

A message from Mayor Weppler

“Why wasn’t I told about this?”

That is one of the most asked questions I get as Mayor. Try as we might, we don’t always seem to get the word out to all of our residents on all issues. However, it is the Board’s goal to provide as much notice as possible to residents about issues affecting their community. There are a number of ways you can keep informed about what’s happening in your community.

The *Village Views*, your official Libertyville newsletter, is published quarterly and contains articles from all Village Departments highlighting issues that are current and upcoming. The Libertyville Village website www.libertyville.com contains information about the Village, community events, public meetings and other things happening in Libertyville including, MainStreet events.

The Village also sends periodic email blasts to residents who have signed up to request email information. To receive the email blast simply contact THE
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It’s beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!



The Holiday Tree Lighting is one of the most wonderful Libertyville traditions. This annual downtown event will take place the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25th, in Cook Park. Families, friends, neighbors and visitors all gather for a festive night. Festivities begin at 6:30pm with music, singing and other Holiday themed entertainment. A special invitation has been sent to Santa Claus to help with the official countdown for the lighting of the Village Holiday Tree at 7:00pm sharp!

There will be a special area set up for photos with Santa Claus. The Ansel B. Cook Mansion will be open for tours. And make sure you ‘Shop Libertyville’ as downtown merchants will offer extended hours for evening shopping and dining at one of Libertyville’s nearly 100 eateries.

See you at Cook Park for the Libertyville Holiday Tree Lighting 2016.



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Village Hall through a phone call or email and we'll add you to the list. The Village also has a Facebook Page with regularly updated information.

Usually the biggest issues facing the Village are related to development, such as when a new subdivision or business is being built in the community. If a public hearing is involved, we are required to publish notice in the newspaper, send certified letters to property owners located within 250 feet of the property and post a notice on the property. In order to make the notices more visible, I have asked the staff that new notices posted on property be orange in color. If you see an orange sign posted on a nearby property, you can contact the Village Community Development Department to determine what is being proposed.

The Village also has the ability to utilize Code Red, an automatic phone notification system to notify residents about important information. We try to limit these calls, so we don't disturb our residents too often, and keep these notices for important and emergency issues. However, we do not have the ability to send you these notices on your cell phone unless you have signed up with us.

While newspaper readership is down from past years, we have two excellent reporters who work the Libertyville beat for the Daily Herald, the Libertyville Review and the Chicago Tribune. The stories have been accurate and often provide detailed information.

I encourage all residents to sign up for our email blasts and phone notification programs. We want to keep you informed and are open to other suggestions about how we can communicate better with all of our residents.

On behalf of myself, the Village Board and all of our dedicated employees, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah, and joyous time for any holiday you may celebrate this time of year.

Terry L. Weppeler, Myor



The Village website is getting a makeover.

Starting next month, the site will be easier to navigate with links to more great information. Check us out at www.libertyville.com

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Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

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 the Des Plaines River. 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.
- 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 vehicles off the street. On-street parking is prohibited between 10:00pm and 6:00am 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.

For more information about snow control during a storm, call the

Public Works Department at 847-362-3434

or the **Non-Emergency Police number at 847-362-8310** (after business hours)



Please Clean up after your pets

A friendly reminder that the Village Code requires all pets to be kept on a leash while in public, and also requires that owners clean up after their pets. Many Village parks contain a "Mutt Mitt" dispensing device to help pet owners. Please help keep Libertyville clean and beautiful.

Keep Your Home Safe on Holiday Vacations: 6 Essential Tips

Returning from a trip and learning something has gone seriously wrong at home can be downright devastating.

