



City of Lilydale

On the Mississippi

Summer Newsletter—July 2012

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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PLANNING COMMISSION

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Tom Swain
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John Diehl, *Council Representative*

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

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

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.

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Bluff Management Forum

Collective action is the solution to maintaining a healthy bluff, according to experts who are involved in various aspects of management of the bluffs behind our homes in Lilydale. Technical engineers have also reported that there are no significant overhangs on the bluff so that “nowhere in Lilydale is the bluff in imminent danger of failing.”

These were two important observations made during the Community Forum on Bluff Management convened by the City on June 25, 2012. Lilydale Mayor Anita Pampusch welcomed panelists Tina Markeson, Roadside Vegetation Manager for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT); Jeff Berg, area hydrologist for Minnesota’s Department of Natural Resources (DNR); Steve Sullivan of Dakota County Parks and Trails; and Jeff Weiss, Water Engineer from Barr Engineering who serves as Lilydale’s City Engineer. A representative from the Soil and Water District was also invited but unable to attend.

The panelists explained their responsibilities for bluff management and Weiss also addressed current Lilydale City Ordinances in that regard. Each offered the names of appropriate people to be contacted when Lilydale citizens are looking for information and help. *See **Forum** on page 2*

ELECTION 2012

Candidate Filing: July 31 - August 14, 2012

Municipal Election Information:

- Two (2) city council member positions for a four (4) year term
- Mayor seat for a two (2) year term

Affidavit of Candidacy forms are available at Lilydale City Hall. The filing fee is \$5.00.



Primary Election: August 14, 2012
General Election: November 6, 2012
Polls are open from 7am - 8pm



VOTER REGISTRATION

Minnesota Voter Registration Applications are available at Lilydale city hall, on-line at www.co.dakota.mn.us, or at the Dakota County Northern Service Center in West St. Paul.



Promote your business by reserving a booth or becoming a sponsor at Lilydaze. Contact city hall at (651) 457-2316 or visit www.lilydale.govoffice.com for more information. Last year more than 400 people attended Lilydaze!

Former tennis club site construction update

With less than four months until the 120 unit Lilydale Senior Living facility is scheduled to open, plans are underway for construction on the adjacent lot on the site of the former tennis club. Southview Senior Communities, owner of Lilydale Senior Living, intends to purchase the adjacent lot from Lilydale Apartments, LLC and construct *The Villas of Lilydale*, a luxury apartment building for seniors 55 years and older. The proposed independent living building, presented to the Lilydale Planning Commission at a meeting on June 18, 2012, will have 49 units and over 3,300 sq ft of office space for Southview Senior Communities corporate staff. The proposed plan is slightly different from the building originally proposed by John Wall of Lilydale Apartments and the planned unit development (PUD) approved by the city council in 2011; therefore, an amendment to the city's zoning ordinance, which requires a public hearing, is required. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the concept/final development plan for *The Villas of Lilydale* to the council at the June 18th meeting. The matter will be presented at a public hearing on July 9, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at Lilydale city hall, and will be considered by the city council at the regular council meeting following the hearing. If approved, Southview Senior Communities will begin construction this fall.

Notary service is available at city hall during office hours.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HISTORY

The Contributions of Mary June

If you live in Lilydale, you likely use the trail along Highway 13 and have come to call it your own. But you might not know how that came about and how it came to be known as the Mary June Mullarky Pedestrian Trail.

In 1998, Mary June Mullarky, a long-term member of the Lilydale community which is predominantly comprised of retired senior residents, (and also wife of the mayor at the time, Ed Mullarky), was concerned the City did not provide facilities and opportunity for its residents to enjoy the outdoors, recreate and develop a sense of community. The State trail at the base of the bluff was not convenient or for that matter inviting for City residents. People who wanted to walk outdoors or to walk to a neighboring building to visit a friend were forced to walk on the narrow and highly trafficked Highway 13. This posed a major safety problem for pedestrians and vehicle traffic and, during the winter snow season, walking along Highway 13 was nearly impossible.

So, during numerous discussions with other residents of the City, Mary June posed her idea for a trail along Highway 13. Initially the concept was met with some buy-in, but it was also met with a good degree of skepticism and negativity. Opponents were concerned that a trail would result in a significant increase in crime. In fact "rape and pillage" were terms often used. But Mary June believed in the importance of the trail and inherently knew that trails usually result in less crime and not more.

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A common theme was that the agencies are ready to assist communities with advice and, possibly grant monies, provided that those communities have a broad vision for the bluffs and are prepared to work together with each other and the agencies to design and implement plans for its stabilization. Such plans would likely include removal of "prohibited noxious weeds," addressing vegetation and replanting of species that are more healthy, and, of course, contribute to erosion control; attention to runoff, and safety issues. The collective approach would insure that no single part of the bluff would be improved in ways that simply pass the problems along to its neighbors.

Nearly fifty people from Lilydale participated in the Forum that included time for individual questions of the panelists.

The City will circulate a summary of the discussions to each of the condo and apartment associations and individual homeowners in Lilydale.

Business Spotlight: *Parkview Cat Clinic*

Despite the folklore, cats really don't have nine lives. But that doesn't stop their curious nature! Established in 1988, the feline exclusive Parkview Cat Clinic has been providing veterinary care in all aspects of medicine, surgery, dentistry and behavior.

