



# Village Views

The newsletter of the Village of Libertyville, Illinois

## A Message from the Mayor

It's that season again, not Spring (although that's here now too), but pothole season. The past winter has been very difficult on our roads in Libertyville. Even roads that are fairly new have experienced potholes this past winter. Fixing roads and paying for storm water facilities are two large items on the Village Board's agenda at this time. We are trying to get the best bang for the buck for our residents. Unfortunately that can sometimes be difficult due to constraints placed on us by funding and regulations.

There have been some studies done on different types of road surfaces including recycled plastics and other types of stone and asphalt surfaces. Since our roads are paid for through motor fuel tax and other sources that come from the State of Illinois (despite being paid by our residents), we are limited from trying any alternative sources by IDOT requirements. While I am not advocating any specific method, I would like to see us be able to look at potential savings alternatives rather than following antiquated requirements set by the State. I believe, these requirements are typically endorsed by people who have funded campaigns.

The Village will also be spending an additional \$2 million dollars updating our sewage treatment plant this year to lower phosphorus levels in our effluent before being released into the water. I support regulations to improve our environment. However, we have taken actions to limit phosphorus in the Village. Phosphorus is no longer allowed in fertilizer, the most common source for high phosphorus levels. Phosphorus is also found naturally in the environment. We should be doing everything we can to protect our environment for our children but we must be aware of the financial impact on our residents and the State must supply us with a way of funding these types of mandates.

We are also determining how to fund our storm water system. Hundreds of our residents suffered disastrous flooding in 2017. We had already begun an engineering study before the flooding and

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## Memorial Day Activities

*Libertyville's Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 27. Participants will gather at the Metra Train Station at 9:00 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. parade to Cook Park.*

The program will continue there with music from the Libertyville High School Band, presentations by Mayor Wepler, representatives of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and high school essay contest winners. **Non-emergency Village offices and Village Hall will be closed on Memorial Day.**

## Cook Park Playground Replacement

In October of 2018 the Village approved a Parks Master Plan to help guide park development decisions for the next fifteen years. The first playground identified within the plan for replacement is within Cook Park. The Village recently selected a design for the replacement of the playground. The design includes pour-in-play rubber surface for ADA accessibility, two slides, two expression swings which allow an adult and child to swing together, several climbing features and ground level music play options. The Village received a grant to help fund the project through the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association's Promote Play and [continued on page 6](#)

Libertyville  
2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
**Community Speak-Out #2**

Join us anytime between  
**May 9 3:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**  
**Libertyville Civic Center**

For more information, visit the project website at:  
**[www.libertyvillecomprehensiveplan.com](http://www.libertyvillecomprehensiveplan.com)**

Share your vision!



## A Message from the Mayor

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completed a report indicating that \$45 million in improvements will be required to protect our residents. We are now working on how to fund these necessary improvements.

Your property tax bill will be arriving in the next month. The Village's portion of the tax bill is less than ten percent for all of the services provided by the Village. If anyone has any questions on any portion of their bill or how Village services are funded please feel free to call me at Village Hall and set up an appointment. I'm always happy to talk to our residents about any Village issue. Have a Happy Spring.

Mayor Terry Weppeler

# Libertyville Special Summer Events

## July 4th Celebration

- Butler Lake Park

Village Band Concert: 7:30 p.m.

Fireworks at approximately: 9:30 p.m.

## Village Band Concerts

- Cook Park
- Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

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## Join Our Fitness Center

*It's time to get fit! Join the Libertyville Sports Complex Fitness Center. Annual individual memberships cost only \$365.*

Family and Senior rates are available. Free fitness classes with membership. No registration fees. Call **(847) 367-1504** or visit [www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com](http://www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com) for more information.

## Adult Sports Leagues

The Libertyville Sports Complex offers a variety of sports leagues for adults, men and women.

