

## Message from the Mayor

As we begin the holidays, the Village Board, staff and I wish you good health and much happiness. We hope you will be able to help us kick off the holidays in the Village at our annual tree lighting on Friday, November 25, at Cook Park. We also look forward to seeing you throughout the Village this season taking advantage of all the great shopping, dining, services and activities offered here. You won't want to miss all that the Recreation Department has to offer, from outdoor fun like sledding at Adler Park to getting in shape at the Fitness Center. Check out the new Winter Brochure for hundreds of activities and programs.

We also encourage you to continue our tradition of sharing with those less fortunate. As is often said, the smallest good deed is worth a thousand good intentions. There is much to be thankful for in our hometown, not the least of which is good neighbors like you.

Happy holidays!



Terry Wepler, Mayor

## Share holiday spirit at annual tree lighting

The annual Village tree lighting is the perfect place to share the holiday spirit with your family, friends and neighbors. The festivities begin at 6:30 PM on Friday, November 25, at Cook Park. You will enjoy singing traditional carols, a visit from Santa and the beauty and excitement of lighting the Village holiday tree.



Cap off the evening with a stroll through local shops offering extended hours. You will enjoy special treats, beautiful holiday decorations and great shopping.

## Fitness Center Open House November 19

## Discover an inexpensive, fun way to get fit

You don't have to wait until New Year's Day to launch your "get fit" resolution. Get started at our Fitness Center Open House from 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, November 19, at the Sports Complex. Try out more than 50 pieces of cardio equipment (treadmills, ellipticals, bicycles, step mills, and AMT's), circuit of Life Fitness machines, free weights, stability balls and more.



Village residents can get into shape for as little as \$1 a day at the Fitness Center. Annual membership fees, which include free fitness classes, can be paid in one payment of \$365 or 12 monthly payments of \$34.58 (total of \$415). There are also special senior and family rates. Daily drop-in fees are also available for \$12 per person. For more information, call 847-367-1504 or email [kmeserve@libertyville.com](mailto:kmeserve@libertyville.com).

# Shop and dine in Libertyville for the holidays



Libertyville has hundreds of retailers, restaurants and service providers in 24 retail centers throughout the Village. Your hometown is the perfect solution for all your holiday needs, from unique gifts and party supplies to dining and entertainment. Plus, many retailers offer evening and Sunday hours. Not sure what to purchase? Most businesses and the Village Recreation Department (847-918-7275) offer gift certificates. MainStreet Libertyville also sells gift certificates that are good at 59 local businesses. See [www.mainstreetlibertyville.org/gift-certificates](http://www.mainstreetlibertyville.org/gift-certificates) for more information.

When you Shop Libertyville you have the advantages of dealing directly with business owners and keeping sales tax dollars in the Village. If you shop downtown, there is now plenty of parking, including the Village parking structure and recently reopened lot on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue. To find exactly the store or service you need, check out the local businesses listed on the Village website at [www.libertyville.com/business-directory](http://www.libertyville.com/business-directory). Shop local and keep Libertyville a vibrant, desirable place to live.

## Tips for a safe holiday season

To help ensure that your family enjoys the winter season, the Fire Department offers the following fire safety tips.

### Decorative Lights

- Be sure all indoor and outdoor lights bear the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Discard lights that have cracked or frayed cords.
- Do not overload outlets or run extension cords under carpets or across doorways.
- Unplug all decorative lights before leaving home or going to bed.



### Holiday Trees

- Choose a fresh tree that doesn't shed its needles, and keep it watered.
- If the holiday tree dries out, store it away from the house until you can dispose of it.

### Candles

- Put candles securely in non-tip candle holders and never leave them unattended.
- Place candles out of the reach of small children.
- Never burn candles near holiday decorations, curtains, or other combustibles.



*Use flameless candles such as these if possible.*

## Heating safety

To ensure that you heat your home safely, the Fire Department recommends that you have your furnaces and chimney inspected and cleaned prior to the heating season. Fireplace safety also includes using screens or doors on the fireplace to prevent sparks from flying out.