Dr. Grant Gugisberg, the owner of the clinic and his associate, Dr. Elizabeth Fenske, have dedicated their professional veterinary careers to understanding the special needs of the feline species. Combining the use of the most current diagnostic technology and following guidelines



from the American Association of Feline Practitioners the clinic gives a well-rounded approach to feline health care. Appointments are made six days a week and surgical/dental procedures are done every weekday. For more information, please call (651) 552-0848, stop in the clinic located at the River Bluffs Center in Lilydale, or visit www.parkviewcatclinic.com.



Benefit for Tommy Kreager (T.K.)

Silent Auction

**Live Music featuring
High & Mighty**

Food & Drink

Door Prizes

\$10 admission

Funds raised will assist T.K. with medical costs

**Sunday, July 22nd
2 - 8pm**

**Bogeys
970 Sibley Memorial Hwy. in Lilydale**

TK's Coffee • Cars & Bikes

5th Annual Benefit for West St. Paul K-9 Unit

**Saturday, August 4, 2012
10am-1pm**

813 Sibley Memorial Hwy., Lilydale
(In the River Bluffs Center)



Vehicle check in begins at 9am

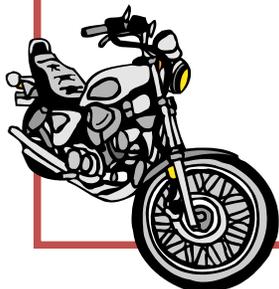
\$15 donation per car/bike

All proceeds go to the West St. Paul K-9 Unit

With your donation you will receive
a free cup of brewed coffee & a
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651-552-7105

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Pool & Yatch Club's 15th Annual Classic Car & Bike Show Thursday, August 16th 5:00 pm - ?

**Parking Lot at 1600 Lilydale Road, Lilydale
Pulled Pork & Barbecue
Adults \$20, (\$15 if you bring car or bike)
Children 5-12 yrs. \$11, Children 4 and under \$4**

**Cars & Spectators Welcome Free!
Best Show, Best Street Rod, Best Custom
50's—60's Music**

**Call Laura at 651-455-3900 by August 8th to register
your car.**



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Mary June went to many City council meetings to float her idea and to see if the City could look into providing a trail as an amenity for all its residents to use and appreciate. Through her persistence and fortitude, the City council agreed to hire Barr Engineering Company to study the possibility of a trail. The study revealed that a trail was feasible but many difficult obstacles to its construction needed to be overcome including: gaining citizen buy-in, agreement from the Minnesota Department of Transportation to build the trail on the Highway 13 right-of-way, agreement with Fort Snelling Park and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as the trail involved a small part of state park property and scenic bluff issues and agreement with Xcel Energy as the trail needed to be built to pass directly under one of its electrical towers.

Timing is everything and that was the case for the trail. Through a special funding mechanism, the City realized a window of opportunity to draw upon tax increment financing (TIF) funds it gained from the Stonebridge Development project so that it would not need to consider special assessments to pay for the project. So the City directed Barr Engineering, its planning advisor, its attorney, and Mary June Mullarky to work together, develop plans and gain the agreements necessary to enable the trail to be constructed.

Mary June volunteered her time to arrange for Barr to conduct neighborhood meetings at each of the residential complexes along Highway 13 to introduce residents to the topic and, she hoped to collect signatures of approval from each resident for the project. Perhaps it was the cookies she made for each meeting, but nearly 100% of the residents ultimately approved of the project, and enabled the City council, in 2001, to authorize the trail's construction once signed agreements were obtained by the State agencies and Xcel Energy. And as Paul Harvey would say.... "and now you know the rest of the story".

Through Mary June Mullarky's tireless efforts we have this wonderful trail we now call our own and we have come to realize its importance to our community. We all owe Mary June a great debt of gratitude.

Article submitted by Steve Klein, PE, PH, ASID, Vice President & Senior Civil Engineer, Barr Engineering

Green up your Summer BBQ

Whether you're planning a backyard barbeque, family gathering or headed to the park for an afternoon of grilling and outdoor fun, RethinkRecycling.com can help you go green at your summer get-togethers.

Green Grilling - If you're a propane griller, use refillable propane tanks whenever possible to reduce the need for disposal. Before refilling your tank, be sure it has an OPD (Overfilling Protection Device) valve - refilling is illegal if the OPD valve is missing. If you've got an empty propane tank to dispose of, be sure to do it properly. **Never throw away or attempt to puncture a propane tank or other compressed gas cylinders.** Tanks that no longer support a flame still contain enough flammable gas to cause an explosion. To dispose of an empty propane tank, call the retailer where you purchased your propane tank, and inquire about "take back" and recycling options. Some counties also accept refillable or single-use propane tanks (and other pressurized cylinders) at their [household hazardous waste drop-off sites](#).

If you're a charcoal griller, be sure to dispose of leftover lighter fluid and treated charcoal properly. Charcoal lighter fluid and charcoal treated with starting fluid should be brought to a county household hazardous waste drop-off site.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - Whether you're at home or at the park, remember to practice the 3 R's with these quick tips:

Reduce: Provide condiments in bulk instead of individually wrapped servings. For example, provide bottles of ketchup instead of individual packets.

Reuse: Use reusable serving ware and linens when you can. Picnic basket sets can often be found in retail stores this time of year and usually include a set of reusable plates and silver ware. If you're partying at home, consider borrowing reusable items from a friend if you don't have enough or renting if you're having a bigger gathering.

Recycle: Only serve beverages in reusable or recyclable containers and provide recycling bins for cans and bottles. If you're on the go, bring a bag along for your recyclables if recycling bins aren't available.

To find your county's household hazardous waste drop-off site, visit www.rethinkrecycling.com/hhw. To learn more about how to go green at your summer barbeques and other events—large or small—visit www.RethinkRecycling.com/events

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