In 1971, I began working in Lisle for Western Electric and moved here eight years later. The one thing that has been a constant for me during all that time is change. While change is sometimes feared, my experience has been that in the majority of instances, change is good and presents new opportunities for growth and progress. Change will continue to shape Lisle's future and I think you will be pleased with some of the latest changes that are now occurring in Lisle.

One change I am excited about is the new Volunteers 4 Lisle Program. During the April 2013 flood, many people wanted to volunteer to help our residents in need. However, there was no organized structure in place to make the most of the assistance. The new Volunteers 4 Lisle Program will help us positively channel volunteer efforts for the good of the community, in both emergency and non-emergency situations. If you are interested in serving Lisle, we would love to hear from you.

Another positive change is the creation of the Special Events Committee, whose goal is to recommend approval of grants that help fund new special events or enhance existing community events. I was amazed to learn that the majority of the dozen volunteers serving on the committee have been Lisle residents for 17 years or longer! Now that's commitment and I thank them for their dedication to this community.

Our new electronic Community Events Sign at the intersection of Route 53 and Main Street is up and running. It replaces a tired, static sign board and allows us to promote multiple special events/announcements at one time using colorful graphics. Let us know if your organization has a special event coming up and we can help promote it to thousands of people each day.

Speaking of special events, Lisle's signature event, the Eyes to the Skies Hot Air Balloon Festival, is celebrating its 33rd season this year. But even though I have been attending this event for decades, the new Eyes to the Skies 'Behind the Scenes' video really captured my attention. If you want to know more about how hot air balloons function and see some great shots of the festival, including the spectacular nightly balloon glow, be sure to watch this new video on the Web, villageoflisle.org, on YouTube or on Cable TV Channel 10 (Channel 99 for UVerse customers).

Another change that recently occurred involves Lisle's senior living community, The Devonshire. It now has a new name, Brookdale Plaza Lisle. The Brookdale Senior Living Company manages 13 senior living properties in the area and 700 nationally. Going forward, all their properties will carry the Brookdale name for ease of identification. However, you can expect the same great service that The Devonshire built its reputation on and that's one thing that won't change.

The theme of this issue is cooking with food from your garden or French Market. The Downtown Lisle French Market is back with new and more diverse vendors each week. Hint: try the gourmet fudge or delicious toasted peanut brittle, no cooking required!

Have a wonderful summer and I hope to connect with you out in the community.

Mayor Joe Broda
Downtown Lisle/Ogden Avenue Consumer Survey begins

Do you live, work or visit in Lisle? The Village of Lisle seeks your help in completing a survey about Downtown Lisle and the Ogden Avenue Corridor as part of a market study being conducted by the Village. Over the years, Village leaders, stakeholders, property owners, and the broader community have established a collective vision for Downtown Lisle and the Ogden Avenue Corridor through the Downtown Master Plan and the Ogden Avenue Corridor Plan. Your input will be used to help the Village, the Chamber, Lisle business and property owners, and potential new businesses understand how to better serve the needs of the Lisle community.

To access the survey visit villesurveylisle.com (lower left hand corner “Downtown/Ogden Avenue Survey”). You may obtain a paper copy of the survey by contacting the Community and Economic Development Department at 630-271-4168. The survey will close in mid-July.

Special Events Grant Program established

The Village of Lisle is pleased to announce the creation of a Special Events Grant Program, which will provide funding to organizations or groups who are creating new community events in Lisle. Funds may also be used to enhance existing special events or to find events the newly formed Special Events Grant Committee chooses to organize.

The goal of the Special Events Grant Program is to facilitate high-quality, family-friendly special events for the general public, attract visitors, increase economic viability and reflect positively on the Lisle community. Funding is derived from the Lisle Convention & Visitors Bureau Rent Fund. Grants are limited to $5,000 per event.

A Special Events Grant Committee, composed of members of the Village Board, staff and community volunteers will evaluate grant requests and make recommendations to the Village Board, who has the final authority to award grants.

For more information, visit villesurveylisle.com, choose Visitors, or contact Diane Henshaw at 630-761-1000 or dshenshaw@lisleil.org.

New electronic community events sign installed

The Village of Lisle continues to look for ways to improve communications with the public. The latest initiative is the installation of a new electronic Community Events Sign located at the intersection of Route 53 and Main Street. The new electronic sign replaces a tired, static sign and displays significantly more announcements using colorful graphics. To learn more or to post an announcement about your organization’s upcoming special events, contact Marketing and Communications Director Catherine Schuster at 630-271-4168 or cschuster@lisleil.org.

Village Board considers video gaming

At the April 14 Workshop, the Village Board discussed the issue of video gaming and its potential implementation in the Village of Lisle. A law allowing video gaming was approved by the state legislature in 2009 to fund capital projects. Many communities, including Lisle, initially prohibited video gaming.

Now that the law has been in place for several years, a number of communities have revisited the issue. In some cases, communities have reached a consensus to allow video gaming. In others, the community opted to continue the prohibition after bringing the issue forward for more discussion (Woodridge, some communities have expressed no interest in revisiting the prohibition that was implemented in 2009 (Naperville, Downers Grove).

If Lisle chooses to allow video gaming, this activity will be governed by state law; the Village cannot impose any restrictions of its own. In general, state law provides for the following regulations: 1) Video gaming is allowed in any establishment where a liquor license allows on-site consumption of alcohol. 2) Each establishment is allowed up to five gaming terminals. 3) Gaming is allowed during the same hours of operation as provided in the local liquor license. 4) Gaming terminals must be located in an area of the business restricted to age 21 and above.

