



# City of Lilydale

## On the Mississippi

Spring Newsletter—March 2012

### **LILYDALE CITY HALL**

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

### **CITY COUNCIL**

Anita Pampusch, *Mayor*  
Bob Bullard  
John Diehl  
Marilyn Lundberg  
Warren Peterson

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

James Maher, *Chairperson*  
Donald Campbell  
Roxanne Sands  
Tom Swain  
Mary Winters  
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.*

Notary service is available at city hall during office hours.

[www.lilydale.govoffice.com](http://www.lilydale.govoffice.com)



### **Lilydaze planning is underway**

Plans have begun for the second annual community celebration, Lilydaze. This year's festivities will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the River Bluffs Center parking lot. Plan to come for lunch and spend the afternoon enjoying lively entertainment, fellowship, and delicious food and drink from our local restaurants. Invite your family and friends to experience Lilydaze!

### **Volunteers needed**

Your help is needed in planning for another successful Lilydaze. Committees are being formed and will begin meeting soon. Please contact a core committee member listed below to participate.

Committee Chairperson—*Mayor Anita Pampusch, 651-457-2316*

Sponsorship—*Linda Kollasch, 651-483-0780*

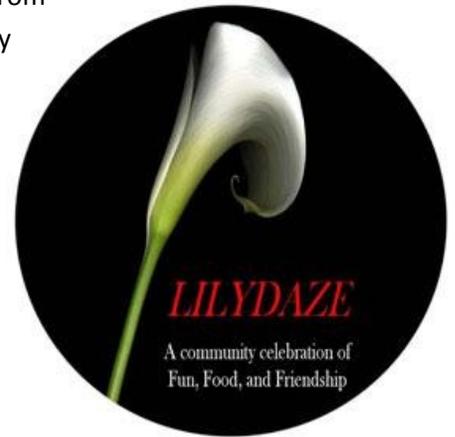
Entertainment—*Peggy Kunz of Edward Jones, 651-686-5182*

Publicity—*Greg Meehan of SNAP Fitness, 952-994-8360*

Logistics—*Jerry Murphy or Mary Schultz, 651-457-2316*

### **Become a sponsor**

Letters will be sent shortly to all Lilydale businesses requesting sponsorship commitments for the day. Sponsors will have the opportunity to provide activities, sell goods, and display information on their business in booths at the festival. They will have a chance to interact with potential clients and customers. Watch for your letter!



## 2012 Election Information



### REGISTER TO VOTE

Are you registered to vote at your current address? Name or address changes require re-registration. Minnesota Voter Registration Applications are

available at Lilydale city hall, on-line at [www.co.dakota.mn.us](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us), or at the Dakota County Northern Service Center in West St. Paul.

### SERVE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE

Election judges are officials that staff local polling places, administer election procedures, and ensure that the rights of voters are protected on Election Day. To be an election judge you must meet all of the following qualifications:

- You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota
- You must be able to read, write, and speak English
- You cannot be a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any election judge serving in the same precinct at the same time.
- You cannot be a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any candidate on the ballot in that precinct.

If you are interested in serving as an election judge, please contact Mary Schultz, City Clerk: [cityoflilydale@comcast.net](mailto:cityoflilydale@comcast.net) or 651-457-2316.

### IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Candidate Filing: July 31 - August 14, 2012  
(mayor seat and two seats for council)

Primary Election: August 14, 2012

General Election: November 6, 2012

## CLERK'S CORNER

Teish Stafne, my predecessor here at City Hall, was right! Lilydale is a wonderful place to work. The residents are welcoming, business owners are friendly, and the council is great. The Mendota Heights Police and Fire Depts. are good to work with and have us covered. Even before I officially started in my capacity as City Clerk/Administrator on January 1, 2012, and while I was in-training, I experienced the friendly atmosphere of Lilydale. Thank you to those who stopped in to City Hall to introduce themselves and welcome me! After talking with many residents I have the sense that Lilydale is a great place to live, too. People take pride in the community and value the natural resources we have just outside our back door, including the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, the extensive bike trails, and all the parks.

