

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The regular semi-monthly meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The public is always encouraged to attend. Special board meetings and committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Dates and agendas for all meetings are posted on the board near the door of the Village Hall and may also be reviewed on the Village website.

Approved Minutes and Agendas
may be viewed at the Village Office or the website at
williamsville.illinois.gov

Village of Williamsville

141 W. Main St.

217.566.3806

Office Hours

7:30-11:30 am

12:30 -3:30 pm

Monday-Friday

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Police Non-Emergency
2175663634

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217306-5803

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VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE
141 W. MAIN STREET
WILLIAMSVILLE, IL 62693

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WILLIAMSVILLE, IL
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Current Williamsville Resident
Williamsville, IL 62693

Williamsville Community Calendar

March

- March 3 Spring in the Village 8:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Community Center & Old Bank Building
- March 5 Game Day at WPLM from 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
- March 5 Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- March 5 Woodcarvers in the Community Center 7:00 p.m.
- March 6 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at WPLM
- March 6 Senior Potluck at WUMC — 12 Noon
- March 7 Story Time at 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. at WPLM
- March 8 Quarter Auction
- March 9 Rules of the Road 10:30 a.m.— 12:30 p.m. at WPLM
- March 9 Fish Fry at Williamsville United Methodist Church
- March 10 Woodcarvers Carve In/Community Center
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
- March 12 Paws to Read at 6:00 p.m. at WPLM
- March 12 Village Board Meeting — 6:30 p.m.
- March 13 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at WPLM
- March 13 Fireside Creations 12:30 p.m. at WPLM
- March 13 WPLM Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at WPLM
- March 14 Story Time at 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. at WPLM
- March 14 Pi Day at WPLM, Activities from 3:00 — 7:00 p.m.
- March 20 Election Day (Primary) —Don't forget to Vote!
- March 20 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at WPLM
- March 20 Ameren — Smart Meters/Energy Efficiency at
6:00 p.m. at WPLM
- March 21 Story Time at 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- March 22 Fireside Creations 12:30 p.m. at WPLM
- March 22 Backyard Basics at 6:30 p.m. at WPLM
- March 23 Fish Fry at Williamsville United Methodist Church
- March 24 Easter Egg Hunt at the Park
- March 24 Caudill Book Trivia Prizes Awarded at WPLM
- March 26 Village Board Meeting —6:30 p.m.
- March 27 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at WPLM
- March 27 Book Club at 7:00 p.m. at WPLM
- March 28 Story Time at 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. at WPLM

April

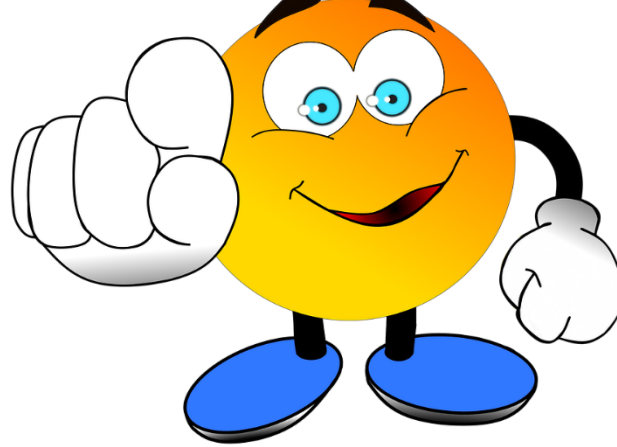
- April 1 Happy Easter!
- April 2-5 Spring Break Activities (Movie 10:30 a.m. &
Games) at WPLM
- April 2 Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- April 3 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at WPLM
- April 3 Senior Potluck at WUMC — 12 Noon
- April 3 Woodcarvers in Community Center — 7 p.m.
- April 4 Story Time at WPLM at 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- April 7 Woodcarvers Carve In/Community Center
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
- April 8 Healthy Kids Running— 4:00 p.m. at the Park
- April 9 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- April 10 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at WPLM
- April 10 Fireside Creations at WPLM at 12:30 p.m.
- April 10 WPLM Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- April 11 Story Time at WPLM at 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- April 12 Quarter Auction
- April 15 Healthy Kids Running—4:00 p.m. at the Park
- April 17 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at WPLM
- April 18 Story Time at WPLM at 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- April 19 Backyard Basics at 6:00 p.m. at WPLM
- April 20-22 Woodcarvers in the Community Center
- April 22 Healthy Kids Running —4:00 p.m. at the Park
- April 23 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- April 24 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at WPLM
- April 25 Story Time at 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. at WPLM
- April 26 Fireside Creations at 12:30 p.m. at WPLM
- April 26 Book Club at 7:00 p.m. at WPLM
- April 29 Healthy Kids Running—4:00 p.m. at the Park
- May 5 All Town Garage Sale & Clean Up
- May 6 All Town Clean Up
- May 6 Healthy Kids Running—4:00 p.m. at the Park

