junk mail (window envelopes okay)
- Chipboard (small food boxes)
- #1 through #5 and #7 plastics (jugs, bottles, and bowls). Look on bottom of containers for numbers.
- Tin cans (dog food, vegetable cans)
- Aluminum cans (soda and beer cans)
- **No plastic bags or styrofoam.**

~ Rinse all containers, leave labels on, remove liners from food boxes and remove all lids.

**How to Recycle:**

- Newspaper, junk mail, chipboard, and magazines can be placed together, loosely, in bottom of bin. This can include phone books.
- #1 through #5 and #7 plastics, tin, and aluminum cans can be placed together in paper bag or another bin.
- Clear and colored glass (bottles and jars only) can be placed in a paper bag or small container separate from other materials. Remove all lids. You may use another container of your own, along with our recycle bins at the Williamsville Public Library and Museum.



**Water Usage Increase?**

Has your water bill increased recently? If so, it could be good to ask yourself these questions:

- *“Did I have people over last month?”* Around the holidays, it is common to have family and friends over to celebrate the holiday season. This comes with more water usage. Small amounts of water used by multiple people can add up quickly!
- *“Do I have a water backup sump pump?”* If you have seen a jump in your water bill and usage, and you have a water backup sump pump, you may want to see if it is running. Once the water backup kicks on, water usage jumps quickly! You may or may not always hear it running!
- *“Do I have a leaky faucet or toilet?”* If you have seen a “smaller” increase in your water bill, you may want to check for a leak with your faucets or toilets. To check your toilets for leaks, put food coloring in the tank and check back after 30 minutes to see if it has leaked through to the bowl.

**Other Things to Consider:**

- *Service Period:* While the Village of Williamsville does their best to get all the readings on the same days of each month, sometimes those dates fall on weekends or holidays. When this occurs, there may be a few extra days on your billing cycle. For questions regarding the reading dates, you may contact the Village Hall at 566-3806.
- *Billing in Arrears:* It is important to remember the Village of Williamsville bills in arrears. Therefore, whenever you are thinking back on how you used water recently, remember you will need to be considering the previous month.
- *Lifestyle:* Small lifestyle changes with how you use your water can make a large impact! Some tips are turning the water off while you brush your teeth, turning the sink off while scrubbing dishes, etc. Small actions lead to greater results!

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Thank You!

The Village of Williamsville would like to thank everyone for all your donations in 2019 to our community! Whether you gave your time, effort, or finances, it was greatly appreciated! Your generosity is what makes our community desired and well cared for! We cannot thank you enough!

Happy New Year!



The Village of Williamsville would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We hope 2020 has amazing things in store for you!

Healthy Kids Running Series 2019

- March 29th • April 5th • April 19th • April 26th • May 3rd •

It's time to get those running shoes back out again because Healthy Kids Running Series is back at it this spring! Races begin the last week of March and end in May. You can view a list of the race days above! Head to healthykidsrunningseries.org for more details and to register. If you have questions, you may contact Tiffany Himes at hkrswilliamsville@gmail.com.



2019 in Review for Village of Williamsville!

- ◆ The Village of Williamsville received the DNR grant to help make improvements to Samuel H. Jones Park. Since being awarded the grant, sidewalks and additional ADA parking have been installed and new playground equipment is in the works!
◆ The overpass project has continued to make progress. We hope to complete the project by the end of 2020, weather permitting.
◆ The Village of Williamsville welcomed new businesses. Pruitt Performance, Dance Arts Studio, and Speedway all opened in 2019.
◆ The trail project is making progress. Stay tuned for more updates!
◆ Many events, sponsored by the Williamsville Community Foundation with the full support of the Village of Williamsville, were held throughout the year. Events included the Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July Celebration, Fall Festival, Boo! on the Boulevard, Christmas with Santa, and a new event, Christmas on the Boulevard. We are already looking forward to all the great events planned in 2020!

Dates to Remember for the Village of Williamsville:

2020 Board Meeting Schedule

- January 13th
• January 27th
• February 10th
• February 24th
• March 9th
• March 23rd
• April 13th
• April 27th
• May 11th
• May 26th (Tuesday)
• June 8th
• June 22nd
• July 13th
• July 27th
• August 10th
• August 24th
• September 14th
• September 28th
• October 13th (Tuesday)
• October 26th
• November 9th
• November 23rd
• December 14th
• December 28th

2020 Holiday Schedule (Village Office Closed)

- January 1st New Year's Day
• January 20th Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
• February 12th Lincoln's Birthday
• February 17th President's Day
• May 25th Memorial Day
• July 3rd Independence Day
• September 7th Labor Day
• October 12th Columbus Day
• November 11th Veterans Day
• November 26th Thanksgiving Holiday
• November 27th Thanksgiving Holiday
• December 24th Christmas Eve
• December 25th Christmas Day

