

CITY OF LILYDALE – ON THE MISSISSIPPI

Fall, 2011



Tuesday, November 15th, 2011 – Lilydale Senior Living Site Groundbreaking Ceremony

From Left to Right: Developer John Wall, Wall Companies; Ciara Schlichting, City Planner; John Diehl, City Councilman; Tom Swain, Planning Commissioner; Developer Lance LeMieux, Lilydale Senior Living; Anita Pampusch, Mayor; Tom Winters, Planning Commissioner; Jeff Weiss, City Engineer. With seven golden shovels, construction of Lilydale Senior Living has officially begun on this beautiful November day!

November 15, 2011 was not a typical November morning in Lilydale. There was a cool breeze blowing, but no frost or snow was present. So, I went ahead and spray-painted two shovels I had just purchased for the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony at the “Tennis Club Site”.

I noted the lovely roses by the front door were still blooming as I went inside City Hall. I spent time going over notes from the Council Meeting held the evening before. I made coffee. Lois Owen reported to work.

Then, believing I had a half-hour to spare, I let out a horrified “Oh, No” when I checked emails and read that the groundbreaking ceremony was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. I had confidently reported what was the incorrect time at the Council Meeting. As I ran out the door, I asked Lois to call Mayor Pampusch to inform her that the groundbreaking was taking place NOW! Grabbing the 2 shovels, I quickly learned the paint had not dried yet. No matter, in the car they went. Two minutes and some apologies later, I was standing at the site where the Lilydale Senior Living Facility was to be constructed.

Before me there were 5 golden shovels, 5 hard hats, the developers and their assistants, our city engineer, our city planner, our retired Mayor, a Councilman, our local patch.com reporter, a planning commission member, financiers, and just then, Mayor Pampusch arrived!

Moments later, the “dirt was flying”, as captured by this picture, as it was suspended in mid-air.

Months and years of engineering, planning, zoning, studies, and legal advice, all having become mountains of documents, suddenly seemed to have a visual purpose.

This place instantly became more than just what plat drawings at City Hall depicted for the future. I think everyone present felt it, too. You could see it on their faces. This was to be the start of a new beginning for an area in Lilydale that once had been bustling with activity, then remained vacant, deteriorating as the years flew by. Soon this place will have a new building, a new purpose, new employees, and new residents. Yes, November 15th, 2011, was a unique day in Lilydale. (by Teish Stafne)

2012 Proposed Budget/Levy DATE 11/30/2011	Proposed 2012
Gen Property Tax, Current, Delinquent, Penalties & Interest	\$ 476,300
Local Government Aid	\$ -
Excess TIF Redistribution	\$ -
Gambling Taxes - 3%	\$ 650
Gambling Taxes - 10%	\$ 650
Licenses & Permits (Business, Liquor)	\$ 8,000
Licenses & Permits (Building Permits)	\$ 80,000
Fines/Forfeits	\$ 5,000
Interest Earnings	\$ 1,000
Recycle Grants	\$ 1,100
Misc. - City Hall & Garage Rental	\$ 1,500
Misc. - Refunds/Restitution	\$ 3,600
Misc. - Franchise Fees NDC4	\$ 4,000
Misc. - Community Festival Donations	\$ 1,200
Other Income	\$ 1,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 584,000
DISBURSEMENTS	
Mayor and Council Salaries	\$ 16,200
Finance-Clerk/Treasurer/Admin. Salaries	\$ 43,000
City Planning Chairman Salaries and Committee Per Diems	\$ 4,000
Employee Benefits/Health Insurance	\$ 9,500
Employment Taxes/PERA/Payroll Processing Fees	\$ 15,500
Administrative Assistant - Services and Salaries	\$ 23,850
Municipal Liability & Property Insurance	\$ 5,500
Independent Accounting/Auditing	\$ 8,500
General Legal Services	\$ 16,000
Municipal Engineering Services	\$ 3,000
City Planning Services & Comprehensive Plan	\$ 3,000
Elections Salaries and Materials	\$ 4,800
Office Equipment and Maintenance	\$ 7,500
Operating Supplies/Memberships/Dues	\$ 7,500
Printing Supplies/Postage/Newsletters	\$ 5,200
Conferences	\$ 1,000
City Hall Building Lease	\$ 48,000
Financial Planning Fees and Bank Charges	\$ 500
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 222,550
Police Protection	\$ 205,000
Fire Protection	\$ 38,500
Building Inspection and Administration	\$ 35,000
Civil Defense	\$ 500
Animal Control	\$ 500
Criminal Prosecutor and Criminal Legal Fees	\$ 17,000
Public Information/Public Notices/Driver Safety Courses	\$ 1,000
Public Safety-Public Utilities/Telephones	\$ 3,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 300,500

