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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Randy Nelson, Executive Director

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

Change is inevitable. If you have passed through downtown Libertyville lately, that statement probably hits home with you. Some changes we like; some are less pleasant. JoAnn Horvath, an owner of 17-year downtown mainstay, Van Kirk's, has moved into a well-deserved retirement, so up goes a "For Rent" sign in her window. Other signs in empty store windows might represent less happy circumstances in an uncertain economy. But behind those signs breathes the potential for new downtown businesses.



Street Chic

Downtown's newest clothing store, Street Chic at 528 N. Milwaukee, is a spunky new boutique that offers hip, playful fashions you won't find elsewhere. Great Rooms, at 107 W. Church Street brings you award winning custom home design and remodeling services in their convenient downtown showroom, with in-house architectural and design services. It's good to welcome Cathy back to Cathy's Garden Gate, with her ever-changing Webkinz selection and unique brand of home and garden décor. And Anthony Perry Designs & Builds, winner of over 100 awards for their fresh, innovative home and remodeling designs, is a full service design and build firm at 118 E. Cook Avenue.

New restaurants abound in downtown Libertyville. After the first of the year, Manchester Square, the new building on

the corner of Lake and Milwaukee, will house four restaurants, including a new Egg Harbor, a North Shore breakfast and lunch favorite, and Casa Bonita, a long-time Waukegan icon for Mexican cuisine. Tommy's Pizza & Sports Bar just might become your new favorite place to sip a beverage while watching your favorite team, and a yet-to-be-named 1930's-inspired steakhouse will round out Manchester Square, making it a can't-miss hotspot for Libertyville dining. On the east side of Milwaukee Ave, watch for Mainstreet

Smokehouse, a restaurant featuring regional barbeque specialties including North Carolina vinegar-based BBQ and St. Louis style ribs. Scheduled to open just before Christmas this year, Mainstreet Smokehouse will be located at 536 N. Milwaukee Ave. (formerly Juice Zone).

Ah, the stores and restaurants of downtown Libertyville! Where highly personalized service, unique selections, and an entertaining experience are the rule. Find a gift certificate that lets your recipient try their hand at winemaking, enjoy trend-setting fashions, cosmetics found in Hollywood's Oscar gift bags, wonderfully Libertyville-centric home décor, the perfect ensemble that your wife hinted about at dinner last night, a wine or cheese discovery that begs to be shared, a

treasured 'family-forever' portrait, luxurious personalized stationery, a gift basket so personalized it will bring tears of joy, dance lessons for the tiny ballerina in your house, or a family gift of a piece of furniture that must have been designed with that spot in the den in mind...they are all right here in Libertyville, along with many other gift ideas. We've all read the *Tribune* articles about the tax advantages of buying in Libertyville, not to mention the cost of gasoline. It's all waiting for you, minutes from your front door.

And don't forget another much anticipated addition, a new parking deck on the corner of Brainerd and Lake Street. (Ground-breaking is expected to be in January.) Although the deck will provide three stories of parking, the tallest point of the building will be only 15 feet tall. The Village Board has worked diligently to bring an esthetically pleasing facility that will be a great fit for our picture perfect downtown...and very useful, too.

So although the window signs are an unwelcome sight in our downtown, and we are sad to see our old friends go, we celebrate what is here today and look forward to what is to come. On a personal level, I am anticipating change and will be buying a new, larger belt as I prepare for Casa Bonita's arrival!

Randy Nelson



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The purpose of the MainStreet Libertyville Program is to enhance the community identity and heritage, to foster a center of activity and to ensure economic stability for the heart of Libertyville through concentrated efforts of education, design, promotion, organization, and economic revitalization. MainStreet is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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By Les Galo, Chairman

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This is the time of year when we've made the transition from the warm comfort of summer to the warm comfort of our fluffy down coats and snow boots. We've prepared for the winter and are getting ready for the fun and enjoyment the holiday season brings.