(Please check our website for any changes to dates/times!)



The Annual 4th of July Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 24 at the Park

Rain Date is July 1



HELP US HELP YOUR COMMUNITY. WE WANT YOUR THOUGHTS, IDEAS, CREATIVITY, AND TIME. VOLUNTEER AS LITTLE OR AS MUCH AS YOU WOULD LIKE. MEETINGS ARE HELD ONCE A MONTH. USUALLY THE 1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH INSIDE VILLAGE HALL @ 6:30PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY EMAIL WCFOUNDATION63@YAHOO.COM OR CALL PATRICK GETTLEMAN @ 217/750-1077.

COME BE A PART OF

- EASTER EGG HUNT
- 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
- FALL FESTIVAL
- BOO ON THE BOULEVARD
- SANTA CLAUS COMES TO TOWN

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- QUARTER AUCTIONS
 - ◇ JOIN WILLIAMSVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (\$10 INDIVIDUAL \$15 FAMILY/INCLUDE NAME(S)ADDRESS, PHONE #, & EMAIL)
 - ◇ SEND A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY.
 - ◇ SUGGESTIONS OF WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FOUNDATION DO TO BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday

March 24

Ages 0—10

Schedule:

12 — 1:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00 p.m.	Bonnet Contest
1:30 p.m.	Egg Hunt
2:30 p.m.	Announce Bunnies & Bikes



Sponsored by the Williamsville Community Foundation

*The
Season
of
Lent*



**Williamsville
United
Methodist Church**
128 E. Jones St.
217.566.3614



Dates:
February 23
March 9
March 23

Time: 4:30—7:00 pm

WILLIAMSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

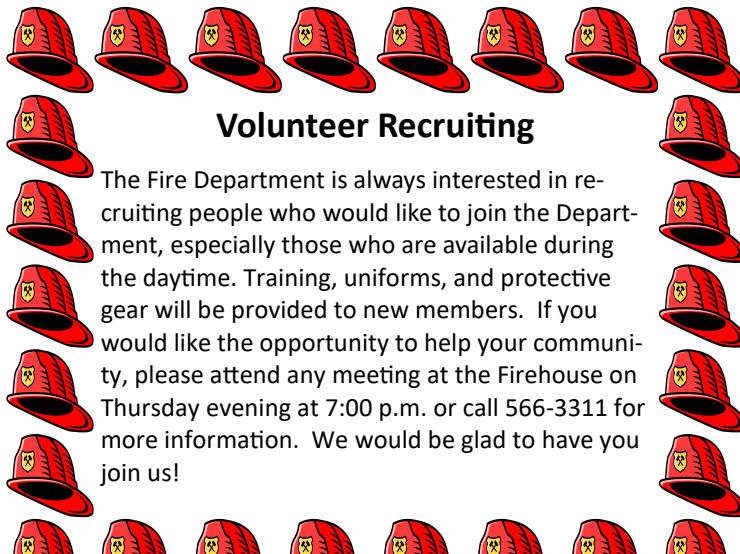
Chief: Scott Gaddy
Deputy Chief: Jeff Menke



The WVFD is staffed by dedicated men and women of the community who respond 24/7, 365 days a year to fire, medical and other emergencies. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of our team, call us at 566-3311 or visit us at one of our meetings.