Inside city hall it is business as usual. An audit of the city's financial records was recently completed and found no discrepancies or concerns. Initial plans are being made for Lilydale based on feedback from last year's inaugural event. Please consider volunteering a few hours to help make this celebration a success again this year. Many opportunities are available in a variety of capacities – just give me a call and we can find something that fits your time and interests. The Lilydale city council will be participating in emergency management training in May offered by Dakota County and the Mendota Heights police department. And, before we know it, it will be time election time.

Please contact me if you have any ideas or suggestions for future city newsletters.

*Mary Schultz*



### Lucy, #1 Dog in the City

Lucy earned the title of the number one dog when she was issued the first dog license in the City last fall.

Section 501.01, Subd. 1 of the Lilydale City Code requires any dog within the city be licensed. Pet licensing assists in the identification of lost pets and ensure the dogs have had a rabies vaccine. A lifetime license costs \$20.00. To obtain a license, residents should bring in a copy of their dog's most recent vaccination certificate to city hall during office hours. Feel free to bring your four-legged friend with you for a special doggy treat!

# **S**pringtime events at Dodge Nature Center

Adults and seniors are invited to participate in the O.W.L.S. program (Outwardly, Wiser, Livlier Seniors), a presentation for seniors about the natural environment. Group events are held once a month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The one-hour presentation is followed by an optional catered lunch. Each program costs \$3 or \$12 for lunch and program.

Tuesday, April 10 - Bread Making

Tuesday, May 1 - Nature Possibilities for People with Disabilities

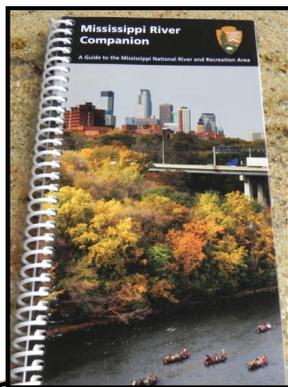
Tuesday, June 5 - A Spring Walk on the Marie Property

Registration is required by the Friday prior to the program. Please call 651-455-4531 to register or to ask any questions.



## **Guide book and map available**

Copies of the popular 100-page Guide to the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, highlighted in the Fall, 2011 city newsletter, and the Dakota County Parks Bikeways map featured in this newsletter are available for free at the Lilydale City Hall. Stop by to pick up your copy and begin exploring!



## **Business Spotlight:**

### *Lilydale Garden Center*



Spring has arrived earlier than usual at the Lilydale Garden Center! They have been busy gearing up for the big season. Deliveries are arriving daily, perennials have been potted and their fun and attractive gift shop is all decked out with many new things to welcome spring. An amazing number and variety of trees, shrubs, vegetables, annuals, perennials, tropicals, topiaries, fountains, planters and statues will soon be on hand.

The Lilydale Garden Center has been serving the area for over 18 years. They are still owned by the Harich family and continue to provide full landscape service, floral design, and custom potting for your planters and window boxes. From lawn fertilizer to hanging baskets – daylilies to wind chimes – they have all the basics for your lawn, garden, patio, and deck.

They are currently taking orders for fountain set-ups, spring potting, special occasion floral arrangements, and prom corsages and boutonnieres. Call (651-457-6040) or visit them today! Open 7 days a week, year-round, they are located at 941 Sibley Memorial Highway – immediately east and adjacent to the new Senior Living Building on Hwy. 13 and 35E.



Lilydale Senior Living building on a rare day with snow on the ground.  
Photo submitted by Lilydale Senior Living, LLC.

The mild winter has allowed construction of phase one of the planned unit development at 35E and Hwy 13, Lilydale Senior Living, to progress at a faster pace than anticipated. According to Kelly Myers, Vice President Operations of Lilydale Senior Living, reservations for the 48 independent living units have exceeded expectations. In addition to independent living, there will be 44 assisted living and 36 memory care units. Myers anticipates the building will be home to new residents by November 1, 2012.

## Dispose of medication the safe way

Prescription and over-the-counter medications are collected from residents for free at three Dakota County locations. Proper disposal of medication helps prevent crime, accidental poisoning and drug abuse. It also protects the environment.

### LOCATIONS

Drop-off is anonymous. All drop-off locations are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

1. West St. Paul Police Station (lobby)  
1616 Humboldt Ave., West St. Paul
2. Dakota County Law Enforcement Center  
  
1580 Hwy. 55, Hastings
3. Burnsville Police Station (lobby)  
100 Civic Center Pkwy., Burnsville

### WHAT'S ACCEPTED

Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications in any form (e.g., pill, liquid, cream, spray, powder) from households only. Vials, IV bags, EpiPens®, inhalers and patches are also accepted.

