

The Lancaster Villager

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A Message from the Mayor

As we move towards the winter season, we are able to see some of the transformative projects within our community reaching completion. As we all learn to navigate new traffic patterns, please exercise patience and caution. As our contractors have been working hard to complete construction projects, our DPW has been hard at work preparing for our winter season and transforming the downtown Village of Lancaster into our beloved, quaint and picturesque Christmasville. Thank you to the Lancaster Rotary for donating the holiday decorations on the lamp posts. I hope that as you prepare for your holiday season, you are remembering to shop local and find time to enjoy the incredible treasures that our community has to offer. As you shop, stroll, stay, you will find that our business owners have expanded holiday hours and are working hard to not only provide the perfect gift for your loved one, but to create a fun and festive shopping and dining experience for you! As we continue to build our downtown core, we need your help - we need your foot traffic, your social media posts and your word of mouth to let everyone know that this winter, the Village of Lancaster is the place to be. I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am thankful everyday to be a part of this incredible community.

- Mayor Lynne Ruda-

Pardon our Dust!

The Village of Lancaster is Under Construction

The Village of Lancaster is wrapping up construction season with two major project completions: the Roundabout project and Pleasant Ave West road diet and the addition of Cayuga Creek Park



CODE ENFORCEMENT: ABANDONED AND UNLICENSED VEHICLES

The Village of Lancaster Code Enforcement office regularly deals with complaints of unlicensed or abandoned vehicles parked on a property. Generally speaking, these vehicles have been there for an exceedingly long time. There are two main factors for this issue: registration and safety inspections. In the Village of Lancaster, you may not currently have any unlicensed or inoperable motor vehicles on your property: however, this could pertain to you in the future.

Within the Village Code there are two exceptions on this matter: new or used car dealerships and if the vehicle has a valid NYS Inspection. If the vehicle does in fact have a valid NYS Inspection, you must apply for a Vehicle Storage Permit. This shows proof that the vehicle is road ready and can be put right back into use. This allows residents to have a summer or winter vehicle, drop the registration and keep it at the ready.

Additionally, the NYS Property Maintenance Code states: "No vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled". In the Village of Lancaster, painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth. Vehicles may be permitted to major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similar enclosed area: designed and approved for such purpose.

Vehicle Storage Permits can be obtained at the Town Building Department, 21 Central Avenue, Lancaster, NY 14086.

These regulations are found in the Village Code Chapter 321, Abandoned Vehicles this can be found online at: <https://ecode360.com/27245026>. The full Village of Lancaster Code can be found online at <https://ecode360.com/LA0609>.



Village of Lancaster Receives New Single Man Leaf Vacuum

The Village of Lancaster Department of Public Works recently received a new single man leaf vacuum. This new unit will reduce the number of employees necessary for leaf collection, requiring only one operator instead of the traditional five-man crew. Many benefits to the purchase of this truck are: faster leaf collection regardless of the weather conditions, safer and efficient operation, reduced lost time to knee, ankle, hip, and shoulder injuries and increased manpower availability for other projects.

For information on the leaf collection days in your neighborhood please visit lancastervillageny.gov



Village of Lancaster receives Bronze Certification through the Climate Smart Communities program



**Climate Smart
Communities**
Certified Bronze

Taking Local Action to Combat Climate Change

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CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY

2022



The Village of Lancaster is the only Village west of the Rochester area to currently have this designation and shares this status with only two other municipalities in Erie County.

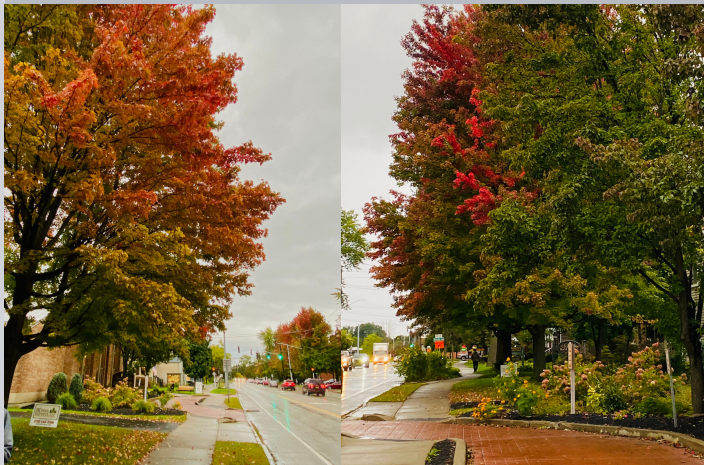
Over the course of the past four years, the Village of Lancaster has strategically and thoughtfully completed the following actions to earn the Bronze Certification designation from the NYS Climate Smart Communities program. A huge thank you to the members of the Village of Lancaster Climate Smart Task Force. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Clerk/Treasurer Mike Stegmeier at mstegmeier@lancastervillage.org.

Climate Smart Actions	Year Completed
PE1 Action: CSC Pledge	2016
PE1 Action: CSC Task Force	2019
PE1 Action: CSC Coordinator	2019
PE1 Action: National/Regional Climate Program	2021
PE1 Action: Partnerships with Other Entities	2022
PE2 Action: Government Operations GHG Inventory	2021
PE3 Action: Government Building Energy Audits	2017
PE3 Action: Interior Lighting Upgrades	2019-2022
PE3 Action: HVAC Upgrades	2019
PE3 Action: Benchmarking - Municipal Buildings	2021
PE3 Action: LED Street Lights	2021
PE3 Action: Energy Code Enforcement Training	2021
PE6 Action: Complete Streets Policy	2022
PE6 Action: Infrastructure for Biking & Walking	2021
PE6 Action: Traffic Calming	2021
PE6 Action: Local Forestry Program	2019-2022
PE7 Action: Climate Vulnerability Assessment	2021
PE7 Action: Climate-resilient Hazard Mitigation Plan	2021
PE7 Action: Shade Structures Policy	2022
PE9 Action: Social Media	2021-2022

Forest Advisory Board Updates



The Forest Advisory Board toured Broadway choosing the locations and species of trees that will be planted in the spring with the allocated funding from the Village budget. The board enjoyed the beautiful fall colors throughout the tour!



