Fall French Market Reflects the Bounty of the Season

Fall is an ideal time to visit the Lisle French Market at PrairieWalk Pond. Vendors will be offering a variety of fall items including crisp apples, Indian corn, pumpkins, gourds, colorful mums, fresh baked goods, fall vegetables and more. Beautiful PrairieWalk Pond will be in its fall glory, with grasses turning golden bronze and mahogany. And the cooler temperatures make shopping in this colorful, open-air market delightful. Be sure to visit the market on Saturday, October 29 for the annual Halloween Market Trick-or-Treating. Market hours are Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 29. Garfield Avenue, Downtown Lisle.
From the Mayor:

This past summer has been one of the warmest and most humid seasons I can remember in a long time and I am actually looking forward to cooler nights and fall colors. However, the weather definitely agreed with PrairieWalk Pond, which served as a beautiful backdrop to the free Concert Series and the French Market and will soon host Ale Fest. In spite of the heat, people seemed to have a great time at these events as we continued to celebrate the Village’s 60th Anniversary.

Downtown redevelopment activity continues to advance. Construction is transforming the Old Village Hall Site into a 5-story mixed-use development with an estimated completion time of 2017. The Village Board recently commissioned the creation of a new Downtown Master Plan, which will involve efforts to obtain your feedback to help craft a vision, goals and objectives for continued redevelopment of our downtown. Yerbabuena relocated to a beautiful new building next door to the original restaurant and I hope to soon be sharing news of another new restaurant moving into Yerbabuena’s former space. And now people of all ages can play their favorite, fun video arcade games such as Pac-Man at newly opened Pixel Blast.

After a thorough analysis and much discussion, the Village Board approved the refinancing of the 2004 bonds that were used to fund the construction of the Village of Lisle/Benedictine Sports Complex. Like homeowners who take advantage of lower mortgage rates, refinancing the bonds will enable the Village to realize a $1.3 million savings over time due to the current lower interest rate environment.

Do you have a concern? Now you can quickly report non-emergency concerns about a variety of issues such as potholes, abandoned vehicles, tall grass and more using our new online Report a Concern webpage. You’ll receive electronic updates about your concern until it is resolved. Read more about this convenient service in this newsletter.

As fall approaches, residents begin to search for information about the free Branch and Leaf Pickup Programs, which make fall cleanup much easier. You’ll find detailed information about both programs in this newsletter. You will also find multiple recycling opportunities including the improved Monthly Electronics Recycling Events (new location, extended hours and TVs are now accepted for a small fee), Document Shredding and Pumpkin Composting Events.

Finally, I want to welcome our new Trustee, Christy McGovern, who replaced former Trustee Rob Getz, who recently resigned. Christy is a fourteen-year resident of Lisle and is very passionate about this community. I look forward to working with her and the rest of the Village Board to ensure Lisle remains a wonderful community to live, work and visit.

All My Best,
Mayor Joe Broda
2016 Fall Branch Pickup Program

The 2016 Fall Branch Pickup Program is FREE! to all single-family homes within Lisle’s corporate limits. The program’s purpose is to collect residential branches that have been trimmed or damaged by weather, not for whole trees or shrubs that have been cut down.

Village crews will make a sweep through the entire community within a three-week timeframe beginning September 12. Branches must be properly stacked at the curb during your scheduled pickup week or they will not be collected. During collection weeks, an online progress map will provide status updates at villageoflisle.org/174/Branch-Pickup-Program

2016 Branch Pickup Schedule

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To ensure your branches are collected, please follow these guidelines:

- Place branch piles in the parkway by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled pickup week.
- Tie branch piles with natural twine or rope – no nylon, plastic or metal.
- Bundles should not exceed 3 feet tall x 3 feet wide x 5 feet long and should weigh 50 pounds or less.
- Branches should be lined up as close to the street as possible – cut ends facing the street.
- Single branches up to 8 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length should be placed separately from the bundles.
- Thorny material (vines, roots, stumps) and landscape material (grasses, flowers) will not be collected.
- If the guidelines are not followed, a “Red Tag” will be placed on the branch piles, indicating why they were not collected and informing how to arrange for a pickup once the branches have been properly stacked.
- Once Village crews pass through an area, they will not return. The Village’s hauler, Republic Services, will dispose of materials placed in yard waste bags or bundles with a yard waste sticker attached to each item.
2016 Leaf Pickup Program Helps Keep Waterways Healthy

Fall leaves blown or swept into storm drains and waterways cause pollution when they decompose, creating algae blooms and decreasing oxygen for aquatic life. Leaves can also clog curbs, gutters and storm drains, blocking water from draining and causing localized flooding.

