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Streetscape design contracts awarded

Designing and installing a new streetscape for Main Street, to include such features as decorative light fixtures, sitting walls, large trees, benches and gardens, has been talked about for many years. Signing the contracts for schematic design is a big first step toward realizing the dream (continued on page 3)

Pieces of the Downtown redevelopment puzzle

Grants to stimulate redevelopment

In an effort to promote high quality redevelopment, the Village Board approved a new incentive program for downtown business and property owners. The new Downtown Redevelopment Grant Program replaces the prior Façade Improvement Program, which had been in effect since 1999.

Grant amounts have been significantly increased for architectural services and façade improvements. More definitive guidelines were established to accommodate buildings of varying heights and lengths. In addition, grants can now (continued on page 3)

Come shop at the FRENCH MARKET!

Beginning May 13th and running through October, a French market will operate on Saturdays 9 am-1 pm in downtown Lisle. Come downtown and check it out!

What is a “French market”? Think upscale farmers’ market, with organized booths under colorful awnings, and more diverse goods (flowers, books, clothing and more). Initially, there would be a dozen or more vendors, but the number is expected to grow over time. Vendors may include local businesses or vendors from outside the community. (continued on page 2)

Soliciting developers

The formal Request For Qualifications (RFQ) has gone out to potential developers for the old Village Hall site and Parking Lot F (south of the Fire Station).

The RFQ is the first step in a two-step process. Through the RFQ, the Village will attempt to attract the attention of professional land developers and encourage them to consider redevelopment of this Village-owned land. The Village is seeking land development companies that have successfully redeveloped mixed-use projects in the past. Submittals are due in mid-April. Subsequently, the Village of Lisle, (continued on page 3)

For updates on Downtown, visit the website. On the home page, click on Downtown Lisle button at lower left.

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From the Mayor...

The Village’s 50th anniversary got off to a great start this year with the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on February 10th at the Lisle Hilton. This year’s event easily doubled the attendance from recent years. My thanks and congratulations to the Chamber and Hilton Hotel for putting on a great event.

As you may know, for several years I have hosted an early morning “Coffee with the Mayor” on the first Tuesday of each month. In an effort to expand public access to your elected officials, we are now also experimenting with a “Coffee with the Board” from 9–10:00 am on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The intent is simple: provide residents the opportunity to have informal conversation with Board members regarding whatever concerns you bring.

In February at Schiesher School, we completed the second of three annual neighborhood meetings. I anticipate our final neighborhood meeting for the area south of Maple Avenue, in late April or early May.

It was with mixed emotions that I heard that Fran Bolson, Executive Director of the Lisle Convention and Visitors Bureau, is departing. I hate to see Fran go because she has brought a great sense of professionalism to her position. She was extremely collaborative in working with our great hotels, the LCVB Board, and the Lisle Board of Trustees to market our hotels and our community. Her new position with the Greater Woodfield Convention and Visitors Bureau will be a new challenge. I offer my sincere thanks and best wishes to Fran for a job well-done in Lisle.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the Water Task Force that was established by the Board in April 2005 to examine the cost and service differences of those residents, particularly in the Oakview Subdivision, who receive water and sewer service from Illinois American Water Co. The group’s final report was provided to the Board in January and discussed at a special meeting on January 30th. The results of their efforts remain to be seen, but I thank the following residents for their participation: Janeen Brzeczek, Dan Grecco, Paul Johnson, Bob Pascente, Elizabeth Peery, Susan Srail, and Jim Strnad.

In January the Village Board approved a Request for Qualifications to be sent to potential developers of the old Village Hall site. The Board also approved engineering and landscape architecture services related to the improvement of Main Street. I look forward to the results of these actions as the year progresses. I’m sure you do too.

With the return this year of the Bandits and Dragons to the Village of Lisle/Benedictine University Sports Complex, not to mention the NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships and the introduction of lacrosse games, I’m anxious to join the thousands who will be entertained here throughout the coming sporting season. Think Spring!

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The idea evolved from a suggestion of Lisle’s Downtown Business Council. The goal is to provide a quality weekly activity that will attract residents and others downtown. The market creates new opportunities for downtown businesses to build a loyal customer base and increase sales, and offers hotel visitors a new leisure option.

In response, the Village of Lisle has engaged Bensidoun USA Inc. to manage the Lisle French Market. Bensidoun manages successful French markets in other Chicago-area communities such as Wheaton and Wilmette.

Businesses who wish to obtain a booth at the French market or those seeking more information are encouraged to contact Econ. Dev. Dir. Schuster at 630-271-4148.

