Spring Grand Openings!

**Art of Good Eating** - 2004 Ogden Ave
Teaching kitchen & dining venue hosting small public & private events

**El Grand Agave** - 1650 Maple Ave
Traditional Mexican food, cocktails/tequila specialties served in a warm, inviting atmosphere

**Euro-Crepes** - 4740 Main St, Downtown Lisle
Sweet, savory breakfast, lunch & dinner crepes made from an old family recipe

**Next Whiskey Bar** - 4732 Main St, Downtown Lisle
American comfort food & whiskey/bourbon cocktails served with southern charm
From the Mayor:

Luck has been on our side! March is here and we seemed to have dodged many of the storms that normally make up a Midwestern winter. Just as spring is transforming our landscape, the many redevelopment projects currently underway in the community are helping to positively shape Lisle’s future and I am looking forward to seeing the end results.

This edition of the newsletter reviews highlights from my recent State of the Village Address. You may also view the entire address online or on Cable TV. Downtown Lisle continues to be a focus. “Marq on Main,” the new $50 million mixed-use redevelopment is estimating a fall completion, making the Master Plan vision a reality. Numerous other developers and businesses are choosing to invest millions throughout Lisle, very promising signs. Many businesses have experienced great success in the Village, some over decades. I encourage you to watch the “Biz Thrive in Lisle” videos on our website to hear these businesses explain in their own words how a Lisle location helped their businesses become and remain successful.

In this age of uncertainty, I am proud to relay our finances are solid. With a Moody’s bond rating of Aa1, low debt and a six-month’s reserve, we have been able to avoid taxes that many other towns assess. For example, Lisle has no added sales tax, water tax, real estate transfer tax, amusement tax, food and beverage tax or vehicle sticker fees. Grants and volunteers extend our resources and we collaborate with our community partners to reduce spending.

Quality Village services are efficiently delivered. Progress is even being made on some very challenging issues. Floodplain homes are being acquired and demolished with grant funds; the 18-acre former Lockformer site has received the all clear from the EPA; the former Main Street gas station site is being remediated to prepare for redevelopment. We continually expand the scope of our communication channels. We offer a variety of special events, including sustainable initiatives, to foster a sense of community and a high quality of life. Life is good in Lisle.

Many of us were recently surprised when a number of anonymous people circulated petitions in Lisle, Warrenville and Woodridge seeking to ask voters in the upcoming election if they want to annex into Naperville. Residents in each respective community voiced opposition to that question and a Circuit Court Judge ruled against placing that referendum question on the ballot.

As we anticipate signs of spring, be sure to also look for positive changes in the community we love. From new developments to new restaurants to new housing options, Lisle is changing with the season and I hope to see you out and about as the weather turns more inviting.

All My Best,
Mayor Joe Broda
2017 STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Mayor Joe Broda delivered the annual State of the Village Address during a recent Lisle Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Hilton Lisle Hotel. Following are highlights of the address. The State of the Village Address may also be viewed on the web (villageoflisle.org) and on Cable TV Channel 10 (Comcast) and Channel 99 (U-verse) on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 a.m.; on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and weekends at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Downtown Redevelopment Advances

Marq on Main

Strategic redevelopment of the downtown charged ahead with the construction of the beautiful new, mixed-use development, “Marq on Main.” When completed in the Fall of 2017, this $50 million project will include 201 upscale one and two bedroom apartments, underground parking, clubhouse, fitness center, infinity pool, sundeck, grilling stations, conference and tech centers. It will also provide 15,000 square feet of retail/restaurant space and serve as a catalyst for continuing downtown redevelopment.

New Downtown Master Plan and Parking Study Underway

A new Downtown Master Plan is being created based on extensive public feedback received via surveys, workshops, focus groups, visioning sessions and more. The new plan builds upon the foundation of the 1999 Downtown Master Plan and will guide redevelopment for the next fifteen years. In addition, a $64,000 grant is funding a Downtown Parking Study which will analyze current and future parking needs and outline ways to meet those needs.