To keep our waterways healthy, consider the following:

- Create a compost pile or add leaves to an existing one. Leaves are an excellent fertilizer for the garden and reduce the need for chemical fertilizers.
- Chop leaves into small pieces using a mulching mower so they can decompose directly on lawns. The leaf pieces can also be collected and spread around flowerbeds and shrubs as mulch.
- Participate in the Village’s Leaf Pickup Program

The Village of Lisle offers FREE! weekly collection of loose (not bagged) leaves for all single-family homes within Lisle’s corporate limits from October 17 through November 18. During this time, Village crews will come through the community ONCE PER WEEK (weather permitting) and pick up leaves that have been raked to the front parkway as close to the curb as possible. If your leaves are not in the front parkway by the time the crews pass your house, your leaves will not be picked up until crews return the following week.

To ensure your leaves are collected, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Rake loose leaves to the parkway as close to the curb as possible by 7 a.m. each Monday morning during collection times.
- Do not place leaves on sidewalks, in ditches or in streets.
- If a sidewalk abuts the curb, rake leaves off the sidewalk as close to the street as possible.
- Only leaves should be raked in piles (no grasses, branches, landscape waste, etc.).
- Do not park cars in front of leaves. If crews can’t reach the leaves, they will not be picked up.

After November 18, place leaves in yard waste bags or cans and attach a yard waste sticker to each item. Republic Services, the Village’s waste hauler, will collect yard waste through December 13, 2016.
“The Arboretum Village”
Inventories its Trees

The Village of Lisle has partnered with Graf Tree Care to develop a comprehensive inventory of all Village-owned trees. This updated inventory will allow the Village to become more efficient in the management of our urban forest. Currently the Public Works Department maintains approximately 6,500 trees comprised of 140 different species.

The tree inventory began on August 15 and will take approximately two months to complete. Graf Tree Care has more than 40 years of experience and each employee conducting the inventory is a certified arborist. To collect the data, Graf employees will be walking the parkways and Village-owned properties using GPS data collectors. Information that will be collected includes tree diameter, location, species, height, canopy spread, estimated value, tree's condition and a maintenance recommendation. Questions or concerns regarding this project should be directed to Village Forester Jeremy Lake (630) 271-4175 or at jlake@villageoflisle.org.

Don’t Drip and Drive

Cars contain a variety of fluids that, while needed to operate effectively, are toxic and are especially harmful to fish and other wildlife when they drain into local waterways. Find out if you have a fluid leak and what type of fluid it is by following a few simple steps. Place a large piece of paper or cardboard on the ground and weigh down the corners. Make sure your engine is warm and park your car over this drip sheet. Turn the engine off and leave it there for at least a few hours or overnight. If you have a leak, compare the color to a chart that you can obtain online at www.fixcarleaks.org. Take both the car and the sheet of paper to an auto shop for repairs. Fixing leaks helps keep our environment, especially our rivers and creeks, clean while improving the performance of your car.
Protect Our Waterways and Your Property

Many issues can negatively impact our local waterways and cause extensive flooding and property damage during heavy rains. Now you can report a variety of harmful circumstances (such as illegal dumping, river blockages, sediment, water quality issues and more) by using a new DuPage County app called Citizen Reporter. To use this easy, mobile reporting app, visit https://gis.dupageco.org/citizenreporter/

Flood Committee Developing Comprehensive Flood Education Plan for the Community

The new Flood Information Committee has been diligently working to assess Lisle’s flood education needs and develop a plan to inform the community about flood related issues including prevention, safety, insurance, hazards and more. Once the plan receives Village Board approval, it will be implemented in 2017. The Committee will then meet annually to evaluate the plan’s effectiveness and adjust efforts as needed. Providing targeted flood education to the community not only informs residents, but helps the Village meet its Community Rating System (CRS) requirements, which reduces flood insurance rates in Lisle.

