



VillageViews

The newsletter of the Village of Libertyville, Illinois

A Message from the Mayor

As we welcome spring, we reflect on the past several years and how challenging they have been for each of us. It has pushed us in ways we never thought possible. It is my hope that now that spring has sprung, we are in recovery mode and reflecting on the prospect of looking forward and things getting better.

We look forward to fun with friends and family. We kick off the season with MainStreet's First Fridays and Let's Vino in the Ville. The Village's Memorial Day ceremony will occur on Monday, May 30th at 9:00 a.m. Join us in Cook Park to honor military personnel who have died while serving our country and protecting our Democracy. Don't forget to sign up for Recreation program offerings that are available this summer. Learn more about all these opportunities at www.libertyville.com.

Thank you to all our residents who have supported our local businesses during the pandemic. The Village is actively seeking to attract, retain, and promote businesses in the community. The Village recently held a series of Listening Sessions in which local business owners were invited to share feedback and challenges triggered by Covid-19 and work force shortages.

We love our business community and the value they bring to our Village. To support and promote our business community we have business-focused marketing programs. Examples of our marketing programs include: the Shop60048 campaign which includes a dedicated website (www.Shop60048.com), Google Ads, Facebook and

Instagram messaging, as well as articles in the Village Views Newsletter, e-news and other social media platforms. The Village's dining sector is promoted through the Get Your Forks Out campaign which includes a dedicated website (www.LibertyvilleDining.com), Google Ads, Facebook and Instagram posts, advertisement in the Navy family graduation guide. The Village's Mile of Cars is promoted through joint marketing promotions with the local dealership group, Village social media, and Google Ads. The Village's reach to tourists includes participation and promotions through Visit Lake County, the Visiting landing page on the Village website. The Village also supports the GLMV Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Libertyville Organization, which actively promote and attract customers to their member businesses. The Village is pleased to offer these programs, among others, and welcomes ideas to help maintain a strong, vibrant economy which meets the needs of our residents and businesses alike.

During our Business Listening Sessions we heard from the businesses about our amazing community which showed such support throughout the pandemic. As our businesses rebound, we ask that you continue this support, and come out to visit them to see all the great new offerings they've introduced. Find the Business Directory icon at the bottom of the Village website to locate a local provider.

I want to take a moment to remember the Winchester House which

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>.



Memorial Day Activities

Libertyville's Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 30.

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 in Cook Park with music from the Libertyville High School Band, presentations by Mayor Johnson, 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.

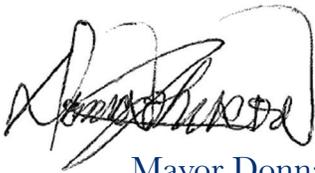
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closed its doors in 2021 after decades of providing skilled nursing to residents in Lake County. The land was originally purchased in 1847 by the Lake County Board to provide a place for vulnerable residents of Lake County for food and shelter. Residents now reside at Thrive of Lake County in Mundelein. Winchester House will always remain a part of Libertyville's history for years to come.

In closing, I want to remind you that it is the "Spirit of Libertyville" that has remained strong during these challenging times. This endearing spirit is what is unique to our community. It will help us sustain our downtown business community and survive and recover despite the challenges ahead. We owe our survival and recovery to our strong families, our faith, retail boutiques, our great restaurants, and our fabulous car dealerships.

Stay connected with the Village for up-to-date information by following us on social media, subscribing to our Village weekly e-news and viewing our Village website.

Learn more at www.libertyville.com.



Mayor Donna Johnson

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Openlands Sustainable Landscaping

Openlands is a nationally accredited land trust serving northeastern Illinois since 1963. It has helped protect more than 55,000 acres of land for public parks and forest preserves, wildlife refuges, land and water greenway corridors, urban farms, and community gardens. Openlands is now scheduling spring appointments to help homeowners, businesses, and institutions manage their properties in ways that support aesthetics, stormwater management, and ecological resilience. On-site, outdoor property visits are provided by a staff Landscape Ecologist. Recommendations are tailored to each property owner's needs, and may address stormwater, the selection of native trees and other plants, the control of invasive species, and tree and lawn care. To learn more visit: [Openlands.org/beautiful](https://openlands.org/beautiful).

