

The Lancaster Villager

Stay informed and become involved in your community!



Greetings!

The Village of Lancaster is governed by a mayor and a board of four trustees. The village government works in conjunction with the government of the Town of Lancaster to provide many services to the residents of the village.

The Village Board is dedicated to improving communication between your local government and the residents of the Village of Lancaster. We hope you find this newsletter informative. Stay up to date with the Village of Lancaster by visiting our website www.lancastervillage.org and following us on twitter @VOL1849.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Be Informed – Get Involved!



A Message from Mayor William C. Schroeder:

I would like to thank all of those who served the Village during the 2019 "Blizzard" and major windstorm. Our Public Works Department, Office of Emergency Management, Fire and Police Departments, LVAC and Utility workers all worked diligently to ensure the safety of the residents during adverse weather conditions and did that very well. Our residents deserve some thanks here too, as they abided by storm warnings, prepared for the storms ahead of time and stayed off the roads during the travel bans so that our crews could maintain our roads in a safer manner.

With regards to the new trash and recycling program I would like to thank the residents for their patience as the program rolls out and proceeds. This is a big change for all of us and although the communication of information was not as timely as we had all hoped for, we are managing and becoming accustomed to this new process. Should residents have questions or concerns, the lead agency for this project is the Town of Lancaster and they have set up a hot line, 601-0923 or at their website, garbage@lancasterny.gov.

William C. Schroeder

Lancaster Village

Village Wide Garage Sale

May 17th, 18th and 19th

The usual garage sale permit requirement is waived for the Village Wide Garage Sale. A free ad may also be placed with the Lancaster Bee. See the Village website homepage for a link to the form which must be received at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office by May 1st.

Government Project Updates

Your Lancaster Village Government is Working Hard to Improve our Community



Ronald L. Hadsall Park – Richmond Ave. Spray Pool

The Ronald L. Hadsall Park will include a new concrete pad, covered by a permanent covered shelter, picnic tables with benches, bicycle racks, a small paved parking area, bollards or boulders to protect the area from vehicular traffic, as well as a new flagpole and sign. These amenities will enhance the comfort of those who use the park and we hope to have this project completed by the beginning of June 2019. Thank you to Assemblywoman Monica Wallace who secured \$100,000 for this project.

Veterans Memorial Park Improvements

The Village of Lancaster will be making improvements to Memorial Park on Lake Ave this spring. To beautify this area and make it more walkable, aggregate concrete sidewalks will be poured along the south side of the park. This project will be started once the spring construction season begins.



West Main Street Extension

This past fall, the Village of Lancaster was awarded \$2.5 million dollars from Empire State Development for the extension of West Main Street. Since then, a Request for Proposals, or RFP, has been created for the engineering for this project. Engineering firms will have the opportunity to submit a proposal to the Village of Lancaster, who will ultimately choose one firm to lead this project to completion. The Village is working along with Empire State Development to start construction on this project during late summer.



DEC Order on Consent – Lancaster Village Sewer Work

An "order on consent" is an administrative order by which the Village and the State DEC agree that the Village will have time without penalty to comply with state environmental regulations. In return, the Village promises to take specified action within agreed deadlines. Under the DEC order on consent, the Village of Lancaster is required to perform door-to-door inspections of each property located within the village. Residents may have already received a visit from one of our crews or witnessed them walking door to door. At each house we request to enter the basement and check for sources of infiltration. During the inspection village employees will inspect for improperly connected downspouts and sump pumps. Each homeowner is then asked a series of questions required by the DEC in order to comply with the consent order. All village employees carry identification and residents should always ensure that anyone asking to enter their home are village representatives. House to house inspections and interviews will continue to be conducted village wide throughout 2019.



Events for 2019



SUNDAY – JUNE 2, 2019 • 12-4pm

Car Show on Central Avenue/W. Main. Registration begins at 9am. Food/Product vendors. Terry Buchwald plays on stage 12-4pm located in small parkinglot corner of Central/Broadway. Activities for kids.



