What an exciting time for Lisle! The recent Grand Opening of upscale residential development Avant at the Arboretum was really impressive. I can just imagine the excitement residents are experiencing as they enjoy their beautiful new apartments with balconies and terrific amenities such as a heated pool, club room, outdoor grill area, resident lounge and more. I am sure these new residents are very happy they are “home for the holidays,” in Lisle!

Two other very important projects are also moving forward. Flood damaged Lisle Lanes Bowling Center completed its renovation and owner Cesar Canonigo reached his goal of reopening just in time to serve the fall bowling leagues. Rayne’s Steak and Seafood House, another flood ravaged business, held a groundbreaking ceremony in early September as owners Jerri and Gary Nolan began work on building a beautiful new, 5,000 square foot Rayne’s Restaurant with an anticipated spring opening.

The first Downtown Lisle Ale Fest was a huge success, attracting 1,200 attendees who enjoyed more than 80 different types of beer, food and live music. There is no doubt it will return next year, even bigger and better to accommodate the 200 people who were not able to buy tickets to this sold out event! And the opening of Clay Space Ceramic Arts Center in the Downtown Lisle area across from the Library will satisfy artists (young and old) seeking to create unique works of art in a studio setting.

In this issue of Neighbors, you will meet dedicated Lisle citizens who serve our country in the military around the world. I thank these courageous people for their efforts and wish them safe journeys home. Home is the place to be for the holidays and for me, there is no place like Lisle. Changing colors and falling leaves tell us that winter is coming soon. Yet there is an excitement that builds as the season progresses.

This year, thousands of twinkling lights will light up Downtown Lisle and Prairie Walk Pond during the holidays. Weather permitting, the downtown ice rink will be filled with skaters. Thousands of luminaries will glow during the beautiful Lights of Lisle Festival, held on Dec. 7 & 8. You’ll find the full schedule of activities in this edition of Neighbors; and I encourage you to bring your family, friends and loved ones to this special holiday event. This year, the parade will begin one hour later—4pm in Downtown Lisle. Be sure to come to one of my favorite events, the Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will begin at 6pm at Village Hall on Dec. 7, followed by hot chocolate and delicious cookies in the Village Hall Lobby. The Village Board joins staff and me in wishing you Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year.

Mayor Joe Broda
Celebrate the holidays in Downtown Lisle

This year’s Lights of Lisle Festival, scheduled for Dec. 6 & 7, is one of Lisle’s most beautiful events. Downtown Lisle will glow with more than 2,000 luminarias that will light up at 5:30 p.m. each evening, creating a warm glow throughout the area.

Sparkling lights will illuminate Main St. and PrairieWalk Pond, which will be the perfect place for a holiday walk with friends and family. In the weather cooperation, the Main St. Ice Skating Park will be flooded with happy skaters twirling around.

Santa will arrive in Downtown Lisle on Sat. Dec. 7 at 4pm in the Santa Parade. Free holiday trolley rides will transport shoppers through the downtown to visit the shops and view the decorations. Ice skating, a variety of demonstrations, holiday entertainment, refreshments, the ever-popular Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the Polar Express Santa Train are just some of the exciting activities scheduled for the weekend.

Be sure to visit Downtown Lisle’s unique shops to find the perfect gifts for your special someone. And downtown restaurants and cafes will be serving delicious holiday food to celebrate the season. New this year, fill your “passport” with stamps from local businesses and receive a free gift!

For a complete listing of events, visit villageoflisle.org. Happy Holidays!

Living with coyotes

As the foliage thin the fall, increased sightings of coyotes may occur. Coyotes prefer to be as far from human activity as possible, but as with other species, a loss of habitat has left them few choices. To prevent problems in your yard, eliminate sources of food and shelter:

- Do not feed coyotes
- Keep pet food and water dishes inside your residence.
- Do not allow叛乱 to accumulate below bird feeders.
- Keep grills and barbecues clean. Even small food scraps attract coyotes.
- Keep garbage bins inside or securely store outside bins.
- Do not add pet waste, meat, milk, or egg to an exposed compost bin.
- Pick up fruit that has fallen off trees.
- Protect vegetable gardens with heavy-duty fencing.

