“Sustainable Saturday in Lisle”
Special Drop-off Recycling Event
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. March 28
Dan and Ada Rice Center parking lot
at Benedictine University, 5700 College Road, Lisle

The Village of Lisle, DuPage Co., and Benedictine University are sponsoring a special one-day recycling event. This is an opportunity to recycle items typically not accepted in curbside recycling collections that otherwise might be landfilled.

Document shredding will also be available: limit of 3 paper grocery bags or 3 small boxes per vehicle.

—No hazardous waste accepted—

Accepted items include:

- **Electronics** such as computers, televisions, monitors, telephones, VCRs, video games, stereos, fax machines, copy machines and printers (no air conditioners, fridges, or CO2 or smoke detectors)
- **Ink jet cartridges** but please no toner cartridges
- **Eye glasses**
- **Hearing aids**
- **American flags**, worn out
- **Cell phones**
- **Bicycles** in any condition, no Big Wheels or toddler–type bikes
- **Sealed lead acid batteries (SLA)** including batteries for cars, motorcycles, boats, lawn mowers, sump pumps and sport vehicles (Batteries should be contained in a sturdy box or plastic tub to minimize handling. Residents should keep batteries separate from other items and place them in their vehicle last so that they can be removed by specially trained workers.)
- **Scrap metal** such as lawn furniture, swing sets, pots and pans, clothes hangers, etc.

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Rain Garden/ Rain Barrel Workshop
April 22, 2009  7:00 p.m.
Village Hall Board Room
925 Burlington Ave.

Speaker: Jim Kleinwachter of The Conservation Foundation

Learn how easy installing a rain barrel is or how simple creating a rain garden can be—plus the benefits of having either or both.

Rain barrel purchase opportunity on page 7

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In downtown Lisle
**French Market**
Saturdays, 8:00-noon resuming May 2, 2009

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**Arbor Day**
Public Tree Planting Ceremony
10 a.m. April 24th at St. Joan of Arc School

“One Tree Makes a Difference”

**Arbor Week Festivities**
at Morton Arboretum
April 18th-26th

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**From the Mayor**
Community Service Award
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Floods: are you prepared?
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Why protect floodplains
Building activity slows
Need a building permit?
Purchase rain barrels

**Comments invited**

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**Named One of Money Magazine’s 2007 TOP 20 “BEST PLACES TO LIVE” IN AMERICA**
From the Mayor...

As you read this newsletter, I hope another season of winter weather is behind us, and signs of spring are soon appearing! Once again, I’d like to applaud the Public Works Department for all their work this winter in keeping the Village’s roadways safe and passable.

As we look forward to warmer months ahead, please mark your calendars for some upcoming special events in Lisle.

At Sustainable Saturday in Lisle, as highlighted on front cover, the Village will be hosting a one-day drop-off residential recycling event at Benedictine University. The Village continues to work towards expanding its environmental sustainability efforts and programming. However, creating a more sustainable community requires all our efforts. By bringing your unwanted electronics, bicycles, scrap metal, etc. to this event, you will reduce the amount of waste headed for landfills.

Also, please plan on joining me, Naperville Mayor George Pradel, and Woodridge Mayor William Murphy on Wednesday, April 15 at the Morton Arboretum as Lisle hosts this year’s Annual Mayors’ Breakfast to benefit the Boy Scouts of America, Thunderbird District. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. and proceeds from the breakfast will assist the Boy Scouts of America, Thunderbird District, in maintaining and expanding Scouting programs in Lisle, Woodridge, and Naperville. For more information and to purchase tickets contact Thunderbird District at 630-330-3827 or visit the District website at www.thunderbirddistrict.org

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, will be here before we know it. In Lisle, Memorial Day isn’t just the unofficial start to summer. Rather, it’s an important and patriotic day to honor and remember the men and women who have served, and are currently serving, in all branches of the United States Armed Services. I’d like to invite all local veterans and active members of the U.S. Military interested in participating in this year’s parade and remembrance ceremony to please contact the Village at 630-271-4125. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with the ceremony and picnic after the parade—please call!

