Celebrate the Holidays in Lisle!
- Enjoy the beautiful Lights of Lisle Festival on December 2 & 3. Review the detailed two-day schedule of activities in this issue.
- New this year, a “Merry on Main” Holiday Walk presented by downtown businesses.

Shop Local / Shop Lisle
Remember to “Shop Local” this holiday season and take advantage of the many, high quality businesses offering distinctive products/services. There’s no need to leave “home” to surprise your special someones with wonderful holiday gifts and Lisle businesses will appreciate your loyalty.

Congratulations!
Lisle resident Patrick Reilley used the amazing backdrop of the Lights of Lisle Festival to propose to Melanie Olson. She said “Yes” and the couple is planning a 2018 wedding.
From the Mayor:

When I look at the cover of this newsletter, I think about the line from the popular movie, “The Wizard of Oz,” “There’s No Place Like Home.” Lisle resident Patrick Reilley proposed to Melanie Olson during the beautiful Lights of Lisle Festival surrounded by thousands of twinkling lights and luminaria. It really doesn’t get any better than this – even in the movies. In fact, I would make the case that this setting was even better than the movies and it had a happy ending, she said “Yes!”

You’ll find the entire Lights of Lisle schedule for this two-day, free event in this issue. Many interactive activities have been planned. New this year is the “Merry on Main” Downtown Holiday Walk. Downtown Lisle businesses will provide special offers, treats and fun activities for shoppers from noon through 6 p.m. on December 2. Then there are the thousands of twinkling lights and luminarias, creating a truly, magical setting for all to enjoy. Don’t miss this wonderful event, meet me in front of Village Hall at 6 p.m. for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Residents aren’t the only ones who love this community. Multiple new businesses have also chosen to call Lisle home. Health industry leader AMITA Health is consolidating its operations and relocating its corporate headquarters and 1,100 employees to Lisle. Hanson Professional Services has also relocated its headquarters and 90 employees to the Village, as did medical tech company Endotronix and its 50 employees. The Collective & Makery has brought its artisan wares and creative group classes to Downtown Lisle and I have spotted my wife’s car in front of the store on several occasions. The Village’s economic vitality is enhanced when employees and visitors from these new businesses dine, shop, stay overnight and even buy homes in Lisle.

Lisle also captured the attention of West Suburban Living Magazine, which featured the Village as the spotlight community in the October issue. The in-depth, seven-page article positively highlighted this community to the Chicagoland area, perhaps prompting others to explore all this community has to offer.

Finally, this issue includes a variety of information to help keep you, your property and the environment safe during the winter season. Be sure to share the information with your entire family, especially younger members, who may be out driving or shopping on their own for the first time.

On behalf of the Lisle Village Board, its employees and my family, the best of holidays to you and remember, there really “is no place like home” in Lisle!

Chris Pecak
Lights of Lisle • Once Upon a Christmas • Lisle Santa Train

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 by 5 PM, Monday, November 27.

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Noon-6:00 PM – Merry on Main – Enjoy treats, specials and holiday cheer from downtown businesses.

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

3:00-4:30 PM – Villa St. Benedict’s, “Let Your Love Shine On” – Participate in the Memorial Luminary Celebration at the Villa St. Benedict Campus, 1920 Maple Avenue.

3:00-8:00 PM – Holiday Market & Food Trucks – Purchase items from food truck vendors. Comfortably dine and shop for unique holiday gifts and festive crafts in a heated tent.

4:30 PM – Santa Light Parade – Greet Santa as he arrives downtown accompanied by the Lisle Junior High School Band. 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 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.

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

6:00 PM – **Tree Lighting Ceremony** – Kick off the holiday season with the lighting of the Village Hall tree. Caroling and music will follow in the Board Room performed by the Lisle Community Band. Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate in the lobby.

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

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 (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 enjoy museum tours, blacksmithing, pie baking, crafts and more. Join Stephanie Boesso for a piano recital and sing-along at 1:30 PM. Meet Santa at the historic Lisle Depot and visit with live reindeers.

**Lisle – Spotlight Community in West Suburban Living Magazine**
The Village of Lisle was featured as the spotlight community in the October 2017 edition of West Suburban Living Magazine. This comprehensive look at our community is both fun to read and informative. Learn about new businesses, restaurants, housing options, amenities, special events, educational and recreational opportunities in Lisle. If you missed the edition, visit the Village’s website to review the complete seven-page feature story.

**Police Launch New Facebook Page**
Learn more about police related activities in the community. Visit the new Village of Lisle Police Facebook Page that provides detailed reporting of current police endeavors, traffic incidents, community engagement opportunities, road closures and more. Access the page at facebook.com/lisle-policedepartment.
Welcome New Businesses!

