“Education” is the theme of this edition of Neighbors. It’s an appropriate theme for these traditionally, hot summer months which can bring an increased amount of severe weather, flooding, power outages and other unpleasant surprises. Please take a moment to review the important safety information contained in the village’s pages so you and your family can be prepared to handle the “unexpected” if it comes calling on Lisle.

Many of the wonderful events scheduled for this summer are weather related, so I will be keeping my “Eyes to the Skies,” and hoping for smooth sailing. Our signature hot air balloon fest will once again take place over the July 4th weekend. Monthly car shows have returned, and yes, Main St. will continue to be closed to make these truly family-friendly events. Relocating the Downtown Lisle French Market to PrairieWalk Pond has been very well received by both customers and vendors. The Lisle Library conducts Story Times at Dragonfly Landing twice each month throughout the summer. There are four more PrairieWalk Pond Concerts scheduled and I hope you will make time to enjoy a wonderful evening out under the stars enjoying these free events at one of the prettiest locations in the village (remember the fountains turn color at night).

I was certainly pleased to hear that real estate company Movoto named Lisle as the “Third Best Chicago Suburb for Families.” Of course, I knew this firsthand after raising three daughters in Lisle and being a resident for more than 35 years! Motovo cited the village’s beautiful, natural, environment; low crime rate; great schools; easy commute; diverse housing stock and redeveloped nature-themed downtown. All things to be proud of and I know this recognition reflects the sentiments of our residents. (P.S. Lisle is a great place for businesses/investors too!) Congratulations to the owners and businesses of the Maple Terrace Shopping Center, located at the northeast corner of Maple Ave. and Route 53, on the shopping center’s 50th Anniversary in Lisle! “Businesses Thrive in Lisle” and you’ll be hearing more about this throughout the year.

Enjoy your summer!

Mayor Joe Broda
Mayor Broda named “2015 Mayor of the Year”

Lisle Mayor Joe Broda received the “2015 Mayor of the Year” Award from the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC). All DMMC Mayors were given the opportunity to nominate and vote for a mayor who embodies the DMMC’s values and mission. The group was seeking to recognize an innovator who suggests new and creative ways to advance DMMC’s goals; a team player who assists other members; a problem solver who develops solutions to the challenging issues mayors face today; a celebrator who acknowledges and promotes DMCC accomplishments and a facilitator, who works to engage other members in discussions, events and activities. The Mayor of the Year Award was first implemented in 2014 to recognize and appreciate the work of the group’s highly involved mayors.

The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, is a not-for-profit organization council of 33 DuPage County municipal governments comprised of elected and appointed officials. DMMC strives to promote excellence in municipal government; foster intergovernmental cooperation; provide research, technical assistance, training, and leadership development opportunities to members; voice municipal concerns on local, regional, state and national issues and evaluate the impact of pending state and federal legislation on municipalities.

Lisle named third Best Chicago Suburb for Families

Real estate company Movoto named Lisle as the “3rd Best Chicago Suburb for Families,” citing the village’s beautiful, natural, environment; low crime rate; great schools; easy commute; diverse housing stock and redeveloped nature-themed downtown. To review Movoto’s report, visit movoto.com/ch…/best-chicago-suburbs-for-families/.
Residents who lose power due to severe weather should contact ComEd to report the outage. ComEd relies on both its Emergency Operating Center Monitoring Program and customer reports to determine where outages occur. To report an outage or check outage status, customers can contact ComEd using any of the following:

- **Online Form**: Use either the “Online Account Log In” or “No Log In Required” at https://www.comed.com/
- **Mobile Phone**: Text “OUT” to 26633 (Subscription to Outage Alerts Required)
- **Mobile App**: Use the free ComEd Mobile App to report an outage on an iOS or Android device. The app will also provide notifications as the outage status is updated.
- **Facebook**: Report an outage on ComEd’s Facebook Outage page, Facebook.com/ComEd
- **Call ComEd** Customer Service at 1-800-Edison-1 or call ComEd at 1-800- 334-7661 to report an outage by phone.

After a widespread outage, ComEd restores power in the following order of priority:
- Critical public health and safety facilities including hospitals, police and fire departments, water reclamation plants, pumping stations and communication systems.
- Outages affecting the largest number/concentration of customers whose power can be restored in the least amount of time. These include major feeder trunk lines, high-density housing developments and large neighborhoods.
- Smaller neighborhoods and individual services.

For more information, visit comed.com or follow ComEd on Twitter@ComEd or at Facebook.com/ComEd or download ComEd’s mobile app for Android or iOS.

