

## *A Message from the Mayor*

### Budget balanced with additional cuts

**L**ike other communities, the Village has been experiencing significant financial difficulties and has been implementing cost saving measures for the past several years. Village dependence on declining automobile-related sales tax and State income tax revenues continues to negatively impact our budget. Total Village sales tax revenues have declined dramatically from \$8 million per year in 2001 to a projected \$5.4 million in 2009-2010. State income tax has decreased from \$1,880,000 in 2009-10 to a projected \$1,467,000 in 2010-2011. In addition, the deficit at the Libertyville Sports Complex (LSC) has continued to grow, and the current declines in the economy and real estate markets have precluded the sale of portions of the LSC property. The Village believes it is important to let you know what additional actions we are taking in response to declining revenues and their impact on the Village budget.

The Village Board has enacted utility taxes on electricity and gas, increased the existing telecommunications tax and recently restructured the LSC bonds to reduce the debt service payments for the next several years in anticipation of the commercial real estate market improving. The 2010-11 budget includes a salary freeze, an increase in employee health insurance

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### Memorial Day ceremony planned

**R**esidents are invited to share in the annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 31. 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. Following a ceremony there, the group will march to the veterans' monument at Lakeside Cemetery for a firing ceremony and laying of wreaths.



### Red light cameras installed

**T**he Village has installed and will be activating automated red light traffic enforcement cameras at several locations throughout the Village. The cameras record violations of vehicles driving through red traffic lights. Red light cameras are located at the following intersections: Milwaukee and Peterson, Milwaukee and Artaius, Peterson and Butterfield, and US Route 45 and Peterson. These locations were chosen after an extensive traffic study that included the review of multiple years of accident history (616 accidents since 2005) and on-site observations of violations. Warnings will be issued for approximately three months. All violations are reviewed and approved by a Libertyville Police Officer prior to issuance of a citation. Citations are being issued for

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contributions and monthly unpaid furlough days for non-union employees. In addition, over the last three years, the Village has reduced by 17 the number of full-time employees.

## Newsletter to go on-line

In a further effort to reduce expenses, rather than publishing a separate annual report, the financial information which would have been in the 2009 annual report is included in this issue of the Village Views. In addition, in keeping with the Village's green initiative, this will be the last issue mailed to every household and business. Publications will be available on our website, [www.libertyville.com/newsletter](http://www.libertyville.com/newsletter). Print copies will be available at the Village Hall or you can request to have copies mailed to you. This action will reduce paper use and create a significant savings in printing costs as well as postage.

On the positive side, the Board and Staff continue to be pleased with the improvements in our local economy. New businesses are relocating to Libertyville and the School Street redevelopment project is beginning again. Additionally, redevelopment at the northwest corner of Milwaukee and Park avenues is nearly complete with tenants projected to open in late spring/early summer. There have been inquiries about the former Fresh Foods site, as well as the southwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Peterson Road. Our auto dealers and other local businesses are beginning to see the light of an economic recovery. It is important that we all still need to help by shopping our local businesses. Not only will the tax revenue stay in Libertyville and the businesses be successful, but shoppers will see the benefit of dedicated, personal and high quality service by neighbors you know.



Terry Weppler, mayor

## Display your new Village sticker

It's that time of year again. Don't forget that your 2009 vehicle sticker must be displayed in your vehicles' windshields. 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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## Red light cameras installed

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"straight through" or left turn on red violations only. While right-turn-on-red violations are a concern, there is not currently enough supportive data to justify the use of red light cameras for their enforcement.



The registered vehicle owner is liable for the violation, regardless of who was driving. The citation carries a \$100 fine and does not affect the registered owner's driving record unless he or she accumulates five or more unpaid red light camera violation citations. Individuals who are issued citations may review photos and video of the violation on-line and may request a hearing if they wish to contest the citation.

As part of this program, Libertyville Police will conduct an annual analysis of traffic accidents at these intersections to determine the effectiveness of the enforcement.

For additional information, please contact the Police Chief at (847) 362-8310.

