

## A Message from the Mayor

Spring is here and I am looking forward to the warm weather and all the fun activities it brings with it. Mark your calendars for MainStreet's First Fridays (May 5) Car Fun on 21 (May 17) and the first Farmer's Market of the year on June 1st. Don't forget to check out our Recreation Department's Spring and Summer Offerings as well, and to purchase your pool passes for the season. To learn more visit [www.libertyvillerecreation.com](http://www.libertyvillerecreation.com).

On February 28, 2023 the Libertyville Sports Complex was sold to Canlan Sports. Canlan Sports has been operating the Sports Complex since April of 2021 under a lease agreement with the Village. They will continue to offer numerous sports and events to the community, as well as a fitness center. The Village looks forward to a long relationship with Canlan. I encourage you to visit the complex or view their website today for all their latest offerings. [www.canlansports.com](http://www.canlansports.com).

Did you know that the Village has various Commissions that are recommending bodies to the Village Board? One of those Commissions, the Economic Development Commission ("EDC") makes recommendations to support existing businesses and attract prospective businesses. Earlier this year the EDC recommended that the Village create a business spotlight in each Village Views newsletter. This is the first edition of a series of business spotlights. This edition features Talent Forum, which provides education in many dance forms to the community. We are happy to feature this business as they have supported the Miss Libertyville pageant selection over the years as well as offering dance services at their studio. Entitled, the "Mayor's Business Brief" this is an opportunity for me to highlight businesses throughout the community. Additional information regarding the business that is being recognized may be found on the Village's website at [www.libertyville.com/MayorsBusinessBrief](http://www.libertyville.com/MayorsBusinessBrief). To learn more about all the Village's Commissions or if you are interested in serving on a Commission visit [www.libertyville.com/boardsandcommissions](http://www.libertyville.com/boardsandcommissions).

I am very excited to report that the Village continues to invest in the community through infrastructure projects

## 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 29. 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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that are part of the Village's capital improvement plan. We have created a streamlined way for residents to obtain up-to-date information on these construction projects. The Village has developed a story map which includes detailed descriptions of the projects, contractor, and Village Project Manager information as well as the status of the project. Visit the site to learn more <https://rb.gy/v0ijh>.

The Village also has a story map available online to help guide visitors through information such as Village parks and bike paths which can be found at: <https://rb.gy/s72ug>. The Village is a member of the GIS Consortium which is an organization of 41 area municipalities who share geographic information systems resources to optimize the value of GIS services. Through this Consortium, tools such as our construction, park and bike path story maps are made possible. Intergovernmental partnerships such as these allow us to share resources, information and staffing in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

In closing, please remember that the Village's Memorial Day Ceremony will occur on Monday, May 29. I hope you will join me in recognizing our fallen heroes and their sacrifice in defending our Country. This ceremony is something our entire community should attend to honor their memory. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Metra Train Station with a parade to Cook Park at 9:30 a.m.



Stay connected with the Village for all the latest news, events, and happenings by following us on social media, subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter and viewing our Village website.

**Mayor Donna Johnson**

**Libertyville**

# Mayor's Business Brief

## Talent Forum

For over 38 years, Shelley Page Hoselton has been the Owner/Director of Talent Forum Dance Arts. The company provides education in many dance forms, including ballet, pointe, contemporary, jazz, hip hop, and tap. Talent Forum teachers and staff care about the growth and development of each dancer. "Our Talent Forum family is not just about achievement, it is about having fun together," she says. "Just give me a call and I will do my best to find what fits your individual need!"

[www.talentforum.biz](http://www.talentforum.biz)

Mayor Johnson and the Village Board thank you for your commitment to our Libertyville community!

**Read more at [libertyville.com/MayorsBusinessBrief](http://libertyville.com/MayorsBusinessBrief)**

## 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®**

## Tree City USA Award

*The Village of Libertyville has once again been named a Tree City USA for 2022—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!

## Home Fire Sprinkler Week

**May 14-20**

*In anticipation of Home Fire Sprinkler Week that runs from May 14-20, the Fire Department highly recommends the installation of a fire sprinkler system in your home.*

Home fire sprinkler systems have proven themselves to be vital assets for homes. They are relatively inexpensive to install (especially in new construction), require minimal maintenance, and may even result in a discount on home owner's insurance policies.

Fire sprinkler systems are not activated by smoke or smoke detectors (only the heat of a working fire will activate the system), and only the sprinkler heads exposed to the heat of the fire will activate rather than the entire system.

To prevent freezing, sprinkler pipes are usually installed so they are not directly exposed to cold areas, such as attics. Home fire sprinkler systems do not leak, as they are pressure-tested well above the level of one's plumbing system.

