



Village Newsletter

SPRING 2008

Downtown Updates

Streetscape to be constructed

The installation of our beautiful new downtown streetscape is expected to begin in April 2008. The new streetscape will feature a prairie design theme including decorative brick and concrete sidewalks, lighting and signage, multiple seating areas, a beautiful nature themed fountain and extensive landscaping. The design can be viewed in greater detail on the website.

The majority of the work is expected to be completed in 2008. In 2009, the final asphalt surfacing will be applied and the Main Street median will be installed, along with the final landscape work.

Traffic detours. During the installation period, the Main Street traffic configuration will change. For the first several months, Main Street will be reduced to two south-bound lanes. Then the flow will be reversed to only one lane, north-bound, for the second half of the project. Visit the website, for a detailed review of the traffic changes.

Visitors' Center opening

Carl Muell has been hired to assist with downtown redevelopment projects. He will be based in the Village's new Visitor's Center, which will open in late March at 4710 Main Street, Suite 3. Staff in the Visitor's Center will be accessible to the community during the streetscape installation process.

Temporary new Main Street parking lot

A temporary parking lot will be created at the north east corner of Main Street and Burlington Avenue. The goal is to provide a convenient additional source of parking for the customers of downtown businesses during the streetscape installation period.

French Market returns

Spring will soon be here, and with spring comes the return of the Lisle French Market! Due to downtown redevelopment, the French Market will move across the street to the Commuter Parking Lot.

This year's market will open in early May and will run—rain or shine—on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. through the end of October. The French Market will once again feature a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, delicious breads and pastries and one-of-a-kind items such as jewelry, home furnishings, art work, crafts and more!

Garfield Pond

Construction is expected in 2008, pending permits from DuPage County and IEPA.

For latest on Downtown Lisle, visit www.villageoflisle.org.
On the homepage, click on

Downtown Updates
button at lower left.

Arbor Day

Public Tree Planting Ceremony

10 a.m. April 25th
at Schiesher School

Festivities

April 25th-27th weekend
at Morton Arboretum

Plant trees!



Summer art project: Rain Barrels of Lisle

Lisle Chamber of Commerce, Morton Arboretum, and Village of Lisle partner together to announce Lisle is green! The 2008 public art project will be "Rain Barrels of Lisle."

Order forms are now available for the Lisle Chamber's summer art project, "Rain Barrels of Lisle." The project consists of a rain barrel that is available for sponsorship for \$100. A sponsor may decorate the rain barrel or take advantage of the talents of local artists. A list of artists is available at the Lisle Chamber, 4733 Main St. Order forms are available by calling the Chamber at 630-964-0052. There will be a limited number of rain barrels available.

Rain barrels are a great, simple, efficient, low-cost method for homeowners to collect and recycle rainwater. Rain barrels are simply large containers that capture rainwater at the end of a downspout.

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TOP 20 "BEST PLACES TO LIVE" IN AMERICA



From the Mayor...

After the past few months I'm glad this is a *spring* newsletter. I've said it before, but I'm extremely

proud of the snow removal efforts by our Public Works crews this year. Through the end of February, there were over 25 call-outs to remove snow or apply salt.

Spring means I'm also anxious for the Main Street and Garfield projects to begin. We are waiting (and waiting!) for permit reviews to be completed by State agencies. We will be breaking ground soon after that happens. **Carl Muell** has joined our Public Works staff as a project assistant during construction and

his presence throughout the project will hopefully help ease the pain of construction disruption.

The French Market will start again in May. Like all downtown activities, it too will have to adjust during construction. Look for it in the commuter parking lot on the south side of Burlington. To be sure, the coming construction season in downtown will present some inconveniences. Be patient, and please show your support for all downtown businesses during this time.

On a more upbeat note, this summer's public art project combines art with the environment. Contact Lisle Chamber of Commerce about buying or sponsoring a rain barrel. Creatively decorated public art gives community spirits a lift.

