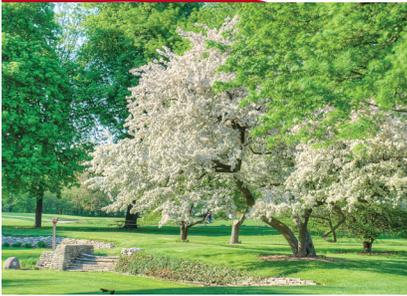


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A Message from the Mayor



Mayor
Donna Johnson

As we approach the beginning of my second term as Mayor of this beautiful community that I have called home for 35 years, I am grateful for the honor to serve you for another term. I will continue to challenge myself to be the best public servant that I can be each day and I challenge each of you to contribute as well. I am grateful to each resident, to our staff, our business

community, our church communities and supporting community groups like Main Street, Sunrise Rotary and the Chamber.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our renovated gazebo in Sunrise Rotary Park and the replacement of the brick pavers in Cook Park.

The week of April 21st was National Volunteer Appreciation Week. I was honored to recognize our senior volunteers at the Civic Center that contribute their time and skills everyday to benefit our community. I admire the continued efforts of volunteers that engage in our community every day to support the St. Joseph's Food Pantry, St. Joseph's Bed Ministry, Libertyville Days, Dog Days of Summer and the Farmers Market. This commitment to community should always be the highest priority and motivate us to understand that are primary focus should be on making our community better for the benefit of our residents and specifically our children.

Libertyville's Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 26. 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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I am so proud of the continued progress that we are making in our economic/business footprint led by our new Economic Development Manager Mary Oshana. Mary is a great addition and will continue to expand on the progress and efforts put into place by Heather Rowe, now Director of Community Development. I am happy to report that Libertyville continues to show strong growth in the retail, industrial and office sectors. Briefly, Libertyville did well in 2024 with over 868,000 square feet leased. In the retail space our staff continues to work on recruiting unique uses that align with local consumer behavior and market data. We are anticipating a lease of 70,000 square feet in the former X-Sport Fitness space, which will help reduce our overall vacancies.

Libertyville continues to grow and thrive as a vibrant business community. This year, we welcomed a diverse array of new businesses and restaurants—from health wellness-focused brands like Hot Worx, KidStrong, and Game Day Men’s Health to exciting new dining destinations such as Up North Axe & Tap, Poke West, Queen Coffee, Meat N’ Melt, and Wing Snob. Many of these establishments are already becoming local favorites, adding to the unique and dynamic character of our community.

To support the small businesses that shape Libertyville, the Village launched a Business Grant Program that has already assisted nearly a dozen local establishments. These grants have enabled improvements ranging from reducing customer wait times to enhancing digital outreach. We also celebrated more than 15 ribbon-cutting ceremonies this year. These are clear signs of Libertyville’s ongoing economic vitality and its appeal as a place to do business. Beyond our growing small business sector, Libertyville, and Lake County at large, continue to be recognized as a hub for BioPharma and life sciences.

We anticipate construction on Butterfield, Winchester and 176, please check the Village website for dates, updates and detour routes.

There are development projects that have been submitted through our review process. Please refer to the Community Development page on our website to confirm project status, along with the meeting agenda page to confirm when these matters will be heard by the Village Board.

I am also happy that Libertyville is now being seen as a filming location. Stay tuned for the air date of a film that was recently completed, featuring our downtown and its businesses.

I look forward to seeing you during many of our summer events and the opening of the Farmers Market.

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOT



Festivals OF LIBERTYVILLE

- Libertyville Days**
June 12-15, 2025
- Dog Days of Summer**
July 11-13, 2025
- Festival of the Arts**
August 2-3, 2025
- Oktoberfest Libertyville**
September 19-20, 2025

Michael Delott Photography and Heads & Tails

Tree City USA Award

The Village of Libertyville has once again been named a Tree city USA for 2024—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!



