Celebrate the Holidays in Downtown Lisle!

There are so many activities going on in downtown Lisle on December 1 – 2, 2018! See below for a list of these family-friendly events as the holiday season gets into full swing.

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

**3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Once Upon a Christmas**
Celebrate with the Lisle Park District and the Lisle Heritage Society at The Museums at Lisle Station Park, 921 School Street! Activities include brick-oven baking, holiday wagon rides, blacksmithing, model railroad trains on display, crafts, music and more.

**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Villa St. Benedict’s, “Let Your Love Shine On”**
Enjoy the 3rd Annual Memorial Luminary Illumination display at the Villa St. Benedict Campus, 1920 Maple Avenue.

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3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Food Trucks and Christmas Karaoke** Delicious food will be available for purchase, then sing a Christmas Classic at Burlington Square at the southeast corner of Main and Burlington.

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Merry on Main** Join downtown Lisle businesses and the Downtown Business and Retail Association for family fun and holiday cheer! Main Street businesses in downtown Lisle will feature in-store events, holiday specials, family-friendly games, and have a best-dressed, “Christmas Story” window display contest!

4:30 p.m. **Santa Light Parade** Watch as Santa arrives in downtown Lisle 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, and then along Burlington Avenue to Village Hall at 925 Burlington Avenue. Santa then continues on to the Museums at Lisle Station Park, 921 School Street, to visit with children until 8:00 p.m.!

3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Live Holiday Entertainment** Enjoy seasonal musical performances in the Lisle Village Hall Board Room, 925 Burlington Avenue, by Paryl Music Studio and the St. Joan of Arc Elementary Choir.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Ice Carving Demonstration** Watch a plain old block of ice undergo a transformation into a beautiful sculpture at The Museums at Lisle Station Park, 921 School Street!

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Holiday Trolley** Travel in style through downtown Lisle to view festive shops and decorations, then on to PrairieWalk Pond at Burlington and Garfield avenues to view the luminarias.

**Dusk. Lights of Lisle** Prepare to be awed as thousands of luminarias line the downtown streets and PrairieWalk Pond at Burlington and Garfield avenues!

6:00 p.m. **Tree Lighting Ceremony** Kick off the holiday season with the lighting of the spruce tree in front of Village Hall, 925 Burlington Avenue. Planted in 2016, the tree has become a regular part of the holiday tradition in Lisle. 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 served by volunteers from the Lisle Infant Welfare League.

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

9:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. **Lisle Santa Train** Join Santa and costumed characters for a 75-minute holiday train ride starting at the Lisle Train Station that heads to Chicago and back to Lisle! Advance tickets are required, please call 630-769-1000 for more information.

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Once Upon a Christmas** Ride a holiday wagon from the Lisle Santa Train to The Museums at Lisle Station Park, 921 School Street, to celebrate the holidays with museum tours, blacksmithing, pie baking, crafts and a gift shop. Join Stephanie Boesso and piano students of “Piano Frontiers Ensemble” from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. as they perform holiday music and interactive sing-alongs! Say hello to Santa at the historic Lisle Depot and check out the live reindeer that traveled with Santa from the North Pole!
Get Out and Explore Lisle this Winter!

We may be heading towards winter, but that doesn’t mean you need to stay bundled up indoors! This season, take the opportunity to explore the things in Lisle you haven’t experienced yet, or revisit the things you haven’t done in a while. Lisle is rich with options to enjoy outdoor winter recreation including downhill skiing at Four Lakes Village, or slower paced options such as cross-country ski or snowshoe trips across the beautiful Morton Arboretum. PrairieWalk Pond offers a scenic place to experience the outdoors, as does the Museums at Lisle Station Park.

