

A message from Mayor Weppler

It's hard to believe the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is here again, and we will be caught up in the flurry of activity that December brings. I give thanks for all life's blessings on a daily basis. I am thankful for the strength and support of my family and the entire Village of Libertyville.

The year has been filled with exciting accomplishments in the Village. New stores and restaurants have brought more choices to our downtown area and other areas of the village. Although parking is a perceived challenge, vibrant businesses are great for residents and business owners alike. Also this year, the community involvement and opinions were welcomed on important issues such as the Brainerd Building and video gaming. As a resident you can make an important impact for the most accessible government of all ~ your local government. Our website has contact information for the Village Board and is filled with pertinent information regarding the Village.

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It's the most wonderful time of the year!



The tree lighting in Libertyville has become a festive tradition...join your neighbors, friends and family at the Annual Tree Lighting on Friday, November 28, at Cook Park. The festivities begin at 6:30pm with a sing-along of traditional carols and local groups performing their talents. This year they are Talent Forum's Footprints Tap Ensemble, a performance company of Chicago-area youth who actively choreograph, teach and perform and the Butterfield 4th & 5th Grade Chorus Club.

Santa arrives around 7:00pm to light the tree and share good cheer. Be sure to get your photos with Santa.

Cap off the evening with a tour of the Ansel B. Cook Mansion. Downtown merchants will offer extended hours for evening shopping throughout the Village. Treat yourself and your family and friends to dinner at one of Libertyville's nearly 100 eateries. Information on additional holiday activities are included in this newsletter.



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On behalf of a dedicated team of your elected Village Board members, staff and all employees, we would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season. Celebrate the season, celebrate with family and friends and celebrate our successes in 2014. Here's to many more in the new year!



Go to the Village website and sign-up now for CodeRed today!

The Village utilizes an Emergency Notification System called CodeRed. It's important that we have the ability to reach a vast majority of residents in certain situations. One of the challenges we face in this regard is that many people are carrying cell phones, thereby eliminating the need for a home phone. If you have made the decision not to have a home phone, it's important that you register your cell phone number with our CodeRed system so that we have a way of notifying you of an emergency or special event.

To register your cell phone number, go to www.libertyville.com/codered which will take you to the codered website. Now you simply enter your information. You'll be glad you did!



CodeRed is used to notify residents and businesses in the event of a serious incident in the Village, including major road closures, boil orders, missing children or persons who may be in danger, evacuation orders, or any other situation where Village officials believe that notifying the public is of the utmost urgency. The system is also used to notify residents of crime alerts, important "town hall" meetings, special branch pick-ups after a severe storm, and parade routes or detours.



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Shop 60048 this Holiday Season!

The Village would like to remind residents to Shop Libertyville this holiday. Whether you need jewelry for mom, a tie for dad, ballet slippers and a leotard for your daughter, ski gear for your son, an olive oil gift basket for a client, a spa gift certificate for your sister, dog treats for your pets, you can fill all your family gift needs right here. Having a holiday party? You can find specialty invitations, gourmet foods and spices, fine cuts of meat, a flower arrangement for your table, and groceries all right in town. As a party guest, you can pick up unique, one-of-a-kind hostess gifts from any number of Libertyville stores. Shopping at Libertyville businesses is not only pleasant and convenient, it supports the local businesses, creates jobs for residents, and helps to reinvest local sales taxes into the community. When shopping this holiday season, remember to support your community and Shop Libertyville!



Most businesses offer gift certificates. MainStreet Libertyville gift certificates are also an option. They are ideal to say thank you and/or happy holidays to a neighbor, teacher or coach. They may be used at more than 70 retail and restaurant locations in the Village. For more information go to www.mainstreetlibertyville.org/gift-certificates.

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 other things. Find hundreds of listings of local businesses on the web at www.Shop60048.com. Libertyville's sales tax is also lower than surrounding communities.

