



"Lookout Tower"

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City of Lilydale

On the Mississippi

Spring Newsletter, 2014

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*
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.

Services available at City Hall:

- Building permits
- 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

Progress on the Vegetation Management Plan for Lilydale's Bluff

We are making progress in developing a Vegetation Management Plan for Lilydale's river bluff. After hearing from various associations about bluff problems, in 2012 Lilydale contracted with the nonprofit Great River Greening to develop a scoping study of bluff issues. Their findings were presented to Lilydale residents in a citywide meeting October 10, 2013. One of the findings was that bluff vegetation is degraded, undermining the aesthetic, ecological, and wildlife benefits.

The bluffs are a prominent feature of Lilydale. They are a key factor in why people want to live or do business in the city. They add value for everyone, whether you live on the bluff or enjoy their beauty from afar. It is important for residents and businesses to protect and enhance this important resource.

Greening recommended a Vegetation Management Plan as a major step toward bluff management. The Minnesota Department of Transportation, a major bluff owner, requires a comprehensive plan before any restoration work is done. A comprehensive approach makes more sense than piecemeal steps.

Great River Greening has applied for a matching grant of \$30,000 as part of this year's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation for the bluffs vegetation project including planning and implementation. The bill is currently making its way through the legislature. Lilydale will need to match this money over the next two years. The good news is that the city has already received a \$5,000 grant from the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of The St. Paul Foundation so the project can begin.

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Help Prevent Identity Theft

Recycle & Shred Confidential Documents

American Bank in Mendota Heights is hosting a free shred event for area residents. Start your spring cleaning by safely and securely disposing of your confidential documents.

What to shred:

- Credit card offers
- Receipts
- Check stubs
- Old bills
- Banking & loan information
- Social Security numbers
- Investment records
- Tax records

WHERE:

American Bank
1060 Dakota Drive
Mendota Heights
(Hwy. 110 & Lexington Ave. S.)

WHEN:

Saturday, May 3, 2014
9:00 am - 12:00 noon

2014 Elections - Are you registered to vote in Lilydale?

If you have moved or changed your name, you must update your registration before voting. Check to see if you are registered at www.mnvotes.org. also be picked up at city hall. If you have contact city hall at 651-457-2316.



Minnesota Voter Registration Applications may any questions about voting or elections, please

Primary Election — August 12, 2014

General Election — November 4, 2014

School District 197 to hold special election Tuesday, May 6

There will be two ballot questions. Question 1 will request a renewal and increase of the district's Technology Levy to \$1.7 million annually for 10 years. Question 2 is to request approval of a building bond of \$11.2 million for Early Learning and Security Upgrades.

For more information, visit www.isd197.org/referendum or call the referendum hotline at 651-403-7557.

Polling location for May 6

Lilydale residents will vote at:

Henry Sibley High School
1897 Delaware Ave.
Mendota Heights

7 am—8 pm

Victoria Road Construction

Lilydale's only city street, Victoria Road between Caren Road and Highway 13, will undergo reconstruction this summer. The work will take place in conjunction with Mendota Height's reconstruction of Victoria Road from Caren Road to Marie Avenue. Lilydale's portion will consist of pavement rehabilitation with minor curb replacements. Access for area residents will be maintained throughout the project.



Citizens Police Academy

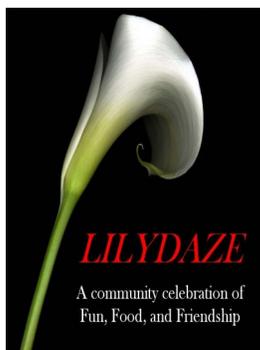


Lilydale residents and business owners are invited to participate in the 7th Annual Citizens Police Academy September 18—November 20, 2014. Classes are 6:00—9:00 pm on Thursday nights.

Students will be given hands-on instruction in aspects of criminal investigation, traffic stops/patrol, use of force techniques, field sobriety testing, and domestic violence.

The Citizens Police Academy, sponsored by Mendota Heights and West St. Paul, has received very positive reviews from past attendees.

To register, or for more information visit www.mendota-heights.com, or call Becky at 651-255-1191.



Lilydaze

Mark your calendar for our City's fourth annual community festival, Lilydaze, which will be held September 19-20. For more information or to volunteer, contact city hall at 651-457-2316.

Fun, Food and Friendship

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Greening has a proposal for plan development and steps toward implementation. They recommend a Steering Committee of residents and a Technical Committee to guide the work. Lilydale is currently forming the Steering Committee to oversee this project. The Steering Committee is open to anyone interested, and would likely entail monthly meetings; we would like to have representatives from each of the associations. This would enable residents to shape and support the plan and keep others informed about the progress.

Educational needs and approaches are under consideration. The final plan should be completed early in 2016, with implementation to follow.

