

November — December
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 website.

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
217.566.2105

Fire Non-Emergency
217.566.3311

Police Non-Emergency
217.566.3634

Water Emergency
217.306.5803

Library
217.566.3520

Post Office
217.566.3651

Approved Minutes and Agendas may be viewed at the Village Office

or on the website at williamsville.illinois.gov.

Village President Thomas R. Yokley 217.306.0004	Economic Development Trustee Heather Hofferkamp 217.622.5408	Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Storm Sewers, Trustee Patrick Gettleman 217.750.1077	Water & Sewer Trustee Matt Bunger 217.473.2690	Public Safety Trustee John Brennan 217.652.5511	Parks & Recreation Trustee Dave Carter 217.566.2349	Finance Trustee Skylar Tierney 217.638.2402	Village Clerk Karen Winger 217.566.3806	Treasurer Heidi Darow 217.566.3806
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VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE

141 W. MAIN STREET

WILLIAMSVILLE, IL 62693

PRESORTED STANDARD

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WILLIAMSVILLE, IL

PERMIT NO. 9

Current Williamsville Resident
Williamsville, IL 62693



WILLIAMSVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October

- * Oct. 24 - Boo on the Boulevard
- * Oct. 31 - Trick-or-Treat from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Closed Happy Thanksgiving!

- * Nov. 27 - Village Hall Closed Happy Thanksgiving!

November

- * Nov. 2 - Foundation Meeting at Village Hall
- * Nov. 3 - Polling - Don't Forget to Vote!
- * Nov. 9 - Village Board Meeting Village Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- * Nov. 11 - Village Hall and Library Closed Veterans Day
- * Nov. 23 - Village Board Meeting Village Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- * Nov. 26 - Village Hall and Library

December

- * Dec. 7 - Foundation Meeting at Village Hall
- * Dec. 13 - Christmas on the Boulevard
- * Dec. 14 - Village Board Meeting Village Hall at 6:30 p.m.
- * Dec. 24 - Village Office & Library Closed for Christmas Eve
- * Dec. 25 - Village Office & Library Closed for Christmas Holiday
- * Dec. 28 - Village Board Meeting Village Hall at 6:30 p.m.

November 2020

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December 2020

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SAVE THE DATE - CHRISTMAS ON THE BOULEVARD

Mark your calendar for Christmas on the Boulevard on Sunday, December 13! There will be carriage rides at the event for families to ride together and much more. More details will be announced closer to the event, so be sure to keep checking the Village's website!

November and December Quarter Auctions

Quarter auctions for November and December have been cancelled due to COVID-19. We are eager to be able to get together with our community and have our monthly quarter auctions, but everyone's health and safety is our top priority. Keep checking the Village of Williamsville's website and the Foundation's Facebook page for any updates to events.

Remember: Daylight Saving Time ends November 1. It's time to "Fall Back."

The Village Hall Will Be Closed On These Upcoming Holidays

- November 11 - Veteran's Day
- November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- January 1 - New Year's Day



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WILLIAMSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

About WVFD:

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 or join us at one of our meetings. WFPD Board members are Brian Mendenhall (217-891-7547), President; Rich Spenn, Secretary; Brittnee Hamilton, Treasurer; Darbin Calvert and Darren Horton, Trustees.

Volunteer Recruiting

The Fire Department is always searching for new recruits. Members meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Firehouse: two meetings per month are fire and EMS training; one business meeting and one is duty crew. 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 evening at 7:00 p.m. or call 566-3311 for more information. We would be glad to have you join us!

Fire Safety Facts

Did you know cooking is the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries? Cooking equipment accounts for 49% of U.S. home fires, 21% of home fire deaths, and 45% of injuries, on an average year. Be sure to learn more on how to prevent cooking fires in your home by heading to the National Fire Protection Association's website at nfpa.org.



Safety Note: Winter Holiday Safety

The holiday season is a great time for families and friends to get together, but there is also a greater risk of fires. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), more than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles, and more than two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Be sure to check out some tips below provided from the NFPA to make sure you have a happy and safe holiday season when it comes to decorating and entertaining.

Decorating:

- ◆ Pick out decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- ◆ Keep lit candles away from other decorations and items that can burn.
- ◆ Make sure you are using lights for their intended purposes. Some lights are intended for indoor or outdoor use, not both.
- ◆ Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- ◆ Do not use nails to hang lights. This helps ensure cords do not get damaged.
- ◆ Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Holiday Entertaining:

- ◆ Be sure to test your smoke alarms and make sure guests know your fire escape plan.
- ◆ Keep all children and pets away from candles.
- ◆ Lock matches and lighters in a cabinet up high.
- ◆ Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- ◆ Ask smokers to smoke outside and keep smoking materials away from children.
- ◆ Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers, and have them wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

For more safety information on fire, electrical and related hazards, head to the National Fire Protection Association's website at nfpa.org.