Speaking of community spirit, do you know someone who's a "pillar" of the community?

Nominate him/her for a Pillar Award. (See back cover.)

Welcome and thanks to **Michael Siurek**, who I've recently appointed to the Economic Development Commission. He brings great experience to that task.

The Planning and Zoning Commission gave a favorable recommendation to New England Builders' (NEB) plans for the old Village Hall site and nearby parking lot. The Village Board is in the process of approving the project. NEB has indicated that they would begin by marketing the townhouses south of the fire station, once approvals are finalized.

Here's hoping for a nice spring!

Maple Ave Bridge

DuPage County will be replacing the bridge over the East Branch of the DuPage River during 2008. They intend to keep one lane open in each direction during construction.



Reagan Tollway (I-88)

Construction is scheduled to begin in April on widening the westbound lanes from Washington St. to Finley Rd. The goal is completion by end of 2008. Noise abatement walls are scheduled to be installed in late 2008.

JON CUNNINGHAM



Spirit Award

Renard Herrera received the 2008 Lisle Spirit Award from Mayor Broda. An enthusiastic Lisle booster, he volunteered on Lisle's 50th Anniversary Committee, and has spent countless hours photographing some of Lisle's recent history. Last year, he also researched and resurrected *The Lisle Song*. His photos appear in *Lisle: A Pictorial History*. At Lisle Depot Museum, his 8' long photo collages document the appearance of Main Street in 2005, 1980s, and 1960s. Herrera has assisted with upkeep of Old Tavern Park for many years, and is a dedicated volunteer at the Museums of Lisle Station Park.

 **24-hour Info Line**
630-271-4110

Use the menu to hear or leave a message. Recorded messages are changed periodically.

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Joseph Broda, Mayor
- Mark Boyle
- Lee LaFond
- Kimberly Brondyke
- Joseph Schmitt
- Thomas Frey
- Ed Young
- Tim Seeden, Village Clerk
- Gerald Sprecher, Village Manager
- Meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays,
- Workshops held 2nd Mondays,
- each month at 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE OFFICES

- Monday through Friday
- Business Office: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Public Works: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Other offices: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

24 hour service

- Police Response 9-1-1
- Police Administration 630-271-4200
- Public Works 630-271-4180
- Community Development 630-271-4150
- Economic Development 630-271-4148
- Business Office/Other 630-271-4100
- General Email Lisle@villageoflisle.org

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Streets to be rehabbed in 2008

To be ground and overlaid:

Leask, 200'N to 400'S
of Canterbury Ct
Canterbury Ct
Nottingham Ct

Beau Bien, Wellington to Ogden
Old Tavern, E end to Ogden
Chippewa Ct
Western Ct

Middleton, Yender to Schwartz
Schwartz, Middleton to
Burlington

Ohio, Academy to Ohio Ct
Robin
Newport

Burr Oak, Eisenhower to Maple
Lenox, Maple to 650' S
Kohley, Rt. 53 to 250'E
Sleepy Hollow

Winkler Ct

Rehm Ct

Stonehaven

Kindling Ct

Ashford Ct

Watermain replacements:

Yackley, Warrenville to

Middleton

Middleton, Yackley to Yender

Winkler Ct



Going green

Fleet Services Supt. Ken Lange is excited to add this Honda Civic Hybrid to the Village's fleet. With fuel consumption rated 40 mpg city/45 mpg highway vs. 18/28 mpg for the Ford Taurus model in the fleet, the new hybrid technology should result in cost savings in operational costs. One vehicle is one small step toward decreasing our dependence on crude oil and reducing CO₂ emissions.

Plastics in LEAP bins



Yes!

thru



No!

styrofoam,
plastic bags

Tornadoes: be prepared!

When was the last time you practiced a tornado drill at home? At your place of work? Now is the time to do it!

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 watch** is an indication of when and where severe weather conditions are probable. Continue normal activities but be prepared to take cover. It is wise to gather a battery-powered light and radio, and cell phone, and have family members within earshot. In threatening weather, tune to a local radio station, weather band radio, or cable TV weather station, and be alert for the outdoor warning sirens.

