

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE

January & February 2022



Tree City USA Approval

The Village of Williamsville is excited to announce we have received a “tentative approval” to become a Tree City USA Community! The final approval will come this spring. Becoming a Tree City USA Community means the Village of Williamsville will strive to support tree growth for the environment and for the beautification of the community.

The Arbor Day Foundation lists various benefits of becoming a Tree City USA Community.

- Encourages better care for the environment and community forests
- Provides cleaner air, more shade, and beauty for the community
- Opportunities for communities to receive awards to advance and gain financial support for tree projects.
- Increases public awareness of the environmental benefits of tree and plants
Contributes to community pride
- Gives a blueprint for planting and maintaining community’s trees
- Provides resources to communities to help improve their program
- Encourages growth within communities by making it a more desired place to live
- Provides preference for grant fundings in the future

More benefits of becoming a Tree City USA Community can be found on the Village of Williamsville’s website.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan 3 - Foundation Meeting
- Jan 4 - Woodcarvers at 6 PM
- Jan 10 - Village Board Meeting
- Jan 11 - WPLM Board Meeting
- Jan 13 - Quarter Auction
- Jan 17 - Village Hall Closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 24 - Village Board Meeting
- Jan 26 - Virtual WPLM Event with
Silvia Moreno-Garcia
- Jan 27 - Book Club
- Feb 1 - Woodcarvers at 6 PM
- Feb 5 - Garden Club Meeting
- Feb 7 - Foundation Meeting
- Feb 8 - WPLM Board Meeting
- Feb 10 - Quarter Auction
- Feb 11 - Village Hall Closed
Lincoln’s Birthday
- Feb 14 - Village Board Meeting
- Feb 16 - Virtual WPLM Event with
Jasmine Guillory
- Feb 21 - Village Hall Closed
President’s Day
- Feb 24 - Book Club
- Feb 28 - Village Board Meeting



Upcoming Board Meetings

January 10
January 24
February 14
February 28

Village President	Economic Development	Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Storm Sewers	Water & Sewer	Public Safety	Parks & Recreation	Finance	Village Clerk	Treasurer
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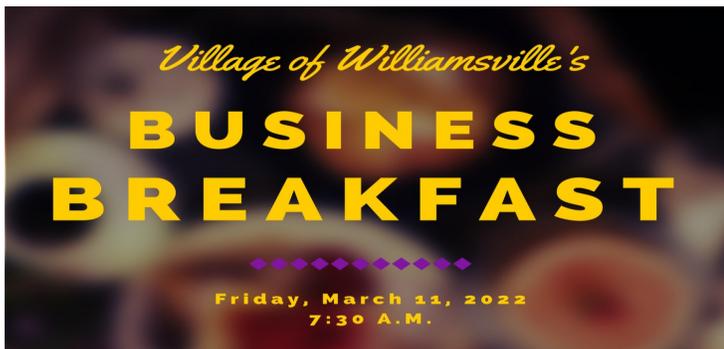
Village News

2022 Business Breakfast

The Village Board will institute an annual Business Breakfast for all community business members. This will be held annually on the second Friday of March (beginning March 11, 2022) at 7:30 AM. We plan to allow time to meet with fellow business members and Village Board members, briefly review your contributions to village enhancements, and discuss any new innovative ideas to support our business community.

Business Community members will receive an invitation to this event in February, so check your mail! If you have had a change in your business address, please contact the Village Hall and ask for Courtney Gray to update your information on our mailing list.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you in March!



Thank You to Our Community Organizations

The Village of Williamsville appreciates the Garden Club and the Williamsville Community Foundation for all their help with Village activities and the beautification of the Village over the past year. Your time, dedication and hard work definitely has not gone unnoticed. We encourage our residents to get involved with our community organizations. If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, contact Nique Scarbrough at 618-315-1099. To join the WCF, contact Bill Fawns at 217-415-7798.

