

Message from the Mayor

Village balances budget, eliminates gas tax

The 2013-14 Village Budget represents an ongoing commitment by the Village Board, Staff and me to provide quality services and programs in accordance with the Village Mission Statement while maintaining a fiscally responsible balanced budget. Although certain revenue sources have shown improvement and expenditures have stabilized due to the implementation of cost saving measures, many challenges remain. Revenues and expenditures have improved to the point where the Village Board was able to eliminate the utility tax on natural gas. However, the Village remains only cautiously optimistic as our State considers numerous bills which would have a significant negative impact on the Village and other local taxing districts.

Among the highlights of the 2013-14 Village Budget is increased investment in Village transportation and water and sewer infrastructure, including approximately \$10 million in capital improvements, primarily from the first year of road improvements authorized in the March 2012 referendum. The Village also continues its investment in technology and physical infrastructure in order to increase efficiencies and maintain public facilities.

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Referendum Roadwork begins



Water mains are being replaced along a number of Village streets this spring.

Village residents are beginning to reap the benefits of the road referendum passed in March 2012 as work begins on a number of Village streets. Roadwork includes both pavement rehabilitation and the total reconstruction of some streets. Over the next five years, nearly 1/3 or 30

miles of the Village's streets are slated for repair.

To view a list of streets included in the plan, go to www.libertyville.com/2013pavementrehab. Residents may also subscribe to receive construction updates via email. Further, the Village utilizes direct phone notification to update affected residents. If you do not have a land line and wish to be contacted via a cell phone, contact Public Works at 847-918-2100.

The most significant amount of work to be done is pavement rehabilitation. This work involves removal of curb and gutter, the extent of which varies depending upon the street, as well as patching, removal (grinding) of pavement surface and placement of new binder and surface (aka shave and pave). Portions of more than 30 Village streets are selected for rehab in 2013, with work scheduled through October 1, weather permitting. Residents will be notified when the work will begin on their street and if the activity will impact access to their driveways.

The total reconstruction of Seventh Avenue between Glendale Road and Valley Park Drive (including a portion of Valley Park) and Sunnyside Avenue from Milwaukee Avenue to Prairie Avenue will also occur this summer. In addition, some alley sections in the Village will be

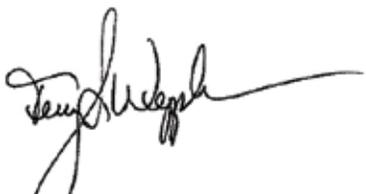
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Additionally, the Budget includes the implementation of various efficiencies which resulted in more than \$500,000 in savings to the Village. The savings include approximately \$140,000 from the first full-year of the Village contracting with the Village of Vernon Hills for Police and Fire dispatch, \$80,000 in expenditures due to the privatization of the Libertyville Golf Course, \$100,000 due to the Village's ongoing commitment to our green strategy and energy conservation measures in obtaining reduced electricity costs and upgrading lighting at various Village facilities through energy grant programs. Also included is \$100,000 for ongoing implementation of the Village Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan and reduced staffing levels over the last several years from 180 to 161 full time employees (a 12% reduction). The total Village budget, including capital expenditures, is \$52.3 million.

The Village Board, Staff and I continue to conduct a detailed examination of all expenditures within the Village budget to assure taxpayers that the Village is providing services and programs in the most cost effective and efficient manner. We greatly appreciate those residents who shop and support our local businesses, and keep tax revenue within the Village.



Terry Weppeler, Mayor



Referendum roadwork

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reconstructed. Reconstruction is the complete removal and replacement of the curb and gutter, the road base and the pavement.

Work on Seventh Avenue will begin after school is out for the summer. The schedule for the rest of the work is not available, but affected residents will be notified in advance of the work.

Prior to the street repair made possible by the referendum, new water mains will be replaced on portions of Burdick Street, Carter Street, East Austin Avenue, East Sunnyside Avenue, Lincoln Avenue and McKinley Avenue. Weather permitting, the water main work is expected to last through the end of June. Water main replacement will include the installation of new water main and new water service lines 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.



A portion of Dymond Road was previously reconstructed by the Village.

2013 Village sticker sales



It's that time of year again. 2013 Village stickers are on sale at the Village Hall and must be displayed in your vehicles' windshields no later than May 1, 2013.

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.

Watch vs warning in severe weather

Severe weather in our area occurs in the form of thunderstorms, tornados, floods, and wind events. These events can be extremely dangerous and strike quickly, without warning.

