

The Lancaster Villager

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A Message from the Mayor

It has been a busy spring and start to summer in the Village of Lancaster. From the Beautification Committee's work on preparing the Village gardens, hanging baskets, and planters to the Village events, there has been a lot happening in our community.

There has also been an impressive number of groundbreaking and grand opening ceremonies. It is so exciting to see the vision becoming a reality! One of the most rewarding moments is hearing those who have not been to the Village of Lancaster in a number of years commenting on the progress and how beautiful the downtown is looking. The next phase of construction is about to happen with the groundbreaking of the roundabout project. While construction is always a challenge and often inconvenient, the growing pains will be worth it when once again, we have a beautiful, completed project to appreciate. We recognize that there will be a learning curve once the roundabouts are installed and we are working on educational material to make available to our community and our visitors. By the end of the calendar year, both the Cayuga Creek Park project and the Roundabout (CMAQ) project will be complete and we will work towards the renovations of Fireman's Park. For construction updates be sure to go to our village website and follow our social media accounts.

- Mayor Lynne Ruda-

Thank you to all the Volunteers and Sponsors from the Spring Clean Up Event!

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Village Resident Recognized by Historic Preservation Commission

In honor of Preservation Month, the Village of Lancaster Historic Preservation Commission, at their May meeting, recognized one Village property for its contribution to historic preservation.

30 School Street "John Albrecht House": The single-family residence at the southwest corner of School St. and Clark St. is recognized as a Heritage Property for its consistent stewardship of a historic property and for the recently painted, period appropriate color scheme. The Folk Victorian style residence (ca. 1893) is part of the Village's Local Historic District.

Michael Meyer, Chair of the Commission, presented property owner Peggy Ludwig with a plaque recognizing this property at the Commission's June 8, 2022 meeting.



The Lancaster Village Board approved the purchase of a new chief's vehicle for the Lancaster Fire Department. Mayor Lynne Ruda and the LFD's newest chief, Chief Shawn Marshall stand in front of the new vehicle. This vehicle is the second in the fleet of chief's vehicles to be converted from an SUV to a pickup truck. This change is in response to an increased awareness of carcinogenic materials in firefighter turnout gear and the Lancaster Fire Department's initiatives to keep their firefighters safe.

REMINDERS FROM YOUR LANCASTER FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Make sure your home is safe from outside fires.
Don't Let Your World
Go Up in Smoke.**



Home fire safety doesn't stop at the door. There are many fire risks outside the home. You may have these in your backyard. Here are some ways you can keep your home safer from outside fire.



Warning: Fireworks are dangerous to people and pets. Using them puts your property at risk.

The best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them. Instead, attend a public fireworks display put on by professionals.

Grilling

Make safe outdoor cooking a priority.

- ☐ Move the grill away from siding, decking, and other things that can catch fire.
- ☐ Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill when it's hot.
- ☐ Stay with the grill the entire time you're cooking.
- ☐ Keep your grill clean so leftover grease and fat won't catch on fire.

Backyard Fire Pits

Permanent and portable fire pits bring fire danger to your home. You can prevent fire or burn injury with these simple steps:

- ☐ Make sure the fire pit is at least **15** feet away from your house and anything that can burn.
- ☐ Closely watch children when the fire pit is in use.
- ☐ Use a metal screen over wood-burning fires to keep sparks from floating out.
- ☐ Turn off or put out fires before you leave the backyard.
- ☐ Store matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



The Village of Lancaster continues to be under construction with two construction projects within the Central Business District.

Cayuga Creek Park Project

- The Cayuga Creek Park project is currently under construction on the south side of West Main Street along the creek. The project will include a walking path along the creek, an overlook and a state of the art terrace connecting West Main Street and the new green space.
- The project is slated to be complete by the end of the 2022 calendar year. As we look towards next year, we are excited about all of the possibilities that the new space will bring to the Village of Lancaster!
- This project was funded by DASNY funding obtained by Senator Patrick Gallivan

