Downtown – the serious side

While the new streetscape is certainly beautiful, it also serves an important purpose. Often a municipality is closely identified with its downtown. New residents, businesses, or visitors can easily overlook an undeveloped village and choose to live, work, or shop elsewhere. If that happens, the village loses considerable benefits including revenue from sales, property, and business taxes.

Maintaining a healthy, vital downtown is just one of the many ways a municipality strives to stay competitive in today’s global economy.

— the lite side

Now might be an ideal time to play a little Downtown Trivial Pursuit to learn more about the dramatic changes. Answers on p.3.

1. What does the pattern on the sidewalk represent?
2. What types of leaves grace the crosswalks?
3. How many trees were planted in the new downtown?
4. What kinds of animals are in the Garden Walk fountain?
5. Are there fish in Garfield pond?
6. Are there improvements I can’t see?
7. When can I come down to view the new streetscape?
Bravo to all the May 2009 Character Counts Pillar Award winners. Your efforts and the positive difference you’ve made in Lisle are remarkable. Also remarkable are the Lisle Teens with Character (LTWC). During the 2008–09 school year LTWC completed over 2,400 hours of service and helped raise nearly $13,000 for local charities. Special thanks to Laura Davidson–Straub who, after years of serving as the LTWC service coordinator, has passed the torch to Lori Mandel.

Like many of you, I look forward to DuPage County completing the Maple Avenue Bridge by the end of July. The federally–funded project included complete replacement with a wider safer bridge plus a 10’ sidewalk/bike path along the south side of the bridge.

Finally, congratulations to Trustees Modaff, LaFond, Schmitt and Clerk Seeden on their election and re–election to Village Board. As I begin my third term as Mayor, I look forward to working with the Village Board in continued service to the Lisle community.

On behalf of the Village Board, have a great and safe summer!

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**Mobile Drivers’ Services Facility**

**Thursday, August 20, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

The Secretary of State’s Mobile Drivers’ Services Facility will be coming to Lisle Village Hall, 925 Burlington Avenue. Driver’s licenses, ID cards, and license plate renewal stickers (for July, August, or September) are some of the services they will provide.

For renewals, a current license or state ID card usually provides most of the data. For those over 75 years of age, a road test is required and they will not be equipped to perform that service. New applicants must provide a minimum of three acceptable forms of identification. A comprehensive list of acceptable forms of identification is located on the Secretary of State’s website: www.cyberdriveillinois.com. For more information or to make a reservation for a group, please call 630-271-4115.

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**From the Mayor...**

During the recent months, contractors have been putting the finishing touches on the Village’s Downtown Streetscape Project, which signals the beginning of summer 2009. The brick paver crosswalks on Main Street are being installed. The wildlife sculptures for the nature–themed fountain are being set in place. Flowers and landscaping are being planted in the medians, planter boxes, and hanging baskets. As this particular public improvement project comes to a close, the Village Board and I am certainly thrilled with the final product, and hope you are as well.

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**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Joseph Broda, Mayor
Mark Boyle Ken Modaff
Kimberly Brondyke Joseph Schmitt
Lee LaFond 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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**24-hour Info Line**

630-271-4110

Use the menu to hear or leave a message. Recorded messages are changed periodically.
On Saturday, March 28, 2009, the Village of Lisle partnered with Benedictine University and DuPage County to host the first Sustainable Saturday in Lisle. The drop-off recycling event took place in the Dan and Ada Rice Center parking lot on the BU campus.

In one day, Lisle residents, as well as residents from across DuPage County and the Chicago metropolitan area, recycled many truckloads of unwanted goods. The Village estimates 1,500 vehicles passed through the event. Items collected for recycling include:

- 180,827 pounds of electronics, filling eight (8) semi trucks
- 197 cars, sump pump, boat, and other large batteries
- 7.96 tons of scrap metal
- 489 pairs of eyeglasses
- 13 hearing aids
- 236 ink jet cartridges
- 128 bicycles
- 184 worn American flags
- 398 cell phones
- 11,000 pounds of documents shredded

“The overwhelming success of Sustainable Saturday in Lisle illustrates the strong commitment Lisle residents and others have for reducing the environmental burden obsolete electronics and other items place on our landfills,” said Mayor Joe Broda, one of the volunteers.

The Village would like to thank the organizations, volunteers, and community groups who assisted in organizing and staffing the event: DuPage County, SIMS Recycling Solutions, Benedictine University, SCARCE, the Lisle Lions Club, and the Working Bikes Cooperative.

For info regarding upcoming DuPage recycling events, please call 630-407-6700 or go to the County’s website at www.dupageco.org.

