



The Villager

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE



The Williamsville Meeting House, 5658 Main St., shines in the afternoon sun as the newly-planted garden is in bloom.

COMING SOON:

The Village of Williamsville will present a holiday edition of its seasonal newsletter, featuring a listing of upcoming events and the latest news. The special edition will be available in late November.



A WALK IN THE PARK:

Nature Play at Glen Park, which opened in August, a new feature that includes an outdoor amphitheater, is constructed of all-natural materials.

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A LASTING MEMORIAL

If you are looking to honor a loved one or a moment in life, consider purchasing an engraved paver that will be displayed within Glen Park.

Further information, including an order form, is available by visiting the village's website, 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.

Nature Play opens to community



At left, Williamsville Mayor Deb Rogers discusses Nature Play at Glen Park during a ribbon cutting ceremony held Aug. 28. The space, designed for children's activity, was created using natural materials such as logs, rocks and stones. Nature Play is located on the park's northwestern edge and will now be available for special programs and events to be held.

The Village of Williamsville on Aug. 28, officially introduced to the community Nature Play at Glen Park, a newly-created outdoor space to engage children and families within the serene setting of the park.

Nature Play is located on the park's northwestern edge near Noll Nature Center off Glen Avenue.

Williamsville Mayor Deb Rogers discusses Nature Play at Glen Park during a ribbon cutting ceremony held Aug. 28. The space, designed for children's activity, was created using natural materials such as logs, rocks and stones.

The space, which includes a unique amphitheater, is constructed of a variety of all-natural materials, such as large tree limbs, rocks and wood. The space will serve as a gathering place for the community to learn about the special ecological features within the park and village and for children to use their imaginations among nature.

Construction of Nature Play was pioneered by the village's Department of Public Works and designed by its crew chief, Ben Vilonen, following input from community stakeholders and a steering committee.

In addition to the amphitheater, Nature Play at Glen Park features include a balance beam log, trees and boulders for climbing, and tables and chairs created from logs and stumps.

Plans for Nature Play at Glen Park were initiated in 2017 when Rogers was a village board trustee.

"Village resident Dave Bauer called and asked to meet and discuss an idea he had," Rogers said. "He presented the idea of creating a nature play area somewhere in the village. As trustee, one of my roles was liaison to the Glen Park Joint Board. Nature play appeared to be the perfect companion for the already passive atmosphere at Glen Park."

After discussing his ideas with Rogers, she and Bauer teamed with a group of advocates to create the steering committee that was tasked with further developing the project.

Rogers added that she would like to continue to incorporate features into Nature Play at Glen Park, possibly by planting willow trees and erecting an entrance sign.

The full version of this news story is available on the village's website, www.WalkableWilliamsville.com.



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TRICK OR TREAT: The Village of Williamsville's Youth and Recreation Committee will present its annual Halloween parade and trick-or-treat party at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. The parade begins at the Pocket Park next to the Williamsville Library, 5571 Main St., and ends at the main pavilion at Island Park. A party in the pavilion will be held after the parade. There is no cost to attend.



WING WALK: The Williamsville Business Association will present its second annual Wing Walk beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at participating locations in the village. Wings or other treats will be sold for \$1 each, with proceeds benefiting FeedMore WNY.



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 both events will be posted in The Villager's special holiday edition, to be released in late November.



PARKING BAN: Beginning Friday, Nov. 1, 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 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.



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!](http://thevillager.com)



Fall is my favorite season! The seasonal transition from summer to fall reminds me that when we experience change in our lives, we are handed the opportunity to look at where we are and where we are going.

My first several months in office as mayor have been seeded with change.

Now is the perfect time to look back at some of those highlights that embrace both change and gratitude.

On August 28th Glen Park welcomed a new Nature Play area.

The area is made up of logs and rocks recycled from areas within the Village. Families now have the opportunity to engage in creative play while visiting picturesque Glen Park.

On Aug. 30, we celebrated our village employees with our first ever lunch picnic at Island Park. Everyone contributed to the fun with a delicious dish to share.

My hope is that every employee of the Village of Williamsville knows just how much their talents contribute to the betterment of the Village and how much they are valued!

On September 13th, we honored our committee volunteers for their commitment to making our village extra special. I cannot stress enough how thankful I am to live in a community where neighbors step in and offer their time and talents to make the village a great place to live, work and play!

Looking ahead I will continue to embrace new ideas to help gain honest insights and valuable new perspectives.

And, as we move forward into the season of “thanks”, may I wish you all the spirit of gratitude.

Williamsville Mayor Deb Rogers



The Village of Williamsville Board of Trustees are, sitting from left: Al Yates, trustee; Deb Rogers, mayor; Basil Piazza, deputy mayor. Standing from left are trustees John Murphy and Matt Etu.



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