



VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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2016 State of the Village Address

Mayor Joe Broda will deliver the annual State of the Village Address during the Lisle Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership Luncheon scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Hilton Lisle Hotel, 3003 Corporate Drive West, Lisle. Contact the Lisle Chamber to make a reservation at 630-964-0052. Tickets are \$25 for Chamber members; \$35 for non-members.



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From the Mayor:

For the past several years, the Village and other Lisle taxing bodies jointly published their news in the Neighbors of Lisle magazine. Unfortunately, due to a number of issues, that arrangement has ended. This edition marks the Village's return to a standalone newsletter format. Since some time has elapsed since the last newsletter, this issue is filled with information that I hope you will find both interesting and helpful.

The holidays are upon us! Thanksgiving marks the official start of the winter holiday season and we are ready. Downtown Lisle, including PrairieWalk Pond, will be beautifully decorated for the holidays, with the lights scheduled to be turned on Wednesday, November 25. It's the perfect time to bring your family and friends to Downtown Lisle for unique shopping and dining, then finish up the evening and make some memories with an evening stroll through the downtown.

One of my favorite holiday events is the Lights of Lisle Festival, which is scheduled for December 5 and 6 in Downtown Lisle. This free, two day event offers so much - a parade, luminarias, holiday entertainment, cookies and hot chocolate, ice carving, reindeer, holiday traditions of yesterday, the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Santa himself. You will find a schedule of activities in this issue, so mark your calendars now. If you would like a sneak peek at the festival, visit villageoflisle.org to watch the Lights of Lisle video.

The holiday season also signals that it is time to take an inventory of 2015 Village activities as I prepare for my annual State of the Village Address, which will be presented on Thursday, January 21 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Hilton Lisle Hotel during the Chamber's General Membership Luncheon Meeting. Call the Chamber at 630-964-0052 to reserve your place and I look forward to reviewing 2015 with you.

In 2016, Lisle will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary! The Special Events Grant Committee is working to facilitate a wonderful event that will celebrate our history in Lisle-style. More to come on this subject as the Anniversary Celebration comes together. I have great confidence that something wonderful will result as the Committee was responsible for the highly enjoyable PrairieWalk Pond Concert Series, which thousands of you enjoyed during the summer.

I hope your holidays are happy as you gather with family and friends in our wonderful community.

You Are Invited To "Coffee with the Mayor"

Join Lisle Mayor Joe Broda for the next "Coffee with the Mayor" on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 and Tuesday, January 5, 2016 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Lisle Village Hall (925 Burlington Avenue). Discuss topics of interest to you with the Mayor in a casual setting over a cup of coffee.



Yard Waste Collected Through December 8, 2015

While the 2015 Loose Leaf Pickup Program ended November 20, 2015, residents may still need to dispose of leaves and other yard waste materials, such as grass clippings, branches, or brush. Branches and brush should be tied in bundles using biodegradable fiber. The bundles can measure up to four feet in length and 18 inches wide, with a yard waste sticker attached to each bundle. Other yard waste should be placed in paper yard waste bags or in rigid containers, no larger than 34 gallons, and clearly marked 'Yard Waste,' with one yard waste sticker attached to each item. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted. Republic Services, the Village's waste hauler, will collect yard waste through Tuesday, December 8, 2015.

Special Events Grants Bring Fun Events To Lisle

The Special Events Grant Committee recommends awarding grants to entities which bring special events to Lisle. This year, a \$5,000 Special Events Grant was awarded to Veggie Fest, which attracted 35,000 people from around the world to Lisle during the two-day event and generated 500 Lisle hotel room stays by attendees. The new PrairieWalk Pond Concert Series received a



\$12,500 grant for five concerts at beautiful PrairieWalk Pond, where thousands of people enjoyed hearing great music under the stars in this unique, open-air setting. A special thank you goes out to Evviva! Bar & Eatery and John Dough Bakery, downtown businesses that provided food, desserts and beverages to further enhance the concert experience. A Special Events Grant will also fund a heated tent for those dining on items purchased from food truck vendors at the upcoming Lights of Lisle Festival.

Recycle Holiday Lights and Christmas Trees

Lisle residents can recycle an unlimited amount of old, broken or unwanted strands of holiday lights by bringing them to the Village Hall Lobby (925 Burlington Avenue), Monday through Friday from November 23, 2015 – January 29, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lights may also be dropped off Saturday, December 5, 2015 during the Lights of Lisle Festival. Accepted lights include mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights and extension cords, all free of charge. Garland and wreaths will not be accepted. Elgin recycling (elginrecycling.com) is the vendor collecting the lights.



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. Trees should be placed at the curb next to the weekly garbage and recycling on January 5 and 12, 2016. Ornaments, tinsel, lights and tree stands should be removed before the tree is placed at the curb. Republic Services will remove trees at no additional charge.



