



# Village of Lisle Newsletter

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## Lisle's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration begins

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of Lisle's incorporation as a Village. The volunteer 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is planning events and projects to mark the occasion. The committee hopes to provide many opportunities for the community to gather and have fun together. They have chosen a theme of *Lisle Style: Family, Fun, and Education*. Since Lisle was incorporated it has grown significantly, but has been able to keep that "small town feel." You're invited to join the celebration.

**Let's party!** The festivities will be launched at the annual Lisle Area Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance on Friday, February 10. Invitation is extended to all Lisle residents (see box). The Anniversary Committee is hoping it will be a community-wide event.

**Nostalgia Days.** Free fun family events will be held on several dates: June 23, July 15, August 19, and in September in conjunction with Smile

Days and Depot Days. There will be musical entertainment at all of the Nostalgia Days events. On Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the actual anniversary of incorporation, the community is invited to an anniversary birthday party, complete with cake and a huge card to sign.

**Parade.** The celebration will culminate on September 30<sup>th</sup> with a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade on Main Street. To give it a unique hometown feel, the committee is encouraging neighborhoods, groups, and families to enter floats in this parade. Planning and creating floats or parade units can be fun for all involved. Start thinking now about ways you can participate! For added entertainment, Shriners precision teams and local marching bands are also being booked for the parade.

At the end of the parade, parade participants and onlookers will gather on Main Street to pose for a community photograph. This photo will be included as the final page of the commemorative book.

**Projects.** Throughout this anniversary year the committee hopes to explore, reminisce, and even uncover some of the rich history Lisle has to offer. Two major projects revolve around capturing and presenting Lisle

history in interesting formats for people to view and keep for future reference. One will be the publication of a hard cover, coffee table-style commemorative book. As envisioned, it will be loaded with photos and history, up to and including events of this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Another project is a 30-minute history of Lisle documentary video that will air on cable TV and be available on DVD.

They are floating many other fun and educational ideas, too. Stay tuned.

Let the celebration begin!



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### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-off

**Lisle Area Chamber of Commerce  
Annual Dinner Dance**

**Friday, Feb. 10, 6:30-11:30 pm**  
at the Hilton Lisle-Naperville

presented by LaSalle Bank  
Cash bar, silent auction

*Live music by*

*Jose Valdez Orchestra*

Black tie optional

\$50/person

Reservations by Feb. 1, 2006

(964-0052)

website: [www.villageoflisle.org](http://www.villageoflisle.org)



## From the Mayor...

I hope your holidays were enjoyable. Our early blast of winter quickly

highlighted the great job our Public Works employees do in keeping the roadways safe for travel. We always take some calls from residents who are frustrated that snow plows pile snow into driveways. Please understand that our snow plow drivers' mission is to clear the streets effectively and efficiently, and it is virtually impossible to avoid plowing snow from the streets into driveway entrances. Winter can try all of our patience at times, but I think Public Works continues to do a great job in dealing with the uncertainties of winter weather.

The year 2006 promises to be an exciting year, and at the top of my list is the celebration of Lisle's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A dedicated committee of volunteers has been busy planning the year's events. This committee includes Wayne Dunham and Debbie Granat (co-chairs), Tom Altoff, Laura Barron, Maura Canzano, Mike Connelly, Trish Cooke, Joan Costin, Nadine Filipiak, Vern Goering, Praveen Gupta, George Hillier, Lisa Leone, Barb Libby, Bill Liska, Anita Panikulam, Debbie Pawlowicz, Mike Petrie, Joe Schmitt, Tim Seeden, and Mike Shuta. With this talent at the helm, I'm confident that you will have the opportunity to participate in some great events.

As this newsletter is prepared, anniversary events are being planned. I hope to see many at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner dance on February 10 as the celebration kicks off. During the warmer months and into the fall, join your friends and neighbors in varied outdoor anniversary events for the whole family. Other projects will highlight our community's history. Don't miss them.

