Short Street bridge re-opened

Short Street bridge re-opened on August 11th, over a month ahead of schedule.

The bridge was closed on March 30th for replacement. It spans the East Branch of the DuPage River between Route 53 and Yackley. The closure impacted traffic to Lisle Senior High, Community Park, and the industrial park businesses.

Mayor Broda expressed his satisfaction with the re-opening, almost one month prior to the construction contract terms, which anticipated a mid-September opening. “I’m glad the school buses are not going to be re-routed at the start of their year, and I’m delighted the inconvenience is coming to an end for all users.”

Public Works Director Jason Elias added, “We’ve been fortunate with weather, a good contractor, and limited unforeseen complications. This project was in the works for several years and it’s gratifying to see it completed.”

The construction project was awarded to Herlihy Mid-Continent Company, Romeoville, at a total cost of $961,032. The federal Bridge Repair & Replacement Program, administered by IDOT, covered 80% of the total cost. The Village was responsible for the remaining 20%.

Bridge ribbon-cutting. An 8’ wide asphalt bike path/sidewalk traverses the bridge on the north side and a concrete sidewalk on the south.

Village commended for environmental efforts

At the Sept. 19th Board meeting, the Village was recognized for its broad spectrum of environmentally friendly projects and practices.

An AV presentation by Staff Engineer Mary Lou Kalsted highlighted the diverse ways that Lisle has promoted and incorporated environmental considerations. Besides many programs for the public, Lisle considers environmental impact in its operations, such as reducing energy consumption in buildings and vehicles, computerizing salt spreaders, reusing furniture, and recycling materials.

Kay McKeen, Dir. of SCARCE, commended Lisle employees on their true commitment to sustainability.

Jeff Redick, Ch. of DuPage Cty. Environmental Com., commended Lisle for their positive impact by educating the public, saving money for the taxpayers, and helping preserve the earth for our children and grandchildren. It is “not just good for the environment, but good government, smart government,” citing support for public safety, flood prevention, and making long-term investments that will provide budgetary relief. (See Earth Flag photo on p.6.)
From the Mayor...

Before we say goodbye to warm weather and welcome the colorful leaves of fall to the Arboretum Village, I’d like to provide a recap of the Village’s summer activities.

First, in June the Board of Trustees and I officially opened the Dragonfly Landing splash pad at PrairieWalk Pond. Children enjoyed water features there all summer. Although the splash pad is now closed for the season, Dragonfly Landing playground with its cat tail swimmers and tree house is still a magnet for children. Lisle Library’s Story Hour was held in a shaded area of Dragonfly Landing (photo below). Visitors learned about the pond’s native plantings from PrairieWalk Pond volunteer tour guide Barb Plichta. It was great seeing the community enjoying the many nature-based amenities at PrairieWalk Pond!

Also this summer, Cruise Nights returned to Main Street in Downtown Lisle, featuring pre–1983 American–made vehicles, great food from Lisle restaurants, and music. As part of the July 8th Cruise Night, Lisle hosted the U.S. All World Beauties National Parade. Many thanks to the Downtown Business Council and the Lisle Convention and Visitor’s Bureau for their efforts in organizing the parade and this year’s Cruise Nights.

In July, the Village’s Ec. Dev. Dept. partnered with the Illinois Small Business Development Center at COD to present a social media seminar for Lisle businesses. During the seminar, businesses learned how to market effectively and grow their business using the Internet and other social media, like Facebook and Twitter.

Even in these difficult economic times, Lisle is committed to maintaining and improving its roads and other vital infrastructure. This summer’s road maintenance project included rehabbing a total of 3.5 miles of streets. Work was completed on 26 different streets throughout the Village, two months ahead of schedule, and $100,000 under the $1.5 million budget.

Another significant infrastructure project was completed a month ahead of schedule this summer—Short Street Bridge. The old bridge had reached the end of its life expectancy and posted weight limit restrictions. The Village replaced the bridge, with the help of grant dollars from the federal Bridge Repair and Replacement Program. A ribbon-cutting was held on August 11, 2011 (see front page).

Finally, 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 the Lisle. About 60 residents came to Village Hall to renew their driver’s license, State ID cards and/or license plate stickers.

Believe it not, the holidays are just around the corner! In addition to the Lights of Lisle event (Sat., Dec. 3, 2011), make plans to participate in the Churches of Lisle Community Caroling event during Christmas week in Downtown Lisle (details will be available on the Village’s website).

Lisle Library’s Story Hour was held in a shaded area of Dragonfly Landing on August 8 with ~60 attending. Throughout the summer, children enjoyed the splashpad and playground there as well. Adults like walking the path around scenic PrairieWalk Pond (background), that connects to Main Street via the Garden Walk.
Electronics recycling becomes mandatory

On January 1, 2012 the listed electronics will be banned from landfills in the State of Illinois. These items may no longer be disposed of with trash. They must be recycled.

