

A Message from the Mayor

Spring is finally here and there are so many exciting things to do in the Village. MainStreet Libertyville is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year and all the special events they bring to our community and businesses. There was a ribbon cutting on April 25th followed by a Gala at the Ivanhoe Country Club. Please make sure to Save the Date for MainStreet's First Fridays, Car Fun on 21, and the first Farmer's Market of the year on May 30th. Don't forget to check out our Parks Department's Spring and Summer Brochures, which are full of many new programs. Adler Pool opens May 25th and Riverside Pool June 8th make sure to purchase your pool passes before the season starts! To learn more visit www.libertyvillerecreation.com.

The Village's parks continue to be improved as part of our overall Parks Master Plan. Nicholas-Dowden North is currently under construction with many planned improvements. The newly renovated park will include six pickleball courts, a basketball court, new playground, walking loop, linear skate park, native swale, and new parking lot. Construction is expected to be complete in the fall/winter of this year. We look forward to enjoying this new addition to our park offerings. To learn more visit www.libertyville.com/construction.

The Village has welcomed quite a few new businesses over the last few months, and we celebrated these openings with ribbon cuttings. We are fortunate that they choose to invest in our community and locate their business here. In 2024, I have had the pleasure of officially welcoming the following new businesses: Physician's Immediate Care (Milwaukee Ave.), My Best Barber Shop (Park Ave.), Linden Funerals LLC (Peterson Rd.), Tala Coffee Roasters (Liberty Dr.), and Pizzeria Deville (Milwaukee Ave.). Tala Coffee Roasters not only offers a space to enjoy their coffee and pastries, but they also freshly roast their coffee on premises.

The Village continues its support of local businesses through our new Business Resiliency Grant and Façade & Property Enhancement Grant. Both grant opportunities are designed to encourage existing business growth, expansion, and sustainability through matching grants and are geared to customer facing, sales tax producing entities. Several applications have already been approved for funding, and several more are under review. Additional funds have been approved with the Village's new fiscal year, and the application period will reopen later this spring. Visit the Village's website at www.libertyville.com/businessgrants to learn more.

MainStreet Libertyville is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization dedicated to the economic development and historic preservation [continued on page 2](#)



Memorial Day Activities

Libertyville's Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 27. Participants will gather at the Metra Train Station at 9:00 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. procession 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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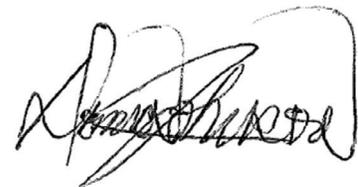
of downtown Libertyville. MainStreet is responsible for so many of the amazing events and happenings that occur annually within the community. Whether it's MainStreet's Farmer's Market, First Fridays, Lunch in the Park, CarFun on 21, Dessert walk, Trick or Treat on MainStreet and much more—these events are the heart of our community. The Village appreciates all that MainStreet does to plan, organize and run these events which make Libertyville a destination for many.

Another community staple is Mickey Finn's which is celebrating their 30th anniversary as a Brewery, along with their 10th year in their new location. We want to acknowledge and congratulate Brian Grano, the second and current owner of Mickey Finns, on his 20th anniversary as owner and an active member of our community and member of our Economic Development Commission.

Another integral part of our community is our local VFW post 8741. Our Veterans are such an important asset to our community and our country. It is my honor and privilege to acknowledge and congratulate our local VFW posts on their 25th anniversary. Our posts honor guard are present for major events in our community, and for so many events in Lake County. They honor Libertyville whenever they stand guard. You may have noticed the American Flag display in Cook Park during Memorial Day and on September 11th and other holidays. This display is made possible each year by the efforts of the VFW. They also coordinate the annual Memorial Day ceremony and procession which will be held on Monday, May 27. I hope you will join me in recognizing and honoring our fallen heroes and their sacrifice in defending our country. This ceremony is something our entire community should

attend to honor their memory. As I have said before, we cannot understand the sacrifice of these fallen heroes unless we tell their stories and attend the event. Please bring children and grandchildren. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Metra Train Station with a procession to Cook Park at 9:30 a.m.

I wish you a happy and healthy spring and hope to see you out enjoying all our many businesses, having lunch in the park, supporting our baseball and girls' softball along with our summer events. 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

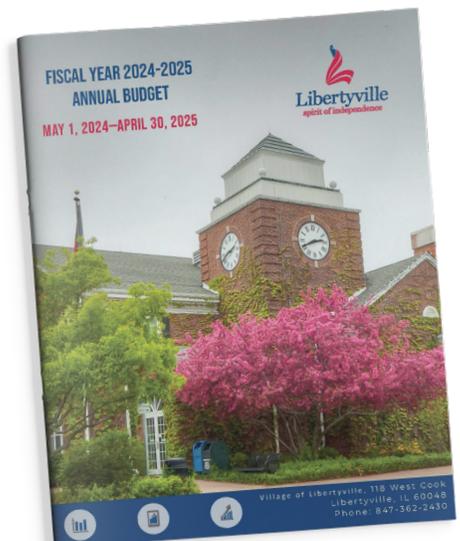
FY 24/25 Village Budget Approved

The Village Board recently approved the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Village Budget. The budget is the most important document the Village Board develops and approves every year. Not only is it a legal document detailing how dollars are spent, but it also identifies goals, accomplishments, long-term financial outlook and five-year capital plan.