I hope you will take the time to visit the Village Web site and sign up for the CodeRED telephone alert system. This service provides an excellent means of notifying residents of emergency information, but it can only be as effective as the number who sign up. Please give it consideration.

In November the Board and Village staff met for an annual planning session to try to ensure that we coordinate priorities for the coming year. We identified more than 40 issues and agreed upon ten as a high priority for the 2006/07 year:

- Marketing the Village
- Emergency Management
- Downtown Streetscape Main Street
- Attraction of New Business
- Expansion of Façade Program
- Determination regarding Old Village Hall Site
- Business Retention
- Sidewalks
- Homeland Security
- Police Presence in Schools

We have a busy year ahead! I hope your 2006 is off to a good start.

**24-hour  
Info Line  
271-4110**

Use the menu to hear or leave a message. Recorded messages are changed periodically.

<b>VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>	
Joseph Broda, Mayor/President	
Kimberly Brondyke	Thomas Frey
Michael Connelly	Joseph Schmitt
Ann Duker	Ed Young
Tim Seeden, Village Clerk	
Gerald Sprecher, Village Manager	
Meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays,	
Workshops held 2nd Mondays,	
each month at 7:30 p.m.	
<b>VILLAGE OFFICES</b>	
Monday through Friday	
Business Office: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Public Works: 7:00-4:00 p.m.	
Other offices: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
<b>24 hour service</b>	
Police Response	9-1-1
Police Administration	271-4200
Public Works	271-4180
Building/Zoning	271-4150
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## New storage bins

New storage bins are under construction at the Village of Lisle Public Works site east of Yackley Avenue. These 3-sided, open-faced, roofed structures will be used to store aggregate (stone) and other bulk materials. They may possibly house additional road salt or some Public Works equipment. Total costs will run about \$450,000.

The impetus for the project is the Phase II Storm Water Regulations which are part of the Clean Water Act of the 1970s. These regulations address improvements to stormwater quality. Under a five-year permit obtained in March 2003 to meet EPA requirements, the Village committed to improve the quality of stormwater runoff at its storage facility by providing cover for its gravel and sand stockpiles. Currently, rain percolating through our stone stockpiles leaches the finer materials in the gravel and sand into



the local drainage system. Storing stone in a roofed structure eliminates this source of pollution.

Federal regulations require communities to improve the quality of stormwater runoff into its streams and rivers. While some of the responsibility falls on local government, residents and businesses need to take an active role in improving stormwater quality. Erosion of aggregate and soils is a pollution source, as are herbicides, fertilizers, pesticides, animal waste, and debris from driveways and streets.



On behalf of Lisle Community Character Alliance, Mayor Broda and Trustee Brondyke presented 2005 CHARACTER COUNTS! Pillar Awards at the Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Village Board meeting. (l to r) DuPage AME Church Rev. Dr. James Miller; Bruce and Susan Sutton, Kelly Dickey, Trustee Kim Brondyke, Autumn Geist-Lombardo, Anne Hatfield, Mayor Broda, Sheila DeGreef, Wayne Dunham, Ken Jakalski, and Barb Reh.

## Pillar Awards recognize Lisle citizens

A dozen Lisle citizens and one organization were awarded Pillar Awards in November 2005 because they exemplify traits of good character. Some are nominated because of some exceptional thing that they have done, others for their everyday activities. May they serve as examples that inspire good character in all of us! Listed below are brief highlights of their citations.

**Kathy Chatman, Kelly Dickey, Autumn Geist-Lombardo** for their extraordinary effort and quick response in coordinating community support for hurricane Katrina victims—RESPONSIBILITY

**Sergeant Randy Johnson**, of the Lisle Police Department, for his volunteer effort when serving in Louisiana—RESPECT

### Obtain Village dog tags now

Pick up 2006 tags for your dog! Dog tags are valid only for the calendar year in which they are issued. Free tags are available at the Village Hall Business Office. Bring an up-to-date veterinarian's rabies certificate listing the vaccine. A dog tag may aid in returning your dog. There is a \$25 fine (\$50 after 10 days) for dogs caught without the tag. Questions? Call the Business Office at 271-4100.



