Navistar project back on track

On September 8th Navistar held a news conference attended by Governor Quinn, Attorney General Madigan, Mayor Broda, and numerous state and local officials, including the Village Board. The Mayor, in his remarks to the audience, acknowledged the efforts of many to ensure that Navistar remain in Illinois with their world headquarters in Lisle. Navistar Vice President Don Sharp in turn expressed his appreciation to the Mayor for never turning away from this project and for continually working with Navistar to make their move to Lisle a reality.

While the announcement on September 8th made clear Navistar’s intent to move to Lisle, work remains to be done. Navistar must submit a new set of plans for their improvements to the site. As well publicized, these improvements will NOT include a new building to serve as a technology center. Rather, the plans include the rehabilitation of existing buildings with only minor physical alterations to external structures. The functions of the previously proposed technology center will substantially be conducted at Navistar facilities elsewhere in Illinois.

An intergovernmental agreement between the Village, DuPage County, and Forest Preserve of DuPage County is in the process of being reviewed and approved by the respective elected bodies. The implementation of a TIF district must be re-started and finalized within the next few months. A redevelopment agreement between Navistar and the Village needs to be finalized to ensure the terms of the property transfer and financial incentives. It is expected that Navistar will close on the Lucent property purchase by December 31st.

Mayor Broda acknowledged that it has been a ‘long haul’ to get to this announcement, and he expressed his thanks to the Village Board, noting that they have never wavered in their support for a Navistar project in Lisle. Broda said, “It is ironic that the Village has been criticized over the past 12-18 months—some saying we didn’t engage the public, others saying we allowed the public to ‘take over’ the review process. In the end, what is important is that we never gave up on a potentially huge economic development project for the Village, County, and State.”
From the Mayor...

I’m writing this on the second ‘official’ day of autumn and temperatures are expected to reach almost 90 degrees. It seems like summer is trying to stick around a little longer this year. Fine with me, as it was another great summer in Lisle!

Most notably, Lisle’s award-winning regional balloon festival, Eyes to the Skies, was another overwhelming success. Many thanks to the Committee, as well as all the festival volunteers for their dedication and efforts. This Fourth of July tradition not only provides a fun venue for the entire family, but proceeds from the event directly benefit Lisle-based non-profit and civic organizations that make a positive difference in our community.

Summer fun continued June through August at Downtown Lisle Cruise Nights. A great time was had by all! This was the second summer for Cruise Nights, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce’s Downtown Business Council, chaired by Kitty Murphy, a life–long Lisle resident and owner of The Nook. Special thanks to Evviva! Bar and Eatery for its sponsorship that helped make the events possible.

In August, the Village once again successfully partnered with the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office to bring the Mobile Drivers Services Facility back to Lisle. Over 50 residents came to Village Hall to renew their driver’s license, State ID cards and/or license plate stickers.

The Village can look forward to the completion of PrairieWalk Pond and DragonFly Landing. The 4.5 acre site is located at Route 53 and Burlington Avenue and serves as a gateway into Downtown Lisle. The outdoor recreational area will include a lighted walking path and gazebo, as well as a children’s splash pad and playground equipment. The public will be able to fully enjoy these amenities next spring.

Regarding the Ogden Avenue and Route 53 bridge, the IL Department of Transportation and the Village have coordinated efforts to incorporate some aesthetic bridge enhancements. These include a stone formliner on the bridge’s parapet wall and a patterned concrete median, to complement the stone work installed as part of the Downtown Lisle streetscape project. IDOT is expected to complete work before the holidays.

Finally, although work is still in progress in regard to Navistar’s move to Lisle, I am proud of the cooperative community and intergovernmental efforts to move this process forward. I am optimistic about the economic development opportunities that Navistar’s making Lisle its new home will bring to the community and the region.

Best wishes for a great fall, and I look forward to seeing a number of you at this year’s Lights of Lisle and Tree Lighting event on Saturday, December 4.

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Ogden Ave Corridor Plan adopted

After an 18–month planning process, the Ogden Avenue Corridor Plan was approved by the Village Board in July. The Ogden Avenue Corridor Plan represents a comprehensive land use plan for the Ogden corridor intended to help guide future land use decisions and to set forth long–term improvements. For information on the plan, or to view the final version, please visit the Village website. The Ogden Avenue Corridor Plan may be found on the website under the Community Development Department.

The process, under the direction of the plan’s steering committee, included extensive public input. The Village of Lisle thanks all the residents, property owners, merchants and others for participating in shaping the future of the Ogden Avenue corridor. It is the Village’s largest commercial district and serves as a main gateway into Lisle.

