

Winter 2024



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Village of Libertyville, IL // Quarterly Newsletter



A Message from the Mayor



Mayor
Donna Johnson

This fall the Village enjoyed many favorite events and activities such as our annual Fire Department Open House, Trunk or Treat, final Farmers Market of the season and Trick or Treat on MainStreet. Thank you to all our attendees as well as the staff and volunteers that work to make these events so special. New playgrounds, road resurfacing and stormwater projects were also completed this year or are currently underway. We also had the opportunity to experience warm temperatures at our soft opening of Nicholas Dowden park north. I hope you have had a chance to visit and enjoy the pickleball courts, basketball court, playground and more.

As we move into the winter, we officially start our holiday season with our Tree Lighting Ceremony in Cook Park on Friday, November 29th. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. and the tree lighting will occur at 7:00 p.m. Again, we would like to thank former Trustee Bob Perron for donating the replacement tree for our annual tree lighting. I look forward to seeing all of you there with your families and friends. Don't

**Tree Lighting Ceremony
November, 29th**
Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m.
Tree lighting at 7:00 p.m.

forget to stay late and shop and eat in our downtown. There are so many great options to explore. Saturday, November 30th is Small Business Saturday, this is coordinated by MainStreet Libertyville. It is an opportunity to support our local businesses. Remember it is important that we continue to shop in person, it is not enough to shop online. Our local businesses need your foot traffic and purchasing in their stores to keep them open and thriving. Shop local this holiday season. Plan ahead and visit our www.shop60048.com website to prepare your shopping list.

Our annual Santa Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7th. This is a great chance to get together with friends and



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family and waive to Santa as he makes his way throughout the community. Remember to visit our website to watch for 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 November 25th through December 20th.

The Village recently recognized local businesses at its second annual 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. We want to thank Brian Grano for his support and hosting our Business Excellence Breakfast again this year at Mickey Finn's Brewery.

During this time of year as you plan your charitable giving, please consider donating to the Libertyville Foundation. Since its inception in December of 2005, the Foundation has donated funds for life-saving equipment in the police and fire departments, landscaping improvements, memorial trees and benches, for the Libertyville Band and undesignated gifts. Remember that these donations help support unbudgeted items that are needed in our Village. The Foundation has identified numerous community needs which could benefit from individual or matching monetary contributions. Visit www.libertyville.com/foundation to learn more.

As we close out 2024, I want to take a moment to thank all of you that choose to call Libertyville your home. I also want to remind you that we have a growing senior community, who may not have people checking in on them or just live alone and need some company. Helping and supporting our seniors is a lesson we can teach our children during this holiday season. Cleaning a driveway or sidewalk or helping with groceries is something most seniors would cherish and appreciate. Without you, our residents, we would not have the thriving community that we do. Warmest wishes for a cheerful holiday season and a happy New Year! May the holidays fill your heart with peace and happiness.



VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Friday, November 29, 2024

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Wednesday, January 1, 2025



ANSEL B. COOK HOME

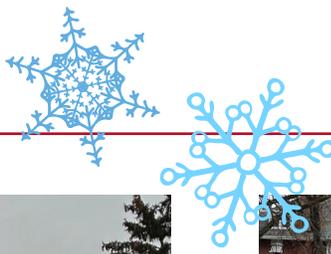
Continues Victorian Christmas Tradition

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 29 after the Libertyville Tree Lighting until 9:00 p.m. Both floors are available for viewing on Saturday, December 7 & 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Suggested donations
for the tour are:
\$5.00/adults
Kids FREE

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libertyvillehistory.org
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Santa Parade

The annual Santa Parade will travel through the Village on Saturday, December 7th and will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the northeast 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 8th at 2:00 p.m. Should the parade be moved to this date information will be available on the Village website and social media.

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.

