

A Message from the Mayor

Currently, Governor Pat Quinn and our legislators are thrashing out the state's budget and, if they get their way, Libertyville stands to lose more than \$600,000 it is due from the state. In all, \$300 million in monies guaranteed to municipalities throughout the state would be cut.

Since 1969, municipal governments have received a percentage of the state income tax under the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), a law enacted so that municipalities would not impose local income taxes on their residents. Governor Quinn's budget proposal would reduce local government's share of the income tax from 10 percent to seven percent. Governor Quinn and the legislators would take the \$300 million from local governments and add it to the state budget. This wouldn't actually do much to solve our state's nearly \$13 billion deficit, but it would greatly impact personnel, and services in localities all over the state and this would be on top of the recent 66 percent increase in state income tax.

For years, Libertyville has been dealing with declining revenues and has been forced to reduce expenditures. The budget article on this page and page two details some of what our Village has faced. The 30 percent loss in LGDF will force Libertyville to re-evaluate the budget we recently passed but wouldn't give us sufficient time or resources to fill the gaps created by the cut.

I hope that you agree with me that Governor Quinn's budget plan is bad for Libertyville and bad

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Village budget reflects the times

The Village Budget for the fiscal year that began May 1 empowers the Village to provide quality services and programs while maintaining a fiscally responsible and balanced budget. The budget reflects the unprecedented economic situation which has caused significant financial challenges over the last several years. Since 2006, for example, the Village has received \$2 million less in sales tax and more than \$300,000 less in State Income Tax.

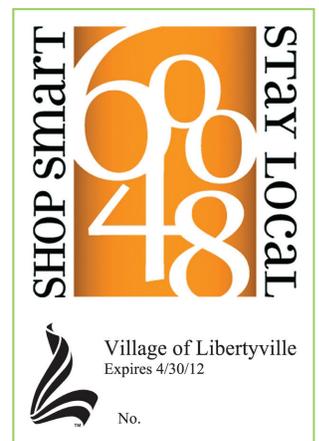


Since 2004, the Village has been reducing expenditures. In order to live within its means, the Village laid off eight employees over two years, reclassified four positions from full time to part time, required non-union employees to take furlough days for a year and a half and deferred much-needed capital improvements. The Village also froze non-union salaries and hiring.

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Display your new Village sticker

It's that time of year to make sure you have your 2011 vehicle sticker displayed in your vehicle's windshield. Stickers are required for all vehicles registered or housed in the Village. The penalty for not having a valid vehicle sticker displayed is \$100. One-hundred percent of vehicle sticker revenue goes to repairing Village streets. Stickers may be purchased at the Village Hall.



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for Illinois. I urge you to contact our state representative and state senator and tell them to vote against any proposal to eliminate any amount of local government revenue sharing. You may contact Senator Dan Duffy via email at Dan@SenatorDuffy.com, by phone 847-277-7100 or by mail at 330 E. Main Street, Suite 301, Barrington, IL 60010. You may contact Representative Ed Sullivan via email at ilhouse51@sbcglobal.net, by phone at 847-566-5115 and by mail at 700 N. Lake Street, Suite 101, Mundelein, IL 60060.



Terry Wepler, mayor

2012 Budget

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This year's budget has a General Fund component of the overall budget that is \$78,660 less than last year's, and the General Fund reserve is projected to increase from \$2.3 million to \$3.8 million. In addition to the savings generated through reduced personnel and expenditures, the surplus is generated through electric and gas utility taxes and through increased telecommunications taxes. The surplus enables the Village to begin rebuilding the unreserved General Fund Balance.

The Village will continue its efforts to restructure the Libertyville Sports Complex (LSC) bond and to market portions of the LSC. The budget also continues to subsidize the debt payment for the LSC since the complex is not generating sufficient income to fully fund the legally required debt payments.

The budget includes the addition of six full time firefighter/paramedics to replace six that have been provided contractually. The Village will also undergo a comprehensive Service Analysis to examine core and elective services to explore all options available for delivering service in the most cost effective and efficient manner possible.

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 summer needs!*

Village thanks Trustee Nick Proepper

The Village thanks Nick Proepper for his four years of service on the Village Board. "While on the Board, Nick was extremely thoughtful and thorough in looking at issues, a gentleman 100 percent of the time and very caring about residents concerns. He was an excellent Village Board member," Mayor Terry Wepler said.

KLB reimburses residents who beautify their cul de sac



The Village Keep Libertyville Beautiful Commission grants up to \$100 to residents on a one-time basis for permanent plant materials used to improve residential cul de sacs. The grants exclude common areas maintained by homeowner associations.

