

From the Mayor...



While most people associate January with new beginnings, it's also time to review the past year's events, activities and accomplishments. That's just what I will be doing during my annual State of the Village address. This year, the presentation will be made during the Chamber's General Membership Luncheon, which will be held at the Lisle Hilton Hotel on Thurs., Jan. 22 at 11:30am. I hope many of you can attend this luncheon. Contact the Lisle Area Chamber of Commerce at 630-964-0052 to make a reservation. To ensure those who are unable to attend can still be informed, the State of Village address will be re-broadcast on our web, Cable TV and YouTube. Highlights of the presentation will also be included in the next edition of *Neighbors of Lisle Magazine*.

Keeping the public engaged and informed remains one of your Village Board's strategic objectives. But in today's fast-paced world, finding a way to connect with the community can be challenging. That's why we are reaching out to you in many different ways. Our new website, at the same address (villageoflisle.org), is organized to help you quickly find the information you are seeking. "Spotlight" and "In the News" features highlight the latest information. Mega-Menus, QuickLinks and a new "How Do I" Menu provide immediate answers to frequently asked questions. A new Transparency page provides access to information about the Village's operations, all on one page. It even has a mobile version, so you can connect with us on the go. I encourage you to visit our new site and return often. To learn about other ways we are reaching out you, choose the "Connect with Us" option on the homepage.

Speaking of news, I am happy to report we have been awarded nearly \$2.9 million in FEMA Grant Funds. These funds will be used to purchase/demolish many flood ravaged homes and elevate other homes to prevent damage from future floods. These funds help us move past one of the most devastating events this community has experienced. We have also received a \$160,000 Safe Routes to School Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation, which will fund the construction of new sidewalks along school routes. Grants enable us to expand limited Village budgets and provide residents with valuable services, a double-win for all involved.

This theme of this edition of *Neighbors* is "How Your Local Government Works." I hope you agree that the many different ways we communicate with you and the amount of information provided helps keep you up-to-date and informed about Village operations and the many ways we are working to provide you with excellent service all year long.

Have a happy and healthy New Year.

Mayor Joe Broda

Village of Lisle

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Village receives FEMA grant to reduce future flood losses

On Nov. 14, 2014, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that the village had been awarded nearly \$2.9 million in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds. These funds, along with required local matching funds, will provide a total of approximately \$3.8 million to purchase/demolish flooded homes and raise other homes above flood level.

DuPage County has committed to provide a portion of the required local matching funds through its Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Assistance Program. DuPage County will also be purchasing additional Lisle properties through its separate application for FEMA grant funding.



At least 20 homes are expected to be purchased and demolished and an additional six may be elevated.

Lisle Mayor Joe Broda was pleased with the announcement, "These funds will help our residents who experienced extensive damage during the April 2013 Flood either

move out of the floodplain entirely or elevate their homes to protect them from any future flood damage. It's a great relief to both residents and the village and will help us in our continuing efforts to recover from such a devastating event."

Lisle awarded \$160,000 Safe Routes to Schools Grant

The Village of Lisle is one of the only three DuPage County communities that was awarded funding from the Safe Routes to School Program. A \$160,000 grant will be used to construct 1,650 feet of sidewalk along Winchester Ave. from Ogden Ave. to Middleton Ave. This new sidewalk will provide a direct biking and walking route to Tate Woods Elementary School.

The federally funded Safe Routes to Schools Program was designed to encourage children to walk and bike to school by creating a safe environment. Mayor Broda acknowledged the award: "This funding will help us keep our children safe while encouraging them to adopt healthy



lifestyle habits. I am grateful the state recognized the value of our proposed project, which will allow

us to improve our infrastructure while working within our established budget."

Connect with the Village of Lisle!

Listed below are the communications channels that the village uses to relay information to the public. Some, like CodeRED and E-notify, require people to register to receive the information. Take a moment to review this list and determine which ways to connect with the Village of Lisle work best for you.



CodeRED: Register to receive emergency alerts at villageoflisle.org

Website: villageoflisle.org

Cable TV: Channel 10 (Comcast Customers);
Channel 99 (AT&T U-verse Customers)

Facebook: facebook.com/villageoflisle  

Twitter: twitter.com/villageoflisle

E-notify: Register to receive broadcast emails at villageoflisle.org

Newsletter: *Neighbors of Lisle Magazine*



Train Station TV: Watch us while you wait in the Lisle Train Station

Emergency Broadcasts/Advisories: Tune into Radio 1660 AM

Electronic Sign: Located at Rt. 53 and Main St.; promotes special events, news, emergency announcements

Video Library: Learn about the village in an entertaining way, visit villageoflisle.org, "Connect with Us"

Media Releases: Issued as needed



Proposed redevelopment of Old Village Hall Site

Marquette's proposed development of the Old Village Hall Site in Downtown Lisle continues through the review process. On Nov. 19, 2014, the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the project by a vote of 7-0. The project will be placed on a 2015 Village Board Meeting Agenda for review, the date is still to be determined. To view status updates, visit villageoflisle.org.

Cabin fever reliever

Get out and dine in...Lisle! Leave winter far behind with new flavors and fun from truly one-of-a-kind Lisle restaurants and businesses. Follow us on facebook.com/villageoflisle to view special offers from some of your favorite Lisle establishments. To view video highlights from many of the participating restaurants, visit villageoflisle.org/dining. Break free from Cabin Fever, with a little help from Lisle!