The process of prospering the budget begins in the Fall each year with the development of a five-year financial forecast. The forecast is used to ensure. The formal, public budget cycle kicks off in the winter through a series of budget workshops where the Board and staff discuss revenues, expenses, and capital projects. These workshops are open to the public. The final review of the budget is preceded by a public hearing at a Board meeting in March and the budget is formally adopted in early April.

The Village's financial policies and prudent financial decisions over the past several years have allowed the Village to continue to provide all core services. The Village's fiscal prudence has resulted in the Village maintaining its Moody's Aa1 Bond rating, utilizing a limited share of a resident's property tax bill, and a steady revenue stream (approx. 8.6%).

For more information, visit the Village's website and review the Village's first Budget-in-Brief, which provides a summary of the Village's Budget in a simplified overview manner, which includes highlights, a breakdown of taxes, revenue and expenditures, capital and other important and interesting information.



Home Fire Sprinkler Week

May 12-18

In anticipation of Home Fire Sprinkler Week that runs from May 12-18, 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.

New Village Wayfinding Signs Installed in Downtown

The Village is excited to announce the installation of five new wayfinding signs throughout the downtown. Each directory provides an easy and convenient way for you to navigate to your local favorites or discover something new. With 100+ ground-floor businesses listed, everyone is encouraged to shop, dine, and experience Downtown Libertyville. To learn more shopping and dining in Libertyville visit www.shop60048.com.

Curbside Recycling Guidelines

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 recycling container.*

Please take them to the grocery store instead. You can recycle: 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. And what should you NOT put in your recycling container? 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.

NO PLASTIC BAGS





Tree City USA Award

The Village of Libertyville has once again been named a Tree city USA for 2023—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!



Festivals OF LIBERTYVILLE

LIBERTYVILLE DAYS	JUNE 13 - 16
DOG DAYS OF SUMMER	JULY 5 - 7
FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS	AUGUST 3 - 4
OKTOBERFEST	SEPTEMBER 20 - 21

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Recreation Insights

Spring 2024

847.918.7275

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Summer

POOL SEASON OPENER

ADLER POOL
SATURDAY, MAY 25, 11 AM

RIVERSIDE POOL
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 11 AM



TASTY THURSDAYS

JUNE 27 **CRAWFORD HOUSE**
JULY 18 817 W. LAKE STREET
AUGUST 22 **4-7 PM**



Craft Club: Mothers Day Craft
Sat, May 4, 1-3 pm
Code: 14868, Fee (R/NR): \$25/\$35



