Lisle rates as a Money Magazine top “Best Place to Live”

Lisle is rated as #20 on Money Magazine’s 2007 list of the Top 100 Best Places to Live in America.

It is a great honor for our town to be chosen. Money Magazine has now discovered something Lisle residents have long known: Lisle is a great town to live in!

Money Magazine annually announces lists of Best Places to Live. “For this year’s list we focused on smaller places that offered the best combination of economic opportunity, good schools, safe streets, things to do and a real sense of community.”

They started with 2,876 places with populations between 7,500 and 50,000, then whittled down the number based on various statistics. Lisle was among the 25 where they visited and conducted additional interviews. For these 25, they assessed the sense of community, vibrancy of town center, natural surroundings, amenities, real estate and congestion.

Some miscellaneous tidbits: Lisle has low personal and property crime rates. The median commute time is 23 minutes, and 22.3% commute 45 minutes or more. No surprises there, but did you realize how many educational and recreational opportunities we have? Within 30 miles of Lisle, there are 51 colleges, universities and professional schools, and 33 junior colleges and technical institutes. Within 15 miles, there are 4,266 restaurants! Within 30 miles, there are 268 public golf courses.

Money Magazine’s profile categories include: financial, housing, education, quality of life, leisure & culture, weather, health, and “meet the neighbors.”

For details, you may view their website and click around to see what it has to say about us, as well as other communities that made their list of the Top 100.


Main Street transformation begins

A remodeling project often starts with fixing the ugly stuff below the surface. So it is with the Main Street Streetscape Project, which is getting underway this fall. New water and storm sewer mains are being installed under Main Street and adjacent School Street and Burlington Avenue.

First phase is new water main; 2nd phase is new storm sewer lines; 3rd phase includes several sanitary sewer point repairs at various locations. Traffic is being detoured as needed. Swallow Construction hopes to complete this $582,000 project in November. Refilled trenches will be covered with asphalt to tide us over the winter until the main body of the project begins in earnest next spring.

Just like home remodeling, there is nothing pretty about this stage of the project. We have to keep in mind a vision of the end product, which will be a lovely new downtown streetscape.

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From the mayor...

I hope everyone had a great summer. It always seems to speed by so fast!

The highlight of the past few months was the naming of Lisle as the 20th top community to live in, as judged by Money Magazine. This was a comprehensive review of all communities in the country under 50,000 in population, and it clearly provides a very positive message about the quality of life the Village of Lisle has to offer. Many people and organizations contribute to this type of recognition, so I'll simply say, “Congratulations, Lisle!” This award belongs to all of us.

I hope many of you visited the downtown display of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute, hosted a few weeks ago by Lisle and the Ross Bishop VFW Post. A steady stream of visitors over a four day period paid tribute to those lost in military conflict.

We were honored to have State Rep. Jim Meyer provide a message one evening, as well as David Beamer, father of Todd Beamer. Todd is known as a hero on Flight 93, which crashed over Pennsylvania. The tribute incorporated our annual 9/11 memorial service. As usual, I salute our own Lisle Teens with Character who contributed wonderfully to the memorial service, in addition to sponsoring the benefit blood drive and car wash.

I have recognized Laura Davidson and her daughters Carrie and Katie Straub over the years for their driving force behind Lisle Teens with Character. I salute them again because it is my understanding that this is their last year to lead this effort. My heartfelt thanks to them, and I challenge the new leadership group to maintain this level of tremendous work. These kinds of efforts make it no surprise that Lisle is among the finest places to live in the country.

The Illinois Mobile Drivers Services unit attracted 80+ people to Village Hall for license renewals, etc. in August. This has become an event which makes the Secretary of State’s office return annually because the turnout suggests a real demand for this type of convenient service. I hope it continues to please both residents and non-residents for years to come.

Please look for the Village’s new logo in future communications. It will replace many versions that evolved over the years. The Board approved this new design, which continues to emphasize our identity as “The Arboretum Village.” We will be introducing the logo into various media until it becomes our standard. I hope you'll find it appealing.