Public Art Project

Decorated garden work benches will be the objets d’art for this year’s Lisle Chamber of Commerce (CC) outdoor exhibit. Sample workbenches are on display at Lisle Savings Bank and LaSalle Bank on Main Street. Order forms are available there or from the CC (964-0052). A Bench Preview will take place on May 25 at the Hilton Hotel. Benches will be auctioned on September 16 with proceeds to CC charities.

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working with staff at S. B. Friedman, will short-list the number of submissions to perhaps three development companies/teams.

The second step in the process is the Request For Proposals (RFP). After Village Board review and approval of the short-list of companies, companies on the short-list will be asked to submit a formal, very detailed proposal demonstrating how they would redevelop the properties if given the opportunity to do so. The due date for receipt of the proposals is August 25, 2006.

The project is on track to formalize an agreement with a developer by late in the year.

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be awarded for the demolition and replacement of ‘tired’ buildings, if that is the preferred course of action.

Façade improvements and new construction should reflect the prairie design theme as identified in the Village’s Master Plan. A Design Workbook, which presents examples of prairie style elements, is available to help guide design efforts and ensure that redevelopment projects are complementary in nature.

The Village hopes downtown business and property owners take advantage of this new, more flexible program now so when the beautiful new streetscape is complete, downtown will have a fresh new look. The Economic Development Commission manages the Redevelopment Grant Program. Contact Econ. Dev. Dir. Catherine Schuster (630-271-4148).

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that downtown Lisle will be revitalized and become a point of pride for the residents of Lisle. A beautiful downtown Lisle will become a destination point for visitors who wish to stroll along heavily landscaped sidewalks, shop in quaint stores or perhaps enjoy a good meal at one of the local restaurants.

JJ Benes & Associates of Lisle was awarded a $47,000 contract for professional engineering services. SmithGroup JJR, LLC of Chicago was awarded an $87,000 contract for professional land planning and landscape architectural services.

During the Schematic Design Phase, the first step in the process, the design team will weigh various grand ideas and narrow down the costs. The schematic design process will result in an overview (rough) design with estimated costs of the proposed project. This phase is expected to take ~9 months to complete. Design development and actual drawings will occur in the second phase.

During the upcoming months the design team will meet with business owners/operators, residents, and the Village Board to obtain their input as they work together toward the final schematic design. The design team is comprised of team co-leaders Village Assistant Manager Barbara Adamec and Public Works Director Ray Petersen, Village staff, and representatives from Benes and JJR.

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Development activities in 2005 included building permits and construction, but also a variety of planning and property maintenance activities as well. Emphasis is commonly placed on building permits and construction activity as a gauge of the Village’s economic growth and viability. Overall, 2005 was consistent with many of the past five years.

Although total permit valuation was down in 2005 as compared to 2004, both residential and commercial alterations/additions remained consistent with activity over the last five years. Multiple family alterations/additions picked up, with 18 permits issued in 2005 as compared to a total of 7 permits issued over the course of the last four years. In essence, new construction was down but property owners invested in their properties with expansions and alterations.

Residential Construction. New single family home construction remained consistent with 2004 (38 in 2005 vs. 43 in 2004). The tear-down trend that has evolved in neighboring communities has not fully impacted Lisle at this time, with only six in 2005 and 14 the previous year.

In general, new residential construction continued in subdivisions Willow Glen*, Bella Landing*, Pine Meadow*, Lakeside at River Bend, Villa St. Benedict, and on scattered lots throughout the Village. New subdivisions that have received plat approval or were in development review are Thorne Hill*, Radcliff Ridge*, Colin’s Subdivision*, JR’s Subdivision* and Bray’s Subdivision*. Asterisks (*) indicate locations in western Lisle, between Ogden Avenue and the RR tracks, where much of the new residential development is taking place.

### Why do I need a building permit?

The reason building codes exist are to protect persons and property from unsafe or hazardous conditions. A building permit gives you, your insurance company, your neighbors, potential buyers, and the Village general assurances that specific minimum construction standards are met when constructing, altering, or repairing your home by complying with the Village’s building code requirements. These standards are based on well-established safety, health and environmental considerations intended to protect the integrity of buildings, safety of inhabitants, and general welfare of the public.

Permits needed. As a general guideline, projects that require permits include, but are not limited to, the following: new construction or additions, basement finishing or any alteration which changes the original design or floor plan of a structure, decks, porches, sheds, gazebos, garages, furnaces, water heaters, upgrading electric service, in ground and above ground pools, hot tubs, lawn irrigation systems, adding electrical outlets and plumbing fixtures. Significant grading work and the installation of retaining walls in one’s yard would also require a grading permit. A building permit is required regardless of whether you do the work or hire a contractor.

Permits not needed. Permits are not required for patio slabs less than 6” above grade, service walks, re-shingling, re-siding, or fences. Please note that applicable building codes, subdivision covenants and deed restrictions should be reviewed prior to fence installation. Special regulations apply to fences in floodplains.