Lisle Welcomes New Retail/Restaurants

Dunkin’ Donuts invested $350,000 to replace a blighted, vacant dry cleaners building on Maple Avenue with a new store and drive-in and opened another site along Ogden Avenue. Yerbabuena completed construction on a $1.25 million building adjacent to the original restaurant on Main Street, doubling the restaurant’s size and adding a second floor with outside dining. Other new businesses include 4 A Song, Pixel Blast, Diamond Motor Works, Euro-Crepes, the Next Whiskey Bar and Gran Agave.
Millions Invested in Lisle Redevelopment

Multi-million dollar redevelopment continues to dramatically transform blighted and vacant properties. Transitional Care of Lisle, a new upscale concept in short term rehabilitation, is investing $16 million and bringing 100 jobs to the Ogden Corridor on a long vacant parcel of land. SASED, the DuPage County headquarters of the School Association for Special Education, remodeled a long vacant Ogden Corridor building and brought 120 jobs to Lisle. Science of Spirituality (SOS) is investing $20 million to expand its campus with a distinctively designed addition to serve the thousands of members who come to Lisle each year and stay in Lisle hotels along the corporate corridor. New residential development Ashton Place is bringing 14 duplexes, 12 townhomes and a 3-acre park to land bordering Leask Lane.

Flood Mitigation Efforts Continue

The Village has acquired 10 floodplain homes using a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant while DuPage County is acquiring homes with Community Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds. Structures on these properties are being demolished to create permanent open space in the floodplain. We expect about 27 properties will be acquired, 5 homes will be demolished and 5 homes will be elevated using grant funds to reduce damage from future flooding. The Army Corps of Engineers continues their study to determine how to minimize local flooding.

Strong Financial Management

Village finances are strong, as evidenced by a Moody's bond rating of Aa1, a six-month’s reserve fund and low debt. A $3.7 million BU Sports Complex bond was refinanced to obtain a better rate, eliminate a balloon payment and realize a $1.3 million savings. Lisle assesses fewer taxes than many other municipalities – it has no added sales tax, water tax, real estate transfer tax, amusement tax, food and beverage tax or vehicle sticker fees. These strong results are even more amazing when one considers that the Village receives only 6% of property taxes, approximately $461 for a home valued at $290,000. The Village received its 13th award for Transparency in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

A variety of grants totaling nearly $5.4 million supplement the budget. The Village reduced expenses by sharing outsourced IT services with School District 202 and internet services with The Morton Arboretum, Lisle-Woodridge Fire District and Library. The Village joined a health insurance co-op to obtain better insurance options and pricing. An emphasis on employee safety earned the Village the “2015 Best Risk Management Award” for the safest work environment and fewest injuries among 70 large Illinois municipalities.
Police Expand Outreach

Officers Jeremiah Arnold, Benjamin Bowman and Brian Brendal (left to right) were recognized for receiving the Award of Valor from the 100 Club of DuPage for “Heroic Actions Above and Beyond the Call of Duty.” They contained a suspect in a violent, early morning home invasion in Lisle on October 10, 2015.

During 2016, Lisle Police focused a significant amount of time interacting with the community via Neighborhood Staff Walks, Coffee with a Cop, Open House, Cop on a Roof and more. Pro-active outreach efforts were made to such diverse groups as the Islamic Center of Naperville, the Sikh Community of Illinois and DuPage County Unity Partnership.

Staff had an opportunity to participate in a BNSF Railway Emergency Exercise, role-playing emergency rescue, hazard materials containment, a press conference and more. Valuable experience was gained by all who engaged in this event.

The Volunteers 4 Lisle Program, now in its 3rd year, continues to provide valuable community assistance. In 2016, 20 volunteers participated in 49 events, donating 6,000 hours of service and expanding limited staff resources.

Expanding Communications

The Village consistently releases information on a variety of communication channels. Village communications have surpassed announcing strictly municipal news and now relay information from FEMA, the Health Department, Homeland Security, weather warnings, community events and more.

