



VillageViews

The newsletter of the Village of Libertyville, Illinois

A Message from the Mayor

Fall has arrived, and with it brings many things. Most notably, back to school season! Please remember to safely share the roads with school buses, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and to talk to your children about being smart and staying safe, both to and from school each day. Whether children walk, ride their bicycle, or take the bus to school, it is important that they and the motorists around them take proper safety precautions.

Fall also brings lots of beautiful weather. Take the time to enjoy one of our parks or bicycle trails. Remember that as leaves start to fall from the trees the Village's waste hauler, Groot provides yard waste pick-up options which include subscription services as well as yard waste tags for bags or bundles. Learn more at www.libertyville.com/garbage. Don't forget to clear leaves and debris from curb drains so that when it rains our storm sewers do not clog.

In September, the Village's Bicycle Commission sponsored the fourth annual Community Bike Ride. Over 50 community members biked along the Des Plaines River trail. If you were not able to attend this year stay tuned for next year's event. To view photos from the event visit www.libertyville.com/communitybikeridephotos.

We continue to recognize our local Police, Fire and Public Works first responders as we marked the 20th anniversary of 9/11. It is our intent as a Village to not only recognize their sacrifice, but also the commitment of our first responders performing their daily service. Take the time to acknowledge them and what they do for our community.

Many fall events are around the corner. Mark your calendars for a drive-in movie on October 16th at Adler Park, (registration is required), Trick or Treat on Main Street and the final Farmer's Market of the season on October 21st. The Recreation Department is also busy planning all our winter events, such as the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Donuts with Santa and Virtual Visits with Santa. Back this year, by popular demand, will also be a Santa Parade. (Route information is still being determined.) Stay tuned for more information on these memorable holiday traditions.

As we approach the holiday season, please remember to Shop

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Fall Leaf Clean-up

As fall approaches, so does yard clean-up. The Village does not provide yard waste pick-up. Residents can contract with the Village's waste hauler, Groot, to obtain yard waste collection services. Leaves should not be raked or placed within the street or parkway. This can cause clogging within the Village's storm sewers and can be a potential hazard for vehicles parked within the street. Yard waste collection services are available through Groot annually from April 1 through November 30. Service options include the following:

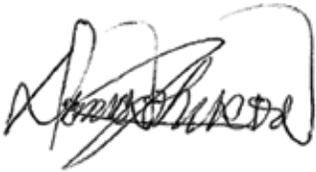
- **Landscape Waste Stickers**-Stickers may be purchased and placed on a 33-gallon can or biodegradable yard waste bag.
- **Subscription Service**- Residents who generate higher volumes of yard waste may elect to pay an annual fee for the collection of landscape waste season. Up to 6 cans or bags are permitted per week from April 1 through November 30.
- **Abbreviated Seasonal Subscription Service**-Between October 15 and November 30, up to 12 biodegradable bags or cans not exceeding 33-gallons may be collected weekly.

Residents interested in yard waste subscription services should contact Groot at **(877) 404-7668** to register for services.



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Local. Many of our retailers offer online shopping and curbside pick-up or gift card options as well. You will find a local business for all your needs. Check out our business directory at www.libertyville.com/businessdirectory and do Libertyville Your Way!



Mayor
Donna Johnson



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Pink Patch Program



During the month of October, the Police Department will be sponsoring a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness. Officers will be wearing pink logo patches on their uniforms in support of the initiative. Pink patches will be sold at the Police Department for a minimum donation of \$10, all proceeds will go to Condell Hospital's Cancer Care Services. To learn more about the patches, as well as additional ways to donate online visit: www.libertyville.com/pinkpatches.



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at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Snow & Ice Removal

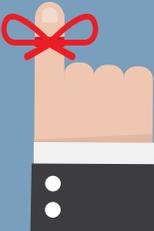
The Village begins plowing streets when snow is more than one inch deep and when freezing temperatures indicate there will be no melting.



Many state and county roads in and around the Village are cleared by the respective agency. However, the Village does plow and salt some state and county roads, 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. Further information on snow and ice removal operations can be found at www.libertyville.com/snowplowing.

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.
- **Do not stack the snow at corners of intersections.**
- **Assist senior citizens who live nearby by shoveling their sidewalks.**
- **When clearing your driveway, shovel or blow the snow onto the parkway to the right side of your driveway as you face the street.**
- **Park vehicles off the street.** On-street parking is prohibited between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during snow events.
- **Watch for snow and ice removal vehicles.**
- **Make sure your mailbox is 12 inches from the curb and the post is secure.**
- **Adopt a fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow.** It's there to protect you.