The Village’s website provides general information concerning permits and codes. The Building and Zoning Department can be contacted at 630-271-4150 for specific questions or interpretations on any of the above or any other code-related matters.

### Building activity returns to level of prior years

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### Residential Housing Summary

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Pazzo’s Restaurant and Via Moda Salon are new businesses downtown on Front St.
Commercial Construction. New commercial construction in 2005 included single story office buildings at 505 and 515 Warrenville Rd. with 19,500 square feet, and a two-story 39,500 square foot speculative office building being constructed at 2375 Cabot Dr.

Occupancy permits were issued for a number of commercial projects, some of which began in prior years. Examples include: McCain Foods on Cabot Drive, National Louis University, Lisle Auto Plaza II, Auto Zone, Lisle-Woodridge Fire District headquarters, and a two-story commercial building on Front Street that houses Pazzo’s Restaurant and Via Moda Salon.

Planning Activities. Six annexation agreements and six additional pre-annexation agreements were approved and adopted by the Board of Trustees to expand Lisle’s municipal boundaries and provide municipal services to previously unincorporated areas. The Village amended its boundary line agreement with the City of Naperville in order to accommodate Inland’s Radcliff Ridge Subdivision proposed at the SW corner of Burlington Ave. and Radcliff Rd.

Village code and ordinance revisions were pursued and adopted in 2005 including a new comprehensive sign code, landscape and tree preservation ordinance, State Plumbing Code amendment, and a temporary moratorium on massage therapy establishments.

Property Maintenance. A total of 3,629 property maintenance inspections were made during the 2005 calendar year. One-third of these inspections pertained to sign code enforcement and violations. Another 1/3 were for multi-family rental unit inspections that are required upon change of occupancy. The remaining inspections consisted of exterior multi-family property maintenance and grounds inspections, re-inspections and nuisance complaints.

Looking Forward. As was the case in 2005, residential development will be dominant, especially in the northwest quadrant of the Village. Infill and tear downs should also increase as land becomes scarce.

Downtown redevelopment will come into clearer focus in 2006. While actual construction will not occur this year, the Main Street Beautification project will be in the design phase. Determination of a developer and use for the old Village Hall site should be completed this year. These projects, in conjunction with various property acquisitions in the Garfield area, downtown zoning changes, and design guidelines, will promote future building activity downtown. The intent is to make downtown a desirable gathering place for residents and visitors alike.

McCain Foods is an example of one of 35 commercial remodeling permits with valuation exceeding $100,000. A total of 98 commercial remodeling permits were issued for approximately 49 new businesses and 48 expansions/improvements of existing businesses.

Permits for the final six single family homes in River Bend were issued in 2005. At buildout, River Bend totals 39 single family homes and 123 townhouse units. Village-wide, a total of 38 new homes were constructed in 2005 at sites scattered throughout the village.

Lisle-Woodridge Fire District moved back into their headquarters after adding 8,700 s.f. and extensively remodeling.

One-story office buildings at 505 and 515 Warrenville Road account for two of the three new commercial starts in 2005. The third is a new 2-story office condominium building at 2375 Cabot Drive.

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Managing floods

The Village of Lisle is interested in providing floodplain information and protection to residents and business owners.

Flood history in Lisle. Lisle does have a history of flooding, usually in late spring or late summer. Flooding has been reported on the East Branch of the DuPage River in 1948, 1950, 1954, 1957, 1972, 1987, and 1996. The August 1972 flood was the flood of record, and the most damaging in the area. The most recent flood of 1996 was primarily controlled by levees constructed along the river in the mid-1960s and the floodplain design and development controls imposed by the Village since 1970.

Is your property affected? The Village maintains maps of floodplain areas and the flood insurance study for the Village of Lisle. The Village enforces its floodplain regulations and the DuPage County Stormwater and Floodplain Ordinance. Mary Lou Kalsted, P. E., CFM, (630-271-4107) is Village of Lisle Floodplain Coordinator and is available to answer any questions concerning floodplain regulations and flood protection measures. Upon written request, Ms. Kalsted will provide free floodplain determination letters for any property within the Village limits.

Insurance. Flood damages are not normally covered by regular homeowners insurance. However, separate flood insurance may be purchased for structures and personal possessions. The insurance premium rate depends on the depth of flooding that might occur on your property in a 1% chance storm event. Because of strict enforcement of Village regulations and other activities to meet FEMA standards, owners of floodplain property within the Village of Lisle are eligible for a 15% reduction in premiums.

The Village of Lisle is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, so any property owner in Lisle may purchase flood insurance. Flood insurance is required for properties in the Special Flood Hazard Area that are purchased with federally guaranteed funds (i.e. FHA, VA, FSLIC).