All School Reunion

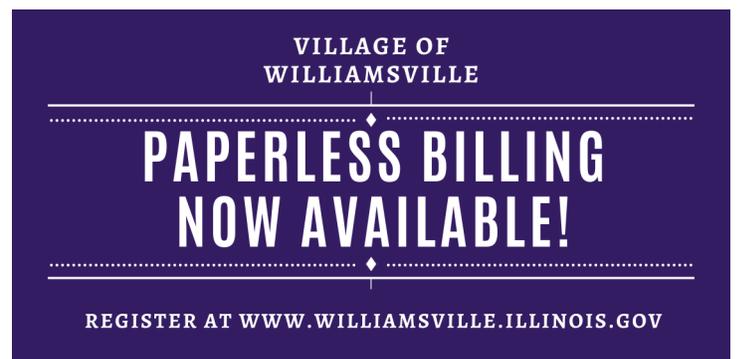
The Williamsville All School Reunion is coming up this September! We hope you can join us on Friday, September 9, 2022 for a night of good food, entertainment, and catching up with friends. Visit the reunion's website and update your information for contact purposes at www.whsbulletsalumni.com.



Paperless Billing Now Available!

Paperless billing is now available for all residents with water/sewer service through the Village of Williamsville. No more hassle of forgetting where you put your bill or how much you owe! Sign up for paperless billing today to get your bill sent to you via email instead of receiving a postcard in the mail.

Please note this is separate from direct debit, where your bill is automatically deducted from your bank account on the 20th of each month. If direct debit is something you are interested in signing up for, you can print and complete the direct debit form off our website or stop into our office!



Sewer Upgrades

The Village of Williamsville strives to provide the best service to Williamsville and Sherman residents. Lately, we noticed our sewer system was in desperate need of improvements. Upgrades to the sewer system began in 2021 and progress is continuing to be made. Updates on the completion of this project will be posted on the Village's website.

Year in Review

The Village of Williamsville had another busy and successful year improving our community. We would like to thank everyone for all the support throughout the year.

The final touches were completed for the new overpass. The overpass has provided a better flow of traffic for the school and our community. It has also given our emergency departments (Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department and the Williamsville Police Department) another means to respond to emergencies in a timely manner.



The Village of Williamsville also "completed" the Heritage Route 66 Multiuse Trail in November! The trail runs between Sherman and Williamsville and is approximately 4.4 miles. Benches and bike racks still need to be installed, but it is open for public use. A



formal ceremony between the Village of Sherman and Williamsville will held in this spring. Until then, enjoy and be safe!

The Village of Williamsville has continued to make improvements to Samuel H. Jones park. New playground equipment and sidewalks were recently installed to allow more of the community to enjoy our

community. We appreciate all the financial support our community has provided to help make this possible. The Village of Williamsville is always looking for ways to improve our park and will continue to in the future!

Community Center Remodel

The Village of Williamsville completed the Community Center remodel in 2021. The project was started to help with energy costs. Windows and doors were replaced and new flooring was added. We are excited to be able to bring a better rental space for those in our community and surrounding areas.

If you are looking to rent out the Community Center, please contact the Village Hall at 217-566-3806 to book your event! This space is great for birthday parties, receptions, bridal and baby showers, family reunions and much more! You may also call to schedule a time to take a look at the Community Center if you are interested in booking it for an event!



Williamsville Community Foundation

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, Fourth of July Celebration in conjunction with the Village of Williamsville, Fall Festival, Boo on the Boulevard, Breakfast with Santa, 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.

prepare for the year ahead to find ways to bring the community together. The Foundation encourages those interested in joining to attend a Foundation meeting. New members are always welcome!

2021 Recap

The Williamsville Community Foundation had another successful year full of events for the community and surround areas. In 2021, the WCF hosted their Easter Egg Hunt, Picnic in the Park, Fourth of July Celebration in conjunction with the Village, Fall Festival, Boo on the Boulevard, Breakfast with Santa, and Christmas on the Boulevard.



Photos from the Christmas on the Boulevard Parade!

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WILLIAMSVILLE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

JOIN US!

Foundation Meetings

The Williamsville Community Foundation meets the first Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Meetings are held to discuss upcoming events and to

Quarter Auctions

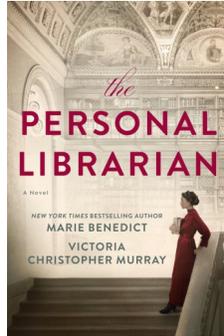
Second Thursday of the Month
6:30 P.M.

Williamsville
Community Center

Williamsville Public Library and Museum

Book Club

Any adult is welcome to attend WPLM's Book Club on Thursday, January 27, at 7:00pm. The January selection, *The Personal Librarian*, is historical fiction based on a real person, Belle de Costa Greene. Belle had to hide that she was a light-skinned African American woman in order to become the well-respected curator of J.P. Morgan's book and art collection in the early 1900's. You can request a copy of the book or audiobook even if you do not plan to attend the Book Club event.



New Library Apps

WPLM patrons can now access the SHARE app for the Illinois Heartland Library System. Download the app to your mobile device to search the online catalog and manage your library account. The app even allows you to scan the ISBN barcode of a book or audiobook to see if it is available through the library and then request the item. Some patrons are already familiar with the Libby app from Overdrive. As of February, the Overdrive app will no longer be available in app stores or have updates. In order to access the thousands of titles on Overdrive you will need to download and use the Libby app. WPLM will also continue to offer access to e-resources with Cloud Library and Hoopla.

Outdoor Updates



The Friends of WPLM are excited to receive a \$4,000 grant from the Lumpkin Family Foundation. The grant will provide all the trees needed for phase one of the outdoor education space.

Members of the public will have opportunities to enter drawings for additional trees this spring in coordination with Backyard Basics and Arbor Day. This fall the Illinois State Library, through the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, awarded WPLM a grant of \$18,500. The grant will make the outdoor space usable for educational programming for patrons of all ages. The Village of Williamsville and Carter's Trees have already planted several trees this fall, and WPLM's Outdoor Committee will continue working and planning for the space throughout the winter.

Meet Libby

A fresh and easy way to borrow and read OverDrive books.



Something for Everyone

The new museum displays are celebrating the history of our community organizations. Whether you graduated from WHS thirty years ago or moved here three years ago, you have benefited from the Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department, the Community Foundation, and other groups who have helped make Williamsville what it is today. These days everyone is busy, but being busy is nothing new. The next time you visit WPLM, learn about the volunteers who found the time to plan community celebrations and special events that are an important part of our local history. Maybe you will even be inspired to continue the tradition by volunteering some of your time in the new year.



Williamsville Garden Club

Garden Club News

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

Thank You!

We really appreciate those that made personal monetary donations to our club last year! If you would like to send a donation, please make your check to the Williamsville Garden Club and mail it to Nique Scarbrough at P.O. Box 94, Williamsville.



Queen of Hearts

The Queen of Hearts Drawing is officially over. Matt Seman drew the lucky card #54 to win the jackpot!

Garden Maintenance

In the Midwest, winter usually brings snow, but if there is no snow on the ground, pursue your gardens. Kellogg Garden gives great advice on gardening during the winter. Add mulch to your garden focusing on areas where mulch has depleted. Frost is also common during winter. A good tip is if you had a Christmas tree or leftover greenery, cut off a portion of the branch and lay them around the bases of rose bushes or on garden beds.

Meetings

Regular Garden Club Meetings are on the first Saturday of each month. We take December and January off, so our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Williamsville Community Center.

Interested in Joining?

We always welcome new members. If you are interested in being a member, please call or text Nique Scarbrough at 618-315-1099.

Members

The Williamsville Garden Club is a dedicated group of men and women that put in many volunteer hours working to beautify the village. All the Garden Club members are listed to the right!



Garden Club Members

Officers

Nique Scarbrough: President
Chelsey Smith: Vice President
Laura Horton: Secretary
Jenny Brennan: Treasurer

Members

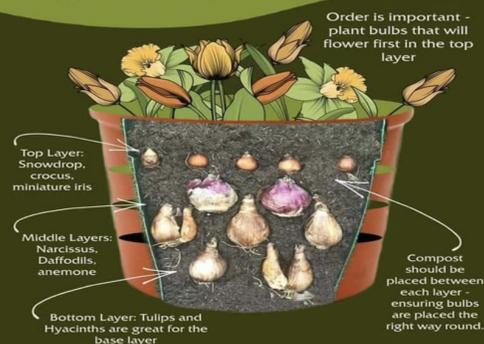
Alice Laswell
Carmen Kramer
Carol Carter
Chelsey Jennings
Darlene Sagle
Debbie Bracey
Debbie Larson
Glen Homolka
Henrietta Gharst
Jill Edwards
Joyce Cooper
Karen Birky
Karen Woods
Kim Knox
Linda Koberlein
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Martha Purchis
Monica Harter
Nick Schaefer
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Valerie Sagle



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Lasagne Planting

A creative way to plant your bulbs to create a display of flowers that lasts for months



Everything you'll need to plant your bulb lasagne:
- Spring Bulbs - Multi-purpose compost - Trowel - Gardening Gloves - Container - Winter Bedding Plants



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.

WVFD News

Trustee Vacancy

The Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department is searching for a new trustee to fill a future vacancy that will come available April 2022.

If you are interested in filling the vacancy or have any questions, contact Brian Mendenhall at 217-891-7547 or by emailing wfpd.president@gmail.com.

Seeking New Volunteers

The Williamsville Fire Department is always accepting new volunteers to join our team! If you want to be involved in one of the most rewarding agencies, please call 217-566-3311. You may also join us at one of our meetings, held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. We would love to have you join us!

2021 Annual Christmas Party

We are thankful for everyone who joined us for our Annual Christmas Party in December. We had a wonderful party for our life members, current members, and their families. It was great hearing all the laughter and joy from everybody. Awards were given out for outstanding performance members, trustees, and chiefs. You are all appreciated!



Extreme Cold Safety Tips

The National Weather Service wants to make sure you know the risks of extreme cold weather and what steps to take to prepare for it and stay safe.

- **Minimalize Travel** - The holiday season and shortly after is often a desired time to visit family and friends, but if the weather is calling for extreme cold weather, it is recommended to limit travel.
- **Stay Indoors** - Refrain from playing in the snow and going out during frigid weather.
- **Winter Survival Kits** - If you must travel and leave the house, be sure to pack a winter survival kit. Visit the National Weather Service's website for a list of recommended items to include in your kit.
- **Check Tire Pressure, Etc.** - If travel is a must, be sure to check your tire pressure, antifreeze levels, and that your heater/defroster is working properly.
- **Burst Pipes** - To avoid any burst pipes, shut the water off or open cabinet doors with the heat on.
- **Bring Pets Inside** - Even outdoor pets can't handle the frigid cold weather. Be sure to bring them inside to keep them safe.
- **What to Wear** - Wear layers of loose fitting warm clothing. Also, be sure to wear hats and mittens, while covering your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs from the extreme cold. Once outside, do your best to stay dry and out of the wind.

For more information on cold weather safety, visit the National Weather Service's website at www.weather.gov.

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
141 W. Main St.
217-566-3806

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

Water Emergency:
217-306-5803

Village Fax: 217-566-2105

Police Non-Emergency:
217-566-3634

Fire Non-Emergency:
217-566-3311

Library: 217-566-3520

Post Office: 217-566-3651

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