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.

New Rates for Allied Waste Services

Effective June 1, 2008

	Current	6/08-5/09	6/09-5/10	6/10-5/11
Refuse sticker	\$1.90	\$2.20	\$2.35	\$2.50
Yard waste sticker	\$1.70	\$2.05	\$2.20	\$2.35
Toters (monthly rental + disposal cost)				
90 gal refuse	\$21.38	\$22.45	\$23.68	\$25.10
60 gal refuse	\$17.71	\$18.60	\$19.62	\$20.80
90 gal yard waste	\$21.38	\$22.45	\$23.68	\$25.10

Multi-family dumpster pricing will increase 6% in Year 1, 6.5% in Year 2, and 7% in Year 3.

**Community Development Dept.
Annual Report of Permits Issued
2007 vs. 2006**

Type	Number	Valuation
Residential	13	\$4,763,000
	15	\$5,352,000
Res. Alterations & Additions	87	\$2,736,000
	81	\$2,059,000
Multi-Family	5-15	\$3,132,000
	8	\$3,940,000
M-F Alterations & Additions	420	\$7,721,000
	6	\$127,000
Commercial	5	\$4,418,000
	1	\$650,000
Com Alt & Add	83	\$29,423,000
	88	\$11,360,000
Signs	43	\$238,000
	33	\$330,000
Misc	253	\$8,802,000
	238	\$5,074,000
TOTALS	909	\$61,233,000
	470	\$28,893,000

Building permit activity in the Village of Lisle approximately doubled in 2007, with 909 building permits being issued this calendar year compared to 470 permits in 2006. Year 2007 also marked the third highest building permit valuation since 2000; permit valuation was estimated at \$61.2M (2007) compared to \$94.1M (2000) and \$94.5M (2004). See graph below.

Lisle's significant increase in building permit activity this year can be attributed to multi-family alterations and additions, with 420 building permits issued compared to only six permits in 2006. Major renovations and upgrades were initiated by many multi-family apartment

complexes. This is a result of continuing maintenance activities, the age of structures, and in response to the recently adopted life safety code.

Another positive economic indicator from 2007 was an increase in new commercial construction activity—five new commercial permits issued with a total valuation of over \$4.4M.

Residential construction.

New residential construction remained consistent with last year's housing starts. New construction activity occurred in Bella Landing, Colin's Subdivision, Thorne Hill, Arboretum Glen, Dow's Subdivision and a handful of single family infill lots elsewhere.

Building permit activity

Commercial construction.

New commercial construction resurfaced in 2007 with five building permits issued: offices at 1624 Ogden and 1007 Maple Avenue, a wireless facility at 6495 Lexington and office/warehouse buildings at 5401 and 5403 Patton. Major commercial remodeling and occupancies elsewhere in the Village included Malloy's Fine Wine & Liquors, Starbucks, Coal Ben Restaurant (at Benedictine University), College of DuPage (2525 Cabot Dr.), Armour Eckrich (4225 Naperville Rd.), and Benet Academy (Science Addition), to name just a few.

Codes. The Community Development Department continues its efforts to review and adopt new building codes where necessary and 2007 was no exception. New code and ordinance revisions included adoption of the 2003 International Fire Code, 2003 International Building Code, 2003 International Mechanical Code, 2003 International Fuel Gas Code, 2005 National Electric Code and 2006 International Energy Conservation Code.