2012 Proposed Budget & Levy (Continued)	
Municipal Bldg. Gas and Electric	\$ 2,800
Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 5,500
Lawn Care	\$ 3,500
Street Lighting	\$ 2,200
Grounds Maintenance, Street Maintenance, Water	\$ 7,500
Equipment and Construction	\$ 3,000
TOTAL STREETS/PROPERTY AND HIGHWAYS	\$ 24,500
Refuse Removal/Sanitation Costs	\$ 500
Recycling Fees	\$ 800
Weed Control and Eradication	\$ 1,000
Public Information - Recycling and Sanitation	\$ 1,000
TOTAL SANITATION	\$ 3,300
Contingencies	\$ 25,000
Purchases of Investments/Furnishings	\$ 5,650
Financial Internal Fund Transfers	\$ -
Culture/Recreation/Community Festival	\$ 2,500
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 33,150
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 584,000

City of Lilydale Public Hearing

2012 Budget Hearing and

Notice of

Adoption of 2012 Final Budget & Levy

Monday December 12, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Lilydale City Council Chambers

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Lilydale Welcomes New City Administrator

From Anita Pampusch, Mayor

On November 14th the Lilydale City Council approved the appointment of Hampton City Administrator Mary Schultz as the Clerk/Administrator of Lilydale, effective January 1, 2012. She replaces Teish Stafne who has served as Clerk/Administrator for the past two and one-half years. Stafne is resigning to relocate to Iowa where she will join her husband and extended family.

Schultz, a Rosemount resident, has been City Clerk/Administrator at Hampton since 2007. She has attended the Minnesota Municipal Clerk Institute through St. Cloud State University and holds a bachelors degree from St. Catherine University.

We were delighted to find a candidate with Clerk/Administrator experience who is also deeply familiar with city, county, and state government requirements. She will fit our situation in Lilydale perfectly.

Schultz will be able to build on a platform that has been greatly strengthened in the past two years by Stafne who brought extensive administrative experience and energy to reinforcing the financial and regulatory infrastructure of the city. She's leaving the City in a stronger position than she found it.

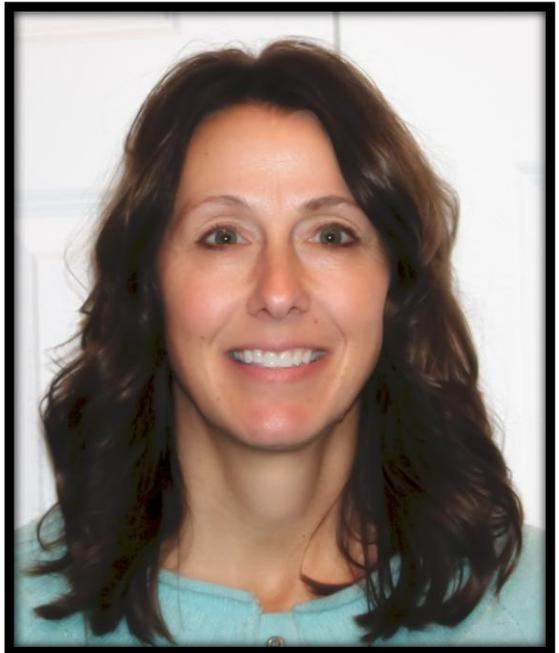
Clerk's Corner - by Teish Stafne

I also wish to welcome Mary Schultz as the new City Clerk/City Administrator. We have worked together a few times in the past two weeks and I am impressed by her expertise and outstanding personality.

