

# Libertyville

Libertyville has retained its charming, small-town atmosphere even though the area has recently experienced tremendous growth in housing, retail and business development. As a result, Libertyville has become one of the mostly highly desirable locations in the northwestern suburbs, known for its cultural, educational and recreational opportunities. The traditional downtown area is affiliated with the national Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center and offers a variety of shops, boutiques and restaurants. A regional shopping mall is also nearby.

Residents have always taken pride in Libertyville's history. The first settlers arrived in the early 1830's and the Village was officially founded on April 16, 1837 with the granting of the first Libertyville Post Office. In 1881, the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad was extended to Libertyville from Chicago. From then on, Libertyville grew rapidly as new residents discovered the many attractions of this Lake County community.

Today, Libertyville's past is celebrated at two important historical and cultural sites. The Ansel B. Cook House, maintained in a Victorian setting, is home to the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society and functions as a museum of local history open to the public at designated times throughout the year. The David Adler Cultural Center, located in the home of one of Chicago's most famous architects, welcomes thousands of local and nearby residents to art and music classes, concerts, tours and programs for all ages. Residents also enjoy the facilities of the Libertyville Civic Center, which offers a variety of programs and services and also includes the Senior Center.

Parks and Recreation. The Libertyville Parks and Recreation District oversees over 500 acres of park facilities including 19 Village park sites as well as the Libertyville Golf Course and ice rinks. The Village Sports Complex is a 160,000 square foot indoor facility offering a fitness center, climbing wall, batting cages, pre-school center, full service restaurant and birthday party rooms plus a variety of activities and programs for the entire family. Sports available at the complex include soccer, basketball, volleyball and lacrosse.

Schools. The award-winning school system has been honored by both the Illinois state and federal governments. Students attend District 70 and 73 elementary schools and Libertyville High School in district 128. Numerous private schools, from pre-school through High School also are available. Libertyville is near the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Barat College in Lake Forest and Lake Forest College and Graduate School of Management.

Housing. Buyers will find an excellent variety of housing opportunities in Libertyville where established neighborhoods are complimented by exciting new developments. Home styles range from Victorians, Colonials and Cape Cods to single level ranches and traditional two-story homes. Condos and townhomes are also available.

Transportation. Both U.S. Rte. 41 and Interstate 94 provide easy access for the 45-mile drive to downtown Chicago. Commuters board the Metra/Milwaukee Road in downtown Libertyville, the Wisconsin Central Line in the Mundelein or Harris Road stations, or the Union Pacific in nearby Lake Bluff. Bus transportation is provided by PACE Suburban Bus Service. Libertyville is a 40-minute drive from Chicago's O'Hare Airport and 90 minutes from Midway. Milwaukee's Mitchell Field offers a third option for air travel.

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