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The newsletter of the Village of Libertyville, Illinois

A Message from the Mayor

This will be my final newsletter as Mayor. I have truly enjoyed the experience and would like to thank our staff, all of the elected officials I've worked with over the years and all of the residents of the community who have made my time as Mayor so enjoyable.

It doesn't seem possible that it was twelve years ago that I first began serving in this position. We have had a number of issues we have had to face and a number of accomplishments we have achieved over the years. I have received compliments over many of those accomplishments and it's been my pleasure to share those compliments with the many people who really deserve the praise. The number of people who volunteer in Libertyville is exceptional. Without those volunteers many events that the Village receives credit for could not happen. Libertyville Days, Dog Days of Summer, Farmer's Market, Out To Lunch, and many other events are run by MainStreet, The Libertyville Civic Center Foundation and other groups that devote hours to the planning and running of the events.

While it is difficult to leave office, I leave with the confidence that the Village is in good hands. Donna Johnson will take over as Mayor on May 4th along with three new Trustees. Donna has been the senior trustee on the Board for many years and served on the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals prior to becoming a Trustee. She loves Libertyville as much as all of us and will be a great Mayor. The newly elected Trustees, Dan Love, Matt Krummick and Matt Hickey all ran for the right reasons – they care about Libertyville and want it to remain one of the best communities to live in here in Illinois. Current Trustees Scott Adams and Pete Garrity will continue to serve on the Village Board. I look forward to seeing all of the accomplishments of the new Board.

While I am stepping down as Mayor I intend to remain involved in the community and I am here to help whenever needed. Thank you to all of our residents for helping make Libertyville a great place to live, work and play. They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks but I'm looking forward to many new and enjoyable experiences in my life. I look forward to seeing you around the community.

Mayor Terry Weppler



2021 Events and Activities

The Village is currently monitoring the Restore Illinois guidelines regarding large gatherings to determine whether in-person gatherings may occur during the spring and summer of 2021. Please watch for information on the Village's website and social media to obtain the most up to date information regarding spring and summer special events.

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>.

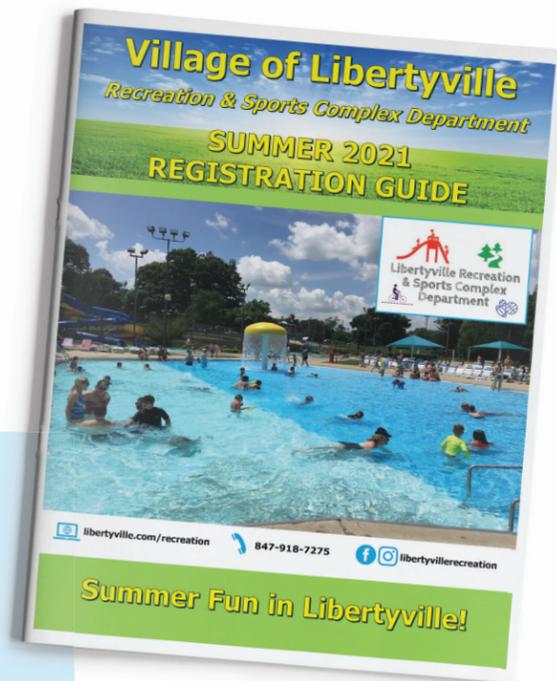
Downtown Parking Lot Improvements

Several commuter parking lots around the downtown area are scheduled for resurfacing in 2021. The Village is currently working on preparing construction documents for pavement rehabilitation to be performed on the large parking lot west of Milwaukee Avenue and north of Cook Avenue (adjacent to Village Hall), the northern section of the parking lot east of Milwaukee Avenue directly south of School Street, and the smaller commuter lot directly north of School Street just west of the residential homes. It is anticipated that construction will occur in the summer of 2021. All identified parking lots will be resurfaced with new asphalt, along with re-striping and replacement of signs, as necessary.

Register Now

The Spring-Summer registration brochure for the Recreation Department is available online at www.Libertyville.com/recreation

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.



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Tree City USA Award

The Village of Libertyville has once again been named a Tree city USA for 2020 – 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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Check out what is offered @
www.libertyville.com/recreation.
SPRING-SUMMER Call (847) 918-7275.

