

The Villager

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE



Candy Cane Lane and lights atop Williamsville Village Hall add to the illumination of the village's Christmas tree during a snowy December morning in 2018. The village's annual tree lighting ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. For information about the tree lighting and holiday market, see page four.



December is both an exciting and busy month for my family. One of our favorite family holiday traditions is to watch the classic movie "It's a Wonderful Life".

If you have never watched this American classic, I encourage you to do so this holiday season. You won't be disappointed as it shows us about important life lessons as well as the holiday spirit.

From my home to yours, I wish you and your family a holiday filled with peace and joy and a New Year rich with blessings.

Season's Greeetings!

Mayor Deb Rogers

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Sidewalk Snowplow Policy Effective November 2019

To all of our residents of the Village of Williamsville:

The Village of Williamsville believes its residents deserve the **highest standards** from its municipal services. During the winter months when snow and ice accumulates on roads and sidewalks, it is of great importance that the village provides clear paths for the community's safe travel.

As such, village officials have established a priority route for sidewalk snow plowing. When snowfall amounts reach at least 2 inches, a Department of Public Works employee will be assigned the task of plowing sidewalks. The plow route begins with a series of streets that are listed as priorities within the village limits.

The eight streets that are within the sidewalk snowplow's priority route are:

- Evans Street
- Glen Avenue
- Garrison Road
- Main Street
- Mill Street
- South Cayuga Road
- South Union Road
- Wehrle Drive

The streets on the list are deemed a high priority by village officials because the sidewalks lead to and from public areas, such as schools, parks, the library, government buildings, and our local business district. Village owned properties, such as Village Hall, 5565 Main St., and the Meeting House, 5658 Main St., are also included in the priority route.

Following the completion of clearing sidewalks within the priority route – and if snow accumulation is either minimal or has ended – the snowplow will then be used to clear snow from the sidewalks of all remaining streets within the village.

It is estimated that clearing of all sidewalks within the village (including the priority route) can be completed in three to four days. Snowstorms of greater accumulations would require more time.

However, it is important to note that village code stipulates that property owners are ultimately responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks along their properties. The Village of Williamsville is providing sidewalk snow plowing as a courtesy within the community; a property owner still has the ultimate responsibility of making sure their sidewalks are clear of debris and snow.

While our DPW crew works diligently to clear snow on roads, sidewalks and parking lots, village officials request the patience of motorists and pedestrians who are traveling in the community. For questions or more information, contact our offices at Village Hall by calling 716-632-4120, or visit www.WalkableWilliamsville.com.

Sincerely,

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THE TREE LIGHTING: Village officials are planning Williamsville's annual tree lighting ceremony and reception, set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in front of Village Hall, 5565 Main St. The tree lighting and its reception are being held in cooperation with the Williamsville Business Association's annual Holiday in the Village event, which will feature activities for children and adults, including an appearance by Santa Claus at the Williamsville Library. Further information about the WBA's Holiday in the Village is included on page five of this edition. (*Please note that the holiday market's hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and it will be held in the lot next to the library, not at Island Park.*)



PARKING BAN: The standing or parking of vehicles is prohibited on all streets within the Village of Williamsville from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. each night. The ban is in place to allow for snow clearing and road salting. The ban will be in effect until Monday, April 1, 2019, unless otherwise determined by the Village Board.



SNOW AND HYDRANTS: As we move toward winter, the chances for our region to receive snow increase. Residents and business owners are reminded to clear snow away from fire hydrants that are in front of their properties. Fire department officials suggest keeping at least a 3-foot radius clear of snow around the hydrant.



SNOW PLOW PERMITS: 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 Village Clerk's Office by calling 716-632-4120.



UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE: The Village Board will hold its next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9. It will be preceded by a 6 p.m. work session. This is the only meeting in December. After several months of trying a new meeting/work session structure, the Village Board will be returning to its former meeting structure effective in January. Regular meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, unless noted otherwise. Preceding each regular meeting will be a 6 p.m. work session.



