



Village Newsletter

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Navistar proposes moving headquarters to Lisle

Looking back

Western Electric (subsequently AT&T Technologies) built their Network Software Systems complex in the mid-1970s on a 122-acre Lisle site chosen for its proximity to Bell Labs Indian Hill facility in Naperville. The original five buildings, behind the lake clustered around a courtyard, comprised 600,000 sq.ft. This complex was the first major player in Lisle's corporate corridor at a time when Corporate West was beginning to develop land along Warrenville Road in Lisle.

AT&T was Lisle's major employer for many years, employing several thousand people. At its high point, they overflowed into leased space in other Lisle office buildings.

AT&T Technologies was spun off, creating Lucent in 1996. Lucent's new glass-clad building at the front of the property was completed just about the time that the Dot.com bubble burst in 2001. From that point forward, Lucent has been downsizing. The company merged with Alcatel in 2006. By 2009, they had consolidated their local operations on the sister property in Naperville and put the Lisle property up for sale.

Navistar, a Fortune 500 global transportation company that manufactures trucks, school buses, service vehicles, defense equipment, and engines, has initiated the process to purchase the vacant Lucent property on Warrenville Road. Their goal is to consolidate their international headquarters with other functions on the 88-acre site that currently contains nine buildings totaling 1.1 million sq. ft., two parking garages, parking lots, and storm water detention ponds.

Redevelopment plans include demolishing two existing buildings, renovating the remaining buildings and parking facilities, constructing an advanced technology center and additional parking, and enhancing the landscaping and site amenities. The redeveloped site would then accommodate approximately 4,000 employees, contractors, and visitors. Navistar estimates that approximately 900 of these employees will be transferred from out of state facilities.

If these plans come to fruition, it would have a significant economic impact on the Village of Lisle and the surrounding region. Consequently, the Village has entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with DuPage County and the Forest Preserve District in an attempt to move this project forward. The full IGA can be viewed on the Village's website. In the agreement, the Village commits to

contributing \$500,000 to the project, while DuPage County will contribute \$1 million. Lisle would own East Lucent Drive. In addition, Navistar has requested that a TIF (Tax Incremental Financing District) be formed to help fund some of the multi-million dollar improvements that will be needed to transform the site.

On September 16th, Navistar presented its redevelopment plans to the Village's Planning and Zoning

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Online Winter Newsletter

In a continuing effort to operate more sustainably and reduce expenditures, the 4-page Winter 2010 edition of the Lisle Village Newsletter will **not** be mass produced or mailed out. It will be posted on the Village's website by late January. To be notified when it is posted, subscribe to e-Notify. (See page 3).

A limited number will be printed. Paper copies will be available for pickup in the Village Hall lobby, at Lisle Library and Lisle Park District Community Center. The effectiveness of this pilot effort will be evaluated in spring, in order to determine whether or not this practice should continue with future editions.

Named One of Money Magazine's 2007
TOP 20 "BEST PLACES TO LIVE" IN AMERICA



From the Mayor...

Isn't fall a great time of year in the Arboretum Village! The leaves are turning, the air is crisp,

and the Downtown Lisle Streetscape Project is complete! In fact, on Friday evening, June 26, the Village hosted a reopening and ribbon cutting ceremony to officially commemorate and celebrate the new look of Downtown Lisle, as well as to thank and recognize the efforts and contributions of residents, downtown businesses, elected officials, Village staff and private sector partners that made the project possible.

The celebrating in Downtown Lisle continued throughout the

summer when the Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Business Council, spearheaded by Kitty Murphy, a Lisle resident and owner of The Nook, hosted Lisle Cruise Nights on two Saturdays, one in July and other in August. Classic vehicles lined Main and School Streets, attracting hundreds of visitors. (Photo on back cover.) A great time was had by all. Special thanks to P. Martin Jewelers and Lisle Savings for their sponsorships that help made the event possible.

While I'm reflecting on this past summer's fun, I'd like to mention that Lisle's award-winning regional balloon festival, Eyes to the Skies, was an overwhelming success despite one rainy day. Many thanks to the Committee, as well as all the festival's volunteers for their dedication and efforts.

As the Village continues to work towards creating a more environmentally sustainable community, I'd like to highlight a few initiatives and programs available to residents. First, the **RxBOX**, which was installed this spring at the Lisle Police Department, provides residents the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted or expired medication. Funding for the disposal services of the program is

provided by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Secondly, due to the overwhelming success of last spring's **Sustainable Saturday** in Lisle, Village staff is working with Benedictine University and DuPage County to host a second electronics recycling event this coming spring. A date and event specifics will be posted on the Village's website and cable channel in the coming months.