During my State of the Village Address on January 15, I had the pleasure to report on the many Village successes in 2008 and its direction for 2009, but the highlight for me was awarding the Lisle Community Spirit Award to the Downtown Lisle businesses for all their patience, understanding, and support during the Downtown Streetscape project.

Finally, I’d like to encourage residents to shop locally here in Lisle. Residents who take advantage of retailing and dining opportunities in Lisle play a key role in maintaining businesses. The important sales tax revenues they generate are essential to funding vital public services. For every retail dollar spent in the Village, 1% goes to help fund public services and projects, such as infrastructure improvements. Realize the convenience and environmental benefits of shopping locally, such as shorter distance to travel. Also, Lisle is home to businesses that get involved and support community projects, service organizations, schools, and athletic teams. So, choose to shop locally and know what you spend in Lisle helps the community in many ways.

2008 Community Spirit Award was presented to the Downtown Business Community for its collaboration and positive approach toward the construction and redevelopment of Main Street. “Your endurance in pursuit of a Downtown vision is greatly appreciated.” (1 to r) Randy Russell, Wine Expressions; Joe Knott, Park National Bank; Kevin Brown, Lisle Area Chamber of Commerce; Priscilla Tomei, LCVB; Kitty Murphy, The Nook; Miguel Ascencio, Yerbabuena; and Mayor Broda
Ogden Avenue corridor planning underway

In order to guide future development and land use along Ogden Avenue, the Village has begun an Ogden Avenue Corridor Enhancement Plan. The purpose of the plan is to create a comprehensive policy guide and long-term vision for improvements. The plan will attempt to evaluate all aspects of the corridor and create specific plans and recommendations to improve components, such as appearance and design, land use and transportation. When completed, the plan will also include a detailed implementation and regulatory strategy.

Planning process

The planning process has begun and will be updated regularly on the Village website. Briefly, the planning process will consist of 7 interrelated steps and is expected to take ~12 months to complete. The Village website will serve as the information depository for the plan, and will include updates, progress reports and upcoming meeting schedules.

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.
✓ Purchase a Village dog tag ($10) at the Village Hall Business Office. Bring an up-to-date veterinarian’s certificate of rabies vaccination.

Get involved

Input solicited! The planning process will include an extensive community outreach program that will provide opportunities for public input, including questionnaires and public meetings. Additional information on the scope of the public meetings will be provided on the website as it becomes available.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to provide input at any time during the process by email, regular mail or phone call. If you have any comments or questions concerning the plan, please contact Josh Potter, Village Planner, at jpotter@villageoflisle.org or 630-271-4169.

2009 construction activities on Village streets

Sewer & water. The Village of Lisle is beginning sanitary sewer and water main construction work on Black Partridge, Blackhawk, Shabbona and Waubansie streets early this spring. Sanitary sewers for the four streets are to be pressured grouted or lined by a cured-in-place method to solve the problem of root blockages and pipe collapses that have occurred in the area. There will be a number of sewer services that will need to be excavated and repaired or replaced in the streets and in the Village right-of-way.

The water mains for the four streets are being replaced due to the large number of main breaks over the last several years. The work will consist of replacing the water mains, hydrants, valves and service connections in the Village right-of-way.

Streets. Each year the Village of Lisle resurfaces streets on a regularly scheduled 12 to 15 year basis. This grind and overlay schedule has been found to be considerably less costly than reconstructing streets, which includes excavating and replacing the street base material. Streets are scheduled to be resurfaced along with curb repair and some drainage work.

Resurfacing work is currently scheduled for July–September 2009. The sanitary sewer and water work on Black Partridge, Blackhawk, Shabbona and Waubansie streets need to be essentially completed before repaving those four streets. Also, repaving work by the Village on Westview, Bluebell and Hitchcock streets will be undertaken after Illinois American Water Co. has finished their work, scheduled to be completed by July 1.

Importance of a plan

Ogden Avenue has played a significant role in the evolution and history of Lisle. Today, Ogden is a principal 4–lane highway with over 30,000 vehicles per day traveling through Lisle, and serves as the Village’s largest commercial district. Ogden is a key gateway into the community and plays a significant role in the Village’s economic viability. Currently, the Ogden corridor contains many under-utilized properties and lacks cohesive identifiers and streetscape. A plan is necessary to increase the long-term economic viability of the corridor and improve the corridor’s sense of place and character.

