



LIBERTY LINK

A Newsletter for Liberty Lake Citizens

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank you for electing me to serve as your next mayor. It was a wonderful experience to visit with you during the campaign of 2011.

I would like to thank out-going Mayor Van Orman, Council Members Judi Owens and David Crump for their 10 years of service with the city. They embody the spirit of Liberty Lake.

In 2012, our budget reflects our commitment to providing high levels of service efficiently and effectively to our community. Going forward we will be investing your tax dollars into plans to meet future needs and projects that are in our 6 - year plan. We will be visiting with you and community groups to seek your input on what our priorities should be for the future as our community continues to grow. Our focus will be on transportation and helping build our economic engine, which ensure sustainability and a prosperous community based on entrepreneurship, innovation, partnerships, capital investment and hard work! Liberty Lake will be Spokane County's Premier Address and the benefits will fall to you our citizens and homeowners.

My focus is summed upon in one equation (\$= benefits). Your tax dollars will be directly related to benefits for you the taxpayer. Accountability is foremost in delivering transparent, responsible and effective government to you.

I have spent the past month meeting with other community leaders looking for ways that the city can partner with others to do more with less. We want to leverage all of our resources and expect higher returns using your current tax dollars.

The Council and I are committed to having a well-run, well-managed, financially secure city government that is responsive to community needs and sustainable for the future.

The guiding principal for my administration will be "Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All That We Do!" Our elected members and our employees expect to be held accountable to them.

I ask all of you to stay involved with our city government and join us at council meetings and in your community as we work together to fashion our community's future.



Mayor Steve Peterson

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Cross Country Ski Lessons

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



Ages: 10 +

Dates: 1/15/12, 1/22/12, & 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**

Coming This Spring!

Skyhawks

Skyhawks provides a wide variety of fun, safe and positive programs that emphasize critical lessons in sports and life, such as teamwork, respect and sportsmanship.

Dates: June 18th thru August 17th

Ages: 4 to 12

Fees: \$130 (soccer), \$110 (tennis)
\$115 (multi-sport), \$115 (golf), \$110 (volleyball), \$115 (cheerleading),
\$115 (mini hawk), \$130 (basketball)

British Soccer Camps

British Soccer camps are returning for a 5th year! Join us for mini camp, half day, full day, or goal-keepers camp.



Dates: July 16th thru July 20th and
August 20th thru August 24th

Ages: 3 to 18

Fees: \$79 (first kicks), \$91 (mini),
\$125 (½ day), \$183 (full day), \$125 (goalkeeper)

Location: Pavillion Park
727 N. Molter Road in Liberty Lake

**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, 2012, 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—7:00pm
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

Story Time Plus Winter 2012

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

NEW WED.
PROGRAM!

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

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. There is still room!

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

Katie Wiykovics, 232-2510,

OR
e-mail her at
kwiykovics@libertylakewa.gov ,

OR
ask to be signed up at the
Information Desk.

Library Board:
meets the first Thursday of
each month at the library at
6:30 pm.

Library Foundation:
Meets the second Thursday of
each month at 6:00 pm.

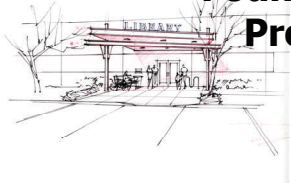


**Come see us
at the library!**

23123 E. Mission Ave
Liberty Lake, WA 99019
Phone: (509) 232-2510
Fax: (509) 232-2512

library@libertylakewa.gov

Library Foundation Project : Opening Doors



It has been almost three years since Liberty Lake's Library renovated and moved into the warehouse portion of the building on East Mission Avenue that it shares with the Police Department. At that time not all of the plans for the library were completed.

The most important of those remaining plans are lighting in the parking lot and the completion of the entrance.

This winter, the city will be installing the much needed lights.

The improvements to the entrance are a larger project : a covered entry way to protect patrons from the elements and automatic doors to help those with baby strollers, wheelchairs, and walkers enter and exit the library.

The Library Foundation has taken on this project and is raising money for that purpose through the sale of mosaic tiles that, when finished, will raise funds toward this project and also produce a work of art that captures the spirit of Liberty Lake and will enhance the library itself.

