



The Villager

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE




HONORED: Deputy Mayor Basil Piazza was presented with a proclamation on June 28 for his more than 25 years of service on the Village Board. From left are trustees Eileen Torre and Dave Sherman, Mayor Deb Rogers, Piazza, and Trustee Matt Etu. Piazza's final trustee term ends Monday, July 5.

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Torre, Hunt elected to Village Board terms

Incumbent Trustee Eileen Torre and Christine Hunt were each elected to four-year terms on the Village Board after receiving the top votes in the June 15 election. Torre garnered 226 votes, as Hunt, who is currently chairperson of the village's Historic Preservation Commission, totaled 214 tallies. They will be given the oath of office prior to the Village Board's annual reorganization meeting, which is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, at Village Hall. All board and committee meetings in the village are open to the public without pandemic-related capacity restrictions.



Notes from Village Hall

Public Works Department | 40 S. Long St. | 716-632-5009

METAL AND ELECTRONICS: The Department of Public Works will pick up large appliances, such as washers, air conditioners, and empty propane tanks, on the second and fourth Mondays of each month through October. Appointments are not needed. Items needing pick up should be placed between the curb and sidewalk by 7 a.m.

TREE BRANCHES: Tree branches and trimmings must not exceed 6 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter. Also, they must be piled with the butt end in the same direction. Pick-up is on the second and fourth Mondays of each month

through October. Appointments are not needed. Piles should be placed between the curb and sidewalk by 7 a.m.

GARDEN AND YARD WASTE: Grass and tree clippings under 2 feet and small brush will be picked up by Modern Disposal on regular garbage days through November. Waste may be placed in brown paper lawn bags or open containers for pick up. Items should be out for pickup by 7 a.m. Do not use the village-issued wheeled garbage or recycling totes for yard waste. Container weight limit for yard waste is 60 lbs. each. Dirt and rocks are not accepted.

Building Department | 5565 Main St. | 716-631-7080

PERMIT INFORMATION: As it's now summer, home improvement projects are moving ahead! If you have are planning an upcoming project, please [check with the Building Department](#) to

inquire about any necessary permits. If any construction work is started without a permit, the permit fees may then be doubled. It is better to contact us before you begin your project!

Village Clerk's Office | 5565 Main St. | 716-632-4120

SHELTER PERMITS: Do you have an upcoming family party or special reunion to plan and are thinking of hosting the event in one of the village's

parcs? If so, visit the [rentals](#) page on the website to view information about our parks as well as download rental forms and applications.

Village Court | 5565 Main St. | 716-632-0450

COURT INFORMATION: Have you found yourself with a ticket or other legal matters to take care of in the village? Check out the [Village Court website](#) for information

and resources that may be of assistance. Court fees may be paid by credit card by downloading a payment form on the website. The court office is located at Window 3 inside Village Hall.



With the school year now complete, I reflect upon a year that was filled with uncertainty. Never have our children and teachers faced the challenges in education that were presented this year through remote learning.

Throughout it all, I gained a greater appreciation for our teachers in the Williamsville Central School District and the quality education they provide to our children. Heroes don't always wear capes!

On a personal note, I am thankful that my children have a safe environment to grow and learn. I am thankful that we live in one of the most highly rated school districts in Western New York.

I am thankful for all the teachers and staff at Forest Elementary and Mill Middle Schools for your care of my children. *(Best wishes to my son's 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Celeste, who retired in June after 34 years of teaching).*

From the bottom of my heart, to teachers everywhere, I salute you for your commitment to our children. Have a relaxing, fun and safe summer...you've certainly earned it!



With gratitude,

Mayor Deb Rogers

- Summertime reminders -

- The Garrison Park Wading Pool is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- As a pedestrian in the village, please remember to use all signaled intersections or the mid-block HAWK Signal (in front of the Williamsville library) when crossing roads.
- Have fun in the Village of Williamsville!

Are you interested in becoming a community volunteer?



You can now apply on the village's website!



On our homepage, simply click the blue bar that reads "Become a Village Volunteer!"

For more information, call 716-256-1225!



Activities in the Village



HISTORY: The village's Historic Preservation Commission on June 5 held a plaque dedication ceremony to recognize five historic properties. At top left, Christine Hunt, chairperson of the HPC, addresses attendees. At bottom left, the historic water mill, now the location of Sweet Jenny's, looms in the background as the plaques line the table. At top right, Trustee Matt Etu, left, speaks as state Sen. Edward R. Rath III prepares to present remarks.



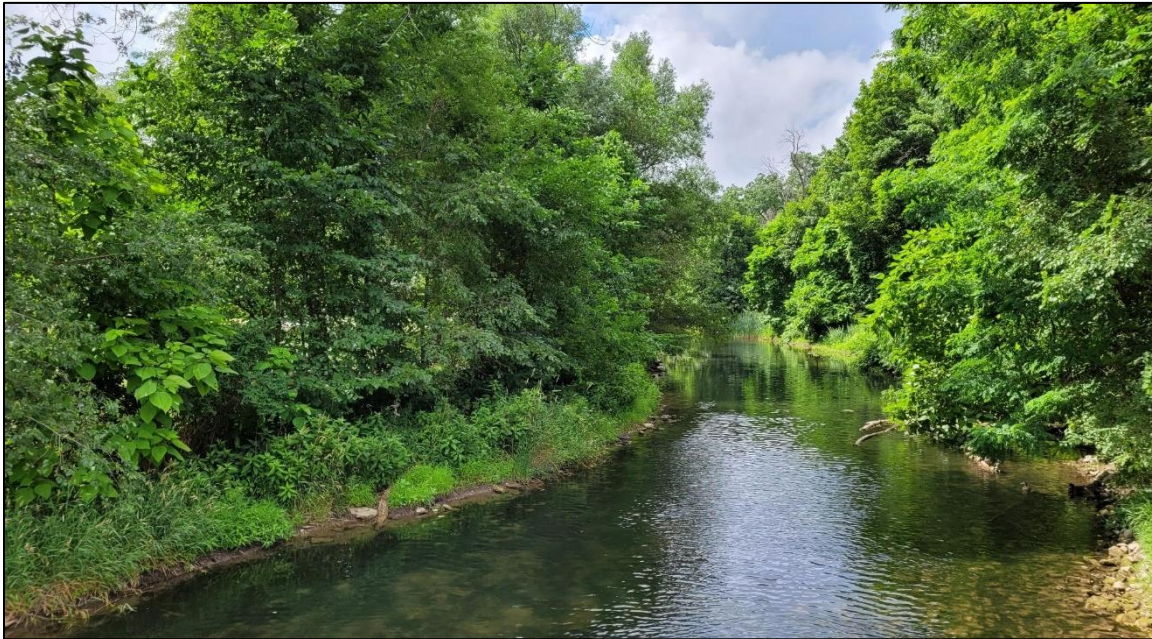
Members of the village's Parks Committee on June 27 performed a clean-up at Island Park. With help from employees of American Steamship, volunteers power washed some of the large pavilion and painted benches and tables as well as removed weeds from the flower beds.



FIX IT: During the village's Earth Day celebration at Island Park, volunteers for the Dare to Repair Café fixed items at no cost to people who registered in advance. Repairs included sewing and light electrical repair (above left and right, respectively). The Earth Day event was hosted by the village's Environmental Advisory Committee.



Public outreach sessions to be held regarding creek, waterfront revitalization plans



The Village of Williamsville will present three public outreaches during the summer to gather input regarding future plans for the waterfront and Ellicott Creek corridor. The sessions will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on three Saturdays – July 10, Aug. 7, and Sept. 11 – near the front of Village Hall, 5565 Main St.

To effectively plan for the Village of Williamsville waterfront, the municipality’s Waterfront Advisory Committee will be actively collecting public comments as part of the preparation of the Village’s Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

The committee will be seeking input from residents and other interested parties on three Saturdays during the summer. Outreach sessions will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 10, Aug. 7, and Sept. 11, near the front of Village Hall, 5565 Main St.

The sessions are being offered in conjunction with the weekly Williamsville Farmers Market, which is held during the same time frame each Saturday in the lot next to the Williamsville library, 5571 Main St.

The purpose of the public outreach is twofold; it offers an opportunity to provide basic information about the Williamsville LWRP, and it provides a means of gathering feedback from the public on ideas for improving the waterfront along the Ellicott Creek corridor in the village.

Having an LWRP enables waterfront communities to evaluate land use and waterfront resources and develop a comprehensive strategy to effectively manage and protect those resources.

By applying a local focus on land use management, along with the maintenance, improvement, enhancement and preservation of important resources and features in the waterfront area, an LWRP strengthens existing state programming and provides the participating communities with a road map to protect resources and recognize opportunities for enhancement.

The goal is to develop a local program that effectively protects important resources along Ellicott Creek and recognizes opportunities for public improvements.

For more information about the village’s Waterfront Advisory Committee, visit www.WalkableWilliamsville.com, and click on “Waterfront Revitalization” within the “Projects” menu on the homepage.

Volunteers sought to serve on planned Meeting House Events Committee



The Village Board is seeking volunteers to serve on its planned Meeting House Events Committee. The Meeting House, at left, is located at 5658 Main St. It is a historic landmark in the village. The building's designation plaque is shown above.

The Williamsville Village Board is planning to establish a new volunteer panel – the Meeting House Events Committee – during its 2021-22 administrative year. As such, the village is seeking volunteers to serve on the new committee.

As a delegation of village government, the panel's role would be to work cooperatively with the committee's director, who will conduct the planning and managing of public events and activities to be held at the Meeting House, 5658 Main St. Such public events at the Meeting House could include theater productions, concerts, seminars and comedy shows, as well as private bookings such as weddings.

Volunteer responsibilities also include being present at regular MHEC meetings to contribute to the committee's mission, as well as assisting during public Meeting House events.

The Village Board will further develop the committee's specific functions and its mission during the next several weeks.

The establishment of the committee stems from the Village Board's decision on May 10 to cease its examination of selling the 150-year-old Meeting House. The exploration of a possible sale led to offers of volunteer assistance for marketing, as well as potential for new uses.

Anyone interested in volunteering to be a member of the MHEC should visit www.WalkableWilliamsville and click the blue box at the top of the homepage labeled "[Become a Village Volunteer](#)." Upon clicking the box, users will be transported to the volunteer application.

All interested volunteers must submit completed applications, which will be reviewed by village officials and the Village Board. Residency in the Village of Williamsville is not a requirement to be a member of the committee.

For any questions about volunteering, or the planned formation of the MHEC, call 716-256-1225. Further details about the Meeting House are on the village's website.



– Upcoming Events & Cancellations –

The following is an overview of upcoming events and their status. Listed are events that are generally held on an annual basis within the Village of Williamsville. The information is organized by month and includes the names of the organizations that host each event. Times and dates may be subject to change.

| Ongoing |

- **Music on Main:** 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 16, at select locations in the village; hosted by members of the Williamsville Business Association. Visit www.willvill.com for information.
- **Williamsville Farmer's Market:** Held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through October in the parking lot between the Amherst Municipal Building, 5583 Main St., and the Williamsville library. Visit www.WilliamsvilleFarmersMarket.com for more information.

| July |

- **Old Home Days parade and festival:** Set for Tuesday, July 13, through Friday, July 16, at Island Park. Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. July 13, at Williamsville South High School, 5950 Main St., and proceeds west on Main Street to Los Robles Street. For more information, visit www.OldHomeDaysWilliamsville.com. The four-day event is hosted by the Jolly Boys of Williamsville.
- **Garden Walk Williamsville:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 17; hosted by the Village of Williamsville's Beautification and Garden Walk committees.
- **Glen Park Art Festival:** Canceled; hosted by the Glen Park Art Festival Committee, which is overseen by the Village Preservation Foundation.

| August |

- **Amherst Symphony in Concert:** The Amherst Symphony Orchestra will host a performance for the community at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Island Park. Further information will be available at www.AmherstSymphony.com.

| September |

- **Oktoberfest:** Status to be determined; hosted by members of the Williamsville Business Association.



Garden Walk Williamsville



Saturday, July 17

Gardens open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Maps will be at Village Hall, 5565 Main St., during the event !

For more information, scan the below QR Code, or visit :

www.WalkableWilliamsville.com



Garden Walk Williamsville wishes to thank:

