

The Lancaster Villager

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INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!



A Message from the Mayor

This fall, the Village of Lancaster has come alive with a series of unforgettable events that brought the community together in celebration. The season kicked off with the Lancaster Village Fall Fest. Wine enthusiasts enjoyed a delightful evening during the Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce Wine Walk. The Lancaster Thrills event, hosted by 716 Dance, with their annual Thriller Dance. As October approached, the Halloween Celebration organized by the Lancaster Village Merchant Association transformed the village into a hub of spooky festivities, with families in costumes enjoying trick-or-treating and local businesses providing treats and activities, creating a cherished tradition. Pet lovers celebrated during the Woof and Treat Event at Como Lake Bark Park. Meanwhile, sports enthusiasts gathered at the Village Merchant Association's Buffalo Bills viewing parties. Throughout it all, the Village looked particularly enchanting, thanks to the tireless efforts of the Beautification Committee, whose dedication to decorating and maintaining public spaces made Lancaster a warm and inviting backdrop for the season. As we reflect on this incredible fall, it's evident that Lancaster is fortunate to have so many passionate individuals and organizations dedicated to enriching our community, creating a tapestry of experiences that truly celebrate the spirit of togetherness. Here's to many more seasons of celebration in our vibrant village!

- Mayor Lynne Ruda-



175th Anniversary Edition

VILLAGE OF LANCASTER TREE EQUITY AND EDUCATION INITIATIVE

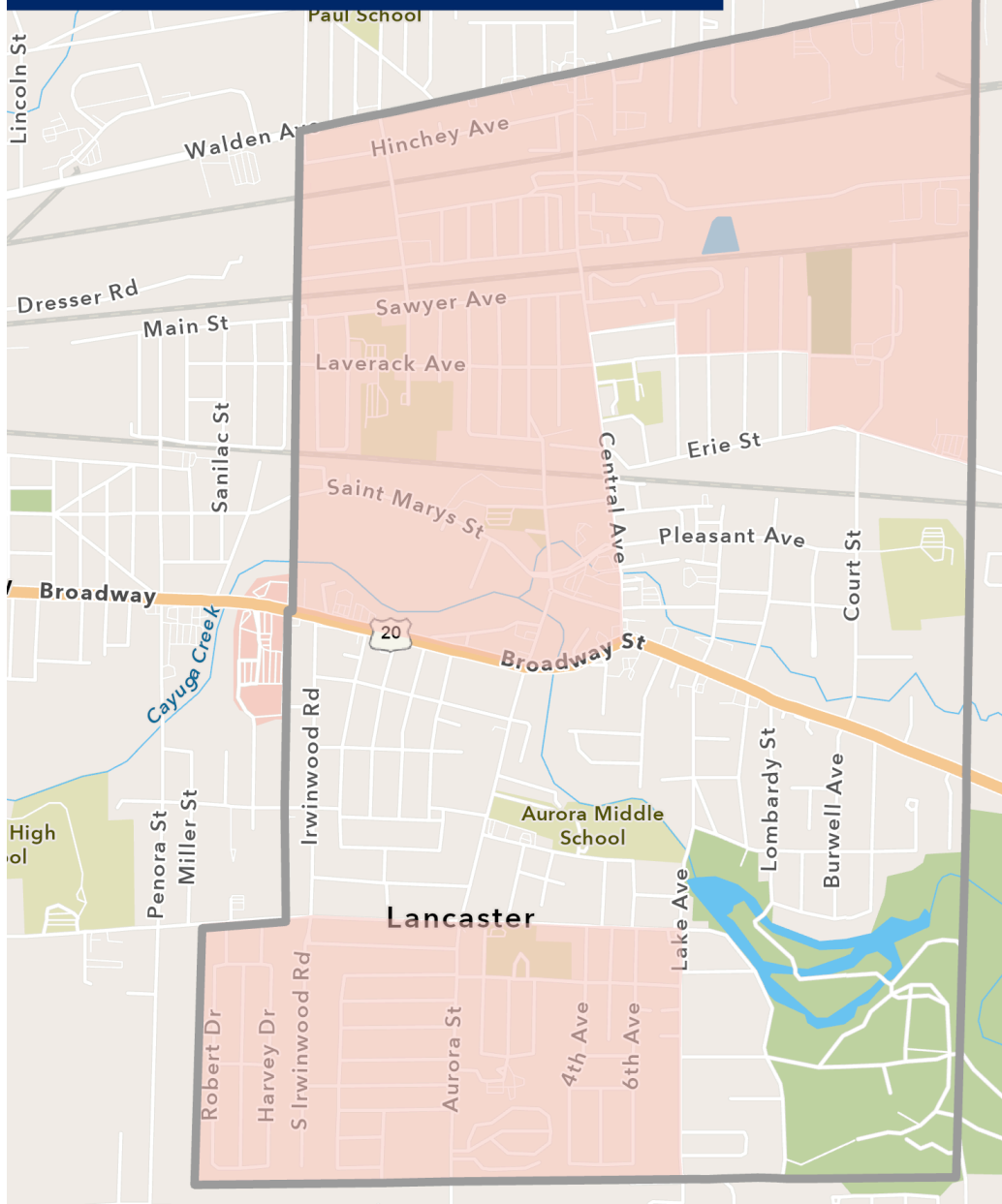
This exciting project is funded by a \$255,584 federal subaward grant from the USDA Forest Service, facilitated by American Forests. The project's purpose is to increase tree canopy cover within the Village of Lancaster, creating a healthier and more sustainable environment for residents. This grant will fund consultants, trees, planting materials, tools, and educational materials.