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RELIEVER**

Lisle Dining Events
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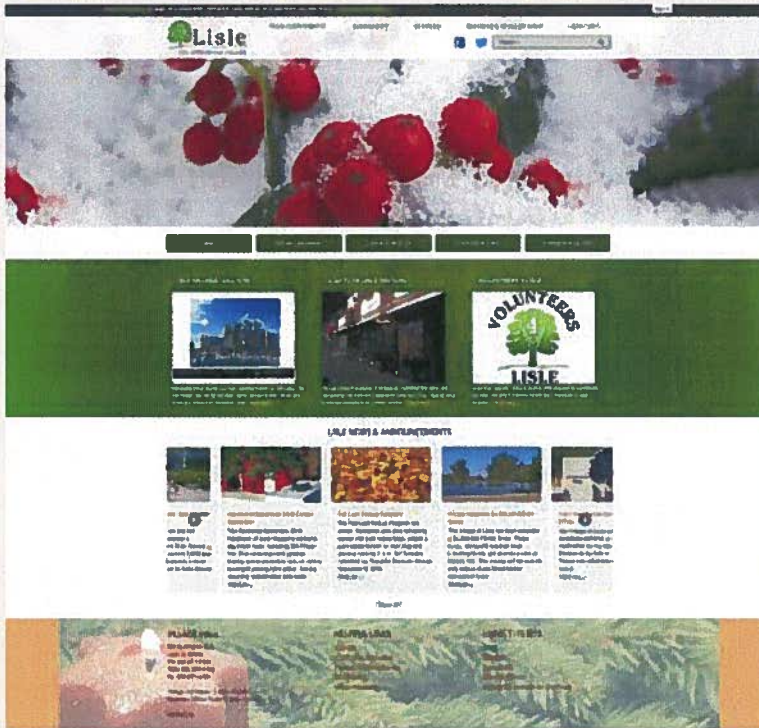
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Introducing...the new village website

The Village has a new website to better communicate with the public it serves. Highlights of the new web include:

- State-of-the-art web technology, offering unlimited capacity
- Customized nature-themed design reflecting Lisle's brand as "The Arboretum Village"
- Drop down **Mega-Menus** and **QuickLinks**, which provide easy access to content and frequently searched items
- **Spotlight Buttons** which highlight important information, including a new Transparency Page which helps the public better understand Village operations
- A mobile version to connect with those on the go
- An "In The News" feature which displays news in an engaging manner



- A **Real Estate Locator** to promote available property in Lisle
- **Video Library** to make learning about the Village more engaging

The site also has other amenities including a new version of E-notify, alert banners, a citizen request tracker, citizen engagement opportunities and more. Take a moment to visit the new site (at the same address, villageoflisle.org).



Where's Downtown Lisle?

Currently, only a few dated street signs direct the public into Downtown Lisle. In an effort to provide clear direction into the downtown, new way finding signs will soon be installed at key intersections. The new signs were designed by the village's landscape architect, Greg Sagan of Signature Design Group. They reflect the village's brand in a creative, eye-catching manner and feature a unique cut-out design of the village's tree in the upper left hand corner. Look for the twelve new signs on Ogden, Burlington, Maple and Yackley Aves., Warrenville Rd. and Route 53. Installation is dependent on weather conditions. If the ground is frozen, signs will be installed in the spring.

Ho-Ho Ho-liday recycling opportunities

Christmas Tree Recycling

The village has arranged for live Christmas trees to be collected and taken to The Morton Arboretum, where they will be chipped and used for mulch. Remove ornaments, tinsel, lights and tree stands and place the tree at the curb next to the weekly garbage and recycling on Jan. 6 & 13. Republic Services will remove the tree at no additional charge.



Recycle Holiday Lights

Recycle old, broken or unwanted strands of holiday lights. Bring them to the village hall lobby (925 Burlington Ave.), Monday through Friday through Jan. 30 from 7am to 5pm. Types of lights accepted include mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights and extension cords. Garland and wreaths will not be accepted. For questions, contact Administrative Services at 630-271-4100 or lisle@villageoflisle.org.

Prevent frozen pipes this winter

Frigid temperatures can cause one of winter's worst problems—frozen water pipes. To help prevent the inconvenience and expense that frozen water pipes cause, follow these precautions:

- Drain and disconnect outside hoses.
- Insulate outside pipes and faucets.
- Insulate inside pipes and faucets in cold areas such as unheated attics, basements, garages and crawl spaces.
- Drain irrigation systems.
- Caulk around incoming pipes.
- Close or block foundation vents. (Open them again in the spring to prevent dry rot.)
- Locate the master water shut-off valve and test it. If a pipe breaks, damage can be minimized if the flow of water is quickly stopped.
- If a home or business will be unattended for an extended period and the pipes are not drained, lower the thermostat, but never shut it off. The lack of heat can freeze the pipes in walls and the basement. If the pipes are drained, remember to turn the water heater off first.

- Open cupboard doors under sinks on outside walls so pipes are exposed to inside heat.

If pipes become frozen, it's best to call a licensed plumber. If you locate the frozen section of pipe and try to thaw it, follow these precautions to protect yourself and your property:

- Never use an open flame to thaw frozen pipes due to the risk of starting a fire or overheating an area of pipe, which can cause it to burst.
- Place a warm towel or rag around the pipe.
- Locate the master water shut-off valve. If the frozen pipe is broken, it will leak as the water thaws. In this case, the master valve will need to be turned off until the leaky pipe is fixed.

For more information, contact the Village of Lisle Public Works Department at 630-271-4180.