Lilydale is a beautiful little city with great people. I have to say it has been an honor and a pleasure to meet all of you (residents, visitors, and business owners) that I have met here over the past 2.5 years. I will truly miss being a part of this place.

In my time here, I particularly have had great concerns for the businesses within Lilydale. Since I do a fair amount of driving, I have the opportunity to see all sizes of downtown commercial areas and whole business districts en route on my travels. What is apparent is that these areas, all over, are being devastated by the fiscal situation. It becomes a sad picture when businesses fail, as the local economy, employment, and housing begin to suffer, too.

I am proud to be able to say that Lilydale has begun to take steps to show support of their businesses. The Lilydaze Festival was also a wonderful success for Lilydale. The Lilydale business climate seems to be thriving lately! I will be sure to make Lilydale a "stopping place" on my way back and forth to visit my children and grandchildren!



Mary Schultz

LILYDAZE PICTURES



BLUFF VEGETATION MANAGEMENT IN LILYDALE

Residents have been asking about vegetation management on the bluff. Both Lilydale and the state have regulations regarding vegetation management on the bluffs. MnDOT requires a permit in Lilydale.

Lilydale's new Comprehensive Plan lists policies for the environment. Page 32, #4 says, "Prohibit clear cutting of vegetation on slopes greater than 18 percent and on top of the bluff back from the slope. Selective cutting and trimming of vegetation on such slopes will be permitted as specified within the city Code."

City Ordinance Code #902.01 subd. 2, provides for Conformity with Critical Area Regulations. Because the entire City is within the designated Mississippi River Critical Area Corridor, it is the purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance of the City to comply with the requirements of the Critical Area Act of 1973 and regulations duly adopted thereunder, and the Governor's Critical Area Designation Order, Executive Order No. 79-19, dated March 1979.

The Critical Area Act has the following definitions:

Clear cutting means the removal of an entire stand of trees and shrubs.

Selective cutting means the removal of single scattered trees or shrubs. Selective cutting shall not be construed to mean the removal of all trees or shrubs in a given area resulting in the clearing of the land.

There is guidance in the Critical Area Act about vegetation management. Lilydale's code #903.06 for Vegetation Management lays out specific requirements for managing vegetation. It prohibits clear cutting under most circumstances, but allows selective pruning.

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Purpose

Impacts to vegetation can significantly affect soil erosion, water quality, rare/endangered species, wildlife, and visual quality during and following highway construction. Mn/DOT includes vegetation assessment in the preliminary design phase to comply with state and federal laws and regulations, and to allow evaluation of public needs and perceptions in the design of projects.

Threshold Criteria

Whenever any potential vegetation impacts, restoration needs or opportunities for enhancement are identified, contact those listed above early in project development. On construction/reconstruction projects and projects with grading outside the right-of-way, an initial vegetation assessment of the project site should be conducted by the District Environmental Coordinator or other appropriate person to determine if any potential vegetation issues exist. If the initial assessment identifies potential vegetation impacts or opportunities, a detailed field review and vegetation inventory conducted by a Mn/DOT or consultant vegetation expert may be needed. After construction limits are determined, a Vegetation Management Plan may be prepared to guide final design.

Vegetation HPDP / Scoping / Subject Guidance Mn/DOT

salvage/transplant, timber utilization, hazard trees, landscaping, vegetation for permanent erosion control, functional vegetation, vegetation restoration/replacement, noxious weed controls, and control of invasive species.

Vegetation impacts to be considered/addressed include these categories (see definitions in Appendix 1):

Native Plant Communities, Landscape Vegetation, Functional Vegetation, High-Value Vegetation or Specimen Vegetation, Noxious weeds, and Hazard trees.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE RECENTLY ASKED TO MNDOT STAFF AND AREA REPRESENTATIVES – THEY HAVE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS:

When is a permit required by MnDOT relating to work on the Mississippi River bluff in Lilydale? Any time work is proposed on State of Minnesota property a permit is required. However, any proposed work on the Bluff must be consistent with the Mississippi River Critical Area Act and not cause irreversible damage.

What is allowed without a permit? A permit is always required from MnDOT on property owned by them.

What is the process to obtain a permit and where does one get the application?

