

# The Lancaster Villager

Stay informed and become involved in your community!



## A Message from the Mayor regarding Garbage Pick Up in the Village of Lancaster

Unfortunately, at the present time, the Village of Lancaster has neither the equipment nor personnel to collect grass clippings from our residents. As much as we would like to add this service for our residents, it is just not possible due to the other demands put on the DPW. One third of our DPW crew is assigned daily to the State mandated Order On Consent sanitary sewer work. Paving, brush collection, sidewalk work, tree removal, stump grinding, building maintenance and mechanical repairs are among the many other responsibilities that consume the time of the DPW and workforce each day. Should a resident care to purchase an additional cart for grass clippings, arrangements can be made through the Town Supervisors office.

Mayor William C. Schroeder



## A Look Back as the Village of Lancaster Moves Forward

The Village of Lancaster has a long and interesting history of growth and development, destruction by fire, and a period of rebuilding. As we look forward to the exciting developments in the near future for the Village of Lancaster, it is important to look back and see where we have come from. As depicted in the photo, in the 1940's, West Main St. boasted a continuous stretch of road filled with vibrant and successful businesses. After the disastrous fire on West Main St in 1961, the blueprint of the Downtown Central Business district was forever changed by an Urban Renewal project that led to the stagnation of growth and development. Only in the last couple of years has significant progress been made to restore West Main St. to its full potential. The Village of Lancaster has been lucky to be awarded significant grant funding to support the regrowth efforts and it is a very important time for our community. Though change is sometimes intimidating, it is through active participation that our politicians, together with our community, will write the next chapter in the history of the Village of Lancaster.



## Upcoming Lancaster Village Events

### Lancaster Garden Walk

**Friday, July 19, 2019**  
8:45pm – 11:00pm  
**Saturday, July 20, 2019**  
10:00am – 4:30pm  
**Sunday, July 21, 2019**  
10:00am – 4:30pm

### Taste of Lancaster/ Arts in the Village

**August 9, 2019 – 5pm – 11pm**  
**August 10, 2019 – 10am –**  
**Where???** Central Avenue  
**What???** Food Vendors and Artisan Crafters

## Interested in becoming a Local Historic Landmark property?

The Village of Lancaster's Historic Preservation Commission is interested in expanding its locally designated properties. Do passersby compliment your property or express interest in it? Do you tell stories about something or someone significant associated with your property? Do you want to preserve and protect the legacy of your property? Then please consider historic designation for your property.

How do I know if my property is eligible?

1. Is the property associated with events, activities, or developments that were important in the past?
2. Is it associated with a well-known local or national person?
3. Does it represent distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style?
4. Was it designed by someone well known?
5. Is it in a unique location or does it possess a physical characteristic that represents an established and familiar feature of the neighborhood?



### More questions?

Please visit our website <https://www.villageoflanasterhpc.com/> for current landmarked properties, more details and the application form. We also invite you to join a Commission meeting. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm on the second floor of the Municipal Building. We can also be reached by email at [eeckert@lancastervillage.org](mailto:eeckert@lancastervillage.org) or [scampbell@lancastervillage.org](mailto:scampbell@lancastervillage.org).

## Updates from the Department of Public Works Superintendent, William Cansdale

### Brush Pick Up

The Department of Public Works picks up brush every day throughout the year. Crews are busy year round disposing of branches and other yard waste. They follow a schedule of picking up brush north of Broadway, then proceeding to the streets south of Broadway. However, we do not pick up grass clippings. There is no need to call as the public works department does not maintain a list or pick up by specific address. If you missed the crew there is no need to worry because in few days' time crews will be back on your street.

### Bring Your Child to Work /Arbor Day Celebration

In May, village leaders joined with employees, their children and members of VFW-Armvets Post 7275 to plant a tree honoring the last active World War II veteran Joseph (Hawrylczak) Harvey. The tree was planted at Veterans Park located within the village. Future enhancements are planned by the village board to honor our veterans. Last Arbor Day village leaders planted a tree planted at Hadsall Park located on Richmond Ave. Active participants in the "Bring Your Child To Work Day" enables the employees' children to experience firsthand a typical day in public and community service.



### Progress on Sewer System

Residents' can expect to see substantial progress and efforts by the village in upgrading and improving sewer system operations this summer. Kandey Company was the successful low bidder and will begin replacing pipes and storm sewers very soon. Additionally, the public works department continues the door to door effort to gather information on each village residential sanitary and storm water system. Later in July and in August public works employees will begin reviewing for illegal connections to the sanitary sewer system, which cause backups and flooding.

## Reminders from the Code Enforcement Officer, Shawn Marshall

With Garage Sale season and the housing market booming; more and more signs are being put up by homeowners and realtors. In both cases, signs are being put up at street corners. In accordance with Village Zoning Code section 350-35 C6; No signs are allowed to be placed off of the property of the sale. The only signs allowed to be placed within the Right-of-Way (between the curb and sidewalk) are official signs installed by the State, County, or Village including No Parking, Street Signs, and Stop Signs. Utility poles are not supposed to be used for garage sales, civic groups or other charitable events. Signs that are within the right-of-way and on utility poles may be removed.



## The Village of Lancaster Continues to Make Progress!!!



Stakeholder meeting for the West Main St. Extension project.

