Village Hall site redevelopment plans submitted

The much anticipated redevelopment project for the former Village Hall site has been submitted for public hearing and review at the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting of January 16, 2008. After due consideration, the PZC makes a recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees.

This submittal is the result of New England Builders (NEB) response to the Village’s Request for Proposal that was issued in February of 2006. The project includes a 4-story mixed use building consisting of:

- 64 condominium units ranging from 730 to 1500 SF,
- 2 single-story townhouses, and
- 15,000 SF of street level retail space fronting both Main Street and Burlington Avenue.

A second component of the project is 11 townhouses in two buildings fronting Burlington Avenue between Spencer and Center Streets, where a paved parking lot currently exists.

The project builds upon the Village’s efforts to revitalize downtown and will complement the Village’s streetscape project for Main Street that gets underway in spring 2008. The NEB project will provide new housing and commercial opportunities in a mixed use development. Creating a critical mass of residents and businesses will encourage vibrant activity in a pedestrian-oriented environment and also promote more redevelopment activity in the years to come.

The project plans are available for public viewing at the Village Hall Business Office. Also, the January PZC presentation reruns on Comcast cable channel 10 on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. through February 19, 2008.

The properties are owned by the Village of Lisle. A redevelopment agreement is also being finalized for future Board consideration. It will set the terms for the property transaction between the Village and the developer, including the timing, conditions and process for approvals as the project proceeds. Once the agreement is completed, the builder is expected to begin marketing the project, and a sales office will be located at the site of the proposed development.

State of the Village

Each year, Lisle’s Mayor delivers a “State of the Village” address at the January Chamber of Commerce meeting. Mayor Broda uses visual media to showcase the achievements of Village government. On pp. 2–3 are assorted factual tidbits from that presentation. Other topics are more fully covered in articles throughout the newsletter.
From the Mayor...

I hope your holiday season was a great one, surrounded by family and friends. Lights of Lisle on December 1st showed the spirit of our residents as our first storm event failed to keep away a good number from our annual lighting and caroling event.

The new year promises some big changes. Design activity has proceeded through the past year, and we are targeting construction bids in January and February to begin work on the Main Street beautification project. If weather and bidding allow it, we hope the Main Street work can begin as early as March. The same is true of the Garfield pond project. This pond will serve a dual purpose—storm water retention for future downtown development and an attractive place for people to gather downtown.

Speaking of change, the Smoke Free Illinois legislation is now effective, making it illegal to smoke in virtually all indoor places where the public may gather. Whether you are for or against the law, it has at least provided a level playing field for all businesses in all communities.

Both our Police and Public Works employees perform wonderful services to the community that are often second—guessed even though they are invaluable to our own safety. With the snow season upon us, it is not unusual to hear complaints of mailbox damage, or of driveways that have been “plowed in.” When all is said, Mother Nature does not always make it easy to get the roads cleared—priority #1—without incidental damage or inconvenience. We ask for your patience as our employees provide the most professional service they can in trying circumstances. Village Code requires your mailbox to be no closer than 6” to the curb or roadway. Mailboxes that don’t comply only increase the odds of damage in winter. Please be sure your mailbox complies.

Finally, many people think that their property taxes go to provide all village services. In reality, only about 6% of of a typical homeowner’s property tax bill in Lisle goes to the Village of Lisle. In fact, the property tax levy cannot even cover 100% of our police protection costs. The Village must receive revenue from a variety of sources, with our portion of the State sales tax being a major contributor. The importance of the sales tax in Lisle makes it all the more important to foster both a downtown and a commercial corridor that are inviting to the retail sector. I’m confident that Lisle will foster this type of business climate as we move ahead.

Excerpts from the

New from Business Office
- Established free overnight weekend parking in designated area of Lot B
- Eliminated solicitation fee for charitable organizations
- Accepts MasterCard, Discover Card, or American Express for online payments of water bills, commuter parking permits, building permits, refuse and yard waste stickers

Finance Dept. Award
Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (4th year in a row)

Water tank painted
The standpipe on Warrenville Road near Ivanhoe was sandblasted and repainted. The updated Village logo tree adds a finishing touch.