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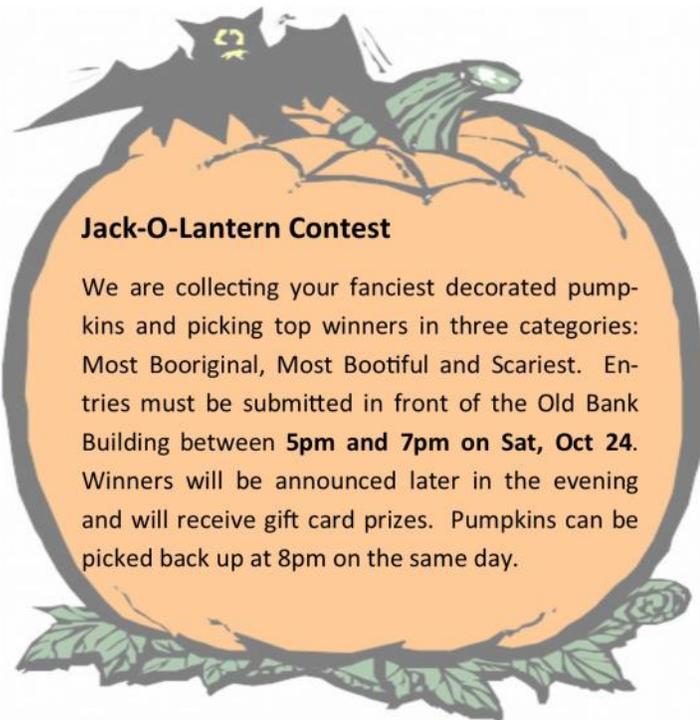
Boo! on the Boulevard

Williamsville Community Foundation is serving some spooky excitement, right here in your home town!



House Decorating Contest

Nothing gets us in the spirit of things more than a neighborhood of ghoulishly decorated houses. To participate in our house decorating contest, submit your home to Village Hall no later than **3:30pm on Mon, Oct 19**. Judging will occur in person, house to house, beginning **Tue, Oct 20 at 7:00 pm**. Houses will be judged in three categories: Most Booriginal, Most Bootiful and Scariest. First place prize for each category will receive \$100 cash, plus a year's worth of bragging rights. First runner up will receive a \$50 gift card and second runner up will receive a \$25 gift card. Judges will be selected from three various local organizations. Contest is limited to residents living in Williamsville. Winners will be announced **by Sat, Oct 24**.



Jack-O-Lantern Contest

We are collecting your fanciest decorated pumpkins and picking top winners in three categories: Most Booriginal, Most Bootiful and Scariest. Entries must be submitted in front of the Old Bank Building between **5pm and 7pm on Sat, Oct 24**. Winners will be announced later in the evening and will receive gift card prizes. Pumpkins can be picked back up at 8pm on the same day.

Curbside Trick-or-Treat

Foundation volunteers will be handing out treat bags to children of all ages from a designated lane in front of the Old Bank Building in Williamsville. Curbside Trick-or-Treating will start on **Sat, Oct 24, at 6pm** and will conclude at **8pm**, or while supplies last. Walk-ups are permitted. To protect the safety of the community and our volunteers, all participants are asked to observe social distancing and wear a PPE mask.



Hot Cocoa To Go

Complementary hot cocoa will be provided to all participants outside the Old Bank Building on **Sat, Oct 24, from 6pm to 8pm**. Donations are always appreciated!

Children's Costume Contest

The costume contest is going digital this year and participation could not be easier! Get creative and dress your child in the silliest or scariest costume, then take a photo. Post your photo on **Facebook** with the appropriate hashtag no later than **Sat, Oct 24 at 5pm**. The Garden Club will pick a winner in each category.

Ages 0-3	#2020WCF3
Ages 4-5	#2020WCF5
Ages 6-8	#2020WCF8
Ages 9-13	#2020WCF13

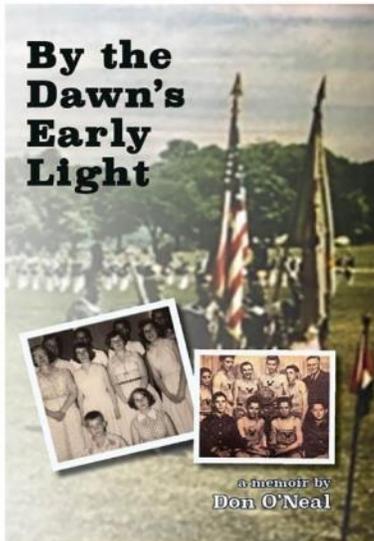


Be sure to double check your hashtag when you post. A misspelled hashtag could result in a misplaced entry. If you do not have Facebook, any friend or member of your family can post on your behalf. Please only one entry per child. Photos must be taken in 2020. Winners will be announced later in the evening on **Sat, Oct 24**.