The Recreation Department offers a variety of programs, activities and events during the summer months.

To register visit www.Libertyville.com/registration

ADLER PARK & RIVERSIDE POOLS

- Adler Opening Day: Sat. June 12
- Riverside Opening Day: Sat. June 12
- **Kids:** Summer Swim Lessons for all levels
- Join our Dolphin Swim Team start in June
- **Adults:** Aqua Fit @ Riverside

ADLER SUMMER DAY CAMP

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



Looking For A Summer Job?

The Recreation 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 by emailing Bridgette Sterba at bsterba@libertyville.com.

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 14 – August 5

SUMMER DAY CAMPS AT ADLER PARK

- Boys and Girls grades K-7
- 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Weekly sessions June 7 – August 6

TEEN TRAVELERS BIKING CAMP AT ADLER PARK

- Boys and Girls ages 11-14
- 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Weekly Sessions June 14 – August 6

LIBERTYVILLE SAFETY TOWN CRAWFORD HOUSE @ BUTLER LAKE

- Boys and Girls grades K-2
- 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- June 28 – July 9 or July 12-23

PRE-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CAMPS

- Camp Adventure, kids ages 5 & 6
- Sunshine Kidz, children ages 3 & 4
- 2-day and 3-day camps June 14 – July 23

Rockland Road Project Receives APWA Award

The Rockland Road Reconstruction project was recently recognized by the American Public Works Association (APWA) Lake Branch as the top transportation project between \$5 million and \$25 million. The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award is presented annually to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, consultants, and the contractor who, working together, successfully complete public works projects.

The Village of Libertyville and the Libertyville Township Highway Department worked together on the project to reconstruct approximately 1.4 miles of roadway between IL Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue) and St. Mary's Road. The project itself was divided into two separate contracts, corresponding to the limits of each jurisdiction, and required significant coordination between the parties to facilitate staging and scheduling of construction to minimize impacts to residents and surrounding areas.

The project resulted in significant upgrades to the Village's utility infrastructure along the roadway, which included the replacement of the existing water main and the installation of a significant storm sewer along the entire corridor. The upgraded storm sewer was an improvement that was identified in the Village's Master Stormwater Management Plan and was quickly implemented into the design for Rockland Road upon Village adoption of the Master Plan in 2019. The new sewer is 84" in diameter at the downstream end where it discharges to the Des Plaines River and provides much needed capacity to alleviate a history of frequent flooding problems along Rockland Road and the surrounding areas.

A video was prepared for the awards ceremony to summarize the project, which can be viewed at www.libertyville.com/rocklandaward.



Rockland Road Corridor Flood Reduction Project

The Village's Master Stormwater Management Plan identified ten (10) separate capital improvement projects proposed to target neighborhoods with a history of flooding. Each project is intended to reduce the likelihood of flooding in these areas through significant upgrades to the storm sewer and overall management system.

The first of these projects was implemented as part of the "Rockland Road" project, which began construction in the summer of 2019. As part of this project the storm sewer main along Rockland Road, from Prairie Avenue to the Des Plaines River, was significantly increased in diameter to accommodate the surrounding areas appropriately.

The Rockland Road project also included improvements to the storm sewer system along E. Lincoln Avenue and several of the interconnecting streets between Rockland and E. Lincoln. These additional improvements were not included within the scope of the recent Rockland Road Reconstruction project and have not yet been constructed. Village staff is currently working with a professional engineering firm to finalize construction documents with the intention of pursuing a construction contract in the Summer of 2021. Should the project proceed, it is anticipated that the improvements will be completed in late 2021 or early 2022. To learn more visit <http://www.libertyville.com/404/Construction-Projects>.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste ("HHW") includes items such as old paint, pesticides, gasoline, waste oil, cleaning products and other chemicals often used for household projects.

To avoid the potential risks associated with HHW, it is important that people always monitor the use, storage, and disposal of products with potentially hazardous substances in their homes. Improper disposal of HHW can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them out with the regular trash.

Improper disposal of these wastes can pollute the environment and pose a threat to the health of humans and animals. Certain types of HHW have the potential to cause physical injury to our wastewater treatment workers, contaminate our wastewater treatment systems if poured down drains or toilets and they can present hazards to children and pets if left around the house.

