



# LIBERTY LINK

*A Newsletter for Liberty Lake Citizens*

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## MAYORS MESSAGE



As the Holiday Season approaches, I would like to encourage all of us to reach out and care for each other in our community. It is the best present we can offer! Become snow angels and help your neighbor shovel, bake extra cookies and hand them out to neighbors, and make sure those that live alone know that you care. Let our love for each other show tenfold, as we take the giving spirit of December into the rest of year!

December is also a great time to reflect and remember some of the great things that took place over these last few years: a new library/ public safety building (paid in full), Rocky Hill Park, the Skate Park and an Arboretum became realities. Our Youth Commission has become an outstanding example of community service. We started our historical markers program with the commemoration of the city's namesake Etienne Laliberte (Steve Liberty) and a tribute to city father A. Ludlow "Lud" Kramer and added to our public art with the Rock Carins. We accomplished this all without going in debt by paying as we go and utilizing volunteers and grants!

The city's government became transparent with all public information available at your fingertips on the city's website [www.libertylakewa.gov](http://www.libertylakewa.gov). I encourage everyone to utilize this information, become involved, and get to know the community you live in.

In closing this, my last newsletter as your mayor, I wish to express my pleasure in being in public service for the last ten years with out-going council members David Crump and Judi Owens. We will all be setting out on new trails in the future, but how many can look back at their time of service and say that they started a city?

Lastly, I want you to welcome all of the new elected officials Mayor Steve Peterson and Council Members Dan Dunne and Shane Brickner, as well as the returning council members: Cris Kaminskas, Susan Schuler, Odin Langford, Josh Beckett, and Ryan Romney. They will guide our city for the next four years, keeping our community a step above the rest!

It has been a pleasure to be of service.

*Mayor Wendy Van Orman*



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### Cross Country Ski Lessons

Have a play day with the family while learning the basics of cross country skiing. Lessons cover equipment, balance, gliding, pole use and skiing time. Taught by certified ski instructors through P.S.I.A.



**Ages:** 10 +  
**Dates:** 1/15/11, 1/22/11, 2/12/12  
**Times:** 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$25, includes equipment  
**Location:** Trailhead Golf Course



### Senior Lunch

The Senior Lunch Program allows seniors to come together and enjoy a hot nutritious meal, socialize with others, and participate in social, recreational and educational activities.

**Ages:** 60+  
**Day:** Mondays & Wednesdays  
**Times:** 11:00am—1:00pm  
**Fee:** \$3.50 (donation)  
**Location:** City Hall in Liberty Lake  
 22710 E. Country Vista Drive



**City of Liberty Lake  
 Recreation Services  
 (509) 755-6726**

### Private Carriage Rides

Whether it's fun with friends, family, or that special someone, there's no better way to get in the holiday spirit than by taking a private horse drawn carriage ride. Cuddle up under a warm blanket as the sound of hooves hitting the ground and Christmas bells fill the air. Bring a cup of hot cocoa and enjoy a crisp winter's night. Perfect for couples looking for a romantic time together, or for the whole family!



**Ages:** Any  
**Dates:** 12/09 & 12/16  
**Ride Times** (30min each):  
 5:30pm, 6:00pm, 6:30pm, 7:00pm, 7:30pm,  
 8:00pm, & 8:30pm  
**Fee:** \$65  
 Carriage holds up to 6 passengers  
**Location:** Trailhead Golf Course



**Thank you to all who helped  
 make the 2011 Tree Lighting  
 Celebration a big success!**

*SIGN UP now for our  
 Recreation Programs  
 Online 24/7!*

Just visit our website:  
<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/recreation>

You can also sign up for programs at  
 City Hall: 22710 E. Country Vista Drive  
 Liberty Lake, WA 99019

### Winter Carnival Fundraiser

**Liberty Lake Elementary  
 School.  
 January 24, 2011, 5—7 PM.**

**Food, crafts, games and prizes  
 for students in 1st—5th grades!**

**Admission = 1 gently used or  
 new book or \$3.00**

Sponsored by the City of Liberty  
 Lake Youth Commission.  
 Proceeds will benefit local youth  
 who are in need.