Yard waste collection ends Dec. 10

Republic Services, the Village’s waste hauler, will complete the last yard waste collection on Dec. 10. Yard waste collection will resume in March 2019.

Yard waste includes branches, grass clippings, leaves, brush and other organic material.

- Lisle train station
- DuPage County administrative buildings
- Other public places
  - For additional information and/or emergency assistance, please contact the Lisle Police Department 630-271-4200. In case of an emergency, call 911 immediately.

Yard waste must be placed in approved paper yard waste bags or a rigid container, no larger than 33-gallons, clearly marked “Yard Waste,” with any waste stickers attached. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.
Be green for the holidays

New this year—turkey grease recycling

The majority of American households will have turkey as part of their Thanksgiving meal. Approximately one in 20 house- holds will fry their turkey using the gallons of cooking oil. In Lisle, that could equal 2,509 gallons of used turkey grease. Pouring used grease down the drain causes clogs and breaks in the sewer system, either at your home or elsewhere down the line. Used grease is also harmful to the environment; one gallon of cooking oil can contaminate one million gallons of water.

Bring your used turkey grease to the free Free Turkey Grease Recycling Event on Sat., Nov. 30 from 9am-12pm to 4910 Lincoln Ave. For more information, contact Lisle’s electronics recycling event. Used turkey grease will be collected and recycled into bio fuel with the help of SCARCE. Green Environmental Recycling and the Village of Lisle. Please note, only cooking grease will be accepted, motor or other automotive oil is not accepted.

Are new electronics on your holiday wish list?

Recycle unwanted electronics and household batteries at Lisle’s free Electronics Recycling Event on Nov. 16 & Dec. 21 at 4910 Lincoln Ave. Items accepted include:
- Computers, monitors, televisions, monitors, VCRs, fax machines, video games, printers, etc.
- Small household appliances (blenders, toasters, alarm clocks, hair dryers, etc.)
- Rechargeable household batteries (AA, B, C, D, lithium batteries, hearing aid batteries, camera batteries)
- Simply drop off in your car or take them to the Lisle High School Ecology Club, SCARCE and Creative Recycling staff will unload your vehicle. For a complete listing of items accepted, visit SCARCE.org.

Live Christmas trees used for mulch at the Morton Arboretum

Live Christmas trees will be recycled during December and January 2016. Remove lights, ornaments, tinsel and other decorations and place the tree on the parkway on Dec. 31 or Jan. 7, 2014. Trees will be taken to The Morton Arboretum, where they will be chipped up and used for mulch on the grounds.

Stay safe during the holiday season

The holiday season is always a special time of year. It’s also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The Lisle Police Department wants everyone to have a secure and happy holiday season by taking a minute from the rush to read and apply the following holiday crime prevention tips:

- When attending a holiday party where alcohol will be present, know your safe limit, and never drink and drive.
- Be careful not to leave your car or home unoccupied. Keep your car and car keys secure.
- Be aware of your surroundings when shopping. If something or someone seems suspicious, don’t approach your car and call a security agent.
- Keep a record of all your credit card numbers at home so you can report them if they are lost or stolen. Notify the credit card issuer immediately if a credit card is lost, stolen, or misused.
- Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. Watch for criminals trying to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season. Avoid giving gifts to Drake University for the convenience or security of people during the holiday season. We can never be too careful.
- While traveling, teach children to go to a store clerk, security officer, or police officer to ask for help if they get separated from you. Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the next room. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

The information contained in this article is meant as a reminder of the importance of personal safety and security during the holiday season. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.

Coffee with the Mayor

Join Mayor Joe Hradecky on December 9th from 9 am to 11 am in the Village Hall. The Mayor will be serving coffee and discussing Lisle issues that are important to you in an informal setting during Coffee with the Mayor at Village Hall (925 Burlington Ave).

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