

# The Lancaster Villager

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## A Message from the Mayor

It has been an incredible few months for the Village of Lancaster! Our 175th anniversary has been in full swing with great events like the Car Show, the Movie Night and the Jubilee. Our Monthly Guest Speaker Series and Historic Walking Tours have reminded us how amazing our Village is, and what a proud history that it has. Our Fire Department had it's Chief's Banquet, swearing in Chief Eric Feldmann and will soon have their celebration of 150 years of existence! Our Village has truly never looked more beautiful. The buntings and banners that hang on our Village Buildings proudly showcase our 175th Anniversary, our Veterans Banners and Chiefs Banners hang on the light poles, and the flowers throughout the Village look incredible. We see more private construction in the heart of our downtown, as the demand to live and own a business in the Village continues to grow. I am so proud to see the announcements for the \$4.5 million in NY Forward Funds, as well as the recently announced \$3.4 million dollars in Transportation Alternative Funds. There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes to be able to obtain these funds and I am thankful to the grants committee for their vision, hard work, and time. Thank you also to Governor Hochul for investing in our community. We are now undergoing an update to our Comprehensive Plan and it is more important than ever to participate and let your voice be heard. I hope you have an amazing summer and are able to spend some time enjoying everything this Village has to offer.

- Mayor Lynne Ruda-

## Outstanding Community Members Recognized

Julie Curtis and Peggy Riexinger were named the recipients of the James Siemon Keysa Mayor's Community Service Award this year for their dedication to the Beautification Committee that plants and maintains all of the garden beds, planters and hanging baskets in the Village. They also run the Garden Walk. Daniel Rinow is the recipient of the Urban H. Rozler Citizenship Award. After retiring from the Lancaster Police Department, he has served as assistant judge for the past 14 Years. He has also been a firefighter with the Lancaster Fire Department for over 50 years. Thank you to these amazing citizens for all that you do for our community!



*175th Anniversary Edition*



# There is Always Something To Do in the Village of Lancaster - Save the Dates!

## 175th Anniversary Events

8/10 - Explore Buffalo is hosting 2 walking tours starting at the Lancaster Historical Society. Tour start times are 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at [explorebuffalo.org](http://explorebuffalo.org).

8/17 - Lancaster Porchfest runs throughout the Village from noon to 5 p.m. Head to [lancasterporchfest.com](http://lancasterporchfest.com) for a list of locations, bands, and performance times.

9/12 - September's Speaker Series is with members of the Lancaster Fire Department at the Greater Lancaster Museum of Firefighting. The presentation begins at 6 p.m.

9/15 - September's Speaker Series part 2 is with Ryan Duffey from the Holland Land Company at 2pm in the Lancaster Senior Center.

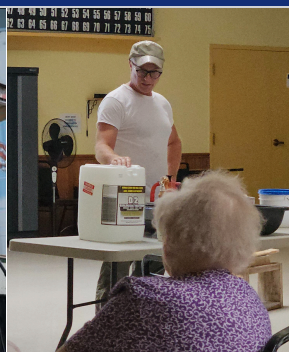
9/28 - Lancaster Fall Fest



As part of its 175th Anniversary and beyond, the Village of Lancaster is pleased to offer a Village street tree dedication program.

For more information stop in the Village of Lancaster Clerk's Office at 5423 Broadway, or go to: [www.lancastervillageny.gov/tree-dedication](http://www.lancastervillageny.gov/tree-dedication)

