2020 Branch Collection Program

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SPRING 2020
Lisle Village Board Approves Property Tax Levy with No Increases

For the third year in a row, the Lisle Village Board has approved a property tax levy that does not include an increase. Property owners, on average, will see a reduction in the Village of Lisle’s portion of their 2019 property tax bill, payable by property owners in 2020. Services provided by the Village will remain unaffected. Through newly constructed properties within the Village’s boundaries sharing in the remittance of property taxes, residents are expected to see a reduction in the Village’s portion of their tax bill.

Specifically, the Village of Lisle property tax rate is projected to decrease by approximately 3% from last year, due to growth in the tax base which includes an increase in Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) and the value of new construction. The Village receives approximately $0.06 of every $1.00 paid in property taxes, or six percent of a resident’s overall tax bill, with the remainder being paid to other taxing bodies such as schools, DuPage County, and other service districts.

Village to Host Spring Rain Barrel Sales

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.

FY 2020-2021 Proposed Village Budget

The Village has prepared a proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021, which begins May 1, 2020.

Over the past few months, the Village Board and staff have worked to review Village programs and services, as well as funding levels. The Village budget is balanced without an increase in taxes or fees. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for March 16, 2020. Village code requires that an approved budget be in place by April 30th.

2019 Community Recognition Award Winners

At this year’s State of the Village presentation, Mayor Pecak presented the Community Recognition Award to two individuals for their outstanding efforts in supporting the community. The award winners were Don Johnson and Horst Korallus. Don Johnson is an active member of the Lisle Heritage Society and authors articles for its newsletter. He has volunteered many hours to build the new exhibit at Lisle Station Park and researching Lisle history. He was nominated by Don Smith.

Horst Korallus is the owner of Volvo and Honda of Lisle. Horst, and his late brother Gunther, have operated their business in Lisle for over 40 years, supporting the community with sales tax associated with vehicle sales. Recently, a large, expansive renovation of the Volvo dealership was undertaken demonstrating a continued commitment to the Lisle community.

Many worthy nominations were submitted, and the Village would like to thank all those that participated. Honorable mentions for this year’s program include Heidi Otto, Lori Mandel, Debbie Bradley, Trustee Marie Hasse, The Carlin Nalley Foundation, and Louie Jankulla of Euro Crepes & Pizzeria.

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!
Update on the Village’s 2019-2021 Strategic Priorities

The Village Board adopted strategic priorities for 2019-2021 in January of last year. The plan provides a guide for service delivery decisions and the allocation of resources in Village operations. The adopted document consists of a vision, mission, values and key performance areas in setting forth a plan. Highlights of strategies and actions that have been accomplished at the conclusion of year one of the plan include:

- The approval of an Economic Development Incentive Policy.
- Completion of the annual road program, sidewalk replacements, ditch re-grading, crack sealing, and the Oakview Drive storm sewer project.
- Key hires made in the Village’s Development Services, Finance, Public Works and the Village Manager’s Office departments.
- Membership in the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- Modernization of development-related proposal reviews, applications and codes.

Additional major projects related to the strategic priorities include actions identified in the DuPage River feasibility study, zoning code revisions, establishment of the Lisle Economic Development Partnership Corporation, water system needs assessment and rate study, financial policy revisions, Village website redesign, downtown and commuter parking assessment, review of fines and fees, and migration of all Village boards and commissions to an online portal.

More information on this process, along with associated resources, can be found at www.villageoflisle.org.

Be Flood Ready – Protect Your Property from Flooding

The Village continues to work to reduce flood risks, and wants to remind residents that there are ways to protect your home. If you have experienced flooding, Development Services staff can meet with you to 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.

Responsible Property Maintenance

Proper maintenance of a property is a responsibility shared by homeowners. The Village wants to remind property owners of the five common property maintenance problems that can occur during the spring and summer months.

- Grass taller than 8 inches in height – This applies to all weeds, grasses, vegetation, and plant growth.
- Garbage cans stored in front of a residence – Waste, recycling, and yard waste containers may be placed along the street between 4 p.m. the day prior to garbage pick-up and should be removed by 8 p.m. the day of garbage pick-up.
- Signs placed in the public right-of-way
- Dilapidated fencing – Accessory structures, including detached garages, fences, and walls, should be maintained, structurally sound, and in good repair.
- Sump pump or gutter discharge within 3 feet of a property line

For questions regarding property maintenance, contact Customer Service at (630) 271-4150.
New Businesses

Manna Kitchen 2801 Ogden Avenue  Plant-Based Fast Casual Restaurant
R. Urban 4738 Main Street  Wine Bar and Cafe
Anju Software 4343 Commerce Court  Life Science Software Provider
American Commercial Bank and Trust 4733 Main Street  Bank
F45 South Lisle 6462-6464 College Rd  Fitness Studio
Boyce Chiropractic 4716 Main Street  Chiropractor

Businesses Coming Soon

The Beer and Now 2801 Ogden Avenue  Bottle Shop & Taproom
Fit Body Boot Camp 2727-2731 Maple Ave  Fitness studio
Anam Cara Montessori 5100 & 5116 South  Daycare Facility
& Language Academy Lincoln Avenue
PoundCake Bakery BNSF/METRA  Rail Station Concession

Bring Your Recyclables to Sustainable Saturday March 21!