Great Tips for Recycling at Home



The recently re-organized Sustain Libertyville Commission took a tour of the facility that handles Libertyville's recycling. Here are some important tips they learned to maximize the efforts of recycling in your household and in Libertyville:

- Symbols 1-5 are accepted; however, no RED (or other colors) SOLO CUPS.
TIP: Re-use the cups for something else or use a glass.
- Plastic grocery bags and newspaper plastic bags are the worst item to send to a recycling center. They can't be recycled and often stop the whole process.
TIP: Please take these bags to a business that recycles them (most local grocery stores).
- Leave the lids on your plastic water and soda bottles. Leaving them loose in the recycling also can stop the recycling sorting process.
- Medical waste is one thing that stops everything immediately. There is NO place for medical waste at a recycling center! The Village of Libertyville provides a drop-off at the police station for this type of waste.

Additional information about recycling tips and good ideas can be found on the village website at www.libertyville.com/sustain and on the SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) website www.swalco.org.

Annual Mayor's Breakfast



2013 Breakfast at Sports Complex.

On Tuesday, November 18th, Mayor Terry Weppler will hold the annual breakfast at the Libertyville Sports Complex. More than 100 representatives from local businesses, enjoy breakfast, talk to fellow business owners and have any questions answered by the Mayor who will also provide an update on Village development activities and the local economic climate.



Get your guide to nearly 100 Village restaurants at www.VisitLibertyville.com

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Winter is coming!

Plowing will begin when snow becomes more than one inch deep and when freezing temperatures indicate there will be more melting. Salting instead of plowing is done when weather conditions create hazardous icing.



Snow fighters first concentrate on keeping the main arteries, emergency vehicle routes and collector streets open, followed by snow removal on neighborhood streets and alleys. Sidewalks are cleared along most of Milwaukee Avenue and around the central business district area. In all other areas, the Village requests that citizens and proprietors perform this service. 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.

Tips for Homeowners

- When you are clearing your driveway, shovel or blow the snow onto the parkway to the right side of your driveway as you face the street. Depositing snow on the streets is a violation of Village ordinance and creates a hazard after it freezes.
 - Park your vehicle off the street. On street parking is prohibited between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 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 for your protection.
- For more information about snow control during a storm, call the Public Works Department at 847-362-3434 or the non-emergency police at 847-362-8310.

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-sacs and other lower volume roads will not be salted unless conditions warrant it. The Village has applied this policy for several years and appreciates the cooperation we have received from drivers since its inception.



For your safety, the Village requires that residents leave their trash cans and recycle bins at the end of their driveway or in the parkway and not in the street. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AND 28
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1, 2015

Give Back

As we approach the end of 2014, please consider making a tax exempt gift to the Libertyville 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 separately appointed Board of Trustees and accepts donations from businesses, community organizations and individuals on behalf of the Village of Libertyville.

Pick up a brochure at the Village Hall at 118 West Cook or call 847-362-2430.



“Open Gym” for Kids During the Holidays

The holiday break is the perfect time for kids to take advantage of the facilities and fun at the Sports Complex. From December 26 through January 2 (closed January 1) Open Gym is available for soccer, basketball, the Climbing Mountain and more. The cost is \$8 per person per day. Call ahead for hours: 847-367-1502.



Fitness Center Open Houses

Now is your time to join the Fitness Center at the



Libertyville Sports Complex and get started on your fitness goals. The Fitness Center Open Houses are set for Tues., December 2, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and Sat., January 10, 9:00 a.m.-noon. All are welcome! It is a great opportunity to see everything the Fitness Center has to offer.

Jump start your New Year’s resolution and join our Fitness Center for an Annual Membership of only \$365, even less for Seniors. Family Discounts available too. The Fitness Center has more than 50 pieces of cardio equipment, including treadmills, ellipticals, step mills, and now new Cycle bikes. Personal trainers are also available to help you find a healthy routine.

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Pick a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2" from the base of the trunk. Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit and add water daily to the tree stand.



When lighting the tree, make sure to use lights that have the 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 string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

MainStreet Libertyville 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 6 and 13.

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.