In January, the Village Board adopted strategic priorities for the three-year period of 2019-2021. The plan provides a guide for service delivery decisions and allocating resources for the Village of Lisle organization. The priorities consist of a vision, mission, values and key performance areas in setting forth a plan.

The vision that has been set is that Lisle is actively engaged in planning for the future in a manner that balances maintaining the community’s unique identity with desired, high-quality future development. To accomplish this, the mission of the Village is to leverage its talented workforce to deliver excellent municipal services that enhances the quality of life for the community.

The Village, and its employees, serve the community while adhering to the core values of accountability, professionalism, commitment and responsiveness. The Key Strategic Performance Areas that were identified in pursuing this vision are quality economic development, inclusive community engagement, good governance to fiscal responsibility, and foster organizational excellence that delivers quality village services and dependable infrastructure.

This strategic management process formally began in June 2018 with the Village of Lisle Village Board holding visioning and action planning sessions to identify issues of priority for the Village Board and the community, developing common vision, establishing a framework for the accomplishment of short and long-term goals, and identifying key issues to address. More information on this process, along with associated resources, can be found at www.villageoflisle.org.
Front counter operations for the Business Office and Development Service departments have merged into one Customer Service Center in an effort to provide single-stop, multipurpose walk-in and call-in customer service. This new arrangement at the Village Hall front desk provides a centralized point for permitting, licensing, payment processing, general information, and referrals. This effort seeks to increase the convenience for individuals seeking Village services, enables the Village to respond to requests efficiently, and contributes to the streamlining of the Village’s internal business processes.

The hours of the Customer Service Center are Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on regular business days. Individuals seeking to make utility bill payments outside of business hours can deposit their payment in the silver drop box located in the Salt Storage Facility Parking Lot (west of Village Hall). Payments deposited in the box will be collected the morning of the next business day.

The Village is hosting a rain barrel sale this spring in conjunction with The Conservation Foundation. Residents can visit the Village website, www.villageoflisle.org, to download an order form. Rain barrel setup is easy by diverting water from your downspout to fill the rain barrel. A hose spigot on the front makes the water easy to access and use for watering flowers and gardens, or washing cars and windows. The 55-gallon rain barrels cost $60 plus $5 for home delivery and are available in black, terra cotta, grey, blue and green colors.

After over a year-long process, the Village Board has approved a Master Plan for the Lisle downtown. The plan will serve as a blueprint to direct growth, investment and development in the downtown area over the next ten years. The Village kicked off the process of creating this new Downtown Lisle Master Plan through the development of a Downtown Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC). The DPAC met to review and provide input on various plan components. Through a combination of DPAC meetings, public open houses, a survey, input from public officials and additional methods of gathering input, the plan encapsulates a collective vision of the development of the downtown over the next decade. Visit the Village’s website at www.villageoflisle.org to learn more about the plan and how to provide input.
At this year’s State of the Village presentation, Mayor Pecak presented the Community Recognition Award to three individuals for their outstanding efforts in supporting the community. The award winners were Paula Garcia, Gail Clark and Don Smith.

**PAULA GARCIA** - Paula Garcia was recognized for coordinating efforts and managing the Lisle Food Pantry Garden for the past two years, which included spending numerous hours planting, maintaining and harvesting the crops produced by the garden.

**GAIL CLARK** - Gail Clark was recognized for being a key volunteer at the Lisle Food Pantry Garden. She has also volunteered many hours planning and maintaining the garden and has helped to prepare the soil at the beginning of the planting season.

**DON SMITH** - Also recognized was Don Smith, who volunteers much of his time as a member of Lisle VFW Post 5696. He contributed greatly to this year’s car shows held in downtown Lisle and donated many hours coordinating a volunteer event with Home Depot at Benedictine University.

The Village of Lisle Community Recognition program honors residents and businesses that have made significant contributions to the community. The Village congratulates these individuals on receiving this well-deserved award!
Upcoming Events

**Thursday, March 21st** – The Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be in the Village Board Room at Lisle Village Hall, 925 Burlington Avenue in Lisle from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Representatives will assist residents with a number of services, including having a driver’s license duplicated, corrected or renewed, obtaining a state ID card, or registering for the Motor Voter or Organ Donor programs with the renewal of a driver’s license or state ID card.

