



# Village Views

The Newsletter of the Village of Libertyville, Illinois

## A Message from the Mayor

Following the release of the property tax bills coming out this past month, I have had a number of residents ask me why our taxes are so high in Libertyville and what we can do to reduce them locally. I can't speak for the other taxing bodies, but I can tell you a little about our Village property taxes.

A home valued at \$400,000.00 in Libertyville with a homestead exemption would have a property tax bill of \$9,535.60. The total portion of that tax bill going to the Village for operating expenses and pensions is \$819.63. Of that \$394.58 is directed to cover pension costs directed by the State of Illinois. That means that \$425.05 of that property tax bill goes to the Village of Libertyville to cover our municipal services including Police, Fire Protection, Emergency Response, Parks and Recreation, Zoning and Community Development, Road Work and Improvement and Sewer and Water, and all the other services provided by the Village. That means that for a little more than

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## Libertyville, A Beautiful Place in the Country.



This year's Libertyville Days Festival, A Beautiful Place in the Country, is June 14–17, 2018. The festivities include Lake County's largest and most spectacular parade, featuring marching bands, horses and helium balloons on Saturday, June 16. It steps off at 10AM from the Metra train station and travels south on Milwaukee Avenue to Rockland Road. There will be several vintage tractors in this year's parade and then will be on display near Sunrise Rotary Park after the parade and on Sunday.

The Libertyville Days Festival is organized by the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation, with help from members of the Junior Woman's Club, and Knights of Columbus, who donate thousands of volunteer hours each year in support of the Libertyville Civic Center. Proceeds from last year's Festival were used building upgrades and improvements such as new windows for the building. The Children's Cookie Bake-Off will also require the cookies to be created using the theme. Drew Walter from US 99 will be on site on Saturday evening to help introduce the main stage entertainment. The Festival also includes activities, great food vendors, and Main Stage Entertainment all weekend. Among the choices are a Beer Garden, Church Street Eats featuring some great vendors, Children's Party, Miss Libertyville Pageant, Cookie Bake-Off, Fireman's Rib Cook-Off, Jalapeño Pepper & Watermelon Eating Contest, Baggo Tournament, Cook Mansion Open House and more. The entire schedule of events will be available in local stores, newspapers and at the Civic Center.

## Libertyville Days 2018

Thursday, June 14	6:00 – 10:30 p.m.
Friday, June 15	1:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 16	12:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 17	1:00 – 5:30 p.m.

The Carnival is located on Church Street, Civic Center Parking Lot & Sunrise Rotary Park.  
Unlimited Ride Special: \$25 per person per day for the following dates and times only:  
Thursday 6-10:30 p.m. • Friday 1-6 p.m.  
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## A Message from Mayor Weppler *(cont.)*

a dollar a day you have access to fire and police services on demand as well as access to parks and recreational facilities. The amount you pay on your property tax bill to the Village of Libertyville is substantially less than you pay for monthly internet service.

Recently, the Village Board passed a \$64.5 million budget that will fund our operations and capital projects for the fiscal year that began May 1. That is a 1.2% decline from last year's budget and a reduction in employees from 161 to 156 employees.

A portion of the revenues that fund our Village operations are collected and distributed from the State of Illinois. Municipalities receive an allocation of the sales tax, income tax, personal property replacement tax, use tax and motor fuel tax collected by the State. Over the last several years, in order to address its own financial struggles, the State has chosen to reduce the allocation that is normally used for municipal services. This has had a significant impact on all municipalities in the State, which have had to find other revenue streams to make up for these declines in order to maintain the same level of service for our residents.

As an example, the State once shared 10% of income tax with municipalities prior to the 2011 State income tax increase. This has been reduced to 6.06%, and distributions were reduced by another 10% in the State's 2018 Fiscal Year.