Information available. More information on flood insurance coverage and requirements, flood protection measures, flood safety, and property and building protection is available in a floodplain library maintained by the Village of Lisle both at the Village Hall and at the Lisle Library. Property owners can take actions in advance of a flood to provide protection for their property. The helpful FEMA publications “Flood Emergency and Residential Repair Handbook” and “Design Manual for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures” are in these libraries, as are several other useful documents.

When floods come. In the event of an actual flood situation, there should be sufficient warning for people in affected areas to take precautions or evacuate. Lowest openings to a home (basement windows, crawl space) could be sandbagged and personal possessions could be raised above basement and first floor levels. Furniture and appliances could be enclosed in plastic. Gas, water, and electrical services should be shut off.

However, when told to evacuate by emergency personnel, do so. Flood waters run deceptively smoothly, but contain great forces. They can rise dramatically in a short time, cutting off escape routes. While some streets in Lisle would flood, and indeed some are designed to be stormwater overflow routes, all areas of town will have open streets suitable for evacuation.

Sidewalks for Rt. 53

This year, sidewalks will be installed along Route 53, filling in gaps between Warrenville Road and Rolling Drive. Along the portion of Route 53 south of Short Street sidewalks will be on the west side, with the remainder on the east side. Construction should begin in April.

The Village obtained a grant of federal funds administered through IDOT and the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for this project. The $517,000 cost is being split 75%-25%, with the Village footing the ~$130,000 local share.

Streets to be rehabbed in 2006

- Center, Front to Division
- Columbia, Riedy to Front
- Front, Main to Columbia
- Gamble, Center to Westview
- Inverness, Center to Larkspur
- Larkspur, Maple to Inverness
- Lisle Pl., Rt. 53 to Main
- Main, Front to Jonquil
- Middleton, Ogden to Center
- Riedy, Kingston to 600’ w. of Westview
- Rolling, Rt. 53 to Kingston

Pets in spring

Spring is in the air, and with spring come complaints about pets. The animals may do the offending, but it is their owner’s responsibility to prevent the offenses. Please do your part:

- Clean up feces promptly and dispose of them in a sanitary manner.
- Do not allow dogs and cats to run at large. Leashes are required when on public property.
- Obtain a free Village dog tag at the Village Hall Business Office. Call 271-4100 for requirements.

Village of Lisle Population
2005 Partial Special Census

23,506
Household Hazardous Waste

Don’t pour chemicals on the ground or down a storm drain.
Dispose of wastes responsibly!

Drop-off Recycling Center
1971 Brookdale Rd, Naperville
(behind fire station, E side of Rt. 59, btwn. Diehl Rd. & N. Aurora Rd.)
open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturdays & Sundays

About Village utility bills…

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.

Auto-debit service
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.

Did you know?
Lisle’s new Village Hall was completed on time in 2003 and under budget. Cost was $8.5M vs. $10.1M budgeted. Credit for cost containment is shared by many, but much of the credit is due to project manager Asst. Vil. Mgr. Barbara Adamec.

I-88 construction
At this point, it appears that ISTHA will be bidding interchange construction in 2006, with widening along the Lisle stretch of I-88 not beginning until 2007. Keep abreast of I-88 construction via the tollway website at:
www.illinoistollway.com

Hints from Public Works
Park on the pavement. Do not pull onto grassy parkways. However, leave 18' of usable roadway.

Landscape boulders and ball hoops.
Keep them away from the road and out of public rights-of-way.

Keep mulch away from tree trunks.
Mulch and dirt should not be piled inside mulch rings. Mulch rings should not resemble volcanos! Tell your landscape company.

Celebrating 50 Years of Lisle: A Pictorial History Book
Pre-Publication Order Form
Reserve your copy(ies) of the hard-cover commemorative book at $25.00 per copy. Book(s) may be picked up at Village Hall, or shipped directly for $3.50 each. Questions? Call 630-271-4115. Deadline for ordering books: September 1, 2006.

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City ___________ State _____ Zip __________
Phone __________________ Email __________

#___ Books ordered @$25.00 ea _______
Shipping and handling @$3.50 ea _______
Sponsor fee (optional) _______
Total enclosed $___________

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Name to be listed ________________________________

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Village of Lisle
925 Burlington Avenue
Lisle, IL 60532

website: www.villageoflisle.org
Will you share your Lisle history and photos?

The 50th Anniversary Committee is professionally publishing a beautiful hard cover commemorative book to highlight the history of Lisle and the 50 years of incorporation. Your historical information and pictures are needed for this pictorial history book.

Please consider sharing your history and photos. Your photos will be scanned and returned back to you. If you have pictures of your neighbor-