



“Jonathan Padelford”
Photo by Bonnie Coffey

City of Lilydale

On the Mississippi

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LILYDALE CITY HALL

1011 Sibley Memorial Hwy.
Lilydale, MN 55118
Phone: 651-457-2316
Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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

Mike Andrejka, *Building Official*
For inspections call 612-597-9667

www.lilydale.govoffice.com



Flag Ceremony



Tenants and staff of Lilydale Senior Living and The Villas of Lilydale, invite Lilydale residents to their campus located at 945/949 Sibley Memorial Hwy. for a flag ceremony. The event will be held on Thursday, May 26th at 1:30 p.m. Names of those residing at both facilities who served in the military will be read and members of the VFW will be in attendance.

Happy Birthday!

The National Park Service is celebrating 100 years in 2016.

Question: *Where is our nearest national park located?*

See page two of this newsletter for the answer.



There will be another shutdown of TH 13, east of Wachtler Avenue, to allow finishing of a retaining wall on private property. This will be in June and July. The property owner’s contractor and MNDOT will work together to finish the project as quickly as possible. The work is necessary to ensure that there will not be a washout of that section of the bluff during a big rainstorm.

Lilydaze

Lilydale’s community festival, Lilydaze, was first held in September 2011. The fall celebration has taken various forms each year, but always with the goal of bringing together the residents and businesses for fun, food and friendship. Over the years, business participation and community attendance have declined. We would like to get your input on the future of Lilydaze. Please provide your feedback to staff at city hall (stop in, call or send an email to: cityoflilydale@comcast.net), or to the Mayor or a Councilmember.

The Metropolitan Council estimates that the City of Lilydale had 927 people and 556 households as of April 1, 2015.



2016 Election Information

REGISTER TO VOTE

Are you registered to vote at your current address? 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. Minnesota Voter Registration applications are available at Lilydale City Hall, online at 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 who 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 at cityoflilydale@comcast.net or 651-457-2316.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Filing Period for City Offices: August 2 - August 16, 2016

(mayor seat and two seats for council)

Primary Election: August 9, 2016

General Election: November 8, 2016

Notary service is available at city hall during office hours Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Answer:

In our “backyard”!

According to the Friends of the Mississippi River, if you didn't know that our local stretch of the Mississippi is a national park, you're not alone. Many people will answer Voyageurs or maybe the Apostle Islands. There is only one national park on the entire length of the Mississippi River whose focus is the river, and that park is right here in the Twin Cities.



To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016, Afton Films with FMR produced a documentary about the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. The film *Hidden Grace: Our Mississippi River National Park* is available online via TPT, Twin Cities Public Television at <http://www.tpt.org/rebirth-the-mississippis-national-park/>. Grab some popcorn and enjoy!

Lilydale History

Thank you to Lilydale resident Dennis Devereaux for his contribution of family photos to the city's archives, including this photo of his grandmother, Helen Welsch, and Joe Shiely overlooking Pike Island in July 1958. This statue stood by RiverPointe condominiums (formerly the Colony Club) and was eventually moved to the Pool & Yacht Club in Lilydale.



Do you, your family or friends have photos or articles about Lilydale from the 1970's or earlier? If so, we would like to add them to the city's historical files to share with others. Please contact the city clerk at 651-457-2316 or email cityoflilydale@comcast.net.

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

Twice in the past month emergency crews were called out to investigate a problem with the pumps at the sanitary sewer lift station. The culprit: “flushable” wipes and dental floss that were stuck in the pumps. Crews had to manually remove the obstruction and clean the pumps.

Unfortunately, this is a common, and costly, issue for Lilydale and many other cities. The City of Lilydale contracts with the City of Mendota Heights to inspect our sanitary sewer lift station on a daily basis to ensure that the system is performing properly. Thanks to diligent monitoring by public works staff the recent problems were detected before significant damage and premature equipment repair and replacement was required. But, even with regular maintenance and daily monitoring, it is impossible to prevent every incident.