- computers, laptops
- monitors, printers, keyboards, mice
- small scale servers
- fax machines, scanners
- TVs, DVRs, video consoles
digital converter boxes
- cable & satellite receivers
- recorders, DVD & mp3 players

Welcome, SunCoke!

SunCoke Energy has moved into its new headquarters at 1011 Warrenville Rd. After a nationwide search, the company invested $6.6 million to relocate its corporate headquarters from Knoxville, TN to Lisle. The State of IL is providing a $4.8 million business investment package to support the project, which will create 105 new jobs.

The Village of Lisle and other communities cooperate with DuPage County to offer both periodic and one–time special event drop–off locations.

According to the US EPA, electronics are complex devices which are made of a wide variety elements, such as lead, nickel, cadmium, and mercury. These components could pose a risk to human health or the environment if mismanaged at the end of their life. Additionally, valuable resources, such as precious metals, copper, glass and engineered plastics are recovered. Recycling of electronics conserves natural resources and the considerable energy required to process and manufacture them.

The Village of Lisle’s Community Development Dept. (CDD), along with a task force appointed by the Village Board, kicked off a comprehensive review of the Village’s Subdivision and Zoning Codes.

The Village’s Subdivision and Zoning Codes are important for each and every resident because subdivision and zoning affects your property, your neighborhood, and our Village.

The Village’s Zoning Code was first adopted in 1957 and the Subdivision Regulations were adopted in 1970. Since that time, a number of targeted revisions have been made; however, this project represents a rare opportunity to review all of the codes at one time through a comprehensive process.

To learn more, or to get involved with the process, please visit the Village of Lisle’s Subdivision and Zoning Code page on the Village’s website or contact the CDD at 630-271-4150.

Let our website help you!

The Village’s website has been updated to be more user friendly, adding new photos and attractions. Use it to find information on Village services and the Lisle community.

Restaurant & Catering Guide
A directory of Lisle’s 54 restaurants and catering establishments, listed in alphabetical order followed by a category and price guide. It was created to help you quickly find the dining experiences you are seeking—fine dining, sports bars, ethnic choices, coffee shops, fast food or catering options.

New! Shopping Guide
What’s available in downtown Lisle? See this new guide listing 100+ Downtown Lisle businesses, by category.

Find both guides under Quick Links (near top right of home page).
Public Works

Branch pickups

Regular branch pickups are currently underway, and will wrap up the final week of September in areas south of Maple.

Special branch pickups were conducted after the July 11th storm. Clearing damaged trees/branches kept crews busy for three weeks. Parkway tree damage was concentrated on the north side in the Buckley/Center/Kingston area, and along Abbeywood on the south side, but was widespread on private and Park District property as well.

Grant for tree replacement

Lisle has received a $10,000 grant of federal funds through the Metropolitan Mayor’s Conference for replacing trees infected with Emerald Ash Borer. VoL Arborist Dwayne Henry estimates it covers costs of 20-25 parkway trees.

Arborist Henry estimates the PW has removed on the order of 75 parkway ash trees since 2008 when EAB was first discovered in this area. PW Forestry Dept. now does an annual review of all parkway ash trees, and removes those with 30-50% damage, and checks any ash tree removed for EAB presence.

Safe routes to school

In 2009, the Village was awarded a $249,668 grant, with no local match required, by the IL Dept. of Transportation Safe Routes to School program to enable and encourage local students to walk and bike to school. Lisle’s program included adding sidewalks in the neighborhood surrounding Tate Woods Elementary School and providing a sidewalk in place of an existing dirt path at Schiesher Elementary. This summer both sidewalk projects were built, and are now being used by students of those schools, as well as neighbors.

Loose leaf pickup – weeks of Oct 17–Nov 14

Guidelines

■ 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 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 PW crews will come through the entire Village ONCE PER WEEK, weather permitting, and pick up leaves that have been raked to the front parkway. If leaves are not in the front parkway at the time crews pass a house, they will not be picked up until the crews return the following week. Please adhere to the guidelines when preparing leaves for pickup.

After the week of November 14th, DO NOT rake leaves to the curb. There will be NO free pickup after the week of November 14th.

Questions regarding the free Leaf Pickup Program? Please call 630-271-4180.

The Village’s waste hauler will pick up yard waste bags with a yard waste sticker affixed to each bag. The waste hauler will continue to pick up yard waste bags with stickers through the second Tuesday (13th) of December.

Please pile leaves onto parkways. Do NOT place leaves on the pavement or into gutters.
Reminders from Public Works

When snow arrives

The Public Works Dept. 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.

- 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 move snow without health risk.

Salt reduction. Please be advised, only main roads, areas near schools, intersections, hills, and curves will be salted to bare pavement condition. Secondary roads, dead ends, and cul-de-sacs will only be spot salted at intersections; however, ALL roadways will be salted during ice storms.

