Steps to Enhance Walkability Throughout the Village

As part of a more than $3 million capital improvement project on Main Street, a pedestrian-activated HAWK signal, shown at left, was installed in front of the Williamsville Library, providing easier access for people to cross both sides of Main Street.

Other enhancements included in the project were new sidewalks with enhanced crosswalks, as well as curb extensions, known as bulb-outs, to be installed at intersections to shorten crossing distances.

To improve walkability, Department of Public Works crew members will be working to complete sidewalk connections and replace heaved or damaged concrete sections. The goal is to eliminate tripping hazards. A grinding machine, shown at right, is used to grate concrete that has lifted due to frost action or growing tree roots.
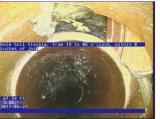

Village officials are examining movable radar signs as a way to decrease speeding vehicles in the community. The village is also adding crosswalks and special beacons in areas that are frequented by pedestrians. Three rectangular rapid flash beacons, shown at left, have recently been installed at different crossings in the village.

Sanitary Sewer Consolidation Project with the Town of Amherst

➤ **In the village's current** sanitary sewer system, inflow and infiltration has caused the sewer rate to be erratic and unpredictable and significant remediation is needed to prevent further downstream sanitary sewer overflows.

➤ **The top photo shows** how crews repair a section of pipe that was heavily deteriorated. Deficiencies in the system have been found by scoping pipes using special cameras. Still photos from the scoping are shown in the other two photos. The middle photo at left shows a fractured hinge in the sewer line, while the bottom photo shows a large hole in a section of pipe.

➤ **The village is planning** sewer system capital improvements to consist of slip lining approximately 85,000 linear feet of sewer main as well as the replacement of approximately 2,000 linear feet of sewer pipe along various roads.

➤ **In December 2019**, the village was awarded a grant to assist in consolidation project. The grant, totaling $1,612,500, was awarded through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation's Water Infrastructure Improvement Act. The planned upgrades will improve sewage treatment capacity, and sewer consolidation with the Town of Amherst will reduce financial burdens on the village's residents and businesses.

Village Parks: Refining the Community's Recreational Experiences

Garrison Park includes a playground, shown above, as well as the village's pool, a large sandbox, gazebo, basketball court and other amenities.

● **The Village of Williamsville's** parks are a setting of regional entertainment throughout the year, with a host of events held each season. Such annual events include a Winterfest celebration at Glen Park, Old Home Days at Island Park, at the Glen Park Art Festival, which draws thousands of people to the community during the last weekend of each July.

● **The Williamsville Village Board** in March 2019 tasked the village Parks Committee with preparing a Guidance Document for the parks in the village. The document will be used to shape a systemwide reinvestment in the village's urban open spaces. The goal is to obtain funding that will assist in realizing the parks' full potential within the next five years.
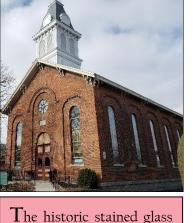
● **Planned for 2020** is installation of new playground equipment at Island Park, which is located near Village Hall, and is one of the village's four major parks.

Nature Play at Glen Park, completed in August 2019, will serve as a gathering place for the community to learn about the special ecological features at the park.

The historic stained glass windows of the Meeting House were each restored in the spring of 2018.

More than 60 percent of the project was financed by Community Development Block Grant funding.

The 2019-20 Williamsville Village Board:

Standing from left are trustees John Murphy and Matt Etu. Seated from left are Trustee Al Yates, Mayor Deb Rogers, and Deputy Mayor Basil Piazza.

The Williamsville Meeting House:

Located at 5658 Main St., this former church and historically-designated landmark, is owned by the village.

The building is often the setting for community events, including open houses held by the Williamsville Historical Society.

The village has been refurbishing areas of the building, which was originally a church. Its front doors are planned for restoration this year.

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ABOUT THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE:

- The Village of Williamsville was incorporated in 1850. The municipality is one of more than 550 incorporated villages chartered by the State of New York.

- The village encompasses an irregular 1.26 square-mile, most of which lies within the Town of Amherst, with its southeast corner in the Town of Cheektowaga.

- Williamsville's first leader was Benjamin Miller, who served as the village's president from 1850 to 1851. The term "president" was changed to "mayor" beginning in 1927.

- According to U.S. Census estimates from 2018, the Village of Williamsville has a population of approximately 5,235.

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We Invite You to View Williamsville's Progress and Share in its Future!

It is an exciting time for the Village of Williamsville! Located in the heart of the Town of Amherst, our historic village has something for everyone.

Walk down our tree lined streets and enjoy a variety of architectural elements on every block. Or, visit one of our parks and partake in the many special events throughout the year.

And, don't forget to take a stroll down our vibrant Main Street for a sampling of eclectic shops and decadent restaurants – the choice is yours!

It is an honor to welcome you!