### WHAT'S NOT ACCEPTED

No needles, syringes, lancets, or thermometers. Bring these to the Dakota County Recycling Zone. No medications from businesses (e.g., health care facilities, pharmacies, veterinary clinics).

### PREPARATION GUIDELINES

Keep medicine in original container and cross out your name on the container. Place in a sealed, clear plastic bag. If you do not have the original container, place in a clear plastic bag and write the name of the medicine on the bag.

For more information contact the Dakota County Sheriff's Office at 651-438-4710 or visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us) and



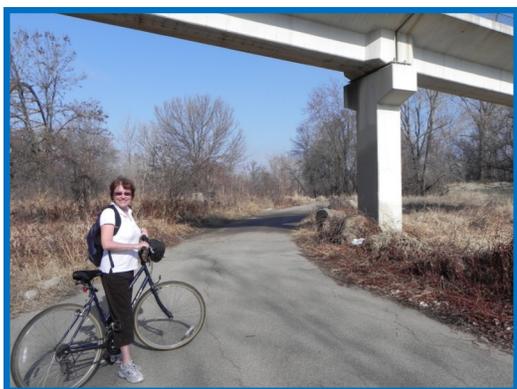
## ***Lilydale Explorer***

By Lois Owen, Resident of Lilydale

### **The Mendota Trail**

On the first warm day of the season, even though the grass had not yet turned green, I had to get out of the condo and explore. I chose a bike route that one can almost never explore in the early spring because it always floods in this area. This is the Mendota Trail, a dirt trail that goes from Mendota to the Hwy. 77 Bridge along the Minnesota River. I chose to start at the 77 Bridge end, and to avoid having to bike 8 miles on the highway, I asked my friend, Dick Henke, to take me there in his car. But if you wanted to make a loop of it you could bike there on Hwy. 13 (there are wide shoulders) and go 3 mi. past 494 to Silver Bell Rd. toward the Minn. River, then after about a half mile, turn right (North) on to Nichols Rd. which parallels MN 77 and go down to the Jens Caspersen boat landing which is where the trailhead starts beneath the 77 bridge. All of this area is actually within Fort Snelling State Park. A second way to do this loop on your bike, from Lilydale, would be to take the Big Rivers Regional Trail west to the Pilot Knob Lookout (it looks out onto Gun Club Lake and the Minnesota River Valley) and on to 494 where the Big Rivers Trail ends. Then get on the wide shoulders of Hwy. 13 and go to Silver Bell Rd. and follow as directed above. My guide on this trip was a 2011 Official Dakota County Parks and Bikeways Map which is available free at City Hall or online: [www.co.dakota.mn.us](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us).

I was ready for an adventure and knew this trail was kind of “wild” because it was only a dirt path. During the winter I had read a couple of adventure books, both of which I highly recommend, that got me fired up to have an adventure of my own. One was Canoeing with the Cree, written in 1930, by Eric Sevareid at the young age of 17, when he, along with a friend, took a canoe all the way from Ft. Snelling on the Mississippi River north to Hudson Bay. If you want a good book and an easy read, I definitely recommend it along with the other adventure book I read called Paddle to the Amazon by a Canadian (Don Starkell) who along with his son canoed all the way from Winnipeg to the mouth of the Amazon. Can you imagine?! –a 12,000 mile trip in a canoe! An incredible story that I encourage you to read!



My own small adventure started and ended on St. Patrick’s Day. It was a partially cloudy day with temperatures in the mid-seventies and humid. There were no leaves and no green anywhere, but ordinarily this is a mostly shaded trail with nice river views. In some places it is wide enough for a pickup truck and some places tend to get washed out. It is mostly compacted dirt with some sandy areas that make it slow going. I rode in low gear the whole way even though there is very little up and down. It also was muddy in a couple areas, but word to the wise, if you ever come to a point on a trail where you find a 3 foot wide and deep crack in the earth like I did, and see water everywhere around and no way to get across the gully, or so you think, do not attempt to walk around it. It is better to simply get your feet wet and walk through the gully rather than going around as I did. I, along with my bike, got sucked into the mud --to ankle and bike-spoke depth. It reminded me exactly of what happened in one of the chapters in Canoeing with the Cree, called Red River Mud. I’m sure you can picture it.