Trivial Pursuit answers to questions on page 1

1 Inspiration for the design came from a Frank Lloyd Wright window, in tribute to the Prairie design theme recommended in the Master Plan.
2 Leaves in sidewalks: maple, oak, and gingko
3 56 trees planted including oaks, gingkos, lindens, maples and elms
4 Frogs, cranes and turtles—some spray water which runs over the fountain’s eternity edges
5 No fish have been added to the pond, but birds may deliver them to the pond during their travels.

Absolutely! A great deal of time was spent improving the downtown infrastructure, such as installing new water mains, sewer and sanitary lines, upgrading electricity, burying unsightly utility lines, and more.

Anytime is the perfect time! The new streetscape was designed to entice people back into the downtown and create a pleasing, pedestrian-friendly environment. Numerous seating areas surrounded by attractive planting beds invite you to linger. Colorful nature-inspired banners announce each new season.

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We are pleased to announce that Jason Elias became Lisle’s Director of PW on May 11. He comes to Lisle from Geneva where he was Asst. Dir. of PW/City Engineer. Welcome aboard!

Ray Peterson, Lisle’s Director of PW for 18 years, retired at the end of March. A soft-spoken engineer, Peterson brought professionalism to the department in creating comprehensive maintenance schedules for Lisle’s street, water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure and in overseeing budgeting, environmental compliance, planning, and installation of projects. Over the years, he provided leadership for many projects including the water system and storage tanks, Garfield Pond, and downtown streetscape.

French Market
Saturdays, 8am–noon
Lisle commuter parking lot

Enjoy this ever changing marketplace featuring such unique items as Paradise Garden’s 100% naturally grown fruits, vegetables and plants; savory treats from the ovens of the Great Harvest Bread Co.; John’s BBQ featuring pulled pork sandwiches; Sal and Elena’s freshly made delicious foccacia and other Italian baked specialties. The popular Haven Knife Sharpener will be there on 5/30, 6/27, 7/25, 8/29 and 9/26. Picnic tables are located directly across the street to provide a shaded place to enjoy fresh items purchased at the market.

If interested in securing a booth at the 2009 French Market or providing entertainment, contact Market On-site Supervisor Paula Gleason at 630-222-3403.
Pillar Awards recognize deserving citizens

Meg Sima – Trustworthiness. Meg Sima volunteers in many parts of the Lisle community. She works with Daybreak of Lisle, in religious training, and within her son’s schools. An area dear to her heart is being a den mother to two separate Scouts Pack 108 dens at Faith United Methodist Church. Meg has brought a variety of programs to the troop in the four years she has been a leader. As camp coordinator, she headed up the group’s first outdoor campout in 2006 and added a second one in the fall of 2007. She oversees the summer day camp program and began a Webelos camp and a hiking club.

Gladys Roman – Responsibility. Gladys Roman worked for more than a year to reduce the rising costs for trash collection in her subdivision. The group also wanted a sticker program because it would better serve seniors and singles. Gladys set up a committee to research the issues, attended numerous meetings and distributed important information. She worked with Lisle Township to bring a trash collection contract to unincorporated areas with a sticker program and new lower price.

Rob Bollendorf – Citizenship. Rob Bollendorf began the Lisle Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force in 2007 to help establish a network of safe bike and pedestrian trails throughout the Lisle community. The ad hoc citizens group created a plan for 34.5 miles of new bikeway and pedestrian paths when finances become available.

Rob personally spent countless hours to create the plan and encourage other Lisle residents to get involved. He interviewed school administrators and helped secure a Safe Route to School Grant to pay for sidewalks and paths near Lisle schools. As a result of his efforts, the Village of Lisle adopted its first ever Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Mike Most – Caring. Mike Most saw a dog wandering around with a chewed up leash and heading toward possible danger at a busy intersection. He engaged the dog and placed him in the safety of his truck. From the dog’s tag, Mike realized the dog was far from his home. When Mike tried to return the dog “Kramer” home, no one was there. He then brought the dog to the Lisle Police Department for safekeeping. When Mike returned to his work, he met a concerned dog sitter with half a leash looking for the pet and the matter was quickly resolved. Kramer’s owners, who were dealing with a family emergency at the time, are so grateful that Mike cared enough to keep their pet safe. The village is proud to have this caring employee within its Public Works Dept.

Ogden Ave. corridor planning

On May 7th, the Village hosted the first of several planned public input meetings concerning Ogden Avenue redevelopment. The intent of this meeting was to provide an overview of the planning efforts and to seek public input. The thirty people in attendance offered ideas on existing issues and improvements. As part of a group exercise, attendees divided into six groups to identify high-priority improvements or actions needed for the corridor. Three examples of potential improvements/actions were: allow rezoning of residential property to expand commercial zones to a minimum of 300’ along the corridor, provide incentives to encourage property consolidation to create larger tracts for redevelopment, and remove blighted buildings.