2007 Street Rehabs
- 2.25 miles of streets repaved
- 6,848’ of new curb poured
- 1,747’ of water main replaced
- 6 street lights replaced

2006 Property Taxes—Village Portion—
Tax Levy $3,795,400

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| Property taxes accounted for just 16% of total revenue

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

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

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24 hour service
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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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**Mayor’s State of the Village Address**

### Village Code Revisions
Some of those adopted in 2007:
- 2003 International Building Code
- 2003 International Fire Code
- 2003 Mechanical Code
- 2003 Fuel Gas Code
- 2006 Energy Conservation Code

### Current Police News
New link on Village website seeks public assistance in solving crimes; features police news, surveillance photos, and descriptions

### Red light photo enforcement
Dramatically reduces intersection collisions and injuries
- Potential initial locations: Rt. 53/Maple, Rt. 53/Warrenville, and Yackley/Ogden
- RedSpeed Illinois LLC chosen as contractor to manage program

### Click It or Ticket
Lisle Police wrote a total of 603 tickets (477 for no seat belt) over 19 days of program
-Received $2,000 grant, which was used to purchase two hand-held radar guns

### Annexations
Agreements were approved for annexing 7 single family homes in the Riverview Drive area, south of Maple

### '07 Building Permit Valuation
- 5 new commercial buildings – $4.4M
- 13 single family homes – $4.8M
- 15 townhome/duplex units within 5 buildings – $3.1M
- Commercial alterations & additions – $33.8M (compared to $11.4M in 2006)

### Public Works Services
Brush picked up 3,349 homes – 1,278 cu. yds.
Leaves picked up 5,837 homes – 2,715 cu. yds.
Assisted at special events: French Market, Eyes to the Skies, Depot Days, Memorial Wall, Lights of Lisle, Memorial Day Parade

### Police programs for citizens
- Citizens Police Academy, 10 Thursday evenings, Jan-Mar
- RadKids program teaches safety topics to children
- DARE instruction at schools
- Community policing presentations on a variety of topics

### French Market
- Successful 2nd season surpassed 1st year results with 90+% booth occupancy
- Added terrific weekly special events, varied and fun!
- Outstanding volunteers organized and served as ambassadors
- Diverse merchandise attracted many shoppers to downtown

### Reconstruction of bridges over river
- Maple Avenue bridge
  - DuPage County project
  - Scheduled to start in June, complete by year end 2008
  - Maple Ave will be single lane in each direction during construction
- Short Street bridge
  - Village of Lisle project
  - Scheduled for 2009
  - Currently working on preliminary engineering
  - Received federal grant for 80% of this cost

### Downtown Grants
**Budget** $180,000
- **Façade Grants (Main St #)**
  - State Farm (4758) $17,500
  - IAFP (4756) $19,000
  - Retail shops (4706) $22,232
  - Tony the Tailor (4754) $14,931
  - Pazzo’s $22,000
- **Retail Grants**
  - Book Nook (4738) $10,000
- **Total Grants** $113,000

**State Farm at 4758 Main Street sports a new façade. Village grants create positive partnerships to enhance Main Street’s appearance and attract new downtown business.**

**Talented local artist Deidre Hart painted scenes on the restroom privacy screen for the French Market.**

**website: www.villageoflisle.org**
Behind the scenes: Lisle Police evidence technicians

We’ve seen the wonders of modern technology applied to police investigations on TV shows. Police laboratories do share some elements of those fictional depictions, but real crime scene investigations don’t have quite the pizzazz of their TV counterparts.

Lisle being a relatively small community, our police department does not have a dedicated evidence division. For a major crime, such as homicide, Lisle would enlist the help of DuPage County Sheriff’s evidence division. However, Lisle does have some 14 officers certified by the Illinois State Police as evidence technicians. They have completed at least one week of special training and passed a certification test. These officers are assigned to various patrol and investigative duties; however, at least one is available on all shifts.

Lisle Police evidence technicians collect, process, and store potential evidence from local crime and accident scenes. Police headquarters has an evidence section with intake, processing, clerk, lab, and storage spaces. All must follow the protocols for securing the evidence “chain of custody,” so that it can withstand legal scrutiny at trial. This starts with securing the scene of the crime or accident so that contamination of potential evidence is minimized.