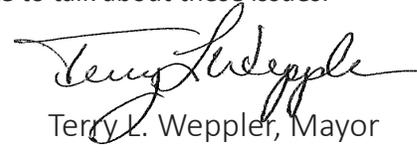
Income tax is a significant revenue stream for our Village and over a five-year period, the impact of that decline is approximately \$2.5 million cumulatively.

There have also been declines in Personal Property Replacement Tax as the State diverted these funds for other purposes prior to distribution. The current Village budget estimate is 19% lower than the amount received during our last fiscal year.

These reductions in the amount shared by the State are especially problematic for non-home rule municipalities like Libertyville that are restricted in raising other types of revenue. The State continues to discuss a property tax freeze, limits to tax increment financing, and diversion of 9-1-1 service fees—all of which increase the financial burden on municipalities.

Despite these challenges, the Village Board approved a budget that includes sufficient funds for current operations, as well as reserve funds set aside for long term strategic goals. Our tax rate actually decreased by 2.5% compared to the prior year. In addition to our existing costs we will be faced with substantial costs to do work on our storm sewer system due to the increased flooding we have seen in recent years.

I want our residents to know that the Village Board and I do our best to keep the Village portion of your property tax bill as low as possible. I do not favor a property tax freeze as it would mean a reduction in the services that we provide our residents due to the other declining sources of revenue. I am always happy to discuss ways we can cut costs while maintaining services and would be happy to speak with any resident who'd like to talk about these issues.



Terry L. Weppler, Mayor

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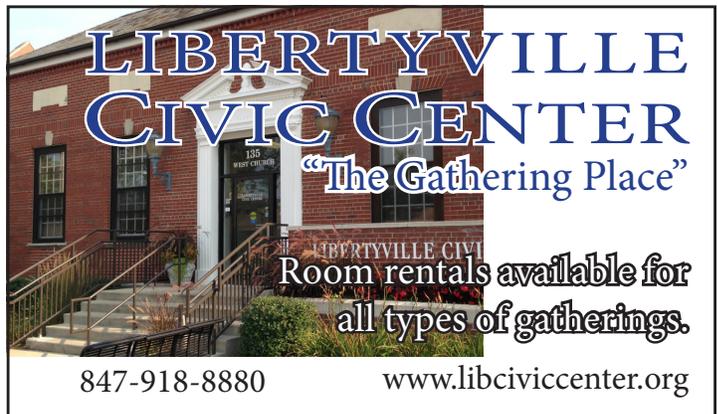


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## Crosswalk Safety Tips

The weather is turning nice and this is the time of year when downtown Libertyville comes alive with pedestrian traffic. These are some important safety tips regarding both driver and pedestrian responsibility for traffic safety. In order to ensure safe travels in our community, the Libertyville Police Department encourages you to review Illinois law on this topic.



Drivers should always be prepared to yield the right-of-way and should not drive unnecessarily close to pedestrians. Pedestrians should always use a designated crosswalk when available.

Illinois law requires:

- When traffic control signals are not in place, or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall stop and yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.
- Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.
- Whenever stop signs or flashing red signals are in place at an intersection or at a plainly marked crosswalk between intersections, drivers shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a moving vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

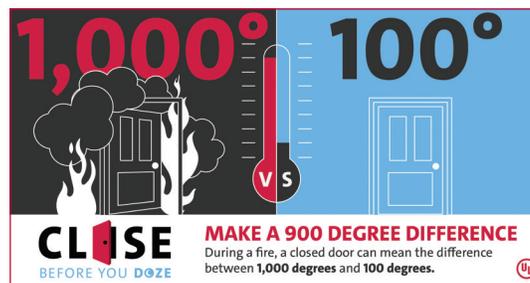
## Close Before You Doze

It's time to add "Close Your Door" to your fire safety checklist. You know how important it is to have working smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, escape plans, and a designated meeting place in case of fire. But did you know closing your doors in your home is also important for your safety? Closed

doors can reduce fire growth, limit damage to your home, keep temperatures down, and can even save your life if you become trapped. Did you know, that because of synthetic materials, furniture and construction, fire spreads faster than ever before.

