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The Lancaster Villager

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and become
involved in your
community!



A Vision for the Future

During the course of the next few years, the Village of Lancaster will be taking on some ambitious projects in the Central Business District. While change can be intimidating & construction can be tedious, the growth & expansion of the Central Business District will breathe new life into the Village. Stay updated on all of the projects by visiting the village website www.lancastervillage.org. We hope that you will stay informed during this exciting time in our village's history!

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Support our Local Businesses!

**MAKE A
BIG IMPACT
SHOP SMALL**
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY



Saturday, November 28th, 2020

Shop Early for the Holidays and Shop Local! There is something in the Village for everyone to enjoy! Salon services for men and women, home décor, toys, chocolate, alcohol, clothing, grooming & pet gifts, activities for adults & children, café, bakery, restaurants & more! Not sure what to purchase? Support by purchasing a gift card for someone special!

Winter Parking Ban

The winter overnight parking ban is effective from November 15th - March 15th. Parking on all streets within the Village of Lancaster is prohibited from 2:00 AM until 7:00 AM. Help our plow drivers keep the streets clear.

Snow Plow Permits Required

No person or corp. shall plow snow in the Village of Lancaster without a plow permit. Plow permits are \$15 and an application can be obtained at the DPW or on our website. This is also the responsibility of the home owner to ask if their contractor has a permit to plow in the Village.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Be Informed – Get Involved!

Meet Our Emergency Service Leaders Who Help During Times of Crisis

Whether it be global pandemics, major weather events or other emergencies throughout the community, these are the people who lead us through times of crisis. Our government officials rely on the training, expertise, and advice of these people to make the best decisions on behalf of our community. We thank them for their tireless efforts and for being on call 24/7 for our Lancaster residents.

The Lancaster Fire Department Chiefs



Chief – Mark Stonebraker

Serving as a Chief since 2014, Mark was introduced to the fire service by his father. He joined Depew from 1978-1982 before joining Lancaster. He has served as a Citizens Hose Lieutenant and Captain. He was named Fireman of the year in 1995.



1st Assistant Chief – Paul Stencel

Paul became an Assistant Chief of the LFD in 2016. He served on the Ladder 4 truck committee and served as a Hook and Ladder Lieutenant and Captain. He was recognized as the Hooks Firefighter of the Year in 2002, 2009 and 2011.

2nd Assistant Chief – Eric Feldmann

Eric became an Assistant Chief of the LFD in 2018. He was one of 10 men of the LFD sent following the 9/11 bombing of the Twin Towers in NYC. He has served as an Eagle Hose Company Lieutenant and Captain and was named Firefighter of the Year in 2013 and Fireman of the Year in 2017.



3rd Assistant Chief – Tom Kukoleca

Tom became an Assistant Chief of the LFD in the spring of 2020. He has served as a Protective Hose Company Lieutenant and Captain and served as the LFD Department Administrator. He was the Protective Hose Rookie of the Year, Firefighter & Fireman of the Year.



The Village of Lancaster Director of Emergency Management



Scott M. Kuhlmeier is Director of Emergency Management for the Village of Lancaster. He holds a degree concentrating in Disaster & Emergency Management from the Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.), as well as a degree in Fire Protection Technology from SUNY Erie. He is a former adjunct instructor for the Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.), leading the Fire Protection curriculum. He is a member of the Erie County Sheriff's Office Type 4 All-Hazard Incident Management Team responsible for managing and/or assisting other agencies in managing major and/or complex incidents. Kuhlmeier has received numerous awards from Lancaster, the County, New York State and Service Organizations. Kuhlmeier is a member of the Erie County Emergency Manager Association, Erie County Local Emergency Planning Committee LEPC, and Emergency Managers' Association of Western New York, the International Association of Emergency

Managers, amongst others. He holds a number of professional certifications, including, NYS Fire Inspector, NYS Fire Instructor, NYS Fire Officer II, NYS Hazardous Materials Specialist, NYS National Incident Management System (NIMS) Instructor, NYS Code Enforcement Official, NYS & ProBoard Fire Investigator, and ProBoard Certified Firefighter II.