Monthly Electronic Recycling Events Improve to Better Serve Your Needs

The Monthly Electronics Recycling Events have undergone some positive changes. The events are now conducted by eWorks, a vendor who accepts TVs. You may now dispose of CRT, Flat Screen and Projector TVs for a small fee ($25 - $35) depending on the size of the item. Events will continue to occur on the third Saturday of each month. However, they will take place at a new, more convenient location (the Commuter Parking Lot west of Village Hall). The events now have extended hours from 8 a.m. to noon. To learn more and view a list of items accepted, visit villageoflisle.org/DocumentCenter/View/1636.
Don’t Toss Your Pumpkins – Compost Them!

Did you know that most of the pumpkins processed in the US are grown in Illinois? And each year, thousands of pumpkins are disposed of in landfills. However, pumpkins are full of nutrients that are good for the soil and are 90% water. Composting pumpkins keeps them out of landfills and returns precious nutrients and water to the environment. The Village of Lisle will be conducting its second annual Pumpkin Composting Event on Saturday, November 5 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Commuter Parking Lot west of Village Hall. The Village’s hauler, Republic Services, will transport the pumpkins to Garden Prairie Organics for composting. Please clean the pumpkins and remove any candles, yarn, stickers or other decorations prior to drop-off.

Responsibly and Safely Dispose of Unwanted Documents

The Village of Lisle, with funding assistance from DuPage County, will host a FREE! Document Destruction Event for DuPage County residents on Saturday, October 29 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Commuter Parking Lot west of Village Hall. Use either shopping bags or cardboard boxes to carry your documents to the drop off location (please do not use plastic bags). There is a limit of three paper shopping bags or two copier paper sized boxes per vehicle. Paper clips and staples can remain in the documents, but please remove binders and metal clips. Event staff will help remove the documents from vehicles and load them into a mobile shredding truck, where they will be cross-cut shredded onsite, then recycled.
Mosquitos Test Positive for West Nile Virus – Protect Your Family

DuPage County Health Department reports that mosquitos in the area have tested positive for the West Nile Virus. During the summer, the Village has conducted multiple mosquito sprays to decrease the risk of contracting the virus. While cooler weather is on the way, mosquitos are active until the first freeze of the season. Take precautions to avoid getting mosquito bites such as emptying/scrubbing/refilling bird baths and water bowls daily, avoiding being out at dawn and dusk, wearing long sleeve shirts and slacks, etc. To learn more and monitor the DuPage County Personal Protection Index, which reflects the risk of West Nile Virus in the area, visit dupagehealth.org/PPI

Village Board Approved Creation of a New Downtown Master Plan

On June 20, the Village Board engaged planning consultant Houseal Lavigne to develop a new Downtown Master Plan which will replace the existing the Downtown Master Plan, which was created in 1999. A Downtown Plan Advisory Committee was formed comprised of Economic Development and Planning and Zoning Commission members to help guide the process. The plan is expected to take nine to twelve months to complete. Development activities include conducting extensive community outreach to obtain feedback, analyzing market and demographic conditions, conducting a physical audit of the downtown, creating a vision, goals and objectives and finally developing the Master Plan itself. The Village's communication channels will provide more information as the process unfolds.

Quickly Relay Your Concerns to the Village via New Online “Report a Concern” Webpage

Now there’s a fast, convenient way to electronically submit your concerns to the Village and monitor their status regarding a variety of non-emergency issues including: burnt out streetlights, potholes, abandoned vehicles, drainage problems, tall grass/weeds, vacant homes/buildings and more. Visit the Village’s website (villageoflisle.org), select the “Report a Concern” tab and submit your concern. You’ll receive status updates until the issue is resolved. “Report a Concern” should not be used to place emergency calls to the Police or Fire Department as the page is not continuously monitored. If you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1. If a concern involves an area outside the Village of Lisle, it will be forwarded to the proper authority for review.
Refinance of Benedictine University Bonds Nets Village $1.3 Million Savings