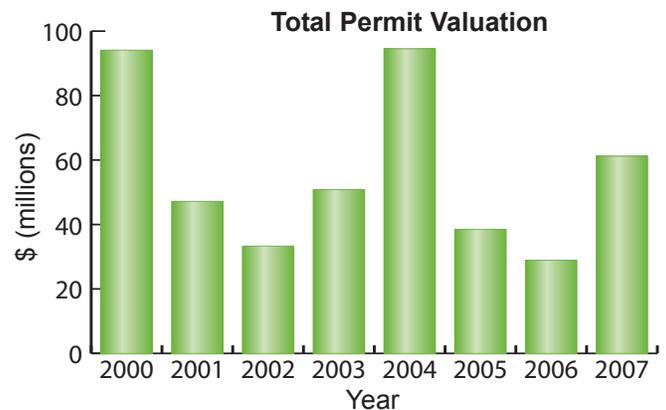
Inspections. More than 5,260 inspections were conducted by the Village's building and property maintenance inspectors in 2007. About 2,700 were for building, plumbing and electrical inspections for projects requiring permits. Over 2,500 were property maintenance inspections. About one quarter of



Fortune Mortgage built this attractive new office at 1624 Ogden and has moved its operations to Lisle.



Ness Exotic Wellness Center built their new veterinary clinic at 1007 Maple. They treat pet reptiles, birds, and small mammals, as well as cats and dogs.



vity rebounds in 2007

these inspections pertained to sign code enforcement and violations, for issues such as real estate and other advertising signs placed in the street right-of-way. Another half of these inspections were for multi-family rental unit inspections that are required upon change of occupancy. The remaining quarter of these property maintenance inspections included exterior multi-family property maintenance and grounds inspections, re-inspections, and nuisance complaints.

Looking forward. Housing starts in the Village have evened out over the course of the last several years, but the five new commercial projects valued at \$4.4M and 83 commercial alterations/ additions valued at \$29.4M left the Village reason to be optimistic at the close of 2007.

Continuing this positive momentum, downtown redevelopment activities are queuing up for 2008. The New England Builders/ Arborville, LLC downtown redevelopment project at the Old Village Hall and Parking Lot F has received conceptual approval of 61 condominium units, 11 townhome units and 15,000 SF of retail/ restaurant space. A second redevelopment project being proposed by H&D Builders has also been presented to the Lisle Planning and Zoning Commission. Its ~47 row home units would add to the housing density and diversity that is being encouraged in and around downtown.

Both projects should realistically see ground breakings in Fall 2008. They would add to the Village's construction activities that will be in full swing for the Main Street streetscape and Garfield Pond. These projects will provide a much anticipated face lift for downtown Lisle and see years of downtown master planning finally come to fruition.

Need a building permit?

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, patio slabs, and service walks in floodplains.

Permit information. The Village's website provides general information concerning permits and codes. Contact the Community Development Dept. at 630-271-4150 with specific questions, or for interpretations on any of the above, or any other code-related matters.



Shells of two new 37,125 sq.ft. office/warehouse buildings were constructed on Patton Drive (behind Lisle Savings on Maple). Business condos are for sale there.

Lisle's Housing Stock

Single-family detached	4,571	44.9%
Single-family attached	512	5.0%
Duplexes	114	1.1%
Multi-family units		
Condos	1,300	12.8%
Apartments	2,875	28.3%
Senior apartments	493	4.9%
College dorms	308	3.0%
Total	10,173	100%



Seven luxury duplexes have been constructed on Thorne Hill Court (near the western end of Ogden Avenue), two of them in 2007. Several units are available for sale.

← Permits were issued for 13 single family houses on lots scattered around town. A few, like this one at 913 Riedy, represent tear down/rebuild; however, most were built on vacant lots. As the area builds out, new single family subdivisions are generally relatively small.

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. Peach Creek is one subdivision example where protected floodplain is preserved as open space.

Protecting Lisle's floodplain is in the

More than 16% of land area within Village boundaries is within the floodplain. 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 storm-water 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 **Community Development Department (CDD)** 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 CDD before you build on, alter, regrade, or place fill on your property. Outdoor work that needs a permit includes decks, sheds, raised gardens, regrading, and patios in the floodplain.
- If you see construction or filling without a Village permit posted, contact CDD at 630-271-4150.

Are you at risk of flooding?