The website has nearly half a million page views per year and continues to expand. The use of online forms is increasing and residents may now submit concerns via a new “Report A Concern” online module that provides status updates for each issue reported. The newsletter is produced four times per year and sent to the entire community, while a broadcast e-newsletter is released weekly. Social media followers continue to climb. Cable TV and the electronic sign convey messaging and a new app is under development. A Businesses Thrive in Lisle campaign featured a number of successful Lisle business owners who discuss their decisions to locate in Lisle in brief videos. Upgrades were made to Cable TV equipment to enhance Board Meeting broadcasts.

In 2016, a new Flood Education Committee formed to assess Lisle’s flood related needs and create a Flood Education Plan, which the Village Board approved in December. Implementing the plan will help educate the community about flooding, reduce flood risk and improve safety. These activities help Lisle residents qualify for a 25% discount on flood insurance premiums via the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System.
Lisle Supports Sustainable Initiatives

In 2016, sustainable activities diverted the following materials from landfills: 250,000 pounds of electronics, 1.35 tons of pumpkins, 10,000 pounds of paper and 1,599 pounds of medications.

PrairieWalk Pond became a Certified Monarch Butterfly Waystation in recognition of its ideal habitat for monarchs, which are declining in numbers. The site features a variety of milkweed and nectar plants, well-drained soil and clump plantings, which offer shelter to foster all of the monarch’s life cycles. Thanks to Volunteer Tour Guide Barb Plichta who gives tours of the pond. Each tour group not only learns about sustainability, but spends $200 - $300 dining/shopping in Downtown Lisle after the tour.
Public Works Programs

Residents continue to appreciate the free Branch and Leaf Pickup Programs, which now incorporate GIS to track progress. Snow/Ice Removal remains weather dependent. To connect with the community, Public Works held its first Open House in May. The event featured its fleet of trucks, stormwater information, facility tours and more.

Of the Village’s 7,000 parkway trees, 988 trees were infected with the Emerald Ash Borer and were removed. To date, 884 new trees have been planted. A detailed Tree Analysis was completed and maintenance programs established to ensure Lisle’s “urban forest” remains healthy.

Care of Newly Planted Trees

Healthy trees increase property values, keep homes cooler in the summer and reduce carbon dioxide levels. When planting a new tree, consider the following issues: size and shape of the mature tree, level of shade or screening desired, amount of sunlight and moisture available, soil conditions, even constraints – such as overhead power lines or signal lights.

Plant trees during the dormant season, after leaf drop or in early spring before budding. Cool weather helps trees establish roots before spring rains and summer heat. However, if given appropriate care, trees may be planted during the growing season.

Plant Trees Properly

- Make sure the tree trunk flare (where the trunk expands at the base of the tree) is partially visible after the tree has been planted.
- Dig a shallow, broad hole 2-3 times wider than the root ball, but only as deep as the root ball.
- Place the tree at the proper height by digging the hole to the proper depth. The majority of the tree roots develop in the upper 12 inches of soil. If the tree is planted too deep, new roots will have difficulty developing due to a lack of oxygen.
- Ensure the tree is straight in the planting hole.
- Fill the hole gently, but firmly, packing soil around the base of the root ball to stabilize it. Fill the remainder of the hole, firmly packing the soil to eliminate air pockets that may dry out roots. Further reduce air pockets by watering periodically while backfilling.
- Spread a 2-4 inch mulch layer at the base of the tree. More than 4 inches may cause a problem with oxygen and moisture levels. Piling mulch right up against the tree trunk may cause the bark to decay. Do not volcano mulch.
- Keep the soil moist, but not water logged. Water trees once a week, barring rain and more frequently during hot, windy weather. When the soil is dry below the surface of mulch, it is time to water.

If you have any related questions or need help selecting a tree for your location, contact Village Forester Jeremy Lake at (630) 271-4175 or jlake@villageoflisle.org. Spring is on its way, happy tree planting!
Congrats to the 2017 Community Spirit Award Recipients!

In the fall of 2015, a grassroots effort was initiated to build a Veterans Memorial to honor past, present and future veterans and their service to our country. Creating the memorial was the result, in part, of the successful efforts of Lisle residents Karen/Dan Burris, Kim/Larry Carlson, Dave/Daphnee Gleason, Jorge Ortiz and Maria Remigio. The memorial, located at 4721 Center Avenue in Downtown Lisle, was dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016. Mayor Broda recognized the group’s efforts by naming the residents recipients of the 2017 Community Spirit Award.