Trustee Opening

The Williamsville Fire Protection District will have an opening for a Trustee beginning in May. Trustees are responsible for the overall operation and finances of the District. To be a Trustee, you must live in the District and be a registered voter. There are five trustees: two previous members of the department and three community members. Trustees are appointed by the Sangamon County Board and serve a three-year term. Meetings are held at the firehouse on the third Wednesday of each month. Feel free to call 217-652-9205 if you are interested and would like more information.



Volunteer Recruiting

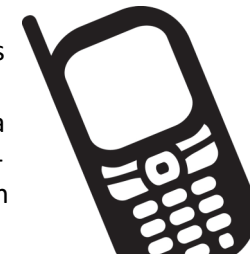
The Fire Department is always interested in recruiting people who would like to join the Department, especially those who are available during the daytime. Training, uniforms, and protective gear will be provided to new members. If you would like the opportunity to help your community, please attend any meeting at the Firehouse on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. or call 566-3311 for more information. We would be glad to have you join us!

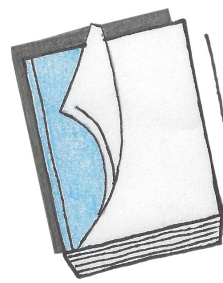
Safety Note: Disaster Supply Kit

A disaster can happen at any time. Everyone should have some basic supplies on hand to survive for at least three days in case the worst happens. A basic kit should include:

- ◆ 1 gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days, for drinking and sanitation
- ◆ At least a 3 day supply of non-perishable food
- ◆ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and NOAA Weather Radio and extra batteries for both
- ◆ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ◆ First Aid kit
- ◆ Whistle to signal for help
- ◆ Dust mask to filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- ◆ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ◆ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- ◆ Manual can opener for food
- ◆ Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- ◆ Other items you may consider:
 - ◆ Prescription medications and glasses
 - ◆ Cash or traveler's checks and change
 - ◆ Important family documents such as insurance and bank information
 - ◆ Emergency reference material
 - ◆ Sleeping bags or blankets for each person
 - ◆ Complete change of clothing including a long sleeve shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes
 - ◆ Fire extinguisher
 - ◆ Matches in a waterproof container (Do not use if the possibility of a gas leak exists.)
 - ◆ Mess kits, paper cups, plates, towels and plastic utensils

Be sure that everyone in the household is aware of where the kit is located and where to go in case of disaster. It's also a good idea to have a contact person in another town where all family members can check in in case everyone's not at home.





Williamsville

PUBLIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM



Ameren

An Ameren representative will be at WPLM on Tuesday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. Learn about special programs, incentives, and rebates that can help you save money with a variety of energy efficiency strategies. This program had been scheduled for January, but it was cancelled due to the weather. Please register by calling 566-3520 or on-line at www.williamsvillelibrary.org by Monday, March 19, to be entered into a prize drawing for one of the two \$25 gift certificates to Springfield Electric.

Spring Break, Summer Reading & You

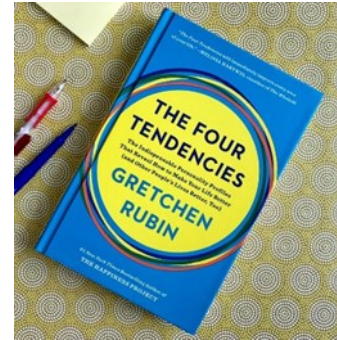
If you will be around during Spring Break visit WPLM for something different every day. A movie with snacks will be featured Monday through Thursday at 10:30 a.m., followed by a variety of games and activities that will change each day of spring break. The theme for Summer Reading will be "Reading Takes you Everywhere." Save the date for the special kick-off event on Tuesday evening, June 12, with an interactive storytelling performance by musician Kevin Farris. As you travel this spring you can be a part of our summer display. Send us a postcard or bring one back with you! Look for more information to come, about Summer Reading, including a special "Ms. Drizzle's Magic Book" performance in July.