MONDAY – JULY 1, 2019 • Preview Day – Rides ONLY 6-11pm

Dennis George w/Music & Trivia on stage 6-9pm

TUESDAY – JULY 2, 2019 • (Rides) Noon / (Beer Tent) 3pm-11pm

Carnival Kids Steel Drum Orchestra 4-6pm / 90 West 7-11pm

WEDNESDAY – JULY 3, 2019 • (Rides) Noon / (Beer Tent) 3pm-11pm

The Strangers 4-6pm / Nerds Gone Wild on stage 7-11pm

THURSDAY – JULY 4, 2019 • (Rides) Noon / (Beer Tent) 12noon-11pm

Lancaster Town Band on stage 12noon / Parade 2pm

Flipside on stage 6-10pm / Fireworks 10pm



FRIDAY – JULY 19 thru SUNDAY – JULY 21, 2019



FRIDAY – AUGUST 9, 2019 • 5pm-11pm (Central between W. Main & Broadway only)

SATURDAY – AUGUST 10, 2019 • (Arts) 10am-6pm

(Artisans join us on Central Ave)

Taste 11am-11pm

Back to the Bars on stage 7-11pm Friday 8/9

Stage Entertainment 11am-11pm Saturday 8/10

w/ Brother James 3-6pm / Michael Bly 7-11pm



SATURDAY – OCTOBER 5, 2019 • 5-9pm

Central Avenue (between Clark & Broadway)

Ghostly Wagon Ride / Zombie Maze / Zombie Target Practice / Make-Up Thriller on the street / and more!



TREE LIGHTING • FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 29, 2019 • 5-9pm

Broadway/Central Avenue Parking Lot & Central & W. Main Streets

Wagon Rides/Ice Skating/Visit with Santa/Stage Entertainment all night

(SATURDAY – Nov. 30 Firetruck Parade @ 6pm)

SOUNDS of the SEASON • SATURDAY – DECEMBER 7, 2019 6-8pm

CHRISTMASVILLE • NOV. 29, 2019 THRU JAN. 1, 2020

Animated windows (including some AM&As displays)

Spring into Action!

VILLAGE OF LANCASTER – SPRING CLEAN UP EVENT!



SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

9AM – 11AM

- 1) *Sign up to volunteer for this event*
 - o EMAIL LRUDA@LANCASTERVILLAGE.ORG TO RESERVE A SPOT ON A CLEAN UP CREW – YOU WILL BE CLEANING UP THE VILLAGE GARDENS AND PLANTING FLOWERS FOR OUR 2019 SUMMER SEASON
- 2) *Sponsor a garden, hanging basket, or planter with your donation*
 - o YOUR MONETARY DONATION WILL BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY AND IT WILL ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION - SEE THE BACK OF THIS FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR LEVEL OF SPONSORSHIP
- 3) *Volunteer to maintain a garden*
 - o EMAIL LRUDA@LANCASTERVILLAGE.ORG TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE UPKEEP OF OUR VILLAGE GARDENS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Become a Sponsor!

GOLD LEVEL - \$200

- A SIGN WILL RECOGNIZE YOUR GOLD DONATION IN THIS HIGH VISIBILITY GARDEN
- THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL SEE YOUR GARDEN DURING THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL EVENTS SERIES
- RECOGNITION AS A GOLD LEVEL DONOR IN THE "LANCASTER VILLAGER" NEWSLETTER, WHICH IS RECEIVED BY EVERY VILLAGE RESIDENT AND IS AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

* LEGION PARKWAY AND BROADWAY – LANCASTER VILLAGE SIGN *GIRL SCOUT PEACE GARDEN
 * MUNICIPAL GARDEN *FIREMAN'S PARK *PLEASANT AND CENTRAL – VILLAGE EVENTS SIGN
 *ROTARY CLUB GARDEN *VETERAN'S PARK

SILVER LEVEL - \$100

- A SIGN WILL RECOGNIZE YOUR SILVER DONATION IN THIS PLANTER
- THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL SEE YOUR PLANTER DURING THIS YEAR'S SPECIAL EVENTS SERIES
- RECOGNITION AS A SILVER LEVEL DONOR IN THE "LANCASTER VILLAGER" NEWSLETTER, WHICH IS RECEIVED BY EVERY VILLAGE RESIDENT AND IS AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

FRIEND OF THE VILLAGE - \$25

- RECOGNITION AS A FRIEND OF THE VILLAGE IN THE "LANCASTER VILLAGER" NEWSLETTER, WHICH IS RECEIVED BY EVERY VILLAGE RESIDENT AND IS AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH THE VILLAGE WEBSITE - THESE DONATIONS WILL FUND THE VILLAGE HANGING BASKETS

EMAIL LRUDA@LANCASTERVILLAGE.ORG IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR!

