

A Message from the Mayor Fixing our bad roads

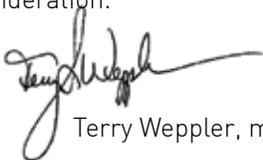
Imagine almost everyone agrees that our streets are in pretty bad shape. We know because we use them every day. In fact, our Public Works Department has determined that more than 70 percent of the Village's roads are below average and in need of rehabilitation.

The questions we need to answer are: "Why are the roads this way?" and "How do we get them up back in shape?"

The economy played a large role in how the roads deteriorated. The Village hasn't raised taxes, thus has received less money in the down-turned economy, and has had to defer road maintenance in order to maintain a balanced budget.

Public Works estimates that, conservatively, it would take more than \$32 million to get an "average pavement rating" for most streets. For perspective, reconstruction of just a portion of Dymond Road this year cost nearly \$1 million.

How do we get the money? It is my intention to place a referendum on the March 2012 ballot asking voters to advise the Board whether or not they are willing to support a bond issue to fix Village roads. I know that you will give it your careful consideration.



Terry Wepler, mayor

West parking lot nears completion

Construction should be complete in early October on the parking lot on west side of Milwaukee Avenue between Cook and Lake streets. The project includes reconstructing the lot's surface and adding sidewalks to improve traffic and pedestrian flow, removing above-ground electric and placing it underground, and installing landscaped islands.



The lot will contain 160 spaces, the same number as before. Combined with the 350 spaces in the parking deck, the entire west parking area should aptly accommodate shoppers, attendees at Cook Park functions, library patrons, and more.

The west lot is phase two of parking improvements funded by Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Libertyville's TIF District was established in 1986 to renovate the downtown area.



Village presses ComEd about frequent outages

Frequent electrical outages are a major concern of the Village Board. The Special Projects Committee is reviewing the length of power outages and actions the Village can take with ComEd.

"I don't begrudge ComEd the power outages we had after the storms. That was out of its control. However, for some residents and businesses, outages lasted more than a week—much too long. Plus, many of our residents have had outages unrelated to storms," Mayor Terry Wepler said. "We have asked ComEd for a comparison of outages by location for the last year. If you have concerns about power outages, please contact the Village Administrator's Office so we can discuss all known issues with ComEd."

Retail and services businesses open in the Village

From fitness, to food, to financial services, 33 businesses opened in Libertyville within the last year. Keep Libertyville strong by patronizing these new retail and service businesses, as well as the hundreds of other enterprises in the Village.



- **Aladdin Carpet Cleaning**, 249 Peterson Rd., 847-367-0171, carpet cleaning.
- **Anderson Pro Fitness**, 328 Peterson Rd., 847-549-1705, personal fitness and wellness coach.
- **All About Me... Salon**, 801 N. Milwaukee Ave, 847-680-3730, salon services.
- **Allstate-Phoenix Insurance**, 711 N. Milwaukee Ave., 847-362-0099, insurance and financial services.
- **Ballroom Center**, 118 N. Milwaukee, 224-513-5999, children and adult ballroom dance classes and shows.
- **Bath Squad**, 333 Peterson Rd., Suite B, 847-247-8000, walk-in tub sales center.
- **Blue Line Limousine**, 705 E. Park Ave., 800-548-7771, limousine service.
- **C & A Robot Factory Inc.**, 326 Peterson Rd., 847-996-0123, classes, play and parties featuring Lego robotics.
- **Cash For Gold**, 141 Buckley Rd., 630-289-4653, gold buying.
- **Chicago Lacrosse Co.**, 1950 N. U.S. Hwy. 45, inside Libertyville Sports Complex, 224-513-5179, equipment and clothing sales.
- **City Subs & Smoothies**, 101 W. Rockland Rd., 847-362-8226, restaurant serving subs, smoothies, and more.
- **Crossfit Freedom**, 748 E. Park Ave, 847-573-9348, alternative fitness training.
- **Drew Brownlie, Attorney at Law**, 1590 S Milwaukee Ave., Suite 306, 847-367-5841, attorney.
- **Edward Jones Investment**, 800 S. Milwaukee, Suite 190, 847-816-6256, financial services.
- **Enlightened Living**, 150 E. Cook Ave., Suite 100, 847-549-7443, yoga, holistic education, fitness classes and boutique.
- **Exercise Coach**, 862 S. Milwaukee Ave., 847-680-3761, personal training.
- **Fast Signs**, 1350 S. Milwaukee Ave., 847-680-7446, signs and graphics.
- **French Nails**, 336 N. Milwaukee Ave., 847-247-8990, nail salon, new owner.
- **Hair Cuttery**, 125 N. Milwaukee Ave., 847-549-7229, salon services.
- **Koch Insurance**, 747 N. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 101, 847-737-4095.
- **Leggy Bird Design**, 406 N. Milwaukee Ave., 847-366-3227, home furnishings and interior design.
- **Linda's Nail Studio**, 136 E. Church St., 847-340-4395, nail salon.
- **Master Lock Co.**, 1590 S. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 207, 847-634-9970.
- **More Asian Cuisine**, 271 Peterson Rd., 847-362-5227, Chinese and Asian cuisine restaurant.
- **Mutual of Omaha**, 1580 S. Milwaukee Ave. Suite 500, 847-680-8200, insurance and financial services.
- **NV Salon & Spa**, 906 S. Milwaukee Ave., 847-362-7770, hair salon and spa.
- **Papa John's Pizza**, 1149 S. Milwaukee Ave., 847-367-0138, pizza carry-out and delivery.
- **Puppy Love**, 118 Greentree Pkwy., 847-918-7877, pet grooming.
- **Rolland's Jewelers**, 529 N. Milwaukee Ave., 847-918-7300, jewelry store, relocated from Hawthorn Mall.

