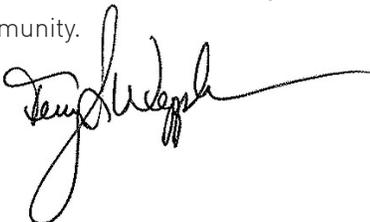


Message from the Mayor

During this season of giving thanks and gifts, we are all reminded of how fortunate we are to live in our Village.

If you are looking for ways to give a little extra this year, you may find that opportunity just steps away from your door. Perhaps you could shovel a walk or driveway for an elderly or ill neighbor. You might consider volunteering at Feed My Starving Children, MainStreet Libertyville, Lake County Haven or any number of other community organizations (listed in the business section of our website at www.libertyville.com). The Libertyville Food Pantry always appreciates donations of nonperishable foods, paper products and grocery gift certificates. Most places of worship also have giving trees to provide needed clothing and other gifts for the less fortunate.

No matter how you celebrate, your Village Board, Village Staff and I wish you very happy holidays. We hope to see you at the Village tree lighting and often this season throughout our community.



Terry Wepler, Mayor

Tree lighting, a festive holiday tradition

Thanksgiving is a time of traditions: turkey and all the trimmings, a family football game on the lawn, the annual Village tree lighting... Join your neighbors, friends and family at the tree lighting on Friday, November 29, at Cook Park. The festive evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a sing-along of traditional carols. Santa will arrive at 7 p.m. to light the tree and share his good cheer with everyone.



Cap off the evening with a tour of the Cook Mansion, some shopping at stores throughout the Village and a meal that you don't have to cook at one of Libertyville's nearly 100 eateries.

Explore more holiday activities in the Village on pages 5 and 6.

No hand-held phones after January 1

A new state law prohibits drivers from using hand-held cell phones on the road beginning January 1, 2014. Drivers that do not adhere to the ban will be fined \$75. For every subsequent offense, the fee increases by \$25 with a maximum fine of \$150.



Although drivers cannot use hand-held cell phones, they are permitted to use cell phones with hands-free technology such as Bluetooth.

"Cell phones are a huge distraction for drivers and misuse can have the same result as many drunk driving accidents. This new law helps pave the way to safer roads for pedestrians and fellow drivers," Police Chief Clint Herdegen said.

Shop 24 local retail centers for the holidays!

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Do you need unique gifts, beautiful holiday flowers or superb party invitations? Libertyville is the perfect solution for all of your holiday needs. Hundreds of retailers and service providers are just blocks away from your home, located in 24 retail centers throughout the Village.

Most businesses offer gift certificates. MainStreet Libertyville gift certificates are also an option. They may be used at more than 70 retail and restaurant locations in the Village. For information, go to www.mainstreetlibertyville.org/gift-certificates.

The Village Recreation Department also offers gift certificates good for classes, fitness center memberships, the driving range, swimming passes, sports programs and more. Purchase a certificate Monday through Friday at the Recreation Department, 625 W. Winchester Road, or call 847-918-7275 for more information.

When you shop Libertyville, you deal directly with knowledgeable, helpful business owners, and you keep your sales tax dollars in the Village. Looking for apparel, jewelry, a salon, entertainment, home furnishings, auto dealers or others? Find hundreds of listings of local businesses on the Web at www.Shop60048.com.



LIBERTYVILLE DINING GUIDE

Guide to nearly 100 Village
restaurants available at
www.libertyvilledining.com

Donate a bench, tree, equipment....

Since its inception in 2005, the Libertyville Foundation has received donations to fund police and fire department lifesaving equipment, landscaping improvements, trees, benches and other items. As we approach the end of 2013, please consider making a tax exempt gift to the foundation in memory of a loved one or as a way to keep Libertyville a great place to live. A 501(c)(3) organization, the foundation has a separately appointed board of trustees and accepts donations from businesses, community organizations and individuals on behalf of the Village of Libertyville.

For more information, contact the Village Administrator's office by phone at 847-362-2430 or stop by the Village Hall, 118 West Cook Avenue.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AND 29
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Candle with care this winter

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December is the peak month for home candle fires, with nearly half of all home decoration fires started by candles.

