’07 French Market promises to be oo–la–la!

Saturdays beginning May 5th
9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.
Downtown Lisle

Spring is on the way and so is the opening of the French Market! This year, the market will open on May 5th and run weekly (rain or shine) 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. through October 27th.

Come browse the market, enjoying a cup of freshly brewed coffee while taking in all the colorful sights and sounds of this delightful experience. This year’s offerings will include beautiful fresh cut flowers, plants and produce; delicious fresh baked breads and pastries; colorful home furnishings; unique clothing and jewelry; one of a kind creations and more.

In addition, Lou O’Brien, one of the Economic Development Commissioners, has volunteered to organize weekly special events that will run jointly with the French Market. Among the scheduled events will be musicians, a pasta demonstration, a vintage car show, and signings by a well known comic book character. It promises to be a fun season for the entire family! Check the Village website for up to date listings of special events.

If you wish to volunteer at the market or are interested in securing a booth, please call Economic Development Director, Cathy Schuster at 630–271–4148, or email cschuster@villageoflisle.org.

Arbor Day

Public Tree Planting Ceremony
10 a.m. April 27th
at Tate Woods School

Festivities scheduled throughout the April 27-29 weekend at the Morton Arboretum.

Announcing 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.

Optional early voting

closest location:
Lisle Township Offices
4721 Indiana Ave., lower level
Mon–Fri 9–4; Sat. 9–noon

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Vote!

Local elections
April 17th

CO detectors required

Does your home have a working carbon monoxide detector? CO detectors are now required within 15’ of every room used for sleeping purposes. ‘This applies to every Illinois residence: single family and multi–family homes, apartments, hotels and motels. See website for more details.

website: www.villageoflisle.org
Preliminary design is underway for the vision of a revitalized downtown. Granted, but it only happens through planning and hard work.

We continue to move toward our vision of a revitalized downtown. Preliminary design is underway for a detention pond between Route 53 and Garfield Street that will not only provide stormwater storage for future downtown development, but will also provide a park-like setting to improve the aesthetics of the area. We hope to see that improvement substantially completed in 2008. Design engineering for Main Street improvements will be underway shortly. The process of selecting a developer to build a project at the old Village Hall site has been lengthy, but we anticipate having a developer on-board soon.

Congratulations to a few more downtown businesses who are partnering with the Village to improve their appearance by way of a redevelopment grant. The Illinois Academy of Family Physicians (4756 Main), Ed Pajian (4716 Main), and George Sheu (4734 Main) have all been awarded grants in the past two months to improve the facades of their Main Street businesses. I congratulate them and we all look forward to seeing these changes.

Our 50th Anniversary celebrations may be over, but I hope you will continue the spirit of those celebrations and make sure you get an anniversary book and/or the DVD production commemorating Lisle’s history. Both the book and the DVD were commissioned by our Anniversary Committee and are on sale in the Village Hall and other locations. They are professional, high-quality productions that will not only provide a great history of our community, but they will serve as a great remembrance of our celebration for years to come.

Like you, I look forward to spring and the upcoming outdoor activities. I hope you will support our French Market as it starts its second season on May 5th. The first year was a big success, and this year’s Market promises to be even better. I’ll see you there!

AT&T has been advertising that they plan to provide Illinois residents with a video product they believe will be in direct competition with cable TV. But if you call them to order this new video service, AT&T will tell you they can’t provide it “yet.” Why not?

The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and Illinois law allow all municipalities to license, franchise and tax community antenna television systems. Doing so gives municipalities control over the placement of cabling, wiring, and cabinets installed in rights-of-way for use by these for-profit companies.

AT&T wants to provide Illinois residents with a video product, but first they want to eliminate or change existing franchising requirements to their benefit. AT&T is currently lobbying hard for changes in the law in Washington, DC, and in many states across the country, including Illinois.

A level playing field?

Most municipalities are concerned that if they lose control over the use of municipal property, AT&T will “cherry-pick” their customers, leaving behind senior citizens, fixed income families and low income families without any service. Current franchising requires a complete build-out and service to all residents. One could argue that if the rights-of-way are publicly owned and entrusted in the care of local government, then all of the residents living within that municipality have a legal right to have access to the services, as is true with electric, gas, cable TV and telephone service.

Another issue concerns the large size of AT&T’s utility boxes (5’ tall, 3’ 8” wide, 2’ deep) which AT&T wants to place in municipal and county rights-of-way. Many towns are concerned these huge boxes will be installed directly in public right-of-ways which may not be the best use of tax dollars.
What does it mean to be a “Tree City USA”?  

The Village of Lisle has received the Tree City USA award every year since 1993 from The National Arbor Day Foundation. This award recognizes communities that effectively manage their public tree resources, and meet the standards that are set by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the USDA Forest Service, and the National Association of State Foresters.