It continues as collected evidence is packaged, labeled, and sealed by those who gathered it. This is detailed, slow work that doesn’t make it into TV shows. Part of the processing includes logging it into the BEAST (Bar-coded Evidence Analysis Statistics & Tracking) computer software, which generates printed labels with bar codes.

The techs pass the packaged physical evidence to the evidence clerk via secured lockers. Within the limited-access evidence room, the clerk logs in the packaged and labeled evidence, and stores it in the vault or locked storage bins, as appropriate.

As on TV, cameras are an important tool for recording evidence scenes. Lisle takes digital still photos, as well as digital DVD/RAM audio-visual recordings from squad cars. Disks with this data are labeled and stored like other evidence.

Generally, Lisle’s evidence lab concentrates on preliminary tests, such as reagent tests that identify common illicit drugs like marijuana, cocaine, heroin, GHB, LSD, and Ecstasy. When further analysis is needed, for example DNA analysis, evidence is sent out to the Illinois State Police crime lab. Scanned fingerprints are sent to the FBI for identification. No instantaneous results! The normal processing time is a matter of weeks, not the “hours” seen on TV. Of course, lab results can be expedited in special cases.

For the most part, Lisle’s evidence techs work burglaries (buildings and vehicles), accidents, and drug arrests. On TV, we’ve come to expect a tiny fiber, invisible chemical residue, or a blood stain is the key to a case, and sometimes it is. Lisle collects its share of those items and others you’d expect, such as weapons. However, evidence runs a wide gamut. Sealed cans of ash samples from an arson, a threatening note, a mostly whole car bumper from a hit and run—Lisle evidence techs have collected that and more!

Fingerprint is dusted, lifted and stored on card. In the real world, fingerprints are often smudged, partials, and/or mixed with many other prints.

Evidence comes in all shapes and sizes. It needs suitable packaging, both to protect the evidence and those handling it. Biohazard labels are added to blood or semen specimens. Here, a plastic container for a syringe prevents police from being stuck by a needle.
Lisle citizens recognized with Pillar Awards

Twice yearly Lisle Community Character Alliance recognizes citizens who contribute to the Lisle community. Awards made in November 2007:

Lou O’Brien – Responsibility. An exceptional volunteer, Lou was instrumental in helping to bring another successful season to the Lisle French Market. Lou planned 26 weeks worth of special events for the Market and helped with behind the scene preparations.

Dr. Charles Sweet – Caring. As a member of the DuPage AME Church for almost 20 years, Sweet’s dedicated service has included leading the church’s not-for-profit REACH program that gave out more than 90,000 pounds of food and assistance to DuPage County families in need. A practicing dentist, Dr. Sweet is a founding member of the House of Daniel Homeless Shelter in Chicago. He is often the first to arrive and the last to leave the Lisle church because he is a willing, dedicated, and valued member of the congregation.

John Cieplak – Respect. John knows what it means to be a true friend. When his college buddy began showing signs of Alzheimer’s disease in his late 30s, John increased the time he spent with his friend, and also encouraged others to come. When his friend could no longer climb stairs, John built a full bathroom on the first floor in his friend’s house. He started working on finishing the friend’s basement for a full time caregiver. Unfortunately, John’s friend did not live long enough for that to happen, but John completed the work anyway with no monetary compensation for his labor.

Donald Cook – Citizenship. During and after a 31-year career with the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District, Don volunteered with the Lisle Park District: first as a concerned citizen who saw the need of repair at some tennis courts near his home, then to being a regular meeting attendee, running for a board trustee position, and serving on the board in a capacity that led to his current position as board president. He epitomizes untiring commitment to the community.

Paula Gleason – Trustworthiness. Paula served as a volunteer ambassador for the Lisle French Market this summer. She manned the welcome station just about every Saturday for the season. As an ambassador, Paula set up the booth, greeted guests and vendors, answered questions, handled any problems, registered guests for prizes and guided the market’s promotional efforts.

Lisle Woman’s Club – Citizenship (Service Group). The Club and in particular two members, Patricia Abelson and Leona Conforti, are recognized for “Art of Lisle” in the summer of 2006 to celebrate Lisle’s 50th anniversary. The two women created the fine arts presentation, secured artists, juried submissions, secured and set up display panels, and worked with the Lisle/Naperville Hilton to showcase the artistic talents of our community. The two created a successful event with no template to follow.

