



The Villager

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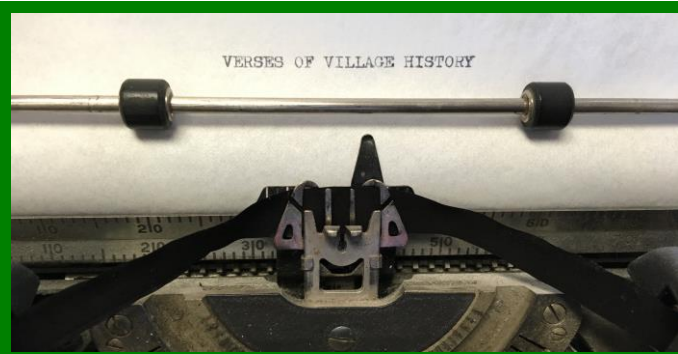
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OUR HISTORY IN VERSES

“Verses of Village History” will be a regular feature on the Village of Williamsville’s website. Our goal is to provide the community with relevant passages regarding Williamsville’s history. The first two volumes are currently available on the homepage at www.WalkableWilliamsville.com.



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 pick up 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.



Volunteer of the Season

Myra Lenz's gardening talents help beautify village



Myra Lenz tends to the garden at the entrance of Garrison Park. A village volunteer for more than 25 years, she is Williamsville's inaugural "Volunteer of the Quarter."

As a gentle, late-summer breeze sways the healthy and colorful flowers near Park Drive, Myra Lenz is removing weeds and watering the flowers in the Memory Garden.

A member of the Williamsville Beautification Committee for more than 25 years, Lenz said she is proud to volunteer her time to provide a colorful entrance to Williamsville's Garrison Park.

For Lenz, gardening is a part of her daily activities. Even as she worked for 41 years as a dental hygienist, gardening was a priority.

"I just do it because I love it," she said. "I'm out here almost daily."

Lenz added that she can't think of a better community to be both a resident and volunteer.

"The community here is a safe, peaceful place to live,"

Lenz said. She and her six siblings were raised in Williamsville. Her parents, Robert and Virginia Bronkie, were also involved in the community. Her father was a civil engineer and her mother designed Williamsville's official seal.

As a child, Lenz and her siblings would often play on a swing set in their backyard. The family donated the swing set to the village. Stationed in Garrison Park, what was once her childhood swing set is now used by many other children in the community.

Volunteering on the Beautification Committee has also become a family affair; Lenz's twin sister, Dona Bronkie is also a member of the organization. Together, they are part of a committee that is dedicated to beautifying the Village of Williamsville through hard work and determination through all four seasons.

"This makes people's faces light up," Lenz said. "What more could you ask for than to see people smile?"

She views her efforts on the Beautification Committee as a gift to others and a special present to the Village of Williamsville.

"When you share your talent with people, it's a benefit to you," she said. "You think you are just sharing, but the joy bounces back. Life is always much better when giving than receiving."

As Lenz is now retired, she looks forward to spending more time traveling and painting. She also doesn't intend to hang up her gardening gloves anytime soon.

"Each chapter of life has its own uniqueness and something to look forward to," she added.

Are you interested in becoming a community volunteer?

To learn about possible volunteer opportunities and serving as a member of a Williamsville committee, call Village Hall at 716-632-4120!



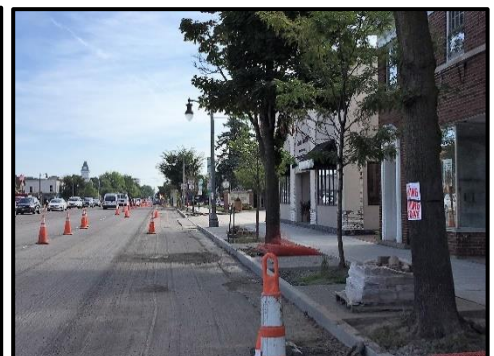


Picture Main Street: From construction to the ribbon cutting

As construction of Williamsville's Picture Main Street project reaches its conclusion, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held Saturday, Nov. 3, to debut the road's improvements to the community.

