Upcoming Events

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Lisle Welcomes a New Business

The Village welcomes Friaco’s Mexican Restaurant & Cantina to the community! Located at 6460 College Road, Friaco’s offers a diverse menu featuring Mexican family recipes that have been passed down for generations, domestic and imported beer, specialty margaritas and over 400 tequilas. Salsa is made fresh every day! Visit their website at www.friacosrestaurant.com.

The Future of Downtown Lisle is Taking Shape

Activity continues in downtown Lisle as construction of the Marq on Main luxury apartment building progresses. Construction on the second of two towers is nearing completion, with work continuing on the rest of the building. All told, the building will have a total of 201 one and two bedroom units and 15,000 square feet of commercial space that will accommodate restaurant and retail uses. Designed to compliment and take advantage of proximity to the train station, the building will bring new energy to a long vacant site where Village Hall formerly stood. Interested in a unit or know someone who is? The leasing office for Marq on Main is now open at 1045 Burlington Suite 4 in Downtown Lisle visit www.marqonmain.com for more information.

Over a year ago, the Village of Lisle kicked off 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. To approach this task, a Downtown Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) was formed and met to review and provide input on plans. Through DPAC meetings, public open houses, a survey, and other methods of gathering input, the latest draft plan has taken shape. Adoption of the downtown plan is anticipated in the coming months. Visit the Village’s website at www.villageoflisle.org to learn more about the plan and how to provide input.
New Schedule Rotation for Branch Pick Up Program – Begins in April

The Branch Pick Up program is free for all single-family homes within Lisle’s corporate limits and provides for the collection and disposal of branches from residential properties. Please note that, beginning this year, the program pickup schedule will rotate regions every season. Pickups are scheduled according to three regions (defined below) and the order in which the regions are picked up will change each season. (This is a departure from past practice of picking up regions in the same sequence every season).

The program is intended for branches that have been trimmed or damaged by weather and does not include whole trees or shrubs. See below for a schedule of pickups and program guidelines.

Branch pickup Schedule by Region

- Week of April 30th – Between BNSF RR Tracks and Maple Avenue
- Week of May 7th – South of Maple Ave.
- Week of May 14th – North of BNSF RR Tracks

Program Guidelines

- Bundles should not exceed 3 feet tall x 3 feet wide x 5 feet long and should weigh 50 pounds or less
- 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
- Tie branch piles with natural twine or rope (no nylon, plastic or metal)
- Place branch piles in the parkway by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled pickup week. **Once Village crews pass area they will not return if branches are put out later in the week.**
- Branches should be lined up as close to the street as possible – cut ends facing the street

Failure to follow the guidelines will result in the issuance of a Red Tag. The tag will list why the branches were not collected, steps to take to properly prepare them, and a phone number to call and reschedule the pickup. Improperly placed branches must be addressed by the Friday of your pickup week.
Planting a Tree Offers Many Benefits

Thinking of planting a tree? Spring is an excellent time for planting. With proper planting practices and care, trees can lead to a multitude of benefits. Trees can contribute to a higher quality of life by providing scenic backdrops, complimenting architecture, and bringing natural elements and wildlife habitats into urban surroundings. Property values also often increase on lots with trees.

Direct economic benefits associated with trees include the reduction of heating and cooling costs. Trees act as shade to cool your home in the summer and as a windbreak to help with heating costs in the winter months. Additional benefits of trees include improving air quality and reducing storm water runoff.

This spring, the Village encourages residents to consider improving your property by properly planting a tree. The Village Forester, Jeremy Lake, can be reached at jlake@villageoflisle.org or (630) 271-4175 to assist you with questions regarding trees. In addition, the Morton Arboretum is an excellent resource for additional information on trees.

Flood Awareness Open House April 19th

The Village of Lisle will host a Flood Awareness Open House on April 19, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lisle Village Hall, 925 Burlington Avenue. An update on the DuPage River Feasibility Study will be provided for attendees and flood protection products will be on display. Vendors will be present to assist with information on these products. Village staff members will be available to answer questions about flood preparedness and recovery, and will discuss the revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Substantial Improvement regulations.
Tips on Helping to Keep our River Clean

Keeping the curb line, roadside ditches and creeks clean of debris can help to reduce local flooding and improve the river’s water quality. When leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste makes its way into stormwater, it tends to settle in detention basins, block culverts and clog storm sewer inlets. Yard waste also contributes nutrients to the water and can lead to algae blooms that are unsightly and have detrimental impacts on wildlife.

Here are some easy to follow tips:

- Report any dumping of large debris in the river or ditches to the Village Public Works Department at (630) 271-4170. Pollution of waterways and ditches is in violation of Village Code (8-1-1).
- Compost your yard waste away from any area that stormwater passes through or set it out to be collected at the curb.
- Collect and bag pet waste and place in the trash.
- If your property is next to a creek, detention pond or the river, keep the banks clear of trash and debris.
- Refrain from fertilizing within ten feet of any creek or pond on your property.
- Read the labels of fertilizers and pesticides and apply judiciously. Consider reducing your use or organic options.

