A peek at the future

“What will it look like?”

That is a question that has been asked for a couple years about redevelopment of the former Village Hall site. On December 11th the public got their first glimpses. Three contending companies presented their development proposals for the site at the NE corner of Main and Burlington and the adjacent Parking Lot F site (to the east of Spencer Avenue).

All three proposals had some common elements, as well as many interesting variables. All saw the potential for residential use in proximity to the train station and emphasized that in their designs. They hope to attract downsizing empty nesters and young professionals. They featured residential condominiums in a 4- or 5-story building on the Village Hall site, and 2-story townhomes or condominiums in a 4-story building on Parking Lot F. Ground level retail space (totaling 9–15,000 sq.ft) would front Main Street or wrap onto Burlington. It would include a restaurant and retail spaces, with potential for a sidewalk café. Access to parking would be from Spencer Ave.

Each design sparkled with unique elements. They took different stylistic approaches to building exteriors, one with upper floors stepped back from the commercial level, another an urban feel with an octagonal–shaped corner, another European style. To varying degrees, they incorporated some public space, such as a plaza, an extension of the Garden Walk east to west across the north of the Village Hall site, or narrow green space on both north and south sides. Parking was planned for surface, underground, or a combination. One proposed a “green roof” on a parking garage. (See Village website for more.)

The potential developers are Lisle Village Square, LLC: New England Builders; and Trammell Crow Company. Presentation packets with text and artistic renderings may be viewed at the Village Hall Business Office.

Consultant S.B. Friedman, Village staff and Board are now pouring over the proposals, reading the fine print, weighing what’s included and what’s not, and evaluating the financials. After due consideration, the Village Board will choose one of the three developers and enter into negotiations. Successful negotiation of a sales agreement is a top priority for the Village Board.

This prominently situated land is Village–owned and will set the benchmark for other downtown

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From the Mayor
The new year will bring change to the Village Board. Mike Connelly, who served the community as Trustee for the past 5½ years, was elected to the County Board in November and assumed his position in December as representative for the 5th District. Mike brought a lot of energy and service to the post during those five years. While he will be missed, he will continue to serve Lisle well in his new role with DuPage County.

Lee LaFond has been appointed to fill Mike Connelly’s position until the April election. Fortunately, Lee’s experience on the Planning and Zoning Commission will serve the Board well as we address a variety of issues in the coming months. I know that the transition will work smoothly for the PZC too, as Charles Rego replaces Lee LaFond as PZC Chair, and Rob Getz is appointed to fill out the Commission. I thank them all for their service.

The year 2006 was filled with commemorations for the Village’s 50th anniversary. The organizing committee made it a year of great celebrations. The committee roster was large enough that I can’t name everyone here, although I did offer individual recognition at the December 4th Board meeting. Again, to co-chairs Wayne Dunham and Debbie Granat, and a committee of creative, energetic members, I offer thanks for a job well done.

Downtown. The downtown will remain on high focus in 2007. Please know that we are moving forward. It is interesting to note that a Central Area Business Plan compiled almost 25 years ago recommended the elimination of homes in the Garfield block west of downtown Main Street. Other recommendations included gateway signage, façade improvements, and Main Street landscaping.

Today, downtown improvements are nearing reality as witnessed by the purchase and demolition of homes in the Garfield block over the past year. Development of the old Village Hall site and Main Street beautification are nearing the stage of contracts and design. Also, I’m very pleased to congratulate State Farm Insurance, Ed Pajian, and the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, who were awarded Facade Grants at December Board meetings to improve their buildings on Main Street. It is great to see this happen.

I wish all a very happy new year, and I look forward to an exciting 2007 for the community.