Buy A Brick Program

The Village of Libertyville is once again offering the Buy A Brick Program for Cook Park. Residents and businesses can purchase one or more personally engraved 4" x 8" bricks, which can be used to celebrate someone or something important in your life, identify you or your family as a donor/supporter of the Park, or memorialize a loved one. The bricks are \$200 each, and for an additional \$75 you can order a replica keepsake brick. The cost of the brick includes the amount of the brick, installation, with any remaining funds going to support the Libertyville Foundation. Order forms are available on the Village website www.libertyville.com. Orders must be submitted no later than December 31, 2024. Bricks are anticipated to be installed in the Spring, 2025.

Shop Small Business Saturday

Looking for a great way to kick off the holiday shopping season? Check out **Small Business Saturday on November 30!** Coordinated by MainStreet Libertyville, this Village-wide event features dozens of our own local businesses. Many shops have special offers.

Visit mainstreetlibertyville.org for more information.

MAINSTREET
YOU'LL ❤️ OUR SUPPORT OF LOCAL MERCHANTS
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY | NOV 30







Libertyville Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.
Join us November, 29th. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m.
Tree lighting at 7:00 p.m.

The Libertyville Economic Development Commission is proud to recognize local businesses for their outstanding contributions to the community and economy through the 2nd annual Business Excellence Recognition program. Nominations were collected from the community in June and July 2024. Based on nominations received, the Commission identified businesses that exemplify excellence in their respective categories. To learn more about these remarkable businesses, visit <https://www.libertyville.com/BusinessRecognition>.

Excited for the program! The businesses have been so thrilled by the news.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Advocate Condell Centre Club

200 W Golf Rd
Provides a personalized fitness experience through movement, community, and personal attention.

Black Cat Yoga

117 E Cook Ave
Specializes in power flow, hot and non-hot vinyasa, deep restorative yoga, and guided meditation.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Mickey Finn's Brewery

345 N Milwaukee Ave
Lake County's oldest brewpub serving pub-style food, award-winning brews, and root beers.

Timothy O'Toole's

412 N Milwaukee Ave
Boasts 48 beers on tap, private party rooms, and an extensive wine and craft cocktail menu to complement the chef-driven menu concept.

DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE

Morgan's Bar & Grill

532 N Milwaukee Ave
Offers a fun atmosphere with 15 draft beers, over 35 bottled options, a great place to catch a game on TV.

Bagels By the Book

870 S Milwaukee Ave
A bagel shop specializing in bagel sandwiches, breakfast bowls, and coffee, plus donuts on weekends

NOTABLE NEW BUSINESS

VetMedic

175 Peterson Rd
A walk-in veterinary hospital providing urgent care for pets in need.

The Wicked Egg

536 N Milwaukee Ave
Serves delicious breakfast and brunch options in a cozy, welcoming atmosphere.

ADVANCEMENT

The Picnic Basket

501 N Milwaukee Ave
Offers a fantastic variety of tasty, creative, homemade salads, four homemade soups, gigantic original sandwiches, and scrumptious, tantalizing desserts.

Victus Foods

748 E Park Ave
Blazing a trail for locally curated holistic meal prep.

EDC HONOREE

Sunset Foods

1451 Peterson Rd
A local grocery store offering fresh produce, meat, dry goods, and catering services.

Laser Precision

2400 Commerce Dr
A world-class innovator in metal cutting and fabrication, committed to delivering quality parts.

Encompass Health

1201 American Way
A new 60-bed, state-of-the-art inpatient rehabilitation institute.

The Joyful Gourmet

542 N Milwaukee Ave
A gourmet kitchen store offering kitchen retail, cooking classes, events, and a small wine bar.

Our House of Hope

1840 Industrial Dr, Suite 330
Specializes in the rescue, rehabilitation, and re-homing of companion animals.





Recreation Insights *Winter* 2024-25



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As we embrace the chilly season, we are excited to share a host of fun and engaging events and programs designed to keep our community connected during the winter months. This winter, don't miss out on our special holiday events, including community gatherings and themed activities that celebrate the joy of the season. Whether you're looking to stay active, learn something new, or make lasting memories with family and friends, Libertyville Recreation has something for everyone. **Visit LibertyvilleRecreation.com to view our winter offerings.**



Nov 25
to Dec 20

Santa's Mailbox
Village Hall
118 W. Cook Avenue

Riverside Preschool
870 Country Club Drive

Letters should be legible
with a return address.