AMITA Health Chooses Lisle for its Corporate Headquarters
AMITA Health is consolidating operations and has chosen the Village of Lisle as the new home for its corporate headquarters and 1,100 employees. AMITA will occupy 225,000 square feet of space in the Navistar campus, located along Lisle’s prestigious I-88 Corporate Corridor. The relocation of employees from numerous suburban locations will begin in March 2018. The move should positively impact hotel, restaurant, retail and residential sales in Lisle. Attracting a corporate headquarters to a community is an extremely valuable and rare opportunity and a major win for not only the Village, but for the region.

Hanson Professional Services
Hanson Professional Services Inc. has relocated to Lisle at 750 Warrenville Road, bringing 90 employees to the Village. Hanson is a national, employee-owned consulting firm that provides engineering and planning services to public and private sectors in the U.S. and abroad.

The Collective & Makery
Shop inspired and make something amazing in this Downtown Lisle boutique filled with hand selected artisan wares. A variety of group art/craft classes spark creativity and fun. 4724 Main Street, Downtown Lisle.

Endotronix
Endotronix, a medical tech company that develops innovative solutions for advanced heart failure, moved into 16,000 square feet at 815 Ogden Avenue, bringing 50 employees to Lisle.
Beau Bien Water Tank Reflects Village’s Identity

The newly repaired/repainted Beau Bien Water Tank was voted one of twelve runner ups (out of 296 entries) in the “Water Tank of the Year,” competition, which recognizes innovative and creative uses of water tank coatings in the U.S. and Canada. The design features the Lisle logo and colorful leaves that encircle the tank to reflect Lisle's identity as “The Arboretum Village” and the Village's Brand Promise:

“Home to the Arboretum, Lisle’s unique sense of place is infused with nature, whose powerful presence energizes people, sparks innovation, and inspires creativity. It’s a community that intelligently blends innovation with a respect for nature to offer outstanding work, life and visitor experiences.”

The tank, which is 130.8 feet tall and holds 500,000 gallons of water, is visible to the more than 150,000 motorists who travel along the I-88 corridor each year. The four-month project was completed ahead of schedule in September and used 335 gallons of paint. The tank was last repaired/painted in 1995, 22 years ago.

“Excellence in Financial Reporting” Certificate of Achievement

The Village of Lisle earned a Certificate of Achievement for “Excellence in Financial Reporting” from the Government Finance Officers Association for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending April 30, 2016. This is the fourteenth year in a row the Village has received this award, which recognizes government entities that go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles and prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that reflect a spirit of transparency and full disclosure.
Winter Driving Reminders

Lisle Police urge you to use caution when driving in the winter and follow these safety tips:

- Always wear a seatbelt and don’t use handheld devices – it’s Illinois law.
- Slow down; ice and snow make roads more dangerous and require additional time to stop.
- Give snowplow operators ample room to maneuver. Their fields of vision are often restricted, especially during snow storms, and they may have difficulty seeing other vehicles and pedestrians.
- Avoid using cruise control when snow and ice are present on roadways.
- Try to avoid traveling in inclement weather. Share your travel route with others if you must drive in bad weather.
- Keep an emergency kit in your car, which includes emergency jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield wiper fluid, shovel, ice scraper, blankets, flashlights, energy bars, water, kitty litter (for traction) and a first aid kit.
- If you become stalled, stay in your car, don’t overexert and put some sort of bright marker on antenna or windows. If your car is still running, make sure the exhaust pipe is clear and only run the car long enough to stay warm.
- Intersections, bridges, ramps, and shady areas are all prone to icing, exercise caution when approaching these areas.
Is My Home or Business Located in the Floodplain?

Floodplain maps, called Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), show the location of the regulatory floodplain in Lisle. These maps establish premiums for flood insurance. Review the floodplain maps on the Village of Lisle website, at Village Hall, at the Lisle Library and on FEMA’s Map Service Center website, msc.fema.gov. Village staff can also determine if a property is located in the regulatory floodplain and discuss your risk. Call or email the property address to Village Stormwater Administrator Marilyn Sucoe at (630) 271-4107 or msucoe@villageoflisle.org.

Flood insurance is available to everyone; talk with your insurance agent about getting a policy. Flood insurance covers losses when water enters your home through the foundation, window wells or doorways. You can add coverage to your homeowner’s policy for other sources of water damage such as basement seepage, sanitary backup and sump pump overflow. Remember that flood insurance takes sixty days to go into effect and, as the recent flooding in Lisle demonstrated, flooding can happen at any time throughout the year.

