Lisle businesses going “green”

Hats off to the 50 Lisle businesses that have chosen to participate in the Village’s new Sustainable Lisle Business Partnership Program. Each participating business received a complimentary Green Audit, which helped identify opportunities for incorporating green or sustainable practices in their operations.

For example:
- **Home Design Center** offers carpeting and flooring made from recycled and sustainable sources such as corn, plastic bottles and bamboo.
- **Hand N Paw** uses gentle eco–friendly products to clean and condition clientele.
- **Wild Bran** offers a wide range of sustainably produced and organic food products.
- **The Nook** sells fair trade coffee and locally produced ice cream.
- **Trill Boutique** sells natural beauty products and organic clothing.

Firms such as **Heritage Harley Davidson, V & R Tire and Oil Depot** collect old batteries, oil, or tires for recycling.

Many businesses are conserving energy by turning off computers, lights and machinery when not in use. SCARCE’s Kay McKeen cites a government study indicating that a savings of $2.8 billion in energy costs would be realized if businesses would simply turn off their computers at the end of the day—simple to do and something that also extends the life of the equipment (another cost savings).

Other simple cost effective things to do at work or home: download “eco font,” which uses 20% less ink than normal fonts and enjoy longer lasting ink cartridges. Or, add air enhancing plants such as golden Pothos, English Ivy or rubber plants to your home or office.

Look for more information about Lisle businesses’ sustainable efforts in the near future. Please patronize those Lisle businesses displaying the Sustainable Lisle decal to thank them for their responsible efforts and to find unique, eco–friendly products and services.

NNHS hockey team volunteers shovel snow off the rink.

**Come, skate on Main!**

8 am–10 pm

The Village of Lisle has installed a temporary ice rink on the old Village Hall site. It is lighted after dark, and picnic tables provide seating for changing into skates. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No hockey playing. Daily, weather–permitting.
From the Mayor...

As we welcome 2010, I am hoping everyone had an enjoyable holiday season with friends and family! Safe holiday travel on Lisle roadways was possible due to extraordinary plowing and salting efforts of the Public Works Dept.

Since it is January in northeastern Illinois, I’d like to offer a couple winter safety reminders. Please remember, when driving during snow removal operations, slow down and give snow plows enough room to complete their job safely. Residents are encouraged to shovel out fire hydrants that are in or near their property and clear sidewalks of snow for the safety of all pedestrians, especially for children walking to and from school and bus stops. Also, please help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow without risking their health.

Speaking of helping neighbors, I am proud to report that this past October, two Lisle community projects were selected as Governor’s Hometown Award recipients. (See page 3.) The Governor’s Hometown Award is a recognition given to citizens and organizations across Illinois who have worked to make their community a better place to live and work. Each day Lisle residents and organizations are making positive contributions in our community by volunteering, and the Governor’s Hometown Awards have brought much deserved statewide recognition to these projects. Congratulations!

In December, Village Trustee Kim Brondyke resigned in order to serve the residents of Lisle and those of the IL 48th District as a legislative aide in State Rep. Michael Connelly’s district office. I would like to thank Kim once again for her years of service on the Village Board, and take the opportunity to welcome the Village’s newest Trustee, Cathy Cawiezel. (See page 4.)

Finally, as we work our way through the winter months, waiting for warmer spring weather to return, I’d like to recommend a cure for cabin fever—bring your ice skates to downtown Lisle. This winter, the old Village Hall site (corner of Burlington Ave. and Main St.) is home to a temporary outdoor lighted ice rink. Happy skating! I hope to see you soon in Downtown Lisle—shopping, dining, or out on the ice!

Video gambling banned

Lisle has joined other local communities in banning video gaming machines.

Excerpts from the Mayor Broda delivers a multimedia presentation annually at the January Chamber of Commerce meeting. It features the diverse activities of all Village departments, infrastructure maintenance through economic development efforts, everyday services to special events. A sampling:

Downtown streetscape completed

■ Ribbon Cutting June 26
■ Cruise Nights July 25 and August 29
■ “2009 Project of the Year” in the Transportation $5M–$25M category of the American Public Works Asso., Fox Valley Branch of the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter

Ogden Ave Corridor Plan

Through surveys, interviews, and workshops, public input was gathered for the Ogden Avenue Corridor Plan and a Steering Committee was formed. Recommendations have now been developed for sub-areas and components, such as appearance and design elements. The planning process continues with the next public workshop scheduled for Jan. 28, 2010. Extensive info is posted on the website.
Sustainable Saturday
At this special event in March, many items were collected for recycling or reuse, including:
- Electronics: filling 8 semi trucks
- Scrap metal: 7.96 tons
- Paper shredded: 11,000 pounds
- Eyeglasses, cell phones, bicycles and more

Economic Development
Activities proceeded on many fronts, some centered on downtown, others extending across the community.
- Downtown grant programs – Façade, Retail, and Restaurant
- Business retention and attraction
- Marketing/brand management/communications
- Sustainable business initiatives
- Garfield OSLAD grant
- French Market

Garfield Pond
Landscaping at the new 4.5 acre naturalized area is establishing. The Village plans to construct a path and children’s park in 2010 with help from an OSLAD grant.