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/maintenance/permits.html>

Permit Website is listed above. There are three types of permits that can be downloaded from this website: Driveway Permit, Utilities & Miscellaneous work on highway right of way, and Drainage Permit. Contacts for the applications can also be found here.

Do you come out to inspect? Yes. **Do you inspect following the activity generating the permit?** Yes.

How long does it take to obtain a permit? Typically 30 days.

What problems are permits trying to eliminate or reduce? Permits protect the State from liabilities associated with potentially damaging activities to its property or activities that inconsistent with its policies/guidelines. The permit request is a mechanism for someone to notify the State that they are proposing to do work on highway right of way or MnDOT property. Removal of trees/brush has the possibility of destabilizing the bluff and causing irreversible damage to the fragile slope. Permits for drainage are necessary so that additional water is not dumped onto State of Minnesota property and thus cause erosion or flooding, or overload the storm water pollution prevention system. Issuing of MnDOT Permits also needs to be consistent with the Mississippi River Critical Area Act. The following statement can be found on the MnDNR's website http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/critical_area/history.html

" In 1973, the Critical Areas Act was enacted ([Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116G](#)). The Minnesota Legislature found that the development of certain areas possessing important historic, cultural, or aesthetic values or natural systems that perform functions of greater than local significance could result in irreversible damage to these resources, decrease their value and utility for public purposes, or unreasonably endanger life and property. The state should identify these areas of critical concern and assist and cooperate with local units of government in preparation of plans and regulations for wise use of these areas. Pursuant to the statutes, the Environmental Quality Board adopted rules to implement the Act ([Minnesota Rules, parts 4410.8100 - 4410.9910](#))."

What problems currently exist on the bluff? Erosion: Natural Erosion, Accelerated Erosion due to roof drains or culverts discharging over the bluff ; Unauthorized tree/brush removal & dumping of unwanted materials; Springs that cause seepage onto the roadway or in landowners yards; Road failures due to groundwater seepage.

Do you have any guidance you want to give residents? Just because a permit request is submitted to MnDOT, does not mean that it will be approved. The bluff will withstand natural erosion over time and any activity that accelerates the natural erosion should be avoided. For example, because the bluff is stable in some areas, does not mean that it will stay stable over time. If your neighbor cut down a tree on your property so that they could see the river, you would likely be upset as it was not their tree to cut; cutting trees on State of Minnesota property should be viewed the same way.

The Mississippi Critical Areas Act was enacted in 1973 and has the following purposes in its designation as a state critical area:

Protecting and preserving a unique and valuable state and regional resource for the benefit of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens for the state, region, and nation; preventing and mitigating irreversible damage to this resource; preserving and enhancing its natural, aesthetic, cultural, and historical value for public use; protecting and preserving the river as an essential element in the national, state, and regional transportation, sewer and water, and recreational systems; and protecting and preserving the biological and ecological functions of the corridor.

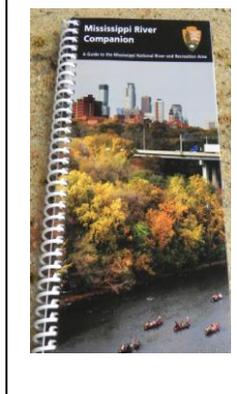
The City of Lilydale wishes to thank Ms. Sheila Kauppi of the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Marilyn Lundberg of the Lilydale City Council, and any others that have made recommendations or provided the questions/answers to the any of the information listed above.