Mark your calendars for Christmas on the Boulevard, **Sun, Dec 13!** There will be a house decorating contest, horse-drawn carriage rides around the Boulevard, and guest appearances from your favorite holiday friends. Follow the Williamsville Community Foundation on Facebook for the latest event updates.

WILLIAMSVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS
ON THE BOULEVARD

WILLIAMSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM



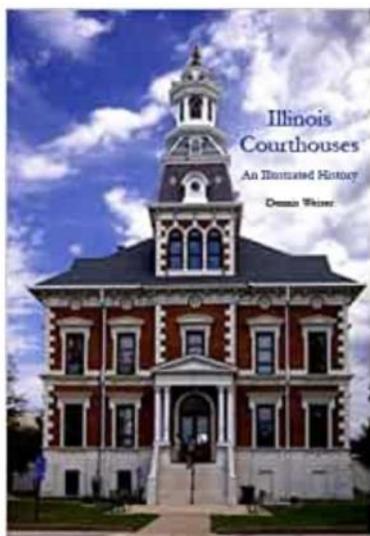
WILLIAMSVILLE CONNECTIONS

Step back in time with former Williamsville resident, Don O'Neal. His latest memoir, filled with life lessons and fun stories, has been added to the WPLM collection and is available to be checked out.

FREE FAMILY FUN



Throw a twist into family fun night. Check out a karaoke machine with Bluetooth, a CD player, and microphones for solos and duets.



HISTORICAL PROGRAM

Take a tour of Illinois Counties with pictures and anecdotes of local history in this hard cover book about Illinois Courthouses. Over 20 copies have been donated to WPLM. Request your FREE copy of the book on-line or call 566-3520 .

EXERCISE ON-LINE



Improve flexibility, range of motion, balance, and strength with on-line exercise routines you can do any time; many can be done while sitting down. You can register on-line or call 566-3520.

www.williamsvillelibrary.org

See the latest Facebook posts, browse the on-line catalog, or send an e-mail to WPLM staff.

NEW VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Do you already know how to play the ukulele but want to "fine tune" your skills? WPLM will be hosting a virtual music workshop for you. A video lesson by Uketopian, Barb Lanier, will be posted on-line and on Facebook in November. Register on-line to reserve a printed copy of the music to be used in the workshop.



HALLOWEEN

Kids can stop by WPLM on Halloween to pick up a special Halloween Surprise. Instead of books, they can pick up a bag with craft activities and a couple treats. The bags will be outside for No-Contact Pick-up from 5-8pm.



BOOKS, DVD'S, & AUDIOBOOKS

Come in to browse new items or request materials for Grab & Go or No-Contact Curbside Pick-up Service. Need ideas of what to read? Request a "Book Bundle" based on your interests.



WPLM is Open Monday-Thursday: 10am-7pm

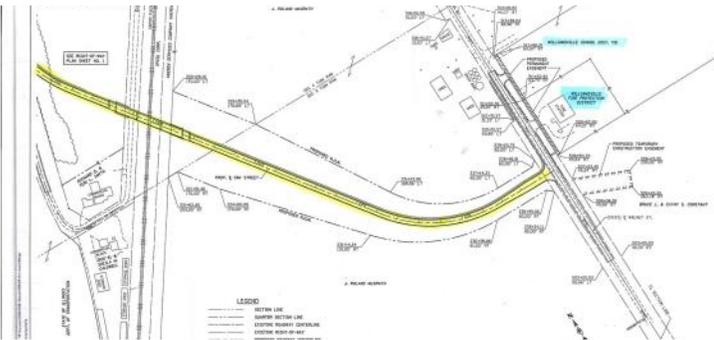
Williamsville Overpass Project Update :

The Village of Williamsville began the Overpass Project on October 1, 2018. The overpass will provide another way for emergency vehicles to get over the railroad tracks in the event of an emergency.

The Village of Williamsville prioritizes our residents health and safety, and has decided there was a need to better response times in the event of emergencies. There have been instances where emergency vehicles have been stopped at the railroad tracks for a train or when the railroad crossing has been closed for maintenance. Having an overpass allows emergency vehicles to cross the railroad track in these circumstances.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year, weather permitting. Any updates on the project will be posted on the Village of Williamsville's website and on the "Williamsville Overpass Project" Facebook page. You can check out all the progress from October 2018 to now below!

