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A Message from the Mayor



Mayor
Donna Johnson

Summer in Libertyville is full of so many memory making events. To officially kick off the season the annual Libertyville Days festival and parade will occur from June 12th through June 15th. This year's theme, Aloha Summer '25 will not disappoint. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there as well as at all our other community events and happenings this summer. Make sure to visit the Festivals of Libertyville webpage to mark your calendars for Dog Days of Summer (July 11-13), Festival of the Arts (August 2-3) and Oktoberfest (September 19-20) www.festivalsoflibertyville.com.

The Village is also bringing back Tasty Thursdays, with new locations. Tasty Thursdays are a great way to experience our parks, and visit with neighbors while enjoying food, music, games and more. The summer series will begin on Thursday, June 19 at Nicholas Dowden Park from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This will also be the official grand opening of the Nicholas Dowden Park after the improvements that were made last fall. Bring your family and children to experience the new park and playground equipment. You will not want to miss this special event. To learn more about Tasty Thursdays visit www.libertyvillerecreation.com.

The Village recently held our annual Memorial Day Ceremony. Thank you to all who supported our Veterans by attending the event. I am proud to live in a community where we celebrate and honor those who serve in our military each day and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Special thanks to the American Legion who are responsible for the flag display in Cook Park during the ceremony and to Ace Hardware for donating flags to hand out every year.

The Village continues to recognize all our businesses and encourages each of you to shop local when possible. I know we all lead busy lives, but please take the time to support our businesses by shopping in person. Also, during this warm weather season stop by the Car Spa on 137 and give your car a wash and shine. Car Spa is a local business that has supported our Little League baseball program over the years. Let's do our best to support our businesses that invest back in our community.

In November of 2024, the Village recognized 15 businesses as part of our annual Business Excellence Recognition program. Nominations for 2025 opened on June 1st. Please consider nominating a business. Applications can be found at www.libertyville.com/businessrecognition. Winners will be formally recognized at an event in the fall.

I am happy to announce that Libertyville's downtown



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Historic District has officially been designated in the National Register of Historic Places. This designation recognizes Libertyville's historical and cultural importance and highlights the district's most beloved and architecturally significant buildings, some dating back to 1865. These structures are at the core of our community and reflect years of dedication to preserving Libertyville's unique character. Properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible for various financial incentives that encourage the preservation of historic structures. This recognition highlights our ongoing dedication to preserving the Village's historic character. I would like to acknowledge this collaboration of the Historic Preservation Commission, Village, residents, staff, myself, and the Village Board in achieving this milestone.

I am pleased to announce the generous donation from Jeff and Cindy Harger of a brand-new Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) to the Libertyville Police Department. This gift will enhance the ability of our Police Department to respond to emergencies, patrol hard to reach areas and better serve community events and special operations. I am grateful for the support and partnership of former Mayor Jeff Harger and his wife, Cindy. Their generosity helps our Police Department continue to protect and serve with even greater efficiency. I hope their generosity encourages other residents to give. Just a reminder, we have a Foundation in Libertyville where you can generously give to our community. Visit www.libertyville.com/foundation to learn more.

I am proud to announce the Village of Libertyville Police Station Project. Our current Police Station was built over 50 years ago and no longer meets modern standards for safety, staffing and service. In anticipation of this project, staff and I looked for a dedicated funding source to construct the new station. We are currently collecting a ½% local sales tax which is dedicated to funding a New Building Fund for the purpose of improving Village facilities. This funding model is intended to help remove the burden of a new police station from local property taxpayers. Also, revenue from the sale of the Sports Complex properties has been transferred into the New Building Fund to support the New Police Station Project.

I hope to see you all at our annual fireworks show on Independence Day. It is a great opportunity to spend time with family, neighbors and friends. It is also a special day to honor our country and acknowledge the freedoms we experience every day. The firework show will begin around 9:30 pm. Don't forget to come early to hear the Village Band, which kicks off the festivities with patriotic music at Butler Lake at 7:30 p.m. Stay connected with us by visiting the Village's website and social media for up-to-date information. Enjoy the sun this summer!



Libertyville Days: Aloha Summer '25

*This year's Libertyville Days Festival
is June 12-15, 2025.*

The festivities include Lake County's largest and most spectacular parade, featuring community floats, marching bands, horses, and more, which will be on **Saturday, June 14th. The parade steps off at 10:00 a.m. from the Metra train station and travels south on Milwaukee Avenue to Rockland Road.** This year's parade grand marshal is Brian Grano, Community Leader and Local Business Owner.

The Libertyville Days Festival is organized by the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation, with assistance from the Junior Woman's Club, and Knights of Columbus, who donate hundreds of volunteer hours each year in support of the Libertyville Civic Center Foundation. The Festival also includes children's activities, a variety of food vendors, and a main stage with musical entertainment throughout the weekend. Additional attractions include a carnival, arts & craft fair, bags tournament, and more! festival merchandise will be for sale in Cook Park. The entire schedule of events is available at LibertyvilleDays.org.