Finally, as you'll read in this edition of the Village Newsletter, in an effort to reduce paper and related natural resources consumption, the Winter Newsletter will not be mass printed or directly mailed to households. Although a limited number of copies will be available at Village Hall and the Lisle Library and Park District, I would encourage you to view the Village Newsletter online. Also, by signing up for the Village's e-Notify service, subscribers can receive an email letting them know when the most recent edition of the Newsletter is available on the Village's website.

Best wishes for a great autumn and I look forward to seeing a number of you at this year's Lights of Lisle and Tree Lighting event on Saturday, December 5.



**24-hour
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630-271-4110

Use the menu to hear or leave a message. Recorded messages are changed periodically.

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each month at 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE OFFICES

Monday through Friday
Business Office: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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At the ribbon cutting for the Downtown Streetscape on June 26, Mayor Broda is surrounded by trustees, staff, consultants, and Chamber of Commerce Board members. With Main Street shut to traffic on a lovely evening, the celebration featured the new streetscape while offering food, music by Prairie Woods Woodwind Trio, and walking tours.

Autumn leaf pickup

Leaf Pickup Program

Oct. 19th through week of Nov. 16th

Public Works crews vacuum up **loose leaves** that have been raked to the parkway at single family homes within Village limits. Crews pass each residence only once each week.

- 🍁 All leaves must be placed in the front parkway (**not in the street or behind homes**) by 7:00 AM on Monday morning.
- 🍁 Leaves must be loose, not bagged, and placed as close to the edge of the street as possible.
- 🍁 Leaves must not be placed on sidewalks or in ditches. Where sidewalks abut the curb, the leaves must be placed off the sidewalk and as close to the street as possible.
- 🍁 No other materials are to be placed in the leaf pile, including grass, branches, landscape waste, etc.
- 🍁 Please do not park cars in front of leaf piles. If crews can not get to the leaf piles, they will not be picked up.

Two free brown bag pickups

Nov. 24th and Dec 1st

On these two dates only, Allied Waste will be picking up leaves that are placed in yard waste bags **without stickers**. Do not rake leaves to the curb during this time. Only leaves in bags will be picked up.

End of yard waste pickup

Dec. 8th

Allied Waste's final yard waste pickup of the season requires any yard waste bags to have yard waste **stickers attached**.

Alternatives for disposal

Instead of having leaves hauled away, use them as mulch. Onsite usage is environmentally the best practice. Chop them with a lawn mower, string trimmer, or shredder before mulching to help them stay put under trees and shrubs, etc.



Register now for radKIDS

Sat., Nov 7th, 9 am–3pm

radKIDS is a program that teaches children, ages 7 to 9 years old, to recognize and escape violent situations, such as potential abductions, bullying, and abuse. It also instructs children on basic safety practices such as playground, fire, and bicycle safety.

What makes radKIDS different from other safety programs is that it provides children the opportunity to **practice** these skills in a safe setting. They will practice calling 911, avoiding potential danger, and fleeing situations where their safety is in jeopardy. Further, radKIDS teaches children basic physical skills to break free and escape from potential attackers. radKIDS encourages confidence and self-esteem. For more information about the program, please visit the radKIDS website (www.radkids.org).

To register, please call Officer Jodie Wise at (630) 271-4218. Class size is limited to 20 participants. No residency requirement. Deadline is November 1, so register now! The free class will be hosted at the Lisle Police Department (5040 Lincoln Avenue). Lunch of pizza and soda will be served at no charge.

Sign Up For e-Notify

You can elect to receive timely notices on a number of local topics from the Village via email. Subscribing is quick and easy. On the Village's website home page, click on the e-Notify box on the lower left, and follow instructions.

You may check any or all of the following categories:

- Village News, Events, & Public Safety Updates
- Village Meeting Notices & Agendas
- Employment Opportunities

- Transportation & Commuter News
- Lisle Business News
- Lisle Green Initiatives
- Please email me when the most recent edition of the Village Newsletter is posted

You may choose to receive messages in HTML or text. The only required information is your email address, name, and zip code. You may change your preferences, or unsubscribe at any time.

