

Message from the Mayor

In addition to you, our residents, the Village's many retail and service centers are at the heart of what makes our hometown unique and vibrant. I frequently ask you to shop local. Today, I am asking that you continue to patronize our 24 retail centers and to give special thought to shopping the businesses that border the ongoing roadwork at Milwaukee Avenue and Peterson Road.

All of your Village officials thank you for your patience during IDOT's widening and intersection improvements. We also hope that you will keep in mind the great opportunities in this area for casual and fine dining, hardware and pharmacy needs, gasoline, services such as dry cleaning, consignment shopping and much more.

I also encourage you to consider volunteering for a Village Commission. I am currently looking for people interested in serving on Marketing, Historic Preservation and Recreation commissions. Please e-mail your resume to kjohnson@libertyville.com.



Terry Wepler, Mayor

Share holiday spirit at annual tree lighting

The annual Village tree lighting is the perfect place to share the holiday spirit with your family, friends and neighbors. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 23, at Cook Park with a sing-along of traditional carols and a performance by Encore Theatre Group singing pieces from their upcoming musical, *White Christmas*. Santa will arrive at 7 p.m. to light the tree and share his good cheer with everyone.

Cap off the evening with a stroll through the Village to view MainStreet Libertyville-sponsored window displays and to shop at stores offering extended hours, special treats and beautiful holiday decorations.

Also that evening, share in our Village history by taking a tour of Ansel B. Cook Museum between 7 and 9 p.m. Tours of the museum are also offered from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, December 1 and 8, and Sundays, December 2 and 9.



Village to sell Bolander property

The Village Board, Parks and Recreation Committee and Village Staff have been reviewing the status of the Bolander property and determined that the property is underutilized and facing significant capital needs and repairs. The Village Board recently determined that the property is no longer useful or necessary for the Village and that it is in the best interest to sell the property. The property, located at 625 West Winchester Road, was purchased by the Village in 1997 and has provided office space for the Parks and Recreation Department. The Village has hired HSA Commercial Real Estate to sell the property, which is designated on the Village comprehensive plan for multi-family, transit oriented development.

Top spot to shop and dine: your hometown!

Need beautiful holiday flowers and decorations? Gifts they will love? Unique party invitations? A delicious meal? Libertyville is the perfection solution for all of your holiday needs. Hundreds of retailers, restaurants and service



providers are just blocks away from your home, located in 24 retail centers throughout the Village. Many of them offer evening and Sunday hours.

Most businesses, the Village Recreation Department (847-918-7275) and MainStreet Libertyville Organization also offer gift certificates. To view locations where you can purchase MainStreet certificates and the 67 varied businesses accepting them, please go to www.mainstreetlibertyville.org/gift-certificates.

When you shop Libertyville, you have the advantages of dealing directly with business owners and keeping sales tax dollars in the Village.

There is plenty of parking throughout downtown and all of the retail centers. To find exactly the store or service you need, check out the local businesses listed on the Village website at www.Shop60048.com. Please shop 60048 and keep Libertyville a vibrant, desirable place to live.

Petition packets available for Village elections

Petition packets for the election of Village officials at the April 9, 2013, Consolidated Election are available at the Libertyville Village Hall, 118 W. Cook Avenue. Positions to be elected include Village President, three Village Trustee positions and Village Clerk. Filing for petitions begins on December 17, 2012, and ends on December 24 at 5 p.m.

A video on petition filing is available at www.LakeCandidatePower.info.

Packets for school board and township elections are available at appropriate school districts and township offices.

Libertyville Foundation

As we approach the end of the calendar year 2012, please consider making a tax exempt gift to the Libertyville Foundation. This 501(c)(3) organization has a separately appointed Board of Trustees and accepts donations on behalf of the Village of Libertyville.

More information can be found on the Village website at www.libertyville.com. You may also contact the Village Administrator's office by phone at 847-362-2430 or stop by the Village Hall, 118 West Cook Avenue.



The Mayor and Village Board are pleased to recognize former Libertyville Mayor Duane Laska (with his family in top photo) for his service to the community by naming the park adjacent to the Cambridge Knoll subdivision in his name. As a lifelong resident, Duane has been involved in a number of community organizations and also elected as Village Trustee in 1991 and elected as Mayor for two terms from 1997-2005.

Law clarifies adults' liability for underage drinking

New legislation takes effect on New Year's Day 2013 that closes a loophole of legal accountability when adults knowingly allow alcohol consumption by minors.

"This law puts parents and other adults on notice that they are responsible for allowing this potentially harmful activity.



It is simply not acceptable to provide alcohol to minors or to allow them to consume alcohol with your knowledge," said Police Chief Clint Herdegen.

Violators of the social host law will be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00 when they knowingly authorize or permit underage drinking. The charge is a Class 4 felony if the violation results in great bodily harm or death. However, a person will not be in violation if all reasonable steps have been taken to prevent this activity from occurring.

"In many cases parents are still the source of the alcohol. In addition to educating minors, prevention and education of adults is a primary focus for our department," Herdegen said.



Have a Safe Winter Holiday

The holidays are a time for family and friends to enjoy one another's company. It's also a time for a greater risk of fire. Follow these simple tips to ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Holiday Decorations

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from other decorations or things that can burn.
- Use lights in the proper location, indoor or outdoor.
- Connect not more than three strands of mini lights and a maximum of 50 lights with screw-in bulbs.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so cords do not get damaged.

Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guest about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind them to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.

Before Heading Out or to Bed

- Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

Holiday Facts

- Holiday decoration fires are most likely to happen in the living room, family room or den.
- Almost half of all home decoration fires are started by candles.
- Half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

When the snow flies

The Village begins plowing streets when snow is more than one inch deep and when freezing temperatures indicate there will be no melting.



