

Picnic in the Park and Fourth of July Celebration Details!

Picnic in the Park and the Fourth of July Celebration is right around the corner on July 2nd at the Williamsville Community Park! The day starts out with the Picnic in the Park event, followed by our annual Fourth of July Celebration.

New this year, will be church service under the pavilion with the Williamsville United Methodist Church and the Williamsville Community Church. Services will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

There will also be more fun for the rest of the family, including the kids' favorite, Twinkles the Clown Balloon Creations! Be ready to be amazed at all the fun creations Twinkles the Clown will create out of balloons.

Another tip, come hungry! There will be a great lunch that will be sure to satisfy your taste buds! Donations are accepted for the lunch to help offset the cost to provide it. As the day progresses, Kona Ice and Country Fryer will join the celebration, and will be available for an additional cost to the community.



It wouldn't be a Fourth of July Celebration without FIREWORKS! At dusk (*usually around 9:00 p.m.*), get ready for a great fireworks show sponsored by the Williamsville Community Foundation and the Village of Williamsville. Please note, this will be weather permitting.

Last, but definitely not least, don't forget to participate in the 50/50 drawing and the raffle to win a Weber Grill! Tickets are 6 for \$25 or 1 for \$5 and can be purchased from a Foundation member or at the Village Hall. They can also be purchased the day of the event!

More details on all the activities happening can be found on the Village of Williamsville's website or the WCF's Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you at the celebration!



Upcoming Events

- Beginning July: WPLM's Outdoor Education Space Open to the Public!
- July 2: Picnic in the Park and Fourth of July Celebration
- July 3: Foundation Meeting
- July 3-4: Village Hall Closed
- July 10: Village Board Meeting**
- July 11: Coffee Hour at WPLM
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- July 17-21: SUMC VBS
- July 18: Coffee Hour at WPLM
- July 24: Village Board Meeting**
- July 25: Coffee Hour at WPLM
- July 26: Sherman/Williamsville Senior Luncheon at SUMC
- July 27: Book Club at WPLM
- Aug. 1: Coffee Hour at WPLM
- Aug. 5: Garden Club Meeting
- Aug. 7: Foundation Meeting
- Aug. 8: Coffee Hour at WPLM
- Aug. 8: WPLM Board Meeting
- Aug. 14: Village Board Meeting**
- Aug. 15: Coffee Hour at WPLM
- Aug. 22: Coffee Hour at WPLM
- Aug. 28: Village Board Meeting**
- Aug. 29: Coffee Hour
- Aug. 30: Culpepper & Merriweather Circus
- Aug. 30: Sherman/Williamsville Senior Luncheon at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Aug. 31: Book Club at WPLM

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Please join us at the park for our...

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY
4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
& PICNIC IN THE PARK**

Sunday, July 2nd

Samuel H. Jones Park

Joint Church Service

Kids Events

Lunch (Donations Accepted)

Twinkles the Clown Balloon Creations

Country Fryer

Kona Ice

Fireworks

Weber Grill Raffle & 50/50

Co-Sponsored by the: Williamsville Community Foundation & the Village of Williamsville.

WIN A WEBER GRILL!

Tickets: 6 for \$25 or 1 for \$5

**Drawing held at Picnic in the Park/Fourth of
July Celebration on July 2!**



Tickets can be purchased at the Village Hall or from a WCF member.
They will also be available for purchase at the event.

WCF & Other Community News

Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Coming to Town!

Save the date for August 30th! The Culpepper and Merriweather Circus is coming to Williamsville! There will be two shows at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available roughly 6 weeks in advance, and will be discounted if purchased before the event. Once tickets go on sale, they will be available for purchase at Bella Trattoria, Interurban Merchant, the Village Hall or any Williamsville Community Foundation member. Updates on ticket sales and the event will be posted on the Williamsville Community Foundation's Facebook page and the Village of Williamsville's website.



Williamsville's Autumn on the Boulevard

Save the date for Williamsville's Autumn on the Boulevard event on September 9th and 10th! Activities are still being planned out, but it's always a great event for all ages to enjoy!

Back again this year will be the kids' fishing derby, car

cruise in, tractor show, kids' pedal tractor pull, vendors, kids' corner and much more! Off the Wall will also be playing at the event!

If you are interested in being a vendor this year, please contact Brenda Esker at esker1977@yahoo.com.

Sherman/Williamsville Senior Luncheons

All seniors of the Sherman and Williamsville Community are invited to the upcoming senior luncheons. July's senior lunch will be on July 26th at Sherman United Methodist Church. There will also be another luncheon on August 30th at Good Shepherd. Both luncheons begin at 12 p.m. Lutheran Church. We hope you can join us!

Sherman United Methodist Church VBS

THIS VBS IS SOMETHING TO ROAR ABOUT!

