

A message from Mayor Weppler

What makes Libertyville so special are the number of volunteers who plan and run so many programs. From MainStreet Libertyville, who run many of the summer events like Farmer's Market and Out to Lunch, to the members of the Village Band, to the many volunteers who make up the Civic Center Foundation and run Libertyville Days. Often unrecognized are the many citizens who act on their own to maintain cul de sacs and other public property. Unfortunately, volunteerism has been on the wane due to the busy schedule of residents and often, not knowing where willing residents can volunteer for a project or organization that meets their interests and time commitments. In order to help our community organizations and residents interested in volunteering, we are putting a volunteer section on the Village website. The website will list groups and projects looking for volunteers, and the types of events that need volunteers. We hope this volunteer website will help all of our groups and residents

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New parking structure construction photos:

Excavation, framing and pouring concrete for the bases for the elevator core and staircase. Construction has also begun on the entrance drive extending from Church Street.



To view our plan in greater detail and get construction updates go to www.libertyville.com/newparking

Libertyville Strategic Plan

The Mayor and Village Board recently entered into an agreement with the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies to conduct a Strategic Plan for the Village. The purpose of developing the plan is to take a strategic and proactive approach to governing and public policy decisions, which will assure that critical public services and programs that are needed today and on the horizon will be addressed with a long-term vision for Libertyville's future. The Village Board recently participated in an orientation for the Strategic Plan, and is now working on developing focus groups to obtain input and build upon the recent community survey initiative.

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find volunteer opportunities for the long term or simply for a single event, like helping in the MainStreet Twilight Shuffle or carrying a parade balloon in the Libertyville Days Parade.

As always, we look for your input on how to make the community a better place to live. Any local organizations that are looking to add their name to our website to get volunteers need to contact Kelly Blefernick at 847-362-2024. Visit www.libertyville.com for more information and have a wonderful fall!



Mayor Terry Weppler

Annual Fire Department Open House



The Libertyville Fire Department strongly urges families to participate in Fire Prevention Week and "Protect Your Family from Fire." The entire family can tour the Station, watch demonstrations and enjoy interactive activities. Kids can climb inside a fire truck, spray a real hose, and take the Kiddie Combat Challenge and learn how to escape a house fire. It's fun for the whole family!

- WHO:** Everyone in the Family
- WHERE:** Libertyville's Main Fire Station at 1551 North Milwaukee Ave.
- WHEN:** Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 1-4pm
- WHY:** Protect Your Family from Fire



Cook Park: Buy a Brick Program

Back by popular demand, the Village will be offering a "Buy a Brick" program for the brick pavers in Cook Park. Residents and businesses will be able to purchase a 4" x 8" brick and have it engraved and installed in Cook Park, and the revenues generated by the by a brick program will be utilized for Village playground and park improvements, as well as for the Libertyville Foundation. Additional information should be available on the village website www.libertyville.com in early September 2016.

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New Businesses ~ Shop, Dine, Explore...



Eighteen new retail and service businesses opened in Libertyville between February 2016-July 2016. 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. 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