The Village of Lancaster continues to receive significant Grant Funding!

Grant funding supplements local tax dollars so that we can do more without raising Village taxes and maintain a strong fiscal stability. Recent grants that our community has been fortunate to be awarded include:

Water Quality Improvement Grant: \$1,248,150

The Village of Lancaster was awarded \$1,248,150 (75% of total project cost \$1,664,200) to repair the most severe sanitary sewer system needs within the Village. This project will complete Phase I of the corrections necessitated by the NYSDEC Order on Consent. In consultation with the DEC, the Village divided their sewer infrastructure into nine “mini-systems”, prioritizing the three with the greatest amount of Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) for immediate repair. The required infiltration removal projects include brick manhole repair and sanitary sewer slip lining and replacement. Completion of the necessary repairs will take approximately 30 months to complete and will mitigate the largest amount of overflow within the Village. These repairs are crucial for environmental and health reasons, as well as for the continued development of the Village such as the planned development on West Main Street in downtown Lancaster.

Community Development Block Grant (CDGB): \$201,215

Funding will be used for three project tasks: upgrading seven Niagara Frontier Transit Authority (NFTA) bus stops; installing approximately 4,500 feet of new bicycle lanes; and, adding nine decorative street lamps. The bus stop upgrades will provide curb ramps for improved access and shelters for weather protection. These improvements will benefit all users, including those with disabilities. The NFTA has agreed to review and approve the shelters prior to installation to assure compliance with ADA regulations. The designated bicycle lanes will increase safety for bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians. The bike lanes will also be a step toward future connection to the existing Heritage Trail and the possible future Rails to Trails. The street lamps will provide added safety and accessibility for pedestrians and motorists while also preserving the historic character of the Village, which contains two designated Historic Districts.

Sewer Rate Public Hearing

The Village of Lancaster will be holding a public hearing regarding the adjustments of the Sewer Rate for 2019-2020 on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:15pm in the Municipal Building at 5423 Broadway.

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Single Family (Class 210) Maximum Annual Rate	\$175	\$200
Two Family (Class 220) Maximum Annual Rate	\$300	\$350
Percentage of Assessed Valuation		
Class 210	.00090	.00110
Class 220	.00180	.00220
Class 230 to 699	.00195	.00235
Class 700 to 799	.00250	.00290
Cost per Linear Frontage		
All Properties	\$1.10	\$1.15



Village of Lancaster, New York

THANK YOU TO TRUSTEE KEN O'BRIEN AND TRUSTEE AND DEPUTY MAYOR DAWN ROBINSON FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE LANCASTER COMMUNITY.

A Message from Trustee Kenneth O'Brien III

I would like to thank all of the Village residents, past Village boards, and my supporters outside the Village, for a 20 year career as your Village Trustee. I want to thank my wife Jane, and our three children Ken IV, Shannon, and Liam for the continued support they gave me along the way. When I began I was told that it wasn't a difficult job and it wouldn't take much time by then Mayor Cansdale and Trustee Maute, but that the position will be challenging and rewarding, (three out of four isn't bad). I am proud of all of the accomplishments we, as board members, have made. I worked under three Mayors, all with different approaches, but each of them instilled in me the desire to do my best for the Village and be willing to make this community the finest place to live. When I first ran for office in 1999, my thought was to take my turn and not sit back and wait for someone else to do it. I believe my turn has run its course, and it is now time to allow fresh minds to continue to improve our community. Thank you again.

A Message from Trustee Dawn Robinson

At times we don't give much pause to the word, "goodbye", yet that one simple word can have a profound impact on our lives. It's my turn to say goodbye to serving in government. It's been an amazing journey of learning, self-discovery and personal growth. I will be honest...at times it was a great deal of hard work that came with both rewards and challenges. If I had to pick one thing that I am most proud of it would be the grant initiatives that I believe have had a measurable impact on our community. I greatly appreciate the opportunity that was entrusted to me, and my only hope is that my contributions will have a positive impact for many years to come. Thank you to all the people who have supported me and the new friends I've made along the way!



Village Board Meeting Dates

The Village Board meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm on the 2nd Floor of the Municipal Building at 5423 Broadway.

Monday, March 11th
 Monday, March 25th
 Monday, April 8th
 Monday, April 22nd
 Monday, May 13th
 Tuesday, May 28th
 Monday, June 10th
 Monday June 24th

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