During the August 15 Board Meeting, the Lisle Board of Trustees approved a bond sale to refinance the 2004 bonds issued by the Village to help construct the Village of Lisle/Benedictine University Sports Complex. The 2004 bonds, which totaled $6.4 million, were issued as General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) and are funded entirely by a 2% increase in the Hotel/Motel Tax. The refinancing of these bonds in 2016 provides the Village an opportunity to achieve savings due to an improved interest rate environment as well as eliminating a balloon payment of $2.4 million that is due in 2024. The resulting bond sale will provide the Village with $1.3 million in savings over the existing debt schedule.
Police Need Your Help to Keep Neighborhoods Safe

Over the last few months, Lisle Police have been working with concerned community members to address speeding concerns on residential streets. Police have conducted numerous extra patrols, resolved signage issues, conducted Speed Studies and referred concerns to the Village’s Transportation Advisory Commission. All of these efforts have helped, but have not resolved the speeding problem. As partners with the community, Police are reminding residents that speeding is very dangerous and all drivers need to observe local speed limits. This is especially important as students return to school and on neighborhood streets where children may be playing. Lisle Police Officers will continue conducting extra patrols and they encourage residents to also work with them to improve safety in all Lisle neighborhoods. Feel free to contact the Police to begin collaborating on problems in your neighborhood. Residents should use 9-1-1 to report any in-progress traffic concerns. Non-emergency requests for traffic enforcement can be made by calling the Police non-emergency number (630) 271-4200 or by using the Village’s new Report a Concern webpage https://www.villageoflisle.org/requesttracker.aspx

Christy McGovern, New Trustee

On July 18, Christy McGovern was unanimously approved to serve as Village Board Trustee through April 2017, completing the remaining term of former Trustee Rob Getz, who resigned. Ms. McGovern is a Spanish teacher at St. Joseph School in Downers Grove and has held various teaching positions across the country. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from Benedictine University. She and her husband and four sons have lived in Lisle for the past fourteen years, moving three times, but always choosing to remain within the Lisle community. She served on the Green Trails Improvement Association Board from 2009 – 2015, until moving to a north Lisle neighborhood. The family is active in sports, Park District activities and volunteerism. She is an avid tennis player who competed at the collegiate level and has served as a tennis and track coach. She also enjoys reading and is a member of three local book clubs.
Trick-or-Treating

Downtown Lisle Trick-or-Treating
Saturday, October 29
Noon to 3 p.m.

Lisle Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating
Monday, October 31
3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Residences participating in the Trick-or-Treating Program should leave their porch lights on.

Lisle Police have provided the following recommendations to ensure a fun and safe Halloween experience for everyone.

Parents or a trusted adult should accompany young children Trick-or-Treating. Older children can go with friends. Additional safety recommendations include:

- Only approach homes that have porch lights on during Trick-or-Treating hours.
- Stay within familiar neighborhoods.
- Use face paint instead of masks for improved visibility.
- Ensure costumes are flame resistant.
- Make sure costumes fit properly to avoid trips and falls.
- Costumes should be light colored; add reflective tape to dark colored costumes so children can be seen by motorists.
- Accept only wrapped treats (parents please inspect all treats prior to eating).
- Begin Trick-or-Treating during the day, but bring a flashlight in case of delays.
- Never enter homes, a sweet elderly lady could answer the door, a dangerous predator could be inside.
- Report any suspicious activity or incidents to parents and Lisle Police.
For Teens:
- Teens should carry cell phones or team-up with a reliable friend who has a phone. Keep cell phones easily accessible, not in Halloween bags. Ask teens to send a simple text, “I’m OK,” during their trick-or-treating.
- Teens should stay with a friend or group as there is safety in numbers.
- No drinking, drugs or tricking - remind teens of the consequences.
- Teens should plan a safe route: no unsafe alleys, backyards, short-cuts or deserted, unlit areas.
- Have teens observe the local curfew.

If your teens drive when Trick-or-Treating, remind them:
- No horsing around while driving, never text or talk on a cell phone, wear seat belts, keep lights on, drive slowly, watch out for little trick-or-treaters. A split-second accident could have negative lifetime effects.
- Teens should carry an ID so family can be reached faster in an emergency.

For Homeowners:
- Turn on outdoor lights and replace burnt-out bulbs.
- Remove items from your yard or porch that are a trip hazard.
- Sweep wet leaves from your steps and sidewalk.
- Use flashlights or battery operated candles in your pumpkins. Don’t leave candles unattended.
- As some children have food allergies, consider giving treats other than candy, such as stickers, erasers or yo-yos.