# Garbage pick-up fees reduced; new rates for seniors offered

In March, the Village Board approved a contract extension with Groot Industries Inc., formerly Mundelein Disposal, for continued residential waste pick-up and there is good news: a decrease in many of the existing rates. In addition, a 65-gallon recycling cart will replace the smaller bins and will be delivered in June or July to residents with limited and unlimited service. There will be no initial charge for this cart and residents who were previously paying \$1 per month for the cart will no longer be charged. Groot approached the Village to discuss these reductions in rates one year earlier than expected. All changes are effective June 1, 2010. Please note that monthly rates are displayed in the chart below; however, residents are billed quarterly.



This is a great time to re-evaluate your level of service. As more households recycle and are looking for cost savings, the Village offers this opportunity to not only save on existing rates but also to offer many options for households of all sizes and the new senior rate. Please contact Groot at (877) 404-7668 if you would like to switch your service for the June 1, 2010 effective date and new rates. You may also visit the Village's website at [www.libertyville.com/garbage](http://www.libertyville.com/garbage) for more information. Future annual increases will be limited to between 3%-5% depending on the CPI.

The recycling carts will replace the smaller bins and there is no option to keep the smaller bin. This is a direct result of the technology needed to pick up recycling more efficiently and keep costs down. Although the cart is taller, please give it a try and you can always return it if you don't like it.

Due to the significant cost increases in landscape waste disposal, the cost for landscape/yard waste, fees will increase effective January 1, 2011. Additional information will be provided on the website and in future communications. However, residents will still see an overall annual decrease even with the highest level of landscape service.

For any service issues please contact Groot directly at (877) 404-7668. If you are unable to resolve the issue please contact the Village at (847) 362-2430.

