



“Flying High” Photo by Bonnie Coffey

City of Lilydale

On the Mississippi

Winter - January 2015

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

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

www.lilydale.govoffice.com



“Red Fox” Photo by Paula Rinkey

2015 Highway 13 Resurfacing Project

Residents and business owners are invited to an open house that MnDOT is hosting all about the upcoming improvement project that will resurface the road and improve drainage on Highway 13 between 2nd Street in Mendota and Interstate 35E.



It's being held on January 27 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Lilydale City Hall, 1011 Sibley Memorial Highway, Lilydale.

Part of the Highway 13 project (mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy13mendota/) will close down the highway to install drainage improvements beginning as early as mid-June.

The Highway 13 resurfacing project will help create a smoother ride and address the problems with hillside washouts.

MnDOT will be on hand to answer questions and hear your concerns regarding the full closure of Highway 13.

2015 Budget & Levy

Following a public budget meeting on December 8, 2014, the Lilydale City Council approved a final budget of \$576,016 and property tax levy of \$493,524. The levy is a 3.62% increase from 2014.

Increases to public safety (police and fire) expenses and costs associated with the Trunk Hwy. 13 project, account for the rise. The complete budget is available on the City of Lilydale's website at www.lilydale.govoffice.com, or by calling City Hall at (651) 457-2316.

Bluff Management Update

Educational sessions are being held at various locations this winter to inform residents about the geology, history and the importance of native vegetation on the bluffs. The first meeting was held at Lexington Riverside in December where attendees heard presentations from a geologist and horticulturist about the bluffs in Lilydale. Residents should look for an invitation in their mailbox or in gathering areas of multi-family buildings. A video of the bluffs, produced by Town Square TV was also shown. The video is available to view any time on our city's website www.lilydale.govoffice.com.

Make your first charitable contribution this year to the Lilydale Bluff Project. Contributions to the project to revegetate the bluff and development of a vegetation management plan are tax deductible. Join your friends and neighbors in this effort by writing a check to the City of Lilydale with a notation that it is for the bluff project.

A Few Words from the Mayor

Thank you for supporting my re-election bid. I have enjoyed being involved in city government and have a good deal of satisfaction about things we have been able to do.

- We have kept the infrastructure of the City in good shape maintaining the roads, tracking the safety of our waters, and keeping the lift station that handles our sanitary sewer in operation. You would certainly notice if these matters were not being properly handled! We also work with several groups concerned about water management and City planning on an on-going basis.
- We've added Lilydale Senior Living and the Villas at Lilydale to our residential listings. We've also added several businesses to our Stonebridge and River Bluffs locations. Most recently, the Perfect Ash changed hands to a new owner and a new cooking school ("T.H.A.T") opened on the east side of the River Bluffs Mall.
- We've brought the residents together with our annual Lilydaze Festivals, one of my goals when I was first elected.
- The City is in good financial condition, building on the efforts of my predecessor, Tom Swain, and the work of our City Administrator, Mary Schultz, who manages our budgets carefully and has refined many of our financial processes to make them more efficient and less costly.

But, we have more work to do.

- Another of my initial goals as Mayor was to foster the business climate of the City. We've partly realized that by highlighting our businesses at the Lilydaze celebrations and making City Hall a venue for some of our companies seeking a place for meetings. But, we have yet to develop a process to bring our businesses together for mutual support. I want to continue to work on that and am looking for your input on ways to enhance those efforts.
- We have major road projects on the docket. The repairs on Victoria Road (we own 900 feet of that road from Highway 13 and south) were completed this fall. But an ongoing effort to improve Highway 13 through new curbs and gutters as well as re-situating some pipes that carry water over the bluff has not yet begun. The Minnesota Department of Transportation has the work scheduled for 2015. Fortunately, we have a workable plan for the financing.
- Our bluffs continue to erode, as is the nature of bluffs. In the past year we have worked with several of our residents and the non-profit Great River Greening to plan ways of ameliorating some of the erosion by replacing invasive species with healthy vegetation. We invite you to participate in this effort by offering ideas, serving as Citizen Scientists, and contributing some of the matching funds we need to complete the project. We have received a small grant and some individual contributions but need to raise additional funds. Give us your ideas!

I want to make progress on these projects and hope to make them priorities for the next two years. I hope that you share my concerns for these issues and will be willing to play active roles, as you are able, to help see them through.

2014 General Election Results: Incumbents Re-elected

Mayor Anita Pampusch was re-elected to her third term as mayor and will serve for 2015 and 2016. Council members Bob Bullard and John Diehl were re-elected to new four year terms on the City Council.

The city of Lilydale experienced high voter turnout again this year. There were a total of 578 voters who cast their votes, of whom 70 registered when they voted.

Big Rivers Regional Trail

Repair work along the trail has been completed and the trail is open. Trail users are advised to watch for icy conditions.



The Lilydale City Council
wishes you and your
family a joyful, bright,
healthy, prosperous and
happiest new year
ahead.

Happy New Year!



Lilydaze 2014

The weather was on our side this year at Lilydaze! Lively music from the famed Barbary Coast Dixieland Band along with beautiful weather drew a large gathering of residents and visitors on September 20th. Attendees savored fresh corn-on-the-cob and caramel apples from the staff of Lilydale Senior Living, delicious sandwiches and drinks from Sunfish Cellars, and brats grilled to perfection. An enjoyable mix of tunes from the local band Joyride provided entertainment to finish off the event.

Thank you to those that helped with Lilydaze, especially our faithful and hardworking volunteers Linda and Rob Kollasch and Tim Anderson.

Passport to Lilydale Winners

Congratulations to Patsy Miller and Bob Pollmann, winners of the Passport to Lilydale program. Patsy and Bob each won a gift card for the Holiday Stationstore for their efforts.

Residents were encouraged to visit participating Lilydale businesses September 12th-20th and get their "Lilydale Passport" stamped to be entered into prize drawings.