A sign of things to come on Main Street began in September with the placement of new water and storm water main. We continue on track for the larger Main Street improvements to begin next spring. We continue to work with New England Builders on a mixed use project at Main and Burlington, and we look forward to upcoming discussion at the Planning & Zoning Commission on that project.

It seems strange to say it already, but I’ll see you downtown at Lights of Lisle on December 1st. It should be a great time!
Fun things to do in Lisle

Morton Arboretum
Glorious colors of autumn leaves
Activities & special events for all ages
See www.mortonarb.org

Lights of Lisle
Tree Lighting Ceremony
Sat., Dec. 1, 6:00 p.m.
Downtown decorated with over 6,000 luminaria
Tree lighting ceremony at Village Hall
Trolley rides, refreshments & family activities

Once Upon A Christmas
Sat., Dec. 1st: 3:00-8:00
Sun., Dec. 2nd: 11:00-4:00
Museums at Lisle Station Park
Children’s crafts, music, brick oven baking, model trains on display, meet Santa, snacks, and hay rides.

Polar Express Santa Train
Dec. 2nd, 9:45 AM & 1:45 PM
Phone: 800-733-9811
Make your reservations early!

French Market
Saturdays, 9:00am-1:00pm through end of October
fresh cut flowers, plants and produce
delicious baked breads and pastries
colorful home furnishings
unique clothing and jewelry
one of a kind creations

Upcoming entertainment:
Oct. 20 Wheaton Snappy Tappers
Oct. 27 Weber Irish Dancers

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Face lift
Illinois Academy of Family Physicians at 4756 Main St. sports a handsome new façade. Next door (not pictured), the State Farm office is also in the process of transforming. The designs are distinctive but complementary in style. These façade improvements have been completed with an assist from the Downtown Redevelopment Grant Program. Grants are available for façade improvements, demolitions, and new/expanding retail businesses. Contact Econ. Dev. Dir. Catherine Schuster at 271-4148.

Free leaf pickup
The Village of Lisle offers weekly pickup of loose leaves (not bagged) beginning the week of October 15 through the week of November 12, 2007.

Village crews come through the entire Village each week and pick up leaves that have been placed in the parkway. If your leaves are not in the parkway at the time crews pass your house, they will not be picked up until the crews return the following week.

Keep leaves off the pavement and out of gutters and ditches where they can interfere with drainage. For guidelines, see page 7.
Individuals, families, and school groups came to look for names of loved ones, or just to take it in. Some brought flowers or personal memorabilia. Some made rubbings to take home.

American Veterans Traveling Tribute
September 6-9, 2007

9/11 Memorial Service
presented on 9/7/2007 by Lisle Teens with Character, Lisle–Woodridge Fire District, and Village of Lisle

↑ Honor guard pipers sponsored by Lisle–Woodridge Fire District.


↑ Teens sing the national anthem while color guard stands at attention.

“An emotionally moving remembrance against a powerful backdrop...”

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Pay conveniently online with E–Pay

The Village of Lisle now accepts online payments for commuter parking permits, building permits, parking tickets, refuse/yard waste stickers and water/sewer bills.

On the Village of Lisle website, click Quick Links, then Online Payments to make a payment or for more information. E–Pay accepts Mastercard, Discover and American Express (not VISA). Convenience fees are collected by the service provider, not the Village.

New dog license fee

The Village will begin charging $10 for 2008 dog license tags to cover costs involved with issuance and record keeping. The Business Dept. will start issuing the tags in December 2007. Bring an up-to-date veterinarian’s certificate of rabies vaccination.

All dogs are required to wear a Village tag in addition to the DuPage County rabies tag.

Reminders about Village utility bills…

E-Pay option
See above.

Auto-debit option
This convenient service is available to pay Village of Lisle utility bills. Customers receive a normal bill with “payment will be automatically deducted” printed on the stub. Bills are paid by direct deduction from the customer’s account on the due date. Payments are received on time for the correct amount. No check writing. If customers have any questions, there is an opportunity to ask before the deduction is made. An application form may be downloaded from the website or requested from the Billing Clerk (271-4131). Auto-debit cannot be used for final billings.

Moving?
As with other utilities, you will need a final water/sewer bill. Village of Lisle water customers must schedule a final meter reading, which includes reading the meter inside the home, as well as the exterior remote device. Call the Billing Clerk (271-4131) to schedule an appointment.