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Roundabout Project

- The roundabout project on Pleasant Ave West will commence on July 11th and is slated to be complete by the end of the 2022 calendar year.
- The road construction project will put Pleasant Avenue West on a road diet, altering it to a two lane road with bike lanes and street parking. A Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon crosswalk will be added in front of Lancaster Towers and two roundabouts will be installed at the intersections of Pleasant and N. Aurora and Pleasant and Central Ave.
- While construction will disrupt the ease of traffic flow, road closures and detours will be kept to a minimum throughout the project. To keep up to date with any construction updates, go to the Village of Lancaster website; www.lancastervillage.org and follow our social media accounts - Facebook: @VillageofLancasterNY, Instagram: @lancastervillageny and Twitter: @LancasterVill

DPW Paving Schedule 2022

The Village of Lancaster Department of Public Works will be paving the following streets in July and August. Paving days will be weather dependent, and residents will be notified ahead of time on which days their street will be milled and paved. Scheduling may make it necessary for the street to be milled first and then some time may pass before the paving is complete.

Erie Street, East of the Court St bridge to the village line
Sturm Street from Sawyer Ave to the dead end
Scott Street
Wayne St from Laverack Ave to Sawyer Ave
Norris Ave from Broadway to Grant St
St. Johns Street
St. Joseph Street
Burwell Ave from Lakeside Crescent to Pardee Ave
Winfield Ave
Bowen Ave from Broadway to Grant St
Franklin St from Lake Ave to Church St
Thornapple Ln
Trenton Ave
Banner Ave from Brady Ave to dead end