To apply for a grant, please contact Faith Sage at 847-362-3992. She will provide a form with suggested plant materials, such as spring bulbs, trees, shrubs and other evergreens. You will be reimbursed after materials are approved and planted.

Metra extends platform to improve traffic flow on Milwaukee Avenue

Metra is extending the platform at the downtown train station. By extending the platform to the west, westbound Metra trains stopping at the station will clear the Milwaukee Avenue crossing. The crossing signals and gates will cycle back up when a train stops, allowing traffic to flow on Milwaukee Avenue. This improvement will be especially helpful during the evening rush hour commute. The project should be completed by the end of the summer.

Metra is storing construction materials on approximately 15 commuter spaces in the northwest corner of the commuter parking lot adjacent to the train station. Metra appreciates commuters' cooperation and patience during construction.

Jim Moran sworn in as trustee

Jim Moran, who serves as president of the Brainerd Foundation and the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society, is extending his public service as the newest member of the Village Board. Sworn in May 10, Moran said he hopes to work with his colleagues "to do the best we can to provide information and resources to residents and to help make sure Village government is running as efficiently as possible."



Village Band begins 34th season at Cook Park

The tradition continues as the Village Band begins its 34th season next month. Bring along a chair or blanket for the lawn and enjoy the band's performances at Cook Park beginning at 7:30 PM on Thursday, June 23 and 30, July 14, 21, and 28. Check the Village website or call 847-356-7865 for additional information.



Adult musicians and students in ninth grade and above who want to participate are invited to the first rehearsal from 7-9 PM on Monday, June 13.

Fourth of July

The Village Band also will perform on July 4 at the Butler Lake Band Shell from 7:30-9:15 PM. Fireworks will follow at approximately 9:30 PM at Butler Lake Park.



Summer in the Village

Celebrate summer with many fun, family events, including:

Farmer's Market, Church Street next to Cook Park, Thursdays, beginning June 23, 7 AM-1 PM, fresh produce and much more.

Out to Lunch, Cook Park, Fridays, beginning June 24, 11 AM-2 PM, live bands, delicious specialties from local restaurants.

First Fridays on Mainstreet, downtown on first Friday of the month, 6-9 PM, local shops offer music, wine tastings, special discounts.

Walk through our Gardens, Sunday, June 25, 10 AM-3 PM, walk through five beautiful gardens, for information, call 847-971-6622.



Out to Lunch, above, and Farmer's Market, left, are popular summer activities in the Village.

Dymond Road under construction

The Village road program this year is limited to one project, the reconstruction of Dymond Road from Crane Blvd. to Park Avenue/Route 176. Public Works began the nearly one-half mile project on May 1. It includes road reconstruction, adding curb and gutter, storm sewers, drainage structures and a concrete sidewalk.

The Engineering Division provides a traffic detour that allows residents to enter and exit the neighborhood during construction.

Memorial Day ceremony planned

Residents are invited to share in the annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 30. The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Libertyville High School Band, and Fire Department honor guard are among the participants that will gather at the Metra train station at 9 AM for a 9:30 AM parade to Cook Park for a ceremony at 9:45 AM.

Following a ceremony there, all participants are welcome to march to the veterans' monument at Lakeside Cemetery for a firing ceremony and laying of wreaths.



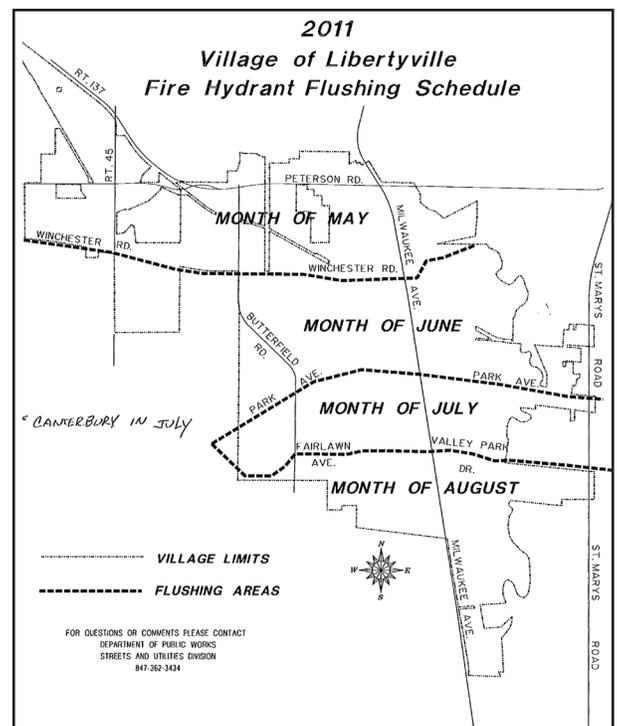
2011 Hydrant flushing schedule

Public Works began the annual fire hydrant flushing on May 1 to remove sediment and assure proper working order. Signs are posted in affected areas throughout the summer.