Pension equity for Illinois communities

Referendum question on the November 2, 2010 ballot:

“Shall the Illinois General Assembly and Governor take immediate steps to implement meaningful police and fire pension reform which will relieve the extensive burden on local taxpayers?”

The Lisle Village Board approved the placement of an advisory referendum question on the November 2, 2010 general election ballot to determine community support for public safety pension reform. The referendum question will ask Lisle voters whether or not they support immediate action by the State of Illinois legislature to implement meaningful reform measures for the police and firefighter pension systems. Illinois Municipal League says at least 38 communities across IL will also be asking their voters this question about pension reform.

Earlier this year, the General Assembly and Governor Quinn approved reform measures for 13 of the pension systems that affect government employees, but they did not act to reform the police and firefighter pension systems.

The Governor and General Assembly are responsible for determining police and fire pension benefits. In the past, they approved enhancements to the police and fire pension systems without funding them. The responsibility to pay those obligations lies with municipalities, or more specifically with the taxpayers. Today, police and firefighters can retire as early as age 50 after 30 years of service with a pension of 75% of their final pay rate.

Lisle is proud of our police officers and we honor their service. We can say the same for firefighters of the Lisle Woodridge Fire Protection District. The Village is committed to providing its public safety employees with a secure and reliable retirement. However, without reform, municipalities will be forced to spend continually more taxpayer dollars to the police and firefighter pension systems with less money available for other public services and critical infrastructure needs.

As a ballot measure, an advisory referendum is not binding and will not bring about immediate change. The results of the referendum will be forwarded to the State Legislature as information for their consideration.

Storm Sewer Project

Two separate storm sewers—one for Burlington/Dumoulin area, and one for River Dr. north of Lacey—have been designed to move water from the street area to two nearby pump stations. Certification has been obtained from DuPage County. The project will be bid in late fall or winter, with work expected to start in spring 2011.

Both neighborhoods flooded during the severe storms in 2008. Stormwater did not flow to pump inlets as envisioned, and one storm sewer north of the RR tracks surcharged. The project is expected to prevent flooding of homes that has occurred in medium–sized storm events. The project is a “partial solution” because the storm sewers will not be of help in very large storms if floodwaters overtop the levee along the river, or in very intense storms if the capacity of the pumps is exceeded. The project will also not eliminate all ponding of water in the road, ditches, and yards. However, it be will an improvement.

Also, during the past year, DuPage County Public Works has completed improvements to their sanitary sewer along River Drive north of Lacey, which should decrease flooding caused by surcharging of that sanitary sewer in some storm events.
Emerald ash borers found in Lisle

The Village of Lisle is the latest community to discover the presence of the emerald ash borer (EAB). EAB infestations were found at three locations: the Public Works facility, Benedictine Parkway, and Trinity Drive. The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA) confirmed the infestation on August 4, 2010.

**Impact.** The recent and numerous EAB finds underscore the need for all communities and especially neighboring communities to be proactive against EAB. IDA urges community officials to initiate an ash tree reduction strategy within their districts. “Begin by taking inventory of all ash trees within the community, budget needs for labor and equipment should large-scale ash tree removals be necessary. Then aggressively begin to cull your poor-conditioned ash trees. Work with local tree care professionals, as they are generally the first line of detection. Establish a formal plan to record and report inventory reduction and reforestation activities. Start now to develop a communication plan should the emerald ash borer be found in your community,” says Warren Goetsch, Environmental Programs bureau chief.

**What is it?** The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a small, metallic green, non-native invasive pest whose larvae feast on the trunks of ash trees thereby cutting off their ability to transport nutrients and ultimately causing the tree’s decline. Ash trees can be infested with EAB for a few years before the tree begins to demonstrate any signs of EAB infestation. Symptoms of EAB include canopy dieback, D-shaped exit holes, shoots sprouting from the tree trunks and S-shaped larval galleries underneath the bark.

**Treatment?** Ash tree owners may ask about treatment options in order to avoid removing their trees; however, the only guaranteed method to control EAB is to remove the host tree(s). When considering usage of insecticidal control, one should weigh the value of the tree against the cost of treatment.

“..."The Illinois Department of Agriculture certainly supports a tree owner’s right to determine for themselves whether a pesticide treatment is appropriate in their specific circumstance," IDOA Bureau Manager of Environmental Programs, Warren Goetsch said. Tree owners are encouraged to thoroughly research the various treatment options currently available and carefully weigh the costs associated with the required repeated treatments. Please be advised, however, that that treatment of an ash tree will not guarantee that the tree will not eventually have to be removed.

