Sustainable Saturday

Sustainable Saturday has been scheduled for March 19, from 9 a.m. - noon in the Rice Center Parking Lot on the Benedictine University Campus (5700 College Road). This popular, annual event will offer significantly expanded recycling opportunities, accepting building/hardware supplies (cabinets, doors, plumbing, light fixtures), pots and pans, bicycles, clothing, scrap metal (washers, dryers, stoves, lawn movers, metal fencing), garden tools and more. No tube, projection or console TVs will be accepted. The March 19 Monthly Electronics Recycling Event will be canceled, but will resume on April 16, 2016. For more information, visit villageoflisle.org/430/Sustainable-Saturday-Recycling-Event
From the Mayor:

I always feel energized after delivering the State of the Village Address and this year was no exception. As I reviewed the prior year’s accomplishments with the community, it was clear that it takes a tremendous amount of planning, coordination and hard work to run this Village. However, as you will see when you review the State of the Village highlights, we also strived to improve and streamline operations, expand communications, build relationships, creatively address issues and improve the quality of life, all while managing limited funds wisely. Not easy things to do with a state budget impasse still in effect. I sincerely thank all the people who made positive things happen for Lisle in 2015.

2016 has gotten off to a great start. After a number of recession-related false starts, we are on our way to finally achieving a high quality redevelopment of the Old Village Hall Site in Downtown Lisle! By 2017, the site will be transformed into a vibrant, mixed-use, transit-oriented development that will offer new living/dining/recreation options and should spur other redevelopments in Downtown Lisle. I hope you will agree it was worth the wait. In addition, long time vacant or blighted sites are currently being redeveloped, including the former Burger King site at 1500 Maple Avenue, which is becoming a new Mexican restaurant, and the 1103 Maple Avenue blighted dry cleaner site which will become a new Dunkin’ Donuts.

2016 also marks the 60th Anniversary of the Village of Lisle and a number of special events have been planned throughout the year to honor this milestone. The fun began in February at the Chamber’s Annual Dinner Dance with the appropriate theme, “Lisle, Then & Now.” Next up is a Wine Extravaganza on June 18 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Museums at Station Park Campus, a most appropriate place to celebrate our history. The celebration continues with the PrairieWalk Pond Concert Series in August. Visit villageoflisle.org for details about all the celebrations planned throughout the year. Of course, there are many more ways to enjoy Lisle. If you are experiencing a case of “Cabin Fever,” visit Facebook.com/villageoflisle, where you will learn about fun winter activities and receive dining discounts from many of your favorite Lisle restaurants.

As spring draws near, I make my annual attempt to get rid of things I find I no longer need (or which no longer work). Sustainable Saturday makes my life easier. This annual event provides an opportunity to recycle a wide variety of items – from pots/pans to fluorescent lights to lawn furniture and more. It will take place on Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Rice Parking Lot at Benedictine University, 5700 College Road. Visit villageoflisle.org for a list of items accepted.

In March, we begin to sense that spring is coming and I am looking forward to a brand new season in Lisle.

All My Best,
Mayor Joe Broda
State of the Village Address

The 2015 State of the Village Address can be accessed on the Village’s website, villageoflisle.org, and is also being broadcast on Cable TV Channel 10 (U-verse Channel 99.) Review the online Program Guide for details. Following are highlights of the Address, which was delivered by Mayor Joe Broda during the January 21, 2016 Lisle Chamber luncheon meeting held at the Hilton Lisle Hotel.

Economic Development Activity

Mayor Broda began his address by noting he was pleased with the increase in economic development activity that is occurring throughout Lisle. Marquette Companies has begun construction on one of the most important projects in the Village’s history - the $40 million redevelopment of the Old Village Hall Site in Downtown Lisle. When completed in 2017, the new development will offer 201 upscale apartments and 14,000 square feet of retail/restaurant space. It will be a terrific addition to the downtown and is expected to be the catalyst for more redevelopment projects. Mayor Broda thanked the current and past Boards for their dedication to this project, which spanned years.

Arbor Place, a new 81-unit independent senior living facility at Ogden and Karns, is fully leased and has a waiting list. All Lisle hotels have completed multi-million dollar renovations to ensure they remain competitive and provide the best lodging experiences. Benedictine University has built a state-of-the-art Business College, just in time to welcome new President Michael Brophy.

Numerous restaurants opened in Lisle during 2015, including Taco Diner, Paisan’s, Green Healthy Café and Madeline, What’s for Dinner? The ever popular Country House relocated to a much larger Lisle facility and now offers banquet and outdoor dining. Dunkin’ Donuts is the anchor of a beautiful new shopping center adjacent to the Hyatt. Another new Dunkin’ Donuts with a drive-up will replace a blighted dry cleaner site at 1103 Maple Avenue.