Announcing the Sustainable Lisle Business Partnership program

The Village of Lisle is rolling out the Sustainable Lisle Business Partnership and inviting Lisle businesses to join. This is to be a coalition of businesses in the Village committed to meeting the needs of their customers and community, while reducing environmental impacts in Lisle and beyond.

Businesses that would like to join the Sustainable Lisle Business Partnership should first complete a green audit and then incorporate two or more activities from each of the two sustainable categories.

Green audit

A complementary green audit will examine your business (facilities and operations) through an environmental framework and make recommendations aimed at reducing its environmental impacts. The green audit will be conducted by SCARCE, (School & Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education). The audit includes water and energy conservation, indoor and outdoor air quality, green building improvements, sustainable purchasing, as well as recycling and reduction programs.

Then the businesses incorporate two or more activities from each of the two categories below.

Sustainable Products and Service

The business should sell or produce some product(s) that are

2010 Census jobs

US Census Bureau will be hiring census workers. The peak recruitment effort begins in fall of 2009, with the majority of hiring taking place in the spring of 2010. Go to their website for information—<http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/>



identified as an environmentally preferable alternative to traditional products. Examples include:

- Use environmentally preferable materials in production (e.g., recycled content, harvested sustainably)
- Sell products that promote or enable energy efficiency and renewable energy use
- Provide services to companies or individuals to promote or assist their sustainable efforts (e.g. providing a retail opportunity for sustainable products)
- Use raw materials that are sourced locally or regionally (Chicago Metropolitan Area or Midwest)

Sustainable Operations

The business should be making an active effort to reduce the environmental impact of their operations. Examples include:

- Invest in energy efficiency and resource conservation activities in office and/or manufacturing facilities (replacing standard light bulbs with CFLs or LED lights; purchasing Energy Star rated office equipment; turning the thermostat down by 2° in the winter and up 2° in the summer; turning off lights, computers, printers and copiers when not in use, and at the end of the day)
- Implement water conservation measure (e.g. low-flow faucets and toilets)
- Reduce waste production and recycle
- Use environmentally-friendly office supplies (e.g. copier paper

that contains at least 30% recycled content)

- Reduce carbon and VOC output (e.g. low or no-VOC cleaning products and paints)
- Encourage/offer workplace transportation options for employees (public transportation; vanpooling; telecommuting; flexible work hours)
- Add alternatively fueled vehicles and hybrids to company fleet

How to get started

Economic Development Dir. Catherine Schuster is available to answer questions at 630-271-4148 or cschuster@villageoflisle.org.

Contact her to participate and schedule a green audit.

New businesses in downtown Lisle

Exciting changes are happening in our beautifully redeveloped downtown! Multiple new businesses have opened and are ready to serve you. Check them out!

Janor Sports offers sports memorabilia and apparel at 4724 Main Street.

The Robert Kelly Studio, located at 4726 Main, provides professional photography services.

Wild Bran Health Store offers products to keep your mind and body going strong. Find them at 4714 Main.

Vini Cucina Italiana serves up delicious food at the south end of the Main Street shopping plaza.

Lisle resident Jerri Reynolds is the new owner of **Rayme's Restaurant** at the corner of Route 53 and Burlington Ave.

The downtown hardware store has a new owner and is now **Weldon Hardware Supply**.

Taxi Subsidy

The Taxi Subsidy Program is available to Village of Lisle residents who are at least 65 years of age or disabled. Participants must live within the corporate limits of the Village of Lisle to qualify for the program. With these coupons, residents are able to travel anywhere within the cab company's service area. The coupons are used just like cash, and may also be used to tip the driver.

Program participants are allowed to purchase up to \$50 worth of coupons each calendar month at a cost of only \$12.50.

Qualifying residents must register in person at the Village Hall Business Office, 925 Burlington Avenue. Once the participant has registered, he/she may purchase coupons by mail rather than in person.

Proof of Village residency must be provided when registering, along with proof of age or disability.

Questions? Please call the Business Office at 630-271-4100.

2010 Dog Licenses

Available beginning mid-Nov '09

Bring an up-to-date veterinarian's certificate of rabies vaccination to the Village Hall Business Office. Cost \$10.

Permits now required for fences and patios

Building permits are now required for fences and patios. The permit requirement applies to new installations and replacement of existing ones. For more information, and to view the permit forms, visit the website or call the Community Development Department at (630) 271-4150.

Want to record your emergency contact info?

The Illinois Secretary of State has a new program where drivers can voluntarily sign up to add emergency contact information to their drivers license record and it is accessible to law enforcement in case of emergency.