Greening's Path to a Comprehensive Bluff Management Plan and *Greening's Proposal to Develop Lilydale's Vegetation Management Plan* are available from the city of Lilydale. To get copies, for more information, or if you want to serve on the Steering Committee, contact Mary Schultz at Lilydale city hall, 651-457-2316 or email cityoflilydale@comcast.net.

Results of a Water Quality Study on Pickerel Lake in Lilydale and St. Paul

In 2012 and 2013, the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization (LMRWMO) studied five lakes, including Pickerel Lake, to gain a better understanding of the water quality, sources of pollution, and the pollution reductions needed to improve the water quality and meet State standards. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency funded the project through the Clean Water Land and Legacy Act. The project, called a "Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS)" resulted in restoration plans for lakes with poor water quality, like Pickerel, and protection plans for lakes with good water quality.



Water Monitoring Results

Pickerel Lake has a maximum depth of 11 feet and therefore must meet Minnesota water quality standards for shallow lakes. Pickerel Lake was monitored in 2010, 2011, and 2012. In 2010, total phosphorus and chlorophyll-a concentrations did not meet State standards and in 2011, none of the parameters met State standards. These were years in which the lake was inundated with Mississippi River water during flooding. In 2012, the lake was not impacted by River water and while its water clarity did not meet State standards, total phosphorus and chlorophyll-a remained below State standards.

Sources of Phosphorus

Pickerel Lake receives nutrients, like phosphorus, from a variety of sources. Monitoring and modeling results indicate the majority of the phosphorus in Pickerel Lake comes from the Mississippi River when it inundates the lake. Another significant source of phosphorus is snow melt running off residential areas in the watershed on top of the bluff. Grass clippings, fertilizers, and leaves collecting in streets and flowing into storm drains contribute to the phosphorus levels in the lake.

Phosphorus is also released internally from lake bottom sediments (which accumulated from past floodwaters and watershed runoff) and from the wetland adjacent to the southwest corner of the lake.

Strategies for Reducing Phosphorus in Pickerel Lake

The WRAPS report and restoration plan for Pickerel Lake indicates that phosphorus coming from the Mississippi River, the adjacent wetland, and lake sediments should be reduced considerably. Phosphorus carried in stormwater runoff from the areas above the bluff also needs to be reduced. These reductions in phosphorus are needed to improve the water quality of the lake and reduce algae growth. This will, in turn, allow sunlight to reach more of the lake bottom, improving rooted aquatic plant growth, habitat, and lake oxygen levels.

What Can You Do? Treat Your Curb Like a Shoreline

We all live in a watershed. Sometimes it's obvious our property drains to a particular body of water; sometimes it's not. Those in the Pickerel Lake watershed above the bluff may not be aware their property eventually drains through Ivy Falls Creek and into the lake. Even if you live several blocks or miles from the lake, runoff from your property drains to the lake through stormsewer pipes under your streets—essentially turning every curb into shoreline. You can help improve the quality of this water in simple ways such as putting pet waste in the trash, sweeping grass clippings and leaves, and keeping your car in good repair to avoid leaks.

THE Recycling Zone Hours

It just got easier to properly dispose of unwanted household chemicals and hazardous waste at Dakota County's Recycling Zone. Drop-off hours for hazardous items have expanded at The Recycling Zone, 3365 Dodd Road, Eagan, to better fit your schedule. With the exception of holidays, residents can now drop off hazardous wastes on the following days:

Wednesday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Thursday: Noon–8 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

County residents can bring everything from leftover paint to yard chemicals to fluorescent bulbs for free recycling. And the recycling possibilities don't stop there. Residents can also drop off unwanted or broken televisions, computers, printers, small household electronics like toasters, vacuums and coffee makers for free recycling. Proper disposal of the waste protects the environment and public health.

The Recycling Zone

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

Dispose of Medication the Safe Way

WHERE: Mendota Heights Police Department Lobby

WHEN: Any time; open 24 hrs. day

HOW TO DROP OFF YOUR MEDICINE:

- Drop-off is safe and anonymous. No ID is required and no questions will be asked.
- 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.

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).

Medications should never be flushed down the toilet, poured down the sink, or placed in the trash.



Floss, but Don't Flush, Wipes Clog Pipes!

Recently, the Lilydale sanitary sewer lift station experienced blockage that required an emergency repair; unfortunately this was not the first time. In addition to dental floss and wipes, the lift station was clogged with ... I'll spare you the details!

When you use your toilet, shower, washing machine or dishwasher, wastewater leaves your home through pipes that connect to the city sanitary sewer system. Every property owner and resident connected to the city sewer system can be a potential contributor to sewer problems, and a potential victim of those problems. Please help prevent clogged pipes and help the environment.

The ONLY things that should be flushed are toilet paper and human waste.