The Fire Department encourages the use of flameless candles. The Department requests that, if you use real candles, you keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, put them in a sturdy candle holder and blow them out when you leave the room.

Christmas tree safety tips

Be fire smart as you deck the halls this holiday season. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow very quickly. The Fire Department offers the following tips for selecting and lighting your tree.



- If you choose a fresh tree, make sure the green needles don't fall off when touched. Cut two inches off the base of the trunk and water the tree every day.
- If you use an artificial tree, be sure it's labeled by the manufacturer as fire-retardant.
- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in lights. Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of LED strands that can be connected.

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 several years and appreciates the cooperation we have received from drivers since its inception.

New hefty fines for cigarette butt littering

A new amendment to the state's littering law promises hefty fines to anyone caught throwing a cigarette butt out of a car window or onto the ground in any public place. Beginning January 1, 2014, offenders could face up to a \$1,500 fine. Violators convicted of this Class B misdemeanor could even receive up to six months of jail time.



Post sign at entrance to prohibit concealed carry

Individuals licensed to carry a concealed firearm under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act are prohibited from carrying a firearm into prohibited areas such as schools, courts or any building or property owned or controlled by a unit of local government. Private property owners (excluding residents) may also prohibit individuals from carrying a concealed firearm onto their premises if they conspicuously post the Illinois State Police approved sign. For more information on the posting or to download the approved sign, go to www.isp.state.il.us/firearms/ccw.



Cook Mansion Tours



Tour the Ansel B. Cook House, built in 1878 by its namesake on the site of the first permanent dwelling in Libertyville.

Friday, November 29
Following tree lighting – 9 p.m.

Saturdays, December 7 and 14
Noon – 4 p.m.

Sundays, December 8 and 15
Noon – 2 p.m.

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.



Senior Center offers holiday fun

The Village Senior Center offers a host of activities and services for Village residents 55 and better. Check out these upcoming events!

The **Holiday Ball** features dancing to old favorites and live music on Thursday, December 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Senior Center is transformed into a magical ball complete with delicious hors d'ouvres and desserts.

The annual **Christmas Luncheon** includes delicious food and entertainment on Wednesday, December 18. Wear your best holiday red and green!

Reservations are required for these events. 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 including exercise, art classes, games like Wii bowling and poker, theater trips and lunches prepared by local restaurants.



Try it all at Fitness Open House

Don't wait until New Year's Day to launch your fitness goal. Check out all the equipment (a lot of it new!) at the Fitness Center Open House and Member Appreciation Day at the Sports Complex from 9 a.m. to Noon on Wednesday, December 11, or Saturday, January 18. Even better, get started today.



Village residents can get into shape for as little as \$1 a day. Annual membership fees, including 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 \$12 per person. Holiday gift certificates are available. For more information, call 847-367-1504 or email kmeserve@libertyville.com.



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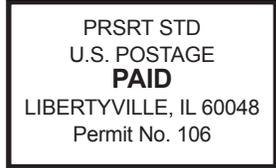
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Breakfast with Santa

Santa is sneaking away from the North Pole just long enough to have breakfast with you and your kids. Sing



Christmas carols and have the kids' photos taken with Santa. The fun begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 14, at the Crawford House. For registration information, call the Recreation Department at 847-918-7275.

Daddy-daughter gift class

Dad, make a date with your daughter (age 3 to 11) to create a beautiful necklace and bracelet for mom. The fun is from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Friday, December 6. For more information, check the Recreation Department brochure or call 847-918-7275.

MainStreet Dickens of a Holiday

Savor an English Tea, visit Santa and/or let the kids shop at a kids-only Holiday Shoppe during MainStreet Libertyville's annual Dickens of a Holiday on Saturdays, December 7 and 14.



Enjoy finger sandwiches and delectable bite-sized desserts at the genuine English Tea set among the stained glass windows of St. Lawrence Church.

This Libertyville tradition begins each Saturday at 11 a.m. For reservation information, call 847-680-0336 or go to MainStreetLibertyville.org.



Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus outside in their sleigh in Cook Park from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Kids can shop for their families with the help of Santa's Elves at the Children's Holiday Shoppe in the Community Room at Petranek's Pharmacy. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gift prices begin at \$5.