Village Offices Closed for the Holidays

Village of Lisle offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving; on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for Christmas; and on Friday, January 1, 2016 for New Year's Day. Garbage, yard waste and recycling pickup schedules will not be affected by these holidays.

Stay Safe During The Holiday

During the holiday season, busy people can become distracted and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. Enjoy the season and stay safe by following these crime prevention tips from the Lisle Police Department:

When Shopping...

Be aware of your surroundings at all times to notice if someone is watching or following you. Don't overload your arms with packages. Hold onto your purse or wallet securely and carry only the amount of cash and credit cards needed that day. Keep a list of your credit cards and contact phone numbers for each in a safe place for quick access. Teach children to ask for help from a store clerk, security, or police officer if they get separated from you. Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.



When Driving...

If you are shopping at night, park in a well lit area. Do not park next to vans or cars with tinted windows. Be aware of your surroundings when approaching your vehicle. If something or someone seems suspicious, don't approach your car and alert a security agent. Always keep your doors locked. Don't leave packages or other valuables on the seat of your vehicle where they can be easily seen. Have your keys out when approaching your vehicle. When stopped in traffic, leave enough room between your car and the one in front of you to maneuver around should you need to pull away quickly.

Attending Holiday Parties...

Know your safe limit of alcohol consumption and never drink and drive. Consider how much and what kind of jewelry you wear to holiday parties. Never leave your drink unattended. If you do drink, remain with your friends.



Important Water Billing Information

Moving In/Moving Out

To begin Village of Lisle water service, new residents must complete a Water Service Application to establish a new water billing account in their name. Residents moving out of the Village need to cancel their service and schedule a final meter reading. Call the Village’s Water Billing Representative at (630) 271-4131 for either service.

Reconcile Meter Readings Annually

The Village of Lisle is in the second year of a Water Meter Replacement Program, which will eventually replace approximately 5,000 old meters which have been in service for more than 25 years and have reached the end of their expected lives. The new meters have an expected 20 year service life, which will help ensure accurate readings and billing. There is no cost to the homeowner for the meter replacement. Residents targeted to have their meters replaced now will receive a letter from the Village explaining the replacement procedures.



Older water meters send information to remote registers located on the outside of buildings. As customers are responsible for the amount of water registered on their interior meter, they should review both interior and exterior readings on an annual basis to ensure both readings match. All discrepancies greater than 3,000 gallons should be reported to the Village’s Water Billing Representative at (630) 271-4131. A meter checkup will be scheduled to evaluate the cause of the difference. The new water meters do not need to be checked as an electrical pulse sends meter readings to the outside register and will display an error code if the two systems are not working correctly.

Businesses Thrive in Lisle – Shouldn’t Your Business Be One of Them?



BUSINESSES THRIVE IN LISLE

With a variety of family and corporate owned businesses which have flourished for decades, Lisle proves to be an amazing location for investing and growing a business. Why the success? Long time business owners cite a variety of reasons including: increasing sales; a diverse, loyal customer base with a strong “shop local” mentality; a positive business climate; Village support; attractive locations with great visibility; incentives and high traffic counts. Visit villageoflisle.org to meet successful Lisle business owners and hear their stories. Contact Economic Development Coordinator Pete Kelly at pkelly@villageoflisle.org or 630-271-4121 to learn more.



Stay Safe on Local Roadways This Winter

The Public Works Department is committed to keeping motorists safe on Lisle roadways throughout the winter season. As a reminder, only main roads, school areas, intersections, hills and roadway curves will be salted to bare pavement condition. Secondary roads, dead ends and cul-de-sacs will only be spot salted at intersections. However, during ice storms, ALL roadways will be salted. Other winter safety tips include:

- Respect the plows. Snow plows are large, heavy machines and visibility may be poor in heavy snow or blizzard conditions. Slow down and give snow plows ample room to maneuver so that all are safe and sound.
- Before winter arrives, check the condition and stability of your mailbox. If your mailbox is leaning or the post is not firmly anchored in the ground, snow plows might inadvertently knock it down as they clear large amounts of heavy and wet snow from roadways.
- When shoveling snow from driveways, move snow onto the parkway and/or yard and not into the street. This will help avoid creating dangerous conditions for both motorists and pedestrians.
- Residents are encouraged to shovel out fire hydrants that are on or near their property and clear sidewalks of snow for the safety of all pedestrians.
- Please help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow without risking their health.

