

A Holiday Message from the Mayor

As the holiday season begins, all of us at the Village—your elected officials and staff—wish you the very happiest of times. We hope that you will join us at our annual tree lighting and many other festivities throughout the community. Among them are MainStreet's Dickens of a Holiday and the Park and Recreation Department's Breakfast with Santa, noted in this newsletter. There are also many concerts at schools and places of worship for you to enjoy.

I also encourage you to Shop Libertyville for all your holiday needs and to enjoy a night or day out at one of our more than 70 great restaurants, coffee houses and bars.

I wish you my best for a wonderful holiday season and a peaceful, happy New Year!



Terry Wepler, Mayor

Share Holiday Spirit with Friends and Neighbors 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 PM on Friday, November 27, at Cook Park with a community sing of traditional carols and performances by Wishing Star Singers and Libertyville Seniors Handchime Group. At 7 PM Santa arrives and the countdown begins to set the tree aglow.



Cap off the evening with a stroll through local shops offering extended hours. You will enjoy special treats, beautiful holiday decorations and great shopping.

MainStreet Libertyville sponsors Dickens of a Holiday from 11 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, December 5 and 12. The annual event includes visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Cook Park, a Children's Holiday Shoppe at the Libertyville Civic Center and a Victorian Tea. The 11 AM tea offers genuine English Tea, finger sandwiches and bite-sized desserts.



For more information on Dickens of a Holiday, please call MainStreet at 847-680-0336.

For information about Breakfast with Santa, please see page 5.



Santa and hundreds of others share in the joy of the season at last year's holiday tree lighting. Join the festivities this year beginning at 6:30 PM on Friday, November 27.

Leaves Can Clog Sewers

Public Works teams will be sweeping streets to clear leaves. However, the combination of weather and rain is making it difficult for crews to keep up. Leaves accumulating in streets will clog storm sewers and cause problems. You can help by not raking leaves from your yard into the street, and if possible, removing leaves in the street in front of your house or near storm sewer inlets.

Libertyville Foundation

As we approach the end of the calendar year 2009, please consider making a tax exempt gift to the Libertyville Foundation. More information can be found at www.libertyville.com or by requesting a Foundation booklet at the Village Hall.



Drive on in...

Ribbon Cutting at New Parking Deck

Village residents, business owners, officials and staff marked the opening of the new parking deck at the southwest corner of Lake Street and Brainerd Avenue with a ribbon cutting ceremony earlier this fall. Most of the 360-space facility is designated for customer parking.

The new deck opened at a great time for the holiday shopping season. Business owners will be very happy that their customers no longer have to hunt for parking spaces to shop at their establishments.



The second and third levels of the parking deck are designated for four-hour customer parking while the lower level is for downtown employees with parking permits. Commuter parking is not permitted in the structure. Several video security cameras monitor the structure, which also has six "code blue" emergency communication stations.

The parking deck was funded through the Village's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, designated for parking improvements in the downtown area.



This year, the annual Fire Department Open House featured a way for children to see just how they'd look as a firemen. The event teaches children and their families about fire safety.

Ten students enrolled in Libertyville High School's art program created a prop for the Fire Department Open House. Volunteers included Cinthia Palomo, Meghan Manian, Taran Wilbat, Hailey Webb, Nicole Zhang, Hannah Hughes, Nils Anderson, Christina Johnson, Alexis Petzilka and Karen Mooney. Their teacher, Ray Gossell, was the first to try out the prop.



Video Gaming Prohibited

In October, the Village Board adopted an ordinance prohibiting video gaming in the Village of Libertyville. The Board's License and Permits Committee reviewed the potential impact of video gaming as well as comments received from residents and business owners. The Committee indicated that they saw no benefit to allowing video gaming and the amount revenue that gaming might generate would be minimal in comparison to potential problems it might create. The Committee recommended that video gaming be prohibited. The Board determined that video gaming is not consistent with their desire to maintain a family friendly environment for residents and their children.

Keeping your Family Safe this Winter

To help ensure that your family enjoys the winter season, the Fire Department offers the following fire safety tips.

Decorative Lights

- Be sure all indoor and outdoor lights bear the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Discard lights that have cracked or frayed cords.
- Do not overload outlets or run extension cords under carpets or across doorways.
- Unplug all decorative lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Holiday Trees

- Choose a fresh tree that doesn't shed its needles, and keep it watered.
- If the holiday tree dries out, store it away from the house until you can dispose of it.

Candles

- Put candles securely in non-tip candle holders and never leave them unattended.
- Place candles out of the reach of small children.
- Never burn candles near holiday decorations, curtains, or other combustibles.
- Use flameless candles if at all possible.

Heating Safety

To ensure that you heat your home safely, the Fire Department recommends that you have your furnaces and chimney inspected and cleaned prior to the heating season. Fireplace safety also includes using screens or doors on the fireplace to prevent sparks from flying out and removing ashes from the fireplace and storing them in a metal container outside of the home. If you use space heaters, keep them away from anything that can burn such as curtains, furniture and newspapers.