Be a River Sweep Volunteer! May 19th

The annual Conservation Foundation’s DuPage County River Sweep will take place on Saturday, May 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the River Sweep is to encourage volunteers to help by picking up debris in and along the local waterways and restoring nearby land back to its natural state. Individual volunteers may request being assigned to a group or may work independently in an area of their choosing. Volunteers can sign up online by visiting www.theconservationfoundation.org. Individuals with questions can contact Village Stormwater Administrator, Marilyn Sucoe, at (630) 271-4107 or msucoe@villageoflisle.org.
The Month of May is Building Safety Month

The Month of May is Building Safety Month, a public awareness campaign targeted at helping individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable buildings. In support of this effort, the Village offers the following tips to keep you and your home or business safe:

- **Check your Smoke Detectors** – Replace smoke detectors every 10 years and if needed, replace batteries that are spent. Add detectors on every level of your home and in each bedroom.

- **Install a Carbon Monoxide Detector** – Make sure you have a CO detector within 15 feet of every sleeping room in your home.

- **Use Electrical Cords Safely** – Overloaded outlets and undersized electrical extension cords can create a fire or electrocution danger. Electrical cords and power strips have a designated load capacity. Never overload electrical cords or power strips, and don’t use appliances that have damaged cords.

- **Have an Escape Plan** – During a home emergency, such as a fire, it is important that all occupants are able to get out and that emergency personnel are able to get in. Have a plan for exiting your home and make sure hallways are clear of obstructions to allow for safe exiting.

Village Continues to Reduce Flood Losses

The Village of Lisle continued efforts to mitigate flooding this winter, which included arranging for the elevation of five floodplain homes. With assistance from a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant, these homes are scheduled to be elevated later this year and will entail placing the existing homes on raised foundations. The raised foundations are designed to allow floodwaters to flow under the elevated home. The new, lower portion of the home will be restricted to storage only. The demolition of two more homes was completed this winter, bringing the total of homes demolished by the Village and DuPage County to twenty two. Those interested in learning more about these projects, or other flood mitigation efforts, are encouraged to attend the Flood Awareness Open House on April 19th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Lisle Village Hall, 925 Burlington Avenue.
Village Adds to Management Team

Changes to the Village Manager’s Office have been ongoing to improve efficiencies and service delivery to Lisle residents. Village Manager Eric Ertmoed, who was appointed last July, has made two key hires in adding to the Village’s management team. The appointments include Jack Knight as Assistant Village Manager and Michael Smetana as Development Services Director.

Jack Knight joined the Village of Lisle this past December, filling the Assistant Village Manager position that was vacant after Mr. Ertmoed was appointed Village Manager. Mr. Knight will be working with the Village Manager and staff to implement Village Board priorities and objectives throughout the community and within organization. His areas of responsibility include human resources, risk management, technology, communications, utility/franchise agreements and other general municipal functions. Prior to joining Lisle, Mr. Knight worked in the Villages of Woodridge and Orland Park. He holds a Masters of Public Affairs (MPA) from Indiana University and Bachelor’s degree from Loras College.

Michael Smetana joined the Village in January, and has an integral role in the Village’s reorganization of the Village Manager’s Office and the Community & Economic Development Department. This transition includes shifting economic development responsibilities to the Village Manager’s Office, reviewing departmental procedures, and retitling the department to Development Services. Mr. Smetana supervises services related to planning and zoning, building permits, construction, code compliance, floodplain and stormwater administration, and engineering.

Mr. Smetana previously worked for Will County government in various capacities (e.g. Senior Planner, Associate Planner, Assistant Planner and Code Enforcement Manager) and most recently held the position of Chief Building Official and Building Division Director in the Land Use Department. He holds a Masters of Public Administration from DePaul University, a Bachelor’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Illinois – Urbana, and certificates from the American Institute of Certificated Planners (AICP) and International Code Council. He is also an Illinois Licensed Real Estate Broker.
Secretary of State Mobile Unit to Visit Lisle

The Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be visiting Lisle on April 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Representatives will be located in the Lisle Village Hall, located at 925 Burlington Avenue and will help individuals:

- Renew, replace, or correct driver’s licenses and state ID cards
- Purchase vehicle registration renewal stickers for license plates (including B-truck plates)
- Register vehicle titles
- Receive parking placards for persons with disabilities

Proper identification at the time of service and acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards. Cash is not accepted. Learn more about the Secretary of State’s Office at www.ilsos.gov.

Be Twice as Green on St. Patrick’s Day – Sustainable Saturday is March 17th!

This year’s Sustainable Saturday will be held on Saturday, March 17th from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Benedictine University Rice Parking Lot at 5700 College Road. The Village of Lisle, Benedictine University, DuPage County and SCARCE encourage you to bring electronics, rechargeable and household batteries, bicycles, building / hardware supplies, textiles and more to be recycled. **TVs and monitors will be accepted for a fee of $25 - $35 depending on size.** Again this year, Polystyrene foam #6 and clean food service foam and #6 packaging foam blocks will also be accepted.

