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President's Message

The Liberty Park Homeowners Association would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Below is a holiday bedtime story for everyone to enjoy!

The Little Christmas Tree

This is the story of a little fir tree who dreamt of growing up so that he could go and be a Christmas Tree amongst the humans. The other, older trees, knew more about life, and they told him that being a tree with the humans wasn't as good as all that. But the little fir tree didn't want to believe the older trees and he didn't have long to wait. He was so pleased when one day some children came with their parents to choose a fir tree to decorate their living room. The children adored him at first sight.

So he was dug up, then brought into the living room, where he was hung with decorations. After they finished decorating him, the little fir tree shone with a thousand lights. Christmas was getting closer and everyone admired the little Christmas Tree. The young fir tree thought "All the bigger fir trees were wrong" and he lifted his branches even higher so people could admire him better. Up till January, he was the prince of the living room but then he started to lose his needles.

Now nobody looked at him, touched him, or even bothered to gather up the tiny needles that fell. Then, the whole family decided to put him down into the cellar. The fir tree started to feel very sad that he had even been chosen by the family. After several days' wait, it seemed never-ending to him, the little fir tree was replanted. He was so happy to be back in this good old earth that he'd missed so much during those endless days when he was shut up in the cellar! Suddenly he understood that the family had left him in the cold of the cellar to keep him healthy.

Each year, the family dug him up again to put him back into the living room. He was very happy with his new family. And yes, in the end the bigger trees were wrong about something – some humans are good after all.....

Chris Hobe
President

Happy Birthday Wishes

Mary Deno	December	18
John Burns		21
Norma Basa		24
Justin Anderson		25
Kyle Ross		28
Edward Bartasis		31
Lauren Anderson	January	10
Dorothy Ippolito		10
Kaci Rogers		13



To include a birthday, please send the name & birth date in with your assessment payment or email us at LibertyParkCommunity@gmail.com

LPHOA

Maintenance Assessment

Starting January 1, 2016 the late charge for the maintenance assessment, which is billed quarterly, will be changed to 10% of the outstanding balance instead of the current \$6.00 late charge. This will not take effect until the 1st quarter of 2016. If you have a current outstanding balance, you will have until December 31, 2015 to pay the balance in full to avoid the new late charge fee.

New Year's Traditions

In many countries, New Year's celebrations begin on the evening of December 31 and continue into the early hours of January 1. Customs that are common worldwide include watching fireworks and singing songs to welcome the New Year, including the ever-popular "Auld Lang Syne". In the United States, the most iconic New Year's tradition is the dropping of a giant ball in New York City's Times Square at the stroke of midnight. Millions of people around the world watch the event, which has taken place almost every year since 1907. Whatever your tradition is, enjoy it every New Year's Eve and remember to pass it onto your children so your traditions continue for future generations. The practice of making resolutions for the New Year is thought to have first caught on among the ancient Babylonians, who made promises in order to earn the favor of the gods and start the year off on the right foot. Don't forget to make your New Year's resolution!

LPHOA Monthly Meeting

Please join us on Thursday, January 7th.

Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.,

Community Meeting immediately

to follow

LPHOA Community Building

4100 N. Washington Street

Santa's Workshop

Join us on Saturday, December 12th from 3-5 p.m. for children ages 12 and under. This event will be held at the community building, 4100 N. Washington. For more information or to R.S.V.P. please visit www.LibertyParkCommunity.org or call 630-880-8599.

Winter Street Rules

York and Downers Grove Township Highway Departments request that ALL vehicles be kept off the street whenever a snowfall is predicted or when snow is falling, so that they can use their plowing/salting equipment more efficiently. If your street has cars parked on it and the plow does not fit through, your street may not get plowed. Also, residents are NOT to shovel or plow any snow into the street, as it can freeze and cause a hazardous situation.

Reminder



Deepest Sympathy

To the family of Mark Wojas of Williams Street who has been a resident of Liberty Park for over 15 years. Our prayers go out to his family during this difficult time.