Excerpts from
“Click It or Ticket”
Through a grant received from IDOT, Lisle Police conducted seat belt enforcement with the “Click It or Ticket” campaign:
- May 23 to June 1, 2006 issued 344 violations including 274 for no seat belt
- November 27-30, 2006 issued 139 violations including 120 for no seat belt

Finance Dept. Award
Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (3rd year in a row)

Low Debt
Two bond issues outstanding:
- $6,000,000 bond issue in 1999 for Police Facility
- $6,420,000 bond issue in 2004 for Sports Complex (Hotel/Motel Tax)

Maintained Bond Rating of Aa2 by Moody’s Investors Service

Commuter parking
Daily parking passes—Lisle residents may purchase in advance with some restrictions
Temporary monthly commuter parking passes—limited number available only to Lisle residents
Created 70 new parking permits (Holder of a commuter parking permit can surrender it knowing that it will be reissued if needed again, without going onto the waiting list.)

Water tank to be painted
The standpipe on Warrenville Road near Ivanhoe will be painted in the Spring/Summer of 2007.
New trustee chosen
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06 Building Permit Valuation
- 1 new commercial building – $650,000
- 15 single family units – $5M
- 20 townhome/duplex units – $4M
- Commercial alterations & additions – $11.3M (compared to $12.7M in 2005)

French Market success
Lisle was the 3rd largest Saturday Market!
1) Wheaton – opened 1977 (29 yrs)
2) Wilmette – opened 2002 (4 yrs)
3) Lisle – opened in 2006
Season ran 25 weeks
Goal – 20 booths
Actual – averaged 30 booths/wk
88% Occupancy

Lisle Teens with Character brought home a Governor's Hometown Award
(Youth Involvement, Population under 24,000) from Springfield, where they were also nominated for the more prestigious Governor’s Cup.

Lockformer
Lockformer has ceased manufacturing operations, and remediation is continuing. The property is being marketed for redevelopment.
Remediation: the EPA has approved the final two phases of work. Both should be constructed during the second quarter of 2007.
Sampling of on- and off-site wells will continue in the foreseeable future to monitor progress.

Project Approved in 2006:
Projected Costs: $229,000
Owner Contribution: $163,660
Village Contribution: $65,500

Where do the leaves go?
Public Works vacuums up autumn leaves. During the first three weeks of pickup, they were taken to the Morton Arboretum. During the final two weeks, they were staged at Public Work’s Route 53 yard. Contractor Allied Waste then hauled them to their facility for making compost.
Village Clerk earns award

Village of Lisle Clerk Timothy Seeden has earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk. Of the nearly 1300 municipal clerks in Illinois, only 131 are so certified by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Inc.

The designation reflects completion of demanding educational requirements and a record of significant contributions to our local government. The award was recognized by the Village Board at their December 4th meeting.

Residential zoning code updated

Sound planning practice dictates that from time to time zoning codes be evaluated and updated to reflect changing conditions of the community. Last summer and fall, the zoning codes were evaluated and certain sections were amended to reflect that. Some of the main revisions include the following:

- **Extended Family Accessory Unit**. (“Mother-in-law apartment”) The Village recognizes the number of persons living in the community who are at least 55 years old is increasing and that many of these people need available living alternatives. As such, a separate dwelling unit may be maintained within an existing single family home, subject to a set of criteria and Village approval.

- **Teardown Regulations**. Specific teardown requirements including tree preservation, fencing and construction/safety provisions were added to the zoning code to address teardown impacts on the neighborhood.

- **Reduced Side Yard Setbacks in Older Neighborhoods**. Reduced side yard setbacks for older neighborhoods in the Village, such as McIntosh Lisle Development, which consist of narrow lots of record platted in the 1920s and 1930s have been approved. This amendment allows 7’ side yard setbacks in place of the required 10’ setback for lots of record that have a lot frontage of 60’ or less.

- **Fences**. A taller privacy fence up to a maximum of 8’ is now allowed in the rear and corner side yard for properties that back to major roadways, including I-88, I-355, Ogden Avenue, Route 53 and Warrenville Road.

- **Permitted Obstructions**. An expanded list of 27 permitted residential yard obstructions has been approved. Permitted obstructions refer to structures that are allowed to be located at a specific location within the required setbacks of residential property. Some of the permitted obstructions include decks, patios, portable storage devices, swimming pools and architectural features.