Original Plan Map



October 5, 2018



July 9, 2019



October 22, 2019



May 28, 2020



August 4, 2020

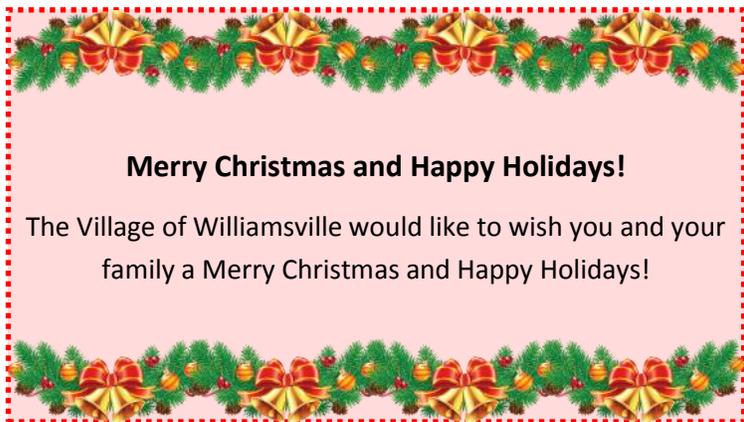


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Thank you to our Veterans!

The Village of Williamsville would like to extend our gratitude to all our veterans that have served our country. Your bravery, courage, and sacrifices do not go unnoticed. Thank you to all veterans, not just on Veterans Day, but everyday of the year!



We hope everyone is enjoying all the pumpkins we have added to our pots and around the village for fall! We love getting to bring some fall color to the downtown area for the season!

We are gearing up for Christmas and the decorations we are going to put in our pots this year! We are going to reuse the cute window frames in our pots for our Christmas design this year. We will be decorating for Christmas on Saturday, November 21st.

We are excited to announce that the Queen Of Hearts Drawing that we are helping with, is going to resume in January. Hopefully, it will resume at the Fire and Ale location. We will have more information in the January newsletter.

We really appreciate those that have made personal monetary donations to our club this year! We use all donations for purchasing plants and items such as potting soil and fertilizer, pumpkins, mums, and items for our Christmas decorations! Some things we have discussed for next year are: to replace a few bushes at the Community Center, replace plants lost on the middle boulevard, and replace plants lost at the library and police station. Thanks to all your donations, we just planted twenty new plants on the main boulevard for the ones we lost.

If you would like to send a donation to our club to help us continue making our village beautiful, please make your check out to the Williamsville Garden Club and mail it to Nique Scarbrough at P.O. Box 94, Williamsville.

Our November meeting will be on Saturday, November 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the boxcars. If you are interested in joining this wonderful group, please contact Nique Scarbrough at 618-315-1099 or niquescarbrough@gmail.com.





Bike Trail Construction

Construction is on going for the new bike trail between Williamsville and Sherman! The project is expected to be completed by late spring or early summer. Updates on the trail will be posted on the Village of Williamsville's website and Facebook page.

Park Fund Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Williamsville Park Fund! We hope you all are enjoying the improvements that were made at the park. We still have not met our goal and any donations are greatly appreciated! Money raised goes towards the improvements that were done to the park, including new playground equipment, sidewalks, and more ADA accessibility. Thank you in advance for all your support!

Williamsville Community Foundation

New Members Needed!

The Williamsville Community Foundation (WCF) is seeking new members to join the WCF! The Foundation is a community organization that puts on many events throughout the year. Some events organized by the WCF are the Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July Celebration, Fall Festival, Boo! on the Boulevard, Santa Claus Comes to Town, and Christmas on the Boulevard. The WCF is seeking new members with the hopes to streamline and improve each of their events. If you are interested in joining the organization, you may contact Bill Fawns, president of the Foundation, at 217-415-7798. You may also head to the Village of Williamsville's website and click on the Foundation's page under the "Community Organizations" tab for more information about the Foundation.

Halloween Festivities

Boo on the Boulevard Saturday, October 24



Boo! on the Boulevard will be held on Saturday, October 24th. This year's event will look a little different than years past, but the Williamsville Community Foundation (WCF) has worked hard to plan an event that will be fun for the whole family. They have many activities planned including, a house decorating contest, jack-o-lantern contest, virtual costume contest, drive by trick-or-treating, and hot cocoa to go! Each activity has different deadlines to register; so, if you are interested in participating, be sure to check out all the details on the WCF's Facebook page or the Village of Williamsville's website.

Also note, on the day of the event, Main Street from Elkhart Street to Walnut Street will be down to one lane, so expect heavy congestion. Please slow down and drive safely.

The Foundation is excited to put on this event for the community, and hopes to see you there!



Trick or Treat Hours Saturday, October 31 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Village of Williamsville will be allowing trick-or-treating this year. We are asking parents to take extra precautions this year due to COVID-19. We ask that you have your child practice social distancing and only visit houses in which you are familiar with, who have a porch light on. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in order to make this year a fun and safe event.