



“Lookout Tower”
Photo by Bonnie Coffey

City of Lilydale

On the Mississippi

Winter Newsletter, December 2013

LILYDALE CITY HALL

1011 Sibley Memorial Hwy.
Lilydale, MN 55118
Phone: 651-457-2316
Hours: M-F 9:00am - 4:30pm
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Mary Schultz, *City Clerk/Admin.*

CITY COUNCIL

Anita Pampusch, *Mayor*
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Marilyn Lundberg
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James Maher, *Chairperson*
Donald Campbell
Roxanne Sands
Tom Swain
Tom Winters
John Diehl, *Council Representative*

City Council meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 4:30 p.m. at the city hall. The Planning Commission meets as needed.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

David Neameyer, *Building Official*
For inspections call 651-600-2176.



Lilydale Regional Park Improvements

The City of Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation spent the summer and fall of 2013 actively working in Lilydale Regional Park to complete the Phase I Roadway Project, Trail and Environmental Clean Up work within the park. The \$2.3 million project, funded by a Clean Water Land and Legacy grant, is currently 90% complete with the remaining items to be finished in the spring of 2014.



The Phase I Roadway project included re-constructing Lilydale Road away from Pickerel Lake, the creation of 1.3 miles of new paved shared use trails within the park and the environmental remediation of the former Lilydale Dump Site.

Previously, Lilydale Road was a Dakota County Highway that zipped through the park at 35 MPH. The roadway was turned over to the City of Saint Paul and LHB Corp redesigned the former county highway into a 25 MPH parkway with a wide shoulder to accommodate on-road cyclists and a separated median which preserved many large existing cotton wood trees.

The new trails along Pickerel Lake now offer users the ability to complete a 1.5 mile loop within Lilydale Regional Park and showcase Lilydale’s unique floodplain forest environment and Pickerel Lake shoreline. After the remediation of the Lilydale Dump Site was completed, the former landfill was transformed into a vegetated knoll that offers views of Pickerel Lake and the surrounding bluffs. A gravel trail allows visitors to stroll to the top of the hill, which will host a small picnic shelter and restroom building in the future. The park also features new custom designed amenities including trail bollards, lighting and gate. The amenities were designed to reflect the industrial use of the river and natural feel of Lilydale Regional Park.



Currently, the City of Saint Paul is working to develop the construction documents for the Phase II Improvements within Lilydale Regional Park. Phase II will include the re-constructing of Lilydale Road at the entrance to the Brickyard Trail which will result in a separated roadway and trail system throughout Lilydale Regional Park. Work is tentatively planned to begin late spring 2014 and conclude fall 2014.

Additional information is available on the City of Saint Paul project website at www.stpaul.gov/lilydale.

House Checks

The Mendota Heights Police Department wants to help you keep your property safe while you are away. Whether you are gone for a few days or a few months, the MHPD offers house checks.



To list your property and needs go to the City of Mendota Heights's website at www.mendota-heights.com. On the main page, left side, select Online Interactive Forms, Police On-Line Forms, then House Check Request. You may also pick up a form at the police station located at 1101 Victoria Curve in Mendota Heights, or by calling (651) 452-1366. There is no fee for this service.

Planning for 2015 Highway 13 Project is Underway

The City of Lilydale plans to partner with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) on a fairly major project on Highway 13 in 2015. MnDOT's base project will be from I-35E to the west and extend into Mendota. The portion of the project in Lilydale will include a mill and overlay of the driving surface, installing curb and gutter along the sides of the highway, and installing new storm sewer to manage runoff from the highway. The project will also include replacing some old culverts and upsizing some existing pipes within existing storm sewers. MnDOT's base project would maintain most existing drainage patterns, meaning that existing culverts under the highway would remain or be replaced. MnDOT's storm sewer system would be designed to only manage runoff generated on the highway itself.



The City views this project as an opportunity to improve overall stormwater management and reduce the volume of water being discharged over the edge of the bluff. The City has proposed to MnDOT to modify the design of the project between Lexington Avenue and roughly Mayfield Heights Road. The City's proposal would increase pipe capacity in MnDOT's system to capture stormwater runoff generated on the south side of Highway 13 from the Overlook Condominiums and along Lexington Avenue. This will help address ongoing stormwater management issues in this area and significantly reduce the volume of runoff going over the bluff, thereby reducing the potential for bluff erosion.

