



The Village News

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Dear Residents of West Liberty,

February, 2024

Happy February! As we step into 2024, our town continues to thrive on the principles of unity, hard work, and mutual support.

This newsletter aims to keep you informed and involved in the exciting developments and initiatives in our community.

Congratulations MCC Thrift, 2023 West Liberty Business of the Year! This month, I challenge you to share your love, by visiting a business you have never been to, or say hello to an old friend or neighbor.

Recycling Initiative Update

Our Council remains dedicated to finding effective recycling solutions for West Liberty. A committee was formed to explore various options to ensure our approach is both environmentally friendly and practical for our community. Shannon Maier and Jim Hoffman volunteered to coordinate this committee. Once these options are finalized, we will share information and seek your valuable input through a recycling survey. Your participation will play a crucial role in shaping a sustainable future for our town.

Crafting Our Mission and Vision

An essential part of our journey together is defining who we are and what we aspire to be as a community. To this end, we are in the process of developing a motto or mission/vision statement for West Liberty, with your help. Creating this statement will be a fun way for our community to work together to shape our future. Have fun and be creative with your motto ideas.

Your Voice Matters

We would love to hear your thoughts on motto ideas or any other suggestions you may have. Your feedback is essential in defining our path forward. To share your input, please visit our survey portal via QR code, at mywestliberty.com or pick up an old school pencil and paper survey at the utility billing office. Five lucky residents will be drawn from the survey results and awarded \$20.00 in Liberty bucks to be used at the West Liberty business of their choice (please add your info at end of survey in order to qualify for drawing). Winners will be revealed in the March newsletter.

As we embark on these new initiatives, remember that your voice and participation are what drive our community forward. Let's continue to work together to make West Liberty a place we're all proud to call home.

Stay tuned for more updates in our next newsletter, and here's to a year filled with growth, unity, and success.

Warm regards,
Brad Hudson,
West Liberty Mayor

Village of West Liberty Survey

Respond online at

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



Clerk's Corner

We are still collecting **automatic payment withdrawl information**, for water billing payments. For those interested in this **option**: We will need a canceled check or a voided deposit slip or a letter from your bank, and whether it is a checking or savings account. Please note, this is **NOT** mandatory. You are not required to sign up for this billing option. We are still working on this, we will give more information soon, we are hoping the first auto withdrawals will take place in March. You can opt into this feature at any time. Contact us with **any** questions you may have.

The 2024 bridge calendars are available for purchase at local businesses and the Clerk's Office, for \$13 each. Get yours today ! They are loaded with all the important dates of upcoming events happening in West Liberty.

Village Meetings: **Council** meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7PM. Board of Public Affairs meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 6PM. Cemetery Board will meet the 3d Monday at 6PM.

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W. Liberty Business Anniversaries

2-01 Marie's Candies
2-15 Stoner's Ice Cream

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat. Feb. 17th: West Liberty Historical Society.

The Roaring 20's Party of the Year! 6:30 PM At the Opera House.

Bring your dancing shoes !

Dinner at 7 PM, dancing, best dressed awards.
Seating is limited ! Tickets: \$100 each. Call: 937-650-1869

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**Dinner - Dancing - Fundraising
To Keep West Liberty History Alive !**



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West Liberty Lions Club SUPER BOWL Fundraiser

Tickets are \$20 each. \$200 payout by quarter - \$400 for final score winner! Entrant's name will be placed at random on a 10X10 grid. Proceeds benefit West Liberty Lions Club.

Tickets can be purchased at the Town Hall or from Jake Vitt or Nikki Kimball.

From the Police Chief:

Shane Oelker

Winter weather conditions can make driving more difficult and dangerous. Here are some safe driving tips from the West Liberty Police Department to help you stay safe on the road this winter:

- 1. Slow down:** Reduce your speed when driving in snowy or icy conditions. This will give you more time to react to potential hazards.
- 2. Increase your following distance:** Leave more space between you and the vehicle in front of you. This will give you more time to stop if necessary.
- 3. Use your headlights:** Turn on your headlights to increase your visibility to other drivers.
- 4. Check your tires:** Make sure your tires are properly inflated and have good tread. This will improve your vehicle's traction on slippery roads.
- 5. Avoid sudden movements:** Avoid sudden braking, accelerating, or turning. Instead, make slow and deliberate movements to avoid losing control of your vehicle.
- 6. Keep your windshield clear:** Make sure your windshield is clear of snow and ice before driving. Use your windshield wipers and defroster to maintain visibility.
- 7. Be prepared:** Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle that includes a shovel, ice scraper, blankets, first aid kit, and non-perishable food and water.

Shane Oelker

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**SLOW
DOWN**



Snow Season is here !

From the Street Superintendent

Bill Detrick

Plow truck drivers have a limited field of vision so please give them plenty of room and stay back several car lengths. When they stop at an intersection they may need to back up to clear the area and cannot see you behind them.

The primary goal of plowing is to remove snow from streets so that the road is open and safe. Plowing pushes snow to the side of the street and results in snow piling up in front of driveways. Snowplows push snow to the right of the travel lane and the driver has no control over this. Also, the driver cannot stop or raise the plow at each driveway as this would leave a pile of snow in the roadway. Residents are advised to wait until the plow has been through their road prior to cleaning their driveway and mailbox area. If drifting or more snow occurs the plows may have to make multiple passes on a street at a later time to keep the street clear. If possible, plow drivers will try to prevent excessive blockages at driveways but at times this is not possible. If you shovel snow out into the street from your driveway when plows come by again it will get pushed into your freshly cleared driveway. To prevent this shovel your snow to the **sides** of driveway and **not into the street**. Please remember that the clearing of driveway, sidewalk and mailbox areas are the responsibility of the home owner.

If possible, keep vehicles off the street so we can clear snow all the way back to the curbs. This prevents ice buildup in curbs and flooding when snow melts. If you have no off-street parking, once you see the other side of street cleared completely back to curb, move your vehicle to that side of the street.

Thank you for your cooperation

Bill Detrick

Street Dept. Superintendent