**Saturday, March 23rd** - From 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Benedictine University Rice Parking Lot at 5700 College Road, bring electronics, rechargeable and household batteries, bicycles, building/hardware supplies, textiles and more to be recycled.

**Thursday, May 16th** - 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 demonstration and more.

**Saturday, May 18th** - The annual DuPage County River Sweep is scheduled for Saturday May 18th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. RiverSweep is a county-wide stream cleanup and restoration event in which volunteers pick up debris in and along the waterways and restore adjacent land back to its natural state.

**Saturday, May 25th** – 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.

**Monday, May 27th** – The Memorial Day Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. from 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 following the Ross Bishop VFW Cemetery ceremony. Village offices are closed.

**2019 YARD WASTE AND BRANCH PICK UP INFORMATION**

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. The program rotates collection 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.

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.

**2019 SPRING SCHEDULE: Location & Collection Week**

**North - April 29**  
**Center - May 6**  
**South - May 13**

**COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 5TH**

The Village, along with its recycling and waste disposal partner, has arranged for a Community Clean Up Day to take place on October 5, 2019. The program, (formerly Amnesty Day) will provide residents of single family homes with the option of disposing of an unlimited amount of refuse and household debris. To participate, residents simply place the items they’d like to dispose of curbside for collection. Stickers must be affixed to the first five items set out for disposal. Additional items placed out with the stickered containers will be picked up without charge. For those that have a subscription cart program, no stickers are required to participate. This event helps conclude National Fire Prevention Week, which seeks to raise awareness around fire safety. Visit firepreventionweek.org for more information on how you can help prevent fires.

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Starting the third full week of March through the second full week of December, residents can take advantage of weekly yard waste and food scrap collection services (composting) through the Village’s contract with waste hauler Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS). These services can be paid for by individual households through an optional annual subscription, or by using yard bags and stickers.

Yard waste generally includes leaves, grass cuttings, twigs, small shrubbery clippings, plants and flowers. Residents can participate by placing yard waste and/or food scraps (there is no need to separate them) in biodegradable paper bags, with stickers attached, or containers and placing them at the curb each Wednesday.

Lakeshore also offers Electronic Waste (E-Waste) collection for items such as computers, monitors, televisions and printers, among other devices, which are banned from landfills. The sticker based program occurs on the first Wednesday of every month and requires a specific number of stickers per amount of E-Waste collected. Additional details can be found at villageoflisle.org/716/E-Waste-Recycling.

Like E-Waste, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) requires specific methods of disposal. HHW consists of leftover household products that can catch fire, react or explode under certain circumstances, or that are corrosive or toxic. This option is available for residents who reside in the Village of Lisle and for household materials only. HHW may be placed in a disposable box not to exceed 24” x 24” x 24” with 20 Village of Lisle stickers on the box. LRS conducts four HHW collections per year in Lisle. Visit lrsrecycles.com for more information.

BE FLOOD READY – PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM FLOODING

The Village continues to work to reduce flood risks, but wants to remind residents that there are ways to protect your home. If you have experienced flooding, Community and Economic Development staff can meet with you discuss flood protection options, including small landscaping walls or berms, grading of swales, and overhead sanitary sewers. Please contact the Village at 630.271.4150 to set up your appointment. While working on your landscaping this year, look for ways to reduce your flood risk.

- Keep your gutters clean so that your downspouts can help direct water away from your foundation.
- Keep water flowing away from your foundation. Watch when you plant new shrubs or mulch that you don’t redirect stormwater or prevent water from draining away from your home.
- Protect a low doorway or window well with new “sandless” sand bag products. Check out the Village website for more information.
- Keep grass clippings and debris out of our creeks, storm drains and drainage swales so they are open for the flow of water.

SECRETARY OF STATE MOBILE UNIT TO VISIT LISLE – MARCH 21ST & OCTOBER 17TH

The Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be in the Village Board Room at Lisle Village Hall, 925 Burlington Avenue in Lisle, on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Representatives will assist residents with a number of services, including having a driver’s license duplicated, corrected or renewed, and obtaining a state ID card or registering for the Motor Voter or Organ Donor programs with the renewal of a driver’s license or state ID card. Residents can also renew vehicle stickers (including B-truck plates) and receive vision screenings. However, CDL licenses, written exams and road tests will not be available. An applicant renewing a current Illinois driver’s license or ID card need only present his/her current valid driver’s license or ID card if no changes are required.