- Advocate Outpatient Center**, 825 S Milwaukee Ave, 847-362-2900, medical center
- American Family Insurance - Pachis Agency**, 940 N Milwaukee Ave #101, 847-367-8875, insurance agent
- Beautiful Skin by Diana**, 224 Peterson Rd #107 (House of Salons), 847-217-4425, full face and body skin services
- Cheny Furniture**, 801 E Park Ave, 847-996-0800, furniture sales
- Cutty Lake Salon-Olga Lincoln**, 1400 S Milwaukee Ave #135 (Phenix Salon Suites), 847-707-4466, specializing in hair services
- Elite Spa & Threading Place**, 1400 S Milwaukee Ave #134 (Phenix Salon Suites), 469-510-0812, facials-threading-waxing
- Gold Coast Granite Showroom**, 197 Peterson Rd #101, 224-456-4773, custom stone countertops
- Hair's Where It's At**, 1400 S Milwaukee Ave #113 (Phenix Salon Suites), 847-276-8261, cut-color-nail salon
- Heather's Gym**, 504 N First St, 773-218-2068, barre-yoga-pilates classes
- JMR Landscaping LLC**, 1113 S Milwaukee Ave #202, 224-715-5275, landscaping-hardscaping-snow removal
- Kitch'n & Spice Shop**, 528 N Milwaukee Ave, 847-970-1198, spices-cookbooks-kitchen gadgets
- Lanett's Hair Studio**, 1400 S Milwaukee Ave #126 (Phenix Salon Suites), 847-949-7870, cut/color/style
- Law Offices of Bernardo Isacovici**, 940 N Milwaukee Ave #102, 847-970-9830, legal services
- Libertyville Legal**, 121 W Church St, 847-549-0600, legal services
- LisaJae Color Studio**, 1400 S Milwaukee Ave #120 (Phenix Salon Suites), 708-772-7839, hair colorist
- Napleton Cadillac of Libertyville**, 1050 S Milwaukee Ave, 847-362-4100, vehicle sales and service
- Napleton Mazda of Libertyville**, 1120 S Milwaukee Ave, 847-257-1299 (former GMC/Buick property)
- Sylvia's Blow Dry Bar**, 1400 S Milwaukee Ave #107 (Phenix Salon Suites), 847-519-7540, haircuts-blowouts-updo's

Relocated Businesses

- C&A Robot Factory**, 344 N Milwaukee Ave, 847-996-0123, Lego and robotic classes/parties
- North Star Stone**, 1840 Industrial Dr #180, 847-996-6850, custom stone veneers
- Proline Sports Nutrition**, 705 N Milwaukee Ave, 224-433-6197, specialty sports supplements
- Serendipity Shop**, 338 N Milwaukee Ave, 847-362-7467, women's clothing, accessories, gifts



**Village offices
will be closed
on Monday,
September 5, 2016**

Labor Day is Monday, September 5, 2016. Labor Day is a celebration of the American labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of workers.



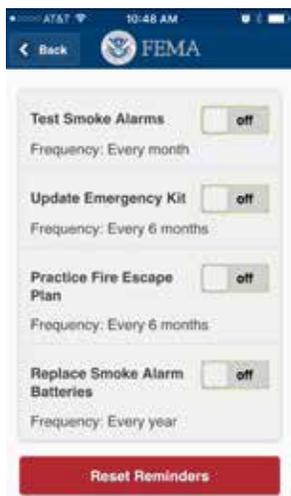
At the last Village Board meeting, Mayor Weppeler wished Laura the best. Signs were posted at all the entrances of Libertyville to show our support.

Congratulations to our very own Libertyville, 16 year old, LHS junior and resident, **Laura Zeng**. Laura placed 11th in the Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual All-Around at the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics. It is a tremendous accomplishment as the USA hasn't been that high on the leader board since Rhythmic Gymnastics inception into the Games in 1984! Congratulations Laura! You made us proud.

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Village Receives Award for Citizen Survey

The National Research Center, Inc. (NRC), a leader in the field of public sector research and evaluation, recently announced the Village of Libertyville as a winner of the **Voice Of The People Award** for excellence in Foundations of Livability. Libertyville is also a finalist for Excellence in Education and Enrichment, and Recreation and Wellness.

The awards were based on the results of a citizen survey conducted by the Village in the fall of 2015, and the awards are presented to jurisdictions that best listen and act to improve their communities.

The National Research Center, Inc. indicated that residents of Libertyville reported the highest levels of satisfaction with Foundations of Livability compared with all other participating jurisdictions.

A complete copy of the survey results is available on the Village website at www.libertyville.com.

The results of the survey are now being used as a foundation for the development of the Libertyville Strategic Plan.