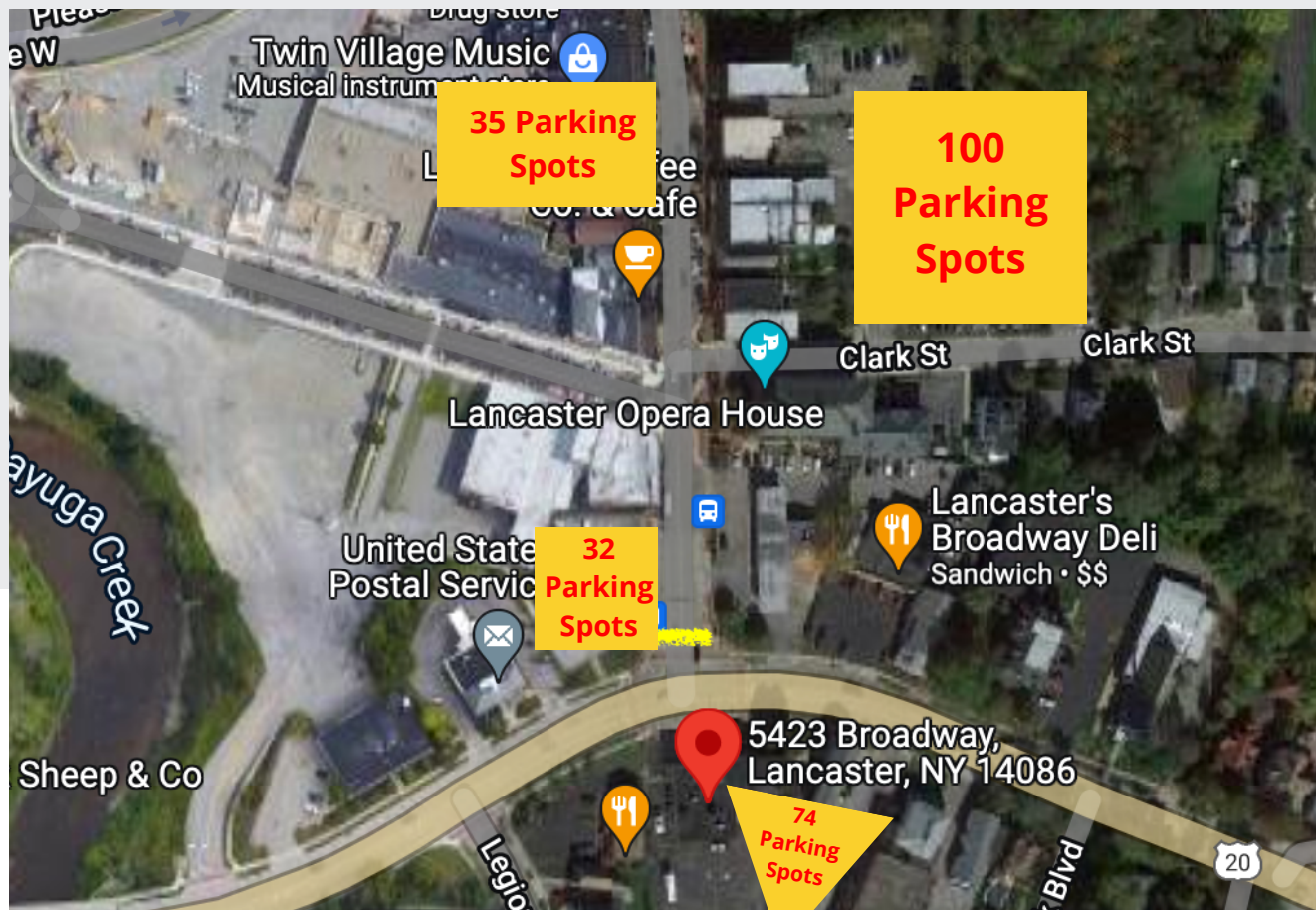
Climate Smart Updates

- The Forest Advisory Board will be meeting in August to determine the locations of the new trees that will be planted with the \$10,000 allocated in the budget by the Village Board.
- The Village of Lancaster has applied for Bronze Certification status as a Climate Smart Community. Currently, the City of Buffalo and the Town of Grand Island are the only two municipalities in Erie County to have achieved that status.
- The Village of Lancaster will be applying for the next round of ZEV grant funding for an EV charging station at the new Cayuga Creek Park.
- The Village of Lancaster will collaborate with the Town of Lancaster to apply for a Community GHG Emissions Study as a part of the CFA applications
- The Village of Lancaster will be looking for language to be added to our Joint Comprehensive Plan with the Town of Lancaster and the Village of Depew to support sustainability elements.



OUR VILLAGE IS GROWING! SO WHERE DO YOU PARK?

IN ADDITION TO OUR STREET PARKING ON CENTRAL AND W. MAIN - THE VILLAGE HAS THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATED FREE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS



THE VILLAGE OF LANCASTER
IS TURNING
175 YEARS OLD!!!

The Village of Lancaster will be celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2024. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee for this celebration year, contact Clerk-treasurer Mike Stegmeier at mstegmeier@lancastervillage.org

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*GALA IN THE GARDEN
AT 99 BRICK OVEN*

A BENEFIT TO SUPPORT THE
LANCASTER BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE



SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022
5:00PM - 8:00PM

\$75 DONATION PER TICKET

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS -

FOR MORE INFO & TICKETS CALL JULIE- 716-572-6124
PREMIUM RAFFLES AND 50/50



WELCOME TO THE NEW VILLAGE OF LANCASTER BUSINESSES OPENING THIS SUMMER!

PRECIOUS CARGO



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Precious Cargo Plant Shop will carry a curated selection of indoor houseplants and plant care accessories for any aspiring or seasoned plant parent.



BATHE

The Bathe Store provides unique, handmade artisan bath treats & body products, offering many vegan & organic skin care options.



SYMPOSIUM WINE BAR

The Symposium Wine Bar will offer wine from around the world and craft beer from local producers, small bites, charcuterie, flatbreads, and brunch items.



716 ATHLETICS

716 Athletics - Gear up in style! Clothing, bags, fitness equipment, outdoor activities, summer must haves, sports balls, yoga, golf, tennis, kickboxing, dance, you name it!



GABRIELLE'S BAKERY

Gabrielle's Bakery is committed to bringing you fresh baked goods, desserts, and specialty teas and coffee. 100% made in Lancaster.



WEST MAIN JEWELERS

A 3rd generation family business, West Main Jewelers does watch repair, ring resizing and also carries a selection of fine jewelry and sterling pieces.



4TH OF JULY HIGHLIGHTS



Thank you to Special Events Coordinator Tammie Schaefer and the Depew-Lancaster Boys and Girls Club for an incredible 4th of July Celebration in the Village of Lancaster!



Village Board Meeting Dates

The Village Board meets on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 7pm on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building at 5423 Broadway.

Monday, July 11th
Monday, July 25th
Monday, August 8th
Monday, August 22nd
Monday, September 12th
Monday, September 26th
Monday, October 10th
Monday, October 24th
Monday, November 14th

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