New residential building code adopted

In September 2006 the Lisle Board of Trustees adopted the 2003 International Residential Building Code, published by the International Code Council, Inc., along with local amendments to this code. Previously, Lisle had used the BOCA 1996 code. The focus of these updates will be changes impacting new residential single and two–family dwelling construction. Specific items of concern relative to these changes and updates were as follows:

- New limits on building permit expiration
- Ice and water shield protection required for all new roofs
- Garage gas curb requirements are more clearly defined
- Egress man doors are required from detached garages
- Basement egress windows are required in all new construction
- Landings are required at all doorways
- Exterior decks and patios require direct access to grade
- Architect stamp now required only for new construction and additions of non–conventional design
- New limits on permitted areas allowed with slab on grade and trench foundations
- Concrete “slush coat” required in all new crawl spaces
- Stone backfill of excavated garage floors required where mechanical compaction cannot be achieved
- Weather resistant sheathing paper required under all siding materials with some exceptions
- Roof drainage required with all new construction
- Raised heel “energy trusses” required for all new truss roof construction
- Unvented gas log heaters and similar unvented appliances are prohibited

Local DuPage County municipalities that currently use the 2000 International Residential Building Code include Addison, Aurora, Bartlett, Downers Grove, Glendale Heights, Hinsdale, Oakbrook and Oakbrook Terrace. Municipalities that have adopted the 2003 International Residential Building Code are Bloomingdale, Burr Ridge, Carol Stream, Elmhurst, Glen Ellyn, Wayne, West Chicago, Westmont, and Wooddale.

Planting a tree?

Due to emerald ash borers, please do not choose ash trees.

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Garfield detention pond project progressing

The Village has substantially completed the purchase of private properties in the Garfield area. It had purchased several lots previously, but has actively assembled parcels since autumn 2005. A number of the homes there were demolished this past fall; more will come down in May 2007. In total, 23 parcels in the project area will be vacated. A few additional parcels on the east side of Garfield have also been acquired.

Why? The goal for purchasing these properties is twofold. In order to develop Lisle’s downtown, there needs to be storm water storage, and the requirements to provide this storage are much more stringent than they were 20 years ago. Recognizing the need to address this in a comprehensive way, the Village plans to create a detention pond west of downtown, between Garfield Avenue and Rt. 53, south of Ogden. A complementary goal is the aesthetic enhancement of the downtown. The Village intends this pond to be an attractive amenity that blends a natural setting with an engineered solution to storm water needs.

At the November Board workshop, James J. Benes & Associates, Inc. presented plans for the detention area. The pond will be situated in an appealing park–like setting, preserving some existing trees. A public path will go around the perimeter. It will have a surface size of 2–2.5 acres, capable of storing 5.5 acre feet of water and accommodating 8.5 acres of downtown development.

Tying it together. A piped storm water collection system will be installed from the Main Street area, west on Burlington Avenue and then north into the pond. This portion of the project is projected for fall 2007. The pond excavation is scheduled to get underway in late 2007, with completion by June 2008. That timeline assumes that DuPage County and US Army Corps of Engineers permits are issued in timely fashion. If all goes according to plan, storm water detention will be available for a Spring 2008 ground–breaking on the former Village Hall site.

The Village Board has recognized that these infrastructure improvements are on a scale too large for individual developers due to the physical limitations of the downtown. By making these investments now, the Village is providing the leadership and laying the foundation for downtown development, in both the near and distant future.