Risk Watch

Implemented in Libertyville in 2004, "Risk Watch" is an injury prevention program for children in preschool through eighth grade. It is designed to help children and families create safer homes and communities by teaching them the skills and knowledge they need to make positive choices about their personal safety. Risk Watch seeks to prevent the unintentional injuries that threaten children in this age group. The major risk areas covered are:

- Motor Vehicle Safety
- Fire and Burn Prevention
- Water Safety
- Poisoning Prevention
- Falls Prevention
- Firearms Injury Prevention
- Bike and Pedestrian Safety
- Choking, Suffocation, and Strangulation Prevention



To Learn more on how the Risk Watch program works to make our community safer from preventable injuries, visit www.sfm.illinois.gov/Public/Illinois-Risk-Watch.

Remembering When Program Being Taught

The Libertyville Fire Department is currently teaching a program called "Remembering When". It is a fall and fire prevention program geared towards older adults. Each year, approximately 7,000 adults, age 65 and older, die as a result of home falls and an additional 1,000 die in their homes from fires or burns.

This program teaches older adults to protect themselves from fires and falls through trivia quizzes, humor, and nostalgic interactive games. The focus is fun, but the safety messages are serious. Presentations are followed up by a home visit, which includes a safety check and installation of smoke alarms and night lights.

Remembering When is designed to prevent injuries among these older adults and help them live safely at home for as long as possible. To schedule a presentation, please contact our Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 362-5664.

Visit Libertyville Fire Department's official website at: www.libertyville.com/rememberwhen for more information on these programs.

Since 2010, the Village has had a Bicycle Advisory Commission. The Commission provides recommendations to the promotion and education of bicycling, fosters safety programs, act as an advocate for bicycle programs within the Village and acts as a liaison with other governmental units regarding bikeway plans and related issues.

Bicycling in Libertyville

Bicycle riding is a great way to get into shape, enjoy the outdoors and commute to work. To remain safe on Village roads, it is important to follow the same traffic safety laws that govern automobile drivers. No amount of bicycle safety equipment can adequately protect a rider from the dangerous force of a car or truck if involved in a vehicle collision. The best way to avoid injury is by being prepared for the dangers that streets pose to riders and by obeying the rules of the road.

Riding on Sidewalks

According to the Illinois Department of Transportation Policies and Procedures for Local Bicycle Facilities, sidewalks are generally not designed, nor recommended for bicycle travel, primarily because of the narrow width and multiple opportunities for conflicts with driveways and commercial entrances.

The Village Municipal Code states, when so designated by a sign indicating NO BICYCLE RIDING, it shall be unlawful for any person, except specially trained and uniformed police bicycle patrol officers, to operate a bicycle in the downtown area adjacent to Milwaukee Avenue, in the portion between Broadway Street and Lake Street, and in the area adjacent to Lake Street, in the portion between Brainerd Avenue and Milwaukee Avenue, including the buildings and grounds of properties immediately adjacent to the designated section of Milwaukee Avenue and Lake Street. Bicycles may be walked through the special pedestrian area, and may be parked only at locations designated for bicycle parking.



If someone should choose to bicycle on the sidewalk, they should follow these guidelines:

- When walking or riding your bicycle on a sidewalk or along a crosswalk, you must obey all pedestrian signs and signals.
- Bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrian on sidewalks or crosswalks. Slow down and go around them when possible.
- When approaching a pedestrian from behind, slow down and give an audible signal to alert him/her of your presence before passing them.

Riding on the Roadway (Preferred/Recommended)

- When riding your bicycle on Village roadways, you must obey the same traffic laws, signs and signals that apply to motorists.
- Bicyclists must ride in the same direction as other traffic. Riding in the opposite direction of traffic is both dangerous and against the law.
- Motorists are required by law to allow at least 3 feet of space between them and a bicyclist when passing.




Red Hat Day
 Friday, September 30
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Trick or Treat on MainStreet
 Friday, October 28
 11AM-2PM
 Downtown Libertyville



Back-to-school season is here! Remember to safely share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists, and talk to your children about being smart and staying safe both to and from school each day. Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they and the motorists around them take proper safety precautions.



