

# From the Mayor...



I hope you and your loved ones enjoyed a fun holiday season! One of the highlights of this season was the beautiful Lights of Lisle Festival, which once again proved to be a wonderful event. Downtown Lisle looked terrific and I hope you enjoyed shopping and dining surrounded by thousands of colorful holiday lights and decorations. Or perhaps you chose to take a quiet walk through PrairieWalk Pond, which was also decorated for the holidays. Each season in Lisle brings wonderful memories, ones I will always treasure, and I hope it's the same for you.

I am especially happy to welcome the DuPage Medical Group to the community. Their new 100,000 square foot state-of-the-art medical facility provides cutting edge cancer treatment, primary and specialty care, an immediate care center and advanced diagnostic services. It is reassuring to know that high quality health care can be found right here in our community. I am also pleased that this significant development occurred during what is still considered troubled economic times. The medical facility employs 350 people and will also attract patients to the area, which helps our local economy.

I want to thank many of you for "Following" the Village of Lisle's new Facebook page. The ENJOY! GREEN! LISLE! FOR FREE! campaign rewarded your efforts by offering a variety of free products and services from local businesses. I have received positive feedback from people who enjoyed many of the 37 FREE! offers that were posted throughout the year.

The FOR FREE! campaign encouraged people to "shop local" by providing them with an attractive incentive to visit the many quality businesses we are fortunate enough to have in Lisle. I also want to thank our local businesses for participating. Due to the program's success, Facebook now provides a way for the Village to effectively communicate with the community and our businesses had opportunities to connect with potential new customers. Let's keep the momentum going and "Rock This Town Together in 2013!"

We'll continue to enhance our communications efforts during 2013. I hope to see you at one of the new "Coffee with the Village Board" meetings, which are now held quarterly on the second Saturday of the month from 9-10am at Village Hall. These Saturday meetings are being offered to provide a convenient, alternative time to meet with the Village Board to discuss issues that are important to you. The next "Coffee with the Village Board" will be held on Sat., Jan. 12.

On a sad note, former Trustee Joe Schmitt passed away on Dec. 7, 2012. Joe was appointed to the Village Board in 2003, elected in 2005 and re-elected in 2009. Health issues which began in August subsequently led to Joe's resignation from the Board on Nov. 2, 2012. I am thankful for Joe's dedicated service to our community for the past nine years. He will be greatly missed.

I am always happy to welcome in a new year, even though it usually comes with a dose of cold, wintry weather. The new year means it's time for my annual State of the Village address and I have started preparing for the presentation, which will be held during the Jan. 17 Chamber luncheon from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Lisle Hilton Hotel. The Chamber is accepting reservations now and I hope to see you there.

As I make my New Year's resolutions, making Lisle the best community it can be is always at the top of my list. I hope this new year holds great promise for you and I wish you and your family all the best.

Mayor Joe Broda

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Mayor Joe Broda welcomes the DuPage Medical Group to Lisle at the grand opening of their new facility. At left is Dr. Paul Merrick, president of DuPage Medical Group.

## DuPage Medical Group opens state-of-the-art medical facility in Lisle!

DuPage Medical Group hosted a Grand Opening Celebration for its beautiful new medical facility in Lisle. The striking three-story, 100,000 square foot facility offers state-of-the-art cancer treatment, primary and specialty care, an immediate care center and advanced diagnostic services.

The new \$39 million facility is located on Warrenville Road, just west of I-355. During the Grand Opening Celebration, Mayor Joe Broda welcomed the group to Lisle and acknowledged the important access to quality health care services the facility will provide. Other speakers included CEO Mike Kasper, President Paul Merrick and COO Dennis Fine. Afterward, attendees were offered tours of the facility. The facility opened on Dec. 3, 2012.

The medical facility was constructed on one of the last vacant parcels of land along Lisle's vibrant corporate corridor. It represents a significant development in the community and will employ 350 people. Besides



providing state-of-art health care services, it will also help increase the economic vitality of the area, particularly important in these challenging economic times.

## Mayor to give State of the Village address

Mayor Joe Broda will present the annual State of the Village address during the Lisle Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Jan. 17 from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Hilton Lisle (3003 Corporate West Dr.). To register, contact the Lisle Chamber at 630-964-0052.



## How do you like your "Coffee..." with the Mayor or Village Board?

To continue to enhance communications with the community, the Lisle Village

are important to you.

The first "Coffee with the Board" was held last fall and was well received by the community. It proved to be a more convenient time for those who work or can not meet during the week. "Coffee with the Board" meetings are now held once a quarter on the second Saturday of the month from 9-10am.

Board will host several informal "coffees" during January and February.

A "Coffee with the Board" will be held on Sat., Jan. 12 from 9-10am at Lisle Village Hall (925 Burlington Ave). Meet Lisle Mayor Joe Broda and members of the Village Board in a casual setting to discuss issues that

A "Coffee with the Mayor" will be held on Tue., Feb. 5. from 9-10am at the Lisle Village Hall (925 Burlington Ave). Join Mayor Joe Broda for a cup of coffee and lively discussion in an informal setting.

## Former Trustee Joe Schmitt will be missed

The Village mourns the loss of former Trustee Joe Schmitt, who passed away on December 7, 2012. Joe served on the Village Board for nine years before resigning due to health issues on November 2, 2012. He cared deeply for this community and his imprint will remain for years on projects such as the redevelopment of Downtown Lisle, for which he was a strong advocate. Former Trustee Schmitt had been a Lisle resident for 31 years and was a 22-year veteran of the Air Force. He will be missed.



## Lisle warming centers open

As temperatures drop and snow falls, the Village of Lisle would like to remind residents to take precautions to ensure their health, safety and well-being during days of extreme winter weather.