Ashes should be removed from the fireplace and stored in a metal container outside of the home. If you use space heaters, keep them away from anything that can burn such as curtains, furniture and newspapers.

## Libertyville Foundation

As we approach the end of the calendar year 2011, please consider making a tax exempt gift to the Libertyville Foundation. This 501(c)(3) organization has a separately appointed Board of Trustees and accepts donations on behalf of the Village of Libertyville. More information can be found on the Village website at [www.libertyville.com](http://www.libertyville.com). You may also contact the Village Administrator's office by phone at 947-362-2430 or stop by the Village Hall, 118 West Cook Avenue.

## Hide it, lock it, or loose it

Breaking into an empty car isn't worth a thief's time. However, anything left in plain view — your holiday packages, GPS units, purses, cell phones, sunglasses, iPods, etc. — may tempt a criminal. Remember the old adage "out of sight, out of mind" and place these items and any cords for them in the trunk of your car. If you have no trunk, hide them under a seat or lock whatever you can in the glove box.

"Don't create a crime of opportunity. Hide it, lock it, or loose it," Police Chief Clint Herdegen warns.



## School/construction zone and crosswalk laws promote safety



*No cell phones are allowed in school or construction zones.*

### School and Construction Zone Law

Illinois law prohibits the use of cell phones in school zones and construction zones.

"This was done to minimize driver distractions when traveling in areas where the likelihood of pedestrians is present. It is designed to enhance traffic and highway safety, and if drivers follow this law as expected, it will save lives," Police Chief Clint Herdegen said.

The law states that a person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone or a construction zone.

### Crosswalk Law

The Illinois crosswalk law is intended to enhance the rules of the road pertaining to pedestrian safety by clarifying drivers' responsibility and making the violations more clear. The new law states that drivers must stop for pedestrians in all crosswalks. This includes crosswalks that are unmarked or don't have a stop sign or a traffic signal. The new law also applies to instances in which a pedestrian enters the crosswalk against a "Don't Walk" signal or a red light. Just as the old law required, drivers must yield in such cases.

"Many times pedestrians become distracted this time of year due to the beautiful store fronts and holiday decorations throughout the community. We can all do our share to help maintain safe roadways in Libertyville by becoming familiar with these laws and being mindful of the possibility of pedestrians being present in and around town," Chief Herdegen said.



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## What to expect when the snow flies



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 Mungo Industrial Center. 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. State law does not hold citizens liable when they make reasonable efforts to clear sidewalks of snow and ice in the interest of public safety.
- 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 your vehicle off the street. On-street parking is prohibited between 10 PM and 6 AM 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.

### **Continued lower salt use**

As the Village continues to strive to reduce the impact of salt on the environment and reduce costs, we are extending our policy of maintaining bare pavements only on arterial and higher volume roads. Cul-de-sac and other lower volume roads will not be salted unless conditions warrant it. The Village has applied this policy for the last three years, and appreciates the cooperation we have received from drivers since its institution.

## Open for business

Several news businesses opened in the Village this fall. Please patronize them along with Libertyville's hundreds of other retailer and service providers. New businesses include:

**Libertyville Wellness Group**, 1785 Northwind Blvd., 847-996-0007, chiropractic and nutrition.

**Alive and Well Naturally**, 150 E. Cook Ave., Suite 101, 224-888-1170, wellness services.

**Costas Currency and Coins**, 339 N. Milwaukee Ave., 224-433-6634, numismatic sales and purchasing.

**Proline Sports Nutrition**, 110 W. Lake St., 800-692-0489, nutritional supplement sales.

**Libertyville Acupuncture**, 737 N. Milwaukee Ave., 847-796-0123, acupuncture services.

**Exercise Coach**, 862 S. Milwaukee Ave., 847-680-3761, personal training and fitness center.

One business recently relocated:

**How Impressive!**, 326 N. Milwaukee Ave., 847-680-6458, stationery, gifts and personalized paper products.

### **New look for Village website**

The Village website is getting a makeover. Starting next month, the site will be easier to navigate with links to even more great information. Check us out at [www.libertyville.com](http://www.libertyville.com).