Lilydale Explorer
by
Lois Owen, Resident of Lilydale

A Day on my Bike Exploring the Mississippi River and Its Parks

I really cannot believe I have lived in Minnesota for nearly 40 years, but only discovered Minnehaha Falls fairly recently. I guess I have the excuse that it was because I lived in Rochester until 3 years ago. Upon moving to Lilydale I found that I not only was living within a national park, the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area or MNRRA for short, but that there were 6 other parks within the national park, all within moderately easy biking distance of my Lexington Riverside condo. On this particular Fall day I set out on my bike to explore at least 2 of them, and maybe 4 if I had the stamina: Minnehaha and Ft. Snelling for sure and maybe, Hidden Falls, and Crosby Parks, as well. The 4 parks I listed are the closest to me in location and the other two out of the six, Mississippi Gorge and Lilydale-Harriet Island Regional Parks are further north or east of where I was going. There are actually over 20 miles of interconnected trails in the St. Paul bike system. For future reference, Minnehaha Park is also connected to the Minnehaha Creek Bike Trail which follows the creek bed all the way to Lake Harriet and is also connected to the Mississippi River Trail which leads north to the Univ. of Minn. But for this today my plan was to stay on the St. Paul bike trails and reach Minnehaha Falls Park first and then maybe Hidden Falls and Crosby Parks, too, via the Ford Parkway Bridge, and back to Lilydale via the 35E bridge. I thought this was a reasonable goal.

I did not have my usual 'leader' and friend on bike rides, as he was recovering from neck surgery and definitely could not risk falling off a bike. So, out of necessity, I was inspired to use another guide -- the Mississippi River Companion, a 100-page Guide to the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, which I found to be an incredible resource in showing me how to do it. This spiral guidebook is available free at City Hall in Lilydale. Since I work there part-time and now that I know how valuable this book is, I can make sure plenty of copies are kept in stock for anyone interested. The book contains 26 maps along with biking, hiking and other trail information set in a glossy- color format and like I said, it's FREE!



I started my bike ride mid-morning on a crisp fall October day from Lilydale. I had my fleece headband, a jacket, and my camera, and also a credit card in my fanny pack because I hoped to eat lunch on the patio at the Sea Salt eatery in Minnehaha Park. I started where the Big Rivers Regional Trail begins, by a parking lot near the Pool & Yacht Club (which has no yachts).

The Big Rivers Trail follows the limestone bluffs and I could look down on the river and see the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers. The paved trail came out on the east side of Mendota where it crosses Hwy. 13 and went behind Axel's and Lucky's Restaurants. Sunshine started to appear on the trail and I knew it would be a delightful day. I crossed over Sibley Memorial Hwy. to the trail which would take me across the half-mile Mendota- Hwy. 55 Bridge.

Once across the Minnesota River I stayed to the left rather than going downhill into the lower part of Fort Snelling State Park. I wanted to stay up high so I could see the old historic fort where it sat on the bluff and on this particular day, I even saw a barge come along on the Mississippi. Usually at the confluence the barges go up the Minnesota River. A couple of miles further on I then went past a magnificent river overlook near a pedestrian bridge that crosses to the old Soldier's Home.



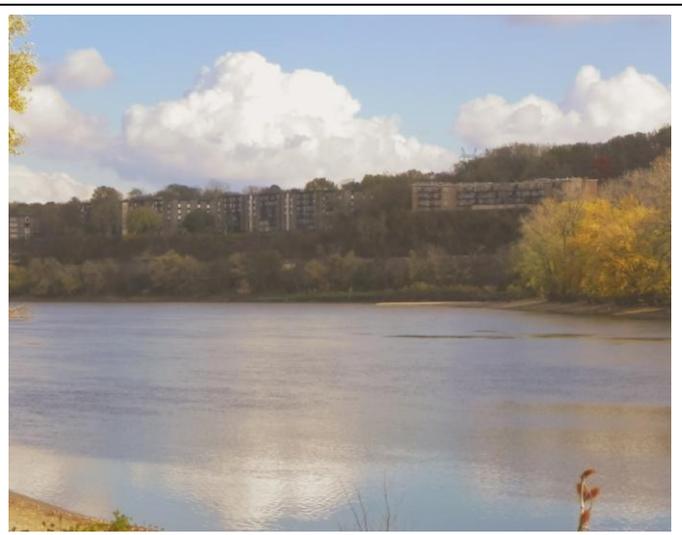
Within Minnehaha Park itself I came upon an interesting pergola which I walked my bike through and saw several statues and historic plaques. One was a mask of Chief Little Crow, positioned near Minnehaha Falls, and commemorating the chief who was killed in the year following the 1862 Dakota conflict, and is in an area considered sacred to Native Americans. And then there was the quaint and historic Minnehaha Depot, built in 1875, and the Col. John H. Stevens House, the oldest house in the Twin Cities. Most impressive was seeing the waterfall spilling over the 53-foot tall cliff. After locking up my bike and eating delicious calamari tacos at Sea Salt Eatery, one of the best places in the Twin Cities for seafood, I went down the steps to the bottom of the falls and found the scenic walking path along Minnehaha Creek to the river. I followed the creek to the river with many interesting sites on the way, including some interesting stone sculptures in the creek itself, causing me to clamber into the middle of the creek and get some pictures. At the river I crossed a stone bridge allowing me to make a loop back to the falls. I wanted to find the famous statue of Hiawatha carrying the Indian Princess, Minnehaha, which I knew was in the creek somewhere by the falls. Having once had a cabin in northern Minnesota, by Big Sandy Lake, I remember participating in a reading of the poem, "Song of Hiawatha," around the campfire, so it was stirring to finally see the life-size statue of Hiawatha with the Indian maiden, Minnehaha, in his arms. Then I walked to the overlook of the falls and could see a Tuscan-style fountain a short distance to the southeast. It was worth the walk because the fountain was surrounded by a stone wall in which a portion of the famous poem was cut into stone along with detailed art sketches. There were also perennials, grasses and roses. I'll definitely re-visit this area next spring and summer as I love gardens and on top of this, one can hear the sound of the falls in the background -- a perfect setting on a fine day!



