

A message from Mayor Weppler

Last month, Governor Bruce Rauner proposed a 50 percent reduction in the local municipal share of the Government Distribution Fund/Income Tax during his FY2016 Budget Address, reducing local revenues by over \$600 million. The loss of this state-shared income tax revenue would result in elimination of jobs, local tax increases, program and service cuts and increased debt burdens that would be felt by all citizens.

Although we are urging the Governor and General Assembly to protect full funding of local governments; Libertyville may be impacted by a reduction in State Shared revenues. The Village Board recently met to review the Annual Budget for 2015-2016. After a balanced budget was

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April is Distracted Driver Awareness

Despite an increase in legislation regarding the use of cell phones while driving, distracted driving remains a significant problem in Illinois. To increase drivers' awareness of the dangers that follow this common practice, The National Safety Council has designated April "Distracted Driver Awareness Month." According to Distraction.gov, 43 states have banned text messaging for all drivers.

Effective January 2014 the law in Illinois:

- Prohibits ALL drivers from using handheld devices while driving.
- Prohibits all cell phone use (handheld & hands-free) for novice drivers.
- Prohibits texting for drivers of all ages.
- Prohibits cell phone use while driving in a school zone or highway construction zone.

To quit using your cell phone while driving, consider doing the following:

- Make a conscious choice to pull over or park before picking up your phone in the car.
- Tell friends and family that you will not be answering the phone when you're driving.
- Turn your phone off when you're driving. Keep it that way until you reach your destination.

More than 3,300 people were killed in distraction-related crashes in 2012 alone. Over 420,000 people were involved in a distracted-affected crash during that same year. Texting is the most alarming distraction because it involves manual, visual, and cognitive distraction simultaneously. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field, blindfolded. While it might be difficult to break this bad habit, experts say it is well worth it; you're making the road a safer place for you, your loved ones, your passengers, and other drivers. Receiving a ticket for using your cell phone while driving could negatively impact your insurance rate. Getting into an accident while texting or when distracted by your phone could cost you or somebody else their life. So, the next time your phone rings when you're behind the wheel, ask yourself: Can this wait? Is this call worth getting a ticket? Is this call worth risking a life? Please make the decision to avoid distracted driving. Your life may depend on it.

2015 Village Sticker Sales

It's that time of year again. 2015 Village Stickers are on sale at the Village Hall and must be displayed on your vehicles' windshields no later than May 1, 2015. Stickers are required for all vehicles registered or housed in the Village and cost \$30 for cars and trucks. The minimum penalty for not having a valid vehicle sticker displayed is \$100. One hundred percent of vehicle sticker revenue—approximately \$400,000—goes to repairing Village streets.



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created and discussed, we learned about several possible substantial impacts to our budget and revenues.

I want to do all that I can to protect the full funding of the Local Government Distribution Fund and continue to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of our residents. If in fact these proposals are approved, it will become a challenge for the Village to provide current levels of services to residents. The Village Board along with the Staff is now reviewing possible options that can be implemented to offset this loss of funding. Our goal is, and will always be, to continue to provide the best quality services to all our residents and businesses in Libertyville.

Mayor Terry Weppler



Memorial Day Activities Planned

Libertyville's Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 25, 2015. Participants will gather at the Metra Train Station at 9:00 am for a 9:30 am parade to Cook Park. The program will continue at Cook Park with music from the LHS band, a presentation by Mayor Weppler, representatives of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and High School essay winners.



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New Businesses to Shop, Dine, Explore...

Thirteen new retail and service businesses opened recently in Libertyville. Please patronize these and the nearly 1,000 other enterprises located here. To find just what you are looking for, search the [Business Directory](#) at www.Libertyville.com. You may search by category or name to learn the address, phone number, website and, in many cases, a description of the business. New businesses, which have opened in Libertyville from September 2014-March 2015, include:



New Businesses

Alex's Grill, 1745 Northwind Blvd (Northwind Centre), 847-504-9075, fresh sandwiches, salads and entrees

Anytime Fitness, 1429 Peterson Rd (Butterfield Square), 847-247-1800, 24-hour co-ed fitness club

Balkan Boy Brand, 271 Peterson Rd (Peterson Commons), 855-692-8735, European bakery and grocer

CoWorkers Link, 1781 Northwind Blvd (Northwind Centre), 847-910-0855, executive suites shared office space

Customized Garb, 443 E Park Ave, 847-984-2509, corporate promotional apparel and spirit wear

Ganello's Pizza Company, 1431 Peterson Rd (Butterfield Square), 847-549-3140, gourmet pizza, salads and more

Intellectica Systems Inc, 900 Technology Way #250, 630-532-7740, web-hosting and dedicated servers

Motivation Consultants Inc, 1113 S Milwaukee Ave #302, 847-918-1150, sales incentive marketing programs

Ryan M Curtis State Farm Agency, 333 Peterson Rd, Unit B (Creekside Commons), 224-206-7561, insurance and financial services