The Lancaster Police Department Leadership



William J. Karn, Jr. is the Chief of Police and has served in the Lancaster Police Department since February, 1996. He graduated with a degree in history from SUNY at Buffalo and received a Juris Doctor degree from the University at Buffalo Law School. Bill worked with the U.S. Department of Justice – Immigration and Naturalization Service prior to starting at the Town of Lancaster Police Department. During his time at the Department, he has served as a police instructor, field training officer and defensive tactics instructor. Chief Karn also served as a member of the LPD Emergency Response Team for six years. Karn was promoted to Captain of the Detective Bureau from 2012-2019. During that time, he was heavily involved in the three-year process that led to the Department being awarded New York State D.C.J.S. Accreditation and also served as the Department's representative on the Erie County Opioid Epidemic Task Force. Chief Karn is currently an elected

officer of the Erie County Association of Chiefs of Police, and is also a member of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Captain- Marco Laurienzo - Captain Laurienzo graduated from Lancaster High School and received a BS in Criminal Justice from Buffalo State College. He has served as Captain of Patrol since 2009. Laurienzo started as a Patrolman with the Village of Lancaster in 1989, became part of the merged Lancaster Police Department in 2003 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2005. He is responsible for day to day operations, supervision of the road Lieutenants and is the point of contact for civilian complaints.

Detective Captain – Jeffrey Smith - Jeff was hired by the Lancaster Police Department as a Patrol Officer in 2003. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2012 and promoted to Detective Captain in 2019. As Detective Captain, his responsibilities include supervising the Detective Bureau, overseeing the Department's School Resource Officers and managing the Department's New York State Accreditation program. Jeff is a graduate of Lancaster High School and Canisius College.

Lieutenant – Jonathan C. Ziders - Lt. Ziders has been with the Lancaster Police Department for thirteen and a half years. He has been a lieutenant for six years and currently serves as the department's Administrative Lieutenant. He holds an Associate Degree in Fire Protection Technology from Erie Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University at Buffalo, and completed his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Hilbert College in May of 2020.

Stay Warm & Stay Safe!

With the weather getting colder, it is the time many people start to use their fireplaces, wood stove or pellet stoves. These are all considered Solid Fuel Appliances and are regulated under the Fire Code of New York State.

While these are economical, decorative, and enjoyable; there are inherent dangers with them. No matter the type of solid fuel heating source you may have be it a traditional fireplace, wood stove or a pellet stove, they all have a chimney that needs to be properly maintained. Chimneys should be inspected and cleaned regularly. With a cleaning from a reputable contractor or company, typically comes an inspection, this can help ensure that there are no issues, and the appliance is safe to use. This is not a guarantee but, a good practice. If there should be an accidental fire, the appliance and chimney will be required to be inspected and re-certified. Factory-built chimneys shall be listed and labeled and shall be installed and terminated in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. If you are using a solid-fuel heat source, it is extremely important that your smoke detector and carbon monoxide are in good working order.

What not to Burn:

- Household trash, including cardboard, plastics, foam and the colored ink on magazines, boxes, and wrappers
- Coated, painted, and pressure-treated wood
- Plywood, particle board, or any wood with glue on or in it



Always Correctly Dispose of Ashes:

Do not let the ashes from previous fires build up in the bottom of your fireplace or your wood stove. Anything more than one inch of ash could lead to smokier fires, as it becomes more difficult for oxygen to find its way to the wood. Shovel the ash out, once your fire is out and the ash is completely cool. Use a shovel to scoop it out into a metal container with a lid. Do not throw your ashes into your indoor (or outdoor) trash bin as it could lead to a fire.

Important: Store your fireplace or wood stove ash outside and away from your home in the metal container with lid. This reduces the chance of unexpected fires.



Crossing Guards



The Village of Lancaster is continuously accepting applications for crossing guards. Shifts are 1-2 hours each in the morning & afternoon. We currently have substitute positions available.

If you are interested, please grab an application at the Village Municipal Building located at 5423 Broadway Street.

Leaf Pickup

Please rake leaves to the curb or street edge into a neat pile. If there is no curb, please make sure this does not go into the street. Leaves in the street block storm drains and causes flooding. The Department of Public Works will be around to clean up leaves. For large branch pickup, please call (716) 683-1028 for pickup.



West Main Street Project

The Village of Lancaster envisions the Central Business District as a vibrant, mixed-use destination providing opportunities for a “Shop, Stroll, Stay” experience for both residents and visitors. The West Main Street Extension Project represents a public realm investment that will stimulate this vision.

This project includes these elements:

- Complete street design to accommodate vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, parking, and streetscape
- Extension of West Main Street to Aurora Street. Conversion from one-way street to two-way
- Improvements to West Main Street/Center Avenue intersection. Addition of mini-roundabout at new intersection of West Main Street/Aurora Street.
- 11 ft shared vehicle/bike travel lanes & 8 ft parallel parking lanes on both sides of the street.
- Street trees, light poles, landscape amenities (benches, planters)
- Wayfinding and interpretive signage
- Utility relocations and upgrades (including sanitary sewer, storm sewer, waterlines, gas lines)

See below for progress photos from construction!