Under the provisions of the State of Illinois’ Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act, as well as the Nuisance Declaration issued in July 2006, the state has the authority to order the removal of any tree infested with the EAB, regardless of whether it has been previously treated with a pesticide or not. The state has not exercised this authority to date, as all Emerald Ash Borer–related tree removals have been done on a voluntary basis.

**Infestation.** EAB was first discovered in Illinois in June 2006, in the Windings near Lily Lake in Kane County. The IDA has since confirmed EAB infestations in several communities within Kane, Cook, DuPage, LaSalle, Will and most recently McHenry counties and has issued a quarantine affecting all or parts of 18 of the northeastern-most counties of the state. As part of a cooperative agreement with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), IDA is responsible for EAB survey, control/eradication and outreach.

EAB was first discovered in North America in 2002 in the Detroit and Ontario areas. Since then, it is estimated that approximately 25 million ash trees in North America have been felled due to the EAB.

**Lisle’s ash trees.** A computerized inventory of all parkway and public trees indicates the Village of Lisle has ~1,300 ash trees which make up 18% of the Village’s total canopy. As a proactive measure to limit the possible damage from an EAB infestation, the Village has been removing stressed and damaged ash trees for several years.

Additional information can be found on the Village web site.

**Your vigilance in detecting EAB requested!**

It is very important for area residents to be aware and vigilant in inspecting their ash trees for the pest. D-shaped exit holes in the bark are tell-tale signs. If you suspect you may have found adult or larval form of this insect, contact the Village of Lisle Public Works Department at 630-271-4180 or pw@villageoflisle.org. Village staff will respond promptly to suspected sightings of EAB.
Reminders from Public Works

Prepare now for winter

Mailboxes. Check the condition and stability of your mailbox. If your mailbox is leaning or the post is not firmly in the ground, straighten and/or stabilize it. Act now before frigid weather.

If it is leaning or unstable, heavy wet snow or ice being discharged from plows might inadvertently knock it down. If damage is from discharged snow, it is a homeowner’s responsibility. (Public Works is responsible only if damage is from a direct hit by a plow.)

When snow arrives

- When driving during snow removal operations, slow down and give snow plows enough room to complete their job safely.
- When removing snow from driveways, deposit the snow onto the parkway and/or yard and not into the street. This will help avoid creating dangerous conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and snow plow operators.
- Clear sidewalks of snow for the safety of all pedestrians.
- Residents are encouraged to shovel out fire hydrants that are on or near their property.
- Please help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow without risking their health.

Lisle’s Public Works Department is committed to keeping motorists safe on roadways throughout the winter season. The goal of the Village’s snow and ice control program is to provide the motoring public with a safe roadway system. Public Works strives to provide “bare pavement or as close to bare pavement” on primary routes, hills, and curves within a reasonable period of time after the ending of a storm event.

Flowing priorities. It is the Village’s intent to keep all roadways passable, but weather conditions will dictate decisions for the Village to plow/salt by the following priorities, starting with the highest priority:

1. Central Business District (including commuter lots)
2. Streets near schools and school bus routes during and immediately before and after school hours
3. Collector streets (i.e. Abbeywood, Old Tavern, etc.)
4. Secondary streets (i.e. Millbridge Lane, Blackhawk, etc.)
5. Employee parking lots
6. Cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets
7. Other parking lots and alleyways

Note: State and County roads are not included in this plan. State roads include Ogden Ave and Route 53. DuPage County roads include Maple Ave, Yackley Ave, College Rd, and Warrenville Rd.

Bottom line for winter driving: drive cautiously!

Loose leaf pickup — weeks of Oct 18–Nov 15

The Village of Lisle offers FREE weekly pick up of loose leaves (not bagged) for all single-family homes within the Village of Lisle corporate limits. Village crews will come through the entire Village ONCE PER WEEK and pick up leaves that have been raked to the front parkway. If leaves are not in the front parkway at the time Public Works crews pass a house, they will not be picked up until the crews return the following week.

Please adhere to the following guidelines when preparing leaves:

- All leaves must be placed in the front parkway by 7:00 AM on Monday morning.
- Leaves shall be loose, not bagged, and placed as close to the edge of the street as possible.
- Leaves shall not be placed on sidewalks or in ditches. Where sidewalks abut the curb, the leaves shall be placed off of the sidewalk and as close to the street as possible.
- No other materials shall be placed in the leaf pile, i.e. grass, branches, landscape waste, etc.
- Please do not park cars in front of leaf piles. If crews can not get to the leaf piles they will not be picked up.