The Picture Main Street plan was established in 2012 for the purposes of recreating Main Street as a vibrant, safer and more walkable corridor for both pedestrians and motorists. Elected officials and village stakeholders worked together to initiate the project. Features of the project include:

- A pedestrian-activated HAWK signal installed in front of the Williamsville Library, providing easier access for people to cross both sides of Main Street.
- New sidewalks with aggregate concrete and enhanced crosswalks to make the village more walkable.
- Curb extensions, known as bulb-outs, installed at intersections to shorten pedestrian crossing distance and prevent vehicles from making illegal right turns from the parking lane.
- New road striping and ADA-accessible sidewalk ramps.





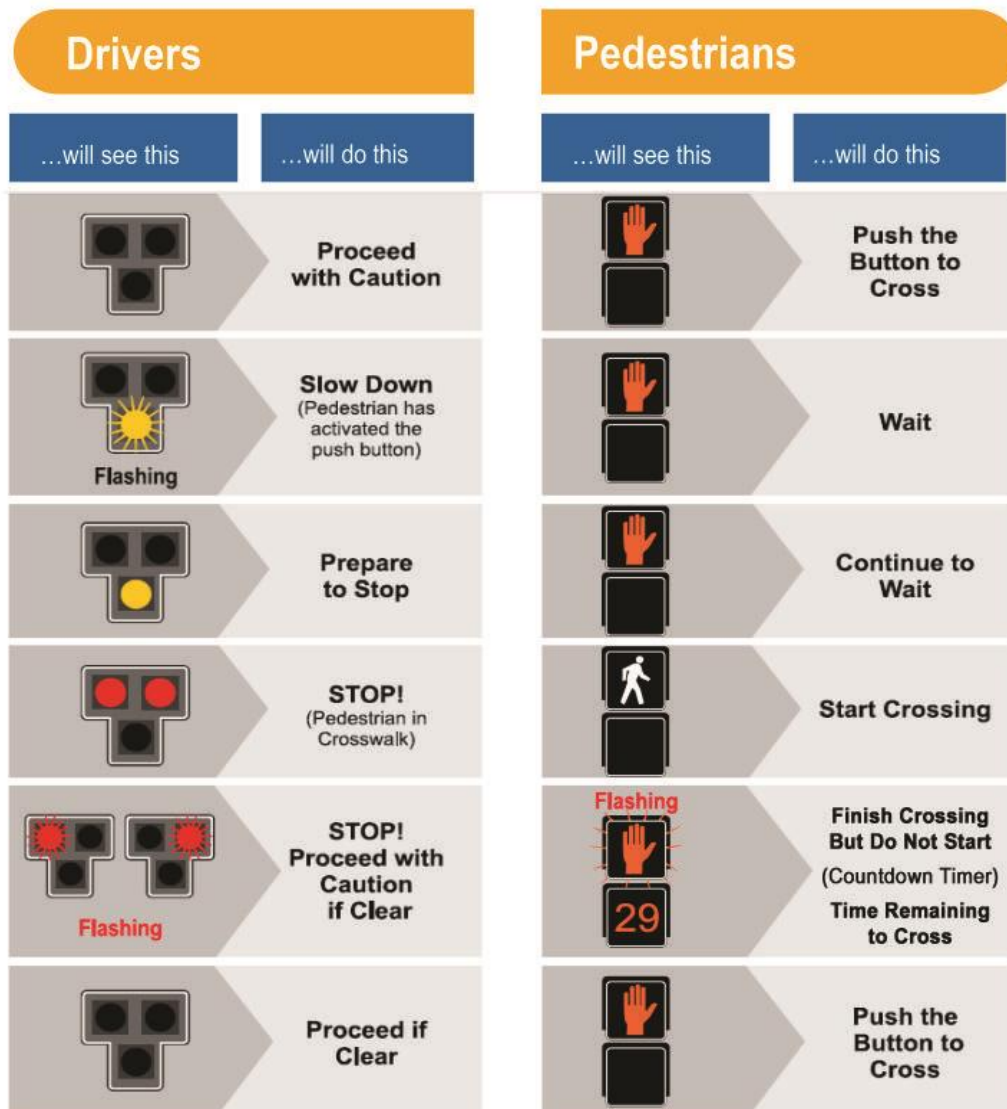
HAWK signal safety:

A guide for pedestrians and motorists

The pedestrian-activated HAWK signal has been installed in front of the Williamsville Library, 5571 Main St.