When hydrants are flushed in your area, please check for possible water discoloration prior to water use. If the water is discolored, it can usually be remedied by running a cold water tap for 5–10 minutes or until the water clears. Postponing laundry for a day until the water is clear is recommended. Please call the Public Works Division with questions at 847-362-3434.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule

- May 1–31:** North of Winchester Road to Village limits
- June 1–30:** South of Winchester Road to north of Park Avenue
- July 1–31:** South of Park Avenue to north of Fairlawn Avenue/Valley Park Drive. Also, Canterbury neighborhood
- August 1–31:** South of Fairlawn Avenue/Valley Park Drive to Village limits to the south



Senior discounts and programs



Senior citizens often qualify for discounts. Below are some of the agencies offering discounts. Please contact them for information and requirements.

- Village Water/Sewer bill:
Village Hall, 847-362-2430
- Village vehicle sticker:
Village Hall, 847-362-2430
- Pace Dial-a-Ride:
847-223-2245
- Senior Homestead
Property Tax Exemption:
Libertyville Township Assessor,
847-362-5900
- Garbage: Groot, 877-404-7668
- RTA: 847-836-7000

In addition, the Libertyville Senior Center, located at the Civic Center, offers a wide range of educational, health and fun activities at low or no cost to individuals 55 and better. Among the many regularly scheduled activities are bridge, exercise, pinochle, knitting, ballroom dancing and Wii bowling, a foot clinic and legal advice. Three days a week the Senior Center offers great meals prepared by local restaurants and caterers for only \$5. For more information, please call 847-247-7659.

Protect your family in stormy weather

Tornado season is upon us. Residents are asked to take special care and follow these recommendations:

- If you notice threatening weather, check your local radio or TV weather reports or, even better, invest in an all-band weather radio. Even though the Village has an outdoor warning siren system, DO NOT wait for the siren before taking cover. Funnel systems can form quickly and may strike before weather sirens can be sounded.
- If you hear the emergency outdoor warning siren (a distinctive, three minute continuous tone), it means a storm funnel has been sighted within 10 miles of the Village. Libertyville activates the emergency warning system using eight sirens located throughout the Village and fire district. They are designed to warn people who are outdoors or in cars to take cover.
- If you are near your home when the siren sounds, go directly to the basement, an inner hallway, or a bathroom with no windows. Tune to a news station to determine the progress of the storm and to know when the danger has passed. Libertyville does NOT sound an all-clear signal because secondary funnel systems may follow turbulent weather.
- If you are in a car, do not try to "outrun" a tornado. If you spot a funnel, get out of the car and lay down in a low area, such as a ditch, or seek shelter in a building. Avoid areas with tall trees.
- Any funnel sighting should be reported to the Fire Department. However, after the warning siren, citizens should not dial 9-1-1 unless it is absolutely necessary. The 9-1-1 emergency number must be kept free for medical and fire emergency phone calls.



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Libertyville Days Festival

Peace, Love and Libertyville is the theme of the annual Libertyville Days Festival, promising great family fun Thursday–Sunday, June 16–June 19, 2011.

A carnival with rides and games for all ages will run Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. Rides for younger children will be at Sunrise Rotary Park. For older children and adults, the carnival will be on Church Street and the Civic Center rear parking lot.

Saturday’s parade steps off at 10 AM and features marching bands, Shriner groups, clowns and horses, community groups and a cast of helium balloons, including Uncle Sam. The parade begins at the train station and travels south along Milwaukee Avenue to Rockland Road.

An Arts & Crafts Fair will be held at Cook Park on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Enjoy a Taste of Libertyville on Church Street on Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. The always-popular Beer Garden will be in the Civic Center parking lot.

Main Stage entertainment at Church and Brainerd streets features great music of all types throughout the festival. Other activities include the annual Libertyville pageants, Children’s Cookie Bake Off, Libertyville’s Got Talent, Watermelon Eating Contest, and Legoland Discover Center Activities.

The Libertyville Days Festival is the annual fund raising event to support the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation. For more information, go to www.libciviccenter.org/festival or call 847-918-8880.



The Libertyville Days Parade, a highlight of the annual community celebration, kicks off at 10 AM on Saturday, June 18.