### Liberty Lake Learning Center

The Liberty Lake Learning Center offers reading, writing and math tutoring along with music lessons. Joan Peters is a certified specialist in Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, auditory and visual processing and has an extensive background in education specializing in vision-related learning problems and auditory processing disorders.

**Ages:** All age levels are welcome  
**Dates:** Ongoing Monday-Friday  
**Time:** 3:00pm—6:00pm  
**Fees:** \$30/hr.—Tutoring  
 \$15/hr.—Clubs  
 \$15/30min—Piano Lessons  
 \$20/hr.—Ensemble/Chamber  
 Music Lessons

**Location:** At the Little House  
 22710 E. Country Vista Drive  
 Liberty Lake

**DECEMBER  
STORY TIMES**

**LIBRARY UPDATES  
BY DIRECTOR PAMELA MOGAN**

Tuesdays  
10:30  
Toddler/  
Preschool  
Story Time  
18 months and up

Wednesday  
10:30  
Toddler/Preschool  
Story Time  
18 months and  
up  
(same program as  
Tuesday)

Fridays  
10:15 Baby Laptime  
Birth-24 months  
11:00 Toddler/Preschool  
Stories and Songs  
18 months and up  
1:00 Stories and Crafts  
3 years and up

Saturdays  
1:00 pm  
Crafts  
Ages 6 and over

NEW WED.  
PROGRAM!

**Story Time Plus Winter 2012**

Stories are a powerful way to introduce math and science to children. In addition to the regularly scheduled weekly story times, we offer a special 8 week series of story times on Thursday mornings at 10:30 for children ages 3-5 years and a parent or guardian. This story time will springboard from a picture book that lends itself to a discussion of a math or science concept, into accompanying activities that explore the concept.

The skills and processes that will be featured in our program here at the library are all based on the state standards used by local school districts.

**This story time will be limited to 10 children with a parent/guardian so registration is required.**

The next 8 week series will be January 12 – March 1. For more information or to pre-register please call



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**OR**  
e-mail her at  
[kwiykovics@libertylakewa.gov](mailto:kwiykovics@libertylakewa.gov),

**OR**  
ask to be signed up at the  
Information Desk.



**Come see us  
at the library!**  
23123 E. Mission Ave  
Liberty Lake, WA 99019  
Phone: (509) 232-2510  
Fax: (509) 232-2512

[library@libertylakewa.gov](mailto:library@libertylakewa.gov)



**Holiday Gift Ideas from the Library**

**Books!**

The Friends of the Library have a wide selection of used books in GREAT to NEW condition. Team a stack with a tin of hot chocolate mix & mug for the winter nights ahead.

**eBooks!**

You buy the Kindle, Nook, iPad, etc. and the library will supply the eBooks to read on them FREE! Stop by the Library for a card to tuck into your gift that tells about our downloadable eBook service.

**Donate in Someone's Honor!**

Make a donation to the Library Foundation in someone's honor. We'll send them a card letting them know you did so. You and your recipient will feel great about supporting lifelong learning in our community.

**Library Card**

Does your child have his/her own library card yet? Any child at least 5 years of age may have their very own card. Come in and fill out an application and take home your child's first library card to stuff in a stocking.

**Library Closures for December**


**December 15th: 10—1 (open 1—8 pm)**  
**December 24th: all day**  
**December 31st: all day**

**Saturday Crafts for Kids 6 Yrs. And Up!**



**Saturday, December 10th and 17th @ 1 pm.**

**Make a different Christmas tree ornament each week.**



**Books 'n Brew**  
**Jan 20 @ 6:30**

**Discussing *The Known World* by Edward Jones**

**Everyone welcome**

**New Library Options for Your Phone**

- 1. Get Your Notices via Text Message:** Come into the library or give us a call to request that all your communication from the library be via texting on your phone! You will then receive all your notices from the library about books ready for you or overdue on your phone. Charges may apply.
- 2. Check Out With Your Phone:** Forgot your library card or don't want to carry it? Put your library barcode on your phone with one of several apps like "Key Ring" and give us your phone to scan or do it yourself at self-checkout.