The device – scheduled to be operational for public use on Monday, Nov. 19 – will provide easier access for pedestrians seeking to cross Main Street. Below is a guide that details how the signal will operate.

Further information about the HAWK signal, including animated and live-action videos are available on the village’s website, www.WalkableWilliamsville.com. Additionally, an instructional video may also be viewed at Village Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.



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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 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.



HOLIDAY IN THE VILLAGE: The annual Holiday in the Village event, sponsored by the Williamsville Business Association, will be held Saturday, Dec. 1. Activities for children and adults include horse and wagon rides, do-it-yourself photographs with Santa Claus and a holiday market, which is sponsored by the Williamsville Co-op. The Village of Williamsville will also host evening festivities, including the annual tree lighting in front of Village Hall at 6 p.m. followed by caroling and other activities at Island Park. For more information, visit www.WillVill.com, or "like" the WBA or Village of Williamsville on Facebook.



VERIZON FIOS: According to an Aug. 20 statement by a company spokesperson, Verizon has no plans to expand Fios TV availability in New York State. After requesting information on the matter, the village was informed by Verizon that the company is focused on meeting its commitments to the municipalities with secured video franchise agreements.

As such, television access via Fios will not be available in the village. It is important for the public to understand that the village not having access to Fios television was a decision made by Verizon representatives; it was not decided by Williamsville officials, as was rumored in the community.



OFFICIAL NEWS: The Village of Williamsville posts regular updates on its website, www.WalkableWilliamsville.com, regarding the Main Street construction and all other matters and events as they apply to the village. Please visit our website, as this is the official place to view news concerning the Village of Williamsville.

Additionally, any quick and pertinent details of village-related matters are also posted on the village's Facebook page. Please be sure to "like" and follow our page for the most up to date information. Each time a story is posted to the website (such as in the case of ongoing construction or a future villagewide event) we provide a direct link to the story in our Facebook posts. Our official social media pages - we are also on Twitter - are the best ways to receive these quick blasts of information.

If anyone has any questions or comments related to the community, they may also call Village Hall at 632-4120. We are here to help you in any way we can!



SNOW AND HYDRANTS: As we move toward the end of autumn, 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.



From the Mayor's Desk

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It is an exciting time to be in the village. With the completion of the Picture Main project alongside the completed E. Spring St project, the near completion of the South Long Street green infrastructure project, and the possibilities of W. Spring St coming online, it is sometimes hard to keep track of all the improvements.

The goal of the past eight years has been to make this village an attractive one to live in, to work in, and to visit. Visitors are what make a viable business district. Healthy businesses equal a healthy village. In order to attract visitors and keep them coming back, it was imperative that we did something about the pedestrian experience. We can all agree that before, walking Main Street was challenging at the least. That has now been corrected.

What has also been worked on over the past few years has been the safety of the pedestrian experience off Main Street. We have added sidewalks throughout the Village with the Safe Routes to School grant. A multimodal transportation improvement initiative, secured through Assemblyman Ray Walter's office, will allow for the installation of a mid-block, pedestrian-activated flashing beacon crossing on Mill Street near Glen Avenue. We have recently negotiated the turnover of Garrison Road to the village from the county, which ultimately prevents that road from

being widened. Improvements are being done to the road before said turnover. Such aspects include, drainage, sidewalk, and parking improvements, along with repaving and the installation of another pedestrian-activated flashing beacon crossing at Park Drive and a signed crosswalk at Scott Drive.

When the road turnover is official, we will then lower the speed limit to 25mph in the park zone, adding it to the long list of speed reductions we have put in place in school and park zones. We have also worked with the state on multiple levels to improve Union Road in general. Sidewalks were installed on both sides on the road two years ago, a new "road diet" lane configuration will be put in place next construction season, a pedestrian activated flashing beacon crossing will be installed just south of the village line, and a grant has just been received to plant trees on that road. This administration understands the balance between fiscal responsibility and investment in the future. I am happy to be a part of that mindset.

I am also very proud to be a part of a community that understands that it takes hard, painstaking work to maintain a viable community. It truly is a gem.

On behalf of everyone at Village Hall, may you be surrounded with love and joy this holiday season.

The Williamsville Village Board

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