- Make a 900 degree difference. A closed door can mean reducing 1,000 degrees down to 100 degrees.
- Take it down a notch. During a fire, a closed door can keep carbon monoxide levels at 1,000 ppm versus 10,000 ppm if the door is left open.
- Take a breather. Fire needs oxygen to burn. A closed door keeps more oxygen in the room and away from the fire. When you exit a fire, make sure to close the door behind you to slow down its growth.
- Doze Safely. 50% of house fires happen between 11PM and 7AM. Closing your doors before you go to sleep helps keep you safe.

The Libertyville Fire Department is happy to assist you with any fire or emergency medical questions you may have. Implementing multiple safety initiatives and complying with local fire and building codes can help keep you and your family safer. Contact us with any questions **847-362-5664**. Learn more at: [www.closeyourdoor.org](http://www.closeyourdoor.org)



## Tree City USA Award



The Village of Libertyville has once again been named a Tree City USA for 2017—a distinction it has enjoyed since 1994. Tree City USA, a national recognition program that began in 1976, is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters. Municipalities must apply for this award and meet four fundamental standards to be considered.

The application is vetted through the state and forwarded on to a national committee for review. If all standards are met at both levels, the municipality is recognized as a Tree City USA community. Residents can then enjoy the knowledge that they have a greener and healthier community!



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Sign up. . . next season starts in August. **Call (847) 367-7054.**

- Monday-Thursday 12" for men.
- Friday 14" co-ed (men and women).
- Sunday 12" for men.



**Residents Continue to Save on Electric Bills**

**A**s you may recall, an electric municipal aggregation program is currently ongoing in the Village of Libertyville. The Village recently renewed the electric aggregation program with Dynegy Energy Services for a fixed rate of 7.178 cents per kWh for a 25-month term beginning July 1, 2018 through August 2020. A 100% renewable energy program rate is also available for 7.399 cents per kWh. The current ComEd energy rate is 7.700 cents per kWh. If you are already enrolled in the Village's program and want to stay in the program, you do not need to do anything. If you would like to sign up for the Village rate, please call Dynegy Energy Services at **844-351-7691**. The Village cannot limit solicitation by other providers. If you are asked to provide an account number or other identifying information, please do not hesitate to contact the Village at **847-918-2024**, to confirm the details of the aggregation program first.



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## Roads to be Rehabilitated in 2018

### **Amy Lane**

(south cul de sac to N. of Eric Lane)

### **Bedford Lane**

### **Brian Circle**

**Church Street, E.** (Milwaukee Ave to First St (N.))

**Church Street, E.** (First St (N.) to Fourth St)

### **Deborah Circle**

**Dymond Road, S.** (Crane Blvd to W. Golf Road)

### **Eric Lane**

**Golf Road** (Federal Aid Urban Route Project)

### **Jaimee Lane**

### **Jessica Lane**

### **Lisa Circle**

### **Lucerne Lane**

### **Nathan Lane**

### **Old Hickory Lane**

**Second Avenue** (Sunnyside Ave. to End)

### **Seventh Avenue**

(140 ft N. of E Lincoln Avenue to E. Rockland Rd)

### **Thornbury Lane**

### **Tiffany Lane**

### **Trevor Circle**

### **Virginia Avenue**

(from N. of Eric Ln to Nathan Lane)

**Winchester Road, E.** (Parliament Ct to E. end)

## Water and Sewer Bills: Did You Know?

Get your water bill electronically! Email [waterbill@libertyville.com](mailto:waterbill@libertyville.com) with your name, email, and property address. Note that once you get an electronic bill, you will no longer get a paper copy in the mail. Your water bill can also be paid automatically from a bank account. Visit [www.libertyville.com/waterbillform](http://www.libertyville.com/waterbillform) for an application. If you prefer to pay online with a credit card, you will need your account number and PIN (check the top right corner of your bill). Review your account history by accessing your account online.