Save ~the~ Date

for Upcoming Events

MSL Farmer's Market

- Thursday's 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. until October 21

MSL First Friday

- November 5
- December 3

Entertainment and Specials at Participating Downtown Retailers

October 29 MainStreet Trick or Treat!

- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

October 31 Village Trick or Treat

- 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Small Business Saturday

- November 27

MSL Dicken's of a Holiday and Victorian Tea

- December 4 and 11
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Waste and Recycling Collection Reminder

The Village's refuse hauler, Groot, provides waste and recycling services to residential properties within the community. Pick-up days are once a week, on either Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. All waste and recycling containers must be placed curbside, not in the street, on the day scheduled for collection or no earlier than 6:00 p.m. prior to the scheduled pick-up day. Containers that are placed in the street make it difficult for Groot on collection day and are also a traffic safety hazard. Please remember to place your container at the curb!



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Check Furnaces, Vents, Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors this Fall

With the fall time change, remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

This is an easy way to remember this task and to keep your detectors in working order, however this is not the only attention you need to give to these life saving devices. The following are important facts regarding the use and installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Smoke Detectors:

- **Make sure smoke detectors are installed in every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and at least one on every floor** of your home.
- **Test your smoke detector every month.**
- **Have a plan** when your smoke detector sounds to get out, account for everyone and call 911.
- **Replace smoke detectors every 10 years.** Many new smoke detectors have a 10 year sealed battery, make sure you test your detector to make sure it is working; if it is not replace it.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

- **Make sure carbon monoxide detectors are installed outside each sleeping area and have at least one on every floor level.** The law requires a carbon monoxide detector to be installed within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes.
- **Test your carbon monoxide detector every month.**
- **Contact the Fire Department when your carbon monoxide detector activates,** move to fresh air outside and make sure everyone in the home is accounted for.
- **Replace carbon monoxide detectors every 10 years.**

Furnaces

- Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths.
- **Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year** by a qualified professional.
- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (25%) was failure to clean, principally from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.

When purchasing smoke detectors or carbon monoxide detectors make sure they have been rated by an approved agency such as Underwriters Laboratory

(UL). Homes built within the last 20 years will have hard-wired smoke detectors located on each floor of the home. When replacing these smoke detectors make sure you use a licensed electrician to assure the work is performed according to applicable codes.

For more information on smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors contact the Libertyville Fire Department at **847-362-5664** or go to [NFPA.org](https://www.nfpa.org).

VFW Post 8471

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8471--are available to provide support and engagement with Veterans in the community. The VFW Post was opened November 19, 1946. It combined with Vernon Hills VFW Post 6693 on June 6, 2000.

The VFW also has an Auxiliary that was formed June 28, 1949, which supports the Post in its activities, and has projects that help veterans. Their main project is providing welcome kits to veterans moving into housing. Each kit contains items needed when you first move into an apartment or home—kitchen items, bathroom items, personal items, and cleaning items. Other projects include supplying models and crafts for hospitalized veterans at James A. Lovell Hospital.

The purpose of the VFW is to speed rehabilitation of the nation's disabled and needy veterans, assist veterans' widows and orphans and the dependents of needy or disabled veterans, and promote Americanism by means of education in patriotism and by constructive service to local communities. The organization maintains both its legislative service and central office of its national rehabilitation service in Washington, D.C.; the latter nationwide program serves disabled veterans of all wars, members and nonmembers alike, in matters of government compensation and pension claims, hospitalization, civil-service employment preference, etc.

Membership in the VFW is restricted to any active or honorably discharged officer or enlisted person who is a citizen of the United States and who has served in its armed forces in any foreign war, insurrection or expedition, which service shall be recognized by the authorization or the issuance of a United States military campaign medal. Campaign medals are listed at the VFW Post 8741. If you are interested to see if you qualify, please call the Post and someone will return your call with details. The VFW Post 8741 is located in Peterson Commons, 293 Peterson Rd., Libertyville IL 60048. **(847-680-8741)**. Facebook: Libertyville VFW Post 8741 or VFW Auxiliary 8741.

Fireplace Safety

It's getting to be that time of year again where the nights are getting cooler, the leaves on the trees will be changing color, and people will begin to use their fireplaces to help heat their homes. Fireplaces are fun and safe, but if not used or maintained properly, they could cause a fire. By following some basic safety tips, you can enjoy your fireplace all season long.