The Village’s waste hauler will pick up yard waste bags with a yard waste sticker affixed to each bag. After the week of November 15th, DO NOT rake leaves to the curb. There will be NO free pickup after the week of November 15th. The waste hauler will continue to pick up yard waste bags with stickers through the second Tuesday (14th) of December.

Questions regarding the free Leaf Pickup Program? Please call 630-271-4180.
John Dough’s Bakery/Cafe has opened at 4740B Main St. serving yummy bakery goods, soups, salads, and sandwiches. Those who loved Upper Crust are following John Zydowicz to his new location three doors north of the fountain on Main Street. The business received a $20,000 Restaurant Grant to help transform the space formerly occupied by Jesson Upholstery, which still operates at 4740A.

Village to “green” facility cleaning techniques

Instituting green cleaning initiatives over the next five years will save the Village of Lisle ~$60,000 or $12,000 per year. The changes will also reduce waste and result in cleaner, healthier facilities, a win – win for all involved.

Facilities Manager Bill Glowienke worked with cleaning vendor Crystal Maintenance and chemical manufacturer Diversey, Inc. to implement the changes, which support the Village’s “Green by Choice” program.

Changes made include capturing and removing pollutants as close to entrances as possible, replacing aerosol cans with pump spray bottles containing eco-friendly cleaning products, using HEPA vacuums that more effectively filter air and trap small particles, using microfiber towels to reduce waste, and eliminating harsh chemical cleaners.

In addition, cleaning products will be purchased locally to reduce the amount of fuel needed to ship materials to the Village. Products will be in concentrate form so the Village can add water onsite and avoid paying to ship heavy solutions. When empty, the tamper-proof containers can be recycled.

The Village is currently working with representatives from Kranz, Inc. and Diversey, Inc. to compare the program to the “Green School Clean Act.” Glowienke expects the Village to become one of the few municipalities in the state to become fully and voluntarily compliant with the requirements. He states, “We take great pride in what we have been able to accomplish and look forward to making even greater strides toward a clean and healthy environment for the visitors and employees of the Village of Lisle.”

Promotional videos

The Village has debuted a 30-second and a 9-minute video to promote Lisle. The full length video is a wonderful overview of the Village of Lisle. It will be used for public relations and as a tool for economic development purposes, showcasing Lisle to recruit businesses and by LCVB to promote convention and hotel bookings, etc. The short version will run as a TV commercial.

The videos were produced by Two Parrot Productions, owned by Lisle residents. Landscape scenes in 9-minute video span all four seasons of the year.

Anyone may view the 9-minute Welcome Video on the Village website. Links to it may be found in several places, most directly under the Residents menu.

Get latest updates on Twitter!
www.twitter.com/GoGreeninLisle

Fall 2010 marketing campaign

Print. The Village of Lisle has launched a fall marketing campaign in conjunction with The Sun newspaper in the Lisle, Naperville, and Downers Grove markets using a special section designed to promote Lisle’s “Green by Choice” businesses. The special pull-out is to be published on September 23-24 and October 7-8. This advertising is projected to reach 40,000 area households.

The section features a color cover and info about Lisle’s Green By Choice program. In addition, it will announce the offer of a $500 Gift Card to the green business of their choice. The Village will assume costs for this gift card.

TV. The Village’s new 30-second commercial will air 144 times in prime time over the next several months on a variety of networks on Comcast, including HGTV, Food Network, Bravo, TNT, We, TLC, Style and Soap. Comcast estimates the commercial will be seen by 48,000 people in the Lisle/Naperville/Aurora area.

Online. To enhance the effectiveness of this campaign, an online ad will be displayed during this time on www.comcast.net. Approximately 70% of all Comcast subscribers set www.comcast.net as their home page, which should result in significant viewings of the ad. Comcast estimates the ad will be seen by 60,000 people.

The brand supportive ad will encourage people to support our green businesses, register for the gift certificate, and view the Green Directory.
Comments are invited!

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 (630-271-4110)
- 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)

Submitted by       Daytime phone #
Address            Date

Sustainable Lisle Business Partnership grows

New businesses added
Some 14 businesses were added to the Sustainable Lisle Business Partnership this summer.

The goal of this program is to meet consumers’ needs while conserving precious resources and reducing waste in Lisle and beyond. Businesses participating in this program have received a “Green Audit” and have chosen to incorporate a minimum of four green or sustainable initiatives in their products or services and operations. Many businesses have far surpassed the minimum requirements of the program.

