

# Williamsburg Times

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The 2024 Spring and Summer seasons in Williamsburg have been packed with lots of projects and events. Several have been completed, some are on the calendar, and a few are in the planning stages.

This issue recaps some of the larger accomplishments, issues, and plans for our community. Make sure to visit the association website @ [www.williamsburgvillage.net](http://www.williamsburgvillage.net) to stay informed and participate.

## **MAILBOX PROJECT**

The mailbox project has truly been a community effort. In addition to the installation process, dozens of Williamsburg residents spent hundreds of hours working behind the scenes...planning, unloading trucks, unpacking mailboxes, applying numbers, creating databases of key numbers, and correlating them to addresses, repacking the mailboxes, distributing them to homes around the development to store them until installation and finally, the distribution of keys.

All of these tasks took an enormous effort and many, many hours of volunteered time. There was a lot of great teamwork, lots of laughs and a little swearing. The net result was the project was completed \$12,000 under the estimates received from contractors.

### **Some Interesting Facts**

- 12,000 Pounds of concrete were used
- 99 mailboxes weighed 3,960 Pounds
- 660 Pounds of 4" x 4" Posts were used
- 210 Pounds of decorative Mexican River Rock were pressed into the concrete

We would like to give a special Thank You to Jack Pointer. Jack worked on planning and all phases of the processing and installation. The entire project would not have happened if it weren't for Jack's efforts. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

The residents that volunteered their time, efforts and garage space also made the entire project flow without any major glitches. Hopefully, we haven't forgotten anyone.

Jack Kutsch  
Jack Pointer  
Patti Pointer  
Leslie Cary  
Seth Hochstatter  
Romny Hong

Tracy Leith  
Laura Thomas  
Kay Witherspoon  
Howard Witherspoon  
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Marilyn Tucker  
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Lori Kalahar  
Dave Tucker  
Kevin Brazell

## Final Steps

As the cooler weather approaches we've brought in black dirt and planted grass around the new boxes. One final request is for volunteers to water the newly planted seed. Next spring we'll spread more seed and take care of any final touchups.

## The Process



On Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> we received 3 pallets of mailboxes and components.



With 6 volunteers we quickly unloaded 99 mailboxes, 32 posts and 32 spreaders. A good warm-up for the next day.



On Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> a crew of 10 volunteers with an ample supply of doughnuts and coffee began to process the mailboxes @ 8:00 AM.



All 99 mailboxes had to be unpacked. The house numbers were applied, the keys were entered into our data base and sorted for distribution.



The mailboxes were then re-boxed and staged for distribution to the homes that would store them until installation.



By 2:00 PM all 99 boxes were processed and distributed.  
A HUGE ACCOMPLISHMENT!



The next step was to begin digging the post holes below the frost line. Each Post hole received 375 lbs. of concrete.



Black Mexican Beach Pebbles were pressed into the top of the concrete. 210 lbs. of these decorative rocks were used around the 32 posts.



After all of the posts were installed the spreaders were mounted.



Once all of the spreaders were in place the mailboxes were installed.



On July 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> keys were distributed to residents and the boxes were in use.

## **WILLIAMSBURG TREES**

### **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)**

As you may or may not know, the city of Bloomington and Williamsburg Village are experiencing an epidemic of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. The larvae of this small beetle feed on the conductive tissue of ash tree bark, which eventually kills the tree.

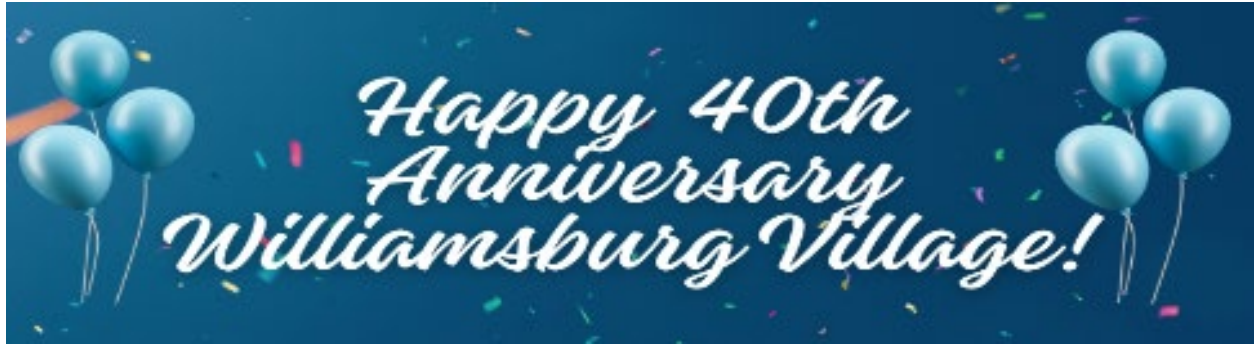
Once a tree has been infested, it is too late to treat it, and the tree must be removed. Unfortunately, there are several dozen infested trees in our development. We are working with the City Forester to identify the infested trees. Most of them are easy to spot and many residents have begun the removal process.