**Anne Hatfield** for her ongoing work with seniors—CARING

**Sheila DeGreef** for the enormous effort she has put forth in organizing safe homes pledges and directories for St. Joan of Arc and LSHS—TRUST-WORTHINESS

**Wayne Dunham** for his numerous volunteer community efforts benefitting Lisle Education Foundation, Partners for Parks, Lisle's 50th Anniversary Committee and Lisle Eyes to the Skies—CITIZENSHIP

### E-Notify cont. from p. 4

To subscribe to "E-Notify" go to the village of Lisle website and click on "E-Notify" in the upper-right hand corner of the web page. Enter your email address, choose the categories you wish to be notified about, and then click the "subscribe" button at the bottom of the page.

The email address you entered will be sent a message to verify your subscription, and asking you to confirm by clicking on the internet link attached to it. After you have verified and confirmed your subscription, your email account will begin to receive messages directly from the Village of Lisle. You may change your subscription at any time and enter as many email accounts as you like.

**Ken Jakalski**, cross country coach at Lisle Senior High School, for quality leadership—FAIRNESS

**Bruce and Susan Sutton** for collecting and personally delivering pet food to shelters in the hurricane ravished area—RESPONSIBILITY

**DuPage AME Church** for Katrina relief efforts—RESPONSIBILITY

**Barb Reh** for organizing Snow Events in Lisle schools—RESPECT

## Nominate someone you know

CHARACTER COUNTS! wishes to recognize adults, students, service groups, and businesses who reflect the Six Pillars of Character: **Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.**

Help Lisle Community Character Alliance honor those of good character who exemplify one or more of these pillars by completing a nomination form. The only restriction is that the person nominated must live, work, or attend school in Lisle. Forms are available for download from the Village website. Awards are made twice yearly. Nominations for the next awards are due by April 5, 2006.

## Village receives awards

The Village of Lisle is pleased to have received two awards, for two different spheres of responsibility. Staff members involved were recognized at the Nov. 21, 2005 Village Board meeting.

### Finance Award

For the second consecutive year, the Finance Department has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA). The award is based on the fiscal year 2004 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR), demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure." Finance Director Kim Schiller accepted the award and recognized the ongoing efforts of members of the Finance Department.

### Economic Development

The *Main Street Beautification Traffic Trial* brochure received "outstanding special purpose brochure" designation from the International Economic Development Council. This 2005 brochure served to explain the immediate traffic trial in the context of the larger end result, beautification of Main Street. The four-color brochure was sent to the entire community, placed on the Village's website, used in community meetings, and served as a basis for several newspaper articles. It helped generate feedback to our local officials. Economic Development Director Catherine Schuster accepted the award and recognized the assistance of GIS Manager Dennis Gilbertson and Assistant Manager Barbara Adamec in its production.

### New notification option

Did you know the Village of Lisle offers an email subscription service through its website? Subscribers to "E-Notify" may have the latest news, employment opportunities, commuter rail updates, and public meeting agendas sent directly to their personal email accounts.

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## Successful façade improvement project graces Main Street

During 2005, the Sedona building on Main Street that is home to Flowers of Lisle, TC Camera and Main Street Hair Co. received a beautiful new look. Improvements made to this building include a new red brick and stone façade, new lighting, signage, awnings, front doors and windows. The result was an amazing transformation.



This is an excellent example of a successful partnership between the Village of Lisle and downtown business and property owners.

Since 1999, the Village has offered downtown business and property owners the opportunity to participate in a Façade Improvement Grant Program. Leo's Cleaners, 4746 Main Street (tenant: Lisle Convention & Visitors Bureau), Adolph's Barbershop, Main Street Plaza, and Lisle Lanes have also participated. The grant program provides funding assistance to help improve the facades (or fronts) of buildings located in Downtown Lisle and is administered by the Village's Economic Development Commission.

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