There will be a variety of public meetings to gather ideas and opinions on an array of corridor topics throughout the interactive planning process. Meeting dates and information updates are posted on the Village website.

Water Quality Report

Water suppliers are required to provide an annual water quality report to their consumers. Previously, this has been a separate mailing. As a cost-cutting measure, the Village of Lisle is including the 2009 report within this newsletter. Readers who have other water suppliers may receive a separate report from their water supplier.
2009 Annual Water Report

The 4-page 2009 Annual Water Report was included on pages 5-8 of this newsletter. On the web, go to

Mark your calendar!

Village of Lisle
Fall Branch Pickup

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

Note: 2 pickups this year

Occasionally ride the train to Chicago?

When space is available, daily permits for the Village Hall lot are sold to those who can prove incorporated Village of Lisle residency. These permits are available for purchase beginning at 7:00 a.m. one business day ahead of parking. Since these permits are not for everyday commuting, no one person will be allowed to purchase more than two permits in a week.

A second category of daily parking permits for Lot E are sold beginning at 8:00 a.m. the day of parking. These permits are not sold in advance and have no residency restrictions.

All daily permits cost $2, and are sold on a first come first served basis. Availability is not guaranteed.

No parking permit is required after 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and days when the Village Hall is closed (weekends and most holidays). Overnight parking is limited, and requires a permit during the work week. Overnight parking on the weekend is free, but restricted to certain areas. Please call the Business Office at 630-271-4100 for more details.

Restaurant Grant latest economic initiative

Applications are now being accepted for a new Restaurant Grant Program that will award grants to new high quality, full service restaurants opening in Downtown Lisle. Grant funds may be used to transform an existing building into a restaurant or demolish and build new. Downtown Lisle is completing a major redevelopment that is transforming the downtown into a beautiful garden–like setting—the perfect environment for new restaurants. Strong demographics and many customer–generating amenities should serve new restaurants well.

The Restaurant Grant Program replaces the Façade and Retail Grant Programs, which achieved their objectives. Consequently, the Village can pursue a new focus—that of attracting restaurants into the newly transformed downtown. For more information about Lisle, available sites, and the Restaurant Grant Program, visit the website, or contact Economic Development Director Cathy Schuster at 630-271-4148 or cschuster@villageoflisle.org.

Phone tax rebate

The Village of Lisle offers a $25 rebate of telephone taxes paid to the Village by senior citizens or disabled residents. The rebate is limited to one per household, and cell phones do not qualify. The rebate applicable to telephone taxes paid during the fiscal year ending April 30, 2009 will be paid out beginning Monday, May 4, 2009 through Friday, July 31, 2009.

To apply for the rebate, qualifying individuals must provide proof of age (65 or older prior to April 30, 2009) or disability, proof of Village of Lisle residency, and phone bills from May 2008 and April 2009. If qualifying residents do not have these two particular phone bills, they may provide any six phone bills dated during the fiscal year—May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009. Please call the Business Office at 630-271-4100 with any questions.

Protect Our Streams!

If you see something flowing in a stream that shouldn’t be there, please call and report it immediately! While it’s flowing, there is a chance of tracing it to the source. If we only hear about it after the fact, it’s usually too late. Help stop illegal discharges—call and report problem discharges immediately at 630-271-4107.

Lisle receives Floodplain 2009 Mitigation Award

On March 12, 2009, at their annual conference in Champaign, IL, the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (IAFSM) awarded the Village of Lisle its 2009 Mitigation Award for the Village’s Garfield–area stormwater basin project.

The IAFSM is a chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers. One of association’s major objectives is to encourage effective and innovative approaches to managing Illinois’ floodplain and stormwater management systems.

The Mitigation Award is given to an individual or community that has encouraged flood mitigation through a buyout program, retrofitting, preparation of a mitigation plan, or other mitigation efforts.

Lisle was recognized for its purchase and demolition of 25 single–family homes located in the floodplain, in order to use the land to build a stormwater basin and for future downtown redevelopment. Any new structures built within the floodplain will comply with all current floodplain codes.
Structures in the 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 since 1992. 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.

If you own a home or business structure located in the floodplain, consider all future improvements to the property. At some point, the wisest move is to elevate the structure and abandon the basement, or consider demolishing the old structure and building a new, modern structure that is fully protected from flood damages.

Floodproofing
There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage. One way is to keep the water away by regrading your lot, or building a small floodwall or earthen berm. These methods work if your lot is large enough, and if flooding is not too deep. Obtain a grading permit first.

Another approach is to make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways and windows that are low. This method is not recommended for houses with basements or if water will get over two feet deep.