For as little as \$50, you can help bring this project forward, improving access to the library for all. \$8,600 have been raised to date, but the tile project is designed to raise \$25,000.

Please pick up a brochure at the library or call the library for details.

509.232.2510

All donations are tax deductible.

Saturday Crafts for Kids 6 Yrs. And Up!



Jan. 7 & 14 —Quilt Blocks for a Library Quilt

Jan. 21—Grab Bag Crafts


Jan. 28—Make a Snowman

Feb. 5—Plastic Canvas Bookmark
Registration required!

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!)



Books 'n Brew
Jan 19th @ 6:30

Discussing *The Known World* by Edward P Jones

Everyone welcome

Knitting Class/Club @ the Library

Saturday, January 21st @ 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

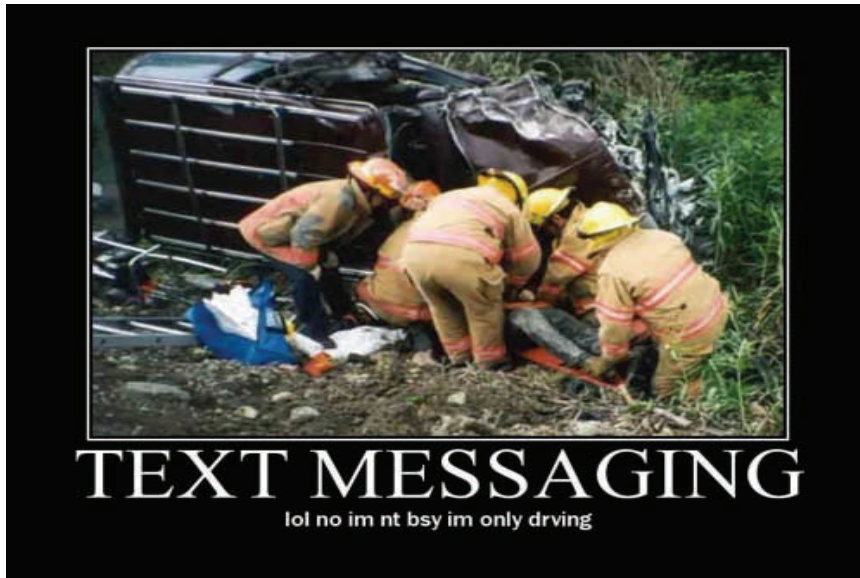
Nooks, and Kindles, and iPads—oh my!

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 10:30 AM
January 7th—February 25th
Quiet Reading Room

(Please note, this date is corrected from the December newsletter)

STOP THE TEXTS —> STOP THE WRECKS!



LLPD would like to share some interesting facts about distracted driving.

Fact #1: 5 seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When travelling at 55 MPH that is enough time to cover the length of a football field.

Fact #2: A texting driver is 23X more likely to get into a crash than a non texting driver.

Fact #3: Using a cell phone while driving, regardless if it is handheld or hands free, delays a driver's reaction time as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal lime of .08.

Fact #4: 5,474 people were killed and an estimated 448,000 were injured in the U.S. in motor vehicle crashes that were reported to have involved distracted driving.

Fact #5: 49% of drivers under the age of 35 with cell phones send or read text messages while driving.

Fact #6: A survey of 1,999 teens found that 86% had driven while distracted even though 84% admitted knowing that it was dangerous.

Fact #7: 36% of teens say they have been involved in a near-crash because of their own or someone else distracted driving.

Fact #8: In a study over 18 months, college students using a driving simulator shown an 8X greater crash risk when texting than when not texting.

Fact #9: 60% of all drivers uses a cell phone while driving.

Fact #10: Distracted driving is the #1 killer of American teens.

For additional facts, tips and videos please visit:

www.stoptextstopwrecks.org

**Chief Brian Asmus
Liberty Lake Police
Department**

City Council Position Open Applicants Sought

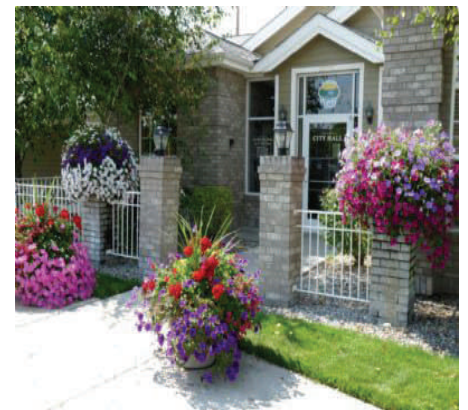
The Liberty Lake City Council is accepting applications from individuals interested in serving out the remaining term for City Council Position 6, which extends until December 31, 2013.

