2017 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 19, 2017 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM at the Hilton Lisle Hotel, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle. Contact the Lisle Chamber to make a reservation at (630) 964-0052. Tickets are $25 for Chamber members; $35 for non-members.
From the Mayor:

The end of the year is fast approaching and it’s always a time for celebration as well as reflection. This year, I was pleased to see the redevelopment of the Old Village Hall Site in Downtown Lisle finally begin to take shape. Soon, we will see a beautiful, mixed-use development rise out of the ground, which is expected to spark continued growth in the downtown. As this project was a 1999 Downtown Lisle Master Plan recommendation, it prompted me to reflect about all the other successful redevelopment activities that have come before it - such as the streetscape, façade improvements, PrairieWalk Pond and others - each preparing the downtown for continued growth.

The process of creating a new Downtown Lisle Master Plan is in full swing and I hope you have offered your input via community meetings, focus groups or online surveys. This initiative is expected to take about a year, with final review and approval from the Village Board coming next fall.

I will also be doing more “reflecting” during my annual State of the Village Address, which is scheduled during the Lisle Area Chamber Luncheon on Thursday, January 19 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM at the Hilton Lisle Hotel. The year 2016 was a good year for the Village and I will be sharing exciting news with you – particularly on the economic development front. Reserve your place by contacting the Lisle Area Chamber of Commerce at (630) 964-0052.

As some of you may know, Village Manager Jerry Sprecher has announced his intention to retire from his position in February 2017. Jerry has served as Manager since July 2001, just about the same time I became Mayor. Over the years, I have appreciated his calm demeanor and trusted advice as he managed Village operations and navigated the many variables involved in advancing strategic public initiatives. Those of you who know Jerry understand that he is quietly effective and remains a rather humble individual who has devoted more than 30 years of his life to public service. I will miss working with him, but wish him all the best as he begins a new chapter of his life. Assistant Manager Eric Ertmoed will serve as Acting Village Manager pending selection of a permanent replacement. Eric has been with the Village since 2008 and has been Assistant Manager since 2015.

Time to celebrate the holidays! As in past years, just prior to Thanksgiving, Downtown Lisle (including PrairieWalk Pond), will be decorated for the holidays. The Lights of Lisle Fest will take place on December 3 & 4 with a few surprises. The food trucks and heated tent will return, along with a new Holiday Market offering a variety of gifts, food items and more from 3 PM – 8 PM. And the Santa Parade, which brings Old Saint Nick to Lisle, will begin at a new time, 4:30 PM. Look for the full schedule in this edition and be sure to join me at 6 PM for the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Village Hall!

From my family to yours, Happy Holidays and all the best to you in the coming New Year!

Mayor Joe Broda
**Enjoy the Lights of Lisle Festival**

**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 PM, Monday, November 28.

**Saturday, December 3, 2016**

3:00-8:00 PM – Once Upon a Christmas – Celebrate with the Lisle Park District and the Lisle Heritage Society at The Museums at Lisle Station Park. Activities include brick-oven baking, holiday wagon rides, blacksmithing, model railroad trains, crafts, games, music and more. Santa will be at the Depot Museum following the parade until 8:00 p.m.

3:00-5:00 PM – Villa St. Benedict’s, “Let Your Love Shine On” – Enjoy the memorial luminary illumination display at the Villa St. Benedict Campus, 1920 Maple Avenue.

3:00-8:00 PM – Holiday Market & Food Trucks – Purchase food from food truck vendors, dine and shop for holiday gifts and festive crafts provided by a variety of vendors in a heated tent.

4:30 PM – Santa Light Parade – Watch as Santa arrives downtown accompanied by the Lisle Junior High School Band amid twinkling lights. Parade participants are encouraged to “light up” their entry. The parade travels south on Main Street from Ogden Avenue, along Burlington Avenue to Village Hall and then Santa continues to the Museums at Lisle Station Park to visit with children.

3:30-6:00 PM - Live Holiday Entertainment – Enjoy performances in the Lisle Village Hall Board Room by piano students of Paryl Music Studio and the St. Joan of Arc Elementary Choir.

5:00-6:00 PM - Ice Carving Demonstration – See ice transform into a beautiful sculpture at The Museums at Lisle Station Park.

5:00-7:30 PM – Holiday Trolley – Travel through Downtown Lisle to view the festive shops and decorations and PrairieWalk Pond to view the luminarias.