Feel like tackling other hands-on activities? Explore your creative side by assembling a distinctive creation at The Collective & Makery, try your hand at the pottery wheel at ClaySpace Ceramic Arts Studio, or tap into your inner artist at The Art Room! Learn how to make a world-class pizza during one of the classes held at the North American Pizza & Culinary Academy or try the Crazy Bananas dessert at Paisan’s! Prefer thoughts of a warm-weather getaway? Enjoy a taste of paradise as you sip a tropical drink and watch the aquarium fish swim leisurely by at Chinn’s 34th Street Fishery.

Looking for a different kind of escape? 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. Learn more about the natural world and view a whale skeleton at the Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum, located on the second floor of the Michael and Kay Birck Hall of Science at Benedictine University. As you can tell, there’s plenty to check out in Lisle – make this winter your time to take it all in.

Lisle Receives Financial Reporting Award for 15th Year

The Village of Lisle recently earned a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the fifteenth year in a row. The award recognized the Village for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2017 and acknowledges the Village’s efforts in going beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles. Additionally, it recognizes the preparation of comprehensive annual financial reports that reflect a spirit of transparency and full disclosure.
New Signs at Lisle Train Station Help Connect Transportation Options

Commuters can now more easily connect to transportation options in Lisle and the greater metropolitan area. Signs have recently gone up at the Lisle Train Station to help commuters better understand their options when it comes to transportation between the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and PACE transportation systems.

The new modular system includes wayfinding signs that direct customers to bus and train boarding areas at the train station. Information panels also include details on routes and schedules for trains and buses. The signs and panels will help to make connections clearer between transportation systems, in addition to making scheduling and route information more accessible.

Lisle joins 19 other locations throughout the region in this program, and is one of three participating locations in DuPage County. These new communication tools have been provided to the Village at no cost through a partnership between the Village of Lisle and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

Winter Driving Safety Tips

Snow, ice, and other winter conditions can make driving dangerous. The Village of Lisle offers the following tips to ensure the safest travels possible during winter driving conditions:

- Seatbelts can prevent serious injury in the event of a crash; be sure to buckle up.
- Text messages or phone calls can wait! Refrain from using handheld devices while driving – it’s an Illinois law.
- Slow down when conditions are poor; ice and snow make roads more dangerous and oftentimes require additional time for a vehicle to stop. Snowplow drivers have restricted fields of vision, which can be especially challenging during snow storms: Give these drivers ample space on the road.
- When possible, avoid traveling in inclement weather, and if it is unavoidable, share your travel routes with others. Keep an emergency kit with jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield wiper fluid, a shovel, ice scraper, blankets, flashlights, energy bars, water, kitty litter (for traction) and a first aid kit in your car.
Holiday Shopping – Lisle Style!

Individuals are encouraged to shop, dine and take advantage of holiday events in Lisle this winter! Lisle has a rich variety of locally-owned and operated businesses, all of which can provide a gratifying, personalized and unique experience for customers and patrons. Spend a day perusing what is offered at retailers throughout the Village, enjoy a satisfying meal, or take advantage of the many professional services that are offered!

Shopping in the community offers the convenience of traveling shorter distances to make purchases and can provide the added benefit of meeting and getting to know the owners of Lisle businesses. Local businesses contribute to the community in many ways, including sponsoring youth sports teams, hosting fundraisers for charitable causes and providing other enriching events that make Lisle so unique and inviting.

Shopping in Lisle also helps keep sales tax dollars within the community, helps local businesses thrive, provides employment opportunities, and helps provide revenue to support emergency services, road maintenance, and other services. Every shopping dollar spent in Lisle counts, so please consider exploring and experiencing all that Lisle has to offer! Visit the Village’s website at villageoflisle.org for an excellent resource on shopping opportunities by searching ‘Shopping Districts’.
Help Prevent Flooding During Winter Months

Prepare for the winter by ensuring storm drains on your property are free of leaves and branches! Sudden thaws of a heavy snow pack, along with rain during winter months, can produce large amounts of water runoff in a short period of time. Because the ground is hard and oftentimes still frozen from low winter temperatures, water cannot penetrate the ground to be reabsorbed. When this occurs, the water then runs off the surface and flows into streams and rivers. This can be exacerbated by fall leaves and branches obstructing storm drains on properties, or on the streets in front of homes. Please report obstructed storm drains in the street to the Village’s Public Works Department at 630-271-4170. Residents in areas that are susceptible to winter flooding should prepare in advance for flood conditions.