Streets to be resurfaced

Regency Woods Dr & Ct
Red Oak Ct
Pin Oak Ct
Hills Oak Ct
Black Partridge
Shabona
Waubansie
Blackhawk
Wedgewood Ct
Hitchcock, from Center to Westview
Westview, from Hitchcock to Maple
Bluebell Ct
Floods come to Lisle: are you prepared?

Parts of the Village of Lisle flooded twice in 2008, in September and again in December. In September, in excess of 6" of rain over two days, as well as heavier rains upstream, caused damages primarily along the East Branch of the DuPage River. In December, a large amount of melting snow combined with ~2" of rain to cause flood damages again primarily along the East Branch, although not quite as bad as the September storm. Both times, the smaller streams in town were spared much of the damage, and didn’t rise as high as did the East Branch. Just like snowflakes, every storm is different, so this won’t necessarily be the case the next time.

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 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?

■ 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 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 orfilling without a Village permit posted, contact CDD at 630–271–4150.

Fun—but not safe. Flood waters may look like fun, but may bring people in contact with bacteria from sanitary sewer waste. Illnesses/infections were reported last year after kids played in flood water.

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 the risk of flooding in different areas of your property.

Lisle’s flood history


The August 1972 flood was the flood of record, and the most damaging in the Lisle area. A newspaper reported that the water at the Main Street railroad viaduct came less than 3' from the railroad.

Many people remember reading about the 1996 storm being a 100 year or 1% chance storm event. That was true in parts of Naperville and Aurora, but not in Lisle. Storms don’t occur equally over the entire area. The 1996 storm in Lisle had the intensity of around a 4–5% chance storm event.

The most recent floods of 2008 were 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. However, we should not be complacent about future floods.
Flood insurance: do you need it?

Most property owners wouldn’t dream of going without fire insurance, but are resistant to buying flood insurance. However, if your property is in the floodplain, over the 30 years of a typical mortgage there is a 26% chance you will experience a flood, and just a 5% chance of experiencing a fire. Damages from a flood may be every bit as devastating as from a fire.

If you don’t have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner’s policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because the Village of Lisle participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded. The insurance premium rate depends on the depth of flooding that might occur on your property in a 1% chance flood. 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 20% reduction in premiums.

Flood insurance is a mandatory requirement for a property in the floodplain when dealing with any lender who uses Federal funds. Usually these policies cover just the building’s structure and not the contents. During the kind of flooding that happens in Lisle, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure. So, consider additional insurance. Also, renters can buy flood insurance to protect their possessions in case of flood damages.

At last count, there were fewer than 200 flood insurance policies in Lisle. If you are covered, double check that the building coverage is adequate and make sure you have contents coverage. Remember: even if the last flood missed you or you have done some floodproofing, the next flood could be worse. Flood insurance covers all surface floods. Even if you are not in a floodplain, there still may be some risk of flooding. Anyone can buy flood insurance. Around 25% of NFIP claims paid out are for damages to properties outside the floodplain.

Another insurance issue to check

If your home is in the floodplain and was built before approximately 1992, it does not meet current flood protection ordinances and codes. If your home is damaged for any reason—flood, fire, tornado, etc.—if the value of repairing the damage plus the value of past projects since 1992, exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure, then the entire structure must be brought into compliance with current codes. That may mean elevating your home, and/or abandoning the basement. Make sure your insurance will cover those costs! If the damage is from a flood, your flood insurance policy will cover $30,000 toward the cost of code compliance. If the damages are from fire, wind, tornado or other sources, the flood insurance policy won’t cover it. Make sure your fire insurance and homeowner’s policy covers these costs.

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.
Building activity slows

Activity in the Village’s Community Development Department reflected the economic downturn that occurred during 2008. Development and redevelopment activity was lower in 2008 from a building permit perspective and the permit valuation estimate was lower still. Building permit activity in the Village was slightly down in 2008, with 741 building permits being issued compared to 909 building permits in 2007. Permit valuation on the other hand was down significantly with an estimated valuation of $33.2M compared to $61.2M in 2007.