Trees will be planted in pre-selected areas between the sidewalk and the curb in the municipal right of way. The project will focus on planting and maintaining trees in four neighborhoods within the village.

Neighborhoods were selected for tree planting based on a detailed assessment of the current tree planting efforts and environmental risks within the community.

Residents will be notified via mail if a tree is planned to be planted near your house. The notification will include details such as the type of tree and the expected planting date. This ensures that residents are informed before the planting takes place. The first planting season will be Spring 2025, and planting will take place in the fall and spring seasons over the next several years.

Tree Planting Locations Village of Lancaster



For more information and FAQs about the project, contact sustainability@lancastervillageny.gov or visit our website at www.lancastervillageny.gov

DPW ADVANCES ENERGY EFFICIENCY WITH COMPLETE LED LIGHTING UPGRADE THROUGH CLEAN ENERGY GRANT

The Department of Public Works is upgrading municipal lighting systems at the DPW Buildings to energy-efficient LED technology, with the goal of significantly reducing energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and energy costs. Funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Clean Energy Communities Project and selected based on an NYSERDA energy study, this initiative will complete the interior and exterior lighting conversion. The DPW building will have 100% LED lights by the end of the year.



LANCASTER
OPERA HOUSE

THE
WIZARD
OF OZ

NOV 22 – DEC 8, 2024

THE WIZARD OF OZ

– THE NIGHT BEFORE –
CHRISTMAS

DEC 13 – 15, 2024

THE NIGHT BEFORE
CHRISTMAS



**Don't Miss
the
Upcoming
Shows at
the
Lancaster
Opera
House!**

Call for new members!

Help us make a positive
impact today.

The Forestry Advisory Board and the
Climate Smart Task Force are looking
for new members!

Contact
sustainability@lancastervillageny.gov
to find out how you can make a
difference in our community!



17th Annual Christmasville Fire Truck Parade

Come join us for the 17th Annual Fire Truck Parade on Saturday, November 30th! The event is hosted by The Greater Lancaster Museum of Firefighting and starts at 6:00p.m. Just like in the past, the parade will go down Central Ave and will end on West Main St. We hope to see you there!



16th Annual Christmasville Firetruck Parade
Lancaster, New York Presented by Basil Family Dealerships



Lancaster Fire Department 2024 Winter and Holiday Safety Tips:

During the holiday season your Lancaster Fire Department sees an uptick in the variety of fire calls that we respond to. As we approach the upcoming season, we would like to share some safety reminders to ensure that your festivities stay merry and bright so that you can safely deck the halls this holiday season.

- Having fire extinguishers – and knowing how to use them – is an important part of maintaining a safe home for you and your family. In an emergency, using a fire extinguisher can be frightening, especially if you're unfamiliar with the process. There is an acronym, **P.A.S.S.**, to help you remember the four simple steps: Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep.
- Test your carbon monoxide alarms and smoke detectors at least once a month.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your furnace, vents and chimney every year.
- Keep anything that can burn, including your Christmas tree, at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, space heaters, heat vents or candles.
- Remember to check your holiday light strings for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets. Also, avoid plugging too many lights into an outlet; overloaded circuits can overheat and cause an electrical fire.
- Entrances to your residence or business should be kept clear of snow and ice for responding emergency personnel.

P

Pull the safety pin.

A

Aim the hose or nozzle of the extinguisher at the base of the fire for the most effectiveness.

S

Squeeze the trigger evenly to maximize the extinguisher's effectiveness.

S

Sweep the hose or nozzle in a back-and-forth movement across the fire's base.



If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter (18+ years old) or a Junior Firefighter (14 – 18 years old) please visit our website at www.lancasterfd.org and click the Join and Apply Today links and a member of our team will contact you with more information.

Project Updates

Comprehensive Plan Update

- The Village of Lancaster completed a community wide survey and had a public meeting to gather public information regarding the plans for the future of the Village of Lancaster. The Village is working with LaBella to create a draft plan.

TAP Grant - Central Avenue Project

- The Village of Lancaster received responses to a Request for Proposals and will be interviewing companies to hire the engineering firm that will design the Central Avenue project

NY Forward

- The Village of Lancaster received responses to a Request for Proposals and will be deciding on the consulting and engineering firms for the Pocket Park Project and the Small Project Fund.



Winter is coming: Here are some reminders while clearing snow



- Village Plow Operators are required to obtain a plowing permit, pursuant to Village Code § 279-3.
- All Public Sidewalks shall be cleared after each snowfall.
- Storage piles should be kept out of right of ways and away from any storm drain inlets or swales.
- Plowing across any road is prohibited.
- Citations may result by not following guidelines that protect safe pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

175th Events

The Village of Lancaster 175th Anniversary Holiday Home Decorating Contest



Enter at
[lancastervillageny.gov/
175th-anniversary/](http://lancastervillageny.gov/175th-anniversary/)
by December 6, 2024

Thank you for celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Village of Lancaster with us this past year! It has been an amazing year filled with speaker series and monthly events commemorating the history of our village.

Cheers to another 175 years!



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/



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 25th
Monday, December 9th
Monday, December 23rd
Monday, January 13th
Monday, January 27th
Monday, February 10th
Monday, February 24th

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