Browse the directory
The Lisle Green Directory provides detailed listings of the participating businesses and the green products and services available. The directory can be accessed from the Village website home page. Imagine carpeting made from corn or recycled plastic bottles, organic food and beverages, locally crafted artisan furniture, having a “green” wedding or special event and more.

Shop in Lisle! Please patronize the many Lisle businesses who strive to preserve earth’s natural resources for future generations. Thank them for their efforts, and use their services and/or buy their products.

A sampling of recently added Sustainable Lisle Businesses:

Aquascape Designs
Well known for their ecosystem ponds, waterfalls and fountains, Aquascape is also noted for their rain water recycling technologies. Their RainXchange system pairs a rainwater harvesting system with a decorative water feature. Their new Lisle location is at 1815 Ogden Ave. (630-964-2060).

Tailored Spaces Cabinetry
These kitchen and bath consultants have a beautiful new showroom at 4710-3 Main in downtown Lisle. They offer many recycled and sustainably produced materials for remodeling or new installations. (630-964-0864)

Win a $500 gift certificate!
Win a $500 gift certificate to the Sustainable Lisle Business of your choice. Enter the drawing by registering on the Village website. Browse the Green Directory while there.

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The Lisle Dental Center at 4712 Main (630-964-0944) sports a new façade with assistance from a Façade Grant from the Village. The Dental Center is a Green by Choice business and knows that green practices are good for business as well as for the environment. They have a paperless office, use energy efficient eco-friendly sterilization and digital X-rays, and emphasize dental wellness through preventive care and education.
French Market
Saturdays 8 am–1 pm thru Oct 30
- Fresh fruits, vegetables & flowers
- Delicious baked goods
- One of a kind items, such as jewelry & artisan crafts
- and more!

Halloween Tips
Porch light ON—Trick or Treat here
Porch light OFF—do not approach
1. Do not allow children to go Trick or Treating alone: a trusted adult should take young children, a friend accompany older ones.
2. Children should remain in familiar neighborhoods and NEVER enter any home without their parent’s permission.
3. Face paint is preferred over masks, which may reduce visibility when crossing the street.
4. All costumes should clearly be marked as flame resistant.
5. Children should be instructed to remember any suspicious incidents and report them to a parent and/or a police officer.

6. If anyone tries to grab them or lure them with “special treats”, children should know to scream, make a scene, run, and tell.
7. Children should only accept wrapped treats and not eat any treats until thoroughly inspected by an adult.
8. Start Trick or Treating early, while it is still light out, but bring a flashlight in case of delay.
9. Avoid hard plastic or wood props and substitute with items that are soft and flexible. Also, insure costumes fit properly to avoid trips and falls.
10. Costumes should be light-colored or reflective, for motorist visibility.

Lights of Lisle
Sat., Dec. 4
Santa Parade 3:00 pm
Tree lighting 6:00 pm
(at Village Hall)
Downtown twinkles with luminaria!
Ice carver, trolley rides, family activities & refreshments

Holiday season
Snowmen decorations downtown
Sparkling snowflakes at PrairieWalk Pond

Once Upon A Christmas
Sat., December 4 3:00–8:00
Sun., December 5 11:00–4:00
Museums at Lisle Station Park
Visit with Santa
Model trains, blacksmith
Children’s crafts
Refreshments

Polar Express Santa Train
Sunday, December 5
9:45 am & 1:45 pm
Hayride after to Lisle Station Park
Train tix available at The Nook, LCVB, & Lisle Savings on Maple
Advance purchase required

New names reflect recreational transformation
After soliciting public input, the Village Board chose new names for the Garfield area. The pond is now PrairieWalk Pond. The new children’s play area is DragonFly Landing.

As fall gets underway, progress is being made in transforming the site, whose primary purpose is stormwater retention, into an engaging recreational area for all ages. Lighted walking trails now wind around PrairieWalk Pond. A gazebo will provide shelter.

The north end is evolving into DragonFly Landing, with playground equipment and benches. The splash pad is in place, but awaits spring weather for water to be turned on.

This site connects to downtown via a new extension of the GardenWalk. With access from Main Street at the fountain, PrairieWalk Pond is an inviting amenity for downtown visitors. A ribbon cutting is expected around mid-October, with a grand opening to follow in the spring.

New trail around PrairieWalk Pond

Win a $500 gift certificate!
See page 7 for “Green by Choice” offer