It can be helpful to you and your family to understand the terms used to describe weather threats.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch:

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

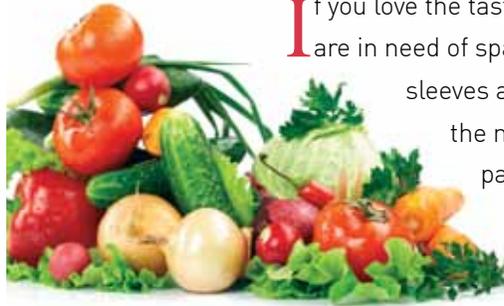
Severe Thunderstorm Warning:

Severe thunderstorms are occurring. Take shelter. Turn on a battery-operated radio to receive warnings and severe weather statements.

Tornado Watch: Tornadoes are possible. Watch the sky and listen to the radio or television for more information. Be prepared to take shelter. If you see any rotating funnel-shaped clouds, report them immediately by calling 911.

Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately. Turn on a battery-operated radio or television and wait for further weather information.

Grow your own juicy, ripe vegetables on a Libertyville Gardens plot



If you love the taste of a juicy, ripe homegrown tomato and are in need of space to grow your own produce, roll up your sleeves and join your neighbors as you work one of the new Libertyville Gardens plots. Offered in partnership by the Village, The Chapel and Gardeners of Central Lake County, the gardens are located on the grounds of The Chapel at 1200 American Way,

which is east of Route 45 off Winchester Road.

You may lease a 20' x 20' garden plot for \$35 or a 20' x 10' plot for \$20. The plots will be staked and include a composting area and water supply. The growing season will begin in April and end November 15. A deposit of \$25 is refundable at the end of the growing season if the plot is cleared and no additional water costs are incurred.

You may register online at www.Libertyville.com/libertyvillegardens or in-person at the Bolander Building, 625 W. Winchester Road. Gardeners will complete a registration/application which explains common-sense regulations, terms and conditions for use of the garden plots.

Prepare your family for severe weather

There are many ways to prepare you and your family for severe weather. Among them are:

- Purchase a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio.
- Check weather forecasts before leaving for extended outdoor periods; postpone plans if severe weather is imminent.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers. Teach children how and when to call 911 for emergency assistance.
- Determine the best location in your home to seek shelter when threatened by a tornado. A basement usually affords the best protection. If an underground shelter 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. Decide how and where your family will reunite.



KLB cul-de-sac beautification



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 call Patty Kerrigan at 847-707-7499 or e-mail her at kerriganlally@yahoo.com for an application. 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.

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13 new businesses open in the Village

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](http://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 include:

- **Shakou Sushi Hibachi**, 625 North Milwaukee Avenue (Manchester Square), 224-433-6675, modern Japanese cuisine.
- **Foss Swim School**, 1360 South Milwaukee Avenue (Red Top Plaza), 847-680-7946, swim lessons for all ages.
- **Liberty Kia**, 920 South Milwaukee Avenue, 877-593-6264, new and used cars and service.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store**, 1125 South Milwaukee Avenue, 847-367-4700, gently used clothing, household items and furniture.
- **Julie J Studio**, 117 East Cook Avenue, 847-984-0971, fine art collection, classes and parties.
- **Spring Valley Trading Co.**, 526 North Milwaukee Avenue, 224-433-6219, reclaimed wood products, handmade wares, art, vintage furniture and gifts.
- **Orinoco Fitness**, 116 North Milwaukee Avenue, 847-281-7362, fitness studio offering ZUMBA, yoga, pilates and more.
- **Sweets 4 U Bakery**, 103 West Rockland Road (Rockland Plaza), 847-362-6434, classic, scratch-made baked goods, breads, cakes, cookies, desserts.
- **CR Spa and Local Artisans**, 530 North Milwaukee Avenue, Unit B (in the rear), 847-542-6007, hair, nails, massage, spa services, and local artisan showcase.
- **Anna's Hair Studio**, 1039 North Milwaukee Avenue (WinMil Plaza), 847-918-0112, hair salon and skin care.
- **Just Target Guns**, 332 Peterson Road (Brookside Plaza), 847-549-6226, target guns and accessory sales.
- **Feed My Starving Children**, 744 East Park Avenue (Park Avenue Corporate Center), 847-984-3846, not-for-profit food packaging for the hungry.
- **Verizon Wireless**, 127 North Milwaukee Avenue (Libertyville Crossings), 847-984-2530, wireless phone service, sales and accessories.