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**Lisle Police Department has summer crime prevention tips**

Summer is a great time to be out and about. To help keep you and your family safe during this active season, the Lisle Police offer the following helpful tips:
- When your vehicles are not occupied, close the windows and lock the doors. Remove all valuables including purses, cell phones, MP3 players, GPS systems and laptop computers. Make sure automatic garage door openers are also removed as they allow easy access to garages/homes.
- Avoid home improvement scams and burglaries. Be aware of anyone looking to perform unscheduled home repair or asking to gain entry to your home. Ask for identification and contact their company for authorization. Do not agree to pay for home improvement services until the work has been completed.
- Keep all doors closed and locked. Burglaries from open garages, sheds, patio doors and homes are more prevalent in the summer months and often occur when the homeowner is in their backyard.
- Summer vacation plans? Stop delivery on mail and newspapers or have a trusted neighbor pick them up. Use timers to turn on lights during the overnight hours. Set your burglar alarm and have a neighbor watch your residence while you’re away. Make sure to leave contact information with them so they can reach you if needed. Ask them to contact the Lisle Police Department immediately if they see any suspicious activity. You may also contact the Lisle Police Department at 630-271-4200 and ask to be placed on the Vacation Watch List. With your permission, Lisle Police Officers will check your house to make sure everything is secure.
- Additional crime prevention tips can be found online at villageoflisle.org.

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**Officers wear new police patch**

Lisle Police Officers are now more easily recognizable. Their new police patch, which is visible on uniform sleeves, more appropriately reflects the village they serve and the professionalism they bring to their jobs.
New banners highlight Lisle

Warrenville Rd. attracts thousands of visitors annually due to its lodging facilities, corporate headquarters/businesses, educational institutions, medical treatment center and residential developments. Unfortunately, many of the visitors traveling along the prestigious corridor do not realize they are in Lisle. To inform visitors and potential new businesses of the corridor’s Lisle location, new place-making banners were recently installed along Warrenville Road. The new banners identify the area as the Lisle Corporate Corridor and reflect the major uses along the corridor through eight different designs.

Thousands of people attend events at the Village of Lisle/Benedictine University Sports Complex annually. This year, visitors will see two new banners in the baseball and softball outfields. The banners reflect other fun activities available in the village, such as dining out, shopping and visiting the French Market. Visitors are encouraged to visit the village’s website, villageoflisle.org, for more information about these activities, which generate sales tax and contribute to increased economic development in Lisle.

Water Quality Report available

Each year, the village is required to produce a water quality report, which provides important information about the source and quality of Lisle drinking water. The 2014 Water Quality Report is now available for review. In 2014, the Village of Lisle met or exceeded all water quality standards established by the United States government and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. To view the 2014 Water Quality Report online, visit villageoflisle.org/194/Water-Quality-Report. If you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to you, please call Public Works at 630-271-4180.

Keep our waterways clean when you wash your car

When you wash your vehicles in your driveway, soap, dirt and oil are washed into local waterways including ponds, creeks and the river. Please help keep our waterways clean by following these simple guidelines:

- Use phosphate-free soap; phosphates encourage the growth of excess algae in local waterways
- Wash your car on a grassy area to help filter the soap and grit out of the water
- Pour soapy water down the sink or into the lawn
- Best of all – consider a commercial car wash where the water is cleaned at the sewer treatment plant before it flows out into the river
Protect your home from flooding

While working on your home/landscaping this summer, look for ways to reduce your flood risk.

- Keep your gutters clean so that your downspouts direct water away from your foundation. Rain barrels can also be used to capture and re-use storm water.
- Make sure newly planted landscaping or mulch allows storm water to drain properly and away from your home. Rain garden plants help absorb storm water, reducing the potential for pooling water on your property and are attractive and colorful throughout the season.
- Protect a low doorway or window well from storm water with new “sand less” sand bag products. Local home improvement stores and online retailers carry various products with names like Quick Dam, Floodsax, Hydrabarrier and Hydrasorber.
- Keep grass clippings and debris out of local creeks, storm drains and drainage swales so they can function properly and allow water to flow through them.

Village code prohibits dumping yard waste, trash or chemicals into waterways. The village’s website contains extensive flood related information, including a link to monitor water levels in the East Branch of the DuPage River and St. Joseph’s Creek, which can provide helpful information during future storms, when water levels can rise quickly. To access, visit villageoflisle.org/353/Flooding.

Village staff is available to provide advice and answer your questions about flood control. Contact Village Storm Water Administrator Marilyn Sucoe at 630-271-4107 or msucoe@villageoflisle.org.

Help make “The Arboretum Village” a “Cool City”

DuPage County invites residents, businesses and government agencies to join the Cool DuPage effort to reduce energy consumption. By working together, DuPage County can become more energy efficient and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The county-wide impact of this effort equates to the elimination of more than 250 million gallons of gasoline emissions. By participating in Cool DuPage, households could see an average annual savings of $180 with a 10% reduction in energy consumption and nearly $360 at the 20% reduction target. Businesses fare even better with a potential annual savings of up to $120,000 for a 500,000 square foot office building. To learn more, visit dupagecounty.org/cooldupage.

Planting a tree to shade your home can save you up to 20% on your summer energy bills. Visit energysavingtrees.arborday.org.