Tree City USA Award

The Village of Libertyville has once again been named a Tree city USA for 2021—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!



Bird Strike Prevention— Libertyville Sustainability Commission

According to a 2014 study, an estimated 1 billion birds in the US die each year from hitting windows. Many of these deaths and injuries involve migrating birds and house windows, especially where windows reflect, inviting skylines and foliage. Migratory birds contribute important environmental benefits, including pollinations, disease and pest control, and seed dispersal. As spring migration approaches, there are simple measures homeowners can take to prevent bird strikes on their property.

If your home's screens are on the outside of your windows, your windows are generally bird-safe. For those windows that do not have exterior screens, consider applying ultraviolet (UV) visible patterns on the exterior. These applications come in multiple patterns and configurations. Netting and one-way transparent film also deter birds from contacting glass panes. Painting a pattern on your windows with tempera paints or etchings can also be an effective means of protecting migrating birds.

While daytime strikes are often in response to reflections, nocturnal migrating birds are lured into windows by lights from inside homes. This is especially true in low-ceiling and foggy conditions. Closing blinds and drapery at night can be helpful in limiting this nighttime light pollution. Shielding outdoor lights and pointing them downwards also helps to prevent bird collisions in the dark.

During times of migration, consider turning off your home's exterior lighting. BirdCast, a migration tracking program powered by several research institutions, has a resource page that forecasts local and live bird migration routes at birdcast.info. Use these trackers to plan which nights are best for limiting outdoor lighting.

Using these simple tips, you can ensure a safe migration of birds in the fall and spring seasons. As we live amongst the natural world around us, the smallest of efforts can lead to the biggest of impacts in creating an environment that is sustainable for all!

Recreation

Spring/Summer 2022 Insights

The Recreation Department is excited to announce new summer programs including yoga in the park, photography and chess camp. Reminder to purchase your 2022 Season Pool Passes for Adler and Riverside Pools. Swim Lessons, Dolphin Swim Team, Aquafit, and Deep Water Aerobics will be continuing this summer. The Riverside Pool at 870 Country Club Drive will be getting new chairs so stop by and give them a try! The Recreation Department posts updates for upcoming events and classes regularly on Facebook, Instagram @libertyvillerecreation. Please check out our day camps including Adler Day Camp, Teen Travelers Bike Camp, Pre-K Camps, Sailing and Tennis Camps, and Robothink Camp. Classes for the summer include Fencing, Tae Kwon Do, Karate, and Magic!

POOL PASSES ON SALE NOW



ADLER POOL
Opening Day
Saturday, May 28th

RIVERSIDE POOL
Opening Day
Saturday, June 11th

Libertyville Recreation 847-918-7275

www.LibertyvilleRecreation.com

Office Hours: 7:30am-Noon & 1:00pm-4:30pm

Recreation

Spring/Summer 2022 Insights

Summer Camps

ADLER DAY CAMP
Grades K-8th
June 6-August 5

TEEN TRAVELERS
Ages 11-14
June 13-August 5

SAFETY TOWN
Ages 4-7
June 27-July 8
July 11-July 22

CAMP ADVENTURE
Ages 4-7
June 13-July 21

SUNSHINE KIDZ
Ages 3 & 4
June 12-July 22

KINDER KORNER Preschool Registration OPEN FOR FALL 2022

Locations:
Canlan Sports Complex
1950 N US Hwy 45
Libertyville

Riverside Preschool & Enrichment
Building
870 Country Club Drive
Libertyville

For More Information Call
847-918-7275

Swim Lessons

All ages!
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Youth Levels 1-5
and
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Session 1 starts
June 13th.

Pool Events

Magic at the Pool
Pup Pool Party
Member
Appreciation Day
Coming Summer
2022!



