



Village Views

The newsletter of the Village of Libertyville, Illinois

A Message from the Mayor

As the end of the year draws near I'd like to wish all of our residents a warm and blessed Holiday Season no matter what your religion or nationality.

This has been a year of looking forward for The Village. Through the assistance of staff and our many commissions the Village Board and I have spent quite a bit of time looking at the future of the community. We are in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan, we have completed a storm sewer study to ensure that we provide adequate flood protection for all of our residents, we completed a parks study to prepare for the future of our recreational facilities in the community and we are looking at staffing studies for various departments to ensure that we have the appropriate number of employees for providing services to our residents. I'd like to thank all of our residents who stepped forward and gave input into these important studies on our future.

The Village Board faces some very tough decisions over the next several years. The storm sewer study revealed that we will need \$45.5 Million in improvements over the next several years to protect all of our residents from having flooded homes as a result of our changing water patterns. A town hall meeting will be scheduled after the 1st of the year to discuss funding for the improvements.

We have repaired or replaced 40% of our Village roads over the

past six years as a result of the road referendum approved by residents. However, we still have 60% of the roads that will need to be repaired over the next 12 years with motor fuel tax funds decreasing on an annual basis. Other financial decisions face us with diminishing revenues. Since 2009 we have decreased the number of Village employees from 180 to 156. We appreciate input from our residents and welcome any suggestions on addressing our future.

I want to welcome residents to come to our Board meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. You are also welcome to come to committee meetings. The dates and times of all of the meetings are posted on the Village website. Despite the divisiveness that seems to be going on throughout the country I am proud to say that our residents have always been polite and respectful when discussing issues important to all of us at our meetings. I've seen the anger and disrespect that has occurred in other communities and throughout the Country and that hasn't taken place in the Village. Please take time out of your busy schedule to give your input during these difficult financial times for the Village. I would also like to thank the many residents who stepped up to volunteer for commissions after the last newsletter request.

Again, I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a blessed New Year.

Mayor Terry Weppeler

Village's Annual Tree Lighting Event

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 23**, 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.

Pasta with a Purpose

The Libertyville Junior Woman's Club will host the 2nd Annual **Pasta with a Purpose** dinner prior to the Cook Park Tree Lighting Ceremony. The pasta dinner will take place before the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on **Friday, November 23 at the Libertyville Civic Center**, 135 West Church Street from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and children under 10 eat free. All proceeds go to the **Midwest Veteran's Closet**, 2323 Green Bay Road in North Chicago, a non-profit organization providing free clothing, home goods, and food to veterans and their families. For more information, contact Lisa Roti at (847) 767-3682.

Village Works to Reduce Impact of Salt



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-sacs and other lower volume roads will not be salted unless conditions warrant it. The Village has applied this policy for several years and appreciates the cooperation we have received from drivers since its inception.

Christmas Tree Safety: Tips to Remember

- Replace lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving or going to bed
- Choose a tree with fresh needles
- Makes sure the tree is at least three feet away from heat sources
- Do not block exits
- Add water to the tree stand daily



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VILLAGE HOLIDAY HOURS

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Thursday, November 22, 2018

Friday, November 23, 2018

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Tuesday, January 1, 2019



12 Dealerships
19 Brands
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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 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 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.

'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.

Shop Small Business Saturday

Looking for a great way to kick off the holiday shopping season? Check out **Small Business Saturday on November 24!** 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. For more information, visit mainstreetlibertyville.org.



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Libertyville Traditions



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 1 and 8**. 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!



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 **Wednesday, December 26 - Friday, December 28 and Wednesday, January 2 - Friday, January 4** 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.

Visit Santa & His Sleigh

Be sure to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus outside in their sleigh in Cook Park on two **Saturdays: December 1 and 8** from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. This is a fabulous chance to get some great photos!



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 local boy scout troops. Both organizations use their tree sales as fundraisers and assist the local community in many ways.



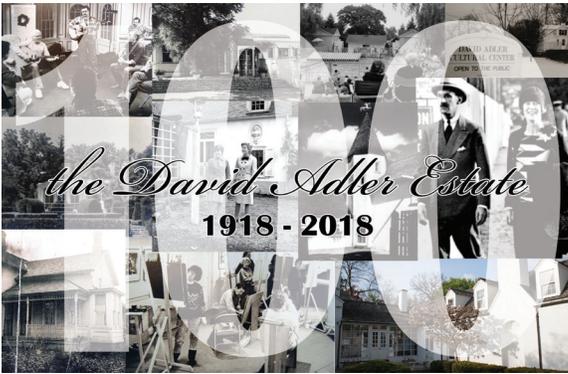
Giving Tuesday

The Giving Tuesday movement encourages and amplifies small acts of kindness during the holiday season. Giving Tuesday gives nonprofits, civic organizations, businesses and corporations, as well as individuals and families a platform to encourage donations of time, talents, and resources.

Giving Tuesday is the international day of giving that follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday. Giving Tuesday will occur on **November 27**. Non-profits, schools, and municipalities in 150

countries use the day to collect donations and engage their communities in a wide variety of service projects.