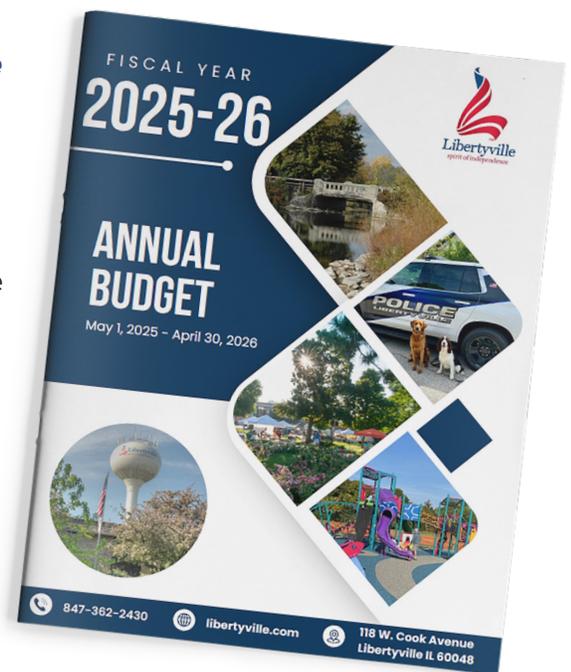
FY 25/26 Village Budget Approved

The Village Board recently approved the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 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 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 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 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.



Cass Avenue Lift Station Replacement

The Village operates a sanitary sewer lift station that is located at the southeast corner of Peterson Road and Cass Avenue.

Lift stations are pump stations that use a collection system to move sewage or wastewater from a lower to a higher elevation.

The Cass Avenue station was constructed in 1989 and is at the end of its useful service life. The Village Board recently approved a contract to replace two existing submersible pumps with a new packaged lift station which will provide additional capacity for more efficient pump run-times and modernize the controls. The project is anticipated to be completed this Spring.

Stormwater Funds at Work

The Village continues to construct flood reduction projects included in the Village's Master Stormwater Management Plan. The overall timeline of proposed improvements laid out in the Plan is still on schedule. In collaboration with Lake County and state agencies, staff has secured over \$8 million dollars in grant funding for stormwater projects.

Completed Flood Reduction Projects:

- Rockland Corridor Phase 1 (East Rockland Rd) – Completed 2020
- Harding and Willow (overflow route improvements) – Completed 2022
- Rockland Corridor Phase 2 (north of E Rockland) – Completed 2023
- Highlands Phase 1 (Dowden Park South) – Completed 2023
- Highlands Phase 2 (neighborhood storm pipe) – Completed 2023

- Highlands Phase 3 (pipelining to CB Reservoir) – Completed 2024

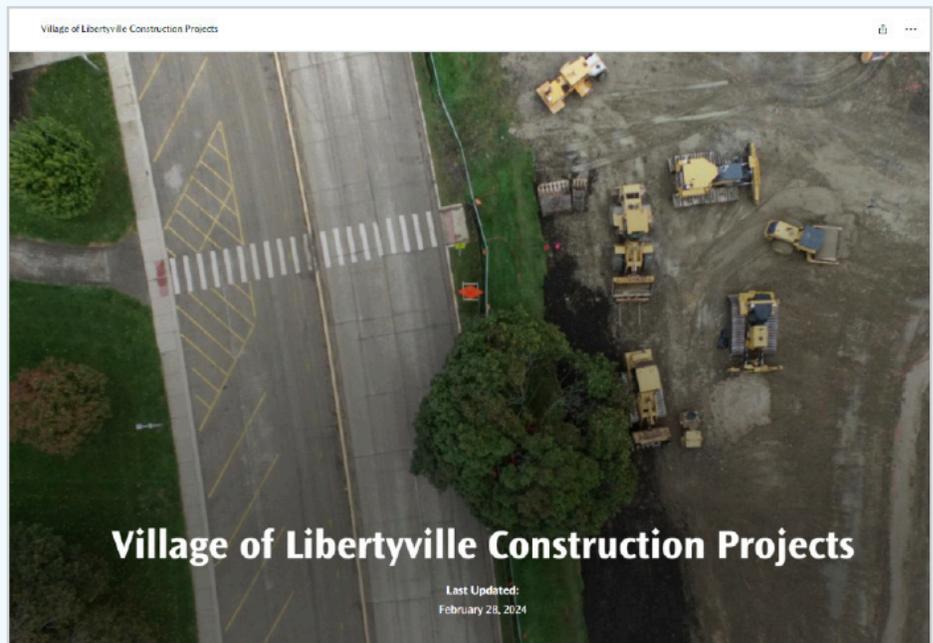
Flood Reduction Project in Progress:

Copeland Manor Construction is set to begin during the spring of 2025. The project will include the installation of large capacity storm sewer infrastructure along Glendale Road from S. Fourth Avenue to the Des Plaines River. Additional storm sewer will also be installed on Seventh Ave near Copeland Manor Elementary School. The upgraded storm sewer infrastructure will provide improved flood protection to the area. Initial construction activity is expected to begin in early spring 2025, and the project is expected to be completed this calendar year.