A third approach is to raise the house above flood levels. Most wood frame houses can be elevated. This allows flood waters to flow under the house without damaging it, keeping the structure and your belongings safe and dry.

A fourth approach is to demolish an older structure and build a new, modern structure that is fully protected from flood damages.

For sewer backups
Many houses—even those not in the floodplain—have sewers that back up into the basement during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe can stop this if the water doesn’t get more than one or two feet deep and if there are no toilets on the lowest level. They can be purchased at a hardware store for under $25.

The most effective solution for sewer backup flooding is installation of an overhead sewer connection. A licensed plumbing contractor can do this work, a building permit is required, and grants are available from the Village of Lisle and/or DuPage County to help with the cost of this work. Contact Lisle’s
Stay safe in a flood

In the event of a flood, there should be sufficient warning for people in affected areas to take precautions or evacuate.

When a flood occurs, stay safe. Keep these points in mind:

• Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive; 6" of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you have to walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure the ground is not too far down, and is stable.

• Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don’t drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out. It only takes 2’ of water to float a car.

• Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The #2 flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current travels through water. Report downed power lines to ComEd.

• Have your electricity turned off by the power company, before re-entering your flooded home after a flood. Some appliances, such as TVs, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don’t use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.

• Look out for animals. Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Be cautious around frightened animals.

• Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken glass and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

• Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damages. Don’t smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

New CRS rating pays off

In 2009, the Village has been formally designated as Class 6 in the FEMA Community Rating System program. The improved classification means Lisle residents and business owners can realize flood insurance premium reductions of 20% for properties within special flood hazard areas and up to 10% for properties outside these areas. Public education on the topic, such as on these pages, is one small factor in the new rating.

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 (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)

Submitted by  Daytime phone #
Address  Date
Summer in Lisle

Location: Community Park unless otherwise noted

thru Nov 15 daily
Animal Houses
11 interactive, imaginative human-scale animal dwellings
Morton Arboretum

Tues, June 23 7:30-9pm
Summer Concerts in the Park: "The Meteors"

Thurs, June 25 7:30pm
Lisle Community Band

Tues, June 30 8:00pm
Movies in the Park: "Journey to the Center of The Earth"

Eyes to the Skies Festival
Wed, July 1 5:00–11:00pm
Carnival only

Thurs, July 2 3:00 –11:00pm
Fri, July 3 11:00am–11:00pm
Sat, July 4 11:00am–11:00pm
Festival open, Fireworks nightly

Sun, July 5 Noon to 7:00pm
Carnival only

Tues, July 7 7:30-9:00pm
Summer Concerts in the Park: "Triple Threat Band"

Thurs, July 9, 16, 23 & 30 7:30pm
Lisle Community Band

Tues, July 14 8:00pm
Movies in the Park: "Bee Movie"

Tues, July 21 7:30-9pm
Summer Concerts in the Park: "Janesville"

Fri, July 24 Keb’ Mo’ 7:00pm
Sat, July 25 7:00pm
Smokey Robinson
Morton Arboretum

Tues, July 28 8:00pm
Movies in the Park: "Ironman"
Continued on p. 4

New safe disposal option for medications

Lisle residents can now safely dispose of unwanted medications by dropping them off in a permanent drop box at Lisle Police Department on Rt. 53. Throwing expired or unused medications in the garbage or flushing them down the toilet are no longer considered safe disposal options.

To reduce the environmental concerns of medications entering regional waterways and soil, the Village is collecting unwanted medications through the RxBOX program. The program may also assist in reducing incidents of accidental ingestion of medication by children and is one way to help address prescription drug abuse.

To properly dispose of medications in the RxBOX:

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications are both accepted.
- Place pills or capsules in a sealed, zippered plastic bag (such as a Ziploc bag). Different medications can be mixed in the same bag.
- Do not include pill bottles or pill packaging. This will assist in reducing program costs and ensure that drop-off program participants remain anonymous.
- For liquid medications, cross out any personal information with a permanent marker on the prescription bottle and place the container in a sealed plastic bag. Double-bagging the container is recommended to ensure the contents do not leak.
- No needles, sharp medical supplies or other hazardous waste will be accepted.
- Inhaler canisters without the plastic mouthpiece/casing will be accepted. Place the canister in a plastic bag.

The RxBOX is located inside the first set of lobby doors at the Lisle Police Department and residents can drop off medication 24 hours a day, free of charge. The medications will be periodically removed from the RxBOX and transported to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for safe incineration.

Lisle is part of a collection partnership in cooperation with DuPage County. IEPA is providing the funding for this disposal service.

Questions? Contact Lisle Police Department at 630-271-4200.