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Keep Libertyville Beautiful Winners

Two Libertyville homes won recognition in the annual Keep Libertyville Beautiful contest for their eye-catching beauty and landscaping. The winners will be acknowledged at the September 27 Village Board meeting.



The first place winner is the home of Warren and Barb Shafer at 315 Minear.



Winning honorable mention is the home of Dan and Diana Tinnes at 113 North First Street.

Help clean up Village parks and other public areas

Everyone who wants to keep Libertyville beautiful is invited to be part of KLB's park and community cleanup. The annual event begins at 9 AM on Saturday, November 12, at Nicholas Dowden Park. Individuals and organizations may clean up at assigned locations, such as parks, or may determine other public areas throughout the community that need sprucing up. Participants will receive tee shirts from the Keep Libertyville Beautiful Commission. The event is sponsored by Sunset Foods. For more information please go to www.libertyville.com/parkcleanup.



MainStreet Libertyville hosts array of fall events

The signs of fall are here—kids back in school, summer flowers fading, and lots of fun activities hosted by MainStreet Libertyville. Enjoy them all!

First Fridays, 6–9 PM, October 7, November 4, ongoing. It is a party in downtown Libertyville every "First Friday" of the month. You will find a surprise around every corner. It might be a jazz band, a balloon artist, a classical guitarist, hors d'oeuvres, or an art exhibit.



Farmers Market, Thursdays, 7 AM–1 PM, continues through October 20 on Church Street. Meet the farmers and buy the freshest produce. Shop for a host of other products from baked goods to salad dressing to organic meats.

Car Fun on 21, 6–9 PM, Wednesday, September 21. Enjoy music and shiny machines on Church Street between Milwaukee Avenue and Brainerd Avenue.

Street Dance 2011, 6–11 PM, Saturday, September 25, on Church Street. Live music, friends, fun, and your favorite beverages in downtown Libertyville.

Trick or Treat on MainStreet, 11 AM–3 PM, Friday, October 28. Trick-or-treat in the perfect safe and secure environment—the stores in downtown Libertyville.

Businesses relocate

Several businesses relocated within the Village in the last year, including:

- **Amazing Cosmetics**, 133 E. Cook Ave., 847-680-3917, cosmetics.
- **Art & Nature Eco-Salon**, formerly Park Avenue Hair Designs, 330 Peterson Rd., 847-816-7444, salon and spa.
- **Burlison Family Wellness**, 1580 S. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 102, 847-680-9500, chiropractic/wellness services.
- **Dance Academy of Libertyville**, 746 E. Park Ave., 847-247-1327, dance school.
- **Edward Jones Investment**, 1580 S. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 218, 847-362-0552, financial services.
- **Jo Jo & Me**, 348 Peterson Rd., 847-816-3831, salon and boutique.
- **Green Tree Animal Hospital**, 800 E. Park Ave., 847-548-5300, full veterinary services.
- **Trew Benefits Inc.**, 133 E. Cook Ave., 847-362-8739, financial services.
- **Vital Points Therapy**, 150 E. Cook Ave., #102, 847-281-9999, acupuncture, physical and massage therapy.
- **Weight Watchers**, 1346 S. Milwaukee Ave., 800-651-6000, weight loss.
- **Wishing Star Theatre**, 850 S. Milwaukee Ave., 847-327-9474, children's performance school/theater.



Thank you to members of the Village Band for another year of outstanding summer concerts.

