

# The Lancaster Villager

STAY INFORMED AND BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!



## A Message from the Mayor

This summer brings a lot of excitement as the Village of Lancaster continues to complete construction projects and brainstorms the next phases of development. From the addition of safer mid-block crossings added on Aurora St. to Firefighters' Park renovations, there will be construction happening throughout this summer and into the fall. The \$4.5 million in NY Forward funding has spurred conversations and imaginations throughout our community. This specific funding can only be used in our downtown boundary, but is available for projects that are sponsored by private business, not-for-profit organizations, as well as government entities.

The Village of Lancaster was tasked with the creation of a Local Planning Committee that is comprised of Lancaster residents and this committee will be responsible for creating the Strategic Investment Plan and making the recommendation to New York State regarding which projects should be funded to best fit the vision for the community. While there has already been a lot of public outreach and public feedback, I encourage you to stay involved and invested in this process so that we can have the best possible results for our community. Thank you to everyone who shares in my excitement and pride as we continue to invest in our beautiful community.

- Mayor Lynne Ruda-

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

### Gold Sponsors

- Gabrielle's Bakery
- In Memory of Mary and Don (Pinky) Pfeifer
- In Memory of Molly Kaminski & Kenzie Mycek
- In Memory of Tobbio Marino
- Josie's on Central
- Lancaster Central Teachers Association
- Lancaster Eagle Hose Company
- Lancaster Fire Department
- Mayor Lynne Ruda
- NYS Assemblymember Monica Wallace
- NYS Senator Patrick Gallivan
- Olive Tree Family Restaurant
- Riexinger Wood Company
- Skoob's Village Grille
- The Getzoni Agency
- Valint's Meats
- West Main Jewelers

### Silver Sponsors

Key Bank

### Friend of the Village

- 99 Brick Oven Bar & Grille
- Friends of Mark Poloncarz





HELP KEEP OUR VILLAGE LOOKING BEAUTIFUL!



# Village Gardens Call for help...

"Many hands make light work"

Help tend our Village Gardens to keep them looking beautiful

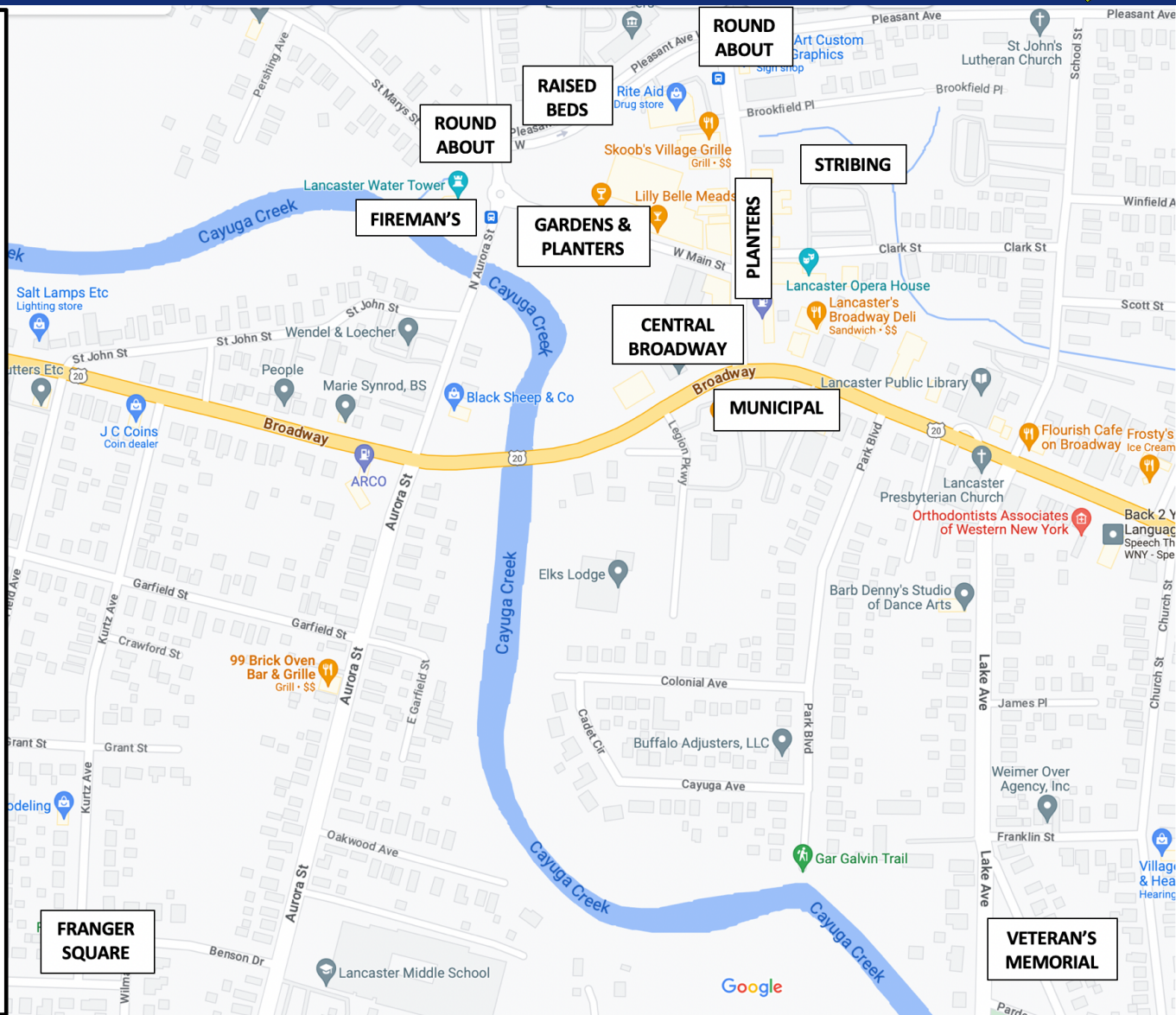
## Adopt a Garden or planter(s)