Although new construction—both residential and commercial—were lower in terms of comparable number of permits, alterations and additions to multi-family and commercial properties were again a bright spot from an activity and permitting standpoint. Property owners are choosing to reinvest in their properties. In 2008 there were 265 building permits issued for multiple family additions and alterations and 95 building permits for commercial additions and alterations (compared to 83 in 2007).

Commercial development

Commercial construction in 2008 consisted of renovations, new occupancies and major remodeling work. No new commercial building permits were issued this year. Some noteworthy new occupancies are Manna Organics, Private Bank, Eichrom Technologies, Healthation and LGS Innovations, to name a few. Major remodeling work included Lisle Woodridge Fire District Station #4, Central Park of Lisle’s Pedestrian Bridge, Benedictine University’s Birck Hall, and 16 other commercial projects exceeding $100,000 in construction costs.

Inspection activity

More than 5,090 inspections were conducted by the Community Development Department’s building inspectors in 2008. About 2,500 of these inspections were for building, plumbing and electrical inspection activities related to new construction, remodeling, renovations or occupancy work. Over 2,500 inspections were related to property maintenance, encompassing sign code enforcement and violations, property maintenance, and multi-family rental unit inspections.

Community Development Dept.
Annual Report of Permits Issued
2008 vs. 2007

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2008 and includes 390 luxury apartments and 130,000 SF of class A office space (to be constructed at a later date). The apartment project will include private indoor parking, state—of—the—art fitness center, swimming pool with sundeck on a private courtyard and a fully appointed club room with a demonstration kitchen.

Benet Academy’s new science wing, St. Jude Hall, was completed during 2008. The building permits for the project were issued in 2007.

Interior finishing for business condos continues on Patton Dr.
**Need a building permit?**

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
- adding electrical outlets and plumbing fixtures
- upgrading electric service
- in-ground and above ground pools, hot tubs
- lawn irrigation systems
- significant grading work or installation of retaining walls

A building permit is required regardless of whether you do the work or hire a contractor. Special regulations apply to properties in the floodplain.

**Information.** The Village’s website provides general information concerning permits and codes. Contact the Community Development Department at 630–271–4150 for specific questions or interpretations on any of the above, or any other code-related matters.

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**Purchase rain barrels**

*An great way to conserve money and resources!*

The Village of Lisle and The Conservation Foundation are partnering to offer Lisle residents the opportunity to purchase rain barrels.

Please fill out the order form below and submit with payment to the business office at Village Hall, 925 Burlington Avenue, Lisle. Orders can also be made through the Village’s website. Payment online can be made by MasterCard, Discover or American Express, and a $1.88 convenience fee will be added to the total. Residents purchasing rain barrels will be contacted to pick up their rain barrel at Village Hall.

Cost: $70.00 per rain barrel
Color Choices: Blue, Black, Terra Cotta or Gray (solid colors, undecorated)

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**Rain Barrel Order Form**

Name: ___________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________________
Email (optional): ____________________________________
# of Rain Barrels ordered ___________________________
Color choice of Rain Barrels: _________________________
Total Due: $____________

Office use
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**Comments are invited!**

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Submitted by ___________________________ Daytime phone #
Address ___________________________ Date

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**www.villageoflisle.org**
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.

**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.

**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 3–minute warnings may be sounded, but there is never an “all clear” signal sounded.

Local elections April 7

Village, Park, Library, Township, local School Districts, DuPage County Regional School District, and College of DuPage all have offices up for election on the April ballot.

Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. To find your polling place, refer to your voter registration card, or visit the DuPage County Election Commission’s website at www.dupageelections.com.

Early voting option

The Village of Lisle is once again making Lisle Village Hall available to DuPage County Election Commission as a site for early voting.

**Lisle Village Hall**

Mon, March 16–Thurs, April 2
Mondays only: 7:30 am–6:30 pm
Tuesdays–Fridays: 7:30 am–4:30 pm

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