It is anticipated that the Village Board will take final action on this item later this summer. The Village Board is interested in your feedback regarding video gaming. Please email your comments to villegaming@lisleil.org or send them to: Video Gaming, Village of Lisle, 925 Burlington Ave, Lisle, IL 60532. Residents are also encouraged to visit the Illinois Gaming Board website, igb.dgs.state.il.us, for additional background information on video gaming.

SUMMER LOVIN’ LISLE

Sunsational Fun!

Visit our Facebook page for a chance to win prizes from Lisle businesses
facebook.com/villageoflisle
Introducing... Volunteers 4 Lisle!

The Village of Lisle is pleased to introduce the Volunteers 4 Lisle Program. This new initiative was developed in response to the strong volunteer spirit present in the Lisle community. The mission of the program is to have volunteers perform a variety of activities for the Village depending on their interests and experience. By accessing the wealth of available local talent and resources, the Village will be able to significantly expand services to the Lisle community and become better prepared for both routine and emergency situations. Volunteers Prevent crime this summer

Summer is a great time of year! Keep your summer safe and enjoyable by following these Summer Crime Prevention Tips provided by the Lisle Police Department:

- Keep windows locked with windows rolled up at all times when you are unoccupied. Remove all valuables including purses, cell phones, GPS Systems, other electronic devices and automatic garage openers, which provide easy access to intruders if stolen.
- Avoid home improvement scams or deception by burglars. Be suspicious of anyone looking to perform work, such as window repair, or asking to gain entry to your home. Ask for identification and contact their company for verification. Do not agree to pay for home improvement services until the work has been completed.

- Keep all doors closed and locked (including garages, sheds, and patio doors). Burglars in open garages, sheds, and residences are more prevalent in the summer months and often occur when homeowners are in their backyards.
- If you will be away from your home, stop delivery on mail and newspapers or have a trusted neighbor pick them up. Set inside lights on a timer to turn on during the twilight hours. Set your burglar alarm and have a neighbor watch your residence while you’re away. Ask them to contact the Lisle Police Department immediately if they encounter suspicious activities. You can also contact the Lisle Police Department at 630-271-4200 and ask to be placed on a Vacation Watch List. With your permission, Lisle Police Officers will check your house to make sure everything is secure and contact you should problems occur while you’re away.

Emerald Ash Borer treatments continue

In April 2013, the Village of Lisle began a multi-year program of treating ash trees on the public right of way with Insecticides to prevent and/or reduce the damaging effects of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The purpose of the treatment is to prevent the further decline in tree health or to slow the rate of decline to allow the removal of dead trees to be spread out over many years. Currently, the Public Works Department is in the second year of the EAB Treatment Program. Trees in the right-of-way are being treated based on their size and condition. This year those that have 20% or more of the branches showing symptoms will be treated.

More Information:
For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 630-271-4180 or ejohnson@lisleil.com.

Got downspouts? Build a rain garden

What is a rain garden?
A rain garden is a collection of plants designed to absorb rain water from roofs, driveways and patios. Rain gardens slowly release this water, allowing it to soak into the ground. Rain gardens can be planted with many different colorful plants, including native perennials, which have deep roots and are ideal for filtering water and withstand drought conditions.

What are the benefits of a rain garden?
Rain gardens can protect water quality and aquatic life in our local creeks and the East Branch of the DuPage River by:
- Filtering stormwater to help remove oil, grease, pesticides, fertilizers and other pollutants
- Helping absorb stormwater that may be running onto or off of your property
- Reducing flooding in neighborhoods and areas in creeks and rivers
- Increasing the amount of water that rains into the ground to replenish local groundwater, which provides water to creeks during dry seasons and supports local wildlife
- Providing backyard habitat for wildlife and beautifying landscapes

A typical rain garden is four to eight inches deep and can be any shape that complements your current landscaping. Most gardens only require loosing up the dirt in the planting area. Soil removal when creating the depression can be used to create a berm on the Democrat and able to retain the stormwater. If soil removal and replacement are needed, the soil should be replaced with a mixture of 50% sand, 25% new topsoil, and 25% compost or peat moss. The use of compost or peat moss will enrich the soil and allow the plants to thrive. Before digging, call 811 or 1-800-922-1111 to locate utilities in your yard.

Make sure the soil in the planting bed has been loosened up to a depth of about one to two feet deep before planting.

Create rain gardens in areas that currently collect water, areas that slope down from your downspouts, paved areas or on a pump system outlets. Rain gardens should slope away from your house in the direction of the existing water runoff pattern, so water will not flow adjacent building foundations. Interested in learning about building a rain garden?
The University of Wisconsin-Extension\'s Rain Gardens, A Man to Know for Rainwater Management provides guidance for designing and building rain gardens. The manual can retrieved or purchased online at their website: binghamtowne.uwex.edu.

New rates for refuse and yard waste

The Village of Lisle has contracted with Republic Services to provide residential garbage and recycling services through June 30, 2015. While the contract contains some of the lowest prices in the area, modest increases were included each contract year. The 2014 rates, in effect July 1 through June 30, 2015, are listed below.

Garbage Bag Stickers: $3.90 (100 cent increase)
Yard Waste: $2.65 (8 cent increase)
Garbage and Yard Waste Toters: Toter service is available for residents who prefer alternatives to purchasing garbage and yard waste stickers.

Residents should contact Republic Service directly at 630-961-3532 to arrange for $35, $50 or 95 gallon trash service for a monthly rate. Republic Services will bill the resident directly each quarter for this service.

35 Gallon Toters: $71.95 (8 cent increase)
65 Gallon Toters: $133.40 (8 cent increase)
95 Gallon Toters: $208.25 (8 cent increase)

Recycling Toters: All residents who receive curbside service are provided with either a 35 gallon or 65 gallon recycling tote, at no additional charge. Stickers are NOT required on recycling totes.