



Village Views

The newsletter of the Village of Libertyville, Illinois

A Message from the Mayor

I'd like to thank everyone who responded to my request for input on the recreational marijuana zoning question. I received many emails and nearly 70% of you indicated you did not want a recreational marijuana dispensary located in Libertyville. As a result, the Village Board voted to not allow a dispensary in the Village at the Board meeting on October 22nd.

The Village recently completed a capital improvement study to determine the cost for maintaining our Village roads, buildings and utilities. There is a \$2 Million annual shortage of what is needed to maintain the infrastructure and facilities our resident's need. We were fortunate to have had the successful road referendum seven years ago which helped us repave over 40% of our roads. Those funds have now been depleted and we still need additional repairs. At the November 12th Village Board meeting the Board voted to place a referendum on the March 2020 ballot asking residents to approve a 1% additional sales tax. This tax will apply to all sales within the Village except groceries and auto sales per state law. If the sales tax referendum is approved the current 1% sales

tax on food and beverages will be repealed so that there is not a double taxation on restaurant sales. Gurnee and Mundelein currently have the 1% sales tax that the Board will be requesting in the referendum. We will be providing complete information on the need and use of these funds as the referendum date approaches. Town Hall meetings will be held to answer any questions our residents may have on this issue. In the interim, I would be happy to answer any questions.

On November 14th a Town Hall meeting was held to discuss the financing plans for our stormwater improvement program. Due to the changes we have seen in our weather conditions our storms are heavier and more frequent. What was once considered a hundred-year storm now occurs much more frequently. These changes have resulted in homes flooding in many areas of Libertyville. I do not believe it is acceptable for any of our resident's homes to flood and homes flooding in the community affect all of our property values.

To learn more about our stormwater master plan please visit www.libertyville.com.

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 29**, 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.

Parking Reminder During Snow Events

Snow has already visited us this fall. Now is a good time to review the parking rules during snow events.

No parking is permitted on any Village street for 24 hours after 2" or more of snow has fallen. This allows Public Works a chance to clear the streets from curb to curb. This includes overnight parking. Violators will be subject to a citation.

As you deck the halls

... this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly. Suggestions for picking the tree include:

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree:

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1–2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit. Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Lighting the tree:

- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas:

- Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program.
- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

Facts:

- One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they have a higher chance to be deadly.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes one in every five of the fires.

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Thursday, November 28, 2019

Friday, November 29, 2019

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

Wednesday, January 1, 2020



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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.

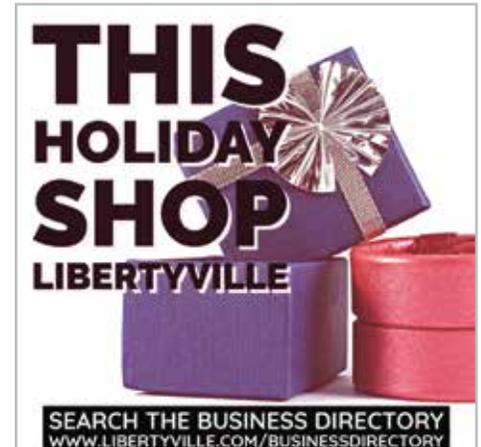
There are several ways you can help keep the Village safe during the winter.

- **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.
- 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 30!** 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 7 and 14**. 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 7 and 14** 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!



Fitness Center Memberships

Resolutions start now! Join our Fitness Center at the Libertyville Sports Complex! Annual Individual Memberships are only \$365, which includes free fitness classes and indoor pickleball. There are special Family and Senior (60+) rates, too. Call **(847) 367-1504** for more information or stop by and visit the LSC Fitness Center.

Holiday Sports Camps for Kids

The Libertyville Sports Complex "Holiday Sports Camps for Kids" will be offered for kids grades K-6 for indoor sports fun during the days off during the Holidays. Sign up for one or more days of the following dates: Monday, December 23, Thursday, December 26, Friday, December 27, Monday, December 30, Tuesday, December 31, Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3. Children participate in a variety of sports and activities each day. To register your child, and for more information, call **(847) 918-7275** or go to www.LibertyvilleSportsComplex.com.

Ansel B. Cook Home Victorian Christmas: A Libertyville tradition

Continuing a nearly fifty-year tradition, the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society welcomes visitors to experience a Victorian Christmas with tours of the Ansel B. Cook Home this holiday season. The Ansel B. Cook Home, an 1878 home listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be festooned with seasonal greenery and vintage Christmas decorations.

Friday, November 29,
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
(after the tree lighting)
Saturday, December 7 & 14,
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Adults: \$2, Seniors
& Students: \$1

Guided tours for groups of any size, on days other than public open house dates, can be arranged by contacting the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society at 847-362-2330 x1132 or info@lmhistory.org.

The Ansel B. Cook Home is at 413 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, IL.

Additional information about the Ansel B. Cook Home and the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society can be found at <http://www.lmhistory.org>. Follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/LMHistory>.

David Adler Music and Arts Center students are busy preparing for Performathon 2019, a festive marathon recital that supports student scholarships.

Featuring 100 performers and 9 hours of continuous music, Performathon takes place Saturday, December 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. Guests can enjoy live holiday music performed by Adler students, a free ornament-making workshop, a s'mores bar, and a gift shop featuring work by Adler Member Artists.

The final hour of the marathon recital features a holiday sing-a-long led by the Adler Center's voice students.

Performathon is the Adler Center's annual fundraiser for student scholarships and musical programming. Student participants collect pledges for each minute of performance, inviting neighbors, family, and friends to help them expand access to music education.

"During the holidays, we encourage our students to give back to the community," says Program Director, Heather Williamson. "We want them to see that they can use their



creative skills and talents to help others gain access to an arts education."

All are welcome to attend this free event.

Since 1957, the Adler Center has been Libertyville's home for the arts. To learn more, please visit adlercenter.org



E. Rockland Road Reconstruction

The Rockland Road project is currently underway and will be completed over two construction seasons. The new watermain, storm sewer and sanitary sewer were installed in 2019. Traffic on E. Rockland Road was restricted to one-way eastbound to accommodate the underground utility work. Staff anticipates that two-way traffic flow on Rockland Road will resume on November 30, 2019. During the 2020 Construction Season - The roadway pavement will be reconstructed, and traffic will once again be one-way eastbound. Westbound traffic will be detoured via St. Mary's Road, Route 176 and Milwaukee Avenue. The project is expected to be complete in late 2020. Construction updates for this project can be found at www.rockland-road-recon.com.

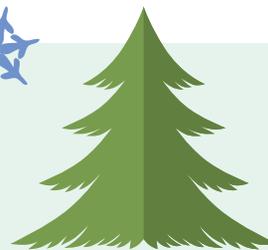
Rockland Road Bridge Replacement

The Village and the Township have selected a consulting engineering firm to perform the Phase I Engineering (planning stage) for the replacement of the bridge carrying Rockland Road over the Des Plaines River. The project will include new abutments and the bridge deck. It is currently anticipated that the replacement of the bridge will occur no sooner than 2023.



Charles Brown Reservoir Restoration and Pump Replacement

The Charles Brown Reservoir, which serves as the outfall for the Highlands Subdivision, which consists of Ames Street, Burdick Street, Carter Street, Dawes Street, Drake Street, Crane Boulevard and Rockland Road (a 550-acre tributary area), drains to the Seavey Ditch by a pump station. The reservoir provides approximately 74 acre-feet of detention, which will be increased to 84 acre-feet following the completion of the project. The Village was also awarded an IEPA grant towards this project.



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.



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