Sustainable Saturday in Lisle returns
— special drop-off recycling event —
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. May 1
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**
- **Keys**
- **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.)
- **Fire extinguishers**
- **Scrap metal** such as lawn furniture, swing sets, pots and pans, clothes hangers, etc.

Census data translates into money for roads and many local services.

**United States Census 2010**

IT’S IN OUR HANDS

The Lisle community is counting on YOU to participate! Please return your census forms.

**Newsletter distribution**

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

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

**Arbor Day**

Public Tree Planting Ceremony
10 a.m. April 30th
at Garfield Pond

“Plant trees!”

**Arbor Week Festivities**

at Morton Arboretum
April 22th – May 2nd
Spring is here and I’m looking forward to seeing you at this year’s Memorial Day commemoration.

Before we forget about the cold winter months altogether, I’d like to thank the Public Works Dept. and the Naperville North High School Hockey Club for all their efforts in maintaining the downtown ice rink.

As you and your family begin spring cleaning, remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, May 1, when the Village will be hosting the 2nd Sustainable Saturday in Lisle at Benedictine University. Before or after you drop off your unwanted electronics, scrap metal, documents, and bicycles for recycling, stop in downtown Lisle for the reopening of French Market. The outdoor market in the commuter parking lot, just east of the intersection of Main and Burlington, offers fresh produce, seasonal gifts, artisan crafts, baked goods, flowers, jewelry and much more. The French Market will run rain or shine every Saturday morning until the end of October.

Speaking of the French Market, during my State of the Village Address in January, I had the pleasure of awarding this year’s Lisle Community Spirit Award to French Market Supervisor and Lisle Chamber Board of Directors member, Paula Gleason. Congratulations, Paula!

I’d like to take an opportunity in this edition to update you on the status of the improvements to the Garfield Basin, which provides stormwater retention for downtown. As you may recall, with financial assistance from a State grant, plans call for construction of an outdoor recreational area including a children’s splash pad and playground equipment. Staff has recently evaluated a second round of project bids and has re-engineered amenities to ensure the project is completed within budget. The Village Board is scheduled to review the bids and discuss a contract award in May.

For everyone who has already completed and returned their household’s 2010 United States Census questionnaire, THANK YOU! The census is important to the Village of Lisle since the results will help determine how the federal government distributes more than $400 billion to local governments.

The Village Board recently approved a balanced budget for fiscal year 2010/11 which begins May 1. Over the past few months the Village Board and staff have worked to review Village programs and services, as well as their funding levels. With the exception of modifying the service level of a few programs, the budget is balanced without an increase in taxes or fees. However, with a proposed State budget that calls for a significant reduction in State-shared income taxes to municipalities, the Village’s ability to maintain core service levels without additional revenue would be a challenge.

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.
Village approves difficult 2010/11 budget

The Village Board approved a budget for fiscal year 2010/11, which begins May 1. As in other communities across the state, the new budget reflects declining revenues and some difficult expenditure cuts. Salaries for non-union employees have been frozen for the second year; union employees are being asked for similar concessions. Several staff positions will remain unfilled.

The general fund, which pays for most administrative functions and programs, has been hard hit by declining revenue from sales tax, building permits, and state income tax, while property tax revenue is increasingly shifted to state–mandated pension funds. This will require close scrutiny of both revenues and expenditures in the coming months.

In addition to wage freezes, the Board has made some difficult cuts for the upcoming year, including an annual contribution to the DuPage Senior Citizens Council, and an annual $25 utility tax rebate program for seniors. The Village’s taxi subsidy program for seniors and disabled is being reduced but not eliminated. Individual trips will now be subsidized at 50% instead of 75%. Residents are reminded that there are also alternatives offered via the Ride DuPage program, administered by the township.

Of immediate concern is the proposed state budget which, if approved, would eliminate another $550,000 from Village general fund revenues. The proposal would reduce the Village’s share of state income tax from 10% to 7%. This is an urgent matter for all communities and the Village will have to reassess its budget position if the Governor’s proposed cuts become reality.

In sum, the Village is not immune from the national and state economic environment. No additional revenue sources have been proposed this year, and expenditures will continue to be closely reviewed. In the current environment, the budget must anticipate change at any time.

Register now for radKIDS
Sat., April 24th, 9am–3pm

radKIDS is a program that teaches children, ages 6 to 9 years old, to recognize and escape violent situations, such as potential abductions, bullying, and abuse. It also instructs children on basic safety practices such as playground, fire, and bicycle safety.