### **The Village of Lancaster receives funding to build a park along Cayuga Creek**

Cayuga Creek, which runs through the Central Business District, is a major asset in the Village of Lancaster. To provide desirable green space, the Village of Lancaster will create a park along Cayuga Creek. This space will include a paved trail along the creek, which will connect pedestrians and bicyclists to other sidewalks and trails leading around and through the Village, including through the new development along West Main Street. The trail and park space will be landscaped and lit, with signage, trail and road markings, and crosswalks. The project is administered by DASNY (Dormitory Authority State of NY). The total funding for the project is for \$500,000. The project was sponsored and funding was secured by NYS Senator, Patrick Gallivan. Work is expected to start in the summer of 2020.

### **The Village of Lancaster receives \$3.1 Million**

The Village of Lancaster received \$3.1 million in funding for the Roundabout Construction project under the Transportation Alternatives Program – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program. This project will be taking place over the next 3 years. Currently, the Village is interviewing to hire an engineering firm. Once a firm is hired, a stakeholder group will work to determine an initial design. These designs will be brought to the public for feedback before construction begins. All public meetings will be announced on the Village of Lancaster website [www.lancastervillage.org](http://www.lancastervillage.org).

**Check the VOL website for an upcoming public meeting regarding the addition of bike lanes and climate resilient bus stops on Central Ave.**

### **The Village of Lancaster works on the West Main St. Extension**

The goal for the West Main St. Extension project is to create a new pedestrian-friendly, walkable, and bike-able extension of the village downtown, which will facilitate new opportunities for mixed-use development in the next 3-5 years and an ADA-compliant thoroughfare. In October 2018, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that the Village of Lancaster was one of four Western New York communities that were selected to receive Smart Growth Community Funds in the amount of \$2.5 million from the Buffalo Billion II initiative. The engineering firm, Wendel, was selected. Stakeholder meetings recently took place to catalyst initial design drawings which will be taken to the public for feedback this summer. Construction is anticipated to start in the Spring of 2020.



Site tour with Wendel - part of the West Main St. Extension project

### **The Village of Lancaster continues upgrades at the Hadsall Park Spray Pool**

The funding for the Hadsall Park Spray Pool project was secured by Assemblywoman Monica Wallace. The project is administered by DASNY (Dormitory Authority State of NY)



It is a State and Municipal Facilities Program "SAM" grant. The total funding is for \$125,000 with \$100,000 allocated for the spray pool and \$25,000 for DPW security.



# Events *for 2019*



**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)

## Village of Lancaster seeking Public Input regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration 2020

The Village's Fourth of July Celebration holds a special place in the heart of Lancaster residents. It has become known throughout the area as one of the best ways to celebrate Independence Day. Due to the development of a road over the next year, the site for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities must be relocated. In 2020, West Main Street will be extended once again to reconnect Aurora and Central, which will force a change in how the events are placed and what can be included. This is why the Village Board is seeking your input as all of us try to determine the best path moving forward. A brief online survey(6 multiple choice questions) has been started to gain your insight and to provide the Board public input as they decide what the Fourth of July Celebration will look like next year. Please help us, help the Village by taking 4 minutes to complete the survey. The survey can be accessed through a link on the main page of the Village's website. [www.lancastervillage.org](http://www.lancastervillage.org)





## So Much To Do in the Village of Lancaster this Summer and Fall

*"If there was any lingering doubt of the Lancaster Opera House's status as a required stop on any Western New York theatergoer's itinerary, it has been thoroughly obliterated." ~The Buffalo News*

### 6 SHOWS FOR \$120!



September 13-29, 2019



January 24 - February 9, 2020



March 20 - April 5, 2020



April 24 - May 10, 2020



June 5-21, 2020



July 31 - August 16, 2020

(716) 683-1776

LancOpera.org

Run by Local Businesses in Lancaster...

## Thursdays in the Village

Every Thursday night from 5:30pm to 8:00pm, the Village of Lancaster livens up as the area transforms into a unique, village center based on an interactive theme. Come to the Village of Lancaster to shop, eat, and enjoy local entertainment, vendors, and events.

### July 11th - Western Night

Dog Show/Basket Raffle/Country Line Dancing

### July 18th - Roaring 20s Night

Dance Lessons

### July 25th - Christmas in July

Visit w/ Santa

### August 1st - 1950s Night

Car Cruise Night

### August 15th - Disco Night

Newlywed Game Disco Music

### August 22nd - Futuristic Night

Goat Yoga w/ Glow-In-The-Dark Bubbles

### August 28th - Celebrate Lancaster

Historic Wagon Ride



Up to date information involving #ThursdaysIntheVillage can be found on the Rediscovering Lancaster Facebook Page at [www.Facebook.com/VillageOfLancaster/](http://www.Facebook.com/VillageOfLancaster/)

Sponsored by the Village of Lancaster Community Development Corporation



Village of Lancaster, New York

Thank you to the Community Development Corporation and to all of the Volunteers and Sponsors from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Spring Into Action" – Village of Lancaster Clean Up Event

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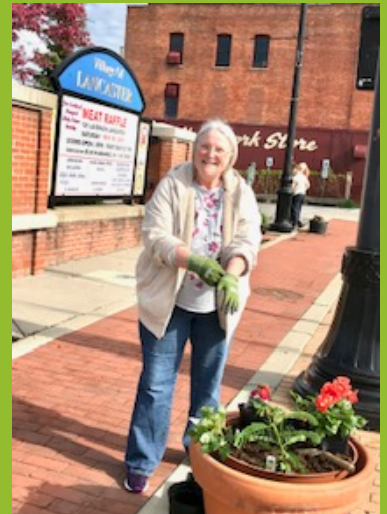
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### Friend of the Village

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The New York Store



### Village Board Meeting Dates

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

Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

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