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. However, the Village plows and salts 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 shovel 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 PM and 6 PM during snow events.
- Make sure your mailbox is placed 12 inches from the curb and that the post is secure.
- Consider "adopting" a fire hydrant and keeping it clear of snow. It is there for your protection.

Shop Libertyville
for all your holiday needs!

A Tradition of Sharing

During this holiday season, please remember the elderly and those less fortunate than

yourself.

When you are shoveling your walk or driveway, consider doing the same for a neighbor.



Check in on senior citizens. Donate a new toy at a local Toys for Tots drop-off location; participate in a giving tree project at a local place of worship; or, take canned goods or paper products to the local food pantry at the Libertyville Township Center. The opportunities for giving are numerous and varied. Let's keep Libertyville's great tradition of sharing and caring alive for the 2009 holiday season.

Enjoy your Rewards

It is not too late to reap the rewards of buying a new car earlier this fall in the Village. The \$100 reward certificates given to car buyers may be used through December 31 to purchase food, goods and services at more than 125 Village businesses.

The Rewards Certificate program encouraged people to make Libertyville their car buying destination and to support Libertyville businesses.

Quality of Life in Village Earns High Rating on Survey

This past spring all residents and businesses were sent a community survey to assist the Village in assessing its services. The results have been tabulated and all the feedback is greatly appreciated. There were 384 total responses and 77 of these were completed online. 362 were residents; 2 were business owners; 20 were residents and business owners.



The average resident responding has lived in Libertyville 21.80 years and the average business owner responding owned a business for an average of 17 years. Respondents rated the quality of life in Libertyville between Excellent and Good. The top three main priorities for the future of Libertyville were maintain MainStreet and businesses, reduce taxes and maintain services and traffic.

In general Village services were highly rated. The and the survey results and comments will be used to assist Village departments in improving specific service areas and customer service. The detailed survey results are posted on the Village's website at www.libertyville.com/survey.

The Village appreciates those who took the time to respond to the survey. The survey was printed and tabulated at no direct cost by combining it with another mailing, and using existing staff to produce and tabulate the survey.



Breakfast with Santa

Santa is sneaking away from the North Pole this holiday season just long enough to have breakfast with children ages three to eight, accompanied by an adult. The breakfast will begin at 9 AM on Saturday, December 19, at the Crawford Warming House. For more information, please check out the Parks and Recreation Department Winter Brochure or call 847-918-7275.

Winter Family Fun in the Village



Take a park or two, add a few inches of snow and some cold weather to make ice, sprinkle in a sled, snowboard, skates or skis and you have the perfect ingredients for winter family fun in the Village.

Adler Park offers an unsupervised recreational ice skating rink, lighted sled hill and Adler Lodge, a warming shelter with a concession stand and rest rooms. The lodge opens Saturday, December 12, weather permitting.

Bolander Park has an unsupervised full-size hockey rink and recreational ice rink and Nicholas-Downden Park has a smaller ice rink for ice skating and hockey. For an update on rink conditions, please call the hot line at 847-680-5267.

For more information about winter fun, please consult the Park and Recreation Winter Brochure.





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Shop Libertyville

Great Holiday Shopping Begins in your Hometown



With hundreds of retailers situated in 24 retail centers, Libertyville is the perfect solution for all your holiday shopping needs. From unique gifts to party supplies, you can find everything you need in your own hometown.

Many retailers will offer extended holiday hours, including evening and Sunday hours. Unique products, dealing directly with store owners who offer their personal touches and expertise about their merchandise, and being close to home —local is local— are great reasons to shop Libertyville.

By shopping locally, you also are supporting your community. The tax dollars generated when you shop locally, keep Libertyville a vibrant, desirable place to live.

Open for Business

Opening a store in Libertyville is an ideal scenario, according to business owner Ken Slove, who has owned Lovin' Oven in Round Lake with his wife, Betty, for more than 20 years. "We weren't actually looking to expand, but when we were here last spring we thought 'wow' — the location, the traffic flow, the community spirit, the closeness to many long-time customers all make this an opportunity too great to pass up. There is just an indescribable, great feeling here," Slove added.

Please welcome these new businesses:

- **Bliss Diamonds**, 514 N. Milwaukee Avenue, a third generation diamond jewelry manufacturer, creates and sells custom-designed jewelry. Merchandise also includes Swiss watches and Italian gold chains.
- **Lovin' Oven Bakery**, 355 N. Milwaukee Avenue, offers a full line of quality bakery products, including specialty cakes of all types and 18 varieties of individual cake slices.
- **ReNew Family Consignment**, 1750 N. Milwaukee Avenue, is a family consignment shop, specializing in children's clothing, sporting goods, home decor, and women's handbags and accessories. It also assists local organizations with fund-raising through consignment.