



A Message from the Mayor

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Please remember that Thanksgiving is a time to focus on family and a time for giving. We officially start our holiday season with our Tree Lighting Ceremony in Cook Park on Friday, November 24th. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. and the tree lighting will occur at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, November 25th don't forget to support our local businesses with Small Business Saturday, coordinated by MainStreet Libertyville. As I said in a prior newsletter, if we want our downtown to survive, we must shop in person and encourage others to do so too. Remember to shop local this holiday season. As a community, we must all do our part to support our local and downtown businesses. Plan ahead and visit our www.shop60048.com website to prepare your shopping list.

On Saturday, December 2nd our annual Santa Parade will return. This is a great opportunity to get together with friends and family and waive to Santa as he makes his way throughout the community. Remember to visit our website to watch Santa on the Santa tracker. Don't forget to drop off your letters to Santa at one of the North Pole mailboxes located at Village Hall or Riverside Park. Mailboxes will be available beginning Monday, November 27th through Tuesday, December 19th.

We want to thank all our businesses who help to make our community thrive. I am happy to announce two new businesses that have opened facilities in Libertyville at Innovation Park. EVBox, an Amsterdam company, has opened an assembly plant facility which will be producing next-generation fast chargers to aid in increasing the number of electric vehicles on the road as well as supporting clean energy. Joining me to tour the facility was Governor Pritzker, Senator Durbin, Congressman Schneider and Senator McConchie. The Governor joined me afterwards at Hansa Coffee and gave me the opportunity to showcase a local business. The Village also welcomed Bristol Myers Squibb to Innovation Park. This is important because their gene cell therapy will soon be manufactured in Libertyville. This innovative research will save lives across the globe, and it is all being done in our community.

We continue to have excellent restaurant and shopping

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Santa Parade

The annual Santa Parade will travel through the Village on Saturday, December 2nd and will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the southeast 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 3rd 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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choices as well. With nearly 90 restaurant options there is always something for everyone. The Village recently recognized local businesses at its inaugural Business Excellence Breakfast, developed by staff and our Economic Development Commission. Congratulations to all our recognized businesses and nominees. A list of awardees can be found within the newsletter.

Two business support programs were recently approved by the Village Board, details of which will be posted on the Business section of the Village website when applications become available. The Business Resiliency Grant program is designed to encourage existing business growth, expansion, and sustainability through matching grants of up to \$5,000, and is limited to customer facing, sales tax producing entities. An extensive list of potential uses is possible including online sales platform development, marketing program development, equipment acquisition, projecting signage, green/sustainable enhancements, etc. The Façade & Property Enhancement grant will encourage renovation to dated or deteriorated existing facades or site conditions on commercial buildings in certain commercially zoned districts outside the downtown (includes C-2 & C-3) and will offer matching grants up to \$25,000. The façade grant requires a match from the business owners along with the grant funding. \$100,000 is available to be awarded in total towards these two programs.

In closing I want to thank all the residents and businesses that choose to call Libertyville their home. Without you we would not have the flourishing community that we do. With all the challenges that we each are facing in our community and in the nation, please remember the spirit of the season which is, love of family, faith, and respect for each other.

I wish each of you and your families the joy, peace and blessings of the season.

Mayor
Donna Johnson



Village of Libertyville

Business Excellence Recognition

BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE

The Libertyville Economic Development Commission is recognizing businesses for their local contributions to the community and economy as part of the first annual Business Excellence Recognition program. Nominations from the community were collected during June and July 2023. In review of submittals, the Commission has identified the following businesses who exemplify excellence in their selected categories. Please view <https://www.libertyville.com/BusinessRecognition> to learn more.

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NOTABLE NEW BUSINESS

THE MIXTO CUISINE

147 N Milwaukee Ave
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DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE

HG STUDIOS:

Heather's Gym-504 First St
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VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Friday, November 24, 2023

Monday, December 25, 2023

Monday, January 1, 2024



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.

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.





HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS 2023



Sat, December 2
Parade begins at 2 pm

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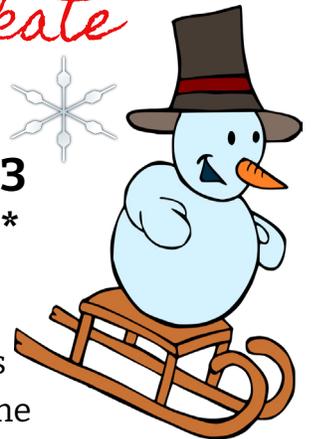
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Snow and Ice Control Operations



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 Funds at Work

The Engineering Division staff continues to work on completing the flood reduction projects included in the Village's Master Stormwater Management Plan.

The overall timeline of proposed improvements identified in the Master Plan is on schedule. In collaboration with Lake County and state agencies, staff has secured over \$7.6 million dollars in grant funding for stormwater projects and has additional grant applications pending.

Below is a brief description of each of the active Master Stormwater Management Plan projects:

Highlands Phase 1—Nearing Completion. The southern portion of Nicholas Dowden Park south was excavated to provide detention storage for large storm events. The park amenities (softball fields, batting cages, storage building, parking stalls, sidewalks, and ice rinks) have been replaced to modern standards, and an underdrain system has been incorporated beneath the fields to improve their conditions after rainfalls. The remainder of this project will be focused on final landscaping and restoration of the open grass areas at the east and south ends of the park, all of which is anticipated to extend into 2024.

Highlands Phase 2—Nearing Completion. New storm sewer pipe infrastructure has been installed in the vicinity of Crane, Dymond, Rockland, Burdick, Ames, Austin, etc. The additional sewer capacity is now fully operational and will drain storm runoff from the streets to the Dowden Park detention storage area. It is anticipated that some follow-up restoration work will be needed in 2024, but otherwise this project is complete.

Copeland Manor—In design, construction anticipated in 2025. New storm sewer pipe infrastructure is anticipated in the vicinity of Glendale, Fourth, Seventh, and the north side of Copeland Manor Elementary School. The improved system will better convey runoff from the large upstream tributary area to the Des Plaines River.

Rockland Corridor—Completed Summer 2023. New storm sewer pipe infrastructure was installed in the vicinity of Lincoln, Fourth, and Seventh Avenue, connecting into the sewer system recently installed underneath Rockland Road. All improvements associated with this project have been completed and are fully operational.

To stay up to date on Village infrastructure projects, please visit www.libertyville.com/constructionprojects. For further questions contact Jeff Cooper, Village Engineer at (847) 918-2105. Thank you for your support and cooperation.



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 24 after the Libertyville Tree Lighting until 9:00 p.m. Both floors are available for viewing on Saturday, December 2 & 9, 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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