

Village Views

The newsletter of the Village of Libertyville, Illinois

A message from Mayor Weppeler

The Village Board and Staff are always looking for ways to improve service delivery to our residents and businesses, while at the same time either reducing costs or providing services in a more efficient manner. This was the case in November 2012 when the Village Board, Parks and Recreation Committee, and Village Staff conducted an analysis of the Village-owned "Bolander Park" property at 625 West Winchester Road. The 5.2 acre property was purchased by the Village in 1997 and has served as the main office and programming facility for the Parks and Recreation Department. The analysis determined that the building was significantly underutilized, and was facing significant capital repairs and expenses. The Village Board authorized the sale of the property (which is designated on the Village Comprehensive Plan for multi-family, transit oriented development) and to relocate and consolidate the Parks and Recreation offices and programming to the Libertyville Sports Complex (LSC).

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Village Community Survey Now On-line



Let us know how we're doing.

The Village is pleased to announce that a Comprehensive Quality-of-Life Survey will be conducted during the month of September. The purpose of the survey will be to assist the Mayor, Village Board and Staff in identifying priorities for the community and improving the quality of life. The survey is being conducted through an independent consultant, the National Research Center, Inc. of Boulder, Colorado, and is known as "The National Citizen Survey" (NCS). The survey includes questions about quality-of-life, important characteristics of the community, services provided, and priorities for the future. By utilizing the National Citizen Survey, the Village will be able to compare results and benchmark resident opinions against other communities across the country.

The survey is available online to Village residents and businesses at www.n-r-c.com/survey/libertyville.htm and will only take a few minutes to complete. For those who do not have access to the online survey, paper copies are available at the Libertyville Village Hall, Cook Memorial Library, Libertyville Civic Center, or can be obtained by contacting the Village Administrator's office at 847-918-2024. The results of the survey will also be used as a basis for the development of a Community Strategic Plan.

The NCS was among the first scientific surveys developed to gather resident opinion on a range of community issues, and has been used in more than 350 jurisdictions across 46 states. The NCS is a cost-effective survey of resident opinions and is an important benchmarking tool that allows for comparison among communities. Communities using the NCS have reported that the tool has improved service delivery, strengthened communications with community stakeholders, and helped leaders identify clear priorities for use in strategic planning and budget setting. Please help improve our community by taking a few minutes to complete the survey.



Back-to-school season is here! Remember to safely share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists, and talk to your children about being smart and staying safe both to and from school each day. Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they and the motorists around them take proper safety precautions.

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In November of 2013 the Village agreed to accept a bid from Swanson Development, LLC of Lake Forest, Illinois to purchase the property for \$2 million. Swanson Development is in the process of obtaining final approval for the construction of 56 townhomes on the property. The actual sale of the property will take place in September, and effective September 1, 2015. The Recreation and Sports Complex Department Administrative Offices and Staff will relocate from the Bolander Park building to the Libertyville Sports Complex, along with the relocation of the dance studio and dance ensemble programs. The Libertyville Sports Complex is located at the northeast corner of Peterson Road and Illinois Route 45. Telephone numbers, fax numbers, and emails will remain the same, including the Recreation main number of 847-918-7275. Walk-in registration for all Recreation and Sports Complex programs will be available.

The Village is also removing and storing the ice hockey and roller rink facility located in Bolander Park, and is working with a group of Libertyville residents and hockey enthusiasts on relocating the facility to a new location.

The Village Board anticipates that proceeds from the sale of the Bolander Park property will be utilized to pay down a portion of the Libertyville Sports Complex debt, and used for future Parks and Recreation capital improvements.

The Village Board also recently terminated the Lease Agreement with Athletic Republic, which leased space from the Village on the second floor of the Libertyville Sports Complex. The Village is welcoming Larry Lentz and the Lake County Athletic and Boxing/Tough Man under a new Lease Agreement for the second floor space.



Mayor Terry Weppeler



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Village offices will be closed on Mon. Sept. 7, 2015

Labor Day is Monday, September 7, 2015. Labor Day is a celebration of the American labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of workers. It constitutes an annual national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of their country.

New Businesses ~ Shop, Dine, Explore...

Fifteen new retail and service businesses opened between April 2015 - July 2015 in Libertyville. Please patronize these and the nearly 1,000 other enterprises located in town. To find just what you are looking for, search the Business Directory at www.Libertyville.com and then click on the link to the left side of the screen. 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

D3 Print Solutions, 1880 W Winchester Rd, #116, (847) 970-9750, print material design and production
Groomed & Polished by Marla, 1400 S Milwaukee Ave, #121 (within Phenix Salons), (847) 322-3540
Indian Motorcycle of Libertyville, 416 N Milwaukee Ave, (847) 984-2542, motorcycle sales and service
J. Twenty One Hair Studio, 1400 S Milwaukee Ave, #106 (within Phenix Salons), (847) 989-7685, hair salon
Landmark Exteriors, 1244 N Milwaukee Ave, (847) 281-9890, windows, doors, siding, roofing, etc
Liberty Tax Service, 113 W Rockland Rd, (Rockland Plaza), (847) 918-1040, tax preparation
Lifestyle Cycles, 326 S Milwaukee Ave, (224) 424-4138, bicycle sales and service
MRK Industries, 1821 Industrial Dr, (847) 362-8720, metal fabrication
Noggin Salon, 1757 N Milwaukee Ave #1, (847) 281-7177, hair salon
O'Toole's of Libertyville, 412 N Milwaukee Ave, (847) 984-2599, refined brewpub
Petal Peddlers, 1348 S Milwaukee Ave, (Red Top Plaza), (847) 680-1340, florist
Pilates 212, 1580 S Milwaukee Ave, #105 (Hilltop Plaza), (224) 610-6212, pilates studio
Rasco Mason Contractors, 1821 Industrial Dr, (847) 634-2625, masonry contractor
Szabo Hair Studio, 1400 S Milwaukee Ave, #104 (within Phenix Salons), (847) 651-9016, hair salon and waxing
Tips to Toes with Tina, 1400 S Milwaukee Ave, #121 (within Phenix Salons), (847) 849-9051

Relocated Businesses

Allstate – Phoenix Insurance & Financial Services, 1013 W Park Ave, (847) 362-0099, insurance and financial services
Julie J Studio, 406 N Milwaukee Ave, (847) 984-0971, art gallery and lessons
Smokes & Such, 408 Peterson Rd, (847) 573-1700, tobacco product sales
The Hair Source, 731 Milwaukee Ave, (Liberty Square), (847) 573-1993, hair salon

Expanded Businesses

Core Martial Arts, 1784 Northwind Blvd, (Northwind Plaza, (224) 612-3665, martial arts and fitness
Village Green Montessori, 125 W Church St, (847) 281-9911, preschool and before/after school care

SHOP DINE EXPLORE

Paint Recycle



You should never pour leftover paint down the drain, and the Village won't accept cans with paint remnants for disposal. Transform unused paint into solid waste by mixing a few inches of kitty litter into the can. Let the can sit uncovered until the kitty litter absorbs all the liquid and the paint is completely hardened. Then, follow your local guidelines for disposal by placing the can in the regular trash.

Fire Department Open House

Fire Prevention Week was first established by President Wilson in the 1920s to commemorate the Greater Chicago Fire of 1871. It is considered to be one of the longest-running public health and safety observances. The Libertyville Fire Department strongly urges families to participate in Fire Prevention Week and "Protect Your Family from Fire." The Fire Department will host its annual open house from 1-4pm on Saturday, October 10, at the main Fire Station, 1551 North Milwaukee Ave. The entire family can tour the Station, watch demonstrations and enjoy interactive activities. Kids can slide down a fire pole, climb inside a fire truck, spray a real hose, and take the Kiddie Combat Challenge and learn how to escape a house fire. It's fun for the whole family!



Updated Public Parking Guide for Residents and Visitors



Currently on-line with hard copies available now www.VisitLibertyville.com

New Recycle Bins Keep the Parks Green

Village Parks now have recycling containers and you are encouraged to use the containers for your recyclables. Less waste is our goal. Please do not put garbage in the recycling bin, otherwise the recycled materials are considered contaminated and the whole container has to be thrown in the garbage. Please take care to realize the difference. All residents use these common areas, so as a community, we need to work



together to keep them nice. This year during Libertyville Days a volunteer effort helped divert 840 pounds of recyclables out of the trash. What a great accomplishment!

Residential Fire Sprinklers

In March of 2005, the Village Board voted to adopt an ordinance requiring the installation of a residential fire sprinkler system in all new residential construction. This was seen as a life safety measure that is meant to protect the lives of residents and afford them more time to escape the home in case of a fire. The ordinance is not only in effect for the Village of Libertyville, but the Libertyville Fire Protection District. The Village of Green Oaks adopted the same sprinkler ordinance a few years later.

Fires in today's home burn hotter and faster due to the type of materials used for furnishings. Back in the 1950s and 60s, furniture was made of natural products while the furnishings in today's homes are made with synthetic materials. When these items burn, they give the homeowner less time to escape. A room can become totally engulfed in a matter of 3-4 minutes; whereas, homes several decades ago would take at least 6 times longer.



A sprinkler in a home is designed to activate in less than two minutes; quicker than the fire department can respond to your home.

As of today, there are approximately 450 homes that have fire sprinklers installed in the Village of Libertyville and the Libertyville Fire Protection District.

Any homeowner who has a fire sprinkler system installed in their home should contact their insurance agent to make sure they are receiving a discount on homeowners insurance.

MainStreet Events Fall Fun for All



MainStreet Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 19
6PM-11PM

Church Street, Downtown Libertyville



Trick or Treat on MainStreet

Friday, October 30
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Downtown Libertyville

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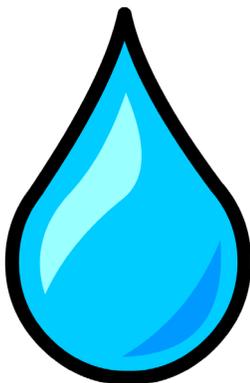
Enhancement Offered Upgrade your recycle bin



The Village updated its residential refuse/recycle contract with Groot this past February. A new enhancement of a larger recycling bin is now being offered. New to the Libertyville program, residents will have an option to upgrade to a 95-gallon cart for recycling from the existing 65-gallon cart. A brochure from Groot will be sent this fall with all the information on how to upgrade. Thank you for recycling!



The Village recently adopted a new sign code which allows for additional sign types to assist local businesses. The code now allows for pedestrian-oriented projecting signs in the downtown area to assist customers in identifying stores and restaurants as they stroll the sidewalk. Projecting signs are limited to 3 sq. ft. in size, cannot be internally illuminated, and require the review of the Appearance Review Commission, approval of the Village Board of Trustees, and issuance of a sign permit. The Village also now allows sidewalk signs as an alternative to temporary signs. Design and locations for the signs require approval and then a permit from the Community Development Department. Please note that wind-waver flags are no longer permitted anywhere in the Village. If you have questions, please contact the Department of Community Development at (847) 918-2028.



Paying your water & sewer bill online

In order to make the Village's online payment of water and sewer bills more secure, there have recently been changes made to the online portal that will now require an account PIN along with your account number. Both of these items are located in the top right-hand corner of your water and sewer bill. The payment address www.libertyville.com, remains the same. If you receive an emailed bill, the PIN and account number is located in the bottom right-hand corner.

If you would like to go paperless and receive an e-bill in place of a mailed water and sewer bill, please send an email to waterbill@libertyville.com with your name, email address and account number.



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Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians



Police Chief Herdegen reminds motorists to be particularly diligent during the first few weeks of the school year. This is a time of year when school-aged pedestrians have not yet developed a routine going to and from school or their bus stop, and high school-aged drivers may be experiencing a significant increase in young pedestrians for the first time. As part of the Libertyville Police Department's ongoing commitment to traffic and highway safety, Chief Herdegen suggests that parents should take the time to have friendly discussions with children and high school-aged drivers alike, to encourage them to use extra caution this time of year.

- **Sharing the Road with School Buses**

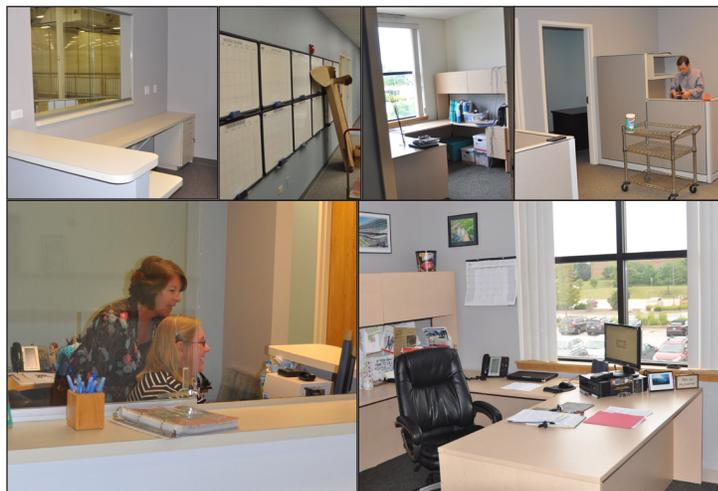
If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

Police Chief Herdegen says "Every year we receive a number of complaints about motorists who disregard school bus stop arms when they are loading or unloading children. If convicted of this violation, the motorist's driver's license will be suspended and they will be required to pay a fine. Please use extra caution this time of year, so the children in our community remain safe on their way to and from school."

Recreation Offices Move to the LSC

With the upcoming sale of the Village's Bolander Park property, the Recreation & Sports Complex Department Administrative Offices and Staff located at Bolander Park will be moving to the Libertyville Sports Complex (LSC) September 1, 2015. Phone numbers, fax numbers and emails will remain the same, including the Recreation main number 847-918-7275. Walk-In Registration for all Recreation & Sports Complex programs will be available inside the LSC.



Also, the Department's Dance Ensemble Program and Dance Studio will move to the LSC. The Libertyville Sports Complex is located at the northeast corner of Peterson Road & Route 45, and the LSC main phone number is 847-367-1502. Contact us to sign up for the many programs, activities and events of the Libertyville Recreation & Sports Complex Department.

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Halloween Fest 2015

Thursday, October 29



Save the date now and get ready for some fun at the 6th Annual Halloween Fest held on Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 pm inside the Libertyville Sports Complex. The Recreation Department produces this great event for families with children under the age of 10. Advance cost is only \$5 per child, and \$8 day of the event. Parents and grandparents are free! For registration information, call 847-918-7275.



Register Now

for Fall Activities



The Fall registration brochure for the Recreation and Sports Complex Department has "hit the streets" and residents can register now for hundreds of "FUN FALL" programs, events and other activities. Don't wait. Sign up for basketball, soccer, golf lessons, pre-school programs, dance programs and much more. Call 847-918-7275 for more information or go to www.Libertyville.com/recreation to view the entire brochure and sign up.