Pillar Awards

Lisle Community Character Alliance recognizes the pillars of good character. Awards made on November 13th:

**John Jachna** — RESPONSIBILITY (Student) for his leadership role in Lisle Teens With Character, plus designing the group’s website

**Tanush Sahay** — CITIZENSHIP (Student) for contributing over 300 hours of his time to a variety of service organizations

**Britney Weizeorick** — RESPECT (Student) for enthusiastic support of Kennedy Jr. High Character COUNTS! events and encouraging other students

**Mike and Pam Shuta, Arbor Printing and Graphics, Inc.** — RESPONSIBILITY (Business) for overwhelming generosity in supporting many of Lisle’s community events

**Holly Smith, Resources A La Carte, Inc.** — CITIZENSHIP (Business) for donating a training presentation to DuPage County Police Chiefs’ Secretaries Association; a Rotarian who lives by its motto “Service Above Self”

**Dr. Michael Gonda** — CARING (Adult) for volunteer work with Alliance for Smiles, who traveled to a remote region in China as part of a medical/dental team to repair children’s cleft lips and palates and teach parents how to care for them

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development. Village elected officials want to ensure a viable development with buildings that are well–designed, built of quality materials, and attractively landscaped. They seek to introduce meaningful new activity into the downtown by providing a mix of retail, residential, and public open space.

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DuPage County is subject to natural hazards including floods, tornadoes, and severe summer and winter storms that threaten life and health and have caused extensive property damage in the past. While these hazards are acts of nature, the impacts on residents, public facilities, businesses, and private property can be reduced through hazard mitigation.

DuPage County is underway with developing a countywide natural hazards mitigation plan. This plan will identify activities that can be undertaken by both the government and the private sector to reduce the safety hazards, health hazards, and property damage caused by floods, tornadoes, thunderstorms, and snow and ice storms.

“Hazard mitigation” means doing what can be done to reduce the impact of the natural hazards on people and property. While we cannot stop floods or tornadoes, we can adjust what people do in the face of these natural phenomena. It also means adjusting how we build in order to protect structures and people when these storms occur. Examples include elevating buildings in the floodplain, or tying a roof to the wall system so the roof doesn’t blow off.

The work is being coordinated by the Hazard Mitigation Workgroup, which was created by the DuPage County Board this year. The Workgroup has reps from County offices, public safety agencies, and DuPage municipalities, including the Village of Lisle and L–W Fire District. The Lisle Board of Trustees passed a resolution in August 2006 to formally join the Workgroup. The hazard mitigation plan will be considered for adoption by the Village in the spring of 2007. Adoption of the plan will make the Village eligible for hazard mitigation grant funds sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Also, the plan will serve as a floodplain management plan under FEMA’s Community Rating System (CRS), in which the Village participates. Currently, Lisle is a Class 7 community in the CRS program.

The meetings are open to the public. The public is invited to comment on the plan and the planning effort. The Hazard Mitigation Workgroup will generally meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at 421 N. County Farm Road in room 3500B. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact Mary Lou Kalsted, Management Analyst, at (630) 271-4107 or email at mkalsted@villageoflisle.org.

Lisle has joined with a local group of DuPage communities, publicly owned treatment plants, and environmental organizations to form the DuPage River/Salt Creek Work Group (DRSCW). The mission of this group is to better determine the stressors to the aquatic systems through a long term water quality monitoring program, and develop and implement viable implementation projects to accurately address the stressors. One of the stressors is low levels of oxygen which occasionally occur in the East Branch of the DuPage River, which runs through Lisle, including Community Park.

Low levels of oxygen in the streams and rivers may result in fish, mussel, invertebrate and other organism die–off in the waterways. The health of a stream or river is tied to the oxygen level, along with sediment, biological and chemical loadings within the water. To understand the existing dissolved oxygen condition of the water, and to recommend alternatives to improve the oxygen content, the DRSCW, in conjunction with The Conservation Foundation, has contracted to complete the Stream Dissolved Oxygen Improvement Feasibility Study for Salt Creek and East Branch of the DuPage River.

**Why is this study important?**
Between 1992 and 1998, Salt Creek and the East Branch of the DuPage River were listed on the Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters by the State of Illinois. Since then, Total Maximum Daily Loadings (TMDL) for each of these streams have been prepared by the State of Illinois and approved by USEPA. To date, only general alternatives have been considered. This project will result in specific projects to be implemented as required by the TMDL Program. Additional information on the TMDL can be found thru a link on www.drscw.org.