Join us in Babylon, where we'll explore what life was like for Daniel and his friends, captives in a strange land. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, and visit with Daniel. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Babylon
Daniel's Courage in Captivity

July 17th - July 21st
6:30 pm to 8:15 pm

Ages: 4 years old (potty trained) - just completed 4th grade

Sherman United Methodist Church
2336 E Sherman Road, Sherman, IL

Registration forms can be found on our church website – Shermanumc.com, in the church office, or call 217-496-2338 ext. 5. Please drop the forms off at the church or email them to shermanumc@casscomm.com



Save the Date for the
Williamsville Community Foundation's

Autumn on the Boulevard Event!

September 8-10

Murder Mystery Dinner (Fri.)

Vendors

Kids Corner

Car Cruise In (Sun. from 11-3)

Tractor Show

Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull

Live Music from Off the Wall

Much More!

More details and times for the activities will be available closer to the event. Stay tuned to the WCF's Facebook page and the Village of Williamsville's website.

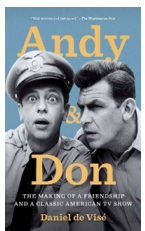
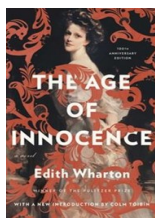
Williamsville Public Library and Museum

Picnic in the Park

WPLM staff and volunteers are looking forward to participating in the Williamsville Community Foundation's Picnic in the Park on July 2nd. Come by the tent for fun family activities before or after you enjoy the free lunch (donations are accepted and appreciated for the lunch).

WPLM Book Club

Any adult is welcome to attend WPLM's Book Club on July 27th at 7:00 p.m. The July selection is *Age of Innocence*. In 1921, the author, Edith Wharton, became the first woman to ever win the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for her novel. The book club takes a lighter turn in August with *Andy and Don: The Making of a Friendship and Classic American TV Show*. Anyone can request a copy of the books regardless of plans to attend the book club events. Follow WPLM on Facebook for reminders and to see future book club selections.



Local History

The current museum exhibits include pictures that showcase the history of the Memorial Arch. One picture shows the original Memorial Arch on July 21st, 1939, when the citizens of Williamsville celebrated the 100th birthday of Jacob Yocom, also known as "Uncle Jake". A member of Co. B, 130th Illinois Infantry, Yocom survived action during the American Civil War in the deep South, including the Battle of Vicksburg in Mississippi. In April of 1864, he was captured at Sabine Crossroad, Louisiana, and was taken to Camp Tyler in Texas, where he was imprisoned for 13 months. Yocom was released one month after the official end of the war, and he returned to the family farm in Williamsville. Jacob and his wife, Susan (Lanternman), raised Edna, Mary and



Gertrude. "Uncle Jake" died months after his village-wide birthday celebration, and is buried in Wolf Creek Cemetery in Williamsville.

Ongoing Programs

You can work on a puzzle any time you visit WPLM or take puzzles home from the Puzzle Exchange. Puzzle donations are welcome but not required to take puzzles home. Coffee Hour is still meeting every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the WPLM multi-purpose room. Summer Reading will continue through July. The theme for this summer, "Find Your Voice", will include voting on your favorite items and earning prizes with reading logs. Kits for kids, teens, adults, and families will also be available. All of the kits and prizes for this summer's program are made possible by donations to the Friends of WPLM in honor of Janet Miller.

Outdoor Education Space

After a dedication and special preview tours in June, the space will open to the public in July. The educational components of the space will continue to be developed, but visitors will be able to enjoy shaded areas to read, artwork by local artists, and a new story stroll in coordination with WPLM Summer Reading. Since the space includes local history items, it will only be open during WPLM's normal hours: Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visitors are asked to help keep the space clean by supervising young children and not bringing pets. Information about the museum items will be available at www.willamsvillelibrary.org.



Williamsville Garden Club

Flower Basket Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone that supported our Flower Basket Fundraiser on Mother's Day Weekend. It was a huge success! We sold all 100 baskets in just over an hour. We appreciate everyone who purchased a flower basket and all the donations we received that day! We also appreciate all donations we have received so far this year.

Summer Flowers

We hope the neon colored flowers around town in pink, orange and yellow are a hit this summer! When planting, each pot should have three things: a thriller, filler and spiller. The thriller in our pots is a rose colored Canna. The filler is pink, orange and yellow Zinnias, plus fruity pebble Lantana. The spiller is Portulaca or Rose Moss in the Happy Hour Mix color. The Roll of Honor pots have black and blue Salvia as the thriller, and red and white Vinca as the filler. There's no spiller in those pots this summer,

Summer Safety

Please help keep everyone safe this summer by moving over a lane when you see garden club members uptown weeding and mulching.

Thank You

A big thank you to the WHS football players that volunteered their time to help mulch around town. We appreciate their help so much! We would also like to thank the dedicated public works employees for their continued help with our projects.

Upcoming Meetings

If you are interested in joining the Williamsville Garden Club, our club contact is Nique Scarbrough at 618-315-1099. There won't be a July meeting for

the garden club, but there will be one on Saturday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Williamsville Public Library and Museum. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend the August meeting.