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Hotel/Motel Tax
- 2008 $1.5M
- 2009 $995K

Capital Projects
Continued commitment to quality capital improvements for maintaining infrastructure:
- 3.03 miles of streets resurfaced
- 630’ storm culverts replaced
- 3,032’ sanitary sewer lined
- 6,782’ water main
- 9,352’ sidewalk replaced
- 3,471’ new curb

Maple Ave bridge replaced
Traffic is flowing smoothly now that this two–year DuPage County project is complete. The Village paid for some enhancements.

Governor’s Hometown Awards
Lisle was fortunate to be honored with two awards in 2009. One recognized the volunteer efforts of the Chamber, Village, and Arboretum in the “Rainbarrels of Lisle” 2008 public art project. The other recognized the “Donate Life Community” conceived by two Lisle residents for raising awareness of organ and tissue donations.

Fall Leaf Pickup
- 9,674 total homes
- 6,360 total cubic yards
- $154,620 total cost

Rx Box offers safe disposal for meds
Residents can dispose of expired or unused medications in a drop box in the Lisle Police Department entry. The program reduces the environmental concerns of meds entering regional waterways and soil. Lisle belongs to a collection partnership with DuPage County; IEPA provides funding for this disposal service.
Citizens recognized with Pillar Awards

Character does count! Lisle Community Character Alliance honored those below at the Nov. 16 Village Board meeting. Nominate someone you know! Forms can be found on the Village’s website. Applications may be submitted anytime; awards are made in April and November.

Michael Powers – Responsibility

Michael Powers, of Powers Construction Group, Inc. has long been a supporter of Lisle School District 202. Powers Construction has donated to the Senior Banquet, Pride of Lyons, the Lego project and numerous others. For the 2nd year he has worked with Pat Hurt at Schiesher School in assisting students to design their “dream house.” Michael took the extra step and recreated house plans in a Computer Aided Design (CAD) system, adding roofs and exterior designs on the homes. He then presented several different angles to the students, and even created individual binders for each of the students with the CAD drawings.

Cathy Nettleton - Caring

The phrase “over and above the call of duty” is most appropriate when you mention Cathy Nettleton. A 2nd grade teacher’s aide at St. Joan of Arc, she interacts with all levels of children in a special way. Cathy reaches out to the child that is really shy or one that is having problems at home. On her own time, she transports children to extra curricular activities, packs their lunches, tutors them, does their laundry, takes them for haircuts, obtains coats for them. Whatever the need is Cathy fills it if she can. Cathy sees potential in all, but more importantly she sees the good in each child at all times.

Pieceful Heart Fabrics – Citizenship

This local business owned by Gina Ellingen is being recognized for its efforts in support of ConKerr Cancer Chicago. Pieceful Heart Fabrics contributes to the community by providing work space so volunteers may make quilted items for various causes. ConKerr’s upbeat pillow cases are delivered to children at local hospitals who suffer from cancer and other life changing illnesses. Pieceful Heart also provides a drop-off location for their customers to donate pillow cases to ConKerr.

United States Census 2010

IT’S IN OUR HANDS

The Lisle community is counting on YOU to participate!

Buy dog tags now

All dogs are required to wear a Village of Lisle tag, in addition to the DuPage County rabies tag. Buy 2010 dog tags ($10) now at the Village Hall Business Office. Bring an up-to-date veterinarian’s certificate of rabies vaccination.

Be sure your dog is “legal”!

RV & trailer storage code changes proposed

The Village of Lisle will be conducting a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss and consider zoning code changes related to recreational vehicle and trailer storage in residentially zoned areas in the Village.

Specific discussion items will include the number of vehicles, storage location, screening, parking on improved surfaces, etc. For additional information concerning this matter, please contact the Community Development Department at 630-271-4150.

New Trustee

On Dec. 7, Mayor Broda appointed lifelong Lisle resident Cathy Cawiezel to fulfill the unexpired term of former Trustee Kim Brondyke.

The Mayor noted, “Cathy’s strong Lisle roots, dedication to community service, and financial background made her an ideal candidate to fill the vacancy.”

Yard Waste Collection

resumes March 9, 2010
(or later depending on weather conditions)

Earlier start!

Village Board of Trustees meetings and workshops now begin at 7:00 p.m.