Make sure you have all the proper equipment in place. This should include a fireplace screen, fireplace tools such as a poker, shovel, tongs and possibly heat resistant gloves. There should be a metal bucket or container nearby for ash removal.

To enjoy an evening by the fire, follow these simple operating instructions: **Open the chimney damper all the way. Place the fire starter or kindling under the grate and place two to three dry logs on the grate. After lighting the fire, make sure that the smoke rises up the chimney flue. If you are using a natural gas log starter, make sure you only leave it on to start the fire then shut off the gas.**

Finally, here are some basic safety tips for all fireplace users: **At the beginning of each year, make sure to have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional chimney sweep. When burning wood, it should be dry seasoned wood.** Burning wet, unseasoned wood will cause more creosote build-up in the



chimney which could increase your chance for a chimney fire. **Never use flammable liquids or an excessive amount of paper to start a fire in your fireplace. When using a manufactured log, burn only one log at a time and never add regular firewood to the fire.** These logs burn as hot as eight pieces of normal wood adding anything to them will increase the chance of a chimney fire. **Never close a damper with hot ashes in the fireplace.** This can cause a heat buildup which can cause a fire to flare up. Hot coals can be located in ashes for up to 72 hours after a fire. **All of the coals and ashes should be cool prior to removing them. Once you remove them, place them in a sealed metal container, never dispose of them in a trash can.**

Please feel free to contact the Libertyville Fire Department if you have any questions ([847-362-5664](tel:847-362-5664)).

Friday, October 29

Halloween
2021



Trick or Treat on MainStreet

Friday, October 29, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Downtown Libertyville



Road Resurfacing Program

For the third year in a row, the Village participated in a Joint Road Rehabilitation Program with Mundelein and Vernon Hills.

The program allows the Village to receive advantageous prices due to larger contract quantities. This year's program included Victory Drive, Crane Blvd., Stevenson Drive, Pine Tree Lane, Nordic Court, Carter Street, N. Stewart Avenue, Wedgemere Place, Fairlawn Avenue and Crestfield Avenue. A total of 2.07 miles of roadway were rehabilitated.



High Five- COVID-19 Relief Grant

The High Five grant is funded by the Village of Libertyville through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The grant is intended to help offset the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic by reimbursing local businesses for certain expenses not previously reimbursed by other pandemic related grants or forgivable loan programs.

Grants will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 per eligible application. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and funds dispersed by check within 60-days of application based on funding availability.

Applications will not be considered after October 15, 2021 unless otherwise announced. During the initial 30-day period following application opening, funds will be prioritized to business applicants which have walk-in traffic, are in commercial zoning districts, and have not received disbursements from other grant sources. During this 30-day period 25% of funds will be reserved for businesses which are a majority (51%+) woman or minority owned. The Village Board

has allocated \$200,000 to this program as of August 2021. Funds are forthcoming from the State of Illinois through ARPA. Up to 200 eligible businesses may receive a \$1,000 grant. Please visit the grant website www.Libertyville.com/HighFive for additional eligibility and funding distribution details, and to download the application. If you do not have access to the website, have questions regarding applying for the grant or obtaining an application, please contact Heather Rowe, Economic Development Manager, at **847-918-2028** or hrowe@libertyville.com.



Stormwater Utility Fee

On March 23, 2021, the Village Board adopted a stormwater utility fee within the Village's corporate limits to fund capital improvements and maintenance of the Village's stormwater conveyance infrastructure. The stormwater utility fee is billed and collected using the existing water and sanitary sewer billing framework already in place. The Village's stormwater utility fee is billable based on the physical characteristics of an individual parcel, using the amount of impervious surface to determine how much water run-off the parcel contributes to the Village's stormwater conveyance infrastructure. For more information about an individual parcel's stormwater fee and a detailed list of Frequently Asked Questions, visit the Village's stormwater webpage at libertyville.com/stormwaterutilityfee or email stormwaterhelp@libertyville.com.



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Upcoming Holiday Events

TREE LIGHTING AT COOK PARK

Fri, Nov 26th

LETTERS TO SANTA

Starts Mon, Nov 29th

DONUTS WITH SANTA

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VIRTUAL VISIT WITH SANTA

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Adopt-a-Park

The Village of Libertyville has expanded its adopt-a-highway program to include the Village's neighborhood parks. The Adopt-a-Park program encourages community groups, or neighborhood groups to adopt-a-park and provide organized clean-ups in Spring and Fall. The program is first-come, first-served and the application for the program can be found on the Village's website at www.libertyville.com/park.



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