Friday,
Nov 29

Cook Park Tree Lighting
413 N. Milwaukee Avenue

Festivities begin at 6:30 pm

Park in the downtown
parking garages. Dress for
the weather.



Saturday,
Dec 21

Shortest Run vs Shortest Day
Crawford House, 10-11 am

A family friendly one mile
walk or run to celebrate the
winter solstice.



Saturday,
Feb 1

Daddy Daughter Dance
Canlan Complex, 7-9 pm

A magical dance where
twirling laughter and smiles
create cherished memories.



New! Winter Indoor Fun

- Jan 7 Women's Personal Safety Course
- Jan 8 Thrive 8, Body Reset
- Jan 14 Imagination Stations
- Jan 15 Winter Wonders
- Jan 15 Athletes in Motion (AIM)
- Jan 17 Intro to Soft Cheeses
- Jan 20 Monster Truck Mania
- Jan 20 Make your own Rootbeer
- Jan 31 Winter Pool Party-Moana 2
- Feb 6 Kids Paint and Sip
- Feb 14 Valentines Day at the Barre
- Feb 14 Night of Cheese and Wine Pairing
- Feb 25 Let's Roll
- Mar 8 Three Ring Circus Family Event
- Mar 16 Puzzle Palooza
- Mar 17 Leprechaun Detectives
- Mar 24-28 Spring Break Camp-Robotics
- Mar 25 Women's Personal Safety Course
- Apr 1 Imagination Stations
- Apr 4 Intro to Wine Making
- Apr 4 60 Minutes to Win it Family Event
- Apr 12 Bunnies and Bingo Family Event



Skate/Sled Hotline
847.247.5433, option 3

Ice Surfaces, Nicholas Dowden Park South, 920 Crane Boulevard
Sledding Hill, Adler Park, 1500 N. Milwaukee Avenue

To create an ice skating surface, there must be several inches of frost in the ground. Including several nights and days in the low 20's. No restrooms or attendant on site.



Winter Spring Brochure Registration
Resident and Nonresidents: December 4 and 11
LibertyvilleRecreation.com



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.



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.

Space Heater Safety

As we approach the winter months it is common to use space heaters as a source of additional heat. Despite continued advancements in safety features, space heaters cause approximately 25,000 fires each year in the United States. Space heaters can also cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

Safely operate your space heater by:

- Plugging space heaters directly into a wall outlet and not an extension cord (except for heavy duty extension cords (14-gauge wire or larger), as they can overheat and cause fires.
- Inspecting plugs and cords periodically for cracks or damage, and replacing them if needed.
- Keeping flammable materials, such as paper, plastics, curtains, furniture, and bedding, at least 3 feet away from the heater.



- Turning off the heater when the last adult leaves the room or goes to sleep and keeping children and pets at least three feet away from the heater.
- Placing heaters on a flat, hard, nonflammable surface.
- Avoiding the use of heaters near flammable materials such as paint or gasoline.
- Installing smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors nearby.
- Ensuring space heaters do not get tipped over, as they may not automatically shut off even if advertised to do so.

Beware 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.

Top 8 Scams



Libertyville Police Department

GIFT CARD SCAM

- Never pay for fees / fines over the phone with gift cards.

RUSE BURGLARY

- Be aware of allowing a stranger to enter your home or distract you to get you out of your residence.

BITCOIN SCAM

- Bitcoin is not a common way to pay for fines / fees over the phone.

DRIVEWAY SCAM

- Be aware of potential scam when the company reaches out to you for an immediate on-the spot job to repave driveway.