- 1. Ask a Friend to Help:** A simple way to gain peace of mind while traveling is to ask a friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your house while you're away. He or she should also have your contact information and a copy of your itinerary in case of emergencies.
- 2. Don't Tip Off Criminals On the Web:** In a world where it seems everyone is sharing information about their business on social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter, it's important to stop and think: Who exactly is reading this stuff? "Never post information advising you are going out of town, or where you are going and wait to post out of town pictures until after you return from your trip."
- 3. Curtains Closed -- or Open?:** Leave your curtains exactly as you usually keep them when you're home, since noticeable changes could hint that you're not around.
- 4. The Lights Are On But No One's Home:** Purchase a light switch timer that can turn your lights on and off automatically according to a programmed schedule.
- 5. Stop Your Mail:** Either place a "stop" order on mail and newspapers or arrange to have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail while you're away. Otherwise, a week's worth of papers piled on your front step could signal to criminals that this particular homeowner is out of town.
- 6. Pull the Plug:** Unplug tvs, computers, toaster ovens and appliances to protect them from power surges. This will help you save power. Do not unplug refrigerators, freezers, sump pumps, or other appliances that must stay operational while gone.

Contact the Police Department at (847) 362-8310 and notify them you will be out of town. If requested, your home will be included on a "Vacation Watch" list, so officers can conduct extra patrol in the area of your home while gone.

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of the
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**MAKE
US YOUR
SHOPPING
& DINING
DESTINATION!**

Book reservations now
for your holiday parties.

Find one-of-a-kind gifts
for everyone on your list.

'Tis the Season to Shop!

The Village would like to remind residents to Shop Libertyville this holiday. You can find custom invitations, hair products, gourmet foods and spices, fine cuts of meat, beautiful flower arrangements, trendy bracelets, Libertyville Wildcat gear, clothing, dance apparel, gift cards, spa certificates, groceries and a whole lot more. Grab a one-of-a-kind hostess gift 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. They are ideal to say Thank You and/or Happy Holidays to a neighbor, teacher, boss, coach or friend. MainStreet Libertyville gift certificates are also an option. 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 with knowledgeable, helpful business owners, and you keep your sales tax dollars in the Village. Libertyville's sales tax is also lower than surrounding communities. This holiday season be sure to Shop Libertyville! You can find hundreds of listings of local businesses on the web at [www.Libertyville.com/Business Directory](http://www.Libertyville.com/BusinessDirectory).

Church Street Parking Progress



Photo taken November 1, 2016.

Walsh Construction is successfully moving forward. They have set and welded all the pre-cast panels. The framing of the roof core above the stair and elevator tower is also underway. It is on schedule to be open for parking mid-January 2017.



To view plan in greater detail and get construction updates, go to www.libertyville.com/newparking

Shop Small Business Saturday

MainStreet Libertyville has organized participating downtown businesses for a promotion on Small Business Saturday (SBS), November 26, in order to attract more attention, customers, and sales to local businesses. Each store has supplied a prize of \$50+. A Passport lists all the participating local stores and prizes. Customers will be able to get a stamp on their Passport from each store they visit. The customer can choose to get stamps from any or all participating stores. Winners will be selected on November 28, 2016 and notified thereafter. Passports are available at participating businesses. For more information, go to mainstreetlibertyville.

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Libertyville Tradition Dickens of a Holiday



This holiday season indulge in a genuine English Tea, visit Santa Claus and/or let the kids go shopping at a kids-only Holiday Shoppe during MainStreet Libertyville's annual Dickens of a Holiday on Saturdays, December 3 and 10.

Enjoy finger sandwiches and delectable bite-sized desserts with genuine English Tea set among the stained glass windows of St. Lawrence Church. This Libertyville tradition begins each Saturday at 11:00 am. For reservation information, call **847-680-0336** or go to mainstreetlibertyville.org. A true Libertyville tradition!



Visit Santa & His Sleigh

Be sure to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus outside in their sleigh in Cook Park on Saturday, December 3 and 10 from 10:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. This is a chance to get some great photos.

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 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Gift prices begin at \$5. For information, go to mainstreetlibertyville.org.



Honor Your Loved Ones

As we approach the end of 2016, 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.

