



VillageViews

The newsletter of the Village of Libertyville, Illinois

A Message from the Mayor

Summer is here and we are ready for all the amazing community events we have to offer! Libertyville Days returns with its carnival rides, the parade and food stations just in time to enjoy the outdoors and soak in the sunshine. Reserve June 16-19 on your calendars. The theme is a Celebration for Everyone. I hope to see all of you there.

Summer brings our annual special events, so mark your calendars for MainStreet's Car Fun on 21 (May-September), First Fridays and Lunch in the Park (Fridays June through August), Fireworks at Butler Lake (July 4), Dog Days of Summer (July 7-July 11) and Festival of the Arts (August 6 & 7). The Farmers Market began June 2nd. Make sure to stop by every Thursday from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. for fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers and more! Don't forget to buy your pool passes, so that you can attend our special pool events at Adler Pool. Member Appreciation (June 24th), Magic with Gary Kantor (July 15th) and Bingo at the Pool (July 30th)

Libertyville has had the good fortune of having a Fire Chief like Rich Carani for over 31 years. Rich is a man of strong values and integrity who is and continues to be committed to the men and women that report to him and to our community. Chief Carani will be retiring effective June 30, 2022. He leaves big shoes to fill. He is the type of leader that because of his woodworking talents, on his time off builds the Santa House for the Village Santa Parade. He has even driven the Trustees during the Libertyville Day's Parade. Rich is meticulous and thorough and sets these examples for the men and women under his command. Our community has benefitted from having him lead our Fire Department for the past 17 years. Job well done.

Chief Carani began his career with Libertyville as a part-time Firefighter in 1990. In 1992 he was hired as a full-time Firefighter. He was promoted to the position of Fire Lieutenant in 1997 and then in 2005 to the position of Fire Chief.

Chief Carani has provided leadership beyond Libertyville in many regional organizations which include but are not limited to The Lake/McHenry County SRT President, leader and advocate of Lake County Consolidated Dispatch Initiative, Libertyville Days parade organizer,

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Libertyville Days: A Celebration for Everyone

This year's Libertyville Days Festival, A Celebration for Everyone, is June 16-19, 2022.

The festivities include Lake County's largest and most spectacular parade, featuring marching bands, and horses on Saturday, June 18. It steps off at 10:00 a.m. from the Metra train station and travels south on Milwaukee Avenue to Rockland Road.

The Libertyville Days Festival is organized by the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation, with help from members of the Junior Woman's Club, and Knights of Columbus, who donate thousands of volunteer hours each year in support of the Libertyville Civic Center. The Festival also includes activities, great food vendors, and Main Stage Entertainment all weekend. Among the choices are a Beer Garden, Church Street Eats featuring some great vendors, Children's Party, Miss Libertyville Pageant, Fireman's Rib Cook-Off, Baggo Tournament and more. The entire schedule of events will be available in local stores, newspapers and at the Civic Center.

Happy Birthday America

Celebrate our country's birth with your friends and neighbors on the 4th of July.

The fun begins with a concert of patriotic music performed by the Village Band at 7:30 p.m. at the Butler Lake Band Shell. A Spectacular fireworks display will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. For safety reasons, Lake Street will close to pedestrians and vehicle traffic at 9:00 p.m. before the show. Parking will be available at Butler Lake Park (residents only), the main commuter lot, both parking garages, and Butterfield School.

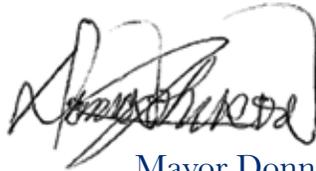
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Lake County ETSB member, Fire Protection District liaison to Rockland and Knollwood Districts, member of the 911 Emergency Dispatch Task Force and an all-around leader in the Fire Service.

Another item that Chief Carani will be remembered by is his dedication to obtaining and maintaining an excellent rating with the Public Protection Classification survey for the Village's insurance survey organization ("ISO") rating. This rating is provided for our Fire Department's structural fire suppression delivery system within the community. The Village recently underwent a review and was awarded an ISO rating of 2, the second highest possible rating for fire protection services. This rating places the Village in the top 4% of all Fire Departments throughout the United States.

Whether you remember Chief Carani from an interaction on the scene of an incident or for pulling Santa's sleigh in the Village's Santa Parade his impact on the community will never be forgotten. Rich, on behalf of our entire Village we will miss your leadership and your friendship.