Your property may be high enough that it has 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 CDD at Village Hall and at Lisle Library in the Local Government Reference Section. Floodplain specialists in the CDD 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.

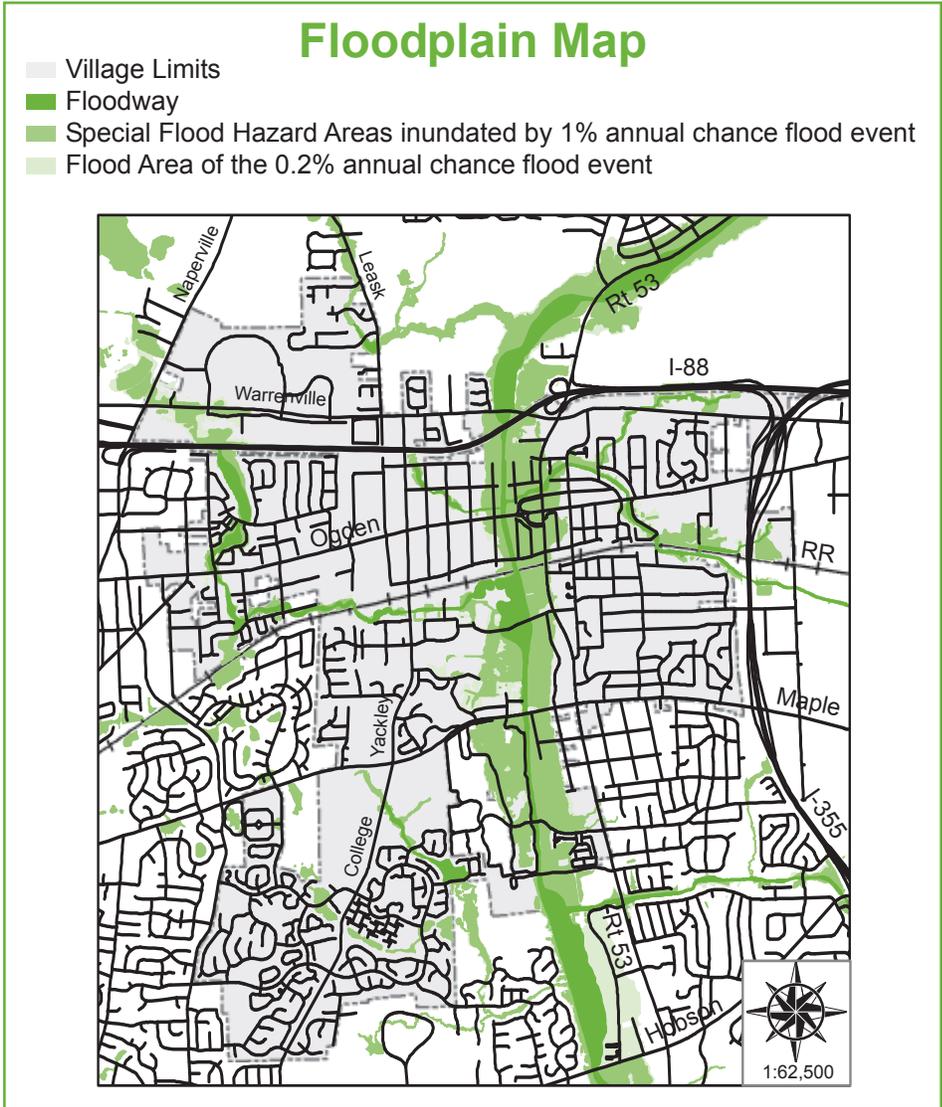
The Village enforces its floodplain regulations and the DuPage County Stormwater and Floodplain Ordinance. Flood specialists within the CDD are available to answer questions concerning floodplain regulations, and flood protection measures. A

community's interest

brochure *What you should know about Flooding* is available in the Village Hall lobby and through the website.

