

The Village Newsletter



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MAYOR'S REPORT

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SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Christmas tree lighting will be on December 12th at 6:30 p.m. More information is inside this newsletter!

Comprehensive Plan Update!

For the first time since 2004, the Town and Village of Livonia are updating their Comprehensive Master Plan to address key challenges and opportunities facing the community today. We aim for our community's plan to establish a clear framework for land use, infrastructure, housing, and environmental decision-making. The plan will incorporate smart growth principles, including promoting mixed-use development, supporting a range of housing options, enhancing mobility, protecting natural resources, and improving community resilience.

The Committee will use your input to help shape the vision, goals, and strategies of the updated Comprehensive Plan, guiding the Town and Village's future decision-making. **WE NEED YOUR INPUT. You have the opportunity to help guide critical decision-making about the future direction of our community.** An online survey will remain live until the week of Thanksgiving. You can find the survey link on the Town/Village website. Click on the "Government" tab and then select "Comprehensive Plan." Or use the QR code on the ad inside this newsletter. Have your voice heard!

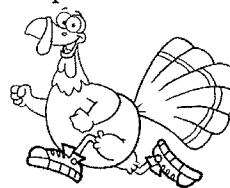
Autumn in the Village: The 21st Autumn in the Village Festival took place on September 13th. The months of planning and preparation paid off. The festivities kicked off with a fantastic parade! This year, the High School Student Council and their advisor, Heather Cotraccia, joined the Homecoming Parade with the festival parade to rave reviews. We hope to continue that partnership. Jake Bills headed up the parade committee once again, and our float competition showcased the creativity of the entrants. This year's theme was Sailing the Seven Seas. Congratulations to our

first-place winner, Smitty's, whose float came with a confetti-firing cannon. Second place went to Glass Act, and Solitude/Lake Construction took third. We had a tremendous turnout for this year's Scarecrow contest. The Livonia Post Office took 1st place, the Friends of Livonia took 2nd place, and Jean Amour Art took 3rd. Thank you our other scarecrow creators, Dan's Place, ReNewed Coffee, Simply Positive, Briggs Tire, Creative Design Candles, the Ska-Has-Ga-O Chapter of the DAR, and Blue Chickadee.

Dozens of vendors filled Commercial Street. The Prettejohn and Community Bank parking lots offered a variety of food options, and music filled the air. We published a thank you in the Penny Saver. Still, I would like to recognize and thank Cara Stewart and the Committee, the Village Highway crew, the Town of Livonia, the Livonia Rotary, and all our sponsors for helping us make this community event a success. A huge thank you to Cal Lathan and his fundraising committee, who outdid themselves this year with sponsorships. A special thank you to Community Bank for allowing us to use their property again and sponsoring the stage. And finally, a special thank you to Jake Bills for all his time and effort over the years in organizing the parade. Jake is stepping down as parade coordinator.

The Autumn in the Village Committee is always looking for new volunteers. Please reach out if you are interested in helping at next year's event.

The Turkey Trot: The annual Livonia Turkey Trot takes place on November 27th. This race, sponsored by The Friends of Livonia in cooperation with the Village, the LivCo Sheriff's Department, the Livonia Central School District, and the Livonia Fire Police, has become a wonderful community tradition. Registration is open! Visit runsignup.com, click Find a Race in the upper right-hand corner, and search for Livonia Turkey Trot.



Marion Stewart Bowen Art Awards Each year, the Livonia Middle/High School Art Department hosts its annual art show, showcasing student artwork

and senior art displays. The Village, in honor of Marion Stewart Bowen, presents awards to the top three finishers. Congratulations to this year's winners: 1st place, Alex McKeel; 2nd place, Paige Taylor and Ryan Bosch; and 3rd place, Brenna Keller.

Downtown Merchants and Kudos:

Congratulations to the Village's latest "First Impressions" Grants recipients: Simply Positive for new signage, Bella Boutique & Beyond and Maria's Hair Emporium at 28 Main Street for façade improvements, and the Grove Street mural project. AND Shout out to "Reader's Choice Best in Livingston Awards" for the following village businesses and residents: ReNewed Coffee (Best Café); Simply Positive (Best Gift Shop); Bulldog Chiropractic (Best Chiropractic); Ember Woodfire Grill (Best Date Night Spot & Best Fine Dining); AR Beauty Bar (Runner Up for Best Hair Salon); Twisters (Runner Up for Best Ice Cream); Margaret Graf Linsner, Esq. (Best Law Office); Wag n' Wash (Best Pet Grooming); Karen Schuster (Best Sports Coach); LeAnna Presler (Best Teacher)

Village Meeting Dates: Due to the holidays, the Village Board will meet on November 19th and December 17th.