These preparations should include:

- Purchasing a flood insurance policy if you do not already have one
- Reviewing the current insurance policy and becoming familiar with what is and is not covered
- Making a flood plan, which includes evacuation routes and keeping important papers in a safe, waterproof place
- Itemizing and taking pictures of possessions

Floodplain Maps and Insurance Information

Floodplain maps, called Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), show the location of the regulatory floodplain in Lisle. The function of these maps is to establish premiums for flood insurance. Review the floodplain maps on the Village of Lisle website, at Village Hall, at the Lisle Library District, and on FEMA’s Map Service Center website at msc.fema.gov/portal/home.

Flood insurance is available to everyone, and covers losses when water enters a home through the foundation, window wells or doorways. Coverage can be added to a homeowner’s policy for other sources of water damage, such as basement seepage, sanitary backup and sump pump overflow. Remember that flood insurance takes 60 days to go into effect. Individuals interested in flood insurance are encouraged to reach out to their insurance agent.
Life Saving Award Recipients Recognized

Three Lisle police officers and two private citizens were honored for their efforts to help victims during two separate and serious accidents on Village roadways this year.

Life Saving Awards were given to Lisle Police Officers Pat Mahoney and Dean Anders due to their efforts during a traffic accident in May that involved a head-on collision. The accident caused several people to be trapped in vehicles, some of which were bleeding and had life-threatening injuries. Once victims were freed from their vehicles, both officers applied bandages and tourniquets to stop the bleeding.

A Department Commendation was given to Sergeant Rob Sommer, who was also a first responder during this accident. He was recognized for the assistance he provided to the injured individuals and their families during the follow-up investigation.

Civilian Life Saving Awards were given to Christine Gray and Blanca Gomez. The two women helped to pull an injured driver from her vehicle and moved her a safe distance away from the accident scene, just prior to the car becoming engulfed in flames. Gray and Gomez’s efforts were recognized as instrumental in saving the woman’s life.

The Village of Lisle Police Department’s Awards and Citations Program recognizes personal achievements, meritorious service, and heroic actions of citizens and law enforcement personnel who have contributed significantly to the accomplishments of the Police Department, and the law enforcement profession.
Lisle Welcomes New Businesses!

The Village of Lisle would like to extend a warm welcome to these, and other businesses, that joined the community in 2018:

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Make Recycling a Part of your Holiday!

Recycle your Holiday Lights

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 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., now through February 1, 2019. Accepted lights include mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights and extension cords - all of which are free of charge to recycle. No garland or wreaths will be accepted. This program is made possible through a partnership between the Village and Elgin Recycling. For questions, call 630-271-4100 or email lisle@villageoflisle.org.

Recycle your Christmas Trees

Christmas trees can be recycled curbside on Wednesday, January 2 and January 9, 2019. To prepare trees for collection, please remove ornaments, tinsel, lights and tree stands before placing them at the curb. Flocked trees, trees with shiners, tinsel, light bulbs, glitter, wire or plastic trees, or trees in plastic bags will not be collected.
Lisle Residents Have Another Option to Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

Lisle residents have an additional option when it comes to disposing of their household hazardous waste. The Village’s refuse service provider, Lakeshore Recycling Systems, has announced its online portal for residents seeking to dispose of materials that should not be disposed of as part of the regular weekly waste hauling and recycling collection. The portal provides helpful information, such as what materials are accepted, and the proper way to package the waste. The next scheduled collection of these materials will be February 26, 2019. Visit the LRS website at LRSRecycles.com. For more information, call 630-581-8650 or email Service@LRSRecycles.com.

