



VillageViews

The newsletter of the Village of Libertyville, Illinois

A Message from the Mayor

As we close out the year, I want to reflect on some of the things that make Libertyville such a great place to live and work. This year has been a return to normal in many ways with in-person events like the Memorial Day Parade, Libertyville Days, Dog Days of Summer, the Fine Arts Festival, the Farmers Market, and the Fire Department Open House.

New events such as National Night Out and Trunk or Treat were also introduced. These new events support our Village goal of increasing police presence and community engagement in the Village.

Thank you to all our attendees as well as the staff and volunteers that work to make these events so special. New playgrounds, road resurfacing and stormwater projects were also completed this year or are currently underway. I also want to acknowledge our businesses who continue to make Libertyville a unique place to experience, shop and dine. As you plan your holiday gatherings and shopping lists, please remember to shop local.

Our Recreation Department has been hard at work preparing for all the wonderful holiday events that begin this month. I look forward to seeing everyone at the tree lighting ceremony which will be held on Friday, November 25th in Cook Park. The annual, memory making event begins at 6:30 p.m. with the tree lighting at 7:00 p.m. Our new tree was donated by one of our most generous Libertyville Foundation contributors. Don't forget to visit the Cook Mansion for the Victorian Christmas Tradition as well.

During this time of year as you plan your charitable giving, please consider donating to the Libertyville Foundation. Since its inception in December of 2005, the Foundation has donated funds for life-saving equipment in the police and fire departments, landscaping improvements, memorial trees and benches, and undesigned gifts. Remember that these donations help support unbudgeted items that are needed in our Village. The Foundation has identified numerous community needs which could benefit



Santa Parade

The annual Santa Parade will travel through the Village on Saturday, December 3rd and will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the northeast corner of the Village. A Santa tracker map is available on the Village website so you can watch to see when he is nearby. Visit www.libertyville.com/santa to view the route and keep an eye on Santa the day of the parade. Grab your blankets, holiday cookies, hot chocolate, and chairs to watch Santa. If your street is on Santa's route, we ask that you avoid parking on the street and use driveways, when possible, to ensure that Santa's sleigh can fit down the street. The Village's parks also make a great place to walk or drive and park at to enjoy the Santa parade.

To view the parade map please see the back of the newsletter. Visit the Village's website for more details regarding Santa's route. The alternate weather date and time will be Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 p.m.. Should the parade be moved to this date information will be available on the Village website and social media.



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from individual or matching monetary contributions.

To learn more about the Libertyville Foundation visit www.libertyville.com/foundation.

Let us cherish family and friends this Holiday Season. Wishing you all the Hope, Wonder, and Joy that the Season can bring!



Mayor
Donna Johnson



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Flooding or Flood Map Questions?

The Village of Libertyville participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and has adopted flood hazard area protection standards. As a public service, the Engineering Division offers map information related to flooding. The following are examples of information that can be provided upon request:

- **Basic Flood Map Information**

Offer assistance to residents with determining whether or not a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area, as well as identifying the Zone, base flood elevation, and panel reference information as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).

- **Floodways**

Provide information regarding the limits of identified Floodways in relation to the property and the associated regulatory requirements for potential developments.

- **Local Drainage Issues**

Provide information to residents for potential flooding sources beyond flood areas shown on the FIRM.

- **Flood Depth Information**

Provide potential flood depths of properties by identifying the approximate site elevations via Lake County GIS contours in relation to the established base flood elevation.

- **Wetlands/ Open Spaces**

Identify mapped wetlands and open spaces within properties and regulations prohibiting potential developments.

To request flood map information, please contact Jeff Cooper, Village Engineer, at **(847) 918-2105**.



Shop Small Business Saturday

Looking for a great way to kick off the holiday shopping season? Check out **Small Business Saturday on November 26!** Coordinated by MainStreet Libertyville, this Village-wide event features dozens of our own local businesses. Many shops have special offers.

For more information, visit mainstreetlibertyville.org.



‘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, 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. 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.

VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Thursday, November 24, 2022 Monday, December 26, 2022
 Friday, November 25, 2022 Monday, January 2, 2023

LIBERTYVILLE RECREATION



WINTER HAPPENINGS 2022

Tree Lighting



Fri, November 25th @ Cook Park

*Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m.
Butterfield Chorus Club, Highland Middle School Chorus, LHS Jazz Band performing.*



Letters to Santa

Mon, November 28 - Tues, December 20



*Drop off at Village Hall or
Riverside Clubhouse.
No postage needed!*

Santa Parade

Sat, December 3rd

*Starting at 2:00 p.m.
follow Santa as he
parades through
Libertyville.*



Virtual Visits with Santa

Thur, December 15th

*Video calls with Santa between
4:30-7:30 p.m.!*



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Snow and Ice Control Operations

Plowing of Village streets begins when snow becomes more than one inch deep and when freezing temperatures indicate there will be more melting. Salting occurs when weather conditions create hazardous icing.