There are four basic standards for Tree City USA recognition:

- Establishing a Tree Board (Lisle’s Tree Commission)
- Adopting a community tree ordinance (in place many years, updated in ’06)
- Spending at least $2 per capita to support its urban forestry program ($250,000 in FY06–07)
- Initiate an Arbor Day proclamation, which includes a public tree planting ceremony (annually)

Ash tree moratorium

Due to emerald ash borers, do not plant ash trees on private or public property.

Tree–damaging gypsy moths in some Lisle trees

Gypsy moth caterpillars damage trees by eating their leaves. US Dept. of Agriculture plans gypsy moth sprayings in May–June for the west side of town using an effective, biologically safe aerial spray. A public information meeting will be held beforehand.

Prevent spreading. Inspect vehicles for caterpillars and buff colored egg masses when returning from infected areas. Don’t transport firewood from infected areas.

A level playing field? continued

front of homes and businesses, creating line-of-sight issues and harm to property values.

Village of Lisle officials are waiting for AT&T to submit a formal request to enter into a franchise agreement with the Village of Lisle as required by Village Code and Illinois State Statute. At the moment, we believe AT&T will do so if and when legislators change the existing laws in favor of AT&T.

“The Arboretum Village”

What’s in a nickname?  

The nickname “The Arboretum Village” was informally adopted long ago to reflect Lisle’s proximity to the Morton Arboretum.

Although there are some wooded parcels, most of the land in Lisle was open farmland in the early 1900s. In the Village’s early years, some property owners and civic groups took the initiative to plant trees on an individual scale.

With new developments and Village boundaries expanding in the 1980s, thoughts turned to how the Village could live up to its “Arboretum Village” moniker. In 1980 the Village began a cost-share parkway tree purchase program, which continues today. Now, 27 years later, the Village has over 8,000 trees in their parkway inventory and an ongoing program to care for them.

Additionally, the Village tries to promote environmental awareness and educate the public about actions that help conserve our trees and shrubs.

Streets to be rehabbed in 2007

To be ground and overlaid:

Abbeywood Drive, west of College
Shorewood Court
Timberview Drive
Greenfield Drive
Tealwood Drive
Kirkwood Court
Grenoble Court
Stowe Court
Innsbruck Court
Vail Court
St. Anton Court
Aspen Road
Sun Valley Road, west of College
Telluride Court
Plus, Garfield Parking lot and north aisle of Commuter Lot B

Allied Waste has resumed seasonal yard waste pickup on Tuesdays
Building Department
Yearly Report of Permits Issued
2006 vs. 2005

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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.

Information. 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.

New construction activity in 2006 was modest compared to previous years. Permits were approved for one new commercial project, plus 15 new single family homes and 20 duplex and townhouse units. This limited new construction activity was offset by a large number of major commercial remodeling projects (defined as over $100,000 estimated cost).

Thirty–one major commercial remodeling projects received permits during 2006 with over half (17 projects) located within the Warrevelle Road/ I–88 Corridor. These major commercial remodeling projects included additions/ expansions and commercial tenant build–outs of unfinished spaces. New construction may have been down from previous years, but property owners once again invested in their properties with these expansions and alterations.

Commercial remodeling permits as a whole in Lisle included 47 new businesses and 96 expansions/ improvements to existing businesses.

Residential construction. Permits for new single family homes totaled 15 in 2006 (compared to 38 in 2005). New construction activity occurred in Bella Landing(A), Colin’s Subdivision(B), Edgebrooke II(C), Thorne Hill(D), Arboretum Glen(E) and a handful of single family infill lots elsewhere.

Commercial construction. The one 2006 permit for new building is for a 15,000 sq. ft. shopping center located at 1712 Ogden Ave(1). It is intended to be occupied by multiple retail tenants. Major commercial remodeling and occupancies elsewhere in the Village included Molex(2), Empire Beauty School(3), Wyndam Hotel(4), United Health Group(5), Hilton Hotel(6) and SXC Solutions(7).

Plan Reviews.
Development reviews for new residential subdivisions included Thorne Hill, Radcliff Ridge, Colin’s Subdivision, LeBois, Sunderlin Estates, Wrights Estate, Edgebrooke II, Farhath, Villas of Versailles, etc.

The retail strip plaza at 1712 Ogden was Lisle’s one new commercial start in 2006.
In the chart below, figures for multi-family condos and apartments reflect 567 condo conversions in 2006. While being marketed as condos, some of these units continue to be rented.

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Luxury attached residences are under construction near Lisle’s east and west boundaries—duplexes on Thorne Hill Court and townhouses in Arboretum Glen (left).

Commercial remodeling and tenant build-outs were promising during 2006, and it is anticipated that new retail development opportunities will come online during the course of 2007.

Downtown redevelopment at the Old Village Hall site will be finalized and confirmed this year and a new mixed-use, transit-oriented development should break ground sometime in 2008. The construction of new residential units in the form of condominiums, townhouses, and row homes will eventually bring with it a new residential population. This will add new consumers there and help reinvigorate and revitalize the downtown.
Why protect floodplains?