When you use your toilet, shower, washing machine or dishwasher, wastewater leaves your home through pipes that connect to the city's 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.

Wipes — used for changing diapers, personal hygiene, housecleaning, and more — cause major problems when flushed down toilets. Though many of these products are labeled “flushable” or “septic safe,” they are **not**. They do not break apart or change in form after several hours, days, weeks, or even months. Wipes snag on any imperfection in sewer pipes, catch passing debris (such as dental floss) and grease, and create a “ball” that will grow to plug pipes and pumps.

As a resident, you can prevent sanitary sewer backups in your home and in our city infrastructure. **The following items should never be flushed:**

- Dental floss
- “Flushable” wipes, “Disposable” wipes
- Facial tissue
- Cotton swabs & cotton balls
- Diapers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hair, human or pet
- Vitamins or medicines
- Food
- Disposable toilet wipes & bowl brush heads
- Kitty litter
- Dryer sheets

Please share this information with all members of your household.



Wipes and dental floss clogged in the Lilydale sewer pump.



A Hairy Situation (with a happy ending)

By Kelly Ann Merchant

As a child, Jessica Knoepfler was very introverted. She was uncomfortable in most social situations and went out of her way to avoid talking to people. It was only when Jessica persuaded her parents to buy and bring home their first dog, Abby, that her parents noticed a change in their daughter. “Abby really brought Jessica out of her shell,” said Jessica’s father, Joel. “Soon everything was about dogs – Jessica spent much of her time with Abby, she did research on breeds and even presented a periodic chart of dogs to her classmates – something very out of character for Jess.” By the ninth grade, Jessica was already sure she wanted a career working with dogs.

Jessica struggles with short-term memory. She requires repetition with new concepts to store information into her long-term memory, so the path to a career in dog grooming was not an easy one. After high school, Jessica was hired by two big box corporations in the Twin Cities to go through their grooming school and eventually work for them. She was terminated from the first one just before the end of her 90 day probationary period. She worked almost three years at the second and participated in their groomer’s training but unfortunately was only assigned to bathe dogs and not given the opportunity to groom. Both of these companies expected their groomers to whip through eight dogs per day and Jess wasn’t fast enough. There was also considerable turnover in their management, which didn’t help her situation. The truth was, Jessica was capable of doing a great job – she just needed more time to learn.



Jessica did not give up on her dream, so the next step was to enroll in another grooming school. She trained at Rio Gran and only weeks after completing her training, she was hired by the owner of Just Paws in Lilydale. “Working for Brenda was the turning point for Jess,” said Jessica’s mother, Janet. “Brenda was patient and willing to mentor Jessica. She had suggestions on accommodations to help Jess through her learning period such as using a whiteboard to write instructions out for her daily cuts.” Jessica was happy and finally felt that she had found her place.

Two years after Jessica was hired, a co-worker purchased the salon but needed help managing the day-to-day operations. Soon Jessica had taken responsibility for the everyday running of the business. She had always had a sense of responsibility and a great work ethic, and these demands forced Jessica to break out of her shell to keep afloat the business she loved. Along with grooming several dogs per day, Jessica began making the appointments, keeping up the shop, ordering supplies and cleaning. While the situation began as an incredibly stressful one for her, it was during this time that Jessica began to really shine.

In May of 2015, Jessica’s parents became official owners of Just Paws. “Jess has proven herself as responsible and committed, and we wanted to provide an opportunity for our daughter to continue to thrive.” Jessica and her parents recently hired a second groomer to help Jess out at the salon. “If her teachers saw her today, they wouldn’t believe it was her,” says Janet. “She has come so far!” Many times it’s about finding the right business or person to give you the opportunity you need to show your skill, passion and commitment. Just Paws gave her the opportunity to do what she had been dreaming of since the beginning of high school. “When she was given this chance to fulfill her grooming dream,” said Joel, “Jessica’s confidence grew in all facets of her life.”

Kelly Merchant is an Employment Consultant at Kaposia, Inc., a customized employment program based in Little Canada, MN .