**Men's Leagues:** Softball (12", 16"), Basketball (18+, 30+), Indoor Soccer (18+, 30+), Flag Football (18+)

**Women's Leagues:** Indoor Soccer (30+), Basketball (18+)

**Co-ed Leagues:** Softball (14"), Kickball

For more information, visit [www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com/adultsports](http://www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com/adultsports). Call **(847) 367-7054** or email [sjenkins@libertyville.com](mailto:sjenkins@libertyville.com)

## Looking For A Summer Job?

The Recreation-Sports Complex Department is accepting applications for a variety of Summer positions including lifeguards, swim instructors, managers, cashiers, front desk, day camp counselors and other positions. Applications are available at [www.libertyvillesportscomplex.com/jobs](http://www.libertyvillesportscomplex.com/jobs) or call **(847) 918-7275**.

## Buy a Brick

*The Village of Libertyville is once again offering the Buy a Brick Program for Cook Park.*

Residents and businesses can purchase one or more personally engraved 4" x 8" bricks, which can be used to celebrate someone or something important in your life, identify you or your family as a donor/supporter of the Park, or memorialize a loved one. The bricks are \$100 each, and for an additional \$75 you can order a replica keepsake brick. Order forms are available at the Village Hall and online at [www.libertyville.com](http://www.libertyville.com), orders and payment must be submitted no later than August 15. There are approximately 1,000 bricks available. Contact the Village at **(847) 362-2430** for more information.



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### Celebration! Childcare

- Age 6 weeks to 12 years
- Full Day Preschool Program
- Full Day Summer Camp
- After School Services

(847) 367-6208  
[cchildcare.org](http://cchildcare.org)  
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## Libertyville

# GARDENS

### Longing for the taste of a juicy, ripe, homegrown tomato?

Planning to grow your own? We have a spot for you! Lease a plot at Libertyville Gardens and get growing. Libertyville Gardens offers staked plots, multiple water sources, a storage shed, and a shaded area for resting. Growing season runs May-November.

### Fees

**20'x10' plot: \$20 + \$25 deposit = \$45**

**20'x20' plot: \$35 + \$25 deposit = \$60**

Deposits returned at the end of the season if plot is cleared.

To register call **(847) 918-7275**. Once registered you'll be emailed with additional details. For more information about the program, contact Chris Sandine, Associate Planner, at [csandine@libertyville.com](mailto:csandine@libertyville.com) or **(847) 918-2028**.

## Tree City USA Award

*The Village of Libertyville has once again been named a Tree city USA for 2018 – 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!



# LIGHTNING FACTS

*There are an estimated 23 million cloud-to-ground lightning flashes each year in the United States, nearly 800,000 of which occur in Illinois alone.*

- A majority of lightning strike victims were either outdoors in an open area, or taking part in an activity near the water such as fishing, tubing or swimming.
- On average, about 67% of lightning fatalities and injuries occur outdoors at recreation events (sports fields, golf courses, lakes, swimming pools) and near trees.
- Illinois ranks eighth in the country for the most lightning strikes and second in the Midwest, behind Missouri.

## Lightning Safety Tips

- The best shelter from lightning is inside a building with the windows and doors closed.
- If no substantial shelter is available, seek refuge in a hard-topped vehicle, with the windows closed.
- Avoid carports, porches, garages, sheds, tents, baseball dugouts, under bleachers or any rain shelter that does not have windows and doors that can be closed.

If there is no safe shelter anywhere nearby, seek lower elevation areas away from trees, metallic objects and bodies of water. Stay away from trees, electrical poles or other tall objects.

**Simply put - No place outdoors is safe when a thunderstorm is near.**



## New Ambulance

*The Village received a new Horton Ambulance on January 2, 2019.*

The ambulance will replace the current ambulance at Fire Station 2 as part of a scheduled vehicle replacement program. The new ambulance includes a state of the art cardiac monitor, defibrillator, a power cot and a cot lift assist system. It is estimated that the new ambulance will respond to approximately 1,100 emergency calls per year from Fire Station 2.

## 2019 Village Vehicle Sticker Sales

*Village Vehicle Stickers are currently on sale at the Village Hall. As of May 1 all vehicles were required to display them on windshields.*

Applications were mailed in March. A vehicle sticker is required for all vehicles registered or housed in the Village (including those registered for business in the village). The cost of a sticker is \$30 for cars and trucks. The minimum penalty for not having a valid vehicle sticker displayed is \$100. One hundred percent of vehicle sticker revenue supports repairing Village streets. An application can be found online at [www.libertyville.com/villagesticker](http://www.libertyville.com/villagesticker).