To preserve the aesthetic appearance of one's home, sprinkler pipes are hidden behind walls and ceilings, and can be concealed behind special plates that are flush with the walls or ceilings. The sprinkler manufacturer can even custom paint the plates to match a home's décor (never paint a sprinkler yourself, as it can compromise its functionality).

If you already have a home fire sprinkler system, ensure you are aware of the location of the main water valve so it can be easily inspected. Make sure it remains accessible at all times. Do not hang items from the sprinklers, and make sure the sprinklers do not get painted or obstructed.





## Parks

You asked, we listened.  
We've added pickleball courts.

- 1) Paul Neal Park - 4 courts  
1251 New Castle Dr.
- 2) Charles Brown - 1 court  
1015 Dawes Ave.  
Shared with basketball.
- 3) Nicholas-Dowden - 4 courts  
920 Crane Blvd.  
Shared with Tennis.

## What's New?

- Fishing Camp, Ages 4-13
- Girls Lacrosse Clinic, Grades K-8th
- Kung Fu, Ages 6-18+
- Meditation, Ages 18+
- Tai Chi, Ages 18+

New Classes at  
[www.LibertyvilleRecreation.com](http://www.LibertyvilleRecreation.com)

## Pools

- ★ Improvements completed to the pool manager offices and Riverside pool filter system
- ★ Adler Pool opens Saturday, May 27th at noon
- ★ Riverside Pool opens Saturday, June 10th at noon
- ★ Swim lessons & Adult Aqua begin June 12th
- ★ Don't forget to purchase your pool membership!

## Summer Camps

Camps begin the week of June 12th.

- Adler Day Camp (Grades K-8th)
- Teen Travelers (Ages 11-14)
- Sunshine Kidz (Ages 3-4)
- Camp Adventure (Ages 5-6)
- Safety Town (Grades 1st-2nd)

Find additional camps at  
[www.LibertyvilleRecreation.com](http://www.LibertyvilleRecreation.com)

## Welcome to the Rec Crew



The Recreation team would like to welcome Collin Dulaney our new Recreation Supervisor for Aquatics.

# Village Receives Bird City Recognition

*The Sustain Libertyville Commission is proud to announce the Village's recognition as a Bird City.* Coordinated by the Audubon Council of Illinois, Bird City Illinois recognizes the commitment of state municipalities to a green future inclusive of birds and nature. To become a Bird City, a municipality must demonstrate its dedication to birds across six categories:

- (1) Habitat Creation, Protection, and Monitoring of Natural Communities
- (2) Limiting or Removing Threats to Birds
- (3) Education and Inclusion
- (4) Climate and Sustainability
- (5) World Migratory Bird Day
- (6) Bird City Resolution

For more about the Sustain Libertyville Commission, visit [www.libertyville.com/65/Sustain-Libertyville-Commission](http://www.libertyville.com/65/Sustain-Libertyville-Commission).

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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](http://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](http://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.



## Highlands Subdivision Flood Control Project - Phase 2

*The second and final phase of the Nicholas Dowden Park Flood Control Project, which is included in the Village's Master Stormwater Management Plan, will be started in Spring 2023.*

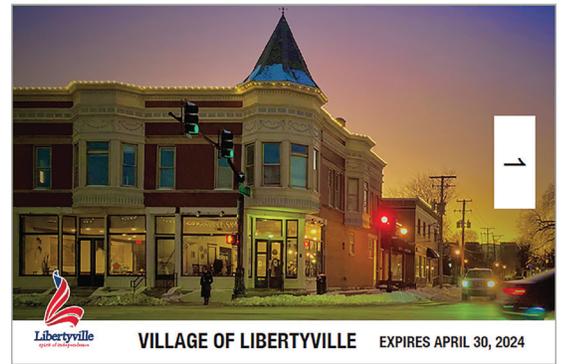
The existing storm sewer system has insufficient capacity. Runoff cannot effectively get to the Charles Brown Park Reservoir and there are no safe overland flow routes. The high-water level of the reservoir is also higher than certain roadway sags (low areas) in the neighborhood. This project will address historical flooding in the area south of Route 176 between Butterfield Road and Garfield Avenue. Phase 1 of this project is nearing completion and included construction of a stormwater detention basin on the southern portion of Nicholas Dowden Park. Phase 2 of this project will upgrade storm sewers within the nearby neighborhoods to convey storm runoff to the newly constructed detention basin. This project is paid for with Village Stormwater funds and the Village was awarded \$2,141,377 net in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) towards this project. To learn more visit [www.Libertyville.com/stormwaterplan](http://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 take 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](http://www.swalco.org).



## 2023 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](http://www.libertyville.com/villagesticker).

## Water and Sewer Bills

*Get your water bill electronically!*

Email [waterbill@libertyville.com](mailto: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](http://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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## Register Now

The Spring-Summer registration brochure for the Recreation Department is available online at [www.libertyvillerecreation.com](http://www.libertyvillerecreation.com)

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