

# Ask the Mayor

If you have a question, please email, call or write to the mayor:

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**Q: “What are some of the projects that the Village is working on in 2023?”**

**A: “The Village is working on or has completed a number of projects. We also work with other organizations and municipalities on mutually beneficial projects. Some of these projects are described below:**

**The Garden Club**- Members of the Nunda Garden Club will be setting out planters with flowers for spring between May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> . Call Jackie Morgan at 585-314-5834 if you would like to join us!

**The Farmers Market**- the Nunda Farmers Market starts Saturday June 3. It will be held at Kiwanis Park Saturdays from 9 am to 12 noon. Come, shop, and have a free beverage and conversation under our friendship canopy.

**Nunda Food Distribution**- The Pop-Up Pantry will continue free food distributions twice per month on Fridays 10 am to 12 noon. Please visit the Village Website for dates: [www.villageofnunda.org](http://www.villageofnunda.org).

**Update on The Village Building**- The Village has begun a two-stage process to make the Village Hall (1 Mill St.) ADA compliant and handicapped accessible. It is our hope to use the second floor meeting hall, which has not been utilized for many years, for meetings, concerts, art exhibits, athletics (e.g. wrestling practices) and other community purposes. The Genesee Valley Rural Revitalization Grant Program has awarded the village funding to cover the entire cost of making the second-floor area ADA compliant. The next stage in our revitalization plan is to make the second floor accessible to all through the installation of an elevator or lift.

**Arbor Day**- The Village’s annual Arbor Day celebration will be held throughout the village on April 29<sup>th</sup> with tree plantings, tree-related food items (maple syrup, nut butters, honey) face-painting, food and other activities. Everything starts at Kiwanis Park at 10:30 AM, while the tree-planting team plants trees throughout the village. The celebration culminates with a special ceremony and tree-planting at Kiwanis park at 12:00 Noon, followed by more fun and eats! 100 seedling trees and bushes (English Oak, Sugar Maple, Mulberry, Sweetgum, Persimmon, Paper Birch, Winterberry Holly and Lilac) will be distributed free of charge at Kiwanis Park that day. Watch for more information on the Village Website: [www.villageofnunda.org](http://www.villageofnunda.org).

**Tree City USA Designation** – for the second year in a row, the Village of Nunda has been recognized by the American Arbor Day Foundation as a “Tree City USA”. Many thanks to our “Tree Committee” members, “Doc” Wilcox, Christy Crandall-Bean, Troy Bennett and Jennifer Calhoun and to our retiring member Gary Everts for all their work in making this designation a reality.

**Nunda Americana Days**- Two days this year! Even more Saturday events are planned this year than ever before (and, of course, there will be fireworks). On Sunday there will be a community Worship Service followed by a dinner honoring our veterans and first-responders. July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> are the dates for these events. Please watch for a full schedule of happenings by visiting us at [www.villageofnunda.org](http://www.villageofnunda.org).

**Sidewalks, Streets and Parking**- the village has budgeted to continue their sidewalk maintenance, repair and building program, including increased number of crosswalks and safe sidewalk passage for students from KCS to Rymer Field. Additional funds will focus on street and municipal parking lot repair.

**Reconnaissance Level Survey and Nomination to National Register of Historic Places**- The Reconnaissance-level survey of the village (and town) has been completed. Residents of the Nunda met with Megan Klem of the Landmark Society of Western New York where we learned about Nunda’s vast stock of historic buildings and architecture, the eligible Village of Nunda National Register Historic District and access to state and/or federal rehabilitation tax credits The Village has applied for an additional Preserve New York Grant in order to proceed with our next step, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

**Property Maintenance**- thank you to our new code enforcement/zoning officer, Luke Granger, and to the Revitalization Review Board for their continuing efforts to enhance and revitalize property throughout the Village and to safeguard against blight and preserve property values and community standards.

**Murals**- Donnie Hooker and John Gordinier will be working on the eleventh (and final) panel in the Greater Nunda Timeline mural. A wonderful mural based on vintage Burt’s Seed Flower seed packets has been created on the north wall of Seating, Inc. by Chicago-based muralist Matthew Mederer. We celebrated this mural and all our public art with a day of festivities on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Street Lights**- The Village has replaced our outdated street lighting system with LED lighting. This type of lighting provides greater light at a significant savings and is projected to pay for itself within two-and-a-half years.

**WWTP Facility** -The Waste Water Treatment Plant Project is now projected to be completed by mid-year, 2023 This project will provide our (approximately) 45-year-old facility with much needed updates, repairs and technology upgrades.

**The Mobile Mammography Bus-** In cooperation with Tri-County Family Medicine and Rochester Regional Health, the Village of Nunda and Trinity Church are hosting the Mobile Mammography Bus on May 10<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon till 5 PM at Trinity Church (25 East St. Nunda, NY.) Call 585-432-2320 to make an appointment. No insurance? No appointment? No Problem! All are welcome.

**Cleanup Day** - The Town & Village of Nunda hold an annual Clean Up & Recycling Day. Cleanup Day this year will be held on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

**Housing Grants** – Our second Community Development Block Grant project is winding down. Each of our CDBG grants has been for approximately \$500,000. The first grant was used to help local residents with home-improvements, as well as for food distribution to village residents during the Covid pandemic. The current grant has assisted nine village homeowners in providing needed improvements to their homes.

**As Always, thank you for your questions. If you have a question for me, please let me know. My contact information is given above.**

**Best wishes to all for a wonderful 2023!**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack E. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Jack Morgan**

**Mayor of the Village of Nunda**