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Severe Weather Preparedness

As severe weather months begin, familiarizing yourself with the below important weather terms can help you and your family stay alert and know when to take action to protect yourself.

- **Severe Thunderstorm Watch** – conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms containing large hail and damaging winds.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Warning** – large hail and/or damaging wind has been reported by spotters or is about to develop. Take action - Go to a substantial shelter immediately.
- **Tornado Watch** – conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes.
- **Tornado Warning** – a tornado has been reported by spotters, or National Weather Service meteorologists have determined that one is about to form in the next several minutes. Take Action – go to a substantial shelter immediately.

IDENTIFY A SAFE PLACE: Before a storm strikes, it is important to be aware of your surroundings and identify a safe place to ride out a storm. Preferably, somewhere indoors, and away from windows. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to a storm to be struck by lightning. If you are outdoors, seek shelter immediately.

STAY INFORMED: Have multiple ways to receive notifications and updated information about severe weather warnings, such as through a NOAA weather alert radio, Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), weather alert apps, TV and radio broadcasts, the Internet, outdoor warning sirens and more. For storm threats at night, make sure that cellphones are enabled to receive emergency alerts and notifications.

PREPARE YOUR FAMILY: Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area and know how you will contact one another and reconnect if separated. Develop a family emergency plan and review it with all family members. Visit www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

EMERGENCY KIT: Your emergency supply kit should include basic supplies such as: water, food, NOAA weather radio, flashlight, batteries, phone charger, and prescription medications. A complete list can be found online at www.ready.gov/kit.

The Libertyville Fire Department recommends that every family be informed and prepared for severe weather situations. Just a little planning and preparation can go a long way in keeping your family safe. The Fire Department can be reached at (847) 362-5664 for additional information.



2022 Stormwater Projects

In 2019 the Village Board approved a Stormwater Master Plan.

The plan identified ten 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.

With the adoption of the stormwater utility fee in 2021, the Village can proceed with implementation of these projects. Two of the major projects, referred to as the “Rockland Road Area” and “Highlands Subdivision” are both anticipated to commence construction in the summer of 2022.

A large diameter storm sewer was installed beneath Rockland Road while the street was reconstructed in 2019 which completed Phase I of the Rockland Project. Phase 2 of the project is fully designed and is now awaiting release of grant funding before construction can begin. The upcoming work includes improvements to the storm sewer system along E. Lincoln Avenue and several of the interconnecting streets between Rockland and E. Lincoln.

The Highlands project (Burdick & Ames area) is currently in the planning and design stage. Phase 1 is scheduled to begin construction in late summer 2022 pending grant funding and will include rebuilding the southern portion of Nicholas Dowden Park. The softball fields, parking, and sidewalk will all be improved, in addition to providing much-needed stormwater detention storage, giving flood relief to the nearby neighborhoods. Phase 2 will be primarily focused on upgrading the storm sewer system along several of the roadways upstream of the park.

For questions regarding the Village’s Stormwater Master Plan contact Jeff Cooper, Village Engineer at (847) 918-2105. To view the plan visit www.libertyville.com/stormwaterplan.

Curbside Recycling Guidelines

Libertyville Sustainability 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 **return** 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.



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.

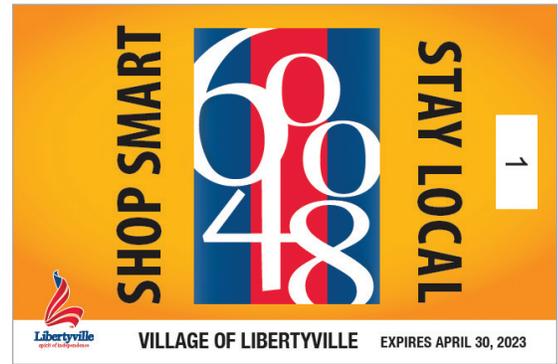
Fees

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

20'x10' plot: \$25 + \$25 deposit = \$50

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

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.



2022 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.

Residents can purchase their vehicle stickers in person, 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.

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.



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

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