MainStreet Libertyville is preparing for the season as well. The Dickens of a Holiday festivities will again be presented for the enjoyment of everyone all in downtown Libertyville. The Victorian Tea, the Holiday Shop, and Santa and Mrs. Claus's presence in Cook Park have all been planned for the pleasure of everyone in Libertyville.

A year ago MainStreet Libertyville faced a crisis of funds. If we had not raised a substantial amount of money, last year's Dickens of a Holiday would have been the last. With the help of many, MainStreet reached out to the residents of Libertyville for help. And you responded. In unprecedented numbers and with an outpouring of generosity, you sent in your contribution and joined MainStreet. Over 1400 of you are now members. Your support told us it is important to Libertyville residents that MainStreet events such as Out to Lunch, Farmers' Market, Pumpkin Fest, Car Fun on 21, the Twilight Shuffle 5K Run/Walk, Dickens of a Holiday and all the rest, continue. We thank you and are working hard to make sure they continue to take place.

This year we face another challenge...membership renewals. We need all MainStreet members to renew their memberships or we will be right back in financial trouble.

We are now almost entirely funded by our members and your renewal is vital to MainStreet's continuation of its mission. We augment members' contributions with several fundraisers and the Village of Libertyville does make a donation, but over 99% of our funds come from you. When you receive your renewal letter, please fill it out and send in your check. Your donation will go a long way towards making sure that the events we all love and enjoy will continue next year and the years after.

If you are not a member and want to join us, look for the membership form in this Gazette and send it in with your money.

I'd like to extend to everyone our wishes for a wonderful Holiday season. I urge you all to do your Holiday shopping here in downtown Libertyville. There are wonderful merchants waiting to provide you with excellent service and their quality products.

With best wishes for the season,

Les Galo

Les Galo
Chairman, MainStreet Libertyville

1ST ANNUAL SHOP LIBERTYVILLE TOUR

The Village of Libertyville is holding the First Annual Shop Libertyville Tour on Saturday, November 22nd. Residents are invited to visit our downtown merchants to see all of their wonderful offerings. This is a great way to sample our fine restaurants and pickup your unique holiday gifts. In conjunction with the event, participating merchants will open their doors as a drop off location for non-perishable donations to the Libertyville High School Student Council's Annual Food Drive benefiting the Libertyville Food Pantry. Shopping Libertyville does contribute sales tax to the community, but more importantly, it promotes and supports our local businesses. Please join us for the day and Shop Libertyville!

THANK YOU EVENT SPONSORS!

Twilight Shuffle
5K Run/Walk

Brooks Shoes
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Street Dance
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DICKENS OF A HOLIDAY IN DOWNTOWN LIBERTYVILLE...

AN EVENT THAT SPANS THE GENERATIONS AMONG BUSINESSES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE FAMILY.

MainStreet Libertyville's Dickens of a Holiday events will take place on December 6 and 13 in downtown Libertyville. This Victorian-era holiday festival transforms our downtown into a vision of days gone by beginning with the annual tree lighting at 6:30pm on November 28, and continuing with MainStreet's Victorian Tea and Santa's Holiday Shoppe.

The 14th annual Victorian Tea will once again be held from 11:00am-1:00pm on December 6 and 13 at the elegant St. Lawrence Episcopal Church with its stained glass windows, vaulted ceiling, and hardwood floors. The authentic high tea features vintage linens, antique silverware, and fine china. Specially blended tea will be poured from sterling silver tea pots. Guests will also enjoy tantalizing finger sandwiches,

tea scones, Devonshire cream and jams, plus a luscious assortment of petit fours and pastries elegantly presented against a backdrop of flowers and holiday greenery. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 847.680.0336. Admission is \$30 per person, and proceeds benefit MainStreet Libertyville.

After the holiday tea, guests can walk next door to the Libertyville Civic Center to enjoy the children's Holiday Shoppe, where children can shop a wide array of reasonably-priced gifts with the help of Santa's elves. Holiday Shoppe hours are 11:00am to 4:00pm, and every youngster is welcome. (Parents: KEEP OUT!)



Dancecenter North's Soundsations sing carols to Santa Claus in Cook Park.