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Just Paws Pet Salon is located at 815 Sibley Memorial Highway in the River Bluffs Center (near Moose Country) and on the web at justpawspetsalon.com. Appointments can be made by calling 651-451-0303.



THE Recycling Zone Hours

Dispose of unwanted household chemicals and hazardous waste at Dakota County's Recycling Zone located at 3365 Dodd Road, Eagan. With the exception of holidays, residents can 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.

For a complete list of accepted items, visit www.dakotacounty.us and search *The Recycling Zone*.

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Do you have unwanted, expired or unused medicine? Dispose of it 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.

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Come to a **FIX-IT** Clinic

Residents can bring up to 5 small items to be repaired or mended. Bring in small household electronics, clothing and more and receive free guided assistance to fix your item. Common items include coffee pots, fans, jewelry, clothes with tears or holes.

**Saturday,
May 21, 2016**

Noon-4p.m.

Eagan Civic Arena, Mezzanine
3830 Pilot Knob Road
Eagan, MN

**Saturday,
June 18, 2016**

Noon-4p.m.

Galaxie Library, Room L139
14955 Galaxie Avenue
Apple Valley, MN

Volunteers Needed!

Want to share your skills with others looking to learn how to repair their items? Volunteer! For more information or to sign up contact Karen Asmundson at 651-242-4655 or send an email to fixitdakotacounty@gmail.com

Coordination assistance provided by Dakota County.



Lower Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

The Lower Mississippi River Watershed, located in northern Dakota and southern Ramsey Counties, covers 35,548 acres and includes Inver Grove Heights, St. Paul, South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Lilydale, Mendota Heights, and Sunfish Lake. The LMRWMO was established by a Joint Powers Agreement to meet the requirements of the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act of 1982.

The premise of the Surface Water Management Act is that rain and stormwater runoff do not adhere to municipal boundaries. Rain that falls in one community may run through another causing flooding, erosion, or the degradation of water quality downstream. The LMRWMO addresses intercommunity stormwater issues and ensures that all stormwater projects and studies follow accepted engineering standards. The costs incurred are allocated proportionately to member cities. Other efforts of the LMRWMO include protection of surface waters, water monitoring, and public education.

The public is welcome to attend LMRWMO board meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. For upcoming meeting information, contact Lilydale city hall or visit: www.dakotaswcd.org/watersheds/lowermisswmo//agendas.html.

Watershed Management Organization Facts

- **WMOs are funded by the municipalities that make up their membership.**
- **WMOs are governed by a board appointed by the member municipalities. Lilydale's representatives are Bob Bullard (who serves as the chairperson of the LMRWMO) and Marilyn Lundberg.**
- **WMOs deal with surface water and typically not ground water issues.**

Dishwashers, lawn mowers and cow manure

Dishwashers, lawn mowers and cow manure; what do these three things have in common? They are all directly, or indirectly, sources of phosphorus.

We Minnesotans love our lakes. What we don't love is green, smelly lakes covered with thick layers of oozing algae. Guess what causes algae to grow? That's right – phosphorus! When a lake has an excess of phosphorus, some species of algae begin to grow out of control. The results can be disastrous. No one likes to swim in algae, boat motors become mired in the goo, and certain species of algae can even be harmful to people and animals.

We can help keep local lakes clean by putting less phosphorus in the water. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency recently found that dishwasher detergent, grass clippings and livestock manure are common sources of phosphorus. Household and commercial dishwasher detergent, for example, contribute about 3% of all the phosphorus pollution to surface waters in Minnesota. This may not sound like much, but think how easy it would be to make our lakes cleaner simply by changing our dishwasher detergents. Look for phosphorus-free detergent the next time you are shopping. Food soils and garbage disposal waste combined contribute another 4% of the phosphorus loading. You can help by composting kitchen scraps rather than sending them down the garbage disposal.

To find out more about phosphorus and its many sources you can visit the Minnesota Pollution Control website at www.pca.state.mn.us/water/phosphorus.html.

This article was written by Angie Hong, Water Resource Educator for the East Metro Water Resource Education Program.