Recipe Corner

Chocolate Dipped Shortbread Cookies

1 cup butter
½ cup sugar
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon of vanilla
6 ounces chocolate chips, melted

Cream butter and sugar, add flour and vanilla. Pinch dough to ½" balls, roll in sugar and place on cookie sheet. Use the tines of a fork to flatten cookies. Bake at 350°F for 12-15 minutes. Remove from baking sheet, cool 10-15 minutes. Dip half of each cookie into melted chocolate and chill to set.

If you have a recipe you would like to share, please send it to LPHOA, P.O.

Box 22, Westmont, IL 60559 or
LibertyParkCommunity@gmail.com.

Holiday Safety

*Fresh trees are less likely to catch fire, so look for a tree with vibrant green needles that are hard to pluck and the branches don't easily break.

*Always place your tree away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Keep the tree base filled with water to avoid it getting dry.

*Make sure all your indoor and outdoor Christmas lights have been tested for safety and throw out any damaged lights.

*Even a well-watered tree should be taken down after 4 weeks. If you've decorated your real tree right after Thanksgiving, it should be discarded the week after Christmas, not New Year's Day.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees will be picked up during the first two weeks of January 2016. Please remove all tree bags, ornaments, tinsel and stands. Cut all trees taller than six feet in half.

Upcoming Events

Christkindl Market – November 27th to December 24th at Oakbrook Center. Inspired by a market in Germany, this brings a German and European tradition to us. Open Thursday–Sunday from 11/27 to 12/14 and then every day from 12/17 to 12/24.

Illumination Tree Lights at the Morton Arboretum – November 20th – January 2nd. This annual display transforms a wintertime walk in the woods into a colorful, inspiring experience like no other that glows with dazzling LED lights and trees that respond to your touch and voice.

Winter Wonderland – December 12th from 5-8 p.m. at Westmont Park District. Santa and his elves will meet children in his workshop. Enjoy hot cocoa, games, a bonfire and a train ride around the park. Huskies and dogsleds will be on hand too.

Zoo Year's Eve – December 31st from 6-8 p.m. at Brookfield Zoo. Rock in the New Year including music, games, party favors and an early countdown at 8 p.m.

SERVICE DIRECTORY

THE LPHOA ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR
SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE FOLLOWING

<p>LPHOA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Community Meeting immediately to follow 1st Thursday of each month LPHOA, 4100 N. Washington St.</p>	<p>Important Numbers</p> <p>LPHOA President 630-880-8599 Dupage County Sheriff 911 Cpl. Cliff Seward, Liason 630-407-2367 Dupage Co. Health 630-969-7030 DG Sanitary District 630-969-0664 Comonwealth Edison 800-334-7661 Nicor 888-642-6748 Dupage Co. Public Works/Environment Greg Phillips 630-407-6800 Alex Baumann 630-407-6700 Julie Locate 800-892-0123 DG Twp. Supervisor 630-719-6610 DG Twp. Hwy Dept. 630-719-6625 YK Twp. Supervisor 630-620-2400 YK Twp. Hwy Dept. 630-627-2200 Republic Waste Services 630-964-3232 or 708-345-7050 Animal Control 630-682-7197 or 630-942-6200</p>
<p>LPHOA Community Building Reservations Dottie Lipe, Vice President 630-971-2182</p>	
<p>Moving/Change of Hands All assessments must be paid in full. Current quarter LPHOA Assessment pro-rated at closing. Contact LPHOA Treasurer, Nancy Tannahill at 630-964-4397 or LPHOATreasurer@gmail.com. Provide closing date, buyers name and pay balance due. Information letter, CCR report may be required for closing.</p>	
<p>Pest Prevent Inc. Mike 630-956-4812 Offers a neighborhood discount www.pest-prevent.com (716)</p>	
<p>Adams Lawn Care and Snowplowing Free Estimates *** You Can Rest! We're the Best! 630-417-5363 (416)</p>	<p>Fire Towing Snow Plowing **** Flatbed Towing/Jump Starting John 630-960-5330 We Buy Junk Cars (616)</p>
	<p>Mixed League Bowlers Looking for bowlers for Friday nights, contact Chris Hohe at 708-878-1552 (616)</p>
<p>D. Patton Enterprises Maintenance and Lawn Care Call Darryl 630-960-2728 10% to Children's Mem. Hosp.(416)</p>	<p>Ad Space Available Contact Janine Clouse at 630-310-4427 for detail</p>