What makes radKIDS different from other safety programs is that it provides children the opportunity to practice these skills in a safe setting. They will practice calling 911, avoiding potential danger, and fleeing situations where their safety is in jeopardy. Further, radKIDS teaches children basic physical skills to break free and escape from potential attackers. radKIDS encourages confidence and self-esteem. For more information about the program, please visit the radKIDS website (www.radkids.org).

This popular class fills up fast, so register now by calling Officer Jodie Wise at (630) 271-4218. Class size is limited to 20 participants. No residency requirement. The free class will be hosted at the Lisle Police Department (5040 Lincoln Avenue). Lunch of pizza and soda will be served at no charge.

Streets to be rehabbed

K–Five Construction has been awarded a $1.9M contract for 2010 Village of Lisle road construction. Some streets will receive grind and overlay, some full–depth reconstruction. Work is to get underway in June.

– Angel Ln
– Tellis Ln
– Rickert Ct
– Mill Bridge Ln
– Babst Ct
– Miller Ln
– Hillside Ln
– Brookline Ct
– Trinity Dr, Abbeywood to Golfview
– Golfview, Trinity to Green Trails
– Carriage Hill Rd
– Raintree Ct
– Deerpath Ct
– Shagbark Ct
– Royal Glen Ct
– Green Trails Dr, Golfview to E end of Carriage Hill
– Timbertrails Rd, S of Green Trails Dr
– Pinehurst Ct
– Muirwood Ct
– Garden Dr
– Fernwood Dr, btw Garden Dr ends

Put a lid on it!
No one wants recyclables blowing around. Use a lid or heavier materials to hold down lightweight paper and plastics in recycling bins.

Waste disposal increases

In accordance with the 2008 Allied Waste Disposal contract, rates increase effective June 1.

Stickers
Refuse $2.50/ea
Yard waste $2.35/ea
(Old stickers expire June 30)

Rental containers & disposal
90 gal $25.10/mo
60 gal $20.80/mo

Disposal for purchased containers
90 gal $23.30/mo
60 gal $19.30/mo
**Lisle leves provide flood protection**

“The hill near the river”. “The berm next to the river.” These describe the levees along the East Branch of the DuPage River, between Middleton Avenue and Maple Avenue, and along St. Joseph Creek between the river and Rt. 53.

The levees were built in the late 1960s by the Illinois Department of Transportation to protect sections of Lisle from flooding. Before the levees, Lisle homes in these areas flooded every few years.

Levees are not fail–proof. We read repeatedly about levees along the Mississippi and rivers in Iowa failing and flooding large areas. Lisle’s levees are over forty years old and have not been maintained. They have settled and eroded over the years. They need to be raised in many places between 2” and 2’ to be returned to their original level of flood protection. In most places, the repair involves less than 6” of fill.

A levee repair project was planned by DuPage County in 2006. Funding was available, and the engineering work was completed. Then it was discovered that the easements used to construct the levee were all temporary easements which had long ago expired. Today, the river levees are owned by ~55 private property owners, and there are few easements to allow maintenance or inspection by the Village of Lisle or DuPage County or any other entity.

Lisle’s levees were built to protect from a storm having a 2% chance of occurring in any given year. Note that the floodplain maps are drawn for a storm having a 1% chance of occurring in any given year, which is a larger storm.

Four facts about levees from the American Society of Engineers’ brochure, “So, You Live Behind a Levee” (full version posted on Village website, click on Quick Links, Floodplain Management):

1) Flooding WILL happen.
2) No levee is floodproof. Levees reduce the risk of flooding, but they don’t eliminate all flood risk. Flooding can damage levees, eventually allowing floodwater to flow through an opening, or breach.
3) Risks associated with flooding vary. The flood risk associated with a levee depends first on the hazard or probability of a particular sized flood in a given location during a specific period of time, and second, on the potential loss of your property, your livelihood, or even the loss of your life or the lives of your loved ones as a result of flooding.
4) Actions taken now will save lives and property. There are many steps you can take, from purchasing flood insurance, to developing an evacuation plan, to floodproofing your home, to reporting any problems that you see. The sooner you act, the better off you’ll be when the next flood occurs.

**Avoid mulch volcanoes**

Do not mound mulch against the tree trunk, where it can be detrimental to the tree. Obtain the good benefits of mulch by following the diagram.

**Modified garages and sheds to be allowed in the floodplain**

Since 1992, garages and sheds have not been allowed to be constructed in the floodplain. This is the date that DuPage County passed a county–wide stormwater and floodplain ordinance. While garages and sheds were not specifically addressed, DuPage County has interpreted the ordinance by classifying these accessory structures as “usable space” and thus requiring the floors to be elevated 2’ above the base flood elevation (BFE).

