

# VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE

November & December 2021

## 2021 In Review

We are already at the end of 2021! The Village of Williamsville would like to thank all our residents for another successful year for our community!

All the Williamsville Community Foundation's events were a success. We can't wait to see what the events in 2022 will look like!

Also, the Village of Williamsville has been busy with projects to help grow and benefit our community. The Williamsville Community Center was remodeled to help with energy costs, echoing, and to providing a better space for events. In addition to the Williamsville Community Center remodel, the Heritage Route 66 Multi-Use Trail that will run between Sherman and Williamsville is nearing completion! We are excited for the trail to be completed, as it will help bring the Williamsville and Sherman communities together!



## Boo! on the Boulevard and Trick-or-Treating



Boo! on the Boulevard is quickly approaching! Join us on October 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for this year's event packed with many great activities for the whole family! There will be a house decorating contest, costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest, trolley rides, a solo stove raffle, and much more! All details and times can be found on the event's Facebook page and the village's website!

Trick-or-Treating in the Village is October 31 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. As a reminder, please be safe and aware of your surroundings. When driving, slow down and watch for kids going door to door.

Lastly, have fun!



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 23 - Boo on the Boulevard
- Oct. 31 - Trick-or-Treat in the Village 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 31 - Trick-or-Treat at WPLM \*While Supplies Last\*
- Nov. 1 - Foundation Meeting
- Nov. 3 - Woodcarvers
- Nov. 8 - Village Board Meeting
- Nov. 11 - Village Hall Closed
- Nov. 11 - Quarter Auction
- Nov. 18 - WPLM Book Club
- Nov. 22 - Village Board Meeting
- Nov. 25 - Village Hall Closed
- Nov. 26 - Village Hall Closed
- Dec. 4 - Santa Claus Comes to Town
- Dec. 6 - Foundation Meeting
- Dec. 9 - Quarter Auction
- Dec. 12 - Christmas on the Boulevard
- Dec. 13 - Village Board Meeting
- Dec. 24 - Village Hall Closed
- Dec. 27 - Village Board Meeting
- Dec. 31 - Village Hall Closed



## Upcoming Board Meetings

November 8

November 22

December 13

December 27

Village President	Economic Development	Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Storm Sewers	Water & Sewer	Public Safety	Parks & Recreation	Finance	Village Clerk	Treasurer
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# Santa Comes to Town & Christmas on the Boulevard



WILLIAMSVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESENTS  
**BREAKFAST**  
with  
**SANTA**

**SATURDAY DEC 4**

WILLIAMSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER



**PANCAKES & SAUSAGE**  
**8:00AM—10:00AM**

**PICTURES WITH SANTA:**  
**10:30AM—1:00PM**

**FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS**

**EVENT IS FREE. DONATIONS ACCEPTED AND WILL GO TO THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY.**



WILLIAMSVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESENTS  
**CHRISTMAS**  
ON THE BOULEVARD

**SUNDAY DEC 12<sup>TH</sup>**

5PM—Christmas Parade!

6PM to 9PM—Carriage Rides on the Boulevard



**FREE CARRIAGE RIDES | HOT COCOA**  
**PIZZA BY THE SLICE | CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

**HOLIDAY LIGHT FIGHT:  
PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD**

# 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.

## Holiday Fire Safety

### Thanksgiving

As you gather with your family this Thanksgiving, the National Fire Protection Association is reminding everyone to take safety precautions to ensure your Thanksgiving dinner is a success.

- Stay in the kitchen while cooking and check the food frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove and hot food and liquids. Steam or splashes from vegetables, gravy or coffee can cause serious burns.
- It's a good idea to have activities for kids to do outside the kitchen. Games, puzzles, or books can keep kids entertained and safe during the Thanksgiving meal preparation.
- Make sure your floors are clear from any tripping hazards.
- Keep all hazards away from children. Keep all knives, electric cords, lit candles, and matches or lighters out of reach of children.
- Always, test your smoke alarms to make sure they are working on a regular basis.



Christmas tree, causing it to grow quickly. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has tips on how to safely prepare and tear down for Christmas.

When picking up a tree, choose a fresh tree. The needles should be green and should not fall off when touched. Dried out trees are a fire hazard.

When setting up the tree, cut 2" from the base of the trunk before placing it in the stand. Set up your tree at least three feet away from heat sources, and do not block exits. Placing your tree near fireplaces, candles, heat vents, and lights is a fire hazard. Once your tree is set up water it daily to keep it fresh.

Lights make Christmas trees festive, but be sure you are using the proper lights and following safety guidelines. Only use lights that are tested and are for indoor use. Do not use lights that are meant for outdoor use for your Christmas tree. Always replace any string of lights that have worn cords or loose bulb connections. Be aware of the manufacturer's guidelines for the number of light strands to connect together. Lastly, always turn off the lights on your Christmas tree before leaving the house or going to bed.

Following the NFPA's guidelines for Christmas tree safety greatly reduces the fire hazard. While Christmas tree fires are not common, they are likely to be more serious when they occur. Be sure to take all the necessary precautions for a safe and wonderful holiday season!