Changes to homes in a floodplain. Since 1970 the Village of Lisle has been active in floodplain development regulations. Village code requires that the lowest floor of any structure be at least 2' above the floodplain elevation. However, many Lisle homes were built before floodplain regulations went into effect.

Floodplain considerations may limit changes or additions to those properties. Any new work or substantial remodeling in excess of 50% of the building's market value requires elevating the structure 2' above the floodplain. This is a cumulative requirement for all repairs and upgrades done between 1991 and the present. This rule applies not only to proposed new additions or improvements, but also to repair of damages from any cause, including flood, fire, and tornado. During the permit review process, the market value of the building is calculated using the Lisle Township Assessor's records, and the project value is compared to that number, along with the value of work done under past permits.



Flood safety tips and ideas for what you can do to protect your property from flooding will be offered in the Summer 2008 issue.

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)

Comments are invited!

Submitted by	Daytime phone #
Address	Date

Mark your calendar!

Village of Lisle Spring Branch Pickup

Area	Week Beginning
North of RR tracks	Apr. 14
Between RR and Maple	Apr. 21
South of Maple	Apr. 28

Brush will be picked up again in July and September.

See website for how and when to stack your branches for pickup, or call 271-4180. Follow the guidelines; avoid having your branch piles "red tagged."

2008 guidelines include:

- 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
- Place in the parkway by 7:00 AM on the Monday of the scheduled pickup week, no earlier than the prior Friday
- Only one pass of each house by Village crews during the scheduled pickup.

Prune effectively

Tree and shrub pruning can enhance or harm your landscape, depending upon whether it is done correctly. For instance, common practices of topping and tipping trees are harmful and should not be used. Remember: it is what is left after pruning that is important. The goal is healthy and attractive vegetation.

The Morton Arboretum Plant Clinic offers Horticultural Care Information Leaflets that can assist homeowners. For instance, *Pruning Trees* shows how and where to make proper cuts. *Pruning Deciduous Shrubs* details four techniques for pruning shrubs and lists which techniques and timing are appropriate for many shrubs. These and other helpful leaflets are available at the Arboretum and on their website: www.mortonarb.org.

Nominate someone you know for a Pillar Award

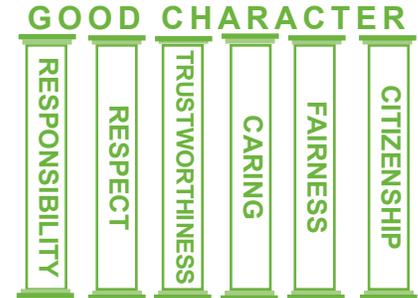
There are some really wonderful people who live, work, or attend school in Lisle, or belong to Lisle organizations that deserve a pat on the back for being a person of good character. But WHO?

Lisle Community Character Counts Alliance encourages YOU to nominate an individual, a local business, or a group/ organization. Your nomination will help highlight individuals who inspire the rest of us that good character does count!

Award recipients need to display one or more of the organization's six pillars. Past recipients have accomplished a service or action, small or large.

Complete the simple nomination form, which can be found on the Village website (go to "Quick Links" and then CHARACTER COUNTS!). You can also pick up a nomination form at Lisle Library or Village Hall.

Don't delay. Do it today! Deadline is April 5, 2008 for the next awards.



Waste hauling contract extended

The Village of Lisle is extending their contract with Allied Waste for residential waste hauling services for another three years. This was an option under the current contract, which expires May 31, 2008. The volume-based sticker program will continue with a few changes. Two notable features are:

Price increases. Since prices have not changed during the past three years, it is not surprising that there will now be rate increases. (Chart on page 3.) However, Village staff negotiated graduated

increases over the next three years, and residents in Lisle will continue to pay less than in surrounding municipalities. Old stickers will be accepted only through June.

Commingled recycling.

Currently, Lisle residents sort paper from other recyclables. Since Allied's newer recycling trucks are set up for single stream collection, the two-sort is no longer useful.

Watch for brochure.

The Village will be mailing out a new LEAP brochure with full details. Save it for future reference.

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