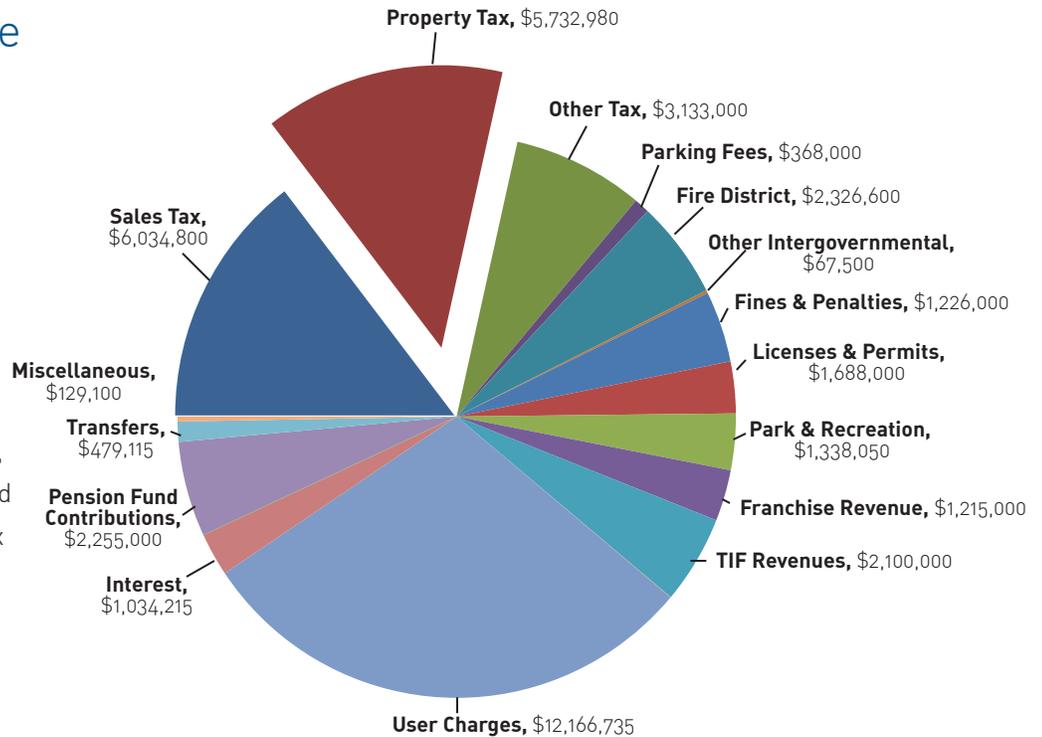
## Garbage Pickup and Recycling Fees

Type of Service	New Rate	Previous Rate	% increase/decrease
<b>Unlimited Service</b> A Single container/cart and additional cans not exceeding 33 gallons and plastic bags with a 1.5 mil thickness and 1 bulk item per week. Includes a 65-gallon recycling cart.	<b>\$23.00</b>	<b>\$24.73</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b>Limited Service</b> A single container/cart and 1 bulk item per week. Includes a 65-gallon recycling cart.	<b>\$17.50</b>	<b>\$21.02</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>
<b>Limited Service-Senior</b> Residents 65 or older are eligible for a single container/cart and 1 bulk item per week. Includes a 65-gallon recycling cart.	<b>\$15.75</b>	<b>\$21.02</b>	<b>-25%</b>
<b>Pay per bag service, plus recycling fee (cart included)</b>	<b>\$2.73/bag</b> <b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$2.73/bag</b> <b>\$3.61</b>	<b>+27.8%</b>

# 2009 Village Financial Report

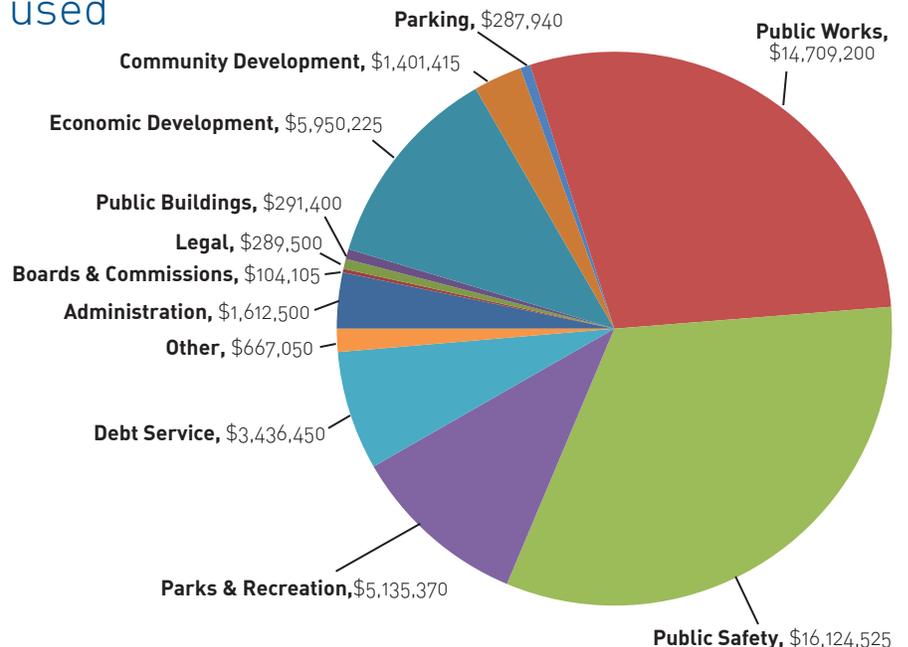
## All sources of income

Of the 2009-10 budgeted revenue, 12 percent of the Village's income was raised through property taxes. The balance of the revenue for Village services came from a variety of sources which are illustrated on the chart to the right. Because of the Village's long-standing efforts to provide a balanced mix of residential, commercial, office and industrial land uses, Libertyville has a diversified tax base. Total revenues for 2009 were \$41,294,095



