



The Villager

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE



STAY COOL! Garrison Park's wading pool is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily - weather depending. If the American flag (at left) is in the holder, the pool is open!

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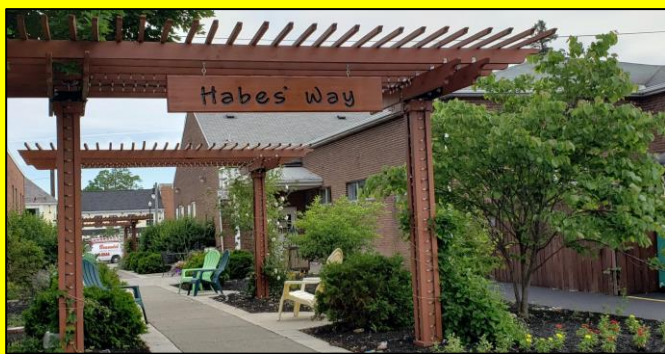
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THE CHOSEN PATH

The walkway of the Village Pocket Park has been named "Habes' Way" in honor of Deb Habes, Williamsville's former deputy clerk who retired on May 31. An employee of the village since 1991, Habes remains dedicated to volunteering for village organizations, including the Beautification Committee.



Notes from Village Hall

Public Works Department | 40 S. Long St. | 716-632-5009

METAL AND ELECTRONICS: The Department of Public Works will pick up large appliances, such as washers, air conditioners, and empty propane tanks, on the second and fourth Mondays of each month through October. Appointments are not needed. Items needing pick up should be placed between the curb and sidewalk by 7 a.m.

TREE BRANCHES: Tree branches and trimmings must not exceed 6 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter. Also, they must be piled with the butt end in the same direction. Pick-up is on the second and fourth Mondays of each month

through October. Appointments are not needed. Piles should be placed between the curb and sidewalk by 7 a.m.

GARDEN AND YARD WASTE: Grass and tree clippings under 2 feet and small brush will be picked up by Modern Disposal on regular garbage days through November. Waste may be placed in brown paper lawn bags or open containers for pick up. Items should be out for pickup by 7 a.m. Do not use the village-issued wheeled garbage or recycling totes for yard waste. Container weight limit for yard waste is 60 lbs. each. Dirt and rocks are not accepted.

Building Department | 5565 Main St. | 716-631-7080

PERMIT INFORMATION: As it's now summer, home improvement projects are moving ahead! If you are planning an upcoming project, 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

SHELTER PERMITS: Do you have an upcoming family party or special reunion to plan and are thinking of hosting the event in one of the village's

parcs? If so, visit the [Parks and Pools](#) page on the website to view information about our parks as well as download rental forms and applications.

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.



Enhancing Williamsville:

Projects by community, village amplify an era of refinement



THE GIFT OF LITERATURE: Girl Scout Troop 31498, with the Clarence Service Unit, donated and installed a Little Free Library in Glen Park on June 22 as part of a Silver Award Project. Troop leaders Deanna Brace and Kelly Lash assisted the Scouts in the project. The library, which is open for public use, is located near the handicapped parking lot off Glen Avenue.

‘Homecoming on Main’ welcomes new beginning

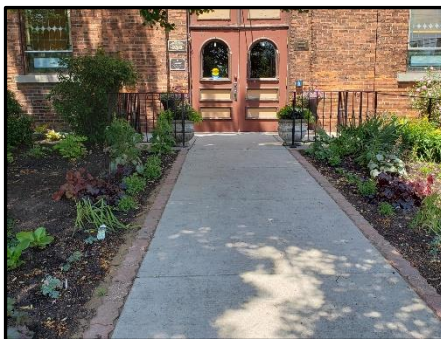
Village of Williamsville officials, in cooperation with the Williamsville Business Association, planned an event to mark a new beginning for the community following the completion of recent construction projects.

“Homecoming on Main: Experience Williamsville” was held Saturday, June 1, beginning with the weekly Farmers Market and culminating with the return of the Taste of Williamsville. Other activities included a Fire Department open house, horse and carriage rides, a dunk tank, Arbor Day and Earth Day celebration, a historical walking tour, and restaurants and retailers offering specials and discounts. The Taste of



Williamsville, shown in the below photo, featured 12 area establishments in addition to live entertainment.

The Village of Williamsville is thankful for the efforts of everyone who helped create this special event.



A GRAND ENTRANCE: Members of the Forest Stream Garden Club in June planted flowers to enhance the front entrance of the Meeting House, 5658 Main St. The flowers and supplies were purchased through a \$1,000 grant the garden club recently received. The village Department of Public Works assisted in designing and preparing the garden.



NEW CROSSWALK: The state Department of Transportation reconstructed on South Union Road between Main Street and Wehrle Drive. The scope of work included milling and repaving, in addition to eliminating one lane. The stretch of South Union from the thruway overpass to near Main Street was downsized from four total lanes to one lane in each direction plus a center median. A rectangular rapid flash beacon and crosswalk to assist pedestrians will soon be activated near Williamsville View Manor residences.



