

City of Lilydale

On the Mississippi

Spring Newsletter—March 2013



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
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



Council Moves to Reduce Debt

At the March 11, 2013 city council meeting, the Council voted unanimously in favor of taking the necessary steps to refinance the City Hall debt.

In 2003, the City's Economic Development Authority (wholly comprised of the City Council) issued \$595,000 in Public Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A to finance the construction of the present City Hall building. These bonds, which carry an average interest rate of 4.5%, are a lease obligation, whereby the City makes "rent" payments to the EDA. The EDA uses those payments to pay debt service on the bonds.

After the EDA issued the Series 2003A Bonds, the Minnesota Legislature created a method for municipalities to finance essential public facilities through general obligation capital improvement plan bonds. The City proposes to issue G.O. CIP refunding bonds, in the estimated amount of \$332,000, along with a \$50,000 cash payment from the City, to payoff the existing lease obligation on the City Hall building. The interest rate on the building debt will be lowered to about 2.1% and future City debt payments will be reduced by approximately \$60,000. The new bonds will be paid off in 2022.



A public hearing will be held on April 8, 2013 at Lilydale City Hall with the intent to approve issuance of G.O. bonds and adopt a Capital Improvement Plan. The complete notice and a copy of the proposed Capital Improvement Plan can be viewed on the City's website at www.lilydale.govoffice.com.

Bluff Management Update

Great River Greening has been retained to complete key tasks as a first step toward producing a long-term management plan of the bluffs in Lilydale. Over the winter and spring months, Great River Greening will gather basic technical information and resources, access the bluffs to gain a preliminary understanding of the level of management needed, determine logical project boundaries, contact stakeholders, and consider funding sources for a management plan.

Their findings and a proposal for a management planning process will be presented in a community meeting this spring.

Sign Committee Convenes

As technology in the sign industry has changed and advanced over the years, some businesses are considering altering or replacing their current signage to incorporate image-changing electronic advertising.

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You're Invited to Continue the Community Conversation on Lakes



Last year, the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization (WMO) began a study of the water quality and possible pollution sources in Pickerel Lake in Lilydale & St. Paul, Rogers Lake in Mendota Heights, Sunfish Lake in the city of Sunfish Lake, and Thompson Lake in West St. Paul. A second part of the study aims to understand the thoughts and visions of community members and involve them in the plans for improving these lakes.

The Lower Mississippi River WMO will hold its second Community Conversation about these lakes on April 16, 2013 and we welcome your participation! The Watershed Restoration and Protection (WRAP) Study continues to generate information and conversation. Come to learn about recent information on the water quality of these lakes and the "diagnosis" for what is ailing them. You'll also participate in a brief Lake Ecology 101 lesson and we'll have small group conversations to get ideas on effective ways to disseminate lake information in local communities.

Tuesday, April 16th

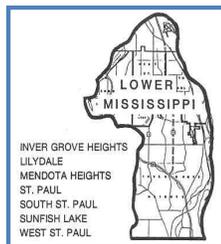
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Dakota Lodge, Thompson County Park

1200 Stassen Lane, West St. Paul

Registration requested, but not required,
by April 12th at

laura.jester@co.dakota.mn.us or (651) 480-7784



Services available at City Hall:

Building, mechanical & plumbing permits
Business license
Dog license
Notary
Recycling information
Voter registration
Zoning information, maps

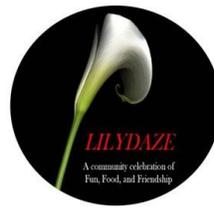
Visit our web site for more information
www.lilydale.govoffice.com

Employment Opportunity

The City of Lilydale is seeking a part-time administrative assistant to work at City Hall 5-10 hours per week.

Primary responsibilities: provide support services to the City Council and city clerk, assist the public, attend meetings and record minutes, prepare correspondence and reports, prepare and deliver meeting packets, filing, and other tasks as assigned. Candidate must be experienced in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook.

For a complete job description and to apply for this position, visit the City's website at www.lilydale.govoffice.com.



Lilydaze Festival

Mark your calendar for our City's third annual community festival, Lilydaze, which will be held on Saturday, September 14th.

For more information or to volunteer, contact City Hall at 651-457-2316.

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As a result, many cities, including Lilydale, are re-examining their ordinances related to signs and lighting. A council-appointed committee recently met to start the review process for our community. Initial findings indicate that sign ordinances pertaining to electronic signs vary greatly from city to city as cities strive to balance the needs of businesses, safety, and overall aesthetics of the community.

The committee will present recommendations to the Council this spring.