L-W Fire Prevention Bureau – Responsibility (Service Group) Bureau Chief Jim French protects the integrity of the department with the way he keeps confidential information where it belongs. Inspector Chris Hull treats property owners with the highest degree of respect. Both men interact with the community at their utmost professional ability, often coming in hours early and staying late to complete the work that needs doing.

Help LCCA honor individuals, groups and businesses who reflect the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

The only restriction is that the person nominated must live or work in Lisle. Applications can be downloaded from the Village website.
DuPage County is subject to natural hazards 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.

"Hazard mitigation" means doing everything that can be done to reduce the impact of natural hazards on people and property. It does not necessarily mean controlling floodwaters or stopping tornadoes. These hazards are natural phenomena and, in many cases, mitigation means adjusting what people do in the face of this natural activity.

DuPage County, with participation by most municipalities, fire districts, and others, started working on a county–wide natural hazards mitigation plan in May '06, and the plan was completed and approved by FEMA in Sept. '07.

The plan identifies 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, severe summer and winter storms, and tornadoes.

The plan was adopted by DuPage County in October, and subsequently by the Village of Lisle.

The plan is approximately 200 pages in length. It is available on DuPage County’s web site at: www.dupageco.org/dec/. The plan can be accessed by clicking on the link near the bottom of that page.

Chapter 9 of the plan contains 19 “action items,” which are actions that can be taken to mitigate the effects of natural hazards. Some of these are things that Lisle is already doing, such as:

- participating in the Community Rating System to mitigate flood damages in our community,
- providing property protection reference materials to help people living in the floodplain protect their property,
- engaging in watershed management practices through enforcement of the DuPage County Stormwater and Flood Plain Ordinance and compliance with our NPDES permit,
- participating in the Tree City USA program.

Other items are things we are already working on, such as becoming a part of the National Weather Service’s StormReady Community program or improving our Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule Rating.

Thirteen action items appropriate for Lisle were listed in the resolution adopting the plan, and assigned to a department or person to be responsible for implementation during the coming year. The Village will be responsible for reporting annually on the status of this work, and the plan itself will be updated every five years, with our input.

**County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan adopted**

**Pumps installed in River-Dumoulin area**

**The problem.** When water in the river is high, flap gates close on the storm sewers that drain neighboring areas, so that water from the river doesn’t back up into the neighborhoods. However, local drainage that is flowing toward the river is blocked by the levees, and can’t get through the storm sewers, so it backs up behind the levees and sometimes causes flood damages.

**A solution.** Pump stations were constructed in four quadrants defined by the river and Ogden Avenue. When water in the river is high, the pump stations will pump the water through the levee into the river, for as long as there is capacity in the river. Limitations: Once the water in the river nears the top of the levee, the pumps will shut off. They will not provide protection to the neighborhoods during very large flood events.

The County used funding from a stormwater bond, and owns and operates the pump stations and backup generators.

**Background.** Several years ago the County studied flooding in the area along the river from Middleton south to Maple. After careful consideration of all alternatives, costs, and available funds, the final report recommended two immediate projects for which funding was then available. The two projects were the River Dumoulin Pump Stations, and the Levee Maintenance Project.

**The Levee Maintenance Project** will provide maintenance and repairs to the levees along the river, which were built by the State of Illinois in the mid 1960s. The levee protects over 200 homes from river flooding. The levees have settled and/or eroded in places. Permanent easements were requested from approximately 60 property owners along the river, but only about 25% were granted. The project cannot be done until all the easements are provided. Meanwhile, immediate funding was lost, and the project is on hold, pending the easements.
Power Outage info from ComEd

**Prioritizing.** Safety first! ComEd dispatches employees to patrol the damage and make an assessment. They address downed power lines, and make sure roads are clear for police and fire crews. Then they make sure hospitals, cooling centers and other critical customers are quickly restored. This is followed by restoring the longest and largest outages, and working from there to restore smaller and more recent service disruptions. After all customers are restored, there will be a significant effort to make more permanent repairs to the system.