The annexation of a 5.9-acre site at the southwest corner of Route 53 and Maple Avenue added gas stations, a car wash and shopping center, all of which will provide healthy sales tax revenue to the Village.
Mayor Broda congratulated the many businesses that have thrived in Lisle for decades, citing Leo’s Cleaners, which has been in Downtown Lisle for 69 years. New businesses are also successful, such as The Room, a place where people are locked in a room for an hour while they try to find clues which will help them escape. After playing a video about The Room, the Mayor encouraged all to visit villageoflisle.org to watch videos of a dozen other businesses that are thriving in Lisle, such as Crème de la Crème, which celebrated its five-year anniversary by doubling its retail space.

**Expanding Communications**

Mayor Broda relayed that a great deal of effort has been dedicated to communicating with the public in a variety of ways. A new Village newsletter is being sent to the entire community four times a year. In 2015, the Village’s new website logged 381,676 page views and 100,501 downloads. A new weekly “Notify Me” broadcast email service now offers unlimited announcements per email. The Village’s Facebook and Twitter pages have been popular - a recent post resulted in more than 21,000 views. Approximately 259 custom messages were created and displayed on the Village’s electronic sign in 2015. Cable TV messages and programming are being constantly updated and a TV was installed in the Train Station to capture commuters’ attention.

A significant amount of time is dedicated to conveying emergency related information. Weather warnings, CodeRED and the new Smart 911 service help people become better prepared to handle emergencies. The year-long “Do 1 Thing!” emergency themed message campaign also helped educate. Mayor Broda encouraged everyone to visit villageoflisle.org, Connect with Us, to learn about all the communication options the Village offers.

**Signage**

The Warrenville Road Corporate Corridor attracts thousands of employees, businesses and visitors each year. It is home to businesses such as Navistar, the DuPage Medical Group Cancer Treatment Center, Avant at the Arboretum, UTI, hotels and restaurants. Yet, many people have no idea they are in Lisle. To remedy that, colorful street banners which depict some of the corridor’s major uses were installed along Warrenville Road. Attractive wayfinding signs were installed to better direct people into Downtown Lisle. Colorful banners were installed at Benedictine University sports fields to encourage fans to visit the Village’s website to learn about more fun activities in Lisle. The Mayor also welcomed the DuPage Drones, the Sports Complex’s new wooden bat collegiate baseball team.
Special Events

The Village Board is committed to making Lisle a destination community and transforming Downtown Lisle into a vibrant community center. A Special Events Grant Program was created to help facilitate these goals. A committee reviews grant applications and makes recommendations to the Village Board for final action. The resulting grant supported events have been a hit with the public. The PrairieWalk Pond Concert Series was enjoyed by thousands of people. More than 35,000 people attended Veggie Fest and booked 500 Lisle hotel rooms. Other grants supported the Car Shows and the Lights of Lisle Festival. The Mayor congratulated The Morton Arboretum for attracting a million visitors to Lisle, many of whom travel through the community on their journey, which is great for our businesses and restaurants. He was also pleased that many more special events were being held at PrairieWalk Pond including Ale Fest, the French Market, Library Story Times and Walking Tours.

Plans are underway to celebrate the Village’s 60th Anniversary in 2016. He suggested visiting the Village’s website for more information throughout the year as plans evolve.

Police Build Relationships with the Community

Mayor Broda reviewed the multiple outreach efforts of the Lisle Police Department, which included “Coffee with a Cop,” informal gatherings with the public, and “Staff Walks,” where Police Command Staff walked neighborhoods in a casual meet/greet effort. In addition, many of the most commonly used forms are now available on the Village’s website to make communications more streamlined and convenient for the public.

Strategic education helps prepare for the unexpected. A new, highly trained Crisis Intervention Team helped deal with mental health, alcohol, substance abuse and homeless issues. Lisle Police also conducted many programs throughout the year including D.A.R.E drug programs, active shooter training, senior car care, safety programs and more.

The Mayor was very appreciative of the efforts of the Volunteers 4 Lisle Program. More than 25 volunteers donated 3,875 hours to help with emergency operations, community training and special events.
High Service Levels Continue

There are many ongoing activities that help make this community a great place. These include the free Branch/Leaf Pickup Programs, snow/ice removal, road rehabilitation projects, Water Main and Meter Replacement Programs, and infected tree removal and replacement. Public Works oversees these projects and Mayor Broda thanked them for their efforts.

