

## A Message from the Mayor

Last June, several innovative downtown business owner's developed a creative shopping initiative, "Shop Smart, Stay Local."

The message resonated with other merchants as well and is being adopted Village-wide.

Shopping local not only provides sales tax that helps the Village pave roads and maintain facilities, it has a multiplier effect. Shopping local provides local employment, helps merchants sponsor local youth programs and organizations, and much more. In fact, as the shop local campaign states, "For every \$100 spent in Libertyville, up to \$68 stays here and supports our community and economy."

Sue Opeka of The Present Moment, Jeff Mateer and Marti DeJon of Studio West, Lori Murphy of Murphy's Health Foods, John Timony of Curtis Frame Back Alley Gallery and Casey Karl of MetroAlive collaborated on the buy local campaign message.

Sue had discovered, to her surprise, that the majority of her customers were not local. She and the others hope the initiative helps create store loyalty and awareness of the unique shopping you have available right here in your hometown.

I and all the merchants in the Village hope you will heed the message and "Shop Smart, Stay Local."



Terry Wepler, mayor



## Sports exec brings expertise home to head recreation, sports complex

If you notice a huge energy burst in the Village later this month, don't fear. It's not a lightning or tornado strike. Most likely, it's the storm of energy from Connie Kowal, a Village resident since 1979, when he begins his new post as Recreation and Sports Complex Director.

Selected for the newly created position on August 24, Kowal's formal appointment will be at the September 14 Village Board meeting. Already "game planning," he aims to "hit the ground running the next day."

"There is much to learn and absorb, but as quickly as possible I want to develop action plans, short and long-range goals... and get some things going that can market and brand the Sports Complex and show its versatility," Kowal said.

No stranger to marketing, Kowal spent much of his 30-year career in sports marketing and management with the Chicago Cubs, New Orleans Saints, Chicago Sting and Chicago Shamrox (lacrosse). He bested 181 other applicants for the position because of his unique skills and extensive experience, Mayor Terry Wepler said.

Kowal plans to use a collaborative approach to problem solving and making improvements, getting input from staff, the Village Board, and the community, especially the people who use the facilities.



*Connie Kowal (from left) gets some customer input about the Sport Complex Golf Learning Center from golfers Ed Collins, his son T.J., and T.J.'s instructor, Dirk Skelley, all of Grayslake, at the golf center.*

# Now Open for Business

Discover great food, fun gizmos, helpful services and more at these new Village businesses

From national and regional chains to one-of-a-kind boutiques, new businesses continue to open in the Village despite the economy. Among the many new enterprises in Libertyville are these retail and service businesses. Please patronize them.

- **Artist at Heart 2**, 340 N. Milwaukee Ave., (847) 816-4865, creative arts for families, friends, parties and more.
- **Blue Violet Salon**, 424 Peterson Rd., (847) 367-1833, hair coloring, salon styling and hair design services, creating a look that is you.
- **CD One Price Cleaners**, 153 N. Milwaukee Ave., (847) 367-2509, one set price for each dry cleaning item and one price for each laundered item.
- **Chipotle Mexican Grill**, 139 N. Milwaukee Ave., (847) 932-4646, gourmet burritos and tacos, food with integrity.
- **Classic Travel Service Inc**, 703 N Milwaukee Ave., (847) 362-3910, creating travel packages and lifelong memories.
- **Dunkin' Donuts**, 121 N Milwaukee Ave., (847) 247-6500, all-day stop, everyday for coffee and baked goods.
- **Eclectic Design Source**, 518 N Milwaukee Ave., (224) 513-5413, home furnishings and design, purveyors of curious homegoods.
- **Family Nails & Spa**, 128 Peterson Rd., (847) 367-5177, nails and spa.
- **Five Guys Burgers and Fries**, 147 N. Milwaukee Ave., (847) 549-0514, burgers, hot dogs, grilled sandwiches and fries.
- **Fresh Start of Illinois**, 1512 Artaius Pkwy. #102, (847) 521-3910, a not-for-profit corporation offering a safe and engaging environment to the recently unemployed or those in danger of being unemployed.
- **Full Disclothesure**, 330 N. Milwaukee Ave., (224) 513-5171, women's consignment shop, new and like-new designer clothing and accessories.
- **Martin John Company**, 1050 E. Park Ave., (847) 634-2184, creating distinguished outdoor environments for everyday living.
- **Oh Olive!**, 606 N. Milwaukee Ave., (224) 433-6629, the olive oil store, health for life.
- **Pain Buster 1, Inc**, 878 S. Milwaukee Ave, (847) 573-1700, natural body and wellness center, infrared massage bed sales and massage services.
- **Rivera's Restaurant and Lounge**, 1745 Northwind Blvd., (847) 573-9000, Mexican-American fusion.
- **Soccer Plus**, 500 N. Milwaukee Ave., (847) 549-6011, finest soccer gear from the best world manufacturers.
- **Tacos El Norte**, 1590 S. Milwaukee Ave., (847) 837-3488, Mexican restaurant and bar.
- **T-Mobile**, 133 N Milwaukee Ave., (847) 918-5580, cellular phones, accessories and service.
- **T Nails Spa**, 222 Peterson Rd., (847) 247-8889, nails, facials, eyebrow threading and more.
- **The Hot Tub Guy Inc.**, 1757 N. Milwaukee Ave. #3, (224) 433-6993, sales of hot tubs, chemicals and filters, plus service.
- **Whatsit & Doohickey Co.**, 346 N. Milwaukee Ave., (847) 367-9000, unique toys, gadgets, games, gizmos, puzzles, magic tricks and more.
- **Woodcraft**, 1177 S. Milwaukee Ave., (847) 680-9663, Helping You Make Wood Work, woodworking supplies, tools and classes.