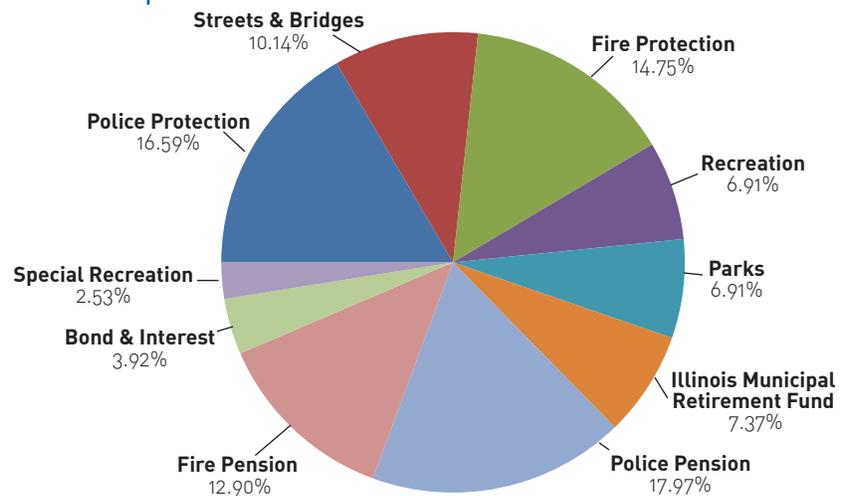
## How all Village funds are used

In the 2009-10 budget, expenses were greater than revenues due to several capital projects where funds had been saved over the years to complete the projects, including the parking deck and water and sewer projects. The budget included \$11.6 million in capital projects: \$5,950,225 to complete the parking deck, \$3.4 million for water and sewer capital projects, \$805,000 in roadway improvements.

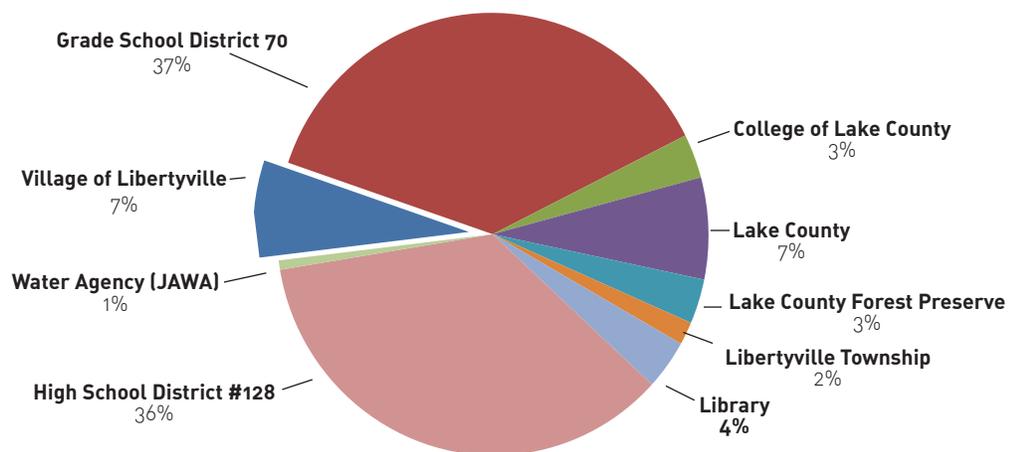


## How property tax dollars are spent

As shown on the previous page, the Village's share of your property tax dollars accounted for \$5,732,980 in revenue for the Village or 12 percent of the Village's total revenue. The graph at the right illustrates how those property tax dollars were spent in the Village.



## How property tax dollars are apportioned



In 2009, the Village received only seven percent of a property owner's



## Comparison of Village taxes on \$400,000 home

The property tax rate for Libertyville taxes paid in 2009 was .435. This tax rate is among the lowest in Lake County. Because of this low tax rate, homeowners pay less in Village taxes than in many other communities. Often, neighboring communities have separate tax rates for fire and/or park districts. In Libertyville these services are included as part of the Village's single tax rate.

**The graph at the left shows the property taxes homeowners would pay to their village/city on a home valued at \$400,000.** It includes taxes for village/city operations, including fire and parks.