Warming Centers

As temperatures drop and snow falls, the Village of Lisle would like to remind residents to take precautions to ensure their health, safety, and well-being during days of extreme winter weather. Remember to protect and provide for your pets as well. Those needing relief from the excessive cold are encouraged to seek shelter at the following locations:

Lisle Police Department Lobby, 5040 Lincoln Avenue (Route 53)

Monday - Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. ■ Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday & Holidays Closed

If the lobby is closed, use the phone in the foyer to call for help

Lisle Library, 777 Front Street (during regular business hours):

Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. ■ Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Village Hall Lobby, 925 Burlington Avenue

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lisle Train Station Depot, 1000 Front Street

5:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ■ Tunnels Open 24/7

DuPage County Administrative Buildings

Other Public Places

For additional information and/or non-emergency assistance, please contact the **Lisle Police Department (630) 271-4200**. In case of an emergency, call 911 immediately.



Floodplain News

FEMA Issues Updated Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps

In June, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued new preliminary floodplain maps to all communities in DuPage County. These maps determine whether structures are located in the regulatory floodplain and help establish insurance rates for these properties. A notice for a 90-Day Appeals Period will be published in the Federal Register, (federalregister.gov) in mid-to-late November. Following a review of all appeals, the final maps and flood insurance rate premiums are expected to take effect late 2016 or early 2017. Appeals are technical challenges to the preliminary maps. Anyone filing an appeal is required to submit data to support the appeal. The preliminary maps are available on the Village's website, (villageoflisle.org), at Village Hall and at the Lisle Public Library Adult Reference Desk. The online mapping allows you to compare the existing regulatory maps to the preliminary maps. If you have questions or would like copies of the existing and preliminary maps, contact Village Stormwater Administrator Marilyn Sucoe (msucoe@villageoflisle.org) or at 630-271-4107.

National Disaster Resilience Competition

DuPage County is eligible to receive additional Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Block Grant (CDBG) funding by participating in the National Disaster Resilience Competition. The competition, which involves two phases, will award up to \$1 billion to communities which have been struck by a variety of natural disasters in recent years. The April 2013 flooding qualified DuPage County for this grant opportunity. Communities that receive funds will use the money to become better prepared to handle future extreme events such as flooding, earthquakes, tornadoes, etc.

After considerable public discussion, DuPage County submitted the Phase One Application in March 2015. In June 2015, the County was notified it had advanced in the competition and submitted a Phase Two Application in October 2015.

If DuPage County is chosen to receive a grant, it will once again hold a number of public workshops and hearings to determine how the awarded funds should be allocated. DuPage County is one of sixty seven applicants eligible to compete in Phase Two. The winners of the competition are expected to be announced in January 2016.





Lights of Lisle Festival – (Watch video at villageoflisle.org)

Pre-K through 5th Grade Coloring Contest

Winners will receive a prize and ride in the Santa Parade on the Holiday Trolley. Entries must be returned to Village Hall or the Lisle Chamber offices by 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 30.

Saturday, December 5, 2015

3:00 p.m. – Those Funny Little People – Perform along Burlington Avenue in front of Village Hall.

4:00 p.m. – Santa Parade – Santa and the Lisle Jr. High School Band travel along Main Street to the Museums at Lisle Station Park where he visits with children until 8:00 p.m.

4:30-6:30 p.m. – Holiday Trolley / Passport Program – Travel through Downtown Lisle to view the festive shops and decorations. Have your passport stamped at locations along the route and receive a prize.

3:00-8:00 p.m. – Once Upon a Christmas – Celebrate the holidays at the Museums at Lisle Station Park with brick-oven baking, hay rides, blacksmithing, model railroad trains, crafts, games, music and more.

4:30-5:30 p.m. – Ice Carving Demonstration – Watch ice transform into a beautiful sculpture at the Museums at Lisle Station Park.

4:00-6:00 p.m. – Live Holiday Entertainment – The Lisle Village Hall Board Room will host performances by Paryl Music Studio piano students and the St. Joan of Arc Elementary Choir.

3:00-8:00 p.m. – Food Trucks and Heated Tent – Along Burlington Avenue in front of Village Hall.

Dusk – Lights of Lisle – Downtown Lisle will glow as thousands of luminarias line the streets and PrairieWalk Pond.

6:00 p.m. – Tree Lighting Ceremony – The Tree Lighting Ceremony kicks off the holiday season at Village Hall. Enjoy caroling and music by the Lisle Community Band and cookies/hot chocolate at Village Hall.

Sunday, December 6, 2015

9:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. – Lisle Santa Train – Join Santa and costumed characters for a 75-minute holiday train ride to Chicago and back to Lisle. Advance tickets required; call (800)733-9811 or (630) 769-1000.

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. – Once Upon a Christmas – Ride a hay wagon from the Lisle Santa Train to the Museums at Lisle Station Park and celebrate the holidays with museum tours, blacksmithing, pie baking, crafts and a gift shop. Join Stephanie Boesso for a piano recital and sing-along from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Meet Santa at the Depot Museum, enjoy snacks and visit live reindeer from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m..