## Keep Libertyville Beautiful Winners

**F**our Libertyville homes won recognition in the annual Keep Libertyville Beautiful contest for their eye-catching beauty and landscaping. The winners will be acknowledged at the September 28 Village Board meeting.



**First Place, North**  
*Mr. and Mrs. Grant Skeens, 453 West Cook Avenue.*



**First Place, South**  
*Mr. and Mrs. Roger Scott, 520 West Austin Street.*



**Honorable Mention, North**  
*Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Garrity, 512 Sedgwick.*



**Honorable Mention, South**  
*Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klausegger, 330 Cleveland Avenue.*

## Fabulous fall food & fun



### Farmers Market,

Thursdays,  
7 AM – 1 PM,  
through  
October 21,  
Church St.

Meet farmers  
and buy freshest products.



**First Friday on Main Street**, 6 – 9 PM, ongoing. An entertaining way to shop downtown. Enjoy a surprise around every corner from a jazz band to hors d'oeuvres to "Elvis."

**MainStreet Street Dance, Rockin' the Big Top**, 5 – 11 PM, Saturday, September 25, Church Street. The party will go on rain or shine under the tent. Enjoy food, beer and wine, and three great bands. For more information, call (847)680-0336.

**Trick or Treat on MainStreet**, 11 AM – 3 PM, Friday, October 29. Trick or treat at downtown merchants.

**Halloween Trick or Treat**, residential, 4 – 8 PM, Monday, October 31.

**Keep Libertyville Beautiful Annual Park Cleanup**, 9 – 11 AM, Saturday, November 6. Meet at Nicholas Dowden Park. All participants receive T-shirts. For more information, go to [www.libertyville.com/parkcleanup](http://www.libertyville.com/parkcleanup).

## ‘No Train Horns’ approved by FRA

A train horn quiet zone will become a reality through the villages



of Grayslake and Libertyville. The new quiet zone was approved for the Metra Milwaukee District North line, which stops in downtown Libertyville and at one of Libertyville’s two Prairie Crossing stations.

First approved by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in October 2007 and then rescinded, the quiet zone takes effect after the installation of roadway delineators at the Winchester Road crossing in Libertyville and “No Train Horn” signs on state and county roadways.



Grayslake and Libertyville are implementing these improvements.

The St. Marys Road crossing is an unprotected crossing and, therefore, will continue to have train horns sound.

In 2007, parts of Libertyville were included in two other quiet zones: one in the southern area along the EJ&E Railroad line and the second along the Canadian National/Metra North Central line which stops at Libertyville’s second Prairie Crossing station.

## Two moratoriums give Village Board time to make informed decisions

The Village Board currently has moratoriums on two important issues that could have long-term consequences for Village residents. The moratoriums — one on the installation of wind turbines in the Village and the second on locating personal service businesses in the downtown area — give the Board ample time to research these issues so that it can make informed decisions.

In the case of wind turbines, renewal of the ban for a second six-month period is on the September 14 Village Board agenda. Lake County is currently developing a model wind turbine ordinance with input from staff of communities throughout the County and the Lake County Regional Planning Commission, of which Mayor Wepler is a member.