Sustainable Saturday will take place in lieu of the March Monthly Electronics Recycling Event that normally occurs in Downtown Lisle on the third Saturday of the month. Participants must enter off Maple Avenue, west of Benedictine University and follow the route through the campus to the drop-off in the Rice Parking Lot. The entrance off Maple Avenue is the ONLY entrance for use during Sustainable Saturday as there will be no access to the event from College Road. Please allow sufficient time for drop off. Due to anticipated large traffic volume, there may be periodic delays. Please come out and do something good for the planet – and your garage! Learn more at www.villageoflisle.org.
Mayor Announces 2018 Community Spirit Award Recipients

At this year’s State of the Village Address, Mayor Chris Pecak announced that Trinity Lutheran Church and members Rita Pereira and Amy Narot were the recipients of this year’s Community Spirit Award. The award recognizes outstanding service to the community. In his presentation of the awards, Mayor Pecak highlighted how Trinity Lutheran Church opened its doors to serve as a shelter during the October 2017 Flood and served as a collection site for donations for flood-affected families. Both Rita Pereira and Amy Narot organized and participated in neighborhood cleanup efforts and managed the donation process. Congratulations to this year’s winners!

Construction or Landscaping Projects?
Check Permitting When Making Your Plans

Spring is a popular time to begin projects around the house and yard. Whether you are considering a kitchen remodel, a new patio, installing a shed, or another improvement, it is important to check if a building permit is required. The Village encourages everyone to be a good neighbor by researching whether a permit is required prior to beginning your project.

Projects as simple as installing new landscaping 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). Following local building codes helps ensure projects are completed safely, do not pose hazards, and helps to avoid costly expenditures to correct problems that could have been easily avoided. Following building codes may also assist with selling a home or business, as many potential purchasers now review building permit records prior to making a purchasing decision.

The Village’s Development Services Department is responsible for administering the permitting process. Staff is available to review your plans, determine if a permit is required and provide an overview of the permit application process when needed. Contact staff at (630) 271-4150 to discuss your project or review permit information and applications online at www.villageoflisle.org/buildingpermits. As a reminder, always call 811 to locate utility lines before digging.
Upcoming Events – Visit villageoflisle.org for more information.

Arbor Day Celebration

**Friday, April 27th** - Join in the Arbor Day Celebration at 10:00 a.m. next to Chesterbrook Academy, 4622 Lacey Avenue. A ceremonial tree will be planted along Front Street and a limited supply of tree saplings will be given out to attendees.

Police Department Open House and Public Works Touch a Truck event

**Thursday, May 17th** - Learn more about Village services during the Police Department Open House and Public Works Touch a Truck event from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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, children can enjoy a bounce house and giant slide, give-a-ways and more.

DuPage County River Sweep

**Saturday, May 19th** - The annual DuPage County River Sweep is scheduled for Saturday May 19th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. River Sweep is a county-wide stream cleanup and restoration event in which volunteers pick up debris in and along the waterways and restoring adjacent land back to its natural state.
Dragonfly Landing Splash Pad opens!

**Saturday, May 26th** – The popular Dragonfly Landing Splash Pad opens! The splash pad opens daily from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. The pad is located at Garfield Avenue and Route 53.

Memorial Day Parade

**Monday, May 28th** – The Memorial Day Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. 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 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Village offices are closed.

Rain Barrel Sales Begin in April

The Village is hosting a rain barrel sale in conjunction with The Conservation Foundation. Starting in April, individuals can visit the Village website, www.villageoflisle.org, to download an order form. The rain barrels cost $60 and are available in black, terra cotta, grey and blue colors. Home deliveries of rain barrels are available for an additional $5 each or barrels can be picked up at Lisle Village Hall on Friday, June 8th, or Sunday, June 10th.
A Note from Mayor Pecak…

The Village has been busy through the winter. This past December, the Village Board made the decision to not increase the Village’s portion of the property tax levy. This was an important decision aimed at decreasing the tax burden on Lisle residents. The Village has taken steps to work within its means during the upcoming year and is poised to approve a budget with this in mind.

The Village continues to work towards cost savings for residents. Part of this ongoing effort includes restructuring of the Village Manager’s Office. This entailed reassigning economic development efforts to the office and securing more cost effective means to communicate Village information to the public. It has also included an Intergovernmental Agreement with DuPage County for Geographical Information System (GIS) services. This innovative arrangement will allow for a DuPage County GIS technician to maintain the Village’s GIS system for two days a week and represents savings of approximately $60,000 annually.

GIS assists the Village in sharing online maps that display a variety of information such as zoning designations, leaf and branch pickup schedules, floodplain information, location of neighborhoods, and other information relevant to living in Lisle. Beyond that, the system is an invaluable tool to staff in the conduct of their everyday work, and can be used for a myriad of uses, from mapping Village infrastructure to land contours and parcel lot lines.

I am honored to be the Mayor of Lisle and will continue working to make this community the great place it is to live and raise a family. I look forward to seeing you this spring and catching up at one of the many great community events we have planned!

Chris Pecak