By now, it was almost mid-afternoon and it was time to continue my bike ride if I hoped to get back to Lilydale before dinner. From Minnehaha Park I followed Godfrey Parkway to the Ford Bridge where there are bike paths that take you across safely. Immediately across the bridge, I turned south onto Mississippi Blvd. I soon came to the sign for Hidden Falls Park. I decided I still had enough stamina to take this diversion to Hidden Falls and knew that the path would also lead to Crosby Farm Park. The park is named for the "hidden" falls which are small and spring-fed and are in an area with picturesque stone walls and steps built by the WPA in the Thirties. I later learned that Hidden Falls Park was founded in 1887 and was one of the four original parks in St. Paul. I continued on to Crosby Park and realized fall is the best time to take this bike ride because otherwise I'd probably be biking through flood waters covering the trail. I saw lots of tall cottonwoods in floodplain forests and kept following the paths through these quiet forests, stopping to take photos of the unusual trees that obviously had survived many floods. It was a very peaceful ride -- I only saw two people walking and one person fishing, probably for panfish.



As I came to Crosby Park, I first came to the Marina and then saw Crosby Lake off to the left. Also, near this point I could see the Lexington Riverside Condos and other condo buildings across the river, so, of course, stopped to take a photo of where I lived. On I went, tired as could be, and soon approached a hill where there was major construction obliterating the path I needed to be on to get to the 35E bridge. I decided to just walk my bike up the dirt area and through all the road construction and soon came out in what was to be a new parking area for recreationists like me just off Shepard Road. I proceeded on and found my way going through a tunnel under the freeway to the other side and found the bike path which would take me across the river on the 35E bridge and on into Lilydale, coming out by the Lilydale Garden Center. I was nearly home so rode west on the highway and took a right at 1077 Sibley Memorial Hwy. and on into the condo garage using the garage door opener I luckily remembered to bring. I was happy knowing I had done well and now knew a lot more about the bike paths around Lilydale. But I was happy most of all in knowing I had a great bike ride to look forward to next Spring, when I could bring my friend, Dick, with me. I'll bet we'll be sharing a platter of oysters on the half shell with a glass of wine at the Sea Salt Eatery. It will re-open in April for the season.



Medicine & Prescription Drugs

The Recycling Zone 651-905-4520

Place medications – except cancer-treating drugs – in the garbage and follow the precautions below to prevent accidental or intentional ingestion. Over-the-counter medications and prescriptions can pollute our waters and be harmful to humans, fish, and other wildlife when disposed of improperly – do not flush medications down the toilet.

Medication Disposal Instructions

- Keep medicine in its original container.
- Modify contents to discourage future use - partially dissolve pills with water, add salt or flour to liquids and wrap blister packs in opaque tape.
 - Tape container shut, place in a bag or container and tape shut.

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