**(We advise that you bring your card the first time you try it!)**

**Knitting Class/Club @ the Library**

**Saturday, January 22nd @ 10:30**



If you'd like to learn how to knit or would like to work on your project in the company of other knitters, put on your calendar for the start of the Library's Knitting Club.

The class will be taught by Elaine Stanley, a knitter for over fifty years! If you've never learned to knit or have a troublesome project needing help, or just would like to knit with a group, you are welcome to attend.

Future meeting times and content of the class/club will be determined by those who join, so come and tell Elaine what you'd like to learn or do.

**EBook Reader Saturdays**

**Nooks, and Kindles, and iPads—oh my!**

Bring your eBook Reader device to the library for help with downloading from eBook sellers and from the Library's free Overdrive eBook service. Whether it's one of the readers mentioned above or something totally different, or even your smart phone, drop by and let us help you make it work!

**Saturdays at 2:00pm**  
**January 8th—February 26th**



## WINTER DRIVING TIPS

The best advice for driving in bad winter weather is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it. Don't go out until the snow plows and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work, and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination.

If you must drive in snowy conditions, make sure your car is prepared, and that you know how to handle road conditions.

### ICE and SNOW, TAKE IT SLOW!

Driving safely on icy roads:

- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
- Stopping on snow and ice without skidding requires extra time and distance. If you have antilock brakes, press the pedal down firmly and hold it. If you don't have antilock brakes, gently pump the pedal. Either way, give yourself plenty of room to stop.
- Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- Keep your lights and windshield clean.
- Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
- Don't use cruise control or over-drive on icy roads.
- Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first.

- Don't pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.

- Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads

### If you get stuck:

- Do not spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper.
- Turn your wheels from side to side a few times to push snow out of the way.
- Use a light touch on the gas to ease your car out.
- Use a shovel to clear snow away from the wheels and the underside of the car.
- Pour sand, kitty litter, gravel or salt in the path of the wheels to help get traction.
- Try rocking the vehicle. Shift from forward to reverse, and back again. Each time you are in gear, give a light touch on the gas until the vehicle gets going.

Additional winter driving tips and information on road conditions can be found at [www.wsdot.gov/winter](http://www.wsdot.gov/winter).

Chief Brian Asmus  
Liberty Lake Police Department



## 2011 Campaign

Second Harvest, founded in 1971, leads a network of 250 neighborhood food banks and meal centers throughout Eastern Washington and North Idaho. Second Harvest provides 1.7 million pounds of donated food each month to help feed hungry people.

**Help us make this year our biggest donation yet!**

Please take this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of local families and seniors. In many cases, they are facing food shortages in their homes for the first time in their lives. Every can of food you collect feeds hope for our neighbors in need. Each dollar you give is transformed into six pounds of food—about four meals—for hungry people throughout Spokane.



**The food drive begins on November 28<sup>th</sup> and goes until December 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Collection points for donations in Liberty Lake are located at :**  
**City Hall,**  
**Trailhead Golf**  
**and the Library.**



## Mayor's 2012 Budget

On October 18, 2011, Mayor Van Orman presented her 2012 Budget Proposal. The major highlights from that presentation were:

- Sales tax has increased by 14.5% from 2010.
- No proposed increase in City property taxes for 2012.
- Utility taxes will be reduced from 6% to 3%.
- Debt will be reduced by paying off a long-term bond.

**Next Steps.** An additional Council Meeting has been called for Tuesday, December 13th, at 6:00pm for budget discussion, at which time there may be a final vote. It not, the final vote will take place on Tuesday, December 20th.