## 2018 Road Construction



The Village's 2018 construction season kicked off in mid-March, marking the sixth year of the Libertyville pavement rehabilitation program. The March 2012 Road Referendum focused on rehabilitating 30 miles of local streets, and the program has already rehabilitated over 35 miles of roadway. Here's an overview of the work you may see around town.

### **Pavement Rehabilitation**

This work involves removal of curbs and gutters (extent varies depending upon the street), as well as pavement patching, removal (grinding) of the pavement surface, and placement of new binder and surface ("shave and pave"). Work is scheduled through October 1, weather conditions permitting. Residents are notified when work begins on their street and if work will impede access to their driveways. [Learn more at www.libertyville.com/2018pavementrehab](http://www.libertyville.com/2018pavementrehab).

The Village will be resurfacing Golf Road from Milwaukee Avenue to Butterfield Road. This project will be completed with Federal Aid Urban (FAU) Route funding, an 80 percent federal/20 percent local (Village) share. Residents are notified when work begins on their street and if work will impede access to their driveways.

### **Watermain Replacement**

Prior to resurfacing sections of Second Avenue and S. Dymond Road, the Village will replace the watermain. Weather permitting, this work, expected to last through mid-June, includes the installation of a new water main and new water services from that main to the parkway shut off. There will be some interruption of water service from time to time; those affected will be notified directly. [Find out more at www.libertyville.com/2018watermain](http://www.libertyville.com/2018watermain).

### **Future Road Construction Projects**

**East Rockland Road:** In 2019, the Village and Libertyville Township will partner in reconstructing E. Rockland Road from St. Mary's Road to Milwaukee Avenue. The Village handle the piece from the Rockland Bridge to Milwaukee Avenue. The Township will manage the portion from St. Mary's to Rockland Bridge, which is under Township jurisdiction. This project will be completed with Federal Aid Urban (FAU) Route funding, an 80 percent federal/20 percent local (Village) share. [Learn more at www.libertyville.com/rocklandroadrecon](http://www.libertyville.com/rocklandroadrecon).

# SUMMER FUN

## LIBERTYVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX & RECREATION DEPT.

To register go to [www.libertyville.com/recreation](http://www.libertyville.com/recreation)

or call 847-918-7275.

Refer to Registration guide for details.

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Ages 11-14, 9AM-3PM  
Weekly Sessions June 11-August 3



Sports Camps for Kids  
Weekly camps for specific sports  
i.e., soccer, baseball, basketball,  
non-contact football, golf lessons  
plus camps with a mix of sports.



Libertyville Safety Town  
Boys/Girls entering K-2nd grade  
9AM-11 AM & 12:30-2:30 PM  
June 11-22, June 26-July 6 & July 9-20



Free Village Band Concerts  
Cook Park Rose Garden  
Thursdays 7:30PM  
June 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26



July 4th Celebration  
Butler Lake Park  
Village Band Concert: 7:30PM  
Fireworks approximately 9:30PM



36th Annual Farmers' Market  
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vegetables, pastries and more.  
May 31-October 18 in Cook Park  
7AM-1PM



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11AM-2PM in Cook Park



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Car Fun on 21  
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MainStreet Dessert Walk  
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## How to Use Native Plants



If you're considering purchasing trees, shrubs, flowering plants or grasses for your yard this spring, before heading to the nearest big box store, please consider using true native species for your landscape.

Native plants are those species that have evolved over thousands of years in this region through a process of natural selection, rather than through human interference. They co-evolved here with the native insects, birds, and mammals, which have synchronized their behaviors and habits to match the seasonal flowers and fruit of trees, shrubs, flowers, and grasses. Why use native plants?

### 1. Ease of Maintenance

Once established, native plants are low maintenance, and reduce costs on watering, fertilizing, and mowing compared to non-natives and turf grass. They are best suited for the extreme weather conditions of the Chicago Region, resulting in very limited losses over the winter.