Book and Bake Sale

On Saturday, May 5, the Friends of WPLM will be hosting their annual Book and Bake Sale. The public is invited to attend from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. It is just \$3.00 for all the books you can put in our sack. Homemade baked goods will be available for \$1.00. If you have re-

newed your 2018 Friends Membership you are invited to attend our Friday preview event from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Friends Membership starts at \$15.00 and forms are

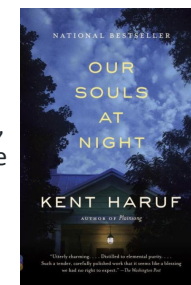


Monthly Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss "The Four Tendencies" by Gretchen Rubin. During her multibook investigation into understanding human nature, Gretchen Rubin realized that by asking the seemingly dry question "How do I respond to expectations?" we gain explosive self-

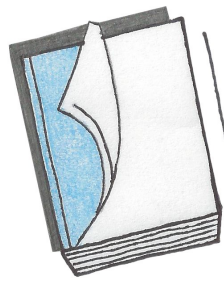
knowledge. She discovered that based on their answer, people fit into Four Tendencies: Upholders, Questioners, Obligers, and Rebels. Our Tendency shapes every aspect of our behavior, so using this framework allows us to make better decisions, meet deadlines, suffer less stress, and engage more effectively. More than 600,000 people have taken her online quiz. Managers, doctors, teachers, spouses, and parents already use the framework to help people make significant, lasting change.

Join us on Thursday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss "Our Souls at Night" by Kent Haruf. Addie Moore pays an unexpected visit to a neighbor, Louis Waters. Her husband died years ago, as did his wife, and in such a small town they naturally have known of each other for decades; in fact, Addie was quite fond of Louis's wife. His daughter lives hours away, her son even farther, and Addie and Louis have long been living alone in empty houses, the nights so terribly lonely, especially with no one to talk with. But maybe that could change? As Addie and Louis come to know each other better—their pleasures and their difficulties—a beautiful story of second chances unfolds.



Thursday Game Room

The multi-purpose room is reserved for fun afterschool on Thursdays until 6:00 p.m. March and April will feature multi-player video games



Williamsville

PUBLIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM



WPLM always has several events going on. All events are free, but registration is requested for some events. To register please call WPLM at 566-3520, or register through our website at williamsvillelibrary.org. You can stay updated about upcoming events by following us on Facebook.

Game Day

Williamsville Public Library and Museum will be hosting Game Day on Monday, March 5. There is no school, but WPLM will be open. Come visit and play. Multi-player videogames and a variety of other games from Twister to Jenga will be available from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Teens at WPLM

Find out what we have planned for teens in March and April by following us on Facebook and on Instagram at WPLMinsta for announcements.

March and April Themes

There is always something new and something for everyone at WPLM. March is Curiosity Month. Drop in for activities that make you wonder why and include a special prize drawing to help celebrate Women's History Month. Mark your calendars for March 14 when WPLM will be serving pie to celebrate Pi Day! Junior High students will also have a chance to win prizes based on Caudill Book trivia every time they visit WPLM until March 24. April will bring a shower of new activities inspired by spring.