The goal of this Stream Dissolved Oxygen Improvement Feasibility Study is to determine the feasibility and benefits of the removal or modification of dams, and of the construction and operation of in–stream aeration projects on Salt Creek and the East Branch of the DuPage River. This study will identify a specific project or projects that will help meet the TMDL goals for dissolved oxygen within the project area. DRSCW is most interested in projects that will address the biological impairment in a holistic manner considering all benefits to the ecosystem and surrounding community.
50th Anniversary celebration concludes

Year long festivities in celebration of the Village’s 50th anniversary concluded with a Grand Parade on September 30, 2006.

A local homeowner and friends entered “The Tree on 53” float.

Kiwanis “Leaf Blower Brigade” had lots of fun.

Local institutions were well represented, here the Village’s float.

Shriner minicars and minicycles performed precision drills.

B. Gunther & Co., one of several businesses with floats, distributes candy to onlookers.

Grand Marshall Bea Malloy, widow of Lisle’s 1st Mayor

Share the delights from page 8 families, visiting guests and potential residents or businesses.

Citizens are proud of our community and hope you enjoy learning some of the reasons why.

Copies of the DVD are available for $18.95 with discounts for orders of five or more. The book sells for $25. Both should soon be available at the Village Hall and other locations throughout Lisle.

Comments are invited!

The Village of Lisle appreciates input from its residents. Request information, or offer suggestions or constructive criticism, on any matter pertaining to Village government. You are invited to use:

- 24 Hour Info Line (271-4110)
- email (Lisle@villageoflisle.org)
- this form or a letter (mail to Resident Comment Coordinator, Village of Lisle, 925 Burlington Ave., Lisle, IL 60532-1838, or deposit in the payment drop box at Village Hall)

Submitted by Daytime phone #
Address Date

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Fresh new look for downtown businesses

In December the Village Board approved grants to improve the fronts (or façades) of three downtown businesses—State Farm Insurance (4758 Main Street), IAFP (4756 Main Street) and the Pajian Building (4716 Main Street).

The grants were among the first to be approved under the Village’s more flexible Downtown Redevelopment Grant Program. The new program provides funding to downtown property owners who choose to either make façade improvements or demolish existing buildings and build new. It can accommodate buildings of varying heights and widths. Architectural designs, which complement the downtown design theme, help ensure that the improvements result in a coordinated, yet diverse appearance for our downtown.

After program approval, Economic Development launched an aggressive campaign to promote the new program. More than 25 meetings were held with downtown business and property owners, architects, and developers. The response has been encouraging and more grant requests are expected within the next few months.

Volunteer at the French Market?

The French Market was a lively new addition to downtown in 2006. In 2007, opportunities are opening for volunteers to assist in this fun Saturday activity. If you are social and like people and dogs, there are a variety of roles open for you to help out. Contact Econ. Dev. Dir. Catherine Schuster at 271-4148 or cschuster@villageoflisle.org.

Ms. Schuster is also soliciting referrals for anyone interested in entertaining at the venue, and would like to hear feedback about the French Market.

Lisle at 50: share the delights

As part of the community’s celebration of its Golden Anniversary during 2006, a group of citizens known as the Lisle 50th Anniversary Committee commissioned a film and a companion photo history book so that current residents and those who follow will have a visual history of the village.

This DVD shares the past, present, and future state of Lisle. It integrates the 50th Anniversary celebration theme of Fun, Family, Education, and Business by including interviews of Lisle residents from all walks of life while picturing historical and contemporary monuments, leading buildings and institutions, and major events, including the celebrations throughout 2006.

The book features more than 150 photos, interviews, and a historical timeline and narrative about Lisle since its beginnings, more than 150 years ago.

Both the DVD and book have been prepared for residents of Lisle to share it with their friends, (continued on page 7)