Build Responsibly

Spring is the time of year when many people begin projects around the house and yard. Whether considering 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, particularly if your property is located in a floodplain. Adding dirt or fill to your property can unknowingly result in flooding of adjacent properties. Be a good neighbor and research your project in advance. Remember to call 811 before starting to dig to locate utility lines.

Following local building codes helps insure projects are completed safely and do not pose hazards. Before buying a home or business, many people now review the site’s building permit history. Building to code from the start prevents costly expenditures to correct problems that could easily have been avoided. 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 staff at (630) 271-4150 to discuss your project. Permit information and applications are available online at villageoflisle.org.
Special Events Recognize Lisle’s 60th Anniversary

The community celebrated this milestone with a variety of special events throughout the year, including: the Chamber’s Wine Extravaganza, Ale Fest, Dinner Dance and Cruise Night; the PrairieWalk Pond Concert Series; Veggie Fest, the Remembrance Field, an Eyes to the Skies 60th Anniversary Hot Air Balloon, a new Lights of Lisle Holiday Market and a variety of street banners, t-shirts and give-a-ways.
Cruise Night
Wine Extravaganza
PrairieWalk Pond Concert
Remembrance Field
Yard Waste Collection

Curbside yard waste collection resumes on Tuesday, March 21. Place yard waste in a 34-gallon paper yard waste bag or refuse can with two handles. Attach a yard waste sticker to each bag or loop a sticker through a handle on the can and place at the curb on collection days.

Spring Branch Pickup Program

This program is free for all single-family homes within Lisle’s corporate limits and provides collection of residential branches that have been trimmed or damaged by weather. It does not include whole trees or shrubs that have been cut down by contractors.

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Program 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 weigh 50 pounds or less
- Branches should be lined up as close to the street as possible – cut ends facing the street
- Place single branches up to 8 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length separately from bundles
- Do not include vines, roots, stumps, grasses, flowers, weeds or dirt

If the guidelines aren’t 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 can with a yard waste sticker attached to each item.

Properly stacked branches

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Upcoming Events – Visit villageoflisle.org for more information.

Flood Awareness and Map Information Meeting
The Village of Lisle will be hosting a Flood Awareness Meeting on April 18, at 7 p.m. at Lisle Senior High School, 1800 Short Street. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide an update on the DuPage River Feasibility Study. The Conservation Foundation will present information on rainwater storage and sustainable landscaping. Village staff will discuss permitting in the floodplain, flood protection and the revised flood insurance maps.

Arbor Day
Join us for the Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 28 at 10 a.m. in the St Joan of Arc parking lot (820 Division Street). A ceremonial tree will be planted along Front Street and a limited supply of tree saplings will be given out to attendees.

French Market
The French Market will open on Saturday, May 6 and will run each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Garfield Avenue at PrairieWalk Pond (Garfield Avenue in Downtown Lisle).

Police and Public Works Open Houses
Learn more about Village services during the Open Houses jointly scheduled on Thursday, May 18, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Take facility tours, get an up close look at the Village’s fleet of trucks and equipment, meet staff, watch SWAT and K-9 demos, participate in “Use of Force” judgement scenarios, enjoy children’s games, dunk tank, give-a-ways and more.

River Sweep
The annual DuPage County River Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. RiverSweep is a county-wide stream cleanup and restoration event in which volunteers “sweep local rivers clean” by picking up debris in and along the waterways and restoring adjacent land back to its natural state.

Community Blood Drive
Heartland Blood Centers
Mobile Coach at Village Hall
Thursday, May 25, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Appointments preferred; walk-ins always welcome!

Memorial Day
Parade begins at Lisle Jr High School to Downtown Lisle
Ceremonies at the Lisle Veterans Memorial and Cemetery
Free Community Picnic at the Museums of Lisle Station Park
Monday, May 29, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Dragonfly Landing Splash Pad
The popular free Dragonfly Landing Splash Pad will open on Saturday, May 27. The splash pad will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. Garfield Avenue and Route 53.