The Villager: Community News Briefs



REMINDER: Village Hall, 5565 Main St., will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observation of Independence Day. Please be safe when enjoying the holiday!



FREE MOVIE NIGHTS: The Williamsville Youth and Recreation Committee, in partnership with the Town of Amherst Recreation Department, has scheduled two outdoor family movie nights. The first, showing “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse,” will be held at 9 p.m. Friday, July 12, at South Long Park. The second is set for 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, featuring “Ralph Breaks the Internet,” at Island Park.



OLD HOME DAYS: The annual Old Home Days celebration – hosted by the Jolly Boys of Williamsville, will be held from Tuesday, July 16, through Friday, July 19, at Island Park. The midway opens at 4 p.m. daily and the annual parade will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16 on Main Street. Live entertainment will be held each night under the beer tent. For more information, visit www.OldHomeDaysWilliamsville.com.



GARDEN WALK: The 16th annual Williamsville Garden Walk will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 20, and will feature about 20 residential gardens. Passport maps will be available at Village Hall, 5565 Main St., on the day of the event. Further information is available by searching for Garden Walk Williamsville on Facebook.



GLEN PARK ART FESTIVAL: The 10th annual Glen Park Art Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28, along Glen Avenue between Mill and Rock streets. The event will feature 130 artisan vendors, strolling entertainers and food for purchase. Further details are available by searching “Glen Park Art Festival” on Facebook.



VILLAGE HISTORY: Preservation Buffalo Niagara will offer a public lecture, “Historic Districts 101,” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, in the auditorium at Village Hall, 5565 Main St. The lecture will provide an overview of the definition of historic districts and their effects on village preservation.



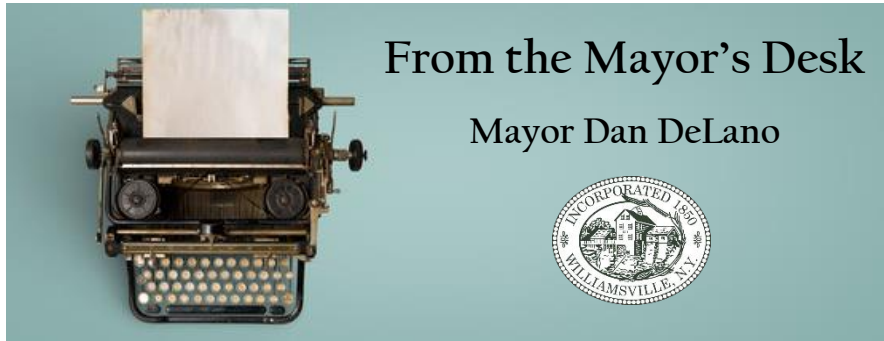
OFFICIAL NEWS: The Village of Williamsville posts regular updates on its website, www.WalkableWilliamsville.com. Please visit our website, as this is the official place to view news concerning the Village of Williamsville. Additionally, any quick and pertinent details of village-related matters are also posted on the village's Facebook and Twitter pages.



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://www.village.com)



From the Mayor's Desk

Mayor Dan DeLano



As I step out of the office of Mayor, I would like to thank the village residents for having the faith and confidence in me to hold the offices of Trustee, Deputy Mayor and Mayor over the past eight years. I am honored.

Thank you to my fellow Village Board members, past and present, for striving to keep the village a great place. That labor of love is never-ending but is always worth it. Brian Kulpa, Basil Piazza, Amy Alexander Brian Geary, Chris DuQuin, Al Yates, Deb Rogers, and Matt Etu, you all have the commitment, compassion, and guts to do this job as thankless as it sometimes is. It was a pleasure working with you all.

I wholeheartedly thank the Village Hall staff, past and present, for working as hard as they do. They always go above and beyond. There has been much turnover in the past 18 months and the office has responded as professionally as anyone can expect. They are the heartbeat of this village.

I cannot thank the Village Department of Public Works, otherwise known as the "well-oiled machine," enough. My goal during my liaisonship to the DPW having was good efficient equipment with safety and morale in mind. It worked out well. The two DPW chiefs during my tenure were Ken Kostoniak and Ben Vilonen.

They both worked with us to make that department a much more efficient operation. The upgrades we put in place equipment-wise are phenomenal and will keep rolling with the capital plan that is in place.

Thank you to the Williamsville Fire Department. You are awesome. I have never seen a more dedicated and

proud group of volunteers that are just plain wonderful people. Through our work to put the financing in place, through grants and a great capital plan, we have upgraded to the most efficient fleet of vehicles and best equipment possible for the safety and well-being of our residents and visitors.

I would also like to thank the Amherst Police Department for their unwavering support and teamwork. To the residents; The Amherst Police do a wonderful job in the Village but please understand that they cannot be everywhere all the time. If you see something, never hesitate to call them either at 911, obviously, or the non-emergency number 689-1311. Their response depends on your input.

Most importantly, I thank all the village volunteers. You truly are what makes the village the special place that it is. That is where this all started for me with planting a couple trees. I am now happily re-joining you (only two committees please, well maybe three).

