



# The Villager



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE



**SHINING THROUGH:** The morning sun shines on a still Ellicott Creek as the fall foliage is illuminated near Island Park.

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## Village's seasonal leaf pickup underway

The Department of Public Works is providing its seasonal pickup of residential leaves. Pick up of leaves will continue daily in the village throughout the season unless inclement weather occurs. There is not a set daily route, but the vacuum truck will reach all properties in the village multiple times during the season. Residents are requested to pile the leaves in the right-of-way. The piles should contain only leaves; do not place items such as branches, sticks or other debris on or in the piles. Crew members will not collect leaf piles that contain other debris because it could cause machinery to malfunction.



# Notes from Village Hall

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

**BRUSH AND METAL PICKUP:** Pickup from November through February is available by appointment on Fridays only. Call Village Hall at 716-632-4120 to arrange a pickup.

**GARDEN AND YARD WASTE:** Please note that garden and yard waste is picked up by Modern Disposal on regular garbage days from April through November. Waste must be placed in paper bags or open containers for pickup before 7

a.m. Do not use a garbage or recycling tote. Containers may not weigh over 60 lbs.

**SNOW CLEARING REMINDERS:** Snow may not be deposited onto any public street or alley from any private driveway. Piling of snow must also not prevent access to any fire hydrant or sidewalk. Additionally, all hydrants and sidewalks must be cleared from any snow accumulation.

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

**PERMIT INFORMATION:** It may be fall, but home improvement projects are still moving ahead! If you have a project planned, 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

**PLOWING PERMITS:** Winter is coming! If you plan to use a snow plowing service, the contractor must have a permit from the

Village of Williamsville. Please make sure your vendor has a valid [snow plow permit](#). For more information, contact the Clerk's Office.

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

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Have you found yourself with a parking 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. Court is in session at 9 a.m. Fridays.





If there's one thing we can all agree on, looking back upon the upheaval over the past 18 months, it's the importance of outdoor public spaces within the community.

During this time frame the Village has added a total of three murals to enhance our public spaces. What better way to enrich our streetscapes and further promote our walkability than by adding a bit of art!

Not only does public art add aesthetic value to the community, but also a cultural vitality as well. One of the many principles of urban design confirms that public art is not an expense but an investment in the future. The paybacks are big, and include fostering community pride, enhancing the quality of life for both residents and visitors alike while promoting cultural tourism.

If life gives you lemons, make some lemonade. The Village of Williamsville did just that. Come on over and see for yourself!

Village murals can be enjoyed at these locations:

- "A Butterflies View of the Garden," by Chris Piontkowski, at Habes Way near Village Hall, 5565 Main St.
- "Glen in Bloom," by Ali Price, at Noll Pavilion at Glen Park, along Glen Avenue.
- "Kaleidoscope Energy Day Dreams," by Nicole Cherry, at Department of Public Works (adjacent to South Long Park), 40 S. Long St.



With gratitude,

Mayor Deb Rogers

- Autumn Reminders -

- **OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN:** The overnight parking ban on all streets in the Village of Williamsville begins Monday, Nov. 1. (The ban takes effect during the early overnight just after Sunday, Oct. 31, becomes Monday, Nov. 1.) As a result of the ban, parking will not be permitted on any village street from 1 to 7 a.m. each overnight. Amherst police will be enforcing the ban until it is lifted on April 1, 2022.
- **VILLAGE MEETINGS:** Village Board meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. We hope to see you at a future meeting!
- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** The village's Beautification and Parks committees are often seeking the community's help with cleanup projects. Be sure to "like" and follow the Village of Williamsville on Facebook for such updates and opportunities. Further information is available by calling 716-632-4701.



# Know Your Leaders !

Have you ever wondered what movies your elected officials like to watch in their spare time? Or, have you pondered what might be at the top of the list of their favorite foods?

During the past couple of weeks, **The Villager** was able to have Mayor Deb Rogers and Deputy Mayor Matt Etu answer some of the questions that may have piqued the community's curiosity since they took office.

In this fun segment, **The Villager** presents their answers in a comparative format. For The Villager's winter edition, we will have a similar segment from the board's three trustees!

## 1.) What is your favorite movie?

**Mayor Deb Rogers:** "The Sound of Music"

**Deputy Mayor Matt Etu:** I love movies, but there are simply too many to choose from.

## 2.) What is your favorite food or dish?

**M:** Anything that I don't have to cook.

**DM:** I'm a bit of a foodie and like most everything, unless it has yellow mustard in it. Middle Eastern, Indian, and Southeast Asian cuisine are always a nice change of pace because they are all full of flavor.

## 3.) What is your favorite quote about government?

**M:** "A constitution of government once changed from freedom can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever." – John Adams.