The City will also seek opportunities to install stormwater management Best Management Practices (BMPs) to improve stormwater quality. The most likely option is known as the SAFL Baffle (<http://revolutionarybaffle.com/>) and will prevent sediment in the runoff from reaching the river by trapping sediment in the manholes.

The City's costs will include those that are outside of MnDOT's base project, including upsizing pipes as necessary, installing SAFL Baffles, additional grading, and other miscellaneous costs. Although the final costs are not yet known, the costs to the City will be significantly less than they would be if the City attempted to do the stormwater portion of the project on its own.

This project will result in some traffic headaches during construction; however it will result in a much nicer main thoroughfare west of I-35E and improved stormwater management. Expect future updates as project specifics (dates, costs, etc.) are determined.

The Lilydale City Council wishes you and your family a joyful, bright, healthy, prosperous and happiest new year ahead.

Happy New Year!



2014 Budget & Levy

Following a public budget meeting on December 10, 2013, the Lilydale City Council approved a final budget and property tax levy for 2014. Although the budget increased from \$532,700 in 2013 to \$570,809 in 2014, the property tax levy will remain at \$476,300 for the second year in a row. Increases to public safety (police and fire) expenses and funds allocated for the repair of Victoria Road, account for the rise. The complete budget is available on the City of Lilydale's web-site at www.lilydale.govoffice.com, or by calling city hall at 651-457-2316.



"A Quiet Evening in Lilydale"

Photo by Phil Carlson

Services available at City Hall:

Building, mechanical & plumbing permits

Business license

Dog license

Notary

Recycling information

Voter registration

Zoning information, maps

Recycle Holiday Lights & Extension Cords

Now through January 31, 2014, residents can drop-off old or non-working holiday lights (or any type of string lights) and extension cords at:

The Recycling Zone

3365 Dodd Road
Eagan, MN 55121

Hours:

Wed: 9am - 8pm
Thurs: 12pm - 8pm
Fri: 9am - 5pm
Sat.: 8am - 5pm

For more information and a list of drop-off sites around the state visit <http://recycleminnesota.org>



The Mendota Heights Police Department has a Medication Disposal Box in the lobby of the Police Department where Dakota County residents can safely and anonymously dispose of their prescription drugs and over-the-counter medication at any time.



"Sunset by the Mississippi River"
Photo by Anna Zirkes

At Your Service

More than 40 businesses are located in our small community of Lilydale, along the Hwy. 13 corridor. Please shop local and find out how these businesses can be of service to you.

Health Care

Center for Reproductive Medicine, PA
Hunter Endodontics
Lifestyle Chiropractic
Snap Fitness

Convenience Stores

Holiday Stationstore
BP

Home & Garden

Lilydale Garden Center

Professional Services

American Group Tours of MN
Banas Family Law, P.A.
C.W. Houle, Inc.
Capital Appraisals, Inc.
DA Strumstad & Associates
DeCourcy Law, PLLC
Edward Jones
Engineering Sales Network
Michael Development
Midwest Guaranty Title
MN Law Group
Paradise & Associates
Bell Mortgage
Re/Max Specialists
Schafer Law Firm, P.A.
Stonebridge Professional Building
The Soleim Group

Dry Cleaner

Red Robin Cleaners

Personal Services

Blush A Salon
Lilydale Barbers
Pam's Artistic Hair Design

Retail

Chet's Liquor Drive-In
Perfect Ash
Sunfish Cellars

Services for Your Pet

Just Paws Pet Salon
Parkview Cat Clinic

Manufacturing

Thompson Lightning Protection

Restaurants, Food & Beverages

Bogey's
Buon Giorno Italia
l'Nonni
Moose Country
New York Chinese Restaurant
Pool & Yacht Club
Subway
TK's Coffee

Entertainment

Joke Joint Comedy Club

Non-Profit

Awaken Community

Housing

Lilydale Senior Living
The Villas of Lilydale
Riverwood Apartments