Once past this area it was easy going. I stopped to take photos at many of the lovely marshy lake areas on the south side of the trail. What first got my attention to the beauty of the spot was a mother goose sitting, oh so upright, on her nest. There was much evidence of beavers at work as well. I also stood on the foundation of an old dam which is used to control the water level of Gun Club Lake. I used the water here to wash off my dirty shoes and ankles. I biked on and found a place for lunch well past the 494 bridge – beside an upturned totally rusted out car from the early 50’s, I thought. I wondered how it ended up here. There was also the foundation of a house with a fireplace and I marveled at how the occupants could stand the floods each year. *Continued on page 6*



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Many of the trees showed flood lines at the 4-6 foot level. I continued on, and once past the Mendota Bridge, I came upon a huge patch of watercress in a little stream, the color of a perfect St. Patrick's shamrock, and the only green I saw on my trip. I picked a couple big clumps of it and stuffed it in a plastic bag I had from my lunch. Later, I found a recipe online for "Thai grilled salmon with a watercress, mint, and garlic-chili-ginger sauce" and plan to make it soon because watercress does not stay fresh for long. This is a lovely secret spot to know about where I can come and forage for watercress every winter. Watercress is brimming with vitamins and minerals, so it's a great food to have in your cooking repertoire. I'll be back here in a few days to get more, and next time I can walk this far on the path by parking at the at the trailhead in Mendota.



Around 1:30 PM I reached Mendota. I walked through the tunnel under the railroad bridge and came out at the Sibley Historic Site. Here I spent some time reading all the informational display signs and also saw something completely new in the way of informational signs that I had never seen before. On a wooden post there was a small sign labeled "Cell phone tour" with a phone number to call on your cell phone, of course. So I did, and plugged in the number given for the Sibley site. I later found out by looking online that these are located at different Twin Cities sites, such as Ft. Snelling, the Capitol Mall, and the State Fair, placed there by the Minnesota Historical Society, for people to learn "History on the Spot". Just by dialing the number (of course you use up minutes on your cell phone), I learned that the Sibley Historic site was the first official historic site in Minnesota and was established here in 1910. At the Dupuis House on the extreme



SE corner of the property (on the main drag through Mendota), I learned that in 1928 the house was remodeled for a tea house and eventually became one of Minnesota's most popular tea houses serving thousands of guests each season until it closed in the Seventies. It now houses the offices of the Sibley Historic site. How could I have known this so easily and quickly without using this cell phone tour? Later, I learned more by going online and finding a schedule of upcoming events for this historic site. The opening weekend of the Sibley Historic Site where one can take tours, is May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. One can also call the History on the Spot phone number, 877-411-4123, any time -- in your car or from your home.

I was getting pretty tired and was ready to bike on, but then a family approached me and asked me if there was another bike trail that follows the Mississippi River nearby. I was able to answer their question with some authority about the subject. I said "Oh, yes, you just bike east through the little town we're in – Mendota – and at the other end of town, you will come to the paved Big Rivers Regional Trail on your left. It parallels and has great views of the Mississippi River and signs to tell you some history. It ends up at the Pool and Yacht Club on the River which you can go around on your bikes and get on the Lilydale Regional Park trail which takes you further east to Harriet Island Regional Park and on into St. Paul." They said, "St. Paul is where we want to go!" So what a perfect trip they made that day, just like me, and I was able to help them find their way!

I then walked my bike across D St. from the DuPuis house and paused a moment in the parking lot of what used to be the Hall Brother's Emporium of Jazz Restaurant which went out of business in 1991. I can't tell you how many times, in the late eighties, my ex-husband and I drove up to the Twin Cities from Rochester just to go to this establishment, mainly for their food, since we were "foodies". Our favorite thing on the menu was their Red Beans and Rice. And now I ask myself how, out of the blue, did I end up in the little town of Lilydale right next to Mendota, both with all their interesting history? I could never have imagined that my future would hold this in store for me. The Sibley Historic Site helps anchor us to a past we never directly participated in, but the Emporium of Jazz, for me anyway, helps anchor me to my own past. And so the value of memories! And may there be many more in this new place I call home.