Looking for folks who can keep an eye on and tend a specific garden or planter(s)

To get info...



LANCASTER BEAUTIFICATION



From the Village sponsored Garden Walk, to the Renaissance Street Faire that is sponsored by Lilly Belle Meads and supported by the Lancaster Village Merchants Association, to the Afternoon in the Garden hosted by the Beautification Committee of the Lancaster Village Merchant Association, there is plenty to do in the Village of Lancaster this summer!



THE VILLAGE OF LANCASTER

# GARDEN WALK 2023

20TH ANNIVERSARY

Friday, July 21 - 8:45pm to 11:00pm  
Saturday, July 22 - 10:00am to 4:30pm  
Sunday, July 23 - 10:00am to 4:30pm



# RENAISSANCE STREET FAIRE

CELEBRATING THE VILLAGE OF LANCASTER

SATURDAY | AUG 5 | 12PM~10PM

LIVE MUSIC • DRINKS • FOOD • FAMILY FRIENDLY ENTERTAINMENT

# An Afternoon In the Garden

A Benefit to support bringing the Beauty of flowers to our community  
**Sunday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**1:00pm - 4:00pm**

**\$50 Donation per ticket**  
Includes: Appetizers, Desserts, Beer and Wine

**Cash Bar for mixed drinks**

**Skoob's Village Grille**  
50 Central Ave., Lancaster, NY

Follow us on Facebook - @beautifylancaster

Premium Raffles & 50/50

Limited number of tickets

For more information & tickets

**Julie (716) 572-6124**

# Wishing Superintendent Cansdale all the Best in His Retirement!!



Bill Cansdale, a lifelong citizen of the Village of Lancaster, first began his service to the Village when elected Village Trustee in 1991. While serving his first term as Village Trustee, Bill successfully ran for Mayor in 1993. Afterwards, he was re-elected Mayor for four additional four year terms.

Bill's accomplishments as Mayor include successfully negotiating the difficult merger of the Town of Lancaster and Village of Lancaster police departments and successfully conducting a referendum eliminating Village of Lancaster Board membership by ward. Before the elimination, village residents elected six trustees –two from each of three village wards. Now four trustees are elected village-wide.

In 2012, after serving as Mayor for 22 years, Bill stepped aside to take a county wide civil service exam to fill the vacant Village of Lancaster Superintendent of Public Works position. He placed No. 1 on the list. Bill was appointed Superintendent of Public Works in 2013 and has continued to serve the Village as Superintendent of Public Works since that time. Many have remarked on Bill's conscientious responsiveness as Superintendent of Public Works to residents' individual concerns.

All in all, Bill Cansdale has continuously served the Village of Lancaster for 32 years. We wish Bill and his wife Brenda, the parents of three children and grandparents of four, a long and happy retirement.

## DPW Paving Schedule 2023

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.

