

## **DOWNTOWN LIBERTYVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

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As of April 25, 2025, the Village was notified that the National Park Service had officially listed Libertyville's Downtown Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. This significant milestone results from the dedicated collaboration among the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Historic Preservation Commission, Village residents, and staff. In fact, the effort to acquire designation in the National Register goes back decades. Our Historic Preservation Commission, established in 2012, was charged with this goal from the beginning.

"It's an honor to see our Downtown Historic District receive this recognition. Preserving Libertyville's history is important, and this designation shows just how special our community is. It celebrates our heritage, supports our local businesses and property owners, and encourages visitors to experience everything our downtown has to offer", Libertyville Village President, Donna Johnson

The successful nomination process from 2024 to 2025 involved months of extensive research and documentation by Village staff, in partnership with Ramsey Historic Consultants, to showcase the district's historical and cultural significance spanning decades. This designation not only recognizes Libertyville's historical and cultural importance but also 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.

Inclusion on the National Register provides numerous benefits for the Village and downtown property owners. Properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible for various financial incentives that encourage the preservation and rehabilitation of historic structures. These incentives are designed to make it more feasible for owners to invest in their historic properties, whether for residential or commercial purposes. There are multiple programs available, some administered by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and others by federal or local entities. The listing also gives the Village access to numerous grant opportunities that may prove beneficial in future public improvement projects.

A common misconception with the National Register of Historic Places is that it inhibits development. Instead, it recognizes significant historical and architectural value, providing owners with incentives to maintain the character of their properties while still making practical and economically viable use of them.

More broadly, this recognition highlights the Village's ongoing dedication to preserving historic character, enhancing the community's sense of pride and identity, and helping maintain the unique charm of our downtown district into the future.

A public recognition of the Designation is being planned for later this Spring.

**About the Village of Libertyville** – The Village of Libertyville is a north suburban Chicago community of nearly 22,000 residents and approximately 1000 businesses, including 25 retail centers, 100 restaurants and a historic downtown. [www.VisitLibertyville.com](http://www.VisitLibertyville.com)

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