Summer Gardening Tips

Our Williamsville Garden Club Members have put together some gardening tips that we would like to share with you.

- * Putting a three inch layer of mulch in your landscaping will help prevent weed growth.
- * Be sure to fertilize the flower baskets from our Flower Basket Fundraiser. The more blooms, the more often you should fertilize.
- * If your rose bushes have holes on the leaves, use Sevin powder on them.

In addition to our garden club member's tips, the Illinois Extension with the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, shares some great tips on how to plant container gardens that flourish. They highlight the thriller, filler, and spiller method that we previously mentioned using for our summer flowers.

When designing a container, use the thriller, filler, spiller method. Thrillers serve as a focal point and are usually vivid and tall, while fillers fill the majority of the container. Spillers are plants that drape over the side of the pot. Using this method when planting will make you pots and containers vibrant and full of flourishing plants and flowers.

For more details on tips from the Illinois Extension, head to extension.illinois.edu/news-releases/plant-top-annuals-2023-create-craveable-container-gardens.



Village News

Water/Sewer Bill Payment Methods

The Village of Williamsville always strives to help make paying your water/sewer bill as simple as possible. Customers can pay in the following ways:

- You may pay your bill at the Village Hall during office hours or by using the drop box outside the door, available 24 hours a day. You may also mail your bill, but please allow mailing time. We process payments the day they arrive to us in the mail.
- Williamsville State Bank and Trust (Williamsville and Sherman branches) and United Community Bank in Sherman collects payments made via check. We then pick them up from their location throughout the month. Payments dropped off there through the 20th of the month will be processed before the due date and before penalties are assessed.
- The Village of Williamsville also offers direct debit. Your checking account would be debited on the 20th of the month for your billed amount. This guarantees no late fees or charges. If you are interested in signing up for direct debit, you can complete an authorization form found on our website or in our office.
- You can also pay your bill using a debit or credit card through our website. To make a payment, head to www.williamsville.illinois.gov. Please note, credit and debit card companies charge a fee to process your payment.

If you prefer to schedule payments through your bank, using Bill Pay, please allow for mailing time. We do not receive electronic payments from your bank; so, your bank will print and mail a physical check to us. This process takes several days for us to receive the check. If not scheduled well in ad-

vance, your payment could arrive late. Payments received after the 20th of each month will be charged a 10% late fee. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Hall.

Keep Storm Drains Clean

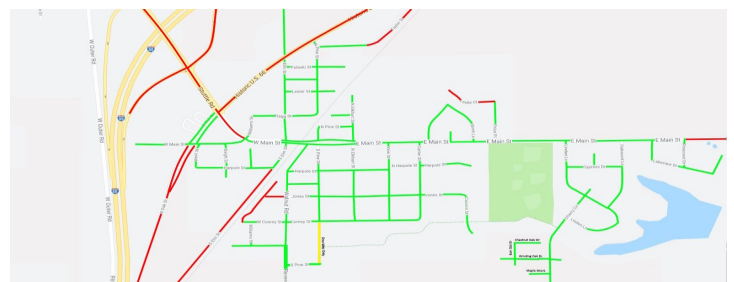
As a friendly reminder to our residents, please keep roadways free of cut grass, leaves, and other yard waste. Cut grass and yard waste clog storm drains and cause roadways to flood because they can't drain properly. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

2022 Water Quality Report Available Now

Your Annual Water Quality Report is now available at www.ilrwa.org/CCR/Williamsville.pdf. To speak with someone about this report or to request a copy, call 217-566-3806. A copy can also be found on the Village of Williamsville's website.

Non-Highway Vehicles

The Williamsville Police Department and Village of Williamsville would like to remind residents, non-highway vehicles are only allowed on designated streets within the village (map pictured below and can be found on the Village's website). Non-highway vehicles are not allowed, under any circumstances, off these roadways, or on trails and sidewalks. This poses a danger to the public and will not be tolerated. If caught, fines will be issued and your permit will be revoked. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 www.wfpdillinois.com or join us at one of our meetings held every Thursday.

Outdoor Fire Safety

As the weather warms up and cookouts, bonfires, and outdoor parties begin to take place, now is a good time to refresh yourself on outdoor fire safety. Some common outdoor fire safety tips can be found below.

- For any type of outdoor fire that cannot be quickly extinguished, call 911 immediately for assistance.
- Avoid storing flammable liquids near a grill or other ignition source.

- Never do yard work that requires a gas or electric motor in the heat of the day.
- Keep grills and fire pits at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails and fences.

Water Donations

In the heat of the summer months, we are always looking for donations of bottled water. If you would like to donate water, you may drop them off inside the front door of the firehouse or send us a message on Facebook to coordinate a hand off. Stay safe and enjoy the summer!



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.

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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217-566-3634

Fire Non-Emergency:
217-566-3311

Library: 217-566-3520

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