If you have any questions or comments about this newsletter or need to reach me, please call 585-447-0203 or email me at mayor@villagelivonia.org.

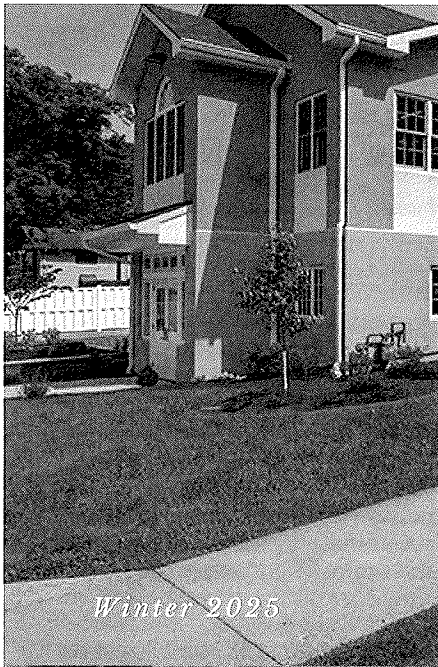
Thank you,
Chris Genthner

The Christmas Tree Lighting

The Christmas tree lighting will be held on December 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Art Park. This has become a great community event as parents and children come out to sing Christmas songs and greet Santa. Local businesses will continue to be part of our celebration, offering treats like cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee. This year, the parade will start at Bowen Park and conclude on Commercial Street. Our local fire departments will lead Santa



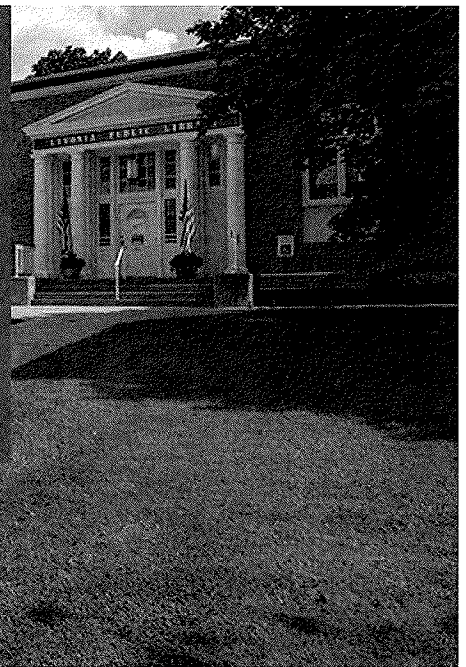
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Winter 2025



ADULT SERVICES

Starting in December, join us Monday through Friday for a variety of engaging afternoon activities! Each day offers something different: crafts, games, and more.

HOLIDAY FUN

Join us for our Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 12th, starting at noon! This festive event is open to everyone and will feature crafts, treats, and plenty of holiday cheer. Come celebrate the season with friends, family, and your library community!

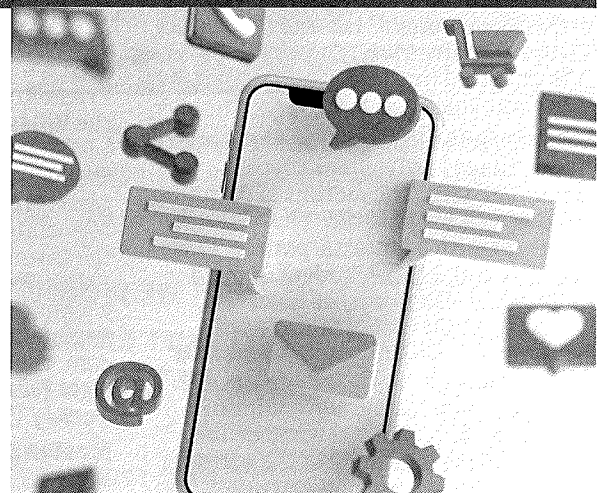
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day - November 27th, 2025
Christmas Eve - December 24th, 2025
Christmas Day - December 25th, 2025

STAY CONNECTED

Need to know what's going on at the Library?