LANCASTER FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AIR COMPRESSOR SYSTEM

The Lancaster Fire Department installed a new compressor and fill station at our West Drullard firehouse. The Arctic 1500 Series Enclosed Compressor & Double Fill Station was purchased through Dival Safety Equipment Inc (Buffalo, NY) and manufactured entirely in the United States by Arctic Compressor (Superior, WI). It is a 100% American made product. Previously the LFD was using an off-site location to refill our air cylinders. The new on-site system allows us to refill our cylinders with minimal downtime. This quick turnaround allows us to perform our jobs quickly without having the stress of filling our cylinders off-site. The time saved and the ability to get back in service for our next call is a crucial component for our department.



Broadway Historic District Tour

On August 20th, Preservation Buffalo Niagara (PBN) hosted a tour of Lancaster's Broadway Historic District. The Broadway Historic District was selected by PBN as part of the Preservation Passport tour program. This program focuses on helping tourgoers discover the region's National Register Historic Districts in all of their varied and distinctive importance. The tour highlighted both the stories of the people who commissioned homes along Broadway and the broad range of architectural styles represented along Broadway. The Historic District encompasses 85 contributing buildings built between about 1831 and 1940. The lively tour highlighted the men and women who built and occupied the homes along Broadway, many of whom sought refuge in the relatively rural setting of Lancaster, while still maintaining their connections to their businesses in the city of Buffalo. In some cases, during the tour local homeowners also joined, offering further details on the history and construction of their homes. A representative of the Lancaster Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) attended the tour to provide additional information on the importance of preservation of these historic buildings and the significance of having a protected district.

Visit the PBN website to learn more about their passport program and purchase self-guided tours of Lancaster's Broadway Historic District. Learn more about the Lancaster Historic Preservation Commission and their efforts to preserve this important cultural resource in their website <https://www.villageoflanasterhpc.com>



LFD Winter & Holiday Fire Safety Tips

The holiday season means celebrations, many of them in decorated homes filled with merry-making family members and friends. Your friendly neighborhood Lancaster Fire Department also knows that the winter holidays bring greater-than-usual risks of fire in homes. The National Fire Protection Association reports that, over the course of a calendar year, the 10 worst days for fires in homes fall between December 24 and January 6. Please see the following safety tips for the upcoming season.

Candles:

- Keep candles at least twelve inches away from anything that burns.
- Use candle holders that don't tip over.
- Make sure all candles are out before you leave the room or go to bed.



Christmas Trees:

- Water live-cut trees every day
- Always use a secure tree stand.
- Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, heaters, candles or heat vents. Also make sure your tree does not block exits.
- Inspect and dispose of any damaged decorations.
- Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- Pull the plug on lights before going to bed or leaving home.

Portable Heaters:

- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Keep anything that can burn such as bedding, clothing and curtains at least 3 feet from the heater.
- Plug portable heaters directly into wall outlets. Never use an extension cord or power strip.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

Thank you to our volunteers for participating in the Fall Clean Up!



We have a new website!

Check out our new website at www.lancastervillageny.gov

What projects are next for the Village of Lancaster?

Firefighter's Park

With the 150th Anniversary of the Lancaster Fire Department being celebrated in 2024, the Village of Lancaster has been working with CPL to design a newly updated Firefighter's Park. The project is partly funded through funding received by Assemblymember Monica Wallace. The design will be bid out this fall and is slated for construction in the summer of 2023.



Culvert Repair Project

The Village of Lancaster received \$1 million dollars in Bridge NY funding to repair the culvert at Plum Bottom Creek. C&S is currently contracted to complete the engineering for this project. Site surveying is currently taking place. The project will be bid out this winter and the awarded contractor is slated to complete the construction in the summer of 2023.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON IN THE VILLAGE OF LANCASTER!



**GREATER LANCASTER
MUSEUM OF FIREFIGHTING**



**15TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMASVILLE
FIRE TRUCK PARADE
NOVEMBER 26, 2022
6:00PM**

KICK OFF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

STARTING AT LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL (1 FORTON DRIVE)
TRUCKS WILL PROCEED DOWN CENTRAL AVENUE
THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF LANCASTER,
TURNING RIGHT ONTO WEST MAIN STREET.

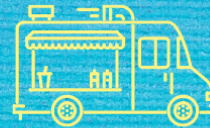
**OVER 200 TRUCKS FROM 7 COUNTIES
AND 2 STATES HAVE PARTICIPATED
IN THE PAST!**

The Village of Lancaster
invites you to celebrate...

New Year's Eve

West Main & North Aurora Street
Saturday, December 31st
10PM-12:30AM

Food Trucks



Bring your
Ice Skates!



FIREWORKS AND BALL DROP AT MIDNIGHT
ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY JOHN BERRY

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, November 14th
Monday, November 28th
Monday, December 12th
*Tuesday, December 27th
Monday, January 9th
Monday, January 23rd
Monday, February 13th
Monday, February 27th

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