Later this year or early next year the City Forester will mark infested trees with a red circle painted around the trunk. This will indicate the need to have the tree removed. Even after an infested tree is cut down, there are strict restrictions as to the disposal of the wood. We will continue to keep you updated and have posted links to more information about EAB in the resources section of the Williamsburg website.

### **Other Trees**

Having celebrated our 40th anniversary this year, Williamsburg has trees that were planted when our development was built, and several are at or near the end of their life cycle. The association has been identifying trees that are substantially or completely dead and notifying homeowners of the need to remove them. Several dozen have already been removed. In addition to our efforts to care for and enhance the common areas, we need to also remove dying trees, branches and shrubs from residential spaces. Not only are they an eyesore, but they also potentially present a hazard by falling.



## **40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

On Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> we held our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with a Potluck get together in the Tot Lot. We had a great turnout with lots of delicious food and music from 1984

Several of the 17 original homeowners that still live in Williamsburg attended. They told stories from 40 years ago and shared lots of laughs.

Original Owners:

- Bob & Laura Ailes
- Leslie Cary
- Jack & Claudia Davis
- Rob & Julie Hannibal
- Ida Kats
- Cathy & Brian Foy
- Lynn & Ward Northrup
- Sandra Olson
- John & Jacqueline Hartnett
- Harry & Doris Hill
- Greg & Suzanne Mayer
- Wayne & Ann Olson
- Susan Palmer
- Gordon & Margaret Latchana
- Ron & Meri Meyer
- Jeff Lake
- Rick & Susan Speilman



Original Williamsburg  
Homeowners in Attendance



Plenty of great food was shared, with a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake to 'top it off'

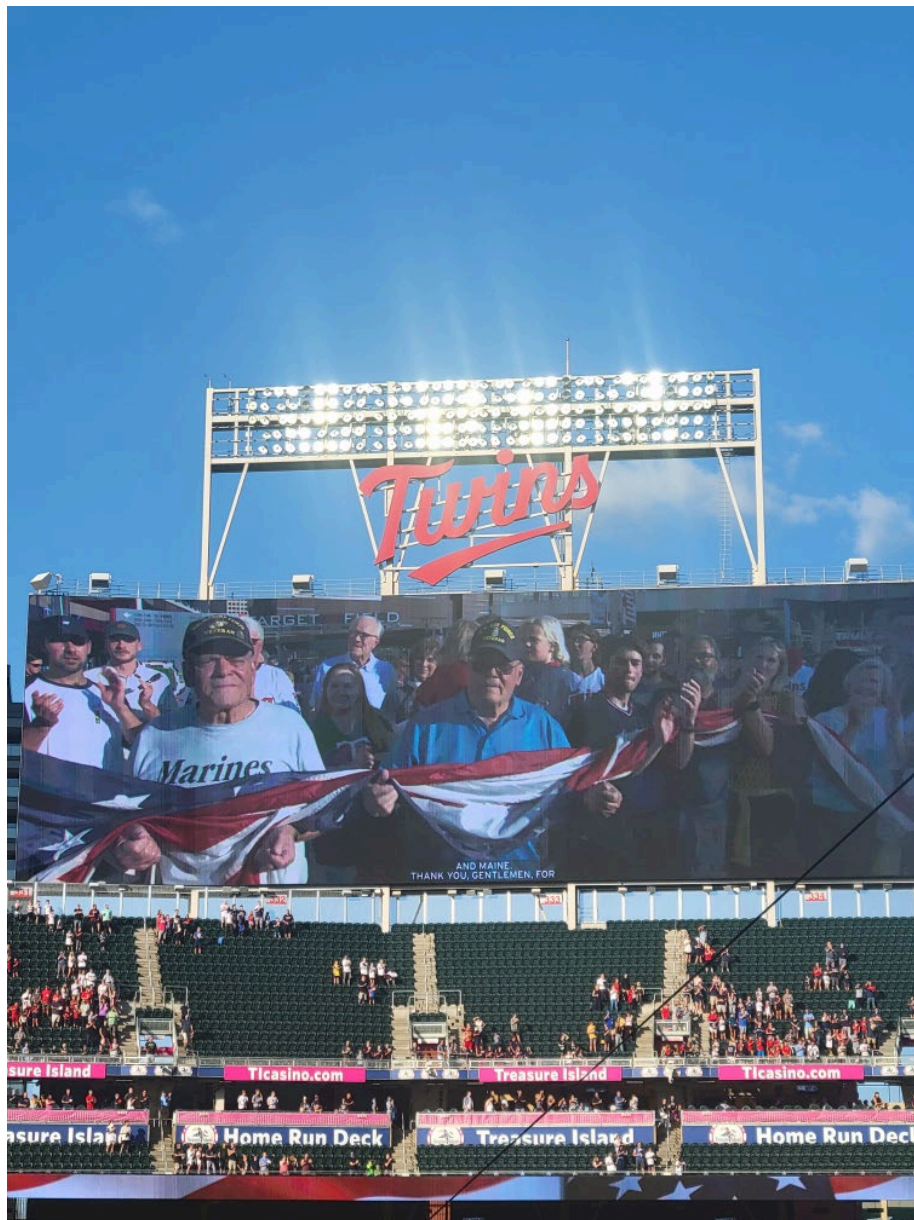
It was a time to reflect, visit with our neighbors, meet new neighbors and celebrate 40 Years as a Community.