Plow driver's primary focus is on keeping the main arteries, emergency vehicle routes and collector streets open, followed by snow removal on neighborhood streets and alleys. Sidewalks are cleared along most of Milwaukee Avenue and around the central business district area. In all other areas, the Village requests that citizens and businesses maintain clear walkways. 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.

Tips for Residents

- When clearing your driveway, **shovel or blow the snow onto the parkway to the right side of your driveway as you face the street.** Depositing snow on the streets is a violation of Village ordinance and creates a hazard after it freezes.
- **Park your vehicle off the street.** On street parking is prohibited between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during snow events.
- **Mailboxes should be 12 inches from the curb.** Please ensure that the post is secure.
- **Adopt a fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow.** It is there for your protection.
- Be a good neighbor, **if there is a public sidewalk in front of your residence or business, please remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk.** A public sidewalk cleared of snow and ice provides easier access for pedestrians during the winter months.

For more information about snow control during a storm, call the Public Works Department at **847-362-3434**, the non-emergency police at **847-362-8310** or visit www.libertyville.com/snowplowing.

Be Aware of Ruse Burglaries

“Ruse” burglaries are crimes in which the offender uses a ruse to distract their victim in order to commit a burglary. Victims are present at their home when the burglary occurs. Ruse burglars are known to target seniors and people living alone. The offenders typically travel in pairs, allowing one offender to distract the homeowner by luring them outside or into a secluded part of their home while the other offender enters the home to search for jewelry, cash, and other items of value to steal. Some common ruses include:

- **Blacktop, seal coating, or driveway repairs**
- **Questions about homeowner’s property lines**
- **False statements about problems with a neighbor’s house**
- **Telling the homeowner about a problem outside of their home**
- **Inquiries about the home’s water pressure or water pipes**
- **Offering gutter or fence repairs, tree trimming and landscaping**

Residents should ask to see the credential of anyone identifying to be from a utility company or the Village of Libertyville needing to enter their home. If the individual is not able to provide credentials, or if you are unsure whether the person is there for a legitimate purpose, do not let the individual(s) into your home, and call 9-1-1 to report the situation to the Libertyville Police Department.

Protect yourself by following these reminders:

- **Do not allow strangers** into your home without a prescheduled appointment.
- **Require that workers show identification** prior to allowing them into the house or on your property.
- If you choose to speak with a solicitor or utility worker, **never leave your front door unlocked or unattended.**
- **If someone comes to your house asking for help, tell them you will call the police for them.**
- **Keep an extra watch on elderly neighbors and family.**
- **Educate your relatives and neighbors** about ruse burglaries.
- **Immediately report suspicious activity** by calling 9-1-1. If possible, try to obtain the vehicle license plate, color, make/model, and offender description.

Village Works to Reduce Impact of Salt

As the Village continues to strive to reduce the impact of salt on the environment and reduce costs, we are extending our policy of maintaining bare pavements only on arterial and higher volume roads. Cul-de-sacs and other lower volume roads will not be salted unless conditions warrant it. The Village has applied this policy for several years and appreciates the cooperation we have received from drivers since its inception.

Stormwater Projects Update – Fall 2022

The Village's 2019 Master Stormwater Management Plan identified ten separate infrastructure 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 overall stormwater management system.

Three master plan projects are currently in progress, and each has been approved for grant funding in collaboration with county and state agencies. The total amount of grant funding secured for these projects is approximately \$7.6 million dollars.

The **“Rockland Corridor” project** is currently under construction, and will add new storm sewer pipes through several flood-prone areas in the general vicinity of Lincoln Ave and Fourth Ave. The additional storm sewer capacity will drain storm runoff from the street faster and convey it to the Des Plaines River.

The **“Highlands” project** (Burdick & Ames area) is separated into two phases. Phase 1 is currently under construction and Phase 2 is in final engineering design, scheduled for construction in summer 2023. Phase 1 includes the reconstruction of Nicholas Dowden Park to provide detention storage for large storm events. Phase 2 will include the upsizing of upstream storm sewers to better facilitate runoff to the Dowden Park detention storage area.