**Budget Process.** The City's budget seeks to achieve four basic purposes which are:

- The budget is a Policy Document that allows City Officials to review the direction of the City and to redirect its activities by means of the allocation of financial resources.
- The budget is an Operational Guide by setting fourth both legislative and administrative guidance to City employees.
- The budget is a Financial Plan that outlines the manner in which financial resources will be managed.
- The budget is a Communications Medium that

### Background Information.

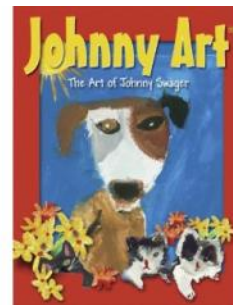
The City operates on a calendar year. The budget is made up of twenty-one (21) separate funds. Each fund has a specific purpose. The largest fund is the General Fund. In this fund is found most of the City departments, which include Police, Parks, Recreation, Library, Legal Services, Administrative Services, Community Development, Executive, and Legislative. The General Fund receives a majority of its revenue from property tax, sales tax, and the utility tax, about 87% in all. The rest of the revenue comes from licenses and permits, state shared revenues, and other miscellaneous sources. In 2012, the City is projecting to receive \$5,204,390 while projecting to appropriate (spend) \$5,113,887.

When all 21 funds are taken into account, the total projected revenues are \$7,942,242 and the total projected expenditures are \$7,169,617.

If you have any questions regarding the budget, please feel free to contact me at 509-755-6702 or by e-mail at [rstevenson@libertylake.gov](mailto:rstevenson@libertylake.gov)

Thank you, RJ Stevenson. Finance Director.

## December Art in The Library Exhibits Johnny Swager



"Johnny Swager is an extremely gifted boy who is not intimidated by any subject."  
—Amazon.com

Johnny, a Liberty Lake native, has graciously lent the Library some of his painting for December's **Art in the Library** program. Please come to the Children's Room at the Library to enjoy his wonderful work!

**AND**

## Pam & Taylor Pace Contrasts in Black & White

Come see this mother/son team's stunning work using black & white photography. This wonderful exhibit is located in the main library room and may be viewed throughout December.

## Regular City Meetings:

City Council  
 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month  
 City Hall Council Chambers  
 22710 E. Country Vista Dr  
 7:00pm—10:00pm

City Planning Commission  
 2nd Wednesday of every month  
 City Hall Council Chambers  
 22710 E. Country Vista Dr  
 4:00pm—6:00pm

## Community Organizations/Meetings:

Central Valley School Dist—Board Meeting  
 2nd & 4th Monday of every month  
 CVSD Main Office  
 19307 E. Cataldo Ave  
 6:30pm—7:30pm

Friends of Pavillion Park—Board Meeting  
 1st Thursday of every month  
 Greenstone Building, 2nd floor  
 1401 N. Meadowwood Lane, Suite 200  
 7:00pm—8:00pm

Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake  
 Every Wednesday  
 City Hall Council Chambers  
 22710 E. Country Vista Dr  
 6:45am—8:00am

Lions Club of Liberty Lake  
 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month  
 Barlow's Family Restaurant  
 1400 N. Meadowwood Lane  
 12:00pm—1:00pm

Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club  
 Every Thursday  
 Denny Ashlock Building  
 22510 E. Mission Ave  
 12:00pm—1:00pm

Liberty Lake Municipal Library Board of Trustees  
 1st Thursday of every month  
 Liberty Lake Municipal Library  
 23123 E. Mission Ave  
 6:30pm—7:30pm

S.C.O.P.E.  
 1st Wednesday of every month  
 City Hall Council Chambers  
 22710 E. Country Vista Dr  
 6:30pm—8:00pm

Youth Commission  
 1st & 3rd Monday of every month  
 City Hall Council Chambers  
 22710 E. Country Vista Dr  
 7:30pm—8:30pm



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