I am very proud of all I have been a part of and the accomplishments are gratifying. I have done my best to govern with fairness and common-sense and to represent the village with dignity and a touch of class. I think I pulled it off. Now, I am going home. See you 'round the village!

Be good to each other.

- Dan DeLano

ELECTION RESULTS AND BOARD NEWS: Trustee Deb Rogers on June 18 was elected to a four-year term as the Village of Williamsville's next mayor, a post she will begin on July 1. Re-elected to four-year trustee terms were Matt Etu and Al Yates. Additionally, Jeff Voelkl was re-elected village justice.

Dan DeLano did not seek election to a four-year term after being elected to serve a one-year term in June 2018. His service on the board totals eight years and includes being elected village trustee in 2011 and 2015. DeLano's entrance into mayorship began in December 2017, when he was appointed to the post to fill the vacancy left by former mayor Brian Kulpa, who had been elected town supervisor one month earlier.

Terms for the mayor and the three other posts will begin on July 1, which is the date of the Village Board's annual reorganization meeting, set to be held at 6 p.m. at Village Hall, 5565 Main St. Rogers' trustee seat has two more years remaining in its term, creating a vacancy when she begins the mayoral term. As a result, the Village Board will be appointing a resident to fill the seat's vacancy.



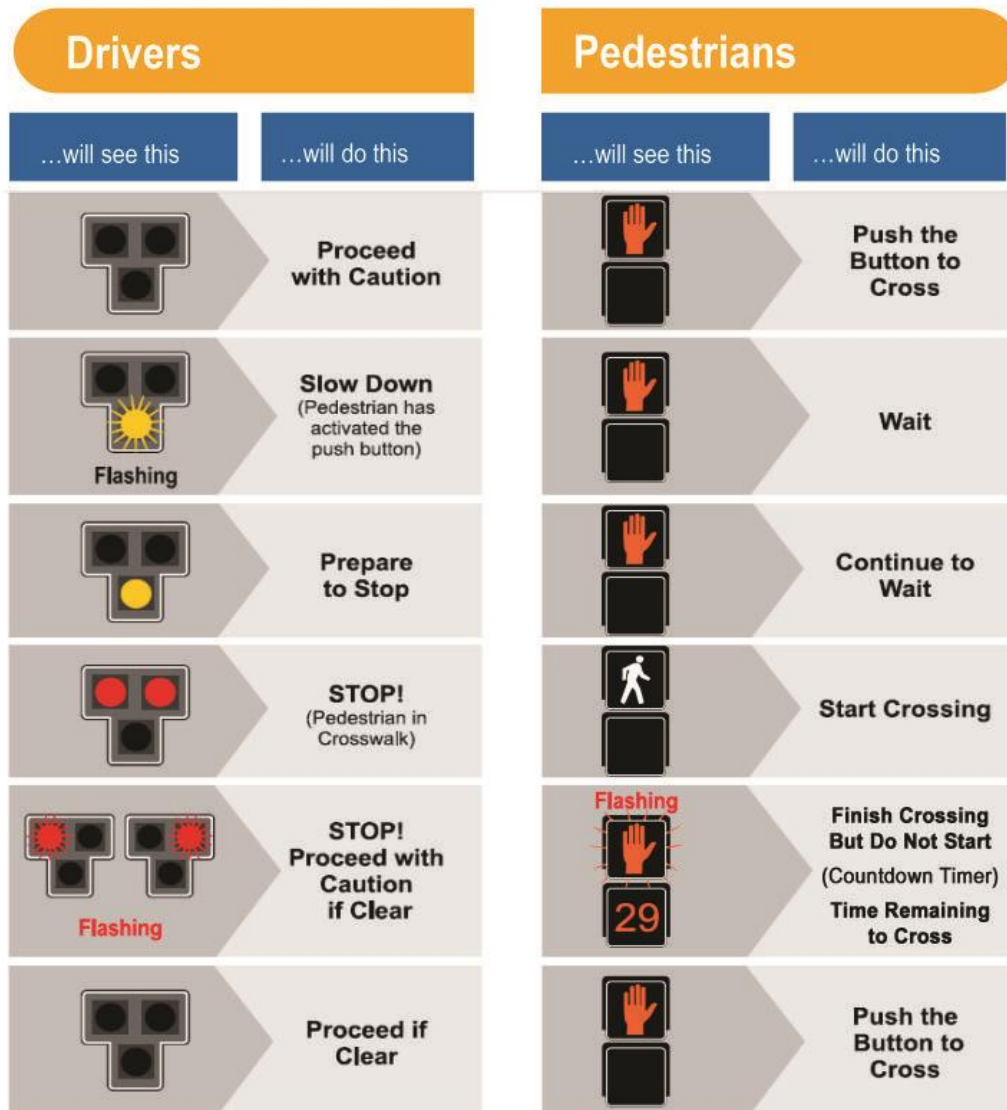
HAWK signal safety:

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 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, pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flash beacons have been installed at a crosswalks on Garrison Road near Park Drive. A second beacon, which will soon be operational, is located on South Union Road near Williamsville View Manor residences. (Details of the South Union beacon are on page three)



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