The **“Harding & Willow” project** utilizes curb and concrete pavement reconstruction to provide a public stormwater benefit. The improvements aim to convey storm flows within the curb of the street, instead of overflowing into vulnerable back yards where structure flooding has historically been reported.

To stay up to date on Village infrastructure projects, please visit the “Construction Projects” link underneath the “Public Works Department” header on the village website (www.libertyville.com). If you have any questions about the projects described above, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Cooper, Village Engineer at (847) 918-2105.



ANSEL B. COOK HOME Continues Victorian Christmas Tradition

Continuing an over fifty-year Libertyville tradition, the Libertyville Historical Society welcomes visitors to experience a Victorian Christmas at the Ansel B. Cook Home. During the holiday season, the 1878 Cook Home is decked in Christmas finery adding to the beautiful furnishings and artifacts on display. Highlights of the tour include a fully decorated Christmas tree, seven Italian marble fireplaces, and the intricately carved oak staircase festooned with greenery.

The first floor of the Cook Home will be open Friday, November 25 after the Libertyville Tree Lighting until 9:00 p.m. Both floors are available for viewing on Saturday, December 3 & 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Suggested donations for the tour are
\$2.00/adults
\$1.00/seniors & youth (5-18)

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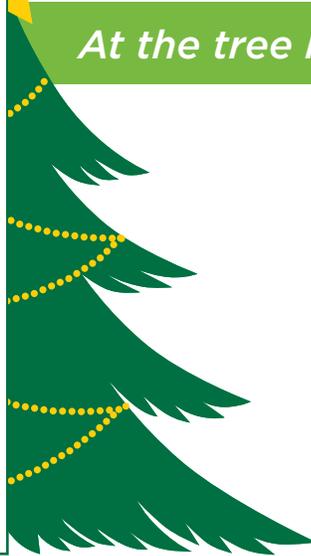
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Buy Your Fresh Tree Locally to Support Organizations

If you are purchasing a fresh Christmas tree this holiday season, please consider supporting the Knights of Columbus or Boy Scout Troop 72. Both organizations use their tree sales as fundraisers and assist the local community in many ways.

At the tree lot, look for a fresh, green tree.



Christmas Tree Safety

T'was the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The fireproof stockings were hung by the recently cleaned and inspected chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas would soon be there. The children were nestled all snug with the door shut in their beds, while visions of a home escape plan danced in their heads. And Mama in her kerchief and I in my cap had just settled in for a long winter's nap. When out in the hallway there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the door I flew like a flash, checking the handle first for heat before opening the door latch, when, what to my wondering ears did I hear, the smoke detector with new batteries alerting us to come near! ...

Don't let a house fire disrupt your holidays! The most common sources of winter holiday fires are live Christmas trees and holiday decorations that are too close to a heat source, candles, and cooking fires. Although these fires are rare, they do occur, and they can be destructive and deadly. The following are a few tips to help make your Holidays safe from fire.

When purchasing a live Christmas tree, safety starts before you even head to the Christmas tree lot. If you live in a condo or apartment, there is likely a restriction against live Christmas trees. Be sure to check with your HOA or management company for any rules or restrictions before choosing a tree.

Checking your tree:

- **Bend the needles.** If they break, the tree has probably already dried out.
- **Grip a branch and slide your fist down it.** Most of the needles should stay on the tree.
- **Check the trunk,** especially at the bottom where it's cut. It should be covered in sap and sticky to the touch.
- **Shake the tree,** if green needles fall everywhere, it's too dry.

Before bringing the tree inside shake the tree to dislodge loose needles or other debris. Prior to placing it in the tree holder, make a fresh cut off the bottom of the trunk. A freshly cut trunk allows the tree to absorb water more effectively. Use a tree holder that's wide and strong enough to keep the tree stable.

It is also very important to take care of your tree once it is inside. **Fill the holder with water as soon as you set your tree up. Then, check it every day.** It needs to stay full!

Additional safety tips include:

- **Placing your tree away from heat sources,** particularly open flame heat sources.
- **Don't block exit routes** with your tree.
- **Use only lighting approved** by a nationally recognized laboratory such as UL.
- **Check all lighting for frayed wires.**
- **Don't leave lights on** when the tree is unattended.
- **When the tree dries out discard it immediately.**

With these safety tips your holiday can be fun and enjoyable for your family and your guests. Please contact the Libertyville Fire Department if you have any questions about fire safety and please be sure you have a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector on each floor of your home.



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