Reconcile your meters
All customers are responsible for water usage as recorded on the inside meter. Customers should periodically check that both the inside meter and outdoor remote register say nearly the same thing. If they are off by more than 3,000 gallons, notify the Billing Clerk (271-4131). Information about how to read the meter and remote is available on the Village’s website.

Buckle Up!

For your own safety and to avoid a $55 ticket, buckle your seat belts every time you drive, before putting the car in gear.

During the May “Click It or Ticket” seat belt enforcement campaign, the Lisle Police Department issued 603 citations relating to the passenger safety laws. As a reminder to all drivers, 1) all front seat occupants must wear a properly fitted safety belt; 2) children age 16 and under must always be fitted with a safety belt while riding in a vehicle; and 3) children below 80 lbs. must be in appropriate car seats.

Finance earns award

For the 4th consecutive year, the Village’s Finance Department has earned a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers’ Association. The award is based on the fiscal year 2006 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. It recognizes a “constructive spirit of full disclosure.” Finance Director Kim Schiller accepted the award on behalf of the ongoing efforts of the Finance Department.

What’s in a name?

A better description! The Building & Zoning Department has officially changed its name to the Community Development Department (CDD).

The new CDD title more fully recognizes the scope of work encompassed: not only building and zoning, but also planning, property maintenance, engineering, stormwater and floodplain management.

August rains came…

On the north side of town, the Morton Arboretum measured 8.55” rainfall for August, and a southside homeowner measured over 12.4”. By any measure, it was far more than the normal average of 4.62”. Thankfully, it didn’t all come at once and Lisle’s river and its tributaries did not flood.

Some Illinois communities along the DesPlaines and Fox Rivers did flood. Why were we so fortunate? One part of the answer lies in understanding our “watershed,” the area of land that drains into a river. The watershed of the Des Plaines and Fox Rivers extends further north into Wisconsin where heavier rains occurred. The source of the East Branch of the DuPage River is in Roselle, IL and its watershed is much smaller.
Volunteers assist Village government

Government of the people, by
the people, for the people...

Through the election process, we chose our local government leaders. To broaden the base of citizen input, local government also enlists the volunteer service of a number of others to assist in a variety ways.

The Village of Lisle has a number of boards and commissions. Some have statutory authority as spelled out in State laws. Others serve in an advisory capacity. Their efforts help Village government to function better. All of the citizens who serve on these boards do so voluntarily. We thank them for sharing their time and talents on behalf of the community!

Members are appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the Village Board. Positions open up regularly.

If you are interested in possibly serving on one of these boards, send Mayor Broda a note.

A tip of the hat to these citizen volunteers!

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Technology Commission

The Technology Commission researches technological advancements that might be implemented to benefit Village residents and/or staff.

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

By State statute, the BOFPC is responsible for the appointment of all Lisle police officers and is accountable for the sergeant promotional exam process. Also, the Chief of Police coordinates with the Commissioners on any disciplinary action invoked on a patrol officer. Despite the title, the Commission has no authority over Lisle–Woodridge firefighters.

Police Pension Fund

The PPF makes administrative and financial decisions with regard to the pension fund for police officers, adhering to strict State statutes and striving to make decisions in the best interests of pension fund members.

West Suburban Mass Transit District

WSMTD consists of ten representatives from area municipalities along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. The representatives review and administer funds for various mass transit projects in the BNSF Aurora–Chicago corridor.

In–Touch Commission

In–Touch implements programs that strive to raise awareness and educate residents about a lifestyle free of substance abuse. In–Touch now is one component under the broader umbrella of the non–profit Lisle Community Character Alliance.

New date!

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sun., Nov. 4th in USA. Remember to reset clocks: “fall back.”

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Keep Halloween safe!

The Lisle Police D.A.R.E. and Crime Prevention Officer, Jodie Wise, reminds parents to caution their children about safety on Halloween.