Safety First for Students

Residents driving on Rt. 176 near Libertyville High School will notice two things; that the roadway in front of the school has been designated a "School Zone," and that there is a newly established crosswalk on Rt. 176 at Dymond Ave. This is a cooperative effort between the Village and Libertyville High School. The new crosswalk is marked and has flashing amber beacons, which will notify drivers of pedestrians entering the crosswalk. The beacons are activated by pedestrians who push a button as they approach the intersection, thereby signaling their intent to use the crosswalk. Illinois law requires all drivers to stop for pedestrians entering a crosswalk. The School Zone speed limit is 20 m.p.h. on school days when children are present. According to Police Chief Clint Herdegen, "we are very happy with the traffic safety enhancements on Rt. 176 in front of the High School. There's no doubt the new signaled crosswalk and reduced speed limit will make it safer for students attending Libertyville High School."



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The 100 most dangerous days for teenage drivers is between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Next to speeding, distracted driving is a leading contributing factor in fatal and serious injury crashes. In fact, 6 out of 10 teen crashes involve driver distraction, to include cell phone use for talking, texting, and/or checking a social media site. Almost 70% of teens admit to talking (non-hands free) on their cell phone in the past 30 days and more than 50% admit to reading a text message or email while driving in the past 30 days. And, nearly two-thirds of people injured or killed in a teen driver crash are people other than the driver. Distracted drivers contributes to more than 5000 traffic fatalities each year. Police Chief Clint Herdegen reminds motorists that "this is obviously a real problem, but it's also one that can be dramatically reduced through education, enforcement, and by drivers doing their part." **#DropitandDrive**



The Libertyville Police Department has partnered with the Lake County Sheriff's Department and local law enforcement agencies throughout Lake County in an attempt to increase compliance and save lives in Lake County. Through Labor Day and into the Fall, police agencies will direct extra attention to this effort. During the first two weeks of the initiative, police officers in Libertyville have already issued over 100 citations for clear violations of the law. In Illinois, it is illegal to use a cell phone while driving unless doing so hands free. In addition to the ban on hand held devices, Illinois prohibits texting while driving. Illinois' anti-texting law (625 ILCS 5/12-610.2) states that "A person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message." Chief Herdegen said "We are asking the motoring public to comply with this important law without the need for enforcement, but officers will issue citations to ensure compliance if necessary."



Places for Eating Tax

The Mayor and Village Board recently approved a "Places for Eating Tax" which will apply a 1% tax to the purchase of any food and/or beverages for immediate consumption at any establishment in Libertyville that provides a seating area. The 1% Places for Eating Tax will be competitive to similar taxes applied to dining purchases in surrounding communities. As an example, a food and beverage bill of \$50 will result in an additional tax of \$.50. The Village continues to operate with a balanced budget, and has reduced expenditure over the last several years by reductions in personnel, consolidation of certain Village services, joint purchasing with other communities, privatization of certain Village services, and increased utilization of technology. However, the Village Board and Staff also realize that additional revenue sources are necessary in order to maintain a balanced budget and excellent village services, while facing upcoming challenges including the expiration of the Libertyville TIF district, increasing pension obligations, and the continuing financial crisis with the State of Illinois and potential impact to municipalities. The Places for Eating Tax was identified as a revenue source which a non-home rule community like Libertyville can enact and which will have a minimal impact on Libertyville taxpayers.





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Halloween Fest 2016

Tuesday, October 25



Save the date now and get ready for some fun at the 6th Annual Halloween Fest held on **Tuesday, October 25, 2016** from 5:30-7:30 pm inside the Libertyville Sports Complex. The Recreation Department produces this great event for families with children under the age of 10. **Advance cost is only \$7 per child, and \$10 day of the event.** Parents and grandparents are free! For registration information, call 847-918-7275.



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The Fall registration brochure for the Recreation and Sports Complex Department has "hit the streets" and residents can register now for hundreds of "FALL FUN" programs, events and other activities. Don't wait. Sign up for basketball, soccer, golf lessons, pre-school programs, dance programs and much more. Call 847-918-7275 for more information or go to www.libertyville.com/recreation to view the entire brochure and sign up.