As always, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be waiting for young visitors in the sleigh in Cook Park from 11:00am to 1:00pm and 2:00pm to 4:00pm. This is the perfect opportunity to have your child photographed with Santa for your holiday scrapbook!

Stroll through downtown Libertyville and enjoy the many wonderful businesses that fill our downtown with cheer and pleasurable shopping opportunities. Store owners and their cheerful employees are eager to help you complete your holiday shopping without leaving town.



The Kraft Girls enjoy the Victorian Tea.



Dancecenter North's Soundsations sing carols from the Cook Mansion steps.



Volunteer Shirley Mayworm helps serve at the Victorian Tea during Dickens of a Holiday celebration.

Kathryn Kerrigan Footwear
Libertyville Civic Center
Mickey Finn's Brewery
Sunrise Rotary
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PumpkinFest
545 North Bar & Grill
Cook Memorial Library District
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Firkin
Libertyville Civic Center

The Proctor Building
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Studio West Photography
The Thistle Shop
Touché Salon
Townee Square
Trattoria Pomigliano

Trick or Treat on MainStreet
Studio West Photography's Special
Toys for Tots Event

mainstreet twilight 5K shuffle libertyville



TWILIGHT SHUFFLE 5K RUN/WALK: AN AMAZING SUCCESS

729 participants? 729??? Seriously? This event was one for the record books. Never in a million years would we have imagined so many runners, walkers, and shufflers would have joined us for the first annual MainStreet Libertyville Twilight Shuffle 5K Run/Walk in August. Some said we'd be lucky to have 200 participants. Optimists said 300 tops. We had 729...so there!

A collaboration between MainStreet Libertyville and The Runner's Edge, this event had many goals including fitness, family fun, and last but not least...fundraising. Those who attended confirmed that all three goals were met.

The festivities began in late afternoon when the Sunset Foods circus wagon started cranking out fresh popcorn and festive music, and the race sponsors began handing out fabulous freebies to eager racers and their families. Willie the Wildcat made the rounds as the crowds began to form on Newberry

Ave. just north of the Liberty Theater. An overwhelming number of people lined up for race-day registration, causing a race bib shortage that was quickly and creatively rectified. (Never fear...next year we'll have 10,000 race numbers!) But the mood was light, the day was sunny and warm, and as participants lined up to start the race, it was clear that this event was already a winner.

The professionally-timed 3.1-mile race proved to be a bit of a challenge for many runners. Who would have thought that the streets of downtown Libertyville were actually hilly? Participants moved at their own pace around the scenic course, making sure to conserve some energy for the post-race party Mickey Finn's Brewery, while

hundreds of spectators lined up to cheer, mist them with hoses, and hand them cold beverages. (Rumor has it that some of those beverages may not have been of the "sports drink" variety.) Overall male and female winners were Nathan Sweet, age 37 (17:12.54) and Kimberlee White, age 39 (21:45.63). Congrats, speed demons!

Following the race, runners and their families enjoyed dinner and drinks in the back lot of Mickey Finn's Brewery. Thank goodness Finn's HAS a back lot, because 729 people would NOT have fit in their Amber Room! The post-race party was casual (sweaty shirts and running shoes were mandatory) and tasty, and provided the perfect ending to a fun-filled day.

Next year join us for another fabulous Twilight Shuffle 5K. Same great course. Same great town. Same great concept. Many new improvements. September 6th 2009...see you then!

Stephanie Herbek & Beth Kraft
Twilight Shuffle Co-Chairs



Willie the Wildcat, celebrity race starter, mingles with the crowd prior to the race.



Twilight Shuffle volunteers (from left) Leab Larsen, Janice Pearson and Brooke Bechtold register a steady stream of runners minutes before the race.



No, it's not the Chicago Marathon. It's the Twilight Shuffle!



Twilight Shuffle participants enjoy pizza and "hydration" at the post-race party in the back lot of Mickey Finn's.