Floodplains in their natural state, without buildings and pavement, have an important impact on flooding. Flood waters can spread over a large area in natural floodplains. This provides many benefits:

- Reduces the speed at which the flood waters move (higher speeds cause more damage)
- Provides storage of flood waters, which protects downstream areas by reducing the water levels that reach them
- Reduces the frequency of flooding
- Reduces the length of time that flood waters cover the ground outside of the stream channel
- Allows water to soak into the ground and recharge the groundwater aquifer; less water ultimately flows downstream
- Moderates the flood water temperatures; this reduces the possibility of a harmful effect on aquatic plants, fish and animals
- Provides habitat for a variety of plants and animals, as well as breeding and feeding areas

In addition, the vegetation in a natural floodplain:

- stabilizes soil during flooding and reduces erosion
- filters and improves water quality and minimizes sediment in the stream
- can reduce the damage caused by waves created as wind blows across flood water

Within the Village of Lisle, good examples of areas that serve this purpose are Community Park, Old Tavern Park, and the River Bend Golf Course. Hidden Lake is one subdivision example where protected floodplain is conserved as open common area.

Protecting Lisle’s floodplain in the

Approximately 20% of Lisle properties are in or adjacent to floodplain areas, as identified by the Federal Insurance Administration. Several streams run through Lisle, including Willoway Brook, St. Joseph Creek, Rott Creek and St. Procopius Creek, and Lisle is bisected by the East Branch of the DuPage River. Storm sewers, swales, drainage ditches and detention/retention ponds also play an important part in overall stormwater and floodplain control. Controlling development so as to maintain these waterways is very important to the Village of Lisle.

Floodplains can be protected by designation as open spaces, such as parks and golf courses; by good planning of new subdivisions; and by granting conservation easements over floodplain areas on private properties, to protect against future development.

How can you assist? Several of the Village’s efforts depend on your cooperation and assistance. Here is how you can help:

- Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or streams. Dumping in our ditches and streams is a violation of Village of Lisle Code 8-1-1. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. A plugged channel cannot carry water, and when it rains, the water has to go somewhere. Every piece of trash or vegetation contributes to flooding.
- If your property includes or is next to a ditch or stream, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. Many Lisle properties actually include local streams, including along the East Branch of the DuPage River. It is the property owner’s responsibility to remove brush, junk, and debris from the stream, including fallen trees.
- If you see dumping or debris in streams, call the Building Department at (630) 271-4150.

Many properties include drainage swales or ditches within their boundaries. It is illegal to grade, excavate or fill in any property in the Village of Lisle without a proper permit, to ensure that projects do not cause problems for you or your neighbors. Always check with the Building Department before you build on, alter, regrade, or place fill on your property.

Are you at risk of flooding? Your property may be high enough that it was not flooded recently. However, it can still be flooded in the future because the next flood could be worse. If it is in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be inundated. The first thing you should do is check your flood hazard risk. How?

Village flood services. Flood maps and flood protection references are available in the Village of Lisle Floodplain Library, a copy of which is available both in the Building Department at Village Hall and at Lisle Library in the Local Government Reference Section. The Building Department can give you more information, such as depth of flooding on your lot and copies of elevation certificates for buildings built in the floodplain since 1980. You can request a floodplain determination letter with this information for any property within the Village, free of charge.

The Village enforces its floodplain regulations and the DuPage County Stormwater and Floodplain Ordinance. Mary Lou Kalsted, P. E., CFM, (630-271-4107)
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 (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 ________________

website: www.villageoflisle.org
Village of Lisle
Spring Brush Pickup

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Brush will be picked up again in July and September.

See website for how and when to stack your brush for pickup, or call 271-4180.

Note: 2007 revised guidelines:
- Tie bundles with rope or twine
- Stack no higher than 2'
- Bundles max. 5' long & 50 lbs.
- Single branches separate from bundles: max. 8" diameter & 6' long

Spring and summer months are the times when tornadoes are most likely to occur here in northern Illinois. Take a few minutes now to review with your family and coworkers what to do if a tornado approaches. Practice a tornado drill at home and at your place of work. Office and warehouse buildings, for instance, should devise their own interior warning systems. Outdoor tornado warning sirens are tested for 30 seconds at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Know how they sound. Note that the outdoor warning siren may not be audible indoors.

A tornado warning means a tornado or potential tornado has been sighted in the area. During a tornado warning, the sirens sound for three minutes. Take cover immediately. If already gathered up, take the battery–powered light and radio, and a cell phone with you. Time is of the essence! Do not waste valuable minutes or tie up emergency lines by calling police.

Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls. Go to the basement or interior room on the lowest level. Get under something sturdy. In large buildings, look for designated areas. Interior hallways on the lowest level are usually best. If in a vehicle, get out and go to a substantial structure. Take the car keys with you. If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or culvert with your hands shielding your head.

Additional three minute warnings may be sounded, but there is never an “all clear” signal sounded.