It's easy via the web! Click on www.cyberdriveillinois.com, then on "Emergency Contact Database" to submit your information.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Jan 5 & 12, 2010

Bare trees (all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and tree stands removed) require no sticker on these two dates only. They will be chipped and recycled as mulch at the Morton Arboretum.

Otherwise, Christmas tree disposal requires a refuse sticker.

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Commission. That public hearing was continued to October 21st.

Concurrently, the Village is researching the feasibility of establishing a TIF on the site, reaching out to the local taxing bodies including School District 203, the Lisle Park District, the Lisle Library District and the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District. If a TIF is not established by March 31, 2010, the Village can attempt to identify other financial resources or terminate the Intergovernmental Agreement.

For more information about potentially one of the largest redevelopment initiatives in Lisle's recent history, visit the Village's website.

I-88/Route 53 intersection landscaping

After several years of I-88 construction, it is a welcome relief that Route 53 and Warrenville Road are fully open, and vegetation has begun to cover the bare earth.

The Morton Arboretum and the Village have collaborated on a number of projects that enhance the Lisle community, and landscaping this area will be another. Through a cooperative agreement between the Tollway, the Morton Arboretum, and the Village, trees, shrubs, and perennials will be added. The Arboretum will be landscaping the area and maintaining it. The Village of Lisle will contribute toward the cost.

- The Tollway's commitment to this project is the property, and a one-time contribution of \$40,000 which they would otherwise spend on seeding the area.
- The Arboretum is responsible for design, landscape installation, and landscape maintenance subject to review and approval by the Village and Tollway.
- The Village will contribute 50% of the remaining installation costs and maintenance costs. The Village's contribution is projected at \$49,500 for installation and \$13,850 for annual maintenance.

Extra topsoil for the planting berms has already been added and contoured. Irrigation systems will be installed next. Planting is scheduled for spring 2010.

During construction, the Tollway provided enhancements to the I-88 bridge in the form of "welcome" signage on both sides of the bridge, as well as decorative imprints on the retaining walls at that location. This complements the Village's own beautification initiatives in 2006 to enhance the gateways to our community.

Demonstration rain garden installed

A new rain garden has been installed on the east side of Village Hall, between the patio and the parking lot. It is easily accessible from the Museums at Lisle Station Park.

The Village of Lisle received a grant from Governor Quinn's Illinois Rain Garden Initiative program. The rain garden is part of a public education program, and the public is invited to come take a look. There are markers with the name of

each plant, which can be read from the patio side. The rain garden is a work in progress—it takes about three years for the native plants to become fully established. In the meantime, enjoy watching it grow!

The Conservation Foundation certified the site as having native plants, hence the Conservation@Home sign. More information on that program can be found on their website at www.theconservationfoundation.org.

With diverse plants blooming sequentially, the new rain garden is an attractive means of mitigating run-off, helping storm water penetrate into the soil.



Traffic signal interconnect project

A DuPage County project has been underway since August to interconnect 11 traffic signals along two Lisle-area arterials. The project encompasses Maple, from Patton/East Lake Dr. west to Charles, and College Road, from Maple south to Green Trails Dr. It should be completed before snow falls.

The \$450,000 project is being funded 20% by the county and 80% by federal funds as part of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Intelligent Transportation System grants.

More efficient traffic flow results in energy savings. DuPage County Engineer Dave Ziesemer notes that numerous applications were submitted and this one chosen for its broad impact. With traffic counts on the order of 25,000 vehicles/day for Maple and 20,000 vehicles/day for College, many drivers pass through these signals. Estimated energy savings are in the range of \$25,000–\$50,000 per signal per year.

What's a rain garden?

It's a dish garden to which downspout or sump pump flow is directed. Native plants with deep root systems are planted to soak up the water, and help it infiltrate into the ground. The plants also filter the water before it either soaks into the groundwater, or overflows the garden and runs to the river via the storm sewer system.

Low-tech, inexpensive, and attractive—rain gardens help lower the impact of impervious surfaces and polluted runoff.

A good resource is "Rain Gardens: A How-to Manual for Homeowners" by University of Wisconsin. A link to it can be found at <http://dnr.wi.gov/runoff/rg/links.htm>.

Pillar Awards

Nominate someone you know!

Help Lisle Community Character Alliance (LCCA) honor individuals, groups and businesses who reflect the six pillars of character:

Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship

The only restriction is that the person nominated must live, work, or go to school in Lisle.