As the seasons change and the weather cools, there's still plenty of fun happening inside the library. Come enjoy our cozy indoor activities, programs, and events for all ages! Follow us on Instagram/Facebook or our website for more details.



down Main Street, ending on Commercial Street. Commercial Street will be closed from Main Street to Big Tree Street. And don't forget about your letters to Santa! The special Village Santa mailbox will be out shortly. **PLEASE PUT A RETURN ADDRESS ON YOUR LETTER SO SANTA CAN WRITE BACK!**

A Community Drive For Those in Need Town Clerk Hayley Woodruff, in collaboration with Toys for Tots and the Sent By Ravens Food Pantry, has collected food and other essential items to donate to those in need within our community.

Donations will again be collected before, during, and after the Village's Tree Lighting. Donation boxes will be at many local businesses around town, including Simply Positive, Tee & Gee, Leisure's, Solitude, Fratelli's, and the Town Hall. Please consider donating new or gently used clothing and toys. You can deliver any financial donations to Hayley at the Town Hall.



From Your DPW

As the leaves begin to change, the DPW would like to thank our residents for their continued cooperation and support throughout the year. Fall is one of the busiest seasons as we prepare for winter weather, manage leaf collection, and complete various other tasks before the cold sets in. Your patience and partnership help keep our community running smoothly and safely.

Our annual leaf collection is underway! The crew will make one weekly round through the Village from October 1 to December 1.

Please remember:

- Rake leaves to the curb, not in the street.
- Avoid mixing sticks, rocks, and trash with leaves
- Do not put leaves over drains.

Winter Safety: Snow and cold lovers, your season has arrived! As we enter the plowing season,

please take a moment to check your mailbox. Damaged mailboxes can happen during plowing. The culprit is usually not the plow, but rather a heavy snowfall that is thrown into the mailbox. Now is the time to repair or shore up your mailbox before our first heavy snow.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we sincerely thank everyone who participated in this year's Autumn in the Village celebration. Your energy, laughter, and community spirit made the day truly special. Whether you volunteered, performed, cooked, sponsored, or simply joined in the fun, you contributed to the event's success. Moments like these remind us why our Village is such a unique and wonderful place to call home.

Join us for a magical evening on December 12 at 6:30 pm, as we kick off the holiday season with our annual Christmas tree lighting! Bring your family and friends to enjoy twinkling lights, warm treats, and joyful community spirit.

As winter approaches, please note that overnight street parking is prohibited from November 1 to April 30, between 2:00 am and 6:00 am. This policy helps ensure our snowplows can safely and efficiently clear the roads during snow events. Vehicles left on the street overnight may be ticketed or towed. Let's work together to keep our streets safe and clear this winter. Thank you for your cooperation!

Happy Holidays from your DPW crew!

Chris Hoffmann
Brian Crye and Nate Genthner



Deputy Clerk's Corner

Cost Cutting

At the Village, we continually seek ways to reduce costs without compromising on services. Recently, we identified several methods to conserve resources, and I would like to take this opportunity to share a few of them with you. First, we reviewed our electric bills to determine if we could save money by switching to a different supplier. I learned that it is easy to compare pricing, and it is important to do so at least once or twice a year. Prices are always changing, so staying informed about these changes is crucial. Ultimately, we decided to change suppliers based on past performance.

Although we cannot guarantee the amount we will save going forward, we will continue to monitor pricing to ensure we get the best deal for you. To compare electric or gas supply pricing for your home, visit the NYS Power to Choose website. There, you can enter your zip code to compare current and historical pricing.

Next, we reviewed our phone and internet agreements now that the current contracts are expiring and found significant savings by bundling services with one provider. We are in the process of making the switch, which will result in a monthly savings of approximately \$200.

Finally, we are taking advantage of a new Amazon Business Prime program offered to NYCOM members at no cost. Besides free shipping, participating in the program allows us to access special pricing on many products and supplies. The program also includes additional purchasing controls and provides greater government oversight on spending.

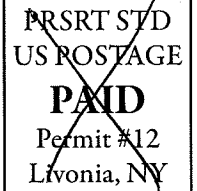
We are committed to using your tax dollars wisely, and as always, we invite your input! Come to a board meeting, call us at 585-346-3100, or email chay@villagelivonia.org to share your thoughts and ideas.

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Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Town and Village of Livonia invite you to take their **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY**

The Town and Village of Livonia are updating their Comprehensive Plan to address key challenges and opportunities facing the community today. Your input will be used to help shape the vision, goals, and strategies of the updated Comprehensive Plan, guiding Town and Village future decision-making.

Please scan the QR code or visit the URL below to help us
better understand your values, opinions, and ideas regarding
the future of Livonia!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LivoniaPlan>