Living in Lisle – Important Dates

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Village Tree Pruning at a Glance

Parkway trees clean the air, shade our streets, increase property values and add to the community’s appearance. To protect these assets, the Village undertakes tree pruning efforts which improve structure, enhances vigor, and increases a tree’s aesthetic appeal. Pruning also serves to maintain safe conditions for all motorists and pedestrians as they move through the Village’s streets and properties.

Parkway trees receive two types of pruning, which include training and maintenance pruning. Training young trees involves pruning to develop a branching habit that ensures structural strength, accentuates the tree’s natural growth, and minimizes maintenance once the tree is mature. Maintenance pruning on older trees removes hazards and improves vigor. The amount of pruning each tree needs depends on species, growth characteristics, tree size, and condition.

Trees are trimmed to a minimum height over the roadway to allow for safe clearance by all vehicular and pedestrian traffic, as well as to ensure that signage in the parkway is clearly visible. Please leave parkway tree pruning to Village employees to ensure it is done properly. Concerns regarding parkway trees, or questions over whether a tree falls into a Village-owned right-of-way can be directed to the Village Forester Jeremy Lake at 630-271-4175 or via email at jlake@villageoflisle.org.
Energy Assistance Applications Now Being Accepted

To assist with home heating and energy bills during the winter months, applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are now being accepted for seniors (60+), people with disabilities, individuals who have been disconnected from services, and those from households with children ages 5 and under. All other eligible households may begin applying on December 5, 2018. Benefits are paid directly to the utilities on behalf of eligible households. Individuals must qualify to receive assistance and are required to provide a variety of documentation such as a social security card, proof of income, a lease, and current electric or heating bills. For more information, DuPage County residents can call 800-942-9412 (toll-free) or visit dupageco.org/LIHEAP/.

Stay Informed and Connect with the Village of Lisle

The Village of Lisle has a variety of communication tools that are utilized to provide timely and important information to the public. These tools include five different social media pages, this quarterly print newsletter, a bi-monthly E-newsletter, several other Village electronic-communications and CodeRED for emergencies.

Please visit the link below to connect with the Village of Lisle and stay informed on information and news from the Village at villageoflisle.org/712/Stay-Informed.
A Note from Mayor Pecak…

A very warm season’s greeting! This time of year is such a wonderful time to be in Lisle. I have many fond memories of winter in Lisle, including clearing the Village’s downtown ice rink of snow a few years ago. Besides enjoying the beautiful wintertime scenery, there is much to do this time of year. Please review the included list of events coming up at the beginning of December – including the Lights of Lisle, Once Upon a Christmas at Lisle Station Park, the Santa Train to Chicago and back, and one of the newer traditions, Merry on Main, where downtown Lisle businesses will provide special offers, treats and fun activities for shoppers from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1st. Lights of Lisle is such a wonderful community tradition. The thousands of twinkling lights and luminarias create a magical setting that is awe-inspiring to those that are gathered together.

Beyond that, be sure to check out the article containing suggestions for things to do in Lisle during the winter months, as there are many interesting places and activities to go out and experience. There is so much that this community offers – sometimes it just takes a little effort to seek out a new experience.

Looking back, I am thankful for the progress our community has made over the past year. We have continued to grow and improve while honoring our Lisle identity. The addition of many fine businesses has continued efforts to provide exciting amenities and experiences to residents and visitors. The Village has worked hard to support its businesses, including recently streamlining the process in which downtown businesses can now obtain approval for outdoor dining seating or retail displays on Village sidewalks. We’ve also made great strides in modernizing building regulations to reflect current standards, and the Public Works Department has worked very diligently at beautifying the Village and ensuring Lisle’s municipal properties represent our community well.

Do you know a Lisle resident or business that deserves to be recognized? Submit a nomination for a Resident or Business of the Year by January 2, 2019. Winners will be announced at the State of the Village Address on January 21st. Check the Village website for more information including a nomination form, or visit Village Hall to obtain one.

I wish you and your families the very best during this holiday season and hope to see you at one of the many holiday events that are planned!

Sincerely,

Chris Pecak