# Did You Know?

## Water and Sewer Bills

Get your water bill electronically! Email [waterbill@libertyville.com](mailto:waterbill@libertyville.com) with your name, email, and property address. Note that once you begin receiving an electronic bill, you will no longer receive 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.



## SWIMMING POOL SEASON PASSES

**Adler Pool** 1500 North Milwaukee Avenue

**Riverside Pool** 870 Country Club Drive

### ORDER YOUR SEASON PASSES NOW

- Individual Passes
- Family Passes

*Special pricing for Libertyville residents.*

*Adler Pool can host group outings and birthday parties.*

Buy your season passes at Adler Pool office, the Libertyville Sports Complex Fitness Center, on-line at [www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com/registration](http://www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com/registration) or call **(847) 918-7275**.

## 2019 50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program



*Annually the Village Board allocates funds for the Village's 50/50 parkway tree planting program to preserve the tree canopy and diversify the tree species within the*

*Village.*

The "50/50" tree program is an opportunity to plant a new or replacement tree within the Village by sharing the cost of purchasing and installing the tree with the Village.

The program is intended to replace trees that have been removed from the Village parkways, mostly due to disease or poor health. Residents are encouraged to participate in this voluntary program. The Village does limit the quantities of the most commonly chosen species to alleviate the possibility of future diseases and insects from devastating several hundred trees. This will help to ensure that a single species is not overplanted and provide for a diverse tree population.

The program is available on a first come, first served basis. 50/50 Tree Planting informational packets will be available during the late spring. They will include a list of tree species to be offered, a program description, order form, watering instructions and the cost for purchase and installation. Trees are typically planted in the fall, are 2-inch caliper in size and include a one-year warranty.

For tree planting information contact Parks Staff at **(847) 918-2074** and for a 50/50 Tree Planting Packet contact Laura Ditanto at **(847) 247-5432**.

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## Spring Clean-up

*With spring and early summer comes the need to clean up! Often melted snow reveals garbage and debris that needs to be cleared away. The Village asks that residents and businesses participate in the clean-up process.*

Whether garbage is found on the sidewalk in front of your property or on a nearby bike trail, picking it up and throwing it away will help to keep our community clean. The Village will be doing our part as well. Street sweeping began on April 15. The Village typically completes 8 Village-wide sweeps annually along with 30 of the central business district. In addition, the Village's contractual landscapers will be cleaning up in community parks. For information on disposal of garbage and yard waste visit the Village's website at <http://www.libertyville.com/124/Waste-and-Recycling-Services>.

## Rockland Road Construction

*Rockland Road between Milwaukee Avenue (IL Route 21) to St. Mary's Road is planned for roadway reconstruction beginning this summer. Work will be completed in two phases. The project will not include the section at the bridge over the Des Plaines River.*

The segment of Rockland Road between Milwaukee Avenue to the bridge is under the Village's jurisdiction. The segment between the bridge and St. Mary's Road is under the jurisdiction of the Libertyville Township Highway Department. The proposed roadway reconstruction work will be completed in separate construction contracts, one for each segment.

For the Village's segment (Milwaukee Avenue to the bridge), construction is anticipated to begin this summer with underground utility improvements, which will include new storm sewers, water main replacements, sanitary sewer relocations and private utility work. Traffic will be shifted one-way eastbound during this time. Westbound traffic will be detoured via IL Route 176. Construction will shut down for the winter and two-way traffic will be temporarily restored. A public information meeting which will include the ability for the public to view the plans associated with the reconstruction project is anticipated to occur in late spring or early summer of 2019.

It is anticipated that the roadway pavement reconstruction work for both segments will be completed in 2020. Replacement of the bridge carrying Rockland Road over the Des Plaines River will be part of a future project. It is anticipated that the replacement of the bridge will occur no sooner than 2022.

For additional information and updates regarding the project visit the Village website at [www.libertyville.com/rocklandroad](http://www.libertyville.com/rocklandroad) and the Township website at <http://www.libertyvilletownship.us/>.

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## Cook Park Playground Replacement

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Recreation grant for 50% of the cost of the playground structure. The playground is anticipated to be replaced in late spring/early summer. The existing playground equipment will be donated to Kids Around the World a nonprofit organization that repurposes used playground equipment in other countries (photo opposite).