## **WILLIAMSBURG RESIDENT HONORED AT TWINS GAME**

Dan Betlock, former board member and longtime resident of Williamsburg Village, is pictured on the left with his twin brother (no you aren't seeing double) at the flag raising ceremony before start of the MN Twins game at Target Field on Tuesday, August 13th (vs. Royals). Dan and his brother are retired US Marines. Thank you for your service Dan!



## ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> was National Night Out. Once again we had beautiful weather for our Ice Cream Social, and once again we had a great turnout....including some very friendly neighborhood pets. Thank you to everyone for supporting a stronger and safer neighborhood.



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## **Williamsburg Village Third Annual Oktoberfest**

**Celebrate the Fall Season with Your Neighbors**

- **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** (Rain Date Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>)
- **Where:** The Circle on Quebec Circle
- **Time:** 4:30 - 6:30 PM
- Lederhosen Optional

**Burgers, Brats, and water provided**

**Feel Free to bring a side dish, snack, or dessert to share**

**Please bring your own beverages and chairs**

**We'll have coolers, firepit and bean bag toss**

## **The Rest of the Year**

Two major projects are planned for the fourth quarter of 2024 and first quarter of 2025.

We will continue working on and hope to finalize plans for the new monument for installation next spring.

Another important project will be updating the Williamsburg bylaws. There have been many significant changes to homes, cars, technology and lifestyles over the past forty years. Our aim is to incorporate intelligent updates and further enhance the Williamsburg community.

In addition to the major projects, the board will be finalizing the 2025 budget by November 1<sup>st</sup>. We're happy to report we have been fiscally conservative, and Williamsburg is in good financial shape.

## **Updates**

As most residents are aware, we are attempting to upgrade the appearance of the boulevards throughout Williamsburg. Our new mailboxes have contributed to that effort. Edging our sidewalks, fertilizing, aerating, weed control and mowing have all been taken over by the Association.

We have been requesting the lawn service increase the height of the grass in an effort to prevent browning during times when rainfall is sparse. We will continue to emphasize this. We're hopeful that next spring these efforts will be more apparent as this project is a work in progress. We are asking residents not to mow the boulevards by their property. This results in the boulevard being double mowed and often at different heights.

Another part of the boulevard enhancement has been the WWOP (Williamsburg War on Poop). We're happy to report our efforts are making a difference in people cleaning up after their pets. The signs we posted have had a positive effect. Many thanks to the anonymous resident hanging poop bags on the signs.