COMPUTER VIRUS SCAM

- Be aware of pop-ups on your smartphone and computers which state your electronic device has a virus and to contact an unknown number.

PURCHASING ITEMS ON SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

- Watch out for items sold on social media sites where payment is made and the product is never delivered (Concert tickets, furniture, vehicles, etc.)

DOWN ON THEIR LUCK SCAM

- Be aware of subject approaching victim in a public place and offers to sell them a supposed item of value (usually jewelry) for a low price due to being down on their luck. The item it later determined to be a fake or of no value.

COURIER SCAM

- Telephone calls in which the victim is contacted by scammer who convinces them to turn over large sums of money to a courier who responds to the house to pick up the money. (usually for bail of a loved one).

Please contact the Libertyville Police Department if you have any questions, [847-362-8310](tel:847-362-8310).

Please note:

No solicitor window stickers are available at the Village Hall and PD.



Village of Libertyville

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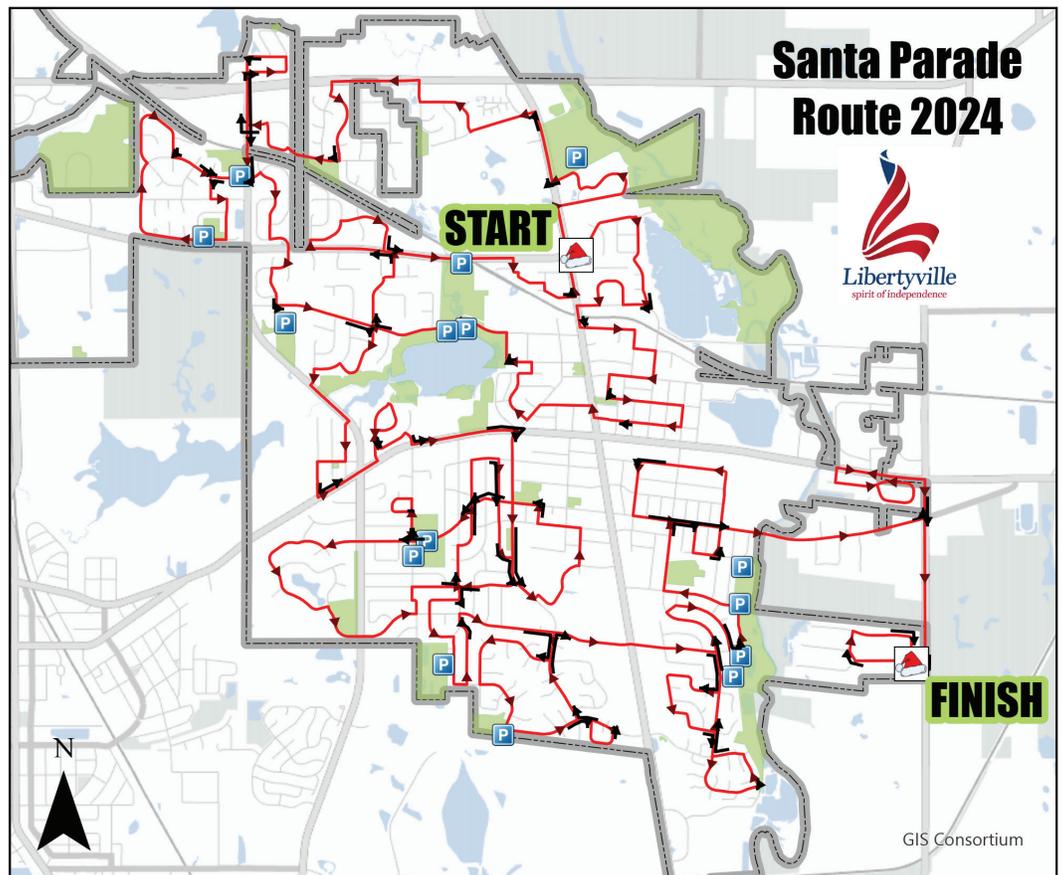
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