

## **Project Description:**

In 2015 The Village of Libertyville pursued the design and construction of a new Parking Structure to serve Downtown Libertyville. Business in the Village Center has been thriving and accommodating visitors has become a challenge. The goal of providing an aesthetic and efficient solution for additional parking in a convenient location that would supplement other parking opportunities has brought the design team to where we are today. The goal for this design effort has been to establish a creative and compliant composition that serves the community in a comprehensive way. We believe that the solution addresses each need in creative and efficient ways.

The structure is oriented with its longer axis East/West to allow for favorable site circulation opportunities, preferred relationships with the adjacent properties, and with this orientation, the structure did not have to be as tall and alignment with existing driveways became possible. Primary vehicular access to the parking structure will come from W. Maple Ave., Brainerd Ave., and Church Street from the North. There will also be an entry/exit from the East, but this is buffered by the PNC Bank parking lot and thus is not a primary access point. Multiple access points will reduce the potential for concentrated congestion in any one area during peak usage, and will offer visitors the opportunity to enter and exit the parking structure from multiple directions. The goal for pedestrian circulation is to establish walking routes that offer safe and convenient access through the site; to and from downtown. Pedestrian paths will follow routes that they currently do, so re-programming the public will not be necessary. The pedestrian routes are more structured in nature than they were and allow for accessible passage to all areas.

Due to the dynamic context surrounding the project site, it became apparent very early in the design process that seeing the building as a four sided structure, recognizable as a parking facility, and proportioned carefully would be very important. Although the architecture does not follow a particular style, traditional detailing has been introduced and the design character reflects building components viewed within heritage areas around downtown. The application of masonry in the precast concrete panels works well with the Heritage characteristics of downtown. Brick as a background material has been supported, and the selected brick color is intended to work with the pallet of colors on the surrounding buildings to promote a consistent visual connection. Even though the structure has long simple elevations with straight forward detailing, ornamental stylizing on the precast panels offers an uncommon characteristic that will give the structure a unique quality.

Every consideration was analyzed from site and building lighting to regional way-finding signage, building signage, and code required signage.



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<b><u>Gross Building Area:</u></b>	
Lower Tier	22,275 SF
Ground Tier	34,820 SF
Second Tier	34,820 SF
Top Tier	23,600 SF
TOTAL	115,515 SF



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