To stay up to date on Village infrastructure projects, please visit www.libertyville.com/construction.

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.





BUCKET LIST

- Adventure in the parks!
- Scan the QR code to begin.

Summer Highlights

★Registration Required

- May 24 Adler Pool opens for the season
Opened daily 11 am-6 pm, 1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue
- June 7 Riverside Pool opens for the season
Opened daily 11 am-6 pm, 870 Country Club Drive
- June 8 Adler Pool Splash Bash
Free entry from 3-6 pm, 1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue
- June 19 Tasty Thursday, Nicholas Dowden Party
Free entry from 4:30-7:30 pm, 920 Crane Boulevard
- June 19 Village Band Concert, Cook Park
Free entry, 7:30 pm start, 413 N. Milwaukee Avenue
- June 26 Village Band Concert, Cook Park
Free entry, 7:30 pm start, 413 N. Milwaukee Avenue
- July 4 Village Band Concert, Butler Lake Park
Butler Lake, 810 W. Lake Street, 7:30 pm start
- July 4 Fourth of July Fireworks Show
Butler Lake, 810 W. Lake Street, fireworks start at dusk
- July 8 Rec on the Go, Joann Eckmann Park ★
Chalk the Park, 10:30-11:30 am, 1600 Nathan Lane
- July 10 Village Band Concert, Cook Park
Free entry, 7:30 pm start, 413 N. Milwaukee Avenue
- July 12 Creatures at Crawford ★
7-8 pm and 7:45-8:45 pm, 817 W. Lake Street
- July 17 Tasty Thursday, Crawford House
Free entry from 4:30-7:30 pm, 817 W. Lake Street
- July 17 Village Band Concert, Cook Park
Free entry, 7:30 pm start, 413 N. Milwaukee Avenue
- July 18 Rec on the Go, Greentree Park ★
Bubbles Galore, 9-10 am, 500 Greentree Parkway
- July 19 Pickleball Tourney, Nicholas Dowden ★
920 Crane Boulevard, email: recreation@libertyville.com
- July 24 Village Band Concert, Cook Park
Free entry, 7:30 pm start, 413 N. Milwaukee Avenue
- July 30 Rec on the Go, Gilbert Stiles Park ★
Let's Roll bikes, blades, scooters, 1-2 pm, 1670 Cass Avenue
- Aug 2 Pool Member Appreciation Party
Adler Park, 1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue, 11 am-1 pm
- Aug 5 National Night Out, Adler Park
Adler Park, 1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue, 6-8 pm
- Aug 7 Riverside Pool last day of the season
- Aug 10 Adler Pool goes to weekends only after Aug 10
Open 11 am-6 pm on Aug 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31, Sept 1
- Aug 14 Tasty Thursday, Charles Brown Park
Free entry, 4:30-7:30 pm, 1015 Dawes Avenue
- Sept 1 Adler Pool last day of the season

Join the fun
DAY CAMPS 2025

JOIN NOW

Adler and Riverside Pool Passes

Summer Brochure

Swim Lessons
Day Camps
Pool Passes
Special Events
and more



2025 Village Vehicle Sticker Sales

Village Vehicle Stickers are currently on sale at the Village Hall. As of May 1, all vehicles were 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.

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.

Recycle Coach

For residents looking to reduce their household waste and become better recyclers, Recycle Coach is now available for Libertyville residents!

This web-based application makes understanding your waste and recycling services easier, helps you identify what goes where and provides free educational tools for children of all ages.

Recycle Coach is designed to help you reduce your curbside waste, ultimately diverting materials from landfills and disposing of items correctly! To check it out visit www.libertyville.com/recyclecoach.

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.

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.

Lake County 211

Did you know that Lake County has a 211 program?

211 is an easy to remember, 24-hour information and referral helpline. It's designed to reduce time and frustration by acting as a central access point to the health and human services in Lake County.

Without 211, people are often faced with finding services on their own. The result is a lot of time spent calling around trying to find the answer to their need. 211 helps individuals, families, and providers navigate and connect with a wide range of local health and human services, including mental health services, addiction support and rehabilitation, crisis counseling, supplemental food programs, shelter and affordable housing options, employment and education support, financial support, disaster information and relief and more. 211 is available 24/7 by calling 1-847-677-5253 or texting 898211.





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Village Administrator
Kelly Amidei

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.