Dusk - Lights of Lisle – Be awed as thousands of luminarias line the Downtown streets and PrairieWalk Pond.
6 PM - Tree Lighting Ceremony – Kick off the holiday season with the lighting of the newly planted spruce tree at Village Hall and watch it grow each season. Caroling and music will follow in the Board Room performed by the Lisle Community Band. Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate in the Village Hall lobby.

**Sunday, December 6, 2016**

**9:45 AM and 1:45 PM – 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 AM – 4:00 PM - Once Upon a Christmas** – Ride a holiday wagon from the Lisle Santa Train to The Museums at Lisle Station Park to 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 – 3:00 PM. Meet Santa at the Depot Museum, enjoy snacks and visit live reindeer.

**Shop Local, Shop Lisle!**

Remember to “Shop Lisle” this holiday season. Downtown Lisle and PrairieWalk Pond will be beautifully decorated for the holidays to create a festive environment. Take advantage of Lisle’s many, unique retail, recreation and dining options throughout the Village and you’ll help our businesses thrive as well as generate sales tax revenues essential for funding vital Village services. For every retail dollar spent in Lisle, 1% goes to help fund public services and projects, such as infrastructure improvements.

**Village of Lisle T-shirts Make Great Holiday Gifts!**

Are you looking for great affordable holiday gifts? “Try Lisle on for Size” by giving those on your list a Lisle t-shirt. Choose from the limited edition 60th Anniversary grey t-shirt or the original black t-shirt. They make great gifts for the holidays, family reunions, new neighbors, college students, snowbirds, clubs, baby sitters, business owners and others. T-shirts come in sizes small through 2XL and are available for $10. Cash and checks accepted at the Village Hall Business Office, credit cards accepted online at villageoflisle.org.

**Village Offices Holiday Schedule**

Village offices will be closed for the holidays during the following times:

**Thanksgiving:** Thursday, November 24  
Friday, November 25

**Christmas:**  
Friday, December 23  
Monday, December 26  
Garbage and recycling pickup will take place Wednesday, December 28, 2016.

**New Years:**  
Monday, January 2, 2017  
Garbage and recycling pickup will take place Wednesday, January 4, 2017.
Yard Waste Collection

Republic Services will complete the last curbside yard waste collection of the season on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Yard waste collection will resume on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush and other organic material. As a reminder, branches and brush 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.

Holiday Recycling Opportunities

Recycle Holiday Lights...Earlier!
This year, it’s easier than ever to recycle old, broken or unwanted strands of holiday lights. The Village will be accepting these items two weeks earlier than usual, beginning November 21, 2016 through February 1, 2017 at Village Hall from 7 AM – 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Lights may also be dropped off Saturday, December 3, 2016 during the Lights of Lisle Festival. Lights accepted 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 will provide this service.

Christmas Tree Collection
The Village has arranged for live Christmas trees to be collected at no charge January 3 and 10, 2017. Trees should be placed at the curb next to the weekly garbage and recycling. Ornaments, tinsel, lights and tree stands should be removed before the tree is placed at the curb.

Monthly Electronic Recycling Events
The Lisle Monthly Electronics Events continue to be offered on the third Saturday of the month, from 8 AM – noon in the Commuter Parking Lot just west of Village Hall. These events make it easy to responsibly recycle electronics, small household appliances, televisions (for a small fee) and more. So, if Santa has been good to you this season, visit villageoflisle.org/603/Electronics-Recycling to review a list of items accepted.
Old Village Hall Site Redevelopment - “Marq on Main”

Progress on the mixed-use residential and retail development currently under construction in Downtown Lisle continues as pre-cast columns and walls go up on the site. Named “Marq on Main,” the redevelopment will offer 201 upscale apartments in five stories on Burlington Avenue and three to four stories along Main Street, indoor parking and 35 new street parking spaces. Approximately 14,000 square feet of new restaurant/retail space will continue the revitalization of Downtown Lisle, increase pedestrian traffic and enhance the downtown’s dining/shopping offerings. Other amenities include two public plazas and two rooftop decks. Completion is expected in late Fall 2017. Marq on Main is being developed by Marquette Companies, a leader in commercial and multi-family residential development and management across the country.

Downtown Lisle Master Plan Update

Recently the Village of Lisle began the process of creating a new Downtown Lisle Master Plan, which will serve as a blueprint to direct growth, investment and development in the downtown area over the next ten years. Since the current Downtown Master Plan was completed in 1999, many recommended projects have been completed and downtown conditions have changed.