Festivals OF LIBERTYVILLE

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Libertyville Days
June 12-15, 2025

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Carnival Times:
Thursday, June 12
5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday, June 13
12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 14
12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 15
12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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Dog Days of Summer
July 11-13, 2025

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Festival of the Arts
August 2-3, 2025

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Oktoberfest
Libertyville
September 19-20, 2025



Michael Delott Photography and Headshot



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



The 16th annual event will continue thanks to the cooperation of the Knights of Columbus. Libertyville is the site for the “Dock Dogs Regional Finals”. You can watch as **100 nationally ranked jumping dogs run down a 40 foot dock and jump into a 27,000 gallon pool of water for longest distance in the middle of Church Street.** In addition to the three-day non-stop dog jumping competition, doggie-oriented events and 30+ vendors will be in Cook Park throughout the weekend.

So head to **Cook Park in Downtown Libertyville July 11-13th.** Dog Days of Summer is presented by The Village of Libertyville, and hosted by our local Knights of Columbus who will use any monies after expenses to donate to local organizations that help those in need.



Happy Birthday America

Celebrate our country's birth with your friends and neighbors on the 4th of July.

The fun begins with a concert of patriotic music performed by the Village Band at 7:30 p.m. at the Butler Lake Band Shell. A Spectacular fireworks display will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. For safety reasons, Lake Street will close to pedestrians and vehicle traffic at 9:00 p.m. before the show. Parking will be available at Butler Lake Park (residents only), the main commuter lot, both parking garages, and Butterfield School.



**SWIMMING POOL
SEASON**

ADLER POOL
500 N Milwaukee Ave

RIVERSIDE POOL
870 Country Club Drive

Adler Pool can host group outings and birthday parties.

**POOL PASSES
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Nominate a Business for Recognition

The Village will once again present the Business Excellence Recognition program, offering an opportunity to recognize businesses for their outstanding contributions to our local community and economic vitality. The nomination period will be open from June 1 until July 31, 2025, and can be completed from the link found at www.libertyville.com/businessrecognition (or follow the QR code). Recipients will be recognized through Village communications and honored at the 3rd Annual Business Excellence Breakfast this Fall.

Community Bike Ride

Join us for some fun and fresh air at the family-friendly 9th Annual Community Bike Ride on September 14, 2025, at Adler Park from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The event includes a 2.5-mile bike ride, a 5-mile bike ride, and a first-time rider course. Each ride is guided by members of the Libertyville Bicycle Advisory Commission and Libertyville Police Department bike unit. There will be local vendors in attendance, Fire, Police & Public Works vehicles, giveaways, Smart Cycling skills training for kids, and more! Details on the event can be found at www.bikelibertyville.com.



Business Grant Applications Open

Applications are currently being accepted for two local business grant programs aimed at strengthening the business community. The Village initiated both the Business Resiliency and Façade & Property Enhancement grant programs last year and has already approved several projects for funding. Businesses have requested funds for new website development, to add kitchen equipment for expanded menu offerings, to build new product displays, and to add new activity areas. These and other enhancements may be considered for funding to help businesses expand and improve their customer offerings. Interested businesses should refer to the grant information page at www.Libertyville.com/BusinessGrants (or follow the QR code) to download the program application booklet. Approved projects will receive reimbursement upon completion. As projects are intended to be business enhancements which facilitate growth, please understand that maintenance, replacement, operational, and previously completed project costs cannot be considered. The application deadline is ongoing subject to funding availability. Projects approved for funding will have 12 months for completion. The two grant programs available, include:

Business Resiliency Grant

Designed to encourage existing business growth, expansion and sustainability through matching grants of up to \$5000, and is limited to customer facing, sales tax producing entities. Potential uses include, but are not limited to, online sales platform development, marketing program development, equipment acquisition, new signage, green / sustainable enhancements, etc.

Facade & Property Enhancement Grant

Provides funding towards improvements 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 include matching grants up to \$25,000.