Note: State roads include Ogden and Route 53. DuPage County roads include Maple, Yackley, College, and Warrenville.

Bottom line for winter driving: drive cautiously!

Frigid temperatures can cause one of winter’s worst problems—frozen water pipes. But property owners can take some simple precautions to prevent the inconvenience and expense of frozen water pipes, including:

1. Disconnect hoses.
2. Insulate outside pipes and faucets.
3. Insulate inside pipes and faucets in cold areas such as unheated attics, basements, garages and crawl spaces.
4. Drain irrigation systems.
5. Caulk around incoming pipes.
6. Close or block foundation vents. (Remember to open them again in the spring to prevent dry rot.)
7. Locate your master water shut-off valve and test it. If a pipe does break, damage can be minimized if you stop the flow of water quickly.
8. If you are planning to leave your home or business for an extended period and you don’t drain your pipes, you should lower the thermostat but never shut it off. The lack of heat can freeze the pipes in walls and the basement. If you do drain your pipes, be sure to turn off your water heater first.
9. Open cupboard doors under sinks on outside walls so pipes are exposed to indoor heat.

If, despite these precautions, your pipes do freeze, it is best to call a licensed plumber. If you locate the frozen section of pipe and try to thaw it yourself, be sure to take the following precautions to protect yourself and your property:

- Do not use an open flame. You risk setting your property on fire, and overheating one area can cause the pipe to burst.
- Place a warm towel or rag around the pipe.
- Make sure you know the location of your master shut-off valve. The frozen pipe may already be broken and, when the water is thawed, it will leak. In this case you will need to shut off the water in your home or business until the leaky pipe is fixed.

For more information on how you can prevent frozen water pipes, contact the Village of Lisle Public Works Department (630) 271-4180.

Before snow arrives

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.

Basketball hoops. Move them well back out of the right–of–way to avoid hazards to snowplows and prevent damage.

Prevent frozen pipes this winter: Simple steps to protect your property
Village earns Earth Flag

On behalf of SCARCE and DuPage County, County Board Member Jeff Redick presents Mayor Broda with Lisle’s Earth Flag. Mayor Broda accepted on behalf of the Board, staff, and many others who have worked to raise environmental consciousness for government and its citizens, and incorporate it into planning and practices. (This Earth Flag is made from recycled plastic bottles.)

Recycle unwanted holiday lights
— light strands & extension cords —
December 3, 2011 thru Feb 2012, M–F, 7:00am–5:00pm
inside Village Hall Lobby

Lisle residents will soon be pulling out their boxes of holiday lights and determining which strands are broken or maybe residents have decided to switch to more environmentally–friendly LED lights and no longer need their old incandescent lights. The Village of Lisle is offering residents a sustainable way to dispose of lights by recycling.

The Village’s annual Lights of Lisle event takes place on Saturday, December 3 and will once again be the official launch for the holiday light recycling program at Village Hall. After December 3, residents can drop off holiday lights any time been 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday inside the Village Hall lobby, 925 Burlington Ave. The Village will be accepting lights for recycling until the end of February 2012.

Lisle has partnered with Elgin Recycling, who will strip the lights and recycle both the copper and plastic materials. No parts will be shipped overseas. Any string of holiday lights—inandescent or LED lights, and extension cords—accepted free of charge. No limit on number of strands.

Yard waste collection seasonal only

The Village reminds residents that on Tuesday, December 13, Allied Waste/Republic Services will complete the last yard waste collection until March 2012.

Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush and other organic material only. Branches and brush refuse must be bundled, using biodegradable fiber, measuring no larger than 4” in length and 18” in diameter, with one yard waste sticker attached. Other yard waste must be placed in approved paper yard waste bags or in a rigid container, no larger than 33 gallons, clearly marked ‘Yard Waste,’ with one yard waste sticker attached. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.

Heavy leaf-fall predicted!

Loose Leaf Pickup Guidelines
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Lights of Lisle
Sat., Dec. 3
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
New decorations downtown
Sparkling snowflakes at PrairieWalk Pond

Once Upon A Christmas
Sat., December 3 3:00–8:00
Sun., December 4 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 4
9:45 am & 1:45 pm
Hayride after to Lisle Station Park
Train tix available at The Nook, 7-Eleven on Ogden at Main St., & Lisle Savings Bank on Maple. Advance purchase required.

French Market
Saturdays, thru October 29
8:00 am–1 pm
Commuter Station parking lot adjacent to Burlington Ave

Newsletter distribution
The Lisle Village Newsletter is being posted to the website and only a limited number is being printed for residents to pick up at Village Hall, Lisle Library or Park District.

To be notified via email when a new newsletter is posted, sign up for e–Notify on the Village’s website. Click on the e–Notify box on the homepage and follow instructions.