Residents needing relief from the sub-zero temperatures and snow are encouraged to seek shelter at the Lisle Library District located at 777 Front St., during regular business hours:

- Monday-Friday ..... 9:30am-9pm
- Saturday ..... 9:30am-5pm
- Sunday ..... 1-5pm

Other warming sites include:

- Lisle Village Hall lobby
- Lisle Police Department lobby
- Lisle train station
- DuPage County administrative buildings
- Other public places

For additional information and/or non-emergency assistance, please contact the Lisle Police Department 630-271-4200. In case of an emergency, call 911 immediately.



## Enjoy the Downtown Lisle ice skating rink

This winter, enjoy ice skating in beautiful Downtown Lisle! Weather permitting, a temporary ice rink will be open to the public at the northeast corner of Main Street and Burlington Avenue from 8am to 10pm seven days a week. The ice rink is intended

for recreational ice skating only—please no hockey. Children under the age of twelve must be accompanied by an adult. Be sure to bring ice skates as none are available on site. Approximately 4–5 inches of ice and freezing temperatures are needed for

skating to occur. So if the weather cooperates, come to Downtown Lisle for some winter fun! Afterwards, head over to Traviata Chocolate & Gelato Café, John Dough’s Bakery or The Nook for delicious hot chocolate in a variety of flavors.

## Recycling opportunities—trees, lights, electronics

As “The Arboretum Village,” the Lisle community has always had a great respect for nature and sustainability.

**Live Christmas Trees**—Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights and tree stands. Place trees at the curb next to the other weekly garbage and recycling on either Wed., Jan. 2 or Tues., Jan. 8. Republic Services will collect the live trees at no additional charge. The trees will be delivered to The Morton Arboretum and will be used as mulch.



**Holiday Lights**—Bring old, unwanted or broken holiday lights to the Lisle Village Hall lobby where they will be collected and recycled. Lights will be accepted through February 28.



Post holiday season is a terrific time to “go green” and recycle a variety of holiday related items including:

**Electronics**—Recycle unwanted electronics and household batteries at Lisle’s free Electronics Recycling Events held on the third Saturday of each month at 4930 Lincoln Ave. (Rte 53) from 9am to 12pm. Items accepted include:

- Electronics (computers, phones, televisions, monitors, VCRs, fax machines, video games, stereos, and printers, etc.)
- Small household appliances (blenders, toasters, alarm clocks, etc.)
- Rechargeable household batteries (AA, B, C, D, lithium batteries, hearing aid batteries, camera batteries)



Drive up and volunteers from the Lisle High School Ecology Club, SCARCE and Creative Recycling staff will unload your vehicle. For a complete listing of items accepted, visit [villageoflisle.org/home/index.asp?page=721](http://villageoflisle.org/home/index.asp?page=721)

## Prevent frozen pipes this winter: Simple steps to protect your property

Frigid temperatures can cause one of winter’s worst problems - frozen water pipes. To help prevent the inconvenience and expense that frozen water pipes cause, take the following simple precautions:

1. Drain and disconnect outside hoses.
2. Insulate outside pipes and faucets.
3. Insulate inside pipes and faucets in cold areas such as unheated attics, basements, garages and crawl spaces.
4. Drain irrigation systems.
5. Caulk around incoming pipes.
6. Close or block foundation vents. (Remember to open them again in the spring to prevent dry rot.)
7. Locate the master water shut-off valve and test it. If a pipe breaks, damage can be minimized if the flow of water is quickly stopped.

8. If a home or business will be unattended for an extended period and the pipes are not drained, the thermostat can be lowered, but never shut off. The lack of heat can freeze the pipes in walls and the basement. If the pipes are drained, remember to turn the water heater off first.
9. Open cupboard doors under sinks on outside walls so pipes are exposed to inside heat.

If pipes become frozen, it’s best to call a licensed plumber. If you locate the frozen section of pipe and try to thaw it, be sure to take the following precautions to protect yourself and your property:

1. Never use an open flame to thaw frozen pipes due to the risk of starting a fire. In addition, overheating one area of a pipe



- can cause it to burst.
2. Place a warm towel or rag around the pipe.
3. Locate the master water shut-off valve. If the frozen pipe is broken, it will leak as the water thaws. In this case, the master value will need to be turned off until the leaky pipe is fixed.

For more information on how you can prevent frozen water pipes, contact the Village of Lisle Public Works Department 630-271-4180.

## Congratulations to Pillar Award winners

Character Counts in Lisle! During the Dec. 3, 2012 Village Board Meeting, Mayor Broda and the Lisle Community Character Alliance honored six citizens whose actions reflected one of the values of the Character Counts Pillars. Congratulations to the following people:

**Emma and Grace Arnt—Pillar of Responsibility.** These sisters used vacation time in Florida to run a lemonade stand and donated the proceeds (\$110) to Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago.

**Sierra Birdsell and Ryan Wood—Pillar of Trustworthiness.** They found and returned a lost iPad to its rightful owner.

**Chuck Goff—Pillar of Respect and Caring.** Goff is a funeral director who helped a husband through the difficult time of his wife’s passing.

**Calvin Moses—Pillar of Caring.** Calvin grew his hair long enough to donate to Locks of Love to help a child who lost hair to an illness.

## Dog license eliminated

The Village of Lisle no longer requires pet owners to purchase a license for their dogs, saving pet owners time and money. However, all dogs and cats who are more than four months old still need to be inoculated against rabies and wear a current rabies tag at all times. DuPage County Animal Control issues rabies tags through local veterinarians, as well as at the Animal Control Center in Wheaton.