Lilydale Road Construction

The middle portion of Lilydale Road, east of the DNR boat launch to the east side of the train trestle, will be closed for reconstruction from approximately May through September of 2013. The existing regional trail will remain open during construction, but access to Pickerel Lake will be closed. The Pool & Yacht Club and the DNR boat launch will only be accessible from the west (Highway 13 & Lilydale Road).

Construction will involve a new roadway pulled away from the lakeshore with facilities for on-road cyclists. The present roadway along the lake will be removed and replaced with a trail, creating trail loops and connections to the existing regional trail within the park. For more information on Lilydale Regional Park and to view a diagram of the construction area, visit the project website at <http://www.stpaul.gov/lilydale>.

The Recycling Zone

The Recycling Zone is accepting more materials

Electronics / paint / tires
cans / fluorescent bulbs
fertilizer / lawn mowers
oil filters / pesticides
cleaners / and more...

Dakota County is making it easier for residents to recycle more during their spring clean-up efforts. New this year, the Dakota County Recycling Zone accepts more types of items for recycling for free.

In addition to televisions, computers, and printers, residents can drop off small household electronics including unwanted toasters, vacuums, cameras, and coffee makers. Residents can also drop off more types of plastics and cartons. Beyond plastic bottles and jugs, residents can now drop-off yogurt, pudding and fruit cups, margarine and cottage cheese tubs, and deli containers. Food and beverage cartons such as milk, soup, broth, wine and juice boxes can also be dropped off.

Dakota County residents can drop off many other types of household items that don't belong in the trash, from leftover paint and yard chemicals, to fluorescent bulbs – for free recycling. Proper disposal of wastes helps protect the environment and public health. The Recycling Zone is conveniently open four days a week, all year long. For a full list of items accepted at The Recycling Zone and for drop-off hours, visit www.dakotacounty.us and search "The Recycling Zone".

The Recycling Zone is located at 3365 Dodd Road, off Highway 149 between Yankee Doodle Road and Highway 55 in Eagan. Phone: 651-905-4520.



This information is partially funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Dakota County Board of Commissioners.

Business Spotlight:



The Lilydale Barbers is really just one barber, namely, Philip Broz. He has been providing quality and affordable haircuts for men in this same storefront location, on the west end of River Bluffs Center on Hwy. 13 near Moose Country, for some 34 years. He started his business in Highland Park and then moved to what was then Diamond Jim's Mall in 1979. His business was called Diamond Jim's Hair Styling, but that was a name more fitting for the Eighties when men had longer hair and styling was in. Phil saw a changing trend arriving toward shorter hair and a more traditional look so he changed

the name to Lilydale Barbers. Over the years he has built up a very loyal following and keeps his little shop humming.



According to Broz, when he moved his barbershop business to the mall in the late Seventies, this was about the time when Diamond Jim's was closing down. Broz can remember when there was a wax

museum next door and a streetcar going up and down the parking lot. Lilydale had its own police force (a total of two policemen) and City Hall was right next door. And, according to Broz, the only other businesses were a tobacco store and liquor store. "When a car pulled up, I knew it was for me," Broz said. What he likes most about his business, he says, is that his customers are his friends and it's kind of like being with family.

The Lilydale Barbers is open Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am - 6 pm; Sat. 8 am - 3 pm. Walk-ins are welcome but most haircuts are by appointment. Parking is free. Phone: 651-457-4959; www.LilydaleBarbers.com.

Is your dog licensed?

Lilydale City Code (Section 501.01, Subd. 1) requires any dog within the City to be licensed.

Pet licensing assists in the identification of lost pets and ensures the dogs have had a rabies vaccine. A lifetime license costs \$20.00.

To obtain a license, residents should complete the Dog License Application below and submit it with a copy of their dog's most recent vaccination certificate to City Hall or mail it to the City of Lilydale, 1011 Sibley Memorial Hwy., Lilydale, MN 55118. Application forms are also available at City Hall and on the City's web site www.lilydale.govoffice.com.

The next time you're out enjoying a walk with your canine companion stop at City Hall for a special doggy treat!



CITY OF LILYDALE

APPLICATION FOR A LIFETIME DOG LICENSE

Owner's Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone1: _____ Phone2: _____

DOG INFORMATION

Dog's Name: _____

Breed: _____

Color(s): _____

Rabies Expire: _____

Check all that apply:

Male Neutered

Female Spayed

Fee: \$20.00 for a lifetime dog license

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Return completed form along with a copy of your dog's rabies certificate and payment to:
City of Lilydale, 1011 Sibley Memorial Hwy., Lilydale, MN 55118**

Office Use Only:

Receipt Number: _____ License # _____ Issue Date: _____

City Staff: _____



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