BRING THE FAMILY TO SPLASH! BASH

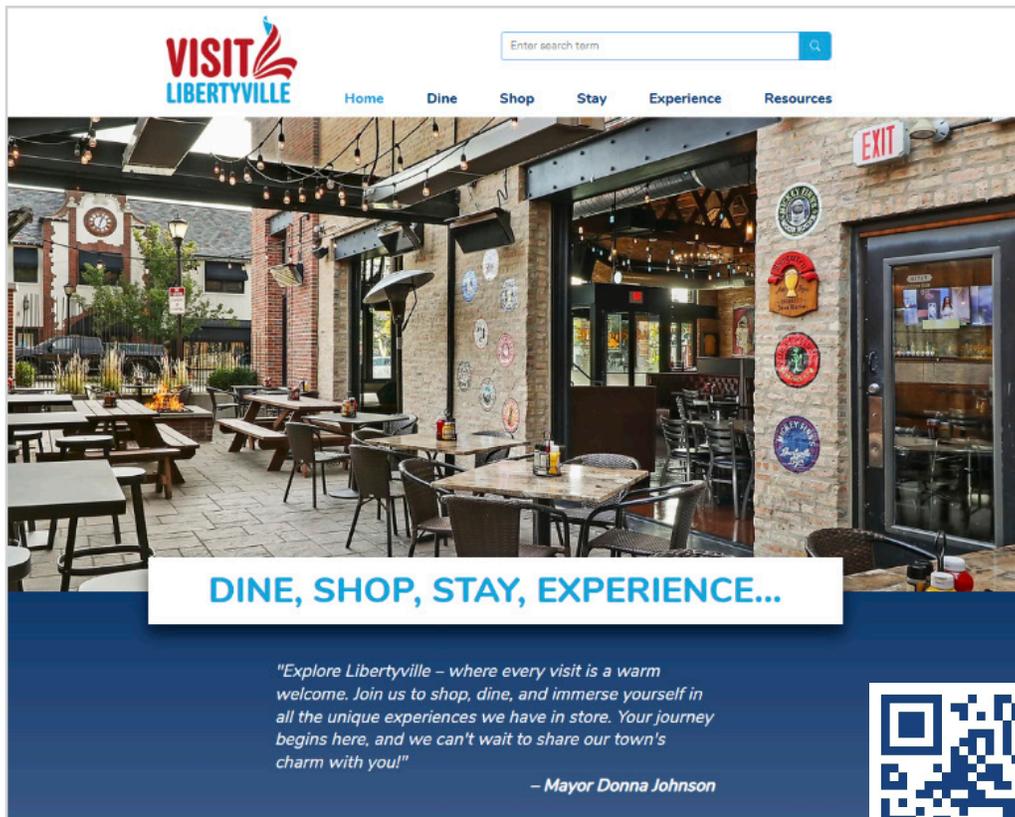
Adler Pool
Sat, June 8

Foam Party
3-6 pm

Games
DJ



New Visit Libertyville Website



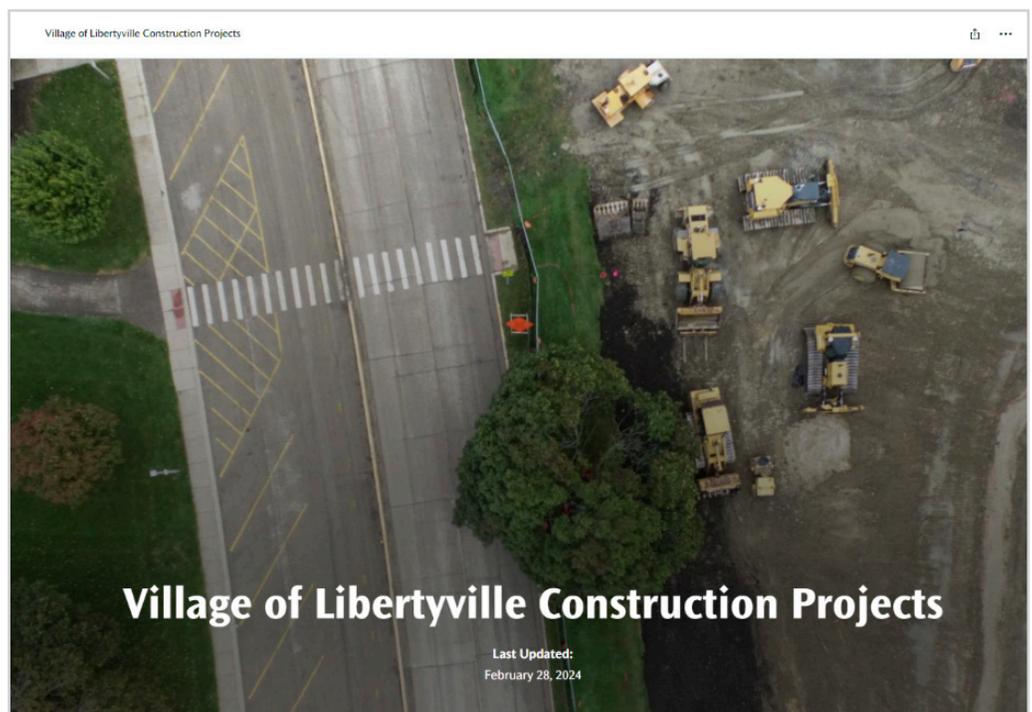
A new tourism website and video were recently launched at VisitLibertyville.com. Both will be promoted to a larger visitor market through digital advertising. This effort was made possible, in part, through a matching grant which the Village received, from the IL Department of Commerce—Office of Tourism. Programs such as this help to drive customers to

local restaurants, stores, and hotels which rely on both regular customers and tourists.



Village Online Construction Project Map

Did you know the Village's website contains an interactive construction map which offers details on current construction projects in the community as well as contact information for each project. This map is updated regularly to provide the latest information about each project. To view the map visit www.libertyville.com/construction.



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 cell-phones 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.



2024 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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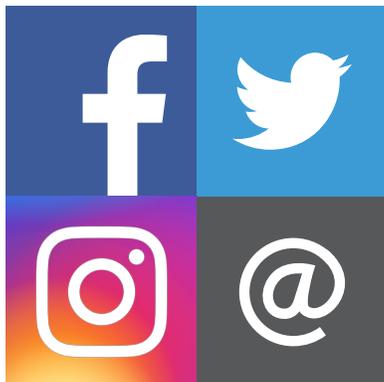
Register Now

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

Residents can register now for hundreds of fun programs, events and other activities. Don't wait. Sign up for swimming pool season passes, swimming lessons, summer day camp, golf lessons, pre-school programs, sports camps and much more.



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