In closing, don't forget to stay connected with the Village for up-to-date information by following us on social media, sub-



scribing to our Village weekly e-news and viewing our Village website. Learn more at www.libertyville.com.

Mayor Donna Johnson

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Libertyville Days

Thursday, June 16
6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Friday, June 17
1:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 18
12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 19
1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

The Carnival is located on Church Street, Civic Center Parking Lot & Sunrise Rotary Park.

Annual Water Quality Report

To view the Annual Water Quality Report, please go to www.libertyville.com/2021CCR. This report contains important information about the source and quality of our drinking water. If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please call the Public Works Department at **847-362-3434**.

THIS SUMMER

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT

Located at 600 West Oak Spring Road
www.lakeminearbeach.com

Building Permit Tip

Did you know that gravel counts as an impervious surface on your property?

Impervious surfaces contribute to storm water runoff and do not allow water to penetrate back into the ground. When performing calculations on impervious lot coverage for a project make sure to include gravel surfaces as well. Impervious surfaces can contribute to drainage challenges for you or your neighbors. For more information on building requirements visit the Village's website. You can also now apply for building permits online. To apply for a permit visit <https://bsaonline.com/?uid=400>.



Libertyville's Dog Days is back!

The annual event will continue thanks to the cooperation of the Knights of Columbus. Libertyville is the site for the "Dock Dogs Regional Finals". You can watch as 100 nationally ranked jumping dogs run down a 40 foot dock and jump into a 27,000 gallon pool of water for longest distance in the middle of Church Street. In addition to the three-day non-stop dog jumping competition, doggie-oriented events and 30+ vendors will be in Cook Park throughout the weekend.

So head to Cook Park in Downtown Libertyville July 8-10th. Dog Days of Summer is presented by The Village of Libertyville, and hosted by our local Knights of Columbus who will use any monies after expenses to donate to local organizations that help those in need.



Recreation

Summer 2022 Insights

The Recreation Department is excited for Summer 2022 and all the programs and events to look forward to!

Reminder to purchase your 2022 Season Pool Passes for Adler and Riverside.

Swim Lessons, Aquafit, and Deep Water Aerobics will be starting June 13th.

The Riverside Pool at 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!

New classes include yoga, photography, and Chess Wizards!

Pool Passes on sale now!



**ADLER POOL
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**RIVERSIDE POOL
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4:15-5:00 pm
Bingo at the Pool July 30th
3:00-4:30 pm

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Eco-Friendly Tips for a More Sustainable Summer



The summer months mean warmer days, starry nights, and sweet frozen treats! Regardless of the season, sustainability is always in style. Try these simple options for staying green in Libertyville while you beat the heat this summer!

1. Swap out plastic water bottles for a **reusable bottle or mug** from a local coffee shop
2. Pack lunch in **beeswax food wraps or reusable silicone baggies** for a picnic in the park
3. **Shop local produce and goods** at the Libertyville Farmer's Market
4. **Walk or bike** to your favorite local restaurant or boutique
5. Carry **reusable produce and shopping bags** in your car for groceries and errands
6. Cool your home with **fans and cross-circulation to cut back on air conditioning**
7. **Plant native pollinator flowers** or set up a bee house in your backyard
8. **Take the Metra** from the Libertyville or Prairie Crossing station instead of driving
9. **Hang your clothes to dry** instead of putting them in the dryer
10. **Skip disposable products** at cookouts and get-togethers
11. **Volunteer to clean up a park or public space** in the Village
12. **Choose a reusable straw** when dining out on a patio downtown
13. **Cook outside on the grill** - use a propane grill if you can!
14. **Avoid idling to cool down the car** or while waiting at school pick-up spots
15. Unplug, get outside, and **enjoy your community!**



2022 Joint Road Rehabilitation Program

The Village will again be participating in a Joint Bid Road program with Mundelein, Vernon Hills, and the Libertyville Township Road District to continue to receive advantageous pricing by achieving "economics of scale" from larger contract quantities. This is the fourth year the Village will be participating in the Joint Road Program with its neighbors.