Backyard Basics Three Part Series

The annual, Saturday-morning format for this special event has been changed. This year in order to allow for more participants, WPLM will host three separate events in the evenings. This three-part series will focus on lawns, gardens, and flowers. The first event on Thursday, March 22, from 6:30- 7:30 p.m., will be led by Shawn Hartman, owner of Hartman Landscaping and Lawn Care. With twenty years of experience, Shawn can help you turn your grass into a lawn and help you avoid some of the most common landscaping mistakes. Register by Monday, March 19, to be entered into drawings for \$50 Hartman Landscaping gift certificates. The second event will be Thursday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. It will feature culinary experts from LLCC. You will learn a variety of techniques for preserving produce to be enjoyed throughout the year. The third event, this fall, will focus on using flower bulbs indoors and outdoors. For more information or to register visit www.williamsvillelibrary.org or call 566-

Ongoing Programs

Coffee hour continues to meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Fireside Creations meets the second Tuesday and the fourth Thursday each month at 12:30 p.m. The next gatherings will be Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 22. Bring your knitting, sewing, or other artistic project with you to work on or drop by to get ideas for your next project.

Story Time for pre-schoolers continues on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Activities are designed to encourage fine and gross motor skills, and they help children develop skills they need to be ready for school. Each week focuses on a new letter. Follow WPLM on Facebook for reminders and details.

Paws to Read

Please join us on Monday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. for Paws to Read. Alice Laswell will be bringing Murphy, a certified therapy dog, back to our study room for a cozy one-on-one reading session. If the program is successful it will continue until May on select Mondays. Follow us on Facebook for future dates.



Healthy Kids Running Series Returns to the Williamsville Park this Spring!

The Healthy Kids Running Series is a five week running program in the spring and fall for kids ages 2-14. Kids compete in a race with their peers each week of the series. Join us as we encourage kids to adopt a healthy and active lifestyle, help increase their self-esteem, and make new friends!

Series Details -

Location: Williamsville Park

Dates: Sundays, [April 8](#), 15, 22, 29 & [May 6](#)

Time: 4:30 PM

Divisions and Distances:

Pre-K (2-3 year olds) - 50 yards

Pre-K (4-5 year olds) - 75 yards

Kindergarten and 1st - 1/4 mile

2nd & 3rd - 1/2 mile

4th & 5th - 1 mile

6th - 8th - 1 mile

Register online: runsignup.com/hkrswilliamsvilleil

Series registration (\$35) includes all five races, one race each week, the HKRS T-Shirt, race bibs, a sponsor race bag, and a medal at the culmination of the five-week program. Top point scorers also receive a trophy.

Single race registration is available at the park on race days. For more information, please contact Jill Giacomini at [217.725.5968](tel:217.725.5968) or at hkrswilliamsville@gmail.com.



Spring Building Plans

Spring is coming up soon and the warm weather building season will begin! If you are planning to build or remodel, please contact the Village Hall (566-3806) and/or Mel Butterfield (217-653-4627) to be sure that you have a building permit BEFORE you start the project. Fees can double if you

start the project before you get a permit and since fees have increased since last year, this could get expensive. Visit our website for new information that will help you plan, but get your permit first! Thank you!

The All Town Garage Sale

will be held on Saturday, May 5

and

the Clean-up will take place on Saturday,

May 5 and Sunday, May 6

We are hoping to have electronics recycling for residents, but there will not be shredding services this year.

Please check our website for more information as the date nears.

Garden Club News

We are so thrilled to work with the WPLM on the Backyard Basics Program coming up on [March 22nd](#). It is always great information presented!

Our next meeting will be on [March 10th](#) at 10 a.m. at the Boxcars. We always welcome new faces! We will be electing new officers at this meeting. Some of our plans for this year are: to add some plants at the east end of the boulevard, continue to seasonally decorate the pots at the Library, paint all of our large black pots, and purchase new summer plants for those pots. We would eventually like to add some more trees around the trail as well. As the weather warms up, we will be out and about in the village, cutting back and cleaning up the landscaping! We always accept donations to help purchase our stock and further beautify our village!