**Losses.** ComEd recognizes the inconveniences customers experience as a result of the loss of electrical service. However, ComEd can’t be held responsible for damages that occur as a result of events outside the company’s control, such as lightning, wind, ice, hail, and tree or animal contact to our facilities. If customers feel that a loss was caused by something other than the storm or other natural causes, they can submit a claim. This process can be started by visiting ComEd website or calling the 800-EDISON-1 hotline.

Video competition continued from page 8

governor, becoming law on June 30, 2007. Subsequently, the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) granted AT&T the right to operate in the State of Illinois.

**What does this mean for Lisle?**

- AT&T may provide video service without procuring a franchise agreement with Lisle.
- AT&T is not required to offer video to the entire community.
- AT&T will have to procure permits from the Village to install their associated utility boxes on Village right–of–way. These permits cannot be “reasonably” withheld from AT&T, and the Village will have limited control over the siting of their equipment.
- AT&T can only be required to install the smallest equipment required for its operation. This means the large utility boxes will still be part of their operation.
- The Cable and Video Customer Protection Law, part of this legislation, was also approved by Village Ordinance to ensure customer service criteria as established by law.

**Bottom line:** Village officials cannot predict at this time what level of video service AT&T will bring to Lisle. Any such service will be monitored pursuant to the provisions of the legislation.

Comments are invited!

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**Share Your Soles**

LCCA is collecting clean, gently used shoes to give to Share Your Soles. Drop off your shoe donations at Village Hall or Lisle Township offices.

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)

**website:** www.villageoflisle.org
Streetscape Improvements On Track for Main Street

2008 will be a year of transformation for downtown! Construction of our downtown streetscape is expected to begin in March. Plans call for Main Street to be transformed into a beautiful new downtown with the installation of decorative streets and sidewalks, prairie style lighting, delightful seating areas, a nature inspired fountain, a landscaped median, water features and a variety of trees, plants and flowers.

The majority of the work is expected to be completed by November 2008. During construction, Main Street will remain open, although at times it will be a one-way street. Visit the Village’s website, click Downtown Updates, then Install Prairie Style Streetscape, for more complete information about the streetscape, including road configurations.

Downtown businesses will remain open and accessible during construction and would appreciate your business, especially during the construction season.

Streetscape Visitor Center. In an effort to more closely monitor the streetscape project and be more accessible to the community during construction season, the Village will open a temporary Visitor’s Center on Main Street. The center will serve as the construction office for the project, as well as the office of a new temporary Downtown Project Coordinator who was hired by the Village to provide assistance during the streetscape project. The Village is in the process of finalizing the lease and will soon announce the location of this temporary Visitor Center.

Video competition coming to Lisle?

In November the Village Board approved ordinances to accommodate the State Legislature’s Illinois Cable and Video Competition Law of 2007. This legislation is the culmination of a protracted lobbying effort by AT&T here and across the country, to provide video service without having to enter into franchise agreements with local governments. The bill was initially introduced into the Legislature as written by AT&T. What followed was an intense counter lobbying effort by Comcast. (You may recall the countless commercials by both Comcast and AT&T prior to the legislation being approved.)

Municipalities also lobbied the Legislature because the bill as originally introduced resulted in no local control over public rights-of-way. In some communities prior to the legislation, AT&T installed large (5’ tall, 3’ 8” wide, 2’ deep) accessory utility boxes on public rights-of-way without seeking municipal approvals.

This very contentious legislation was passed and signed by the Governor, and is in the process of finalizing the streetscape. Water mains were replaced and relocated, new storm sewers installed and sanitary sewer pipes repaired in the downtown.

Utilities. Currently, the Village is working with ComEd, AT&T and Comcast to develop a plan to remove unsightly overhead utility lines and relocate them underground on School Street and Burlington Avenue. This work is expected to be completed during the next few months.

Thank you for your patience during the completion of these necessary projects. We are several steps closer to achieving our goal of a truly beautiful downtown!

Buy dog tags now

All dogs are required to wear a Village of Lisle tag, in addition to the DuPage County rabies tag. Buy 2008 dog tags now at the Village Hall Business Office. Bring an up-to-date veterinarian’s certificate of rabies vaccination.

The Village has begun charging a $10 fee for dog license tags to cover costs involved with issuance and record keeping.

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