The Village has engaged the services of planning firm Houseal Lavigne Associates to guide the expected year-long process to draft a new plan. Extensive public outreach in the form of community workshops and focus group discussions were held in October to obtain feedback that will help determine “What should Downtown Lisle look like in ten years and what are the steps we need to take to get there?”

Online opportunities for the public to provide feedback are still available by visiting the Downtown Lisle Master Plan website (hlplanning.com/portals/lisledowntown/). The website contains online surveys and mapping tools that allow residents to share their thoughts and suggestions about Downtown Lisle. Additional information about the Downtown Plan process and future meetings will also be available on the website. Once the new Downtown Lisle Master Plan has been created, it will be reviewed and final action will be taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Economic Development Commission and finally, the Village Board.

Should you have questions about the Master Plan process, contact Village Planner Mark Herman at (630) 271-4169 or via mherman@villageoflisle.org.
Prepare for Winter Driving

Winter driving can be challenging, even dangerous and motorists need to take precautions and prepare their vehicles prior to the start of the winter season. Lisle Police offer the following recommendations:

**Vehicle Preparation:** Drivers should always ensure their vehicles are well maintained and properly equipped for winter driving. Fluid levels, particularly washer fluid and anti-freeze, should be at adequate levels. Tires should be inspected to ensure that they are properly inflated and have sufficient tread depth. Drivers should equip their vehicles with a snow shovel, ice scraper, jumper cables, flares, a flashlight, warm clothing, blankets and a charged cell phone. Vehicles should be completely cleared of snow and ice prior to driving to ensure unobstructed views and prevent snow and ice from flying off vehicles at high speeds which could pose a hazard to others.

**Reduce Speed:** Anticipate delays. Most snow and ice-related accidents are caused by spin-outs and vehicles sliding off the road because they are traveling at speeds too great for conditions. Posted speed limits are set for driving under optimal, dry conditions. If road and weather conditions are adverse, drivers should operate at a speed well below the posted limit.

**Leave Extra Space Between Vehicles:** Under optimal driving conditions, drivers should leave at least one car length for every ten miles per hour between their car and the vehicle in front of them. Increase that distance if the road and weather conditions are adverse to allow sufficient space to stop.

**Black Ice:** Transparent ice may form on roadways under certain weather conditions. If you notice ice forming on any object, assume that it is forming on the road as well. Bridges are usually the first surfaces to freeze. Drive slowly and avoid driving on iced-over surfaces.

**Buckle Up:** Ensuring everyone in your vehicle is properly restrained is the single most effective thing drivers can do to keep themselves and their loved ones safe on the roads.

**Dial 911 For Emergencies:** Drivers who become disabled or encounter an emergency should dial 911 on their cell phones to immediately be connected to an Emergency Response Center. Drivers should always be aware of their location, noting the route they are traveling and the number of the exit they most recently passed.
Snow and Ice Removal

Public Works is committed to keeping motorists safe on Lisle roadways throughout the winter season. Remember, 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. The community will be notified when Lisle snow plows are making their rounds on the Village’s social media pages, (facebook.com/villageoflisle and twitter.com/villageoflisle).

Please note that state and county roads are not within the Village of Lisle’s snow and ice control. State roads include Ogden Avenue (Route 34) and Lincoln Avenue (Route 53). County roads include Maple Avenue, Yackley Avenue, College Road, Naperville Road, Naper Boulevard, and Warrenville Road. If you have concerns about state roads, contact IDOT at (847) 705-4000; contact DuPage County with concerns about county roads at (630) 407-6900. As winter progresses, keep the following safety tips in mind:

- 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.
Go on a “Low Salt Diet”

Each year, tons of salt is used to melt ice on roads and sidewalks in the Midwest. As this salt/ice mixture melts, much of it drains into storm sewers which flow directly into rivers and streams. While chlorides may become diluted, they never degrade or break down. One tablespoon of salt contaminates five gallons of water, which has an immediate negative impact on the environment. Chlorides produce a salty taste in drinking water, cause adverse growth effects on vegetation, are harmful to aquatic and other wildlife and are corrosive to vehicles, roads, parking lots and sidewalks. Reducing the use of road salt is good for our pocketbooks and the environment. The “Low Salt Diet” includes:

- Shoveling (or using a snow blower) before applying any product; never put a de-icing product on top of snow.
- Adopting the “Just Enough” principle, putting down just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice.
- Sweeping up un-dissolved product after a storm and reusing as needed.
- Switching to a de-icer that doesn’t contain chloride.
- Supporting changes in chloride application in your municipality.
- Informing neighbors about the negative impacts chlorides have in our streams and rivers.