We are also excited that the [May 9th](#) Quarter Auction will benefit our Garden Club!! We hope you can come out!!! It is such a fun time and we will have some amazing donations to bid on!!

If you are interested in joining our friendly and fun group of gardeners, please contact Nique Scarbrough at 618-315-1099 or

Water Shut Off Notices

As a reminder, personal checks cannot be accepted to pay your **overdue** water/sewer bill if you've received a shut off notice (pink card) in the mail. The **ONLY** forms of payment that will be accepted are: Cash, money order, or e-Pay on our website (www.williamsville.illinois.gov) using Mastercard, Discover, or American Express. The Illinois State Treasurer's ePay system does not accept Visa and additional fees will apply when using ePay based upon the amount of the payment and the type of card you're using. Shut off fees are \$50 the first time you're shut off; \$100 the second time you're shut off and \$200 the third time you're shut off all within a rolling year. Please call if you have any questions. We don't want to shut you off but your bills must be paid so that we can pay ours!

Scouting for Food/Flag Collection

Scouting for Food is an on-going annual program of the Boy Scouts of America, begun in 1985, that collects food for local food banks. It is organized at the local level throughout the country. Each year, local Cub and Boy Scouts leave plastic bags for their neighbors soliciting canned food items. One week later, the Scouts return to pick up and deliver the bags of food to a local food bank. Scouting for Food is a project rooted in the very foundation of the Scouting movement and its dedication to implement the Scout Slogan "Do a good turn daily."

Bags will be distributed by Cub and Boy Scouts from Pack/Troop 330 to homes in Williamsville and Sherman from March 10 through March 15. Bags will be placed on front door handles, or under front porch rugs. Citizens are asked to stock the bags with non-perishable food items. The bags should then be left on homes' front doors before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 17.

Scouts will also be at County Market in Sherman to collect food and retired American flags on Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Scouts will collect the food items and take them to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Food Pantry. The pantry provides items to those in need in the Sherman, Williamsville, and Riverton areas.

Thanks for participating in this great cause!

Vital Records Mobile Unit

Circuit Clerk Don Gray's Vital Records Mobile Unit will be at the Community Center on Monday, May 29, from 5:00—6:00 p.m. If you need certified copies of your birth certificates, marriage licenses, etc., this is how you can get them without making an inconvenient trip to town.

Cardboard Dumpster

We need your help and cooperation regarding the corrugated cardboard dumpster behind the Police Department. Please only use this dumpster for your **personal** cardboard, not for your business. Please flatten the boxes so they take up less space in the dumpster and, if the dumpster is full, **DO NOT** pile the cardboard on the ground alongside. A truck picks up the dumpster and empties what's inside, so the cardboard on the ground will still be there after pick up. It gets especially messy when there's rain and mud, so keep your cardboard until the container has been emptied. We have arranged for pick up to be on both Mondays and Wednesdays. This is an extra pick up each week.

Local Ordinance 205-1(B)(2) Dumping applies to this cardboard dumpster. Anyone who leaves cardboard from their business or piles cardboard up alongside the dumpster is in violation of this ordinance and may be warned or fined. The area is monitored with a 24-hour video camera, so please do your part to help us keep this area clean. Thanks for your help!

Weather Radios Available for Village Residents

There are still some Emergency Alert Weather Radios available for Williamsville residents. The radios are pre-programmed to receive weather alerts for Sangamon, Logan and Menard counties and can also be programmed to receive alerts from other counties. Price has been reduced to \$10 per radio.



How to Dispose of Medicine

With all the illness this winter, many people have extra prescription medicine they no longer need or that will expire soon.

Please **DO NOT** flush prescription drugs unless the label or accompanying patient

information specifically instructs you to do so (visit www.fda.gov for info on drugs that should be flushed). Otherwise, take the drugs out of the original containers; mix them with an undesirable substance (cat litter or coffee grounds); put the mixture into a disposable container with a lid; remove any personal information, including the prescription number; place the sealed container with the mixture and empty drug containers in the trash. Never burn pharmaceuticals.

