

Williamsburg Village Update

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In Brief

As 2023 comes to a close in a few months, Williamsburg Village will be entering a year of celebration and renewal in 2024.

We will be celebrating Williamsburg's 40th birthday in 2024. Commemorating that milestone, we are planning to create a beautiful new monument for the Sumter Avenue entrance.

Work has begun to update and renew the Bylaws to make them relevant to the changes that have taken place over the past forty years.

We are planning to return ownership of fences to homeowners. We also plan to develop policies to govern storage sheds.

While we plan for a bright future for Williamsburg, sit back and check out what's been happening the last several months.

There have been and will continue to be several community activities, get togethers and meetings. Our next get together, the 2nd Annual Williamsburg Oktoberfest is planned for October 7th, Flyer attached. We encourage all residents to get out, meet your neighbors, get involved and enjoy life in Williamsburg.

One of the biggest changes in the last year has been the hiring of Best Choice

Lawncare. For the 75 homeowners living in Cul de Sacs, the improvement in snow removal has been remarkable. For all residents, retrieving your mail this winter was just about as easy as it was in July.

The Winter of 2022-2023 was one of the worst in over a century. Very often as city plows passed by, they also plowed residents into their driveways and cul-de-sacs,

Edgar would often see a resident struggling to dig out and clear the driveway at no charge.

We've heard an overwhelming number of positive comments not only about the quality of workmanship, we've also continually received calls and emails saying what a great guy Edgar is. He's been a big part of positive changes.

Preparing for Winter

With another Winter around the corner, now is the time to contract with **BestChoice** to have your driveway plowed and your sidewalk shoveled for the season.

- Winter Season 2023 - 2024
\$490 Driveway plowing & sidewalk
- Ask about Fall cleanup & aeration
- Contact Edgar - 952-607-0461

Bestchoicelawncare22@outlook.com

IMPORTANT NOTE: OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

The new Williamsburg email is:

contactus@williamsburgvillage.net

Please add this to your contact list.

Williamsburg Community Recognized by Bloomington FD



In addition to Cul de Sacs, mailboxes and driveways, Edgar & crew kept our hydrants cleared and it didn't go unnoticed.

On February 25, 2023, the Bloomington Fire Department posted this on their Twitter / X page. It received 1722 views; 18 likes and 2 reposts.

"Williamsburg Village in Bloomington is a great example of how to keep hydrants cleared of snow. Nice job and Thank you!" pic.twitter.com/r7zLXt3KAc

Friendly Reminders

- 1) If you have a need an architectural review related to your property, please send your request to us at: contactus@williamsburgvillage.net We are happy to report that those requests are being reviewed more promptly. You can usually count on the board to review your request within one week. Please note: This form will be undergoing a revision
- 2) There has been a great deal of confusion regarding garbage pick-up. **You do not need to mark your bags with your house number.** The City of Bloomington and garbage haulers have never made that request of residents. If you have any questions or concerns about that, please contact us.
- 3) Lastly, Williamsburg is dog friendly. But as a courtesy for your neighbors, please pick up after your dogs. It is the right thing to do, and it is necessary to keep our greenspaces and sidewalks free from debris.

Building Community Connections

Williamsburg held several events & gatherings this past year that have been enjoyed by many of our homeowners. These get togethers create new opportunities for all of us to get to know each other and build friendships and connections. Turnouts are getting larger for each event. Check one out if you haven't been.

Oktoberfest was held last year on October 14 at the Quebec Circle location. Although the weather was very chilly that day, the food and camaraderie were unbeatable.

On June 4 of this year, we held the **Spring Fling** at the Tot Lot and had an amazing turnout, great food and a special opportunity to meet Edgar and his family.



“Sips and Snacks” on July 9th, brought a nice gathering of neighbors together at the Tot Lot to share some special food and conversation.

Joe and Amy brought their special homemade salsa and chips to share with us and they even brought samples for us to take home. That was so generous and thoughtful. Thank you!

August 1st was our annual **National Night Out** and we enjoyed ice cream treats to celebrate.

All these get togethers are generating a great deal of positive vibes and connection in Williamsburg. We wanted to share some of those comments with you.

“Williamsburg is a great place to live.”

“Good things are happening in the neighborhood, and it just feels better.”

“Thank you for bringing us all together.”

“Grateful that you foster community building.”

“Thank you for bringing Edgar to us.”

Please set aside Saturday, October 7 for our 2nd Annual Williamsburg Oktoberfest on Quebec Circle. 4:30-7:00pm



IMPORTANT – NEW EMAIL FOR WILLIAMSBURG

In Case you missed it on page 1 – Yes, it's that important.

Please delete previous email addresses you may have had for Williamsburg Village.

The new email is: contactus@williamsburgvillage.net

Wanted: We're looking for residents with HTML skills, to help with electronic mailings, newsletters and possibly a website. If you have abilities in this area and would be willing to volunteer some time, please contact us. contactus@williamsburgvillage.net

Updating Contact Information

We've been working to update contact information for all residents. As part of the effort to modernize communication standards we're asking for current emails and cell numbers for the members of your household. We've had situations where being able to text notifications re: crime or strangers in the neighborhood would be to everyone's benefit. Receiving this newsletter electronically, and many other time and cost saving measures. If you haven't already updated your information in the past few months, please email us @ contactus@williamsburgvillage.net and we'll send you a form to provide the necessary information.



**Williamsburg Village Second Annual Oktoberfest!
Celebrate the Fall season with your neighbors!**

**Location: Quebec Circle
Saturday, October 7th
4:30 pm-7:00 pm**

**Burgers, Brats and water provided by the Association
Feel free to bring a dish, snack or desert to share**

**Please bring your own beverages and chairs
We'll have coolers, the fire pit and bean bag toss game.**