Required documentation for participation includes a Social Security card and two additional forms of ID that provide name, date of birth, residency and a signature. Copies will not be accepted. There is no charge for state ID cards for seniors 65+ years; seniors 75+ years are required to visit the Department of Motor Vehicles to renew a driver’s license. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, cashier’s checks, major credit cards and debit cards. Cash will not be accepted. For those who are unable to attend, a second visit from the SOS Mobile Unit is scheduled for October 17, 2019. Learn more about the services provided by the Secretary of State at cyberdriveillinois.com or by calling the Mobile Unit at (312) 814-3676.
KEEPING AREAS THAT ARE NEAR WATERBODIES, OR THAT FEED INTO WATERBODIES SUCH AS 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.

THE ANNUAL RIVER SWEEP MAY 18TH

The annual DuPage County River Sweep is scheduled for Saturday May 18th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The River Sweep is a county-wide stream cleanup and restoration event in which volunteers pick up debris in and along the waterways and restore adjacent land back to its natural state. The 2018 River Sweep included the efforts of 800 volunteers in removing approximately 9 tons of debris from waterways and clearing over 61 miles of shoreline of trash. 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 or calling (630) 428-4500 x 121.

BRING YOUR RECYCLABLES TO SUSTAINABLE SATURDAY MARCH 23RD!

This year’s Sustainable Saturday will be held on Saturday, March 23rd 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.

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.

PLANTING A TREE OFFERS MANY BENEFITS

For those thinking of planting a tree, spring makes for an excellent time to plant. Trees can lead to a multitude of benefits including increasing property values, enhancing home and community aesthetics, as well as adding to wildlife habitat. Direct economic benefits associated with trees include the reduction of heating and cooling costs as trees act as shade to cool your home in the summer and act as a windbreak 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.
THE MONTH OF MAY IS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

The Month of May is Building Safety Month, which is an effort aimed 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 when you change the clocks for daylight saving time. 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.

A NOTE FROM MAYOR PECAK...

With spring around the corner, I am looking forward to the coming months. The Village has been planning for the year ahead which has included budgeting conservatively to meet the organization’s needs, while emphasizing the efficient use of tax payer dollars. With that in mind, the Village Board made the decision to not increase the Village’s portion of the property tax levy for the second straight year in a row. Reducing the property tax burden on residents is one example of how the Village is focused on providing the best service at the lowest cost to the residents in Lisle.

The Village continues to pursue ways to better provide service to the Lisle community. This includes the formation of a customer service center at Village Hall that was announced at the beginning of the year. The customer service center was formed from the merging of two separate departmental front counter functions into one. The goal of this merging is to provide a better customer experience, one where the customer can have their needs met all in one place rather than visiting multiple departments.

The Village Board also recently passed a strategic plan for the years 2019-2021. The vision set forth by the plan is to actively engage in planning for the future in a way that balances maintaining the community’s unique identify with desired, high-quality future development. Key areas in which the Village will pursue this vision is through its economic development efforts, inclusive community engagement, good governance, fiscal responsibility, the pursuit of organizational excellence, and provision of quality services and dependable infrastructure. I encourage you to read the article in this newsletter to learn more.

As you’ll see elsewhere in this newsletter, there are many new businesses to welcome to our community. From luxury automobiles, to premium cigars, to yarn and knitting supplies there are a diverse array of businesses that have opened in Lisle. I encourage you to take a moment to check them out.

Looking ahead, there are quite a few businesses opening in the next year which will continue to expand dining options and amenities – this includes multiple locations for coffee, an Italian tapas and gelato restaurant, and a bakery. I am looking forward to welcoming these new business into the Village, and for the many events that are planned for the spring and summer. Take a moment to check out the save the date section of this newsletter, or the Village website for upcoming events.

I’m looking forward to the warmer weather and to seeing you at upcoming events!

Sincerely, Chris Pecak

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