- Brady Avenue (From Vandenburg to Brandel)
- Brandel Avenue (From Erie St to Brady Ave)
- Brunswick Rd (From Broadway to Spohn)
- Christen Ct (All)
- Church St (All)
- Fairfield Ave (All)
- Garfield St (From Norris Ave to Irwinwood Rd)
- Heather Ln (All)
- Livingston St (From Erie St to Brady Ave)

## Splashpad updates made possible through generous donation



A beautiful ribbon cutting ceremony took place at the Hadsall Park Splashpad. Upgrades to the park were made possible by the generous donations of Jeanine Babcock and "Blessed by Brian", which was founded to raise money in memory of her son.

# VILLAGE PROJECT UPDATES

## Aurora Street Crosswalks

This project will provide pedestrian enhancements on Aurora St. at Richmond Ave and Artel Metz drive with the addition of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons to create a safe opportunity for pedestrians to cross the street. The project should be ready to go to bid and should be completed by the end of the year.

## Firefighters Park

This project will update the existing park and add more historical information and monuments recognizing our volunteers and the service that they provide to our community. The project bids have been received and construction should begin this summer.



## Culvert Repair Project

This project will repair the Plum Bottom Creek Culvert. The project is currently in design phase and will be put out to bid with construction in 2024.



# THE VILLAGE OF LANCASTER TURNS 175 YEARS OLD IN 2024!

The 175th Anniversary Committee is working to come up with a yearlong celebration for the year 2024. A monthly guest speaker series, historic walking tours, trivia nights and more are being planned to make the 175th Anniversary a year to remember! Follow the Village of Lancaster social media and website for more information!

## From the Historic Preservation Commission

### All about Windows

#### Part 1

Windows are one of the most recognizable and character-defining features of a historic building. Like doors, windows serve a functional purpose and contribute to the overall style and appearance of a building, specifically as they relate to a building's proportion, mass, and rhythm. Historic windows in the Village of Lancaster are varied with common types including traditional double-hung windows in varying configurations, as well as bay, fixed, casement, dormer, and decorative windows.

Historic windows can last indefinitely, particularly when they receive regular maintenance and care. These window assemblies were designed to be disassembled and repaired and are generally constructed with high quality, resilient materials. In combination with additional weatherization methods, historic windows can provide energy efficiency equivalent to the installation of replacement windows. Poor maintenance, inappropriate repairs, or replacements can compromise the integrity and overall appearance of historic buildings. Historic windows should not be replaced unless they deteriorated beyond repair.

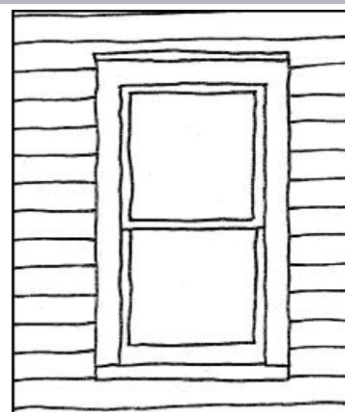
#### Recommended Window Maintenance

- Check for any damage or wear
- Check for clean and well-kept condition
- Repair any attachments or hardware
- Correct any painted surfaces showing flaking, fading or otherwise deteriorated conditions.
- Replace broken glass

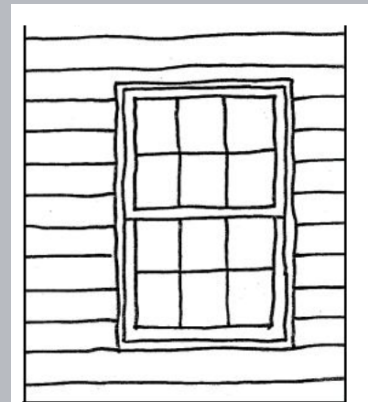
For more information, view the entire article and the HPC Design Guidelines on our website, [www.villageoflancasterhpc.com](http://www.villageoflancasterhpc.com).

## ! Receive Emergency Updates

Stay informed and up to date on emergencies by following the Code Red Alert that the Town OEM Director puts out. The information goes out through a site called ONSOLVE. You do not need to make an account but you do enter your information into the link below and then determine how you want to receive the alerts. This is great for all bad weather events, Amber alerts would be put out on this, road closures due to accidents, etc. To receive these messages, go to <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/241A7FCB92F6>