DuPage County has recently changed their interpretation regarding these accessory structures. They will now allow modified garages and sheds in the floodplain, as long as the structures meet certain conditions.

If your property is in the floodplain and you are interested in building a modified garage or shed, contact Mary Lou Kalsted, Staff Engineer/Stormwater Administrator at (630) 271-4107 to learn the conditions and discuss your project.

**Free mulch**

Raw mulch generated from the branch pickup is available to residents who live within the Village of Lisle corporate limits.

**Delivery**
- only available during the branch pickup dates
- order by calling 630-271-4180
- no charge for material or delivery
- only in truckload quantities ~10–14 cu yd (~10’ x 10’ x 4’)
- placed on the residence driveway
- no quality guarantee on mulch

**Self pickup**
- as available in bins at the northwest corner of Main and Front Streets.
2009 Annual Building Report

Reflecting national trends, development and redevelopment activity remained slow. However, they are by no means completely halted. Here in Lisle in 2009 they dropped slightly from 2008.

While there were no commercial starts in either year, in 2009 a total of 97 commercial remodeling permits were issued, reflecting 67 new businesses and 53 expansions/improvements of existing businesses. There were 25 commercial additions/alterations with valuation over $100,000. These include facade improvements, interior remodelings, and major equipment installations.

A total of 691 building permits were issued in 2009, compared to 741 building permits in 2008. The permit valuation did drop again—an estimated valuation of $20.8 million was seen in 2009, compared to $33.2 million in 2008.

Building permit revenue generated from building permit fees has remained somewhat consistent from 2008 to 2009. Permit fees of $356,934 in 2009 were down slightly from $365,692 in 2008. Multi-family additions/alterations and miscellaneous permits generated a fair amount of permit revenue over the past year, but commercial alterations, additions and occupancies generated more than 50% of the permit fees taken in during 2009.

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, fences, patios
- 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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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)

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www.villageoflisle.org

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Village of Lisle
Spring Branch Pickup

Mark your calendar!

**Area** | **Week Beginning**
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North of RR tracks | May 3
Between RR and Maple | May 10
South of Maple | May 17

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.”

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**Use the new Lisle “Green Directory”**

Imagine carpeting made from corn or recycled plastic bottles, organic food and beverages, locally crafted artisan furniture. It’s here!

Lisle Businesses have many eco-friendly products for sale. Now there is a directory where you can find out about them. Use the link on the lower right of the Village website homepage to access a directory of businesses that are participating in the Sustainable Lisle Business Partnership.

The directory lists the sustainable products and services offered by each business. A pop out index is provided by the “bookmark” on the left side of the page. Check it out!

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**Taxi transportation subsidy notice**

Please be aware that no more coupons will be sold until the start of the new fiscal year, May 3, 2010. Current and new participants will need to register, providing proof of Village residency and age/disability, prior to purchasing more coupons. Participants may continue to use their unexpired coupons.

Program participants are allowed to purchase up to $50 worth of coupons each calendar month at a cost of $25. All taxi and limousine companies licensed to operate within the Village of Lisle must accept these coupons as if they were cash. With these coupons, residents are able to travel anywhere within the taxi or limousine company’s service area with only two exceptions – trips to and from airports and casinos are prohibited.

Qualifying residents must register annually at the Village Hall Business Office, 925 Burlington Avenue. Once the participant has registered, he/she may purchase coupons by mail for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Coupons may only be used by the program participants who purchased them. Please call 630-271-4100 with any questions.

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**Upper Crust returning**

This popular bakery/cafe will soon be returning to downtown at a new location, 4740 Main Street. It will be open for breakfast and lunch, with catering available for private or public parties evenings or weekends. Occasional cooking classes will be offered. Watch for it!

On March 15th the Village Board awarded a $20,000 restaurant grant toward extensive renovations to the building. The former occupant, Jessen Upholstery, will continue business on the lower level.

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**Home Design Center at 1111 Burlington**

features many “green” products, such as Smart-Strand® carpeting made of 40% corn-based products. It is soft to the touch and resistant to stains. See the Green Directory for other “green” products available in Lisle.

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**Lisle French Market**

**Saturdays, 8:00am–1pm**

opens for the season on May 1

Check out your favorite vendors and see who’s new.

Come on down!

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**Call JULIE before you dig!**

811 or e-request at www.illinois1call.com

Save the trouble and expense of severed utility lines.