# Summer FUN FOR KIDS

Check out what is offered @  
[www.libertyville.com/recreation](http://www.libertyville.com/recreation).  
**SPRING-SUMMER Call (847) 918-7275.**

The Recreation & Sports Complex Department offers a variety of programs, activities and events during the summer months. Call **(847) 918-7275** for information.

To register visit  
[www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com/registration](http://www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com/registration)



### ADLER PARK & RIVERSIDE POOLS

Adler Opening Day: Sat. May 25  
Riverside Opening Day: Sat. June 8  
Kids: Summer Swim Lessons for all levels  
Join our Dolphin Swim Team start in June  
Adults: Aqua Fit and Aqua Challenge classs



### ADLER SUMMER DAY CAMP

Boys and Girls grades K-7  
Full and half-day camp  
Sessions from June to August



### SPORTS CAMPS FOR KIDS

Weekly camps for specific sports, including soccer, baseball, basketball, cricket, non-contact football, fencing, plus camps with a mix of sports.

### SWIMMING LESSONS AT ADLER POOL

- For Kids ages 6 months and older
- Various sessions and instruction levels
- Four (4) two (2) week sessions from June 11 – August 2

### SUMMER DAY CAMPS AT ADLER PARK

- Boys and Girls grades K-7
- 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Weekly sessions June 10 – August 9

### TEEN TRAVELERS BIKING CAMP AT ADLER PARK

- Boys and Girls ages 11-14
- 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Weekly Sessions June 10 – August 9

### LIBERTYVILLE SAFETY TOWN CRAWFORD HOUSE @ BUTLER LAKE

- Boys and Girls grades K-2
- 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- June 10-21, June 24 – July 6, July 8-19

### SPORTS & MORE SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS AT LIBERTYVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX

- Boys and Girls grades K-6
- Weekly sessions June 10 – August 16
- 9:00 a.m.-Noon, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

### PRE-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CAMPS

- Camp Adventure, kids ages 5 & 6
- Sunshine Kidz, children ages 3 & 4
- 2-day and 3-day camps June 10 – July 19

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- Classes for kids ages 2-6
- Various sessions from June 18 – August 1



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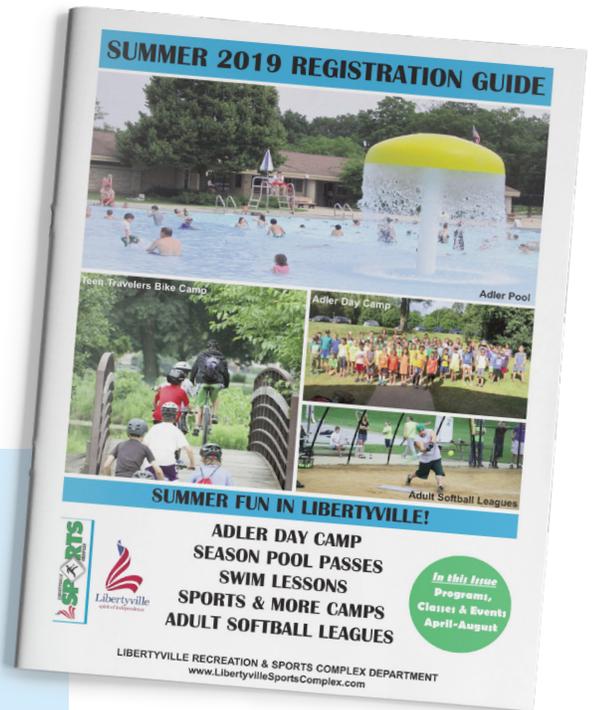
Explore Libertyville



## Register Now

*The Spring-Summer registration brochure for the Recreation and Sports Complex Department has been mailed to all Libertyville households.*

Residents can register now for hundreds of fun programs, events and other activities. Don't wait. Sign up for swimming pool season passes, swimming lessons, summer day camp, golf lessons, pre-school programs, sports camps and much more. Call **(847) 918-7275** for more information or go to [www.Libertyville.com/recreation](http://www.Libertyville.com/recreation) to view entire brochure and sign up for activities.



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