## 175th Anniversary Memories



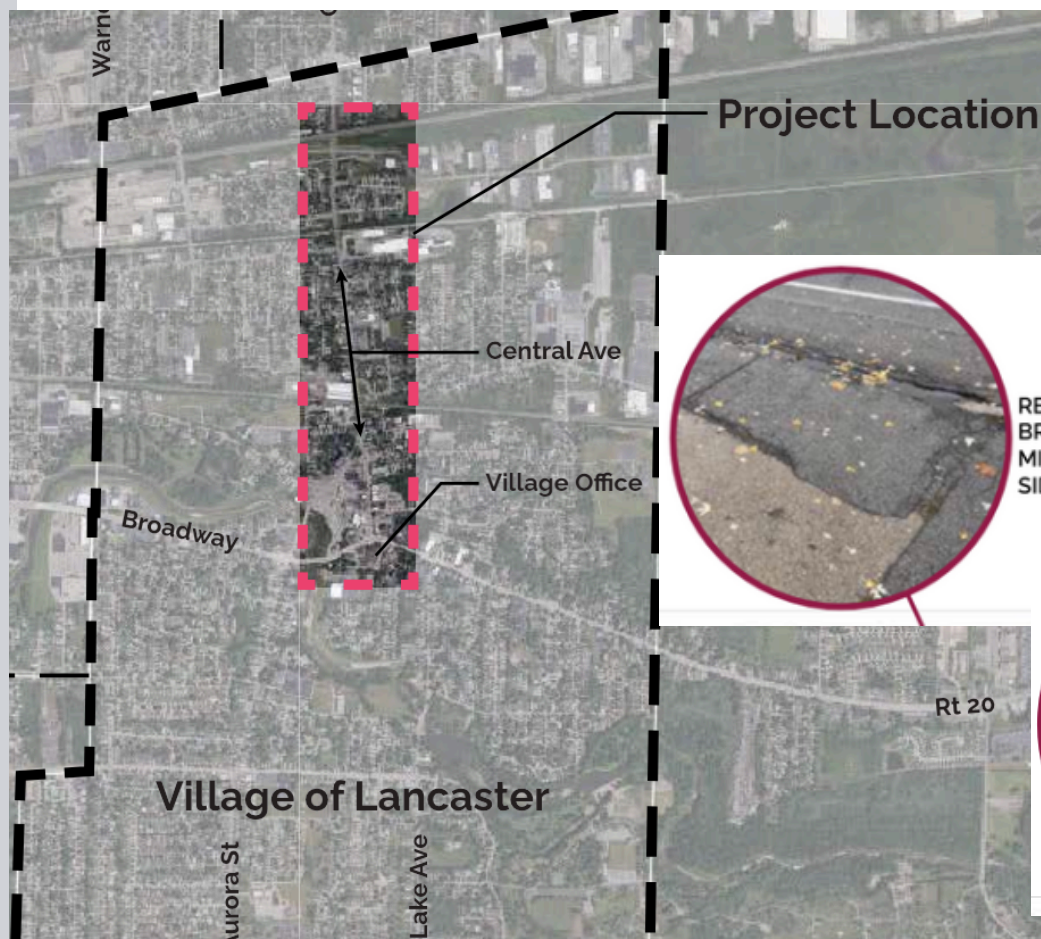
Cheers to  
175 Years!





## The Village of Lancaster is awarded another \$3.4 Million Grant!

The Village of Lancaster was recently awarded \$3,392,800 to the Village of Lancaster to fill in the gaps in the pedestrian and bicycle network along Central Avenue through the New York State Transportation Alternatives Program. This grant will be used to improve the streetscape on Central Avenue, from Broadway to Walden. As the Village looks to repave Central Avenue, this funding will help with the streetscape elements, including repairing and replacing dangerous sidewalks, bringing the sidewalk ramps to code, re-stripping bicycle lanes, adding some elements like street lighting.



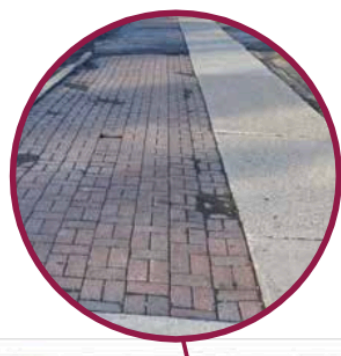
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Central Ave

Village Office

Village of Lancaster

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## 4th of July Highlights!





## THE VILLAGE OF LANCASTER IS WORKING ON A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

### **What is a Comprehensive Plan?**

A comprehensive plan is a policy document that identifies the goals, objectives, and policies for the immediate and long-range protection, enhancement, growth, and development of a municipality.