Mayor Broda was pleased that unlike many other communities, Lisle does not have any added sales tax and has some of the lowest water and garbage/yard waste sticker prices in the county. In addition, the $4.7 million dollars in grants that the Village received helped extend the budget and allow more projects to be completed. For example, the new Four Lakes Bridge was constructed with only 10% of Village funds. The remaining funds were provided by a $1.5 million grant and by funds contributed by the Four Lakes Homeowners Association. Obtaining grants is especially important given that the state budget impasse brings uncertainty to all Illinois communities.

Seeking Volunteers for Veterans Memorial Project

A grassroots effort is underway to construct a Veterans Memorial at the Museums at Station Park Campus in Downtown Lisle. Volunteers are needed to help with fundraising, project design and promotion. If you would like to volunteer, make a donation or honor a veteran with a decorative brick, the Mayor suggests you contact Karen Burris at lisleveteransmemorial@gmail.com.

2015 Community Spirit Award Winner

Finally, Mayor Broda was pleased to present the “2015 Community Spirit Award” to Jack Kelly, a longtime resident for his decades of service to the Lisle community, including coordinating the Lisle Santa Train, assisting with the Memorial Day, July 4th and Lights of Lisle parades and serving as a Lisle/Woodridge Fire District Commissioner.
Yard Waste Collection Resumes

Republic Services will resume curbside residential yard waste collection on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush and other organic material. Branches and brush refuse must be bundled, using biodegradable fiber, measuring up to four feet long and 18 inches wide, with one yard waste sticker attached to each bundle. Other yard waste should be placed in approved paper yard waste bags or in a rigid container, no larger than 34 gallons, and clearly marked ‘Yard Waste,’ with one yard waste sticker attached to each container. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted. For more information, visit villageoflisle.org/403/Refuse-Yard-Waste-Recycling.

Spring Branch Pickup Program

The Spring 2016 Branch Pickup Program is free for all single-family homes within the corporate limits of the Village of Lisle.

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Please follow the program guidelines to ensure your branches are collected.

- The Branch Pickup Program is intended for private residential branch trimming only. Whole trees or shrubs that have been trimmed or removed by a contractor must be hauled away by the contractor.
- Branches should be bundled with natural twine or rope - no nylon, plastic or metal.
- Bundles should not exceed 3-feet tall by 3-feet wide by 5-feet long and weigh less than 50 pounds. They should be placed in a line as close to the street as possible with cut ends facing the street. Single branches up to 8 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length should be placed separately from bundles.
- Thorny material, vines, roots, stumps or landscape material (grasses, perennials, railroad ties, lumber) will not be accepted.
- Once Village crews pass an area during the scheduled week, they will not return. Republic Services will collect any remaining material that is placed in yard waste bags with a yard waste sticker attached to each bag.
- Branch piles should not be placed out before the Friday prior to the scheduled collection week. Branch piles should be placed in the front parkway by 7 a.m. on the Monday of the scheduled collection week.
Red Tagged Piles

Branch piles that do not follow the guidelines will receive a “red tag.” The tag will indicate why the branch piles were not picked up and how to arrange for pick up once the branches have been stacked properly. For more information, visit villageoflisle.org/174/Branch-Pickup-Program

Protect Your Property from Flooding

If you have experienced flooding, Village staff can meet with you to discuss flood protection options, including installing small landscaping walls or berms, grading of swales, storm sewer extensions or overhead sanitary sewers. Contact Storm Water Administrator Marilyn Sucoe at (630) 271-4107 or msucoe@villageoflisle.org to set up your appointment or visit villageoflisle.org and search under “Flood Protection” for additional ideas about how to reduce flood risk.

Determine if You Need a Permit Before Starting Improvements

Spring is the time of year when many people begin thinking about projects around the house and yard. Whether planning for a kitchen remodel, patio or other improvement, it’s important to determine if your project requires a building permit. Even certain types of landscaping projects may require a permit. The Village’s Community and Economic Development Department is responsible for administering building, zoning, storm water, floodplain and life safety codes. Staff will be happy to review your plans, determine if a permit is required and discuss the permit application process. Contact Community/Economic Development at (630) 271-4150 to discuss your project. Permit information and applications can also be found online at villageoflisle.org.

Help Keep Waterways Clean and Flowing

Do not dump or throw anything into our ditches, creeks or river. Obstructions and pollution of our waterways and ditches is in violation of Village Code (8-1-1). Debris in our storm water system can block storm drain grates or culverts when it rains, flooding streets and private property.

If your property is next to a creek, detention pond or the river, please do your part to keep the banks clear of trash and debris. The Village inspects drainage systems, removing trees or other major blockages. Report any dumping or large debris to the Village Public Works Department at (630) 271-4170.