**DM:** "This is the way we've always done it" is the most dangerous phrase in the English language.

## 4.) What do you love most about the Village of Williamsville?

**M:** The Lehigh Memory Trail and our parks.

**DM:** The village is not any one thing; it's a mix of old and new: The established neighborhoods and history juxtaposed against an always changing Main Street.

## 5.) What is a pastime you enjoy?

**M:** Walking my dog, Frankie.

**DM:** When possible, I enjoy getting away from noise, like hiking, kayaking, etc. Life is busy and full of conversation and schedules, and listening to the absence of all that is refreshing.

## 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 !

# Murals completed at Glen Park pavilion, Department of Public Works building



Two murals were completed in the village within the past three months. In the top photo, artist Nicole Cherry, left, and Mayor Deb Rogers are in front of the kaleidoscope-themed mural painted on the side of the Department of Public Works building. At right, artist Ali Price speaks in front her mural, which is at Noll Pavilion in Glen Park. For the full stories about each of the murals, visit [www.WalkableWilliamsville.com](http://www.WalkableWilliamsville.com).



The community now has three murals to view within close proximity to its park system. While the first, “A Butterfly’s View of the Garden,” was completed in September 2020, two others were completed within the past three months.

The kaleidoscope-themed mural – which features an array of bright shapes contrasted against a deep blue-purple background – is painted on the side of the Department of Public Works headquarters, located at 40 S. Long Street across from South Long Park. Prior to Cherry’s project, the wall of the public works building was a pale-yellow color.

The mural was completed within a two-week period as Cherry painted 12-to 14-hours each day starting in early September.

Cherry said that one of the highlights of creating the mural was receiving daily visits from people who live in the neighborhood.

“I loved to hear what they think as well as hear their stories that they were inspired to tell,” Cherry said.

In July, the village dedicated its second mural in the community, this time at Glen Park. The work, titled “Glen in Bloom,” was painted by local artist Ali Price, who was commissioned by the Glen Park Joint Board to create the mural.

Her sixth mural since starting her own business a year ago, Price completed the artwork by early summer after approximately 180 hours of labor throughout a 30-day span.

“Working in Glen Park the last month was an extremely special time for me,” she said. “I met so many new friends and I had so many visitors every day, giving me their support and sharing their stories with me. I especially loved seeing all the kids run up to the mural to pick out their favorite parts.”

The artwork was made using a combination of spray paint and exterior paint with brushes. By using the proper materials and the wall texture to her advantage, Price was able to overcome obstacles. She said the rough wall provides the mural with extra texture and depth.



# Newly-established committee seeks to reinvigorate use of Meeting House



A view from the Meeting House balcony shows the stage, overhead lamps and first row of pews that line the inside of the structure. The building, which was designated historic in 1986, is located at 5658 Main St. near Mill Street. A volunteer committee plans to reinvigorate the space with new programs.

Following several weeks of consideration and internal review, the Village Board in July agreed to establish a new volunteer panel – the Meeting House Events Committee.

A delegation of village government, the committee’s role is to work cooperatively with the executive director, who will conduct the planning and managing of public events and activities to be held at the historic Meeting House, 5658 Main St.

The panel’s volunteers are tasked with being present at regular MHEC meetings to contribute to the committee’s mission, as well assisting during public Meeting House events.

Currently, the committee has eight members and is led by its executive director, Doug Kern.

“The main goal is to have the Meeting House become a viable space for all types of different events,” Kern said. “We want the Meeting House to be a multiuse platform to diversify its use to all kinds of different organizations.”

He added that in addition to weddings, plays and music-themed events, the Meeting House’s space could also be used for other activities, such as business meetings, poetry readings or fine arts presentations.

The Meeting House, which is near Mill Street in the village, was built in 1871 by the Society for the Disciples of Christ.

The former church, which was sold to the village in the 1970s, was designated a local historic landmark in 1986.

Village Board Trustee David F. Sherman, who is liaison to the committee, said he is excited for the Meeting House to be further used as an events venue while becoming a regional attraction.

“The committee is poised to capitalize on this historic venue, not just for the walkable nature of the Village of Williamsville, but also for those in the broader community who enjoy a more intimate setting for music, drama and other cultural events,” he said.

Village of Williamsville Youth and Recreation Department presents....

# VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE HALLOWEEN

Come in  
costume!

Cider &  
Donuts

Make your  
own trick or  
treat bag

## CANDY SCAVENGER HUNT

Meet at the Glen Park Pavilion to decorate a bag  
and begin your search for Halloween treats!

Please take one candy from each bucket you can find.

**Glen Park Pavilion**

**Saturday, October 30, 2021 • 1-3 p.m.**

(scavenger hunt is on both sides of the park)