To learn more, visit drscw.org/chlorides/DRSCWhomeowners.pdf

Temporary Workers Needed for Special Census

In 2017, a Special Census will be conducted to obtain an accurate count of Lisle’s population. Results will determine the Village’s allocation of state shared revenue, which will be used to fund municipal infrastructure and services. The Special Census, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, will focus on residential areas of Lisle not included in the 2010 decennial census.

The Village of Lisle is now recruiting residents to assist with the Special Census. Temporary jobs are available for census takers (called enumerators), office staff and a supervisor. U.S. Census Bureau employment applications are available on the Village’s website, villageoflisle.org, and at Village Hall. Completed applications should be returned to Village Hall, 925 Burlington Avenue.

Applicants will be contacted to schedule a job-related test to determine qualification for a census job. If selected, a training class will be required and then employees will be given a 3 to 6 week work assignment. Census workers are typically paid between $12 to $16 per hour, plus mileage and paid training. All applicants must be at least eighteen years of age and available and willing to work a minimum of twenty hours per week when Lisle residents are home, usually during evenings and weekends.

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**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 third 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 life. The new meters have an expected twenty year service life, which will 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 determine 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.
Crosswalk Safety Tips

Crosswalks are areas that could be potentially dangerous. Whether you drive, walk or bike, help keep everyone safe by reviewing and following these crosswalk safety tips from the Lisle Police Department:

**DRIVERS:**
- Stay alert, reduce speeds and be prepared to completely stop for anyone crossing or preparing to cross at all marked crosswalks.
- Remember that bicyclists and skateboarders approach crosswalks faster than pedestrians.
- Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in before resuming travel.
- Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.

**PEDESTRIANS:**
- Always cross at marked crosswalks as you forfeit your pedestrian rights if you cross elsewhere.
- Obey pedestrian signals and look left-right-left to make sure the road is clear in both directions before crossing.
- If a vehicle approaches, make eye contact with the driver to be sure you are seen before you cross.
- Look before walking past stopped vehicles. Don’t cross just because a driver waves you on. Be sure all lanes are clear first.

**BICYCLISTS:**
- Yield to pedestrians.
- If bicyclists are not walking their bikes, they are considered vehicles and they forfeit rights as pedestrians in the case of an accident or citation.
- Use marked bike paths or multi-use paths when available.
- Obey vehicular traffic signals and laws on the roads.
- Use extra caution when transitioning between bike paths, roads and sidewalks. Be aware that your actions are unpredictable to drivers and pedestrians.
Tree Pruning

Parkway trees are valuable assets to the community. They clean the air, shade streets, increase property values and improve the appearance of the community. Tree pruning plays an important role in caring for Lisle’s urban forest and offers the following benefits:

- Improves tree structure, enhances its vigor and reduces storm damage
- Increases a tree’s aesthetic appeal and preserves its value
- Maintains safe conditions for motorists and pedestrians
- Increases light penetration and air flow to the tree’s interior and reduces wind resistance
- Reduces the number of trees that undergo drastic changes in appearance after pruning
- Removes limbs that are diseased, broken, dead, infected with insects or structurally unsound
- Ensures street lights and signage are clearly visible and branch height allows for safe clearance by vehicles and pedestrians

Street or parkway trees have different maintenance requirements than other landscape trees and are pruned following a different schedule. During their lifespan, parkway trees receive two general types of pruning: training and maintenance.

Training young trees involves pruning to develop branching that ensures structural strength and accentuates the tree’s natural growth so that minimal maintenance is needed once the tree matures. Once the structural form is established, maintenance pruning mature trees removes hazards and improves vigor.

Maintenance pruning of trees results in more frequent tree inspections, smaller pruning cuts and fewer tree failures. The amount of pruning each tree needs depends on species and growth characteristics, as well as the tree size and condition.

**All Village-owned trees should be pruned by Village employees, not residents.** If you have a concern regarding your parkway tree or if you are wondering if a tree is located in a Village owned right-of-way, please contact Village Forester, Jeremy Lake at (630) 271-4175 or jlake@villageoflisle.org.