This year’s Sustainable Saturday will be held on March 21 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. Latex paint will be accepted for a fee depending on the amount.

Sustainable Saturday will take place in lieu of the March Quarterly Electronics Recycling Event that normally occurs in Downtown Lisle. 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 villageoflisle.org.

Adult-Use Recreational Cannabis FAQ’s

On January 1, 2020, the Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act (CRTA) went into effect throughout Illinois. The following are frequently asked questions regarding the new law:

Q: Is the recreational sale of cannabis permitted in the Village of Lisle?

No, the Village Board passed an ordinance on October 7, 2019 that prohibits cannabis-based businesses from operating within the Village of Lisle.

Q: Who is allowed to smoke cannabis recreationally in Illinois under the new law?

If you are 21 years old or older, you will be allowed to purchase marijuana from licensed sellers and smoke it in Illinois.

Q: How much recreational cannabis can I possess in Illinois under the new law?

Beginning on January 1, 2020, if you are 21 years or older and an Illinois resident it will be legal for you to possess 30 grams of cannabis (flower), 5 grams of cannabis concentrate, or cannabis-infused products containing up to 500 milligrams of THC. Non-Illinois residents will be permitted to have half these amounts.

Q: Where will I be allowed to consume cannabis in Illinois under the new law?

It will be legal to smoke cannabis in your residence and in businesses that permit marijuana smoking.

Q: Where is consumption prohibited?

Even though cannabis will be legal in Illinois, you will still not be permitted to smoke recreationally in public places, in motor vehicles, on school grounds, or in proximity to anyone under the age of 21. For the purpose of this act, a Public place means any place where a person could reasonably be expected to be observed by others.

To learn more about adult-use recreational cannabis, visit villageoflisle.org/768/Adult-Use-Cannabis-FAQs.
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 and Carbon Monoxide 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. 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.

Build Responsibly - Is a Permit Required?

Spring is the time of year when many people begin projects around the house and yard. Whether considering a kitchen remodel, building addition, 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 Development Services 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.

Memorial Day Observance
Monday, May 25

The VFW Ross Bishop Memorial Post #5696 and Lisle-Woodridge Fire District invites the community to the annual Memorial Day observance. The parade begins at 10:00 AM from Lisle Junior High School and will proceed down Main Street to School Street ending at the Lisle Veterans Memorial. A ceremony will immediately follow at the Memorial and then again at the Lisle Cemetery. A free community picnic will immediately follow on the grounds of The Museums at Lisle Station Park.

To register to be in the parade or to sponsor this event, please contact Wendy Nadeau, Cultural Arts, Rental & Office Manager at the Lisle Park District, at (630) 353-4303 or wnadeau@lisleparkdistrict.org.

Arbor Day Celebration Friday, April 24

Arbor Day was first celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska as a way to increase the planting of trees. Today Arbor Day is celebrated in many countries around the world and helps raise awareness of the social, ecological, and economic benefits trees provide.

The Village of Lisle invites residents to participate in Arbor Day celebrations on Friday, April 24 at 10 a.m. A ceremonial tree will be planted at Prairie Walk Pond. If you have any questions or need an inspection of your own trees, please call the Village Forester, Tim March, at (630) 271-4175.
Secretary of State Mobile Unit to Visit Lisle on March 19th

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 19 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, REAL IDs, 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 to present a 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. Learn more about the services provided by the Secretary of State at cyberdrivillinois.com or by calling the Mobile Unit at (312) 814-3676.

Living in Lisle – Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 19 • 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.

Saturday, March 21 • Sustainable Saturday will take place from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Benedictine University Rice Center Parking Lot at 5700 College Road.

Friday, April 24 • Join in the Arbor Day Celebration at 10:00 a.m. at Prairie Walk Pond.

Wednesday, May 13 • Learn more about Village services during the Police Department Open House and Public Works Touch a Truck event from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 16 • The annual DuPage County River Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Saturday, May 23 • 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.

Monday, May 25 • The Memorial Day Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. from Lisle Jr High School to Downtown.

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2020 Yard Waste, Food Scrap Composting and Branch Collection Information

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.

The Branch Collection 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 on right) 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 schedule of pickups and program guidelines.

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BROWN IS THE NEW GREEN
Get Ready for the 2020 Census on April 1, 2020!