Go on a “Low Salt Diet”

Each year, tons of salt are 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 and has an immediate, negative impact on the environment. Chlorides produce a salty taste in drinking water; harm vegetation and wildlife; and corrode vehicles, roads and sidewalks. Reducing the use of road salt is good for our pocketbooks and the environment. To follow the “Low Salt Diet:”

- Shovel or use a snow blower before applying any product; never put a de-icing product on top of snow.
- Apply just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice.
- Sweep up undissolved product after a storm and reuse as needed.
- Switch to a chloride-free, de-icing product.
- Inform neighbors about the negative impact chlorides have in our waterways

To learn more, visit drscw.org/chlorides/DRSCWhomeowners.pdf
Stay Safe During The Holidays

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:

When Out & About…
Be aware of your surroundings at all times and notice if someone is watching or following you. Don’t overload your arms with packages. Hold your purse or wallet securely and carry only the amount of cash and credit cards needed that day. Teach children to ask for help from a store clerk, security guard or police officer if they become 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 guard. 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.

At Home…
Keep a record of all your credit card numbers and notify the issuer immediately if they are lost, stolen or misused. Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts or try to solicit donations for charitable causes during the holiday season. Ask for ID and find out how the donations will be used. Keep your home well lit and store gifts in an area that can’t be seen from the outside.
Winter Tree Care – Don’t “Shake It Off”

Winter is a great time to assess your tree’s health as conditions are more easily seen without the leaves. Walk around trees and view them from every angle, looking for problems or signs of stress. Prune trees in winter to help them better withstand ice damage. Branches become very brittle when covered in ice or snow and shaking could damage or break them. Carefully shake snow off only when it is light and fluffy. Drooping or bending branches should return to their natural position once weather conditions improve. Use care when snow plowing near trees to avoid damaging them. Avoid piling large amounts of snow against tree trunks as the snow may contain road salt, which removes moisture from tree roots. If you have tree-related questions or concerns, contact an arborist or connect with Village Arborist Jeremy Lake at jlake@villageoflisle.org or 630-271-4175.

Which Holiday Items Can Be Recycled?

The Village’s Waste Hauler Republic Services has created a “Naughty & Nice” list to help you make environmentally-friendly decisions this holiday season.

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Recycle Holiday Lights and Christmas Trees

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 20, 2017 – February 2, 2018 during 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Accepted lights include mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights and extension cords, all free of charge. No garland and wreaths please. For questions, call (630) 271-4100 or email lisle@villageoflisle.org.

Christmas trees will be collected and taken to The Morton Arboretum, where they will be chipped and used for mulch. Remove ornaments, tinsel, lights and tree stands and place them at the curb next to the weekly garbage and recycling on January 3 and January 9, 2018. Republic Services will remove trees at no charge.

Yard Waste Collection

Yard Waste Collection will end Tuesday, December 12, 2017 and will resume on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Village Offices Closed for the Holidays

Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24, 2017
Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26, 2017
(Garbage and Recycling Collection will occur on Wednesday, December 27, 2017)
Monday, January 1, 2018
(Garbage and Recycling Collection will occur on Wednesday, January 3, 2018)
Cabin Fever Relievers

Midwest winters can easily cause cabin fever; banish cabin fever by enjoying these fun, local activities:

Enjoy Nature! Cross-country ski or snowshoe across the beautiful Morton Arboretum or go downhill skiing at Four Lakes Village. Consider taking a reflective walk around PrairieWalk Pond (three times around the pond equals one mile).

Get Creative! Make a distinctive creation with a fun group of people at The Collective & Makery; try your hand at the pottery wheel at ClaySpace Ceramic Arts Studio or tap your inner artist at The Art Room.

Cozy Up to a Warm Fireplace at The Country House or Wheatstack. Take a window seat and gaze out over the snow-covered River Bend Golf Course as you enjoy a hearty meal. Or enjoy a taste of paradise as you sip a tropical drink and watch the aquarium fish swim leisurely by in Chinn’s 34th Street Fishery Lounge.

Take a Stay-vacation at the Lisle Hilton, Hyatt or Sheraton Hotels. Enjoy a swim in the pool, treat yourself to a spa experience, dine on gourmet meals, feel the stress melt away.

Learn Something New! Attend a Special Speaker Event at Benedictine University or enjoy the Lisle Library’s variety of free programs.

Challenge Your Mind! Grab a group of friends and test your ability to find hidden clues that will help you escape a locked room in under 60 minutes at The Room in Downtown Lisle.

Go Bowling! Remember how much fun bowling was in high school; Lisle Lanes can remind you.