Sean Dunnigan State Farm Agency, 1414 S Milwaukee Ave (Red Top Plaza), 224-206-7730, insurance and financial services

The Eye Spot, 1449 Peterson Rd (Butterfield Square), 847-281-7306, vision care and custom eye glasses

The Tax Guy, 1590 S Milwaukee Ave #308, 224-433-6590, bookkeeping, tax and accounting services

Vision Care Consultants Ltd, 1308 S Milwaukee Ave (Red Top Plaza), 847-549-3111, vision care and custom eye glasses

Relocated Businesses

Bee Line Communications, 100 E Cook Ave #200, 224-207-4320, strategy, creative, digital, and support business services

Jimmy Johns, 1112 N Milwaukee Ave, 847-918-8772, fresh bread sub-sandwiches

Libertyville Florist, 103 W Rockland Road (Rockland Plaza), 847-816-9600, florist

Liberty Tax Service, 113 W Rockland Rd (Rockland Plaza), 847-918-1040, personal and business tax services



2014 Annual Report available online

The Annual Report is now available to all residents electronically. The report includes 2014 financial performance along with highlights from Police, Fire, Public Works, Community Development, and The Recreation & Libertyville Sports Complex Departments, and is available through the following link www.libertyville.com/2014annualreport. Featured on the cover are some of the 125 member Libertyville High School Marching Wildcats preparing for the Homecoming football game performance.



Residents Continue to Save on Electric Bills

Libertyville was one of Illinois early adopters of an electric aggregation savings program for residents and small businesses. The program was established in July 2012, and has saved participants an average of \$570 per home on the electric supply portion of their electric bill compared to the ComEd rate. Cummulative savings for the Village since the program started is more than \$3.5 million.

In 2014, the Village renewed the program with power supplier First Energy Solutions at a two year rate of 6.54 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh), which compares to a current ComEd rate of 8.072 cents per kWh. Residents and small businesses may enroll for no fee by calling First Energy Solutions at 1-888-651-5200.

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2015 Road Construction



The Village is getting ready for the 2015 construction season. The Village will be in the third year of the five-year pavement rehabilitation program being done through the Road Referendum that was passed in March 2012 for the rehabilitation of 30 miles of Village streets over five years. Since the program began, over 12 miles of streets have been rehabilitated. To view the list of streets to be rehabilitated in 2015, go to www.libertyville.com/2015pavementrehab.

The pavement rehabilitation work involves removal of curb and gutter, the extent of which varies depending upon the street, as well as patching, removal (grinding) of the pavement surface and placement of new binder and surface (aka "shave and pave"). Work is scheduled through October 1, weather and conditions permitting. Residents will be notified when work begins on their street and if the work will impact access to their driveway.

Prior to work on sections of Ames Street, Meadow Lane and Kenwood Avenue, the watermain will be replaced. Weather permitting, the watermain work is expected to last through mid-June. Watermain replacement will include the installation of new watermain and new water services from the main to the shut off in the parkway. There will be some interruption of water service from time to time and those affected will be notified directly. Information on the watermain work can be found at: www.libertyville.com/2015watermain.

In addition, the total reconstruction of Kenwood Avenue from Glendale to Valley Park Drive and the alley just east of Milwaukee Ave, between E. Lincoln Ave and E. Rockland will be done. Reconstruction is the complete removal and replacement of the curb and gutter, the road base and pavement. Information on this project can be found at: www.libertyville.com/2015pavementrecon.

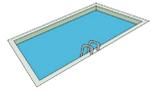
IDOT Projects

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will have several resurfacing projects in the Village this spring and summer. The good news is that the roads are being resurfaced and the bad news is that staff expects lane closures and some traffic delays. The IDOT projects are:

- Milwaukee Avenue: Starting at Church Street going south to Lincolnshire. *The estimated start time is April 2015, weather permitting. Pavement grinding and resurfacing will take place between 8pm and 6am.*
- Route 137: Butterfield Road to Milwaukee Avenue. *There is no start date available as of press time.*
- Route 137: Milwaukee Avenue to O'Plaine Road. *There is no start date available as of press time.*

We thank all residents and businesses for their continued patience.

Guidelines for Draining Swimming Pools

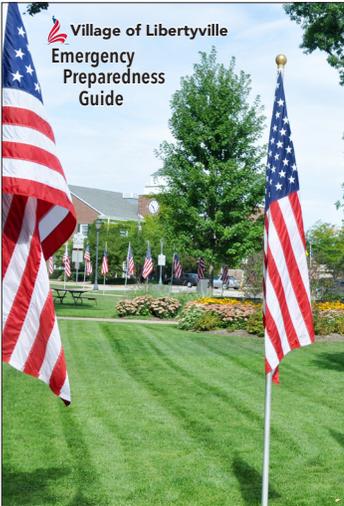


As you prepare to open your pool for summer please realize if it is filled with chlorinated water discharging it directly to surface waters, (wetlands, lakes, streams, rivers), roadways or storm sewers it has an adverse impact on local water quality. High concentrations of chlorine, as are present in swimming pools, are toxic to wildlife and fish. It is recommended that one of the following measures be used:

- De-chlorinate the water in the pool prior to draining. This can be done through mechanical or chemical means. These types of products are readily available at local stores. OR
- Drain the pool over a period of several days across your lawn using the following additional guidelines:
 - 1) Allow pool water to sit at least 2 days while receiving a reasonable amount of sunlight, and without further addition of chlorine or bromine. It is recommended that the chlorine level be tested after 2 days to ensure that safe levels are met (below 0.1 mg/l).
 - 2) Pool discharge must be directed across your lawn, not down your driveway or into nearby storm sewer inlets. Our storm sewer system leads directly to wetlands, streams, lakes or rivers.

These recommendations are based on guidance from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. If you have questions, contact the Village Public Works Department at 847-918-2100.

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Severe Weather Season Upon Us

Preparing for severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and floods will not only benefit you during the spring and summer months, but all year round. In fact, almost half the tornadoes reported in Illinois in the past three years (2012-14) have occurred in fall or winter. Typically, the "peak" of the severe weather season is from April through June; however recent weather events have proven that we need to be "Weather Ready" in Illinois the entire year. Learn more about the dangers of tornadoes, severe storms and floods and how you can prepare yourself and your family before severe storms impact Libertyville.

Sop in at the Village Hall, Fire Station or Police Station to pick up a free copy of the guide.

Watch vs Warning: Thunderstorms & Tornadoes!



Severe weather in our area occurs in the form of thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods and wind events. These events can be extremely dangerous and strike quickly without warning. It can be very helpful to you and your family to understand the terms used to describe weather threats.

A Severe Thunderstorm Watch means severe thunderstorms are possible.

Watch the sky and listen to the radio or television for more information. Be prepared to take shelter.

A Severe Thunderstorm Warning means severe thunderstorms are occurring.

Take shelter. Turn on a battery-operated radio or television to receive warnings and information.

A Tornado Watch means tornadoes are possible. Be prepared to take shelter. If you see any rotating funnel-shaped clouds, report them immediately by calling 911.

A Tornado Warning means a tornado has been sighted. Take shelter immediately.

Turn on battery-operated radio or television and wait for further information.

Prepare Yourself Before Severe Weather

- Purchase a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers.
- Determine the best location in your home and office to seek shelter. A basement or cellar usually affords the best protection. If a basement is not available, identify an interior room or hallway on the lowest level.
- Learn how to shut off the utilities to your home.
- Conduct periodic tornado safety drills with your family. Choose a location where your family will reunite.



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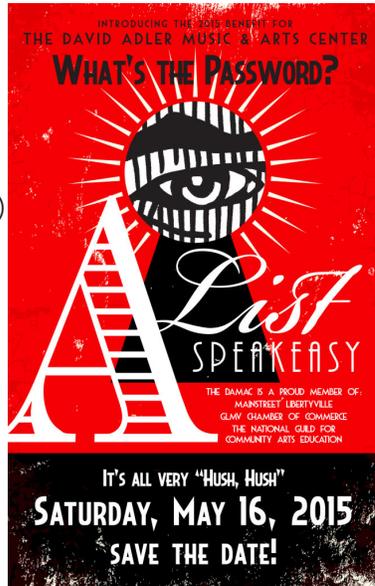


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2015 Benefit for The David Adler Music & Arts Center

On Saturday, May 16, The David Adler Music & Arts Center will hold its 2015 Benefit A-List Art Auction Speakeasy. Tickets are \$75. (must be 21+) The event takes place at the David Adler Center, 1700 N. Milwaukee Ave. from 6-10pm. There will be live music with complimentary wine, beer and appetizers. Bid on original fine art by local area artists. You may purchase tickets at adlercenter.org or call 847-367-0707.



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<p>36942 www.libertyville.com</p>	<p>Senior Division (ages 11-14) 100 yard swim 4.0 mile bike 1.0 mile run</p>	

Youth athletes will swim, bike and run to compete for the fastest combined time. Contestants will swim Adler Pool followed by biking, then running on roads and paths through Adler Park. Come cheer on these young competitors. 10% discount for multiple siblings.
Advanced Registration Required

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The Village Recreation-LSC Department's 4th Annual Kids Triathlon is Saturday, May 23rd at 9am at Adler Pool. Two age groups for both boys and girls ages 7-10 and 11-14. Register in advance, call 847-918-2775.

Residents Can Pay Water Bills Online

To pay your water bill online go to www.libertyville.com, click the "pay online" tab and follow the links to the payment screen. You can look up your account by your account number, last name or address. Once the payment is authorized by your credit card it will immediately be posted to your water and sewer account. If you have any questions regarding your water bill, call 847-918-2007 or send an email to waterbill@libertyville.com.

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