**Adults, beware of these hazards:**
- Children become excited and careless and may run into the roadway
- Dusk is the time of poorest visibility for drivers
- Children may have trouble with loose costumes, bulky trick-or-treat bags, unsafe shoes that are too large for their feet, masks which reduce vision, and dark costumes which are hard to see in the dark

**Halloween safety suggestions:**
- Billowing flammable costumes close to open flames from Jack-O-lanterns or candles
- Foreign objects imbedded in unwrapped treats
- Eliminate face masks because of poor visibility; instead, use face paint
- Wear light-colored costumes, rather than dark-colored, or add reflective strips, for motorist visibility
- Be sure that costumes are short enough in length to prevent tripping
- Parents should accompany young children

**Leaf disposal alternatives**

Instead of having leaves hauled away, use them as mulch. Chop them with a lawn mower, string trimmer, or shredder before mulching to help them stay put under trees and shrubs, etc.

In addition to the Village’s leaf pickup, the Village’s waste hauler, Allied Waste, will continue to pick up leaves placed in yard waste bags or cans with yard waste stickers attached.

**Yard waste pickup ends for the season on December 11, 2007.**

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The Village of Lisle appreciates input from its residents. Request information, or offer suggestions or constructive criticism, on any matter pertaining to Village government. You are invited to use:

- 24 Hour Info Line (271-4110)
- email (Lisle@villageoflisle.org)
- this form or a letter (mail to Resident Comment Coordinator, Village of Lisle, 925 Burlington Ave., Lisle, IL 60532-1838, or deposit in the payment drop box at Village Hall)

**Comments are invited!**

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**Guidelines for free leaf pickup**

**October 15 through week of November 12, 2007**

- Leaves shall not be placed on sidewalks or in ditches. Where sidewalks abut the curb, the leaves shall be placed behind the sidewalk but as close to the street as possible.
- No other materials shall be placed in the leaf pile, including grass, branches, landscape waste, etc.
- Submit all leaves in the parkway—off the pavement—by 7:00 AM on Monday for pickup that week.
- Leaves shall be loose, not bagged, and placed as close to the edge of the street as possible.
- Village of Lisle Public Works Department requests your cooperation to help them serve you. Questions? Call Public Works at 630-271-4180.

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Red light enforcement cameras coming

In an effort to reduce accidents at our most heavily traveled intersections and promote safe driving, the Village of Lisle has entered into a contract with RedSpeed–Illinois to bring red light photo enforcement to town.

Over the next several months, RedSpeed–Illinois will work with Lisle and appropriate jurisdictions to research, install, and implement the red light enforcement system. The Lisle Police Department has compiled data from 2004–2006 identifying the intersections with the most intersection–related crashes as: Rt. 53/Maple, Warrenville/53, Warrenville/Naperville, Yackley/Ogden, and College/ Yackley/Maple. RedSpeed will conduct intersection analysis, as well as additional traffic studies, and determine with Village officials where the red light camera systems will be installed.

When the red light cameras are installed, they will be highly visible with photo enforcement warning signs. There will also be a warning period after activation of the cameras, to publicize them further and to obtain compliance with Illinois Vehicle Code law.

- The camera captures the violation with digital evidence and is reviewed by a RedSpeed operator.
- The violation is then reviewed by a Lisle Police Officer and submitted to RedSpeed if the violation is to remain in force.
- A violation notice is mailed to the registered owner of the violating vehicle. The violation notice will include color digital photographs of the registered vehicle's license plate and the violation. There will also be a website maintained by RedSpeed where a video of the violation can be observed.
- If an in–person hearing is requested, a village appointed attorney (Hearing Officer) will conduct an Adjudication Hearing at the Lisle Police Department.

Reminders
Everyone knows a red light means stop, and failure to comply is a violation. Drive safely! Review some other traffic signal rules below:

- On a yellow light, do not accelerate to “beat the red.” Yellow is a warning light. Stop, if you can. If not, clear the intersection safely.
- Do not enter an intersection on a red light.
- Stop at the stop line on the pavement, which is before entering a crosswalk.
- If you are already in the intersection when the light turns red, clear the intersection when it is safe to do so.
- When turning, yield to oncoming traffic and to any pedestrians.
- For right–on–red turns, be sure you come to a complete stop at the stop line first, and yield to any pedestrians or vehicles.

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