State law requires that a council member be a resident of Liberty Lake for at least a year and a registered voter at the time of application. Applications must be delivered to City Hall by 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

Applications are available on the City's website : www.libertylakewa.gov, or at City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive.

Applications may be mailed to City Hall, provided that they arrive no later than the due date; delivered in person; or faxed to 755-6713.

Email is not a an acceptable form of submission. Questions may be directed to Interim City Administrator, Mike Cecka, 755-6728.



UTILITY TAX ANNUAL REBATE PROGRAM

Beginning January 1, 2012, City of Liberty Lake senior and low-income or disabled and low-income residents, living within the city limits, may qualify for a rebate of the utility taxes they paid in 2011.

To be eligible, you must have lived in the city limits of the City of Liberty Lake in 2011, paid household utilities that are in your name in 2011, be at least 62 years old or totally and permanently disabled, and individual disposable income is at or below 50% of the median income for the Spokane County area as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Please visit the City of Liberty Lake website for more details at www.libertylakewa.gov and to download an application.

Applications for 2011 rebates are due by April 30th, 2012. You can also contact Ann Marie at 755-6720 for further questions.

UTILITY TAX RATE REDUCTION TO 3% FOR 2012



As part of the 2012 Budget, the utility tax for all utilities has been reduced to 3%. This will go into effect on March 1st, 2012. Why does it take until March for this to go into effect? RCW 35.21.865 states that any changes in the Utility Tax that cities levy cannot be enacted until a sixty day period has passed since the Ordinance was enacted.

(Water & Sewer rates are not affected)

New Books and DVDs at the Library

The Library is always getting new books, DVDs, and audio books. Check out this list for an update on some titles besides the big bestsellers that were added to the Library collection in the last few months.



Picture Books (PIC)

- Airplanes: soaring! diving! turning!** / by Patricia Hubbell
- Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep!** / by Maureen Wright
- Sneeze, Big Bear, Sneeze!** / by Maureen Wright

Juvenile (J)

- A Time of Miracles** / by Anne-Laure Bondoux
- You Will Call Me Drog** / by Sue Cowing
- The Wild Girls** / by Pat Murphy
- Mr. Lincoln's Drummer** / by G. Clifton Wisler

Young Adult (YA)

- The Rogue Crew** / by Brian Jacques
- The Final Hour** / by Andrew Klaven
- Mice** / by Gordon Reece



Adult Fiction (FIC)

- The Battle of the Crater: a novel of the Civil War** / by Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen
- The Boy in the Suitcase** / by Lene Kaarbol and Agnete Friis
- The Corn Maiden and other Nightmares** / by Joyce Carol Oates
- The Cat's Table** / by Michael Ondaatje

Adult Non-fiction

- Early Christian Thinkers: the lives and legacies of twelve key figures** / edited by Paul Foster **230.092 EAR**
- Civilization: the West and the rest** / by Niall Ferguson **909 FER**
- Another Man's War: the true story of one man's battle to save children in the Sudan** / by Sam Childers **962.4 CHI**
- Steve Jobs** / by Walter Isaacson **BIO JOBS ISA**

DVDs and Audio Books



- The Conspirator** / directed by Robert Redford **VID CONSPIRATOR**
- Five minutes of Heaven** / directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel **VID FIVE**
- The Help** / written and directed by Tate Taylor **VID HELP**
- Super 8** / written and directed by J.J. Abrams **VID SUPER**
- Dragonfly in Amber** / by Diana Gabaldon **AUD GABALDON**
- A City of Masks: a Cree Black thriller** / by Daniel Hecht **AUD HECHT**
- A Clash of Kings** / by George R.R. Martin **AUD MARTIN**

Family Concert with Bob McCaslin !



**Thursday, January 26th
7 PM @ the Library
Songs and Stories You Love
With Your Favorite Teacher!**

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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