

A Message from Mayor Weppler

Summer ended much too soon and we're approaching the holiday season. A number of events are coming up, including the Village Tree Lighting Ceremony. The evening involves many events throughout the community. New this year is the Libertyville Junior Woman's Club Pasta Dinner benefiting the Midwest Veteran's Closet (see article on this page for details). Before, during, and after the event both Weppler Law Group and St. Lawrence Church will be giving away hot chocolate on Church Street. Many local businesses will also be open that evening.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving is Small Business Saturday; our local businesses will have specials throughout the day. Please support them! It keeps our tax dollars in our community and helps support local government services. MainStreet Libertyville will also be hosting the Victorian Tea and Santa in the Park this year.

Giving Tuesday is November 28th. Please remember those less fortunate than you this holiday season and support our local charities. We are blessed in Libertyville to have so many benefits. I hope you will share those blessings if you're able with those in need.

I wish everyone a happy and blessed holiday season no matter what holiday you observe. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah, and joyous times for any holiday you celebrate this time of year.



Terry L. Weppler, Mayor

It's Beginning to Feel a lot Like Christmas!

The Holiday Tree Lighting is one of the most wonderful Libertyville traditions. This annual downtown event will take place the day after Thanksgiving, **Friday,**



November 24th, in Cook Park. Families, friends, neighbors, and visitors all gather for a festive night. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with music, singing, and other holiday-themed entertainment. A special invitation has been sent to Santa Claus to help with the official countdown for the lighting of the Village Holiday Tree at 7:00 p.m. sharp!

There will be a special area set up for photos with Santa, and the Ansel B. Cook Mansion will be open for tours. Make sure you 'Shop Libertyville' as downtown merchants will offer extended hours for evening shopping and dining at any of the Village's nearly 100 eateries.

New this year you can enjoy a great meal for a good cause before the festivities begin! The Libertyville Junior Woman's Club is sponsoring a Pasta Dinner at the Libertyville Civic Center, 135 West Church Street, 4:00-6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and children under ten eat free. All proceeds support the nonprofit Midwest Veteran's Closet in North Chicago, which provides free clothing, home goods, and food to veterans and their families. Thanks to Ganello's Pizza Company and Barille for donating the pasta sauce and pasta! Guests will also enjoy salad, garlic bread, and soft drinks. Purchase tickets at the door on the day of the event. For more information, call **(847) 767-3682**.



Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!



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 the Des Plaines River. 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.
- 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. Village ordinance prohibits depositing snow on streets.
- **Park vehicles off the street.** On-street parking is prohibited between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. 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.



For more information about snow control during a storm call the **Public Works Department** at **(847) 362-3434** or the **Non-emergency Police number** at **(847) 362-8310**

after business hours.

Please Clean up After Your Pets



A friendly reminder that Village Code requires all pets to be kept on a leash while in public, and also requires that owners clean up after their pets. Many Village parks contain a "Mutt Mitt" dispensing device to help pet owners. Please help keep Libertyville clean and beautiful.

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'Tis the Season to Shop!

Shop Libertyville this holiday season! You can find custom invitations, hair products, gourmet foods and spices, fine cuts of meat, beautiful flower arrangements, trendy bracelets, Libertyville Wildcat gear, clothing, dance apparel, gift cards, spa certificates, groceries, and so much more. Grab a one-of-a-kind hostess gift from any number of Libertyville stores. It's a win-win: shopping at Libertyville businesses is not only pleasant and convenient, it supports the local businesses, creates jobs for residents, and reinvests local sales taxes into the community.

Most businesses offer gift certificates - an ideal way to say thank you and/or Happy Holidays to a neighbor, teacher, boss, coach, or friend. MainStreet Libertyville gift certificates are also an option. They may be used at more than 70 retail and

restaurant locations in the Village. For more information, visit www.mainstreetlibertyville.org.

When you shop Libertyville, you deal with knowledgeable, helpful business owners, and you keep your dollars in the Village. Libertyville's sales tax is also lower than surrounding communities. So remember to give the gift of supporting your community this holiday season! You can find hundreds of local businesses listings on the web at www.Libertyville.com/businessdirectory.

Twelfth Annual Mayor's Business Breakfast

On **Thursday, December 7th**, Mayor Terry Weppler will hold the 12th annual Business Breakfast at Innovation Park - Lake County, 600 U.S. Highway 45 at 7:30 a.m. Representatives from local businesses will enjoy a great meal, talk to fellow business owners, and participate in a Q&A with the Mayor.

The Mayor will provide an update on Village development activities and the local economic climate. The annual breakfast is a way to thank Libertyville businesses for all that they do. Invitations were recently sent to Village businesses. Questions? Call **(847) 362-2430**.



Shop Small Business Saturday

Looking for a great way to kick off the holiday shopping season? Check out **Small Business Saturday on November 25th!** Coordinated by MainStreet Libertyville, this Village-wide event features dozens of our own local businesses.

Shoppers will not only find local bargains and gifts, but will have a chance to win great prizes -- all donated by participating stores, and all worth at least \$50. Start by picking up a special Passport at any participating business that lists all participating local stores and prizes, and don't forget to have your Passport stamped at each store you visit. Prize winners will be selected during the week of November 27th and notified soon after.

For more information, visit mainstreetlibertyville.org.