Some quick tips for the safe handling of HHW include:

- **Follow any instructions for use and storage** provided on product labels carefully to prevent any accidents at home.
- Be sure to **read product labels for disposal directions** to reduce the risk of products exploding, igniting, leaking, mixing with other chemicals, or posing other hazards on the way to a disposal facility.
- **Never store hazardous products in food containers;** keep them in their original containers and never remove labels. Corroding containers, however, require special handling. Call the Fire Department for instructions.
- When leftovers remain, **never mix HHW with other products.** Incompatible products might react, ignite, or explode, and contaminated HHW might become unrecyclable.
- **Check with your local environmental, health or solid waste agency** for more information on HHW management options in your area.
- Remember, **even empty containers of HHW can pose hazards** because of the residual chemicals that might remain, so handle them with care also.

Visit www.swalco.org to learn more.

Curbside Recycling Guidelines

from the Sustain Libertyville Commission

There are a few rules regarding curbside recycling that we all need to remember. Just because something can be recycled does not mean it can go in your curbside container. For instance, **although plastic bags can be recycled, they should NEVER be put in the curbside container.**

Please take them to the grocery store instead. So, what can be recycled curbside? Steel and aluminum containers and foil, cardboard, office paper, newspaper and magazines, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, tubs (#s 1-5 only), food and beverage cartons. All containers should be CLEAN with no food residue PLEASE. And what should you NOT put at the curb? First and foremost, **NO plastic bags**, also—no clothing, no hangers or cords, no food, no batteries, no big items, and NO Styrofoam. To learn more www.swalco.org.

NO PLASTIC BAGS



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: \$25 + \$25 deposit = \$50

20'x20' plot: \$40 + \$25 deposit = \$65

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 or **(847) 918-2028**.

American Legion Post 329

The Legionnaires and Post Commander of American Legion Post 329 would like to make our neighbors aware of our organization and the services we provide to our community.

Libertyville Post 329 was chartered in 1919, within a year of the establishment of the American Legion, by Veterans of World War I. Brave Veterans "associated themselves" with the American Legion for several purposes, but first among them was to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. The American Legion remains a congressionally chartered patriotic veteran's organization whose purposes include promoting a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation, promoting peace and goodwill on earth, and transmitting to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

Post 329 is located at 715 N. Milwaukee Avenue in the old Libertyville Village Hall. Prior to COVID, the hall could be rented for private parties, in order to sponsor various activities, this will resume once restrictions allow for it. The Post sponsors the annual Libertyville Memorial Day ceremony at Cook Park, posting flags around Cook Park and the Veteran's Memorial Monument at Lakeside Cemetery for every national holiday.

The Post is an active supporter of Veteran assistance efforts through the North Chicago VA / CAPT James Lovell Federal Health Care Center, and community Veteran Service Offices.

Post 329 supports many activities in our community. The Boys and Girls State programs provide nominated Libertyville high school students the opportunity to participate in an acclaimed, non-partisan summer leadership and citizenship program that focuses on exploring the mechanics of American government and politics. The National Oratorical competition offers our local high school students the opportunity to demonstrate their oratorical skills with a chance to earn generous scholarship funding. Post 329 also supports scholarship programs for children of those service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

We look forward to any questions or comments our neighbors may have regarding the Post. We welcome all Veterans in Libertyville or local surrounding areas to join us, and participate to the degree they are able. We also have an American Legion Auxiliary for individuals who are not Veterans but may be interested in our programs. Libertyville Post 329 meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., observing COVID safety restrictions. Please call **(847) 367-9880**, email americanlegion@post329.org or visit us to find out more.

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.

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.



2021 Village Vehicle Sticker Sales

Village Vehicle Stickers are currently on sale at the Village Hall. As of May 1, all vehicles are required to display a vehicle sticker on their windshields.

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.

In an effort to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, residents are encouraged to purchase their vehicle stickers by mail or use the green mailbox on the south side of the Village Hall to return their applications and payments.

An application can be found online at www.libertyville.com/villagesticker.



Did You Know?

Water and Sewer Bills

Get your water bill electronically! Email 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 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

Adler Pool

500 North Milwaukee Avenue

Riverside Pool

870 Country Club Drive

Opens Saturday, June 12

Adler Pool can host group outings and birthday parties.