### **Comprehensive plans tend to include information on the following topics:**

- Land Use & Development
- Municipal Services & Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Housing & Neighborhoods
- Environment & Recreation
- Community Identity & Character

A Comprehensive Plan outlines a municipality's goals related to different topic areas and includes recommended actions to achieve these goals.

### **We want to hear from you!**

*Active, construction participation from the community is the only way to ensure the comprehensive plan addresses the needs and priorities of residents.*

This Comprehensive Plan update is for the Villages of Lancaster and Depew and is funded through a grant that was received from the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning.

## **HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR VILLAGES!**



The Village of Lancaster and Village of Depew are preparing a Comprehensive Plan update and want to hear from you!

Scan the QR Code to access the [community survey](#).



The survey can also be accessed at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LancasterDepewCompPlan>



### **DPW Receives New Equipment**

The Village of Lancaster has invested in new DPW equipment and continues to work with the DPW on the equipment replacement program started under Mayor Ruda. Clockwise from top left: A new remote controlled lawn mower for the hills on Central Avenue. Two new plow trucks, a new sweeper, a new roller for paving season. Often times, the lead time on this equipment takes years, so Mayor Ruda would like to thank the prior boards that approved this purchase, in anticipation of the long delivery time on large equipment at this time. This equipment will not only ensure the safety of our DPW employees, but also that our residents receive the best services possible.





## Firefighter's Park Opening to Honor the Lancaster Fire Department's 150 Years of Service to our Village

The Lancaster Fire Department and the Village of Lancaster have been working on the design and plans for a new Firefighter's Park and the new park is finally completed! Mayor Ruda thanks the members of the Lancaster Fire Department who sat on the committee, overseeing this project. The Chief's and members envisioned a park that would not only honor their members and the service that was provided, but also educate the public about the Lancaster Fire Department and provide their members with a gathering space to host their Ceremonial Inspection. Engineering was completed by CPL and construction was completed by Pinto Construction. We hope that our residents stop by the park to learn about our Fire Department and consider signing up to volunteer with this incredible organization that gives back so much to the community. The Fire Department also recently received 2 Chief's Vehicles and had banners hung in honor of their past Chiefs.



### Lancaster Historic Preservation Commission recognizes Village Business for May Preservation Month

In honor of Preservation Month, the Village of Lancaster Historic Preservation Commission, at their June meeting, recognized one Village business for its' contribution to historic preservation.

**Valint's Meats** (25 Central Ave.) is recognized as a New Business Renovation within a historic context. The business is located within the Central Avenue Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. Originally constructed as the Bank of Lancaster (ca.1920), the building's storefront, exterior awning and interior were recently upgraded to be compatible with the building's history and the HPC's Design Guidelines..

Michael Meyer, Chair of the Commission, presented business owner Adam Schiller with a plaque recognizing this property at the Commission's June 12, 2024 meeting.





# \$4.5 MILLION IN NY FORWARD PROJECTS ANNOUNCED BY NEW YORK STATE IN THE VILLAGE OF LANCASTER

New York State announced the \$4.5 million worth of projects as a part of the NY Forward program. In addition to the projects listed, \$300,000 will be allocated to a small project fund that will administer funding to small businesses that submit project applications that fall within the boundary set for this grant within the Central Business District. The Village of Lancaster would like to thank Governor Hochul for dedicating this funding throughout our community and investing in the Village of Lancaster!

## PROPOSED CONDITIONS



Left: Expand the Lancaster Village Center with a New Mixed-Use Building at 20 West Main (\$881,000)

Right: Revitalize and Reconnect Lancaster with a New Pocket Park at the Municipal Building (\$206,000)

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Below: Elevate the Opera House and Town Hall into a State-of-the-Art Iconic Building (\$1,156,000)

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Above: Renovate the Boys & Girls Club and Create a New Teen Center (\$1,057,000)

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Below: Construct New Senior Housing along Plum Bottom Creek at Brookfield Place (\$900,000)



## 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 22nd  
Monday, August 12th  
Monday, August 26th  
Monday, September 9th  
Monday, September 23rd  
Monday, October 7th  
Monday, October 28th

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