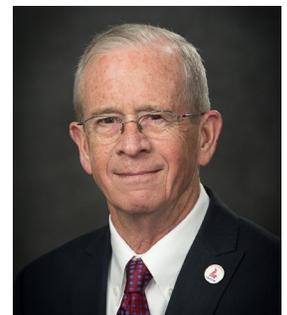
A 501(c)(3) organization, the Foundation has a separately appointed Board of Directors and accepts donations from businesses, community organizations and individuals on behalf of the Village of Libertyville.

Pick up a brochure at the Village Hall at 118 West Cook Ave., call **847-362-2430** or go online to www.libertyville.com/foundation.

Village appoints Trustee Pat Carey

On September 27, 2016, Pat Carey became the Village's newest Village Trustee, replacing Trustee Todd Gaines who resigned from office. Pat has lived in Libertyville for 18 years. "I am thrilled to be back as a civil servant after being Libertyville's Police Chief for 13 years," Pat said. "I look forward to being a part of both the economic and residential improvements."

The Village Board also passed a resolution at the September 27th meeting honoring outgoing Trustee Todd Gaines for his 7-1/2 years of dedicated service.



WARM WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

11th Annual Mayor's Business Breakfast



2016 Breakfast at Sports Complex.

On Thursday, November 3rd, Mayor Terry Wepler held the 11th annual Business Breakfast at the Libertyville Sports Complex. Representatives from local businesses all enjoyed breakfast, talked to fellow business owners and asked questions. The Mayor provided an update on Village development activities and the local economic climate. The annual breakfast is a way to thank Libertyville businesses for all that they do.

Attention Residents



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.



Libertyville Public Works Project Updates

✓ North Shore Bike Path/Sunnyside Avenue Drainage Improvements

The construction contract was awarded to Berger Excavating in the amount of \$197,314.40 at the August 9, 2016 Board meeting. The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission and Lake County Division of Transportation contributed \$30,000 and \$19,080 respectively in reimbursement funding. Construction started in late August and was completed at the end of September. The project included the construction of a 600-foot long drainage swale, 650-lineal feet of storm sewer and the relocation of a segment of the bike path that was adjacent to the drainage swale and storm sewer. This project will reduce flooding impacts to the abutting properties along Sunnyside Avenue.

✓ 2016 Underground Utility Improvements Program

The contractor, Trine Construction Corp., has completed the watermain replacement work, including service installations on Johnson Avenue, Merrill Court, Wheeler Court, West Ellis Avenue, East Ellis Avenue and Fourth Avenue at Paddock Lane.

✓ 2017 Underground Utility Improvements Program

Our consultant, Gewalt-Hamilton, continues work on the 2017 water main design plans and water main routing. The locations for the proposed water main replacement work include Route 45 (just south of Peterson Road), Cleveland Ave., Arbor Ct. and Lange Ct.

✓ Pavement Rehabilitation Project

The construction contract was awarded to ALamp Concrete Contractors for an amount not to exceed \$3,585,771.11 at the February 23rd Board meeting. Construction for the project which started in late March. A Change Order was also approved at the August 9th Board meeting to complete pavement milling and resurfacing for the west half of the Oaks Subdivision.

✓ FAU Resurfacing Project (Fourth/Greentree/Red Top)

Construction for this project was 80% Federal and 20% Village funded. The Contract was awarded to Peter Baker & Son in the amount of \$932,127 by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

✓ Annual Pavement Patching Program

Work for this program was awarded to ALamp Construction through a Change Order to their current contract. Pavement patching locations included East Golf Road (Fourth to Milwaukee), West Golf Road (just west of Milwaukee) and the Sports Complex main access drive.

Holiday Gift Ideas

Looking for a great Holiday gift for someone special who likes sports?

You can buy a Libertyville Sports Complex & Recreation Gift Certificate, which can be redeemed for many of the programs, offerings and activities which take place all year long in the Libertyville Recreation Department. For that special golfer in the family or golfing friend, Driving Range Cards make great gifts and stocking stuffers. These Range Cards can be used any time at our LSC Driving Range which is open every day. For more information on these gift ideas, call the LSC-Recreation Department at **847-918-7275**.