### 2. Decreased Risks of Soil Erosion and Flooding

Native plants naturally help to renew and enrich the soil (just think about the rich, deep, black prairie soils), and their deep roots channel rainwater downward, increasing absorption and reducing runoff, erosion, and flooding.

### 3. Lowered Utility Costs

Well-placed and properly selected native trees can save on home heating and cooling costs.

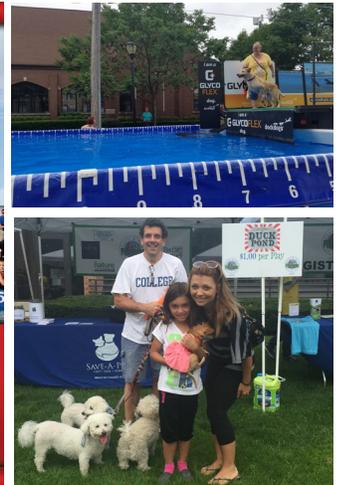
### 4. Year-round Interest

Thoughtfully selected species can be incorporated to provide bountiful flowers in spring, summer, and fall. Many species have interesting seed pods and other physical features that provide winter interest and beauty as well.

### 5. Benefits to Local Ecosystems

Native plants provide rest stops and fast food for migrating birds and butterflies, as well as year-round critical habitat and essential food chain links for countless non-migratory wildlife. They are used to help restore whole natural systems and help to preserve the biodiversity of this area. Native plants support thousands of species of beneficial insects, and 96% of songbirds depend upon insects to feed to their young. Just a modest increase in native suburban plants has been shown to cause a significant increase in songbird populations.

## 10th Annual Dog Days



Libertyville's Dog Days is back! The annual event will continue for the 10th year. Mayor Terry Weppler stated that "The Village of Libertyville will continue to present Dog Days annually. It's a great event for the Village, as it attracts many out-of-town visitors as well as providing entertainment for our residents. It allows visitors to discover our beautiful town, some of them for the first time. In addition, there is no cost to the Village, as sponsors and vendors cover all the costs."

Libertyville is the site for the "Dock Dogs Regional Finals". You can watch as 100 nationally ranked jumping dogs run down a 40 foot dock and jump into a 27,000 gallon pool of water for longest distance in the middle of Church Street. In addition to the three-day non-stop dog jumping competition, doggie-oriented events and 30+ vendors will be in Cook Park throughout the weekend. See the Lake County K-9 demo, or take part in the St. Lawrence Church's Sunday morning Multi-Faith Pet Blessing Ceremony and much more. So head to Cook Park in Downtown Libertyville Friday-Sunday, July 6-8th. Dog Days of Summer is presented by The Village of Libertyville, and hosted this year by our local Knights of Columbus who will use any monies after expenses to donate to local organizations that help those in need, for example, helping to provide funds for local pet food banks. This year's event is sponsored by Care Animal Hospital, First Bank & Trust, GreenTree Animal Hospital, Libertyville Auto City Subaru, North Shore Gas, Pampered Pupz, The Pet Factory, and Veterinary Specialty Center. For information e-mail [dbl960@mac.com](mailto:dbl960@mac.com) or call 847-961-0206.

## Annual Water Quality Report

To view the Annual Water Quality Report, please go to [www.libertyville.com/2018CCR](http://www.libertyville.com/2018CCR). This report contains important information about the source and quality of our drinking water. If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please call the Public Works Department at 847-362-3434.





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**C**elebrate our country's birth with your friends and neighbors on the 4th of July. The fun begins with a concert of patriotic music performed by the Village Band at 7:30PM at the Butler Lake Band Shell. A Spectacular fireworks display will begin at approximately 9:30PM.

For safety reasons, Lake Street will close to pedestrians and vehicle traffic at 9:00PM before the show. Parking will be available at Butler Lake Park (residents only), the main commuter lot, both parking garages, and Butterfield School.