Administrator celebrates 20 years

Village Administrator Kevin Bowens celebrated his 20th anniversary with the Village of Libertyville in August. As village administrator, Bowens has worked with four different mayors and numerous Board members to keep the business of the Village in top running order and to make Libertyville a great place for residents to live and work. While there have been many changes to the Village during his 20 years, his enthusiasm for the Village and what he does remains strong.

Bowens is only the second administrator in Village history having succeeded Allen Schertz, who served in the position for 26 years.

"Kevin's strength and effectiveness as an administrator allows me and the rest of the Village Board to concentrate on important policy issues rather than the day-to-day operation of the Village," Mayor Terry Weppler said.

Dymond Road construction and storm cleanup near completion

The reconstruction of a portion of Dymond Road is near completion. In addition to a new road bed, the project included new curbs and gutters, new sidewalks on the East side of the road, energy-efficient street lights, and landscaping.

Cleanup efforts from the July 11 storm that damaged or demolished thousands of trees in the Village is complete. In addition to Public Works crews working long, exhausting hours for six weeks, the Village was assisted in the cleanup by two townships and six other municipalities through the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network. As a result of the storm cleanup, mulch is available for residents' use. It may be picked up anytime at the wastewater treatment plant on Artaius Parkway.



The Public Works Department thanks Village residents for their understanding and patience during the Dymond Road construction, storm cleanup and reconstruction of the downtown parking lot on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue.

New Businesses *continued*

- **Total Body Transformation**, 333 Peterson Rd., Suite C, 224-688-4614, personal and group fitness classes.
- **Toy Station**, 113 W. Rockland Rd., 847-918-8020, toy store.
- **USA Loans**, 131 N. Milwaukee Ave., 847-573-0567, lending services.
- **Wisma Concepts**, 528 N. Milwaukee Ave., 847-362-4117, gourmet meals to go.

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Bicycle commission proposes new routes

Established to promote bicycle safety and energy conservation, the Bicycle Advisory Commission has developed several proposals to improve bicycling in the Village.

One recommendation would extend to the train station the bike path that parallels the Chicago Milwaukee Railroad tracks along Winchester Road. Bicycle paths are also proposed from the Sport Complex to the Libertyville Township Soccer Complex and from Winchester Road to Park Avenue, east of Butterfield Road.

The commission also advises additions to existing bicycle routes on roadways. A map illustrating existing bike paths and routes and the commission's recommendations will soon be available at the Village Hall.

Emerald Ash Borer management plan

First discovered in the United States in southeastern Michigan in 2002, the Emerald Ash Borer has killed tens of millions of ash trees in the Midwest. Libertyville has discovered it within the Village limits.



The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a small, metallic green, non-native invasive pest whose larvae feast on the trunks of ash trees, cutting off a tree's ability to transport nutrients and ultimately causing the tree's decline.

Ash trees can be infested with the ash borer for several years before the tree begins to show signs of infestation. Symptoms include canopy dieback, D-shaped exit holes (photo at right), shoots spouting from the tree trunk and S-shaped larval galleries underneath the bark.



The Village has adopted an EAB Management Plan. It includes ongoing monitoring of ash trees, removal of infected trees, proactive chemical treatment of parkway ash trees that have not yet shown symptoms of EAB, and an enforcement program for the removal of ash trees on private property that have been identified as infected with EAB.

For additional information or assistance with identification, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-362-3434.

Do you have an ash tree that should be checked?



Ash trees have opposite branching which means each branch has another branch directly across from it. Each ash leaf typically has 5-9 leaflets.

More information is also available at www.illinoiseab.com



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Spooky Fun at Sports Complex

The Recreation Department will host a Halloween Event at the Sports Complex on Thursday, October 27, from 5–8 PM. Family fun includes a trick-or-treat path, fun zone, games and inflatables. Call 847-918-7275 for information.



Check the fall brochure for dozens of family activities.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours

This year's trick-or-treat hours will be 4–8 PM on Monday, October 31.

Learning and family fun at annual Fire Department Open House



The Fire Department promises fun and learning for the whole family at its annual Open House from 1–4 PM on Saturday, October 8, at the main station, 1551 North Milwaukee Avenue.

The Open House features the popular fire pole for kids to slide down, a dive pool so people can watch our divers in action, auto extrication demonstration, kids combat challenge, various displays and activities throughout the station.

A junior fireman slides down the fire pole at last year's Fire Department Open House.

Change you clocks, change your batteries

The Fire Department reminds residents that when you set your clocks back on Sunday, November 6, it's a good time to take the extra hour to change smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries and to test alarms to make sure they are in proper working order.