



The Villager

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE



Surrounded by a gray sky and freshly-fallen snow, the village's mural "A Butterfly's View of the Garden," is illuminated by the lights within Candy Cane Lane and the decorated tree in front of Village Hall. For more photographs of holiday lights and decorations from across the village, see pages 4-5.

Are you interested in becoming a community volunteer?

You can now apply on the village's website!

Visit www.WalkableWilliamsville.com, and at the top of the homepage, click the blue bar that reads "Become a Village Volunteer!"



For more information, call 716-256-1225 !

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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 overnight. The ban is in place to allow for snow clearing and road salting. The ban, enforced by the Amherst police, will be in effect until Monday, April 1, 2021, unless determined otherwise by the Village Board.



SNOW AND HYDRANTS: As we move into 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 MEETINGS The Village Board will hold its next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14. It will be preceded by a 6 p.m. work session. Until further notice, all meetings will be held via Zoom. For access information, visit www.WalkableWilliamsville.com. All meetings will be recorded and posted to the website for public viewing.

A Special Holiday Message from the Mayor

When I think about the holiday seasons as a child growing up in Pennsylvania, I am surrounded by happy memories. Memories of decorating the tree and the record player blaring traditional Christmas favorites, sprinkled with the occasional Frankie Yankovic polka tune.

That over-the-moon excitement on Christmas Eve knowing Santa Claus was on his way, and then waking up to foil-wrapped presents under the tree was simply magical.

I am truly blessed to be surrounded by only cheerful memories of the Christmas season. Unfortunately, not everyone was as blessed. Every Christmas, I remember my grandmother, Anna, telling the story of how the death of her father changed the face of Christmas for her.

It was on December 29, 1911, that my great-grandfather, Michael Pesic, was killed in a coal mining accident.

My grandmother was only 5 years old at the time. After that fateful day, gifts under the tree on Christmas morning had come to an end for my grandmother. She would recall how lucky she felt if she received an orange in her Christmas stocking. Yet, despite this, she never lost hope for a better tomorrow, and the joy of the season never left her sight.

I was fortunate to have celebrated many Christmas mornings together with her for the first 20 years of my life – and for that I am grateful.

Whichever holiday you celebrate at this time of year with your family and friends, choose to celebrate hope! And, may your happy memories outshine all the rest!

With hope and happiness,

Mayor Deb Rogers



Cindy Lou Tells You 'Who' to Call



- Who should I contact if there is a power outage, a downed line, or a street light is not functioning properly ?

Cindy Lou tells you: Contact National Grid using the below information.

- To report a power outage or downed line, call 1-800-867-5222
- For street light outages, reports should be made online at <https://www1.nationalgridus.com/Streetlight-NY-RES>

- How can I dispose of outdoor brush and metal ?

Cindy Lou tells you: Talk to one of the helpful people at Williamsville Village Hall.

- During regular business hours, call Village Hall at 632-4120. A village employee will help you can schedule a pickup of brush and metal. Pickup appointments are available on Fridays only.

- Who should I call if there is a possible a water leak or broken water line in my neighborhood ?

Cindy Lou tells you: Contact the Erie County Water Authority using the below information.

- For service from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, call ECWA at 849-8444. If it is after 5 p.m. or on a weekend, call 684-0900. For more information, visit www.ecwa.org.

- How do I contact the Amherst police to report non-emergency incidents ?

Cindy Lou tells you: If it is not an emergency, call 689-1311 to reach the Amherst police.

Cindy Lou reminds you: In emergency situations, always call 9-1-1.

- Who should be contacted to report a traffic signal on Main Street that is not functioning properly ?

Cindy Lou tells you: Contact the regional Department of Transportation Traffic Signal Division at 649-1426.

The Grinch and Cindy Lou wish you a joyous holiday season!

I'M DREAMING OF A
Williamsville Christmas



At the top left, a row of lighted trees now greets visitors of Glen Park at its Main Street entrance; at right, blue icicle lights illuminate a residential house.

In the middle at left, a 19th-century village house is decorated with pine swags; at right, red ribbons showcase the South Cayuga welcome sign. In the final photo, a bouquet of mistletoe hangs from the pergola in the Pocket Park.

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At the top left, a the lights of a Christmas tree shine through a window; at center, a perched cat peers at the falling snow. At right is a view of the Pocket Park, which has been transformed into Candy Cane Lane for the holidays. The view is enhanced by the new mural along the side of Village Hall.

At middle left, a Little Free Library has been adorned with holiday lights; above, a fresh-cut and fully-decorated Christmas tree shines bright.