STREET DANCE 2008...LIBERTYVILLE'S NOT AFRAID OF A LITTLE RAIN

All we can say is thank you! Libertyville is not only a hardworking, caring, and beautiful community, this town can celebrate and dance with the best of them. Throughout a day of rain that had organizers and volunteers looking for animals walking down Milwaukee Avenue in pairs, and amidst doubts that 2008 was not the year for success, the spirit of our community proved again why we love to live in Libertyville and we do not let anything get in the way of a great celebration.

“Anyone who says
sunshine brings
happiness has never
danced in the rain
-Unknown”

Thank you to all the organizers, volunteers, vendors, and the wonderful community of Libertyville. We would also like to thank Randy Nelson and the members of MainStreet for working so hard all year to give us reason to celebrate and support a great organization.

For those of you who were too busy bailing our your flooded basement to make it to the Street Dance, we've collected some quotes from those who did to make you realize how much fun you missed. (Note to self...buy a backup sump pump next year.)

The Big Top Tent was a great new addition to an old venue.

“Having the Street Dance on Church Street gave the event a familiar and festive feel. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, the tent provided refuge to the crowd of people who attended in support of our town and MainStreet, and had a great time in the process!”

— Mary Kovatch

The Civic Center was a new setting for the Silent Auction and women's restrooms.

“The wine selection from Parkview Gourmet was a nice new addition, and the indoor bathrooms were appreciated.”

— Jen Yonan

“Despite being a wet night, the Street Dance was filled with good music, good friends and lots of good silent auction items. We had a great time!”

— Mike & Mary Nelson

Great music and entertainment were provided by fantastic local bands Tokyo Fish Market, Vardin's Groove, and Betty Soul.

“I had a great time playing at the event, and afterwards, enjoying the festivities as a spectator. It was a stroke of brilliance having the foresight to put up a tent given the monsoon conditions that evening. The crowd was fantastic and the food, music, and libations were all first-class! Looking forward to next year's event.”

— Mike Christensen
(from Tokyo Fish Market)

There were many other new parts along with the old that made Street Dance a great night of spirit, fun, and celebration. So as we close 2008 and with Dickens of a Holiday, the Victorian Tea, and approach the MainStreet Libertyville events of 2009, don't forget that the spirit that made the Street Dance a success during tough conditions is the same spirit that keeps these events alive for our community to enjoy. When next year comes and we celebrate MainStreet at Street Dance again, it will only be better no matter what the weather.

“Street Dance is absolutely my favorite Libertyville event! After being stuck in my house all day in the rain, it was so great to be outside and seeing everyone having a great time! I ran into so many people I haven't seen in awhile, it is really a great community event.”

— Stacy Dorow

Thank you for your support of the 2008 Street Dance. Hope to see you next year!

*Jeff McClurg &
Trecy Cutting*



MAINSTREET EVENTS 2008-09

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, November 28
6:30pm
Cook Park

Dickens of a Holiday

Saturdays, December 6 & 13
Downtown Libertyville

Victorian Tea

Saturdays, December 6 & 13
11am Seating
St. Lawrence Episcopal Church
(Reservations required)

Children's Holiday Shoppe

Saturdays, December 6 & 13
Gifts from 25¢ to \$5
11am - 4pm
Civic Center

Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus

Saturdays, December 6 & 13
11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm
Cook Park

Dancer North's Magic of the Nutcracker

December 6, 7, 13, 14
(Call 847.367.7970 for information.)

Cook Mansion Tours

Saturdays & Sundays in December
2pm - 4pm

Senior Royal Snowflake Ball

Thursday, February 5
4pm - 6pm
Libertyville Civic Center

Let's Wine About Winter

Saturday, February 21
1pm - 5pm
Downtown Libertyville



Vardin's Groove entertained at Street Dance 2008



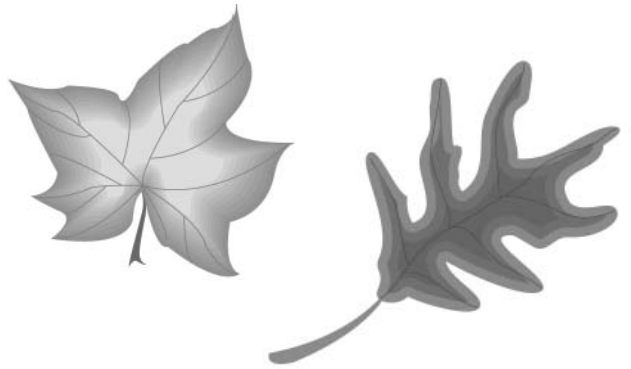
Improv Playhouse's Hayrides were very popular at PumpkinFest.