Many state and county roads in and around the Village are cleared by state or county crews. The Village plows and salts some roads in this category, including Milwaukee Avenue from Adler Drive to Hollister Drive and Park Avenue from Butterfield Road to Mungo Industrial Center. Streets with high traffic volume, emergency routes and

bus routes on school days receive priority for plowing over residential, non-primary routes that typically do not have heavy traffic volume.

There are several ways you can help keep the Village safe during the winter.

- Clear your sidewalk. This is especially helpful for children trying to get to school safely.
- Consider helping senior citizens who live nearby by shoveling their sidewalks. State law does not hold citizens liable when they make reasonable efforts to clear sidewalks of snow and ice in the interest of public safety.
- When you clear your driveway, shovel or blow the snow onto the parkway to the right side of your driveway as you face the street. A Village ordinance prohibits depositing snow on streets.
- Park your vehicle off the street. On-street parking is prohibited between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. during snow events.
- Make sure your mailbox is 12 inches from the curb and that the post is secure.
- Adopt a fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow. It's there to protect you.

Village works to reduce impact of salt

As the Village continues to strive to reduce the impact of salt on the environment and reduce costs, we are extending our policy of maintaining bare pavements only on arterial and higher volume roads. Cul-de-sac and other lower volume roads will not be salted unless conditions warrant it. The Village has applied this policy for the last three years, and appreciates the cooperation we have received from drivers since its institution.

Need space for an event? Look no further

The Libertyville Sports Complex is the perfect place for your next business meeting, birthday or other family event. From a conference room to the entire building, the Sport Complex is available for rental.

To add to the fun for kids of all ages, the batting cages, soccer/



field hockey fields, volleyball and basketball courts, and Lake County's largest climbing mountain may be rented. There is 60,000 sq. ft. of indoor sports floor, so pick the size just right for you.

For corporate or social events, rooms can be set up conference, theater, classroom or banquet style. Audio/visual equipment is also available.

The Sports Complex has a list of preferred caterers, including those who have licensing for events where alcoholic beverages would be appropriate. For information, please call 847-367-1502 or e-mail rsplitt@libertyville.com.



Happy Holidays!

from your
Village Board &
Village Staff



A perfect stocking stuffer

The Recreation and Sports Complex Department sells gift certificates that can be used for activities and programs such as the driving range, swimming passes, Kinder Korner Pre-School, in-house sports programs and more. For information, call 847-918-7275.



The driving range at the Libertyville Sports Complex is open all winter long. Automated tee stations with

heaters are just part of the appeal. Range cards make great holiday gifts. Call 847-367-1506 for hours.

Sledding, skating fun

Have great winter fun throughout the Village. Adler Park offers an unsupervised recreational ice skating rink and a lighted sled hill. Bolander Park has an unsupervised full-size hockey rink and recreational ice rink. Nicholas-Dowden Park has a smaller ice rink for ice skating and hockey. For an update on sledding and ice conditions, please call the hot line at 847-247-5433, option 3.



Seniors: dance, dine, delight

The Village Senior Center offers a host of activities and services for Village residents 55 and better.

Dance the night away to great live music and see the Senior Center transformed into a magical ball, complete with hors d'ouvres and desserts on Friday, December 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dance to all your old favorites or sit and enjoy the company of friends. The cost is \$7. The annual Christmas luncheon and party features all the trimmings and includes great entertainment. Wear your best holiday red to this delightful December 19 event. The cost is \$7.



Reservations are required for all activities. Please call 847-247-7659 or stop by the Senior Center at 135 W. Church Street. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The center offers a wide range of other activities from Wii bowling, monthly birthday parties and line dancing to legal advice and blood pressure clinics.

Inexpensive, fun fitness options

Don't wait until New Year's Day to launch your fitness goal. Get started today at the Sports Complex Fitness Center, which features a variety of exercise equipment, Life Fitness machines, exercise balls, a free weight room and more.

Village residents can get into shape for as little as \$1 a day at the Fitness Center. Annual membership fees, which include free fitness classes, can be paid in one payment of \$365 or 12 monthly payments of \$34.58 (total of \$415). There are also special senior and family rates. Daily drop-in fees are also available for \$12 per person. Holiday gift certificates are available. For more information, call 847-367-1504 or email kmeserve@libertyville.com.





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Shop Libertyville

A tradition of sharing



During this holiday season, please remember the elderly and those less fortunate than yourself. Check in on senior citizens in your neighborhood and

perhaps shovel their walks or driveways when you do your own.

For the less fortunate, you may want to donate a new toy to Toys for Tots; participate in a giving tree project at a local place of worship; or take canned goods, personal care products, laundry detergent, grocery gift certificates and/or paper products to the local food pantry at the Libertyville Township Center.

Through December 6, you may also wish to drop off food items for the food pantry at one of ten dealerships of the Libertyville Mile of Cars. Many of the dealers are offering service discounts to donors.

MainStreet Dickens of a Holiday

Enjoy a great Libertyville tradition, the Dickens of a Holiday Festival sponsored by MainStreet Libertyville, on Saturdays, December 1 and 8.

The annual event features visits and photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Cook Park from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Kids can shop for family members with the help of elves at in the Children's Holiday Shoppe at the Petranek's Pharmacy Community Room from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Savor finger sandwiches and bite-sized desserts at an authentic Victorian English Tea at 11 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church. (Reservations required.) Another special treat is "The Magic of the Nutcracker," presented by Dancenter North on Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9.

For more information, please call MainStreet at 847-680-0336.



Holiday closings for Village offices
During the holiday season, Village offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23; Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday January 1.