The program involves removal of curbs and gutters (extent varies depending upon the street), as well as pavement patching, removal (grinding) of the pavement surface, and placement of new binder and surface ("shave and pave"). Residents will be notified when work begins on their street and if work will impede access to their driveways. The following roadways are scheduled for this season:

- Briarwood Lane from Greentree Parkway to Greentree Parkway
- Spruce Court from Greentree Parkway to Dead End
- Oak Street from W. Austin Avenue to Rockland Road
- Circle Drive from W. Rockland Road to Dead End
- Sunnyside Place from S. Stewart Avenue to Milwaukee Avenue
- Havenwood from Drive Harms Avenue to Dymond Road
- Havenwood Court from Havenwood Drive to Dead End
- American Way from US RT. 45. to Winchester Road
- Old Peterson Road from 400' W. of Butterfield Road to Dead End 1,950 FT (0.37 Miles) 5,200 SY
- Commerce Drive from Franklin Blvd. to Harris Road
- Florence Court from S. Stewart Avenue to West End
- West Ellis Avenue from W. Winchester Road to 500 FT South of the Winchester Road Intersection **(limited patching work only)**
- Fifth Avenue from Park Avenue to Church Street (limited patching work only).
- School Street from Milwaukee Avenue to School Street Park Lot Entrance **(curb removal/replacement work only)**

For questions about the program contact Fred Chung, Project Manager at **847-247-5435**.

Fireworks Safety

Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. However, fireworks must be used with caution and most are illegal for personal use.

One of the approved consumer fireworks most often encountered is the sparkler. Sparklers can be dangerous if not handled with extreme caution. The risks associated with sparklers include flying sparks as well as the temperature at which a sparkler burns. These seemingly safe fireworks can cause third degree burns and eye injuries if not handled properly. As with any dangerous item, adult supervision is advised, don't let children play with sparklers while unattended or without guidance.

In Illinois, the following fireworks are illegal: Bottle Rockets, Firecrackers of any size or type, Sky Rockets, Roman Candles, Chasers, and any ground items other than those identified as approved consumer fireworks.

Enjoy your summer celebrations and attend a professionally hosted fireworks show. Keep your summer safe and legal, follow all manufacturer's safety guidelines regarding consumer fireworks and don't use illegal fireworks.

Crosswalk Safety Tips

The weather is turning nice, and this is the time of year when downtown Libertyville comes alive with pedestrian traffic. Below is a summary of Illinois law regarding both driver and pedestrian responsibility for traffic safety:

- **Drivers should always be prepared** to yield the right-of-way and should not drive unnecessarily close to pedestrians
- Pedestrians should always **use a designated crosswalk** when available
- When traffic control signals are not in place, or not in operation, the **driver of a vehicle must stop and yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk** when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger
- Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway, **the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear cannot pass the stopped vehicle**
- **Whenever stop signs or flashing red signals are in place at an intersection or at a plainly marked crosswalk** between intersections, drivers must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians
- **No pedestrian may leave a curb and walk or run into the path of a moving vehicle** which is so close that it would create an immediate hazard

Mosquito Control

As the weather gets warmer, inevitably, mosquitoes join us for summer fun. To help combat these pesky bugs, the Village contracts with Clarke Environmental, Inc. for mosquito control. Much of the control activity is focused on "pre-hatch" treatment, killing the mosquito larvae before they hatch. These activities include treating breeding areas, using catch basin applications, and monitoring of mosquito levels from light traps.

This year the Village of Libertyville will be switching to the Earth Right program provided by Clarke Environmental. The Earth Right program is intended to provide an option for communities to align public health mosquito control with public preference for more environmentally-friendly control products and application materials.

In spite of the efforts to reduce mosquito larvae, when conditions are right, mosquitoes will reach a nuisance level. When this occurs, the Village schedules a

community-wide spraying to control the adult mosquito population. The decision to spray is based on a number of factors including light trap levels, nuisance complaints, weather conditions, and coordination with neighboring communities.

Spraying is done for the entire community. We are not able to spray single neighborhoods. It is difficult to provide advance notice of spraying. However, depending on the amount of advance notice we receive, we will use the Village website, Facebook page, or the Friday e-newsletter to notify the community.

Residents who would like to be notified in advance of a scheduled treatment are asked to call the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at **1-800-942-2555** or by visiting clarke-portal.com/hotline. If you think you may have a mosquito breeding area on your property or would like to report a mosquito nuisance please contact the hotline.



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