Applications can be downloaded from the Village website. Applications may be submitted anytime. Awards are made twice a year in April and November.

Socks and shoes. LCCA is still collecting new socks, and gently used shoes for donation to Share Your Soles. The socks have been donated to DuPage PADs and Support our Troops. If you wish to donate, leave them at the containers in Village Hall lobby.

Grants obtained to help fund three local projects

Sidewalks near schools

The Village has been notified by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) that it will be receiving \$249,668 in funding from the federal government for sidewalk installation as part of the Safe Routes to School grant program.

The Illinois Safe Routes to School program provides communities with funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more convenient transportation option, encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age.

Based on input from parents and school administrators during the drafting of Lisle's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, the Village will utilize the grant funding to install sidewalk in the neighborhood surrounding Tate Woods school and replace an existing dirt path at Schiesher with a sidewalk. Construction is planned for 2010.

For more information on the Safe Routes to School program and the Village of Lisle's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, please visit the Village's website.

Garfield Pond enhancements

Many people are enjoying the beautiful new pond located just west of the downtown along Route 53. While beautiful, the pond serves an important purpose; it is a storm water retention basin, effectively managing storm water from downtown. Because of this retention basin, downtown properties can be redeveloped by directing storm water to the pond that would otherwise have to be managed onsite.

To ensure the public can fully enjoy this site, the Village applied for and was awarded a \$400,000 OSLAD Grant (Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant) from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This grant will help fund the installation of lighted walking trails around the pond, a gazebo, seating areas, educational signage, and a unique children's area.

The Village Board reviewed final designs for this area during its September 21st workshop. The Village expects to go out for bids for this project in late fall. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2010 and be completed by fall.

Downtown recycling

The Village has recently installed recycling receptacles along Main and School Streets in Downtown Lisle as well as at the commuter train station. The green colored receptacles are labeled with the universal symbol for recycling as well as the Village's sustainability logo. The recycling receptacles accept clean paper, aluminum cans, and plastic and glass bottles. They have specially designed lids with signage indicating they are for recycling only. These new containers have been strategically located near existing refuse containers.



Round hole is for cans/bottles and oblong slot for papers in the new dark green recycling containers.

The 11 recycling receptacles were purchased with a grant received from the IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Illinois Recycling Grant Program. Allied Waste will collect and process the recyclables.

The Village of Lisle appreciates input from its residents. Request information, or offer suggestions or constructive criticism, on any matter pertaining to Village government. You are invited to use:

- 24 Hour Info Line (630-271-4110)
- email (Lisle@villageoflisle.org)
- this form or a letter (mail to Resident Comment Coordinator, Village of Lisle, 925 Burlington Ave., Lisle, IL 60532-1838, or deposit in the payment drop box at Village Hall)

Comments are invited!

Submitted by _____ Daytime phone # _____
 Address _____ Date _____

French Market

Saturdays 8 am–noon
thru Oct 31

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Morton Arboretum

Fall Color Festival

Activities for all ages
Special events on weekends
Animal Houses
Scarecrow Trail
Pumpkin Play
Trick or Treats Oct 24-25
Theatre Hike: *Sleepy Hollow*
Sats & Suns 3:00 pm
thru Nov 1

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decked out in her glorious
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Scarecrow Scramble

Saturday, October 17
Family Fun!



4:00 Registration*
4:30 Special Events
begin
5:30 Tot Run
5:45 Youth Run
6:30 5K Night Run
on gently lit paths

Benefits Lisle Partners for Parks
and Lisle Community Character
Alliance

*preregister at Lisle Park District or online
at www.scarecrowscramble.com

Trick or Treat!



Saturday
October 31
at residences
3 pm – 8 pm
at downtown
merchants
11 am – 2 pm
(earlier hours
this year)

Lights of Lisle

Sat., Dec. 5

Santa Parade 3:00 pm
Tree lighting 6:00 pm
(at Village Hall)

Downtown twinkles with luminaria!
Ice carver, trolley rides, family
activities & refreshments

Once Upon A Christmas

Sat., December 5 3:00–8:00
Sun., December 6 11:00–4:00

Museums at Lisle Station Park

Polar Express Santa Train

Sunday, December 6
9:45 am & 1:45 pm



Lisle Cruise Nights, sponsored by the Downtown Business Council on July 25 and Aug 29 (above), drew classic cars and people to downtown Lisle for nostalgic evenings of fun, food, and music.