This year, the Adler Center is holding a Perform-a-thon, which is a free marathon holiday concert. Students will collect pledges and sponsorships from the community on Giving Tuesday, and will perform on **Saturday, December 8** from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. All events are free and open to the community. The event will also include prizes, refreshments, a maker's market, and ornament making stations. All proceeds benefit the Adler Center's student scholarship fund. Giving Tuesday is a great opportunity to "teach giving". For additional information regarding Giving Tuesday visit www.givingtuesday.org.



Adler Center Centennial Year Wrap-up



As a year of centennial celebrations draws to a close, the David Adler Music and Arts Center builds new momentum for the years ahead.

In 1918, architect David Adler came to live in a Libertyville farmhouse he had purchased from Ralph Buckley and transformed the property into an elegant country home. While its exquisite furnishings were donated to the Art Institute, the estate itself was given to the Village of Libertyville to become a public park and cultural center. For over

50 years, the Village and Adler Center have worked together to foster and cultivate a vibrant community of artists and musicians.

The Adler Center has celebrated this cultural milestone with the installation of the "Big 100" sculpture facing Milwaukee Avenue, community events such as Festival of the Arts, drum circles, the Wrapped in Art Yarnstorm, and with a series of historical lectures exploring Adler's significance amongst other prominent 20th Century American architects.

While the Adler Center strives to preserve its historically significant buildings, securing the legacy of David Adler also means supporting, engaging, and inspiring the student musicians and artists who make the Adler Center their creative home. A growing array of concerts, exhibitions, classes and arts advocacy work ensures that creative people will continue to call Libertyville home, and demonstrates that Libertyville is committed to nurturing the next generation's most creative minds. To learn more about the Village of Libertyville's home for the arts, please visit adlercenter.org.

Metra Station Construction Update

Construction of the downtown Metra station is currently underway. The new station will feature the addition of handicapped accessible restrooms and upgrades to the waiting room, main entrance, and ticket agent room. During construction, a temporary trailer is situated east of the existing building that serves as the Metra ticket agent's office throughout construction. Construction is anticipated to be completed in the Spring of 2019. The construction of the Metra station is being funded by commuter parking fees that have been reserved for capital needs

related to the Metra station. For more information and to follow updates on the progress of the station, please visit www.libertyville.com/MetraRenovation.



Kelly Amidei, New Village Administrator

On May 22, 2018 Kelly Amidei was appointed Village Administrator of the Village of Libertyville. As the Village Administrator, Kelly oversees the day-to-day operations of the Village.

"It is important for the Village of Libertyville to operate efficiently and provide the service level that has been expected by its residents for many years. This is challenging but also requires a strong organization and leaders, which the Village is fortunate to have," said Kelly Amidei, Village Administrator. "I welcome the opportunity to meet with our residents regarding questions or concerns they may have."

Kelly previously served as the Deputy Administrator

since 2003. During her time with the Village she has managed Human Resources, Village communications, assisted with the annual budget process, administered the Village's refuse and recycling contracts, negotiated cell tower leases, oversaw numerous special projects and worked closely with the Village Board of Trustees.

Prior to working for the Village of Libertyville Kelly worked for the Village of Lake Bluff and the Village of Deerfield. Kelly holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Iowa and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University. Kelly also served as President of the Illinois City/County Management Association from 2015-2016.

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Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
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New Village Mobile App

The Village has unveiled a new mobile app that is a free and convenient tool that provides residents and businesses with communication from the Village using any mobile device. It is available in iTunes and the Google Play store. Search "CivicMobile", once the app is downloaded, select "The Village of Libertyville". The app gives users the ability to stay informed of news, events, alerts, access to content from the Village website and receive notifications. Download the app today!

FEMA Flood Insurance Discounts

The Village recently participated in a National Flood Insurance Community Rating System program that evaluates a community's floodplain management activities. Communities that obtain certain scores become eligible for discounted flood insurance premium rates for residents with National Flood Insurance policies (NFIP). The Village received a preliminary classification of 6 which means that residents within the Village with NFIP flood insurance will automatically receive a 20% discount on their insurance premiums if they are located within the FEMA designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) or a 10% discount for those residents located outside of the SFHA. The discounted rate will be effective beginning **May 1, 2019**. For further information regarding this program contact the Village's engineering office at 847-918-2100.

Hide it, Lock it, or Lose it

The Police Department is requesting that residents be particularly mindful this holiday season to ensure that homes and vehicles are locked and secured. Theft and burglary remain a "crime of opportunity" in Libertyville. Criminals generally look for the easiest target. The vast majority of burglaries throughout the community are the result of houses and vehicles being left unlocked and unsecured. These types of crimes can be reduced 75%-80% by simply double checking to ensure homes and vehicles are locked before going to bed.

Important tips to follow:

- Before turning off lights in the evening, take an extra minute to ensure homes and vehicles are locked and secured.
- If vehicles are parked in the driveway, make sure the doors are locked and valuables, including holiday gifts, are not in plain sight, including garage door openers which potentially provide thieves with easy access to homes.
- Remember not to leave key fobs in vehicles.

"By working together with the community on these simple crime prevention measures we can help to provide a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Hide it, Lock it, or Lose it." -Police Chief Herdegen