Thanks for being a conscientious consumer!



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Please do the responsible thing and pick up after your pets when walking them in the Village, on the sidewalk or on the trail. No one wants to step in a pile of poop and it's not healthy either! Thank you!



To All Williamsville Residents:

Unlike many other villages in the state and in the country, the Village of Williamsville is fortunate enough to promote and perform many services and events for our residents. The activities and services listed here are only a small part of the many things that are unique to our Village and they include:

- the numerous educational events and activities held at the new Williamsville Public Library and Museum;
- the annual garage sale and clean up weekend with shredding services;
- the cardboard recycling bin and clothing drop off box behind the police station;
- free leaf bags to residents (2 packs per year) along with free year round leaf and branch pick up;
- emergency pre-programmed weather radios at cost;
- free recycling bins;
- annual flu shot clinic by Sangamon County Department of Public Health;
- recycling bins at the Williamsville Public Library and Museum for eyeglasses, batteries, ink cartridges and cell phones;
- maintaining the park, lake and trail which requires many man hours and resources for residents to use these areas for sports, exercise and other outdoor events; and
- this bi-monthly newsletter with information about local news and events and a calendar of events; plus we maintain a website and Facebook page and promote the "Bullets Bulletin Board" Facebook page for local business, community and school administrators.

We also have several community organizations in place:

- The **Williamsville Community Foundation** meets monthly and puts on the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Fireworks, Fall Festival, Boo! On the Boulevard and Santa Claus Comes to Town. The Foundation also puts on quarter auctions most months during the year which benefit various organizations and causes.
- The **Williamsville Garden Club** also meets monthly and decorates the Village for all 4 seasons; Christmas decorating is done as a joint effort with the Foundation. They also undo the decorations--a timely process--and plan and plant new areas on the boulevard, at the Library, the Village Hall and other places in town.
- The **Friends of the Williamsville Public Library and Museum** fund activities, programs and equipment to help provide something for everyone in the community.
- The **Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department** has a weekly meeting and provides training for people who are interested in working together to help residents with health and property emergencies.
- The **Veterans Committee** is open to all veterans in town and they meet annually (at minimum). This Committee has

purchased flag holders and flags for the graves of veterans at local cemeteries and they organize the annual Memorial Day program held at the Arch each year.

The Williamsville Park, Trail and Lake serve as locations for activities and just great places to hang out, enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise! You can catch a junior football league game in the fall or a little league baseball game in the summer at the Park. The Healthy Kids Running Series takes place twice a year over the course of 5 weeks and encourages activity for kids. Have your family reunion at the Park pavilion and let the kids play at the Park. The Lake is always good for a little fishing and the Fall Festival boasts a fishing derby for kids at the Lake and an obstacle course at the Park and Lake.

Please, if you enjoy your community, get involved in your community! Each one of these organizations could use your support. If you're pressed for time like most of us are and feel you can't commit to the time, donations are always appropriate and appreciated. Please make a commitment to your community and do something this year!

Sincerely,



Tom Yokley, Village President

Lawn bags — 2 bundles per household per year — are now available at the Village Hall. You'll need to sign for them. Thanks!



Water & Sewer Rates Increase

Sewer rates for the Village of Williamsville have increased by \$2.00 per customer and the increase appeared on the February billing. This is necessary to maintain the existing sewer system in the Village and to cover the cost of much-needed work to keep the sewer in good operating order.

The water rate will increase by 6.2% and go from \$14.35 to \$15.40 for up to 1000 gallons of water inside the village and from \$16.91 to \$17.96 outside the village. This rate increase will show up on the April billing and applies to Sherman customers as well. This is necessary to bring us in line with the increased cost of water as imposed by the City of Springfield. If you have any questions about your bill, please contact this office at 566-3806 and we'll be happy to go over your bill with you.