## Recreation Department

### Winter brochure offerings

The Recreation Department Winter Brochure should be in your mailbox very soon. In it you will find scores of family and adult activities, programs and events. Check out basketball and soccer leagues for kids and adults, birthday parties at the Sports Complex, dance classes, Kinder Korner Pre-School and much more. You are sure to find great winter fun for the whole family.

### Driving range open

The driving range at the Libertyville Sports Complex is open all winter long. Automated tee stations with heaters are just part of the appeal. Join the E-Club for discounts, winter leagues, and special events. Range cards make great holiday gifts. Call 847-367-1506 for hours and information.

### Outdoor winter fun

Snow, sleds, hills, ice skates and rinks are the perfect ingredients for winter fun throughout the Village. Adler Park offers an unsupervised recreational ice skating rink and a lighted sled hill.



Bolander Park has an unsupervised full-size hockey rink and recreational ice rink. Nicholas-Dowden Park has a smaller ice rink for ice skating and hockey. For an update on rink conditions, please call the hot line at 847-247-5433.

### Dance, dine, play at Senior Center

The Senior Center offers a host of activities and services for Village residents 55 and better.

Seniors are invited to dance the night away to old favorites, relax and chat with friends at the Center's Holiday Ball from 6 to 8 PM on Saturday, December 10, at the Civic Center. Enjoy hors d'ouvres, dessert and a lot of fun. The cost is \$7 per person.



The Senior Center is open from 9 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. It offers a wide range of activities from Wii bowling and line dancing to legal advice and blood pressure clinics. Three days a week the Libertyville Diner serves great meals prepared by local restaurants.

### Join Santa for breakfast

Santa is sneaking away from the North Pole this holiday season just long enough to have breakfast with children ages 3 to 8 at the Crawford Warming House. The breakfast begins at 9 AM on Saturday, December 17. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Take a photo with Santa and receive a special gift. The cost is \$10 per person. For information, call 847-918-7275.



### Rec Department gift certificates

Looking for the perfect stocking stuffer? The Recreation Department sells gift certificates that can be used for activities and programs such as the driving range, swimming passes, Kinder Korner Pre-School, in-house sports programs and more. Purchase gift certificates at the Recreation Department Bolander Building or at the Sports Complex. For gift certificate information, call 847-918-7275.



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## Shop Libertyville

### A tradition of sharing

During this holiday season, please remember the elderly and those less fortunate than yourself. Check in on senior citizens in your neighborhood and perhaps shovel their walks or driveways when you do your own.

For the less fortunate, you may want to donate a new toy to Toys for Tots, participate in a giving tree project at a local place of worship, or take canned goods, grocery gift certificates or paper products to the local food pantry at the Libertyville Township Center.

### Holiday closings for Village offices



*During the holiday season, Village offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25; Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2.*

### MainStreet Dickens of a Holiday

Be part of Dickens of a Holiday, a great Libertyville tradition, on Saturdays, December 3 and 10. The annual event, sponsored by MainStreet Libertyville, includes visits and photos with Santa and Mrs.



Claus in Cook Park from 11 AM to 1 PM and 2 to 4 PM. Kids can shop for family members with the help of elves at in the Children's Holiday Shoppe at the Petranek's Pharmacy Community Room from 10 AM to 3 PM. A luxuriant Victorian Tea with finger sandwiches

and bite-sized desserts begins at 11 AM at St. Lawrence Church.

For more information, please call MainStreet at 847-680-0336.



### Cook Museum Tours

The Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society will host tours of the Ansel B. Cook Museum on Friday, November 25, from 7 to 9 PM and on the first three Saturdays and Sundays in December from noon to 4 PM.