The Sports Complex is the place to be to cheer on the Chicago Blackhawks when they take to the ice on the road. The Blackhawks Roadwatch Party returns for the third year on Tuesday, April 9, with special appearances by Blackhawks legendary Hall of Fame goalie, Tony Esposito, and National Anthem singer, Jim Cornelison!

Watch the Blackhawks play the Minnesota Wild on our big screen TV. Doors open at 6 p.m. for fun pre-game ceremonies. The face-off is at 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 for both kids and adults. The fun also includes the Hawks Ice Crew Girls, mascot TommyHawk, giveaways, prizes, goal celebrations, concessions, floor hockey for kids and more. Call 847-918-7275 to order tickets.

Register now for spring and summer Recreation and Sports Complex fun!

The Spring-Summer double-issue registration brochure for the Recreation and Sports Complex Department has "hit the streets" and residents can register now for hundreds of fun programs, events and other activities. Sign up now for swimming pool passes, swimming lessons, summer day camp, golf lessons, pre-school, martial arts and much more. Call 847-918-7275 for information or go to www.Libertyville.com/recreation to view the entire brochure and sign up for activities.



Join the Fitness Center and get fit today

Resolutions can begin in the spring. So why not join the Fitness Center at the Libertyville Sports Complex today? Annual Membership costs only \$365, a mere \$1 a day. Membership includes free fitness classes, free open gym, free climbing mountain, free walking/running area, no enrollment fees, no non-resident fees, free wellness screenings and seminars, and a special LSC Fitness Member Magnet. Family of two, household memberships and special senior (60+) rates are also available. Call 847-367-1504 or email kmeserve@libertyville.com for membership information.



Greens fees remain an economical \$10 per round, but the Libertyville Golf Course has great changes in store this year, including new green and tees surfaces and a new golf academy.

Great new offerings at Village golf course

The nine-hole, par-three Libertyville Golf Course will now be managed and operated by BCS Golf, LLC. The course will feature new golf specific artificial surface greens and tees for better maintenance and more consistent surfaces. Rates will remain the same, with greens fees only \$10 for Libertyville residents of all ages. BCS Golf will offer Studio 59 Short Golf Academy with top flight instructors conducting various clinics, camps and special events for golfers of all ages and skill levels, including special camps for youth. Studio 59 will also feature a year-round indoor putting studio. For tee times, as well as to get registration information on the Short Game Academy and the Indoor Putting Studio, call 847-362-5722 or go to www.studio59golf.com.



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The Best of the Best Awards

The *Daily Herald* recently celebrated local businesses and communities with the 2013 Readers' Choice Awards, which designated the "best of the best" places to shop, dine and live, as voted by its readers. Libertyville and many of its businesses were honored as one of the top four in a number of categories.

The Village won in two categories, best downtown atmosphere and best city/town to live, and the Libertyville Sports Complex won for having the best driving range. The range is open every day and features over 75 matted tees, 40 weather protected tee stations, as well as the best grass tee practice range in the area.



Local businesses and the categories in which they won include: Mickey Finn's, beer garden and microbrewery; Wildberry, brunch; Chili U, chili and new restaurant; Hong Kong Chop Suey, Chinese food; Fodrak's, gyros; Austin's, outdoor eatery, bar/lounge, live music venue and place to dance; Firkin, bar/lounge; Libertyville Car Spa, car wash; North Shore Proactive Health, chiropractor; Full DisClothesure, consignment store and resale shop; ReNew Consignment, consignment store; Skyline Dry Cleaners, dry cleaners; Zengler Cleaners, dry cleaners; Buss Flowers, florist; Eclectic Design Source, interior designer; Leggy Bird Design, interior designer; and Libertyville Music, musical instrument store.

Route 21/137 IDOT reconstruction project

Construction at the intersection of Routes 21 and 137 is scheduled to restart immediately, weather permitting, and will continue through the summer. The Village has attempted to convince IDOT and state representatives to expedite the work at the intersection, but those efforts have been unsuccessful to date.

There have been a number of inquiries as to why the power and phone utilities were not buried underground at the intersection. Unfortunately, the Village (and therefore its residents) would have to incur the cost of burying the utilities, which is estimated to be in the millions of dollars.

We ask that you continue to patronize all of the business near the intersection of Route 137 and 21. Access remains open for all businesses.