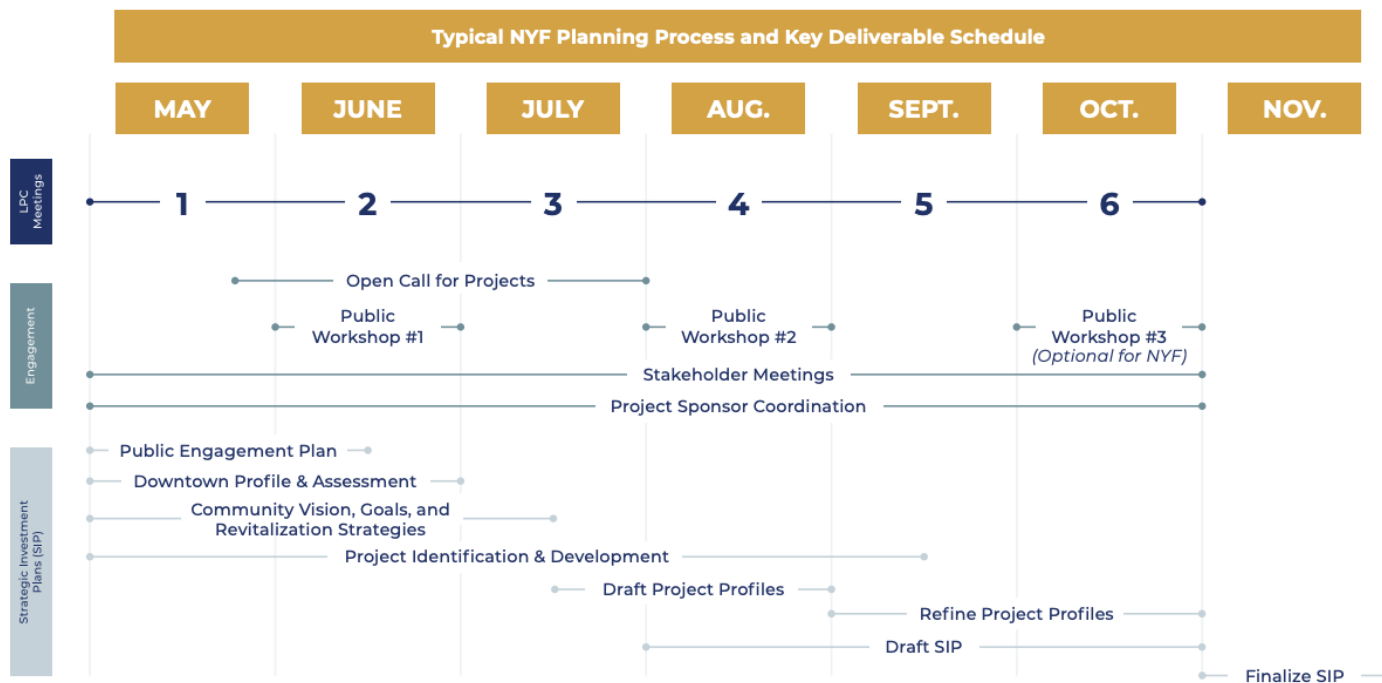
*Windows in historic wood frame buildings are typically twice as tall as they are wide. Traditional trim includes sill, jamb (at sides) and head with a wood drip edge at the top to shed water.*



*Many modern windows lack traditional surrounding trim and do not match the proportions of historic windows are therefore not visually compatible with historic buildings.*

## Timeline

The NYF planning process typically spans several months and includes various milestones:



## Goals

The primary goals of the NYF program are to:

- Create an active downtown with a strong sense of place.
- Attract new businesses that create a robust mix of shopping, entertainment, and service options for residents and visitors, and that provide job opportunities for a variety of skills and salaries.
- Enhance public spaces for arts and cultural events that serve the existing members of the community but also draw in visitors from around the region.
- Build a diverse population, with residents and workers supported by complementary diverse housing and employment opportunities.
- Grow the local property tax base.
- Provide amenities that support and enhance downtown living and quality of life.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support investments that are more resilient to future climate change impacts.

## Local Planning Committee (LPC)

A Local Planning Committee, composed of local and regional leaders, is formed to guide the NYF planning process and represent the interests and priorities of the community. Over several months, the LPC meets regularly to:

- Guide the consultant and State team;
- Discuss the vision, goals, and strategies for the downtown area;
- Review planning documents; and
- Evaluate and recommend proposed projects.

Public meetings are also held to solicit feedback from the community on the vision, goals, and proposed projects within the NYF boundary.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?  
SCAN TO LEARN MORE





# SUMMER IN THE VILLAGE



Thank you to Special Events Coordinator Nolin Jackson and the Depew-Lancaster Boys and Girls Club for an incredible 4th of July Celebration and to Julie Curtis and Peggy Riexinger for making our Village Beautiful!



## 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 24th
- Monday, August 14th
- Monday, August 28th
- Monday, September 11th
- Monday, September 25th
- Monday, October 9th
- Monday, October 23rd
- Monday, November 13th

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