## Discounts for Seniors

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: (847) 362-2430
- Village vehicle sticker: (847) 362-2430
- Pace Dial-a-Ride: (847) 223-2245
- Senior Homestead property tax exemption: township assessor, (847) 362-5900
- Garbage: Groot, (877) 404-7668
- RTA: (847) 836-7000

## KLB sponsors Cul-de-sac beautification



The Keep Libertyville Beautiful Commission grants up to \$100 on a one-time basis for permanent plant materials used to improve residential cul-de-sacs, excluding common areas maintained by homeowners associations. Please call Faith Sage at 847-362-3992 for more information.

## Summer in the Village

Celebrate summer in Libertyville with many fun, family events, including the annual Village 4th of July celebration. It begins with a concert of patriotic music at the Butler Lake Band Shell at 7:30 PM. The fireworks display begins at approximately 9:30 PM at Butler Lake Park.

Meet the farmers and buy the freshest produce at the Farmer's Market on Church Street between Brainerd and Milwaukee avenues on Thursday mornings from 7 AM–1 PM beginning June 24.

Enjoy live bands and great food at the annual Out to Lunch on Fridays from 11 AM–2 PM beginning June 25.

For news of other summer events visit the MainStreet website at [www.mainstreetlibertyville.org](http://www.mainstreetlibertyville.org).



## Spring, summer road projects slated

Public Works has scheduled several road projects for the upcoming months, including:

- rehabilitation and complete resurfacing of Parkview Drive, Valley Park Drive between Milwaukee Avenue and Kenwood Avenue, and Park Place between Hurlburt Court and Broadway (does not include parking stalls at St. Joseph School).
- asphalt surface replacement on Fourth Street between Church Street and Route 176 (Park Avenue), Sunnyside Avenue between Fourth Avenue and Seventh Avenue, and Appley Avenue from Bartlett Terrace (east) to Oak Spring Road.
- concrete pavement patching on Minear Drive, Regency Lane and streets within the Riva Ridge neighborhood.

In addition, the State of Illinois is paying for two projects that are expected to begin after schools dismiss for their summer breaks. They include:

- resurfacing Rockland Road from Prairie Avenue to Garfield Avenue (by Public Works).
- resurfacing Route 176 (Park Avenue) from the Des Plaines River west to Midlothian Road in Mundelein (by the Illinois Department of Transportation).

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## *Shop Libertyville*

*for all your spring  
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summer needs!*

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### Hydrant flushing begins May 1

Public Works will begin the annual fire hydrant flushing on May 1 to remove sediment and ensure proper working order. Signs will be posted in affected areas.

When hydrants are flushed in your area, please check for possible water discoloration prior to 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
- June 1–30:** South of Winchester Road to Park Avenue
- July 1–31:** South of Park Avenue to Rockland Road/  
Crane Boulevard
- August 1–31:** South of Rockland Road/Crane Boulevard

## 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.



### Village E-News: brief, easy-to-get information

Be alerted about current Village news and events by signing up today for Village E-News. Sign-up is simple. Just go to Libertyville.com and click the sign-up button on the left side. You will receive periodic notices of non-emergency information, including an alert when Village Views is posted online.



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## Libertyville Days Festival fun for all

Family fun is all but guaranteed at the annual Libertyville Days Festival from June 17 to June 20. The carnival, with rides and games for all ages, runs beginning Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. Rides for younger children will be at Sunrise Rotary Park; for older children and adults they will be behind the Civic Center.

Saturdays's parade features parade balloons, bands, floats and community groups. It steps off at 10 AM from 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. You will find the always-popular Beer Garden at the Civic Center parking lot.

Main Stage events feature great music of all types throughout the festival. Other activities include the annual Libertyville pageants, Children's Cookie Bake Off, Libertyville Idol Contests, Fruit Pie Contest and Tween & Teen Dance.

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](http://www.libciviccenter.org/festival) or call (847) 918-8880.



*The Libertyville Days Parade, a highlight of the annual community celebration, will kick off at 10 AM on Saturday, June 19.*