“Once the county model is complete, our Board will have an opportunity to select the best parts of the ordinance and write our own ordinance in a manner that protects our residents without prohibiting alternative energy sources,” Mayor Wepler said.



### Personal services moratorium

The second moratorium concerns personal services in the downtown area. The Board is using the moratorium period to define personal services businesses—they are not defined in the current ordinance — and to determine where these businesses are best located.

“People think we’re opposed to businesses like tattoo shops because we have this moratorium. But, Libertyville already has four tattoo businesses, more than any other community in Lake County. We just want to refine our ordinance to have the most appropriate usage in the downtown area,” Mayor Wepler said.

### Moratorium on offices in commercial districts lifted

A third moratorium, which the Board ended last month, addressed where first-floor office space should be permitted. The Village Plan Commission/ Zoning Board of Appeals recommended and the Board concurred that the ordinance passed in 1995 remain intact. It permits first-floor office space in C2-C4 commercial districts. However, in the C1 (downtown) district, offices are not allowed in tenant spaces facing Milwaukee Avenue.

## Cottony maple scale only a pest

The pesky cottony maple scale, an insect that is cyclical in nature, is a nuisance this year in the Village. While it generally prefers silver maples, many other trees throughout the area are under attack



by the insect due to last winter's milder conditions. The insects feed on the nutrients contained

in the trees. The excess water and sugar is then excreted, resulting in a sticky residue that adheres to many surfaces including cars, sidewalks and driveways.

The scale rarely causes damage to the tree. However, in cases of severe tree stress, damage may be elevated.

In nature, the pest is typically controlled by natural parasites, including a species of the lady bug. Allowing the pest to run its course creates an environment for the parasites to control the condition.

Pesticide application is not recommended by experts because an improperly applied or poorly timed application may promote a longer lasting or worse infestation.

## Deadly ash borer confirmed in Village

First discovered in the United States in southeastern Michigan in 2002, the emerald ash borer has killed tens of millions of ash trees in the Midwest. Libertyville is the latest community to discover it within the Village limits.



The emerald ash borer is a small, metallic green, non-native invasive pest whose larvae feast on the trunks of ash trees, cutting off a tree's ability to transport nutrients and ultimately causing the tree's decline.

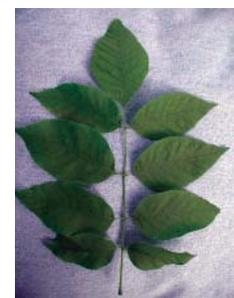
Ash trees

can be infested with the ash borer for several years before the tree begins to show signs of infestation. Symptoms include canopy dieback, D-shaped exit holes (photo at right), shoots spouting from the tree trunk and S-shaped larval galleries underneath the bark. Although there are treatment options available for the emerald ash borer, the only guaranteed method to control the pest is to remove the host tree(s).



The Parks Division monitors ash trees within the village and removes infected trees on village property. The Village arborist also assists residents with identification of infestation and tree removal information.

### *Do you have an ash tree or the emerald ash borer?*



***Village Arborist Dennis Matusek can help you answer these questions. To make an appointment call 847-918-2074.***

*Ash trees have opposite branching, so most branches have branches directly across from them. Each ash leaf typically has 5–9 leaflets.*

***For additional information, please go to [www.illinoiseab.com](http://www.illinoiseab.com)***



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## Shop Libertyville

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Connie Kowal newly appointed Recreation and Sports Complex Director at the sports complex.

“In sports, everyone involved is a walking billboard. The more people we get exposed to the great facilities Libertyville has to offer, the more people will use them and keep the word of mouth going. This is a great opportunity and challenge,” Kowal said.

Sally Kowal, Connie’s wife, is the Village clerk. Independent legal counsel determined there is no conflict in his employment.

### Thank you for your patience

The Publics Works Department thanks you for your patience and cooperation during the summer’s road repairs and construction activities.

## Family Fun at the Fire Department

The Fire Department hosts its annual Open House from 1–4 PM on Saturday, October 9, at the main station, 1551 North Milwaukee Avenue.

New this year is a hazard house, a teaching tool for children. Back again will be the popular fire pole for kids to slide down and demonstrations of fire extinguishers, rope rescues and auto extractions. Kids will also have a chance to explore a fire truck and play a “test your knowledge” game.