There has been some great progress on the West Main Street Project and the contractor is working quickly to get as much completed as possible before the winter shutdown. We are targeting substantial completion of the project toward the end of November, with a short list of items that will need to be completed in the spring due to cold weather impacts. Currently this list includes trees and plantings along the road, final topcoat of pavement, some sidewalk sections, and the final center section of the roundabout. There will be a temporary center section of the roundabout for the winter, and we will post information on the Village website about navigating roundabouts. We are excited about this transformational project that will restore the historic streetscape & appreciate the patience of residents and business owners as we go through the construction phase.

Department of Public Works

Fall means leaves and more leaves! Pictured here is one of our crews busy raking & vacuuming one of the many piles found throughout the Village. As the leaves fall, the number of crews out daily increases, as necessary. At the height of the season, it is not unusual to find up to 4 crews on the street daily to pick up the leaves before the first snowfall. With 77 lane miles of Village streets it is a time-consuming task that takes all our dedicated employees to keep Lancaster looking great.



The public works employees have been busy cleaning, repairing & upgrading playground equipment at the North End Fire Hall Playground. The workers in this photo are busy spreading new clean wood chips throughout the playground area. The playground is sanitized frequently by the employees to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.



Preparations for the upcoming holiday season start early at the DPW. James Mancuso one of our skilled employees recently rebuilt & painted Santa's sleigh. The sleigh will be put on display for the Village's traditional holiday festivities. There are numerous efforts underway by the department to ensure that the Central Business District is well lit & decorated again this Christmas.

The Publics Works Department has always taken great pride in decorating the business district for the holidays. Lights in the trees, garland across Central Avenue, wreaths on the light standards & illuminated snowflakes on the New York Store Building. This year is no exception. In order to complete all the work required to create a festive atmosphere for shoppers and families our department begins this work in early October. Pictured is DPW

employee John Seelig hanging the snowflakes. Wayne Cisco and James Mancuso are inspecting, cleaning & preparing the wreaths for display. The wreaths are always hung after Veterans Day when we remove the flags and flag banners for safe keeping through the winter months. Our employees take great pride in serving the Village of Lancaster community. Whether they are decorating, plowing & salting, cutting lawns, picking up leaves, removing trees or answering a late-night sewer calls... we remain committed to serving our residents 24/7



Village Planning Commission Seeking New Member

The Village Planning Commission is presently seeking one regular member and at least one alternate member to replace a recent resignation of a long-term member. The purpose of the Planning Commission is to conduct a Site Plan Review for new construction, additions, or alterations of commercial properties to ensure the surrounding neighbors & environment will not be adversely affected at the completion of the projects along with adhering to present zoning laws.

The commission works closely with the Town Building Department, the Village Zoning Board, and the Historic Preservation Commission to assure that present zoning and preservation guidelines are being followed. Other than being a Village resident there are no stated qualifications. An interest in the on-going development of the village and to be able to relate to the Joint Comprehensive Plan recently adopted by the Town of Lancaster, Village of Lancaster, and the Village of Depew is desired. Four hours of on-line or in-person training are required annually by the state. These courses will include, but are not limited to, duties of a planning member, zoning requirements, environmental standards, and case issues.

The Planning Commission meets regularly on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building; members are compensated for attendance. Letters of interest with a resume can be sent to Village Clerk at 5423 Broadway, Lancaster NY 14086. If you have questions please call the Planning Commission Chair, Jim Allein at 432-1212.

Holiday Events Cancelled

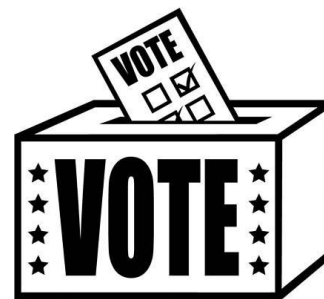
The Greater Lancaster Museum of Fire Fighting is sad to inform the public that the Christmasville Fire Truck Parade for 2020 is cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. They hope to re-capture the event in 2021.



The Village of Lancaster will be cancelling the 2020 Tree Lightning Event. This is due to NYS guidelines and for the safety of our community for large gatherings.

Save the Date!

Village Election
Tuesday, March 16th, 2021



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 or on zoom. Info always posted on website.

November 23rd, 2020
December 14th, 2020
December 28th, 2020
January 11th, 2021
January 25th, 2021
February 8th, 2021
February 22nd, 2021
March 8th, 2021
March 22nd, 2021

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