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Libertyville Tradition

A Dickens of a Holiday



This holiday season indulge in a genuine English tea, visit Santa Claus and/or let the kids go shopping at a kids-only Holiday Shoppe during MainStreet Libertyville's annual **Dickens of a Holiday on two Saturdays: December 2nd and 9th**. Enjoy finger sandwiches and delectable bite-sized desserts with genuine English tea set among the stained glass windows of St. Lawrence Church. This Libertyville tradition begins each Saturday at 11:00 a.m.



For reservation information, call **(847) 680-0336** or visit mainstreetlibertyville.org. Don't miss this true Libertyville tradition!

Visit Santa & His Sleigh

Be sure to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus outside in their sleigh in Cook Park on two **Saturdays: December 2nd and 9th** from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. This is a fabulous chance to get some great photos!



Holiday Sports Camps for Kids



The Libertyville Sports Complex offers Holiday Break Sports Camps for kids in grades K-6 for indoor sports fun during the days off school during the Holidays. Sign up for one or more days from **Tuesday December 26th - Friday December 29th and Tuesday January 2nd - Friday January 5th** from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Children participate in a variety of sports and activities each day. To register your child and for more information call **(847) 918-7275** or visit www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com.



Join our LSC Fitness Center

Stay in shape, get in shape, and join our Fitness Center at the Libertyville Sports Complex. Annual Individual Memberships are only \$365 and this includes free fitness and exercise classes! There are special Family and Senior (60+) rates, too. Visit the LSC Fitness Center or call **(847) 367-1502** for membership information.

Buy Your Fresh Tree Locally to Support Organizations

If you are purchasing a fresh Christmas tree this holiday season, please consider supporting the Knights of Columbus or Boy Scout Troop #72. Both organizations use their tree sales as fundraisers and assist the local community in many ways.

VILLAGE HOLIDAY HOURS



Village offices will be closed on
**Thursday, November 23 &
Friday, November 24, 2017
Monday, December 25, 2017
& Monday, January 1, 2018**



November 28th is Giving Tuesday!

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Thanksgiving. Black Friday. Cyber Monday. Giving Tuesday.

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is "Giving Tuesday" in the Village of Libertyville. Join the David Adler Music and Arts Center, the Village of Libertyville and more than 30 area nonprofits when you take time to give back on **Tuesday, November 28th**.

From arts organizations and literacy groups to nonprofits battling hunger and homelessness, all of Libertyville's charities are working together to celebrate their volunteers, and to encourage better and smarter giving in

2017. Visit Libertyville's online directory of nonprofits at www.libertyville.com/GivingTuesday or adlercenter.org/GivingTuesday. Browse the directory to discover new organizations and to see how your favorite nonprofit is celebrating.

The Giving Tuesday movement encourages and amplifies small acts of kindness during the holiday season. Using the power of social media, GivingTuesday gives nonprofits, civic organizations, businesses and corporations, as well as individuals and families a platform to encourage donations of time, talents, and resources. Learn more at www.libertyville.com/GivingTuesday or adlercenter.org/GivingTuesday.



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Set for the Season? Winterize Your Home & Car

As winter approaches, prepare your home and vehicle. Here are a few friendly tips to help you live more safely, save money, and stay comfortable throughout this winter season.

Home: Have You . . .

- **Cleaned the gutters?** Clear debris from gutters and test downspouts for drainage to protect against water damage.
- **Trimmed trees?** Cut back dead or dying branches that can touch the roof or siding. When it's windy, they can scratch surfaces and cause damage - and could fall during a storm or break under snow and ice.
- **Stopped the air leaks?** Eliminating air leaks improves your home's comfort and efficiency. Your first stops: the basement and attic. Attic leaks allow warmed air to escape, and have the effect of drawing cold air in through basement leaks. Use a can of spray foam insulation to plug up the offenders in both areas.
- **Scheduled a heating system inspection?** Have your furnace professionally inspected and cleaned to reduce the risk of a breakdown and to keep the system running efficiently. If you have a fireplace, have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected and ensure that your damper opens, closes, and seals tightly.
- **Winterized outdoor faucets?** Remove all hoses or devices attached to outdoor spigots. Have in-ground sprinkler systems blown out, and turn off water to outdoor spigots. Be sure to drain any water left behind in the pipes.

Vehicle: Have You . . .

- **Checked the wiper blades?** Make sure they're in good condition. As this area is typically snowy and icy, consider installing winter blades. Keep an ice scraper in the car; stock up on windshield washer fluid rated to withstand -30 degrees or lower temperatures.
- **Monitored the fuel line?** Today's ethanol fuels remove small amounts of water from your fuel system to help prevent freezing. Always keep the tank at least half-full.
- **Inspected the tires?** Check for uneven wear, cupping, sidewall cracking, and other damage or deterioration. Examine tire treads to ensure the grooves are deep enough to grip slick surfaces. If your tires fail these tests, replace them with all-season or winter snow tires. Wonder if your tires have enough tread? Stick a penny (Lincoln head first) into one of the grooves that goes completely around the tire. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, your tread is worn down below 2/32" and should be replaced.
- **Stocked the trunk with emergency equipment?** Essentials include: flares, jumper cables, a shovel, a first-aid kit, a flashlight, extra batteries, non-perishable snacks, and cold-weather gear.