### Christmas

Christmas can be one of the most magical times of the year. As you prepare for Christmas, please remember to be fire smart. Fires can spread to a

# Williamsville Garden Club

## Happy Fall!

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



## Seeking New Members

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, please contact Nique Scarbrough at 618-315-1099 or [niquescarbrough@gmail.com](mailto:niquescarbrough@gmail.com). We always love welcoming new members! We typically meet once a month at the Community Center to go over future plans for the Garden Club. You can also check our the Williamsville Garden Club Facebook page and Instagram page for more information and for gardening tips and tricks.

## Queen of Hearts Drawing

The Queen Of Hearts Drawing is going strong at Fire and Ale on Thursday's! It will continue until the Queen of Hearts card is picked. The Jackpot is currently over \$15,000! The ticket sales begin at 5:30 p.m. and the drawing is at 7:15pm. There are less than 6 cards left. Come out and join the excitement!



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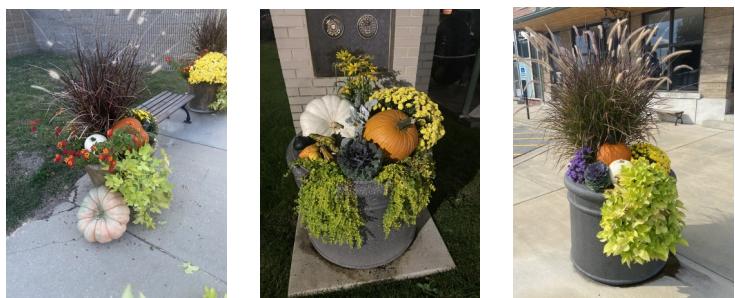


## Christmas Spirit

Christmas season will be arriving soon and that means we will be decorating the village to get in the holiday spirit! If you have any trees that we could cut some greens from for our Christmas pots, please contact Nique at 618-315-1099 or contact the Village Hall.

## Thank You!

A big thank you to those that have made personal monetary donations to our club this year! The Garden Club really appreciates it! Donations are used for: purchasing plants, items such as potting soil and fertilizer, pumpkins and mums, and items for our [Christmas](#) decorations. In the spring, we hope to replace a few bushes at the Community Center, redo a few areas at the old depot and replace a bush that we lost at the police station. The middle boulevard, where the sewer project was done, have been replanted. If you would like to send a donation to help with our efforts throughout the village, please make your check out to the Williamsville Garden Club and mail it to Nique Scarbrough at P.O. Box 94, Williamsville.



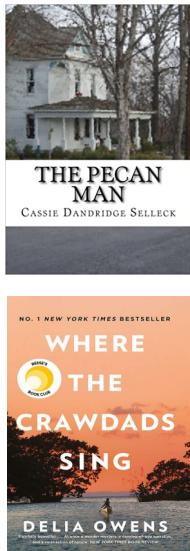
## Fall Gardening Tips

Autumn leaves are the best mulch for vegetable and flower gardens. They stifle weeds, retain moisture, and enrich the soil. Gather as many as you can this fall, and stash them until spring. You can also add organic fertilizer and turn the soil in your beds to ease the workload come springtime. You can also use this time to sink spring bulbs like tulips, etc., that will pop-up in the spring.

# Williamsville Public Library and Museum

## Book Club

WPLM Book Club will wrap up 2021 in November. Any adult is welcome to attend on Thursday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. You can request copies of the books even if you do not plan to attend the Book Club event. The books for November are ones we had originally had scheduled for 2020. They include *The Pecan Man* by Cassie Dandridge Selleck and *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.



## Something for Everyone

Thank you to Valerie Sagle, with Carli Mae Designs. Teens and adults enjoyed being creative with the wooden pumpkin kits she created for WPLM. Kits with activities and treats will be available during trick-or treating while supplies last on Halloween, and a new kids' kit will be available in early winter.

## Hoopla

WPLM patrons can access books, e-books, movies, TV shows, music, and even online classes for everything from cooking to foreign languages with Hoopla. Click the "Services" tab on the WPLM website and choose "Digital Library". You can download the Hoopla app for your mobile device or smart TV, or you can access the content through Hoopla's website. No matter how you listen or watch, check Hoopla in November for "bonus borrows", which gives you access to items that will not count towards monthly borrowing limits. To access Hoopla, visit [www.williamsvillelibrary.org](http://www.williamsvillelibrary.org).



## Looking Ahead with Gratitude

WPLM is in the process of planning an outdoor education space behind the building. The accessible green space will model sustainability concepts and display local history items. WPLM appreciates everyone who has been involved in the process so far. The project began with the help of Lee Miller, who facilitated a planning grant to WPLM from Williams Township. Since then, WPLM has been working with Massie Massie & Associates to design the space with input from community volunteers: Jennifer Kording Heintzman, Kim Knox, Alice Lasswell, Doris O'Neal, and Jennifer Williamson. Grant writing for the project continues with the support of community members such as Harold Carter, Heather Hofferkamp, Kim Knox, Nique Scarbrough, and Tom Yokley. WPLM has been fortunate to receive grant funding so far from The Brandt Foundation, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. The project has also received donations from Jennifer Sellers' State Farm office, The Friends of WPLM, Set-Free Reading, and private donors. Village employees are working hard to improve the site this fall, and work will continue in the spring.



## Free Virtual Program

Follow WPLM on Facebook to find out about the December Smithsonian virtual event. The second program in the Frank Lloyd Wright series will take you on another trip out of state to explore the architect's unique work.



# 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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