Recreation Insights



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SplashBASH

FREE ENTRY
June 8, 3-6 pm
Adler Pool, 1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue



Tasty THURSDAYS

FREE ENTRY
4:30-7:30 pm

June 19	July 17	Aug 14
Nicholas Dowden Park	Crawford House	Charles Brown Park



National NIGHT OUT

FREE EVENT
Aug 5, 6-8 pm
Adler Park, 1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue



Grades K-8
Weekly Camps

PRIVATE AND GROUP AVAILABLE



July 12

Animal presentation
Guided evening walk
Firefly jars & more
Creatures at
CRAWFORD

REC ON THE GO



JULY 8
10:30-11:30 AM
Chalk the Park
JO ANN ECKMANN PARK
1600 NATHAN LANE



JULY 18
9-10 AM
Bubbles Galore
GREENTREE PARK
500 GREENTREE PKWY

JULY 30
1-2 PM
let's Roll
GILBERT STILES PARK
1670 CASS AVENUE



ILLINOIS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

FUN & CREATIVE
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



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Cook Park, 413 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Thursdays at 7:30 pm
June 19, 26 and July 10, 17, 24
Friday, July 4 (Butler Lake Park)

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Libertyville Recreation

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2025 Capital Improvement Projects

Road Rehabilitation Program

The Village awarded its annual road rehabilitation contract to Brothers Asphalt. As in previous years, the Village partnered with the Villages of Mundelein and Vernon Hills and Libertyville Township for a joint project to secure favorable construction pricing. This year's program includes resurfacing the following streets: Cypress Lane, Flamingo Court, Gulfstream Court, Harding Avenue, Kenloch Avenue, Nita Lane, Pimlico Court, Tamarack Lane, Tracy Lane, Tyler Court, Woodland Road. Work is anticipated to be completed this summer.

Copeland Manor Flood Reduction Project

This project is part of the Village's "Stormwater Master Plan" to reduce flooding in vulnerable areas. Storm sewer infrastructure will be upgraded in the vicinity of Fourth Ave, Glendale Rd, Seventh Ave, and Riverside Park to better convey stormwater to the Des Plaines River. Construction began in Spring 2025 with tree removals, tree trimming, and installation of tree protection fence. The storm sewer work will start at Riverside Park and work to the west through the summer. Work on Seventh Avenue will be completed during the summer months to minimize impacts when school is in session. Pavement and grass restoration work is expected to be completed in Fall 2025. The contractor for this project is DiMeo Brothers, Inc.

Watermain Replacement Program

The Village annually replaces aging watermain infrastructure, targeting areas with a history of watermain breaks. The 2025 Watermain Replacement Program will include Woodland Road and Peterson Road (Sunnyview to Cass). Construction began in Spring 2025. The contractor for this project is Campanella and Sons. For updates on all other Village infrastructure projects, please visit www.libertyville.com/construction

Annual Water Quality Report

To view the Annual Water Quality Report for calendar year 2024, please go to www.libertyville.com/2024CCR. This report contains important information about the source and quality of our drinking water. If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please call the Public Works Department at 847-362-3434.

Water Rate Adjustment

The Village administers two Enterprise Funds: Utility and Stormwater Sewer Funds. These funds rely solely on customer fees not property taxes to offset both operating expenses and capital improvements. The Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget includes water increase of 10%-25% based on rate structure and sewer rate increase of 10%, as part of the 2024 Water and Sewer Rate Study. The rates support maintaining sewer systems, including treatment plant and sewer lines, to manage wastewater safely and effectively. In addition, the rates help maintain the water infrastructure, pipes and reservoirs, ensuring clean and safe drinking water.

In addition, the budget includes stormwater sewer rate increase from \$15 to \$17 bi-monthly per IEU and IDF, as recommended in the Stormwater Utility Feasibility and Rate Study. This rate supports stormwater drainage systems and infrastructure, minimizing flooding and managing runoff. More information on both studies can be found on the Village's website: www.libertyville.com.

All these fees are crucial for sustaining essential services and maintaining the infrastructure necessary for a functioning community. The cost of these services continues to increase due to infrastructure needs and ongoing regulations outside of the Village's control, such as IEPA mandate on lead water service replacements and additional phosphorus reduction for the effluent at the wastewater treatment plant.





Fourth Annual National Night Out

The Police Department will be hosting their annual National Night Out ("NNO") event on Tuesday, August 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Adler Park.

NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work.

Come meet Elwood, the comfort K-9, explore the Touch a Truck event, enjoy a climbing wall, games, water balloon toss with Police Officers and so much more!



Planning Your Safety Escape Plan

Escape planning is a good practice to prepare and organize your family during emergency situations in the home.

Safety escape plans may be used in a variety of situations, including CO2 detector activations and house fires. An escape plan should include reviewing a diagram of where the home's doors, exits, and escape routes are located. Identifying two ways out of each room, including windows and doors, is ideal. Windows and doors should always be clear of any obstacles to guarantee easy exiting. All smoke alarms should be marked as well. An external meeting location, such as a light post or street sign, that is a safe distance from the house should be identified and communicated to all family members.

When practicing your escape plan, remind family members that should a fire occur, moving through the home low to the ground, under the smoke is best. Always choose the escape route that is safest, which is often the one with the least amount of smoke and heat. To learn more about safety escape planning visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at [nfpa.org](https://www.nfpa.org).





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Register Now

The 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.