Did you know the census is this year? Census Day 2020 will be observed nationwide on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Responding to the 2020 Census is a civic duty and affects the allocation of funding for a community's public resources, future planning, and voice in government. An accurate count of the population is required by law and serves as the basis for fair political representation and distribution of government and nonprofit funding. Responding to the 2020 Census is important for the following reasons:

- State population counts from the census are used to reappoint seats in the U.S. House of Representatives across the 50 states.
- State and local officials use census results to help redraw congressional, state, and local district boundaries to meet the one-person, one-vote rule.
- Governments and nonprofit organizations rely on census data to determine the need for new roads, hospitals, schools, and other public-sector investments. Census data is also vital to businesses to address the changing needs of the U.S. population.
- In 2015, Census data was used to distribute more than $675 billion in federal funds to states and local communities for health, education, housing, and infrastructure programs.

For the first time, citizens can respond to the census online. Responding by mail is still an option. Census Bureau representatives will begin visiting homes in May 2020 if responses are not received by April 1, 2020. This is to ensure everyone is counted. To learn about the 2020 Census, how the data collected will be used, and what to expect next, visit villageoflisle.org/771/2020-Census.

Bicycling and Pedestrian Master Plan Update

The Village has begun working with the Active Transportation Alliance to develop an update to the 2008 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. A bicycle and pedestrian plan provides a detailed action plan for potential improvements to biking, walking, and transit in the Village. Additionally, a bicycle and pedestrian study places strong emphasis on creating safe connections to important destinations in the Village, with particular emphasis on access to various business corridors, downtowns, local parks, and schools.

A bicycle and pedestrian survey was created to receive resident feedback on bicycling activity, local destinations, and barriers to walking or biking. An online mapping exercise was also offered for residents to provide input on routes that are comfortable and uncomfortable for walking and biking, difficult crossings, and destinations.

On December 4, 2019, Village staff, Lisle Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and the Active Transportation Alliance hosted a community meeting about the upcoming update to the Lisle Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, heard feedback that was submitted, and discussed ideas to make the Lisle community friendlier for bicyclists and pedestrians. To learn more about the planning process, visit villageoflisle.org.

Village to Conduct Water System Needs Assessment and Water Rate Analysis

The Village has engaged a consultant to perform a water system needs assessment and water rate analysis of Village infrastructure. A water system needs assessment consists of an investigation to evaluate the age and condition of water towers, water treatment equipment, water mains, pipes, valves, and other system components in an effort to determine the future capital needs of the system. Information gathered during this process is then used to develop a plan for future capital investment.

Once a capital investment plan is developed for the system, revenues are analyzed and recommendations are made for the development of a sustainable financing model that will enable the capital investment plan to be carried out. This portion of the work is referred to as conducting a water rate analysis where current water rates, costs of provisioning water, anticipated increases in the cost of wholesale water, and the revenues generated from the water system operation are taken into account in addition to consumer trends, neighboring water rates, and other factors. To learn more, visit villageoflisle.org or call Public Works at (630) 271-4170.
A Note from Mayor Pecak

There is always a lot happening in Lisle during the winter months, and this year has been no exception. At this year’s State of the Village Address, I shared how the Village Board chose to not increase the Village’s portion of the 2019 property tax levy. This decision was aimed at decreasing the tax burden on Lisle residents, making it the third straight year in a row of no increase. The Village has taken steps to work within its means during the upcoming year and is looking forward to approving the annual budget this spring.

My sincere appreciation goes to the volunteers that serve on the Village’s committees and commissions. Their service helps our community progress and ensures that the perspectives of our residents are represented. Their work, and the work of our talented and dedicated staff, has contributed to the many community-wide and internal improvements that have been accomplished during the first year of the Village's 2019-2021 Strategic Priorities initiative. Accomplishments include approval of an economic development incentives policy, a business development grants program, and the Village becoming a member of the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau. Large capital projects, such as the annual road and sidewalk replacement programs, also took place.

Other projects currently underway include the update to the original 2008 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, the North Connector Bike Trail, DuPage River Feasibility Study, Water System Needs Assessment and Rate Study, infrastructure improvements, and transportation planning.

A unique event on the horizon is the 2020 Census. It is important for everyone to respond to the census as a higher response rate affects funding for public resources, future planning, and our voice in government. For the first time in history, the 2020 Census will be easier than ever to respond to with the ability to respond online. I encourage everyone to respond in a timely manner.

This spring, I look forward to welcoming new businesses throughout town and our spring events including the Police and Public Works Open House. Also, be sure to stop by Benedictine University for the 12th annual Sustainable Saturday event to recycle a wide range of items.

As we anticipate signs of spring just ahead, be sure to keep an eye out for improvements throughout the community. On behalf of the Village Board, I hope to see you out and about as the weather becomes more inviting.

Volunteer to Clear Creeks & Rivers During the Annual River Sweep May 16th

The annual DuPage County River Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 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 2019 River Sweep included the efforts of 800 volunteers in removing approximately nine tons of debris from waterways and clearing trash in over 61 miles of shoreline. 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 theconservationfoundation.org or calling (630) 428-4500 x121.