The Rotary Club provided the perfect pumpkin for Olivia and Owen Martin at PumpkinFest.



Cook Memorial Library's "Touch the Trucks" provided great entertainment for the Doig Family during PumpkinFest.



HATS OFF TO STUDIO WEST FOR THEIR FIRST ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS EVENT

Lucky trick-or-treaters who visited Studio West Photography during the MainStreet Libertyville Trick-or-Treat on MainStreet event were photographed in the studio's fall harvest pumpkin patch and received a complimentary 5x7 portrait in exchange for a new toy or \$5 donation to benefit the Toys for Tots program.

Studio West Photography chose this charity because it's a family-focused studio that believes in the Toys for Tots objective: to help needy children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas and to unite all members of a community in a common cause.

THANKS, STUDIO WEST!



Studio West exchanged toys for a Halloween portrait to benefit Toys for Tots during Mainstreet Libertyville's Trick or Treat. Pictured here is Julia Mateer.



Do you like what you see happening in downtown Libertyville? Join MainStreet today. Your tax-deductible contribution helps make Libertyville a community we can be proud of!

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YES! I would like to climb the membership ladder to a higher level.

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I prefer a **monthly credit card gift** of:

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NEW EVENTS BRING NEW VOLUNTEERS

novice [nov-is] *def.* a person who is new to the circumstances, work, etc. in which he or she is placed; beginner;

veteran [vet-er-uhn] *def.* a person who has had long service or experience in an occupation, office, or the like.

The past few months have brought some new and re-imagined events to MainStreet, specifically, the Twilight Shuffle and Street Dance. The Shuffle was a new fundraiser for MainStreet that targeted the running/fitness community. While attracting a previously untapped participant, The Shuffle also brought an entirely new group of MainStreet volunteers or “novices.” A majority of these volunteers have been active within the community but this was the first MainStreet event they volunteered for. Many of these volunteers had family members running in the race or were looking for an opportunity volunteer that included the entire family. As anyone that ran or walked the 5K course can attest, there were several generations of volunteers passing out hydration, helping at the finish line or assisting on the course during a beautiful summer evening in Libertyville.

The “Big Tent” was put to the test during this year’s Street Dance. Despite the inclement weather, the smiles of this year’s Chairs, Treacy Cutting and Jeff McClurg, weren’t diminished as first time volunteers arrived for their shifts. New committee members Kathleen Salemi and Nancy Guarino did an excellent job recruiting fresh faces in addition to placing the Street Dance “veterans” we know and love at the front gate, ticket sales and the silent auction. Let’s not forget the wonderful folks from the Libertyville Rotary Clubs that always help at the beer tent. Street Dance wouldn’t be the same without them.

MainStreet continues to reinvent the fundraisers and we always are looking for novice and veteran volunteers. If you want to be a part of our team, we will welcome you with open arms. Call today!

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cordially invites you to its annual
Traditional Victorian Tea*

*December 6 and December 13
11:00am to 1:00pm*

*St. Lawrence Episcopal Church
124 W. Church Street, Libertyville*

*Go back in time when tea appeared in elegant silver pots and the
cucumber sandwich scaled the heights of immortality. This authentic
three-course English tea is a truly elaborate event. Enjoy delicate
finger sandwiches, scrumptious bite-sized desserts, and steaming tea
served in china cups. It's a lovely way to celebrate the holiday season.
Festive live entertainment will be provided.*

R.S.V.P. to the MainStreet Office: 847.680.0336.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person, and reservations are required.

Proceeds support MainStreet Libertyville, a non-profit organization.