Holiday Break Camps & Holiday Open Gym



Sign up your kids in grades K-6 for indoor fun during the Holidays at the Libertyville Sports Complex. (LSC) We offer 10 days of our Holiday Break Sports Camps. Sign up for one or more days (Mon Dec 26, Tues Dec 27, Wed Dec 28, Thurs Dec 29, Mon Jan 2, Tues Jan 3, Wed Jan 4, Thurs Jan 5 and Fri Jan 6) as each session is from 8am-4pm and the children participate in a variety of sports and activities each day. Cost is \$40 per day (lunch is provided as part of the cost). To register your child, call **847-918-7275** or register on-line at www.libertyville.com/recreation

Also, for kids AND adults, visit the LSC for "Open Gym" during the Thanksgiving Holiday and the December Holiday Season. Only \$8 per person to play on our indoor soccer fields, basketball courts and batting cages. Try our Climbing Mountain for only \$10. Call **847-367-1502** in advance for Open Gym and Climbing Mountain times. Have some indoor fun.



Resolutions for 2017 can begin in 2016. Join our LSC Fitness Center. Individual Annual Memberships are only \$365. There are special rates for families and Seniors (60+). Memberships include free fitness and exercise classes, and other benefits. Attend our December "Open House and Customer Appreciation Day" on Saturday December 10 from 9:00am- Noon. Call **847-367-1504** for membership information or visit www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com



Youth Basketball Leagues

Don't wait, there's still time to sign up your child for our Youth Basketball Leagues. There is a League for boys & girls in the K to 2nd grade level and leagues in the 3rd to 8th grade level. Team practices start in December. Games are played on Saturdays at the LSC and the season runs from January to mid-March. To register, call the Recreation & Sports Complex Department at **847-918-7275**, register on-line at www.libertyville.com/recreation or send an email to sjenkins@libertyville.com

VILLAGE HOLIDAY HOURS



Village offices will be closed on
Thursday, November 24 &
Friday, November 25, 2016
Monday, December 26, 2016
& Monday, January 2, 2017.

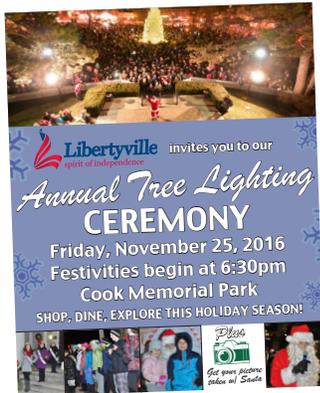
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Cold Weather Safety Checks

Winter is just around the corner and with colder temperatures, furnaces will be turned up and fireplaces will be crackling with a warm fire. There are a few safety precautions that need to be addressed each year to make sure your furnace and fireplace are operating properly. Contact a reputable furnace contractor and have your furnace serviced to assure it is safe to operate this winter season. Have your chimney cleaned and flue checked to make sure your fireplace is ready for a season of burning wood. It is also important to have your gas appliances serviced each year to assure they are functioning properly. When heating appliances such as hot water heaters, furnaces, boilers, stoves and fireplaces are malfunctioning, one particular hazard can be Carbon monoxide (CO).

Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning in the United States. Often called a silent killer, CO is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels, such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane, burn incompletely. CO enters the body through breathing. CO poisoning can be confused with flu like symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses. Some symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness or headaches. Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning, high levels of CO can be fatal for anyone, causing death within minutes.

Carbon monoxide detectors are required by law in Illinois. Every home and multi-family residence is required to have at least one approved and operating CO detector alarm with 15 feet of each bedroom.



- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month.
- If your CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location and call 911.
Remain in the fresh air location until emergency personnel say it is okay.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries or other trouble indicators.

Make sure your home has the required amount of working carbon monoxide alarms and make sure you have functioning smoke detectors in your home. The Libertyville Fire Department wants everyone to be warm and safe this winter. We are available to check your Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Smoke Detectors. Please contact us at **847-362-5664** to schedule an appointment.