OFFICIAL NEWS: The Village of Williamsville posts regular updates on its website, www.WalkableWilliamsville.com. Important news and upcoming events are posted regularly on the site. We encourage the community to use the site because it is a valuable resource that contains all official news concerning the Village of Williamsville.



Are you interested in becoming a community volunteer?



To learn about possible volunteer opportunities and serving as a member of a village committee, call the Office of Community Development at 716-256-1225, or visit the village's website!.



HOLIDAY FU ILLIAMSV SATURDAY, DEC. 7



Holiday Market & Food Trucks 🥀



10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Visit the heated tent next to the Williamsville Library, 5571 Main St., to find everything you need - from trees and wreaths to artisan crafts and special seasonal treats! Food trucks, including Lloyd Taco and The Cheesy Chick, will be stationed near the market during select hours.



Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony 🥀



6 p.m.

Join us in front of Village Hall, 5565 Main St., for a lighting of Williamsville's tree, to be topped with a star donated in memory of Sebastian Bradley. Ceremony attendees will receive candles.



Island Park Holiday Reception 🥀



6:15 p.m.

Following the tree lighting, a candlelit procession will be led by village officials to Island Park, where holiday festivities will continue inside the pavilion. The reception includes holiday music, refreshments, and a visit by Santa Claus!















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Millian Featured Events Millian

- 10-4 HOLIDAY MARKET ON ISLAND PARK
 - Tree and wreath sale
 - Farmers Market food vendors
- 10-4 FREE TROLLEY RIDES Park at Elderwood, then ride to the heart of the Village!
- 11-1 PHOTOS WITH SANTA IN THE LIBRARY Bring your camera!
- 11-1 WILLIAMSVILLE EAST HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR STROLLING CAROLERS
- 11-4 STOCKING STUFFER FOR THE KIDS!

 Pick up a stocking and a list of participating merchants and restaurants at Village ARTisans, then collect goodies all along Main Street!
- 1:30- FREE HORSE & WAGON RIDES
- 3:30 Town parking lot to Winter Pavilion in Island Park
- 6:00 Candlelight Tree Lighting IN FRONT OF VILLAGE HALL
- 6:15- RECEPTION IN MAIN PAVILION (Island Park)
- 8:00 Music, refreshments, and a visit from Santa!



Shop and dine at participating stores and restaurants for your chance to win! No purchase necessary.

a Full Day of Fun!

10-2 WILLIAMSVILLE LIBRARY, 5571 Main children's crafts • popcorn • hot chocolate

10-2 INGOLD LAW, 5555 Main children's crafts • hot chocolate • refreshments for adults and children

- 10-3 HAMPTON INN WILLIAMSVILLE, 5455 Main refreshments collecting for Toys for Tots
- 10-4 VILLAGE ARTISANS, 5560 Main hot chocolate & cookies hourly prize drawings!
- 10-4 AMHERST TOWNSHIP VFW POST 416 OPEN HOUSE AT ROCK STREET 18 Spring at Rock chili & other refreshments stop in, warm up!
- 10-4 MISCHLER'S FLORIST, 118 South Forest
 Photos among the poinsettias: bring your own camera, pets
 welcome! refreshments
 Wreath & miniature garden decorating (fee charged for workshop)
- 11-1 CAROLING ON MAIN by Williamsville East High School Chorus
- 11-3 ELDERWOOD WILLIAMSVILLE, 5271 Main
 Holiday Bazaar & Craft Sale free cookies & hot chocolate
 OFFICIAL TROLLEY SPONSOR FOR HOLIDAY IN THE VILLAGE
- 11-6 SARAH'S VINTAGE & ESTATE JEWELRY, 5459 Main sweet treats and wine 20% off all jewelry through Dec. 31
- 12-3 GLEN PARK TAVERN, 5507 Main free cookie decorating
- 12-4 THE IRISHMAN, 5601 Main children's crafts
- 12-4 MISCHLER'S FLORIST, 118 South Forest professional PET PHOTOS to benefit Hamburg Mutts for Freedom (fee charged)
- 1:00 MISCHLER'S FLORIST, 118 South Forest live music