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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.

Approved Minutes and Agendas

may be viewed at the Village Office or the website at

williamsville.illinois.gov

Village of Williamsville

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217.566.3806

Office Hours
7:30-11:30 am
12:30 -3:30 pm

Monday-Friday

Village Fax
217.566.2105

Fire Non-Emergency
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Police Non-Emergency
217.566.3634

Water Emergency
217.306-5803

Library
217.566.3520

Post Office
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Williamsville Community Calendar

January

Jan 2	New Year's Day Holiday — Village Office and WPLM Closed
Jan 3	Something New (Gaming and Exploring) at WPLM 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Jan 3	Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the WPLM
Jan 3	Senior Potluck at WUMC — 12 noon
Jan 3	Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jan 4	Something New (Gaming and Exploring) at WPLM 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Jan 4	Woodcarvers in the Community Center 7-9 p.m.
Jan 7	Fall Into Winter Reading Reward Party — WPLM At 2:00 p.m.
Jan 9	Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jan 10	Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the WPLM
Jan 10	Fireside Chat 12:30 p.m. at WPLM
Jan 10	WPLM Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. at WPLM
Jan 12	Quarter Auction 6:30 p.m. — Pay It Forward
Jan 16	Martin Luther King , Jr. Birthday — Village Office and WPLM Closed
Jan 17	Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the WPLM
Jan 21	Uke N Do It Workshop at WPLM from 12:00 — 2:00 p.m.
Jan 23	Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jan 26	Card Making for Adults at WPLM at 1:00 p.m.
Jan 26	Book Club at the WPLM 7:00 p.m.
Jan 31	Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the WPLM

February

Feb 2	Woodcarvers in the Community Center 7:00 p.m.
Feb 4	Valentine's Day Originals at WPLM from 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Feb 6	Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Feb 7	Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the WPLM
Feb 7	Senior Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. at WPLM
Feb 9	Quarter Auction 6:30 p.m. — Toys for Tots
Feb 13	Lincoln's Birthday Holiday — Village Office and WPLM Closed
Feb 13	Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Feb 14	Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the WPLM
Feb 14	Fireside Chat 12:30 p.m. at WPLM
Feb 14	WPLM Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. at WPLM
Feb 15	Story Time at WPLM at 10:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.
Feb 20	President's Day Holiday — Village Office and WPLM Closed
Feb 21	Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the WPLM
Feb 22	Story Time at WPLM at 10:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.
Feb 23	Fireside Chat at WPLM at 12:30 p.m.
Feb 23	Book Club at the WPLM 7:00 p.m.
Feb 25	Heart Healthy Eating (County Market) at WPLM at 11:00 a.m.
Feb 27	Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Feb 28	Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the WPLM

(Please check our website for any changes to dates/times!)

Save these WPLM Dates!

Mark your calendars now for upcoming events:

⇒ On the evening of Thursday, March 16, the WPLM plans to host an introduction to using genealogy databases.

⇒ Saturday, March 25, from 9:00 a.m. to noon Backyard Basics will be back and topics will include vegetable gardening and succulent plants.

⇒ Saturday, April 29, we will host an essential oils workshop to learn why oils have become so popular. Follow us on Facebook for more information.

WILLIAMSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief: Scott Gaddy
Deputy Chief: Jeff Menke

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 or visit us at one of our meetings.

Chief's Note: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for your support this past year.

Volunteer Recruiting

The Fire Department is interested in recruiting people available during the day who would like to join the Department but who work nights or are otherwise unavailable during our regular Thursday meetings. Training, uniforms, protective gear and the opportunity to help your neighbors will be provided to new members. If you would like more information please call 566-3311.

Video Gaming Available at Love's Truck Stop

and

Bella Trattoria!

Safety Note: Home Heating Safety

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

Library and Museum Hours

Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please visit our website www.williamsvillelibrary.com or click our link from the Village of Williamsville website.

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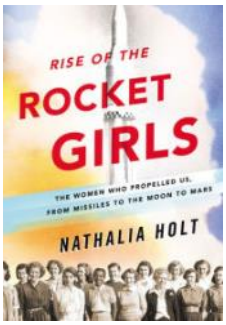
Williamsville Public Library & Museum

Story Time Returns

On Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m., WPLM will again be providing Story Time for our preschool patrons and their families. This session will start on February 15 and conclude on April 5. Tracey Tisckos will return to host our program and each week we will feature a beloved children's author. Join us for stories, songs, finger plays, games and crafts.

Heart Healthy Eating

On Saturday, February 25, from 11:00 a.m. to noon, join us for a tasty presentation on "Heart Healthy Eating the Mediterranean Way." County Market dietitian, Melanie Kluzek, will show us how easy it can be to make fast, healthy food choices. Enjoy samples of healthy snacks, gather recipes, and enter to win door prizes. Please register by Thursday, February 23, to be entered into the door prize drawing for a $50 gift card to County Market. To register please call us at 566-3520 or visit our website.



Book Club at WPLM

Please join us on Thursday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m.when we will discuss "Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, From Missiles to the Moon to Mars" by Nathalia Holt. On Thursday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. we will discuss "Glory Over Everything" by Kathleen Grissom which is a sequel to book club favorite "The Kitchen House."

Uke N Do It

Have you ever wanted to pick up an instrument and play for fun? It's easier than you think. The Springfield Uketopians will be presenting a free ukulele workshop for beginners on Saturday, January 21, from noon to 2:00 p.m. Ukuleles and music will be provided for you to use at the event. If you discover the ukulele is for you, the Uketopians are willing to arrange free follow-up lessons. Adults and youth are welcome, but you must register by calling 566-3520. Register by Thursday, January 19, to make sure there is a uke for you!

Card Making

Join us Thursday, January 26, at 1:00 p.m. for card making. You will have a chance to make four cards for a variety of occasions. The Friends of WPLM will cover the cost for materials so the workshop is free to participants. Space is limited so please register by Thursday, January 19. To register call us at 566-3520 or visit our website.

Spring into Reading Rewards

Students in grades Kindergarten through 4th are invited to participate in our Spring into Reading Rewards which will begin February 1 and conclude on April 22. Children who visit WPLM six times during this period will be invited to our reward party on Saturday, April 29, at 2:00 p.m. This is a great way to encourage a love of reading and to earn prizes for visiting WPLM.

Valentine's Day Originals

Kids can come create their own animated story on-line and design a Valentine's Day card to go with it. Drop in on Saturday, February 4, from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. or Thursday, February 9, from 10:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.

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Vintage Christmas Ornament Display

The vintage Christmas ornament display was a huge success. Thank you to Rex Williamson , Sharon Fawns and John Albers for loaning us their family treasures and stories.

Something New

January will be the start of "Gaming, Building, Wondering, and Exploring," a chance for WPLM to showcase different ideas every week for school age kids. We previewed the program on the last two days of Christmas break. On Tuesday, January 3, from 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m., we introduced "Gaming and Exploring" with board games, card games, a chance to explore catapults, and the video game "Lego Marvel Super Heroes" from 1:00 —3:00 p.m. On Wednesday, January 4, from 10:00 a.m. —4:00 p.m., we introduced "Building and Wondering" with Legos, dominoes, a paper airplane challenge, and a showing of the movie "Storks" at 1:00 p.m. Once school resumes students are welcome to drop in after school and on Saturdays to check out the theme of the week.

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Dear Village Residents:

Happy New Year! With the onset of the New Year, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide an update on some Village business.

As you may have noticed, we are in the process of re-building the Park Building that was destroyed by fire in July and I'm happy to report that insurance should substantially cover all associated costs. We are hoping to spend some time working inside the building this winter so, come spring, it will be ready for use.

We are checking into some new options to get the glass recycling program back in operation and will keep you posted on that. Similarly, we continue to explore ways to get rid of yard waste and ask for your cooperation and understanding as to the less frequent pick-ups during the winter months. The street overlay program will continue in the spring, as funds are available.

I would also like to thank the Village employees for their efforts throughout the year in providing services to our community. This "thank you" extends to office staff, public works staff, public safety (police) officers, the building inspector and the Library/Museum director and staff. We are lucky to have a group of dedicated staff in the Village to provide services to residents. I would also like to thank the numerous volunteers, individuals and groups such as the Community Foundation, Garden Club, Veteran's Committee, and Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department who work to make the Village a great place to live!

We are also fortunate to have volunteers, both past and present, on the Village Planning Commission which oversees changes in subdivision regulations and zoning changes and the Zoning Board of Appeals which recommends zoning changes and deals with variances. Both of these entities serve important functions and operate in accordance with the Village's Comprehensive Plan that was developed for 2010-2035. We are always looking for individuals who would like to serve on these entities. Please contact the Village Hall if you have any interest in being involved.

I wish you all the best in 2017!

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Yokley
Village President

Please help us out this winter!

Please don't leave your vehicle(s) parked on the street when we are trying to scoop snow and put cinders down. The process goes much more efficiently when we have a clear path and you don't want your vehicle(s) to be salted! Thanks!

Garden Club News

The Garden Club will be disassembling the Christmas pots on Saturday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m. if weather permits. If that date doesn't work out, the target date will be the following Saturday, January 14. The Garden Club's New Year's celebration will be held on Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Bella Trattoria. If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, you are welcome to join us that night! We would love to see new members. Club contact is Linda Wise, lswise1@gmail.com or 217-566-3486.

Please don't feed the feral cats! They draw other critters into town and make messes that carry disease!

Williamsville Flags for Sale

The new Village flag is flying! If you have any interest in flying one of your own, we have a limited number available at the Village Hall for purchase. Flags measuring 3' x 5' are $54 and the 4' x '6' are $67. Please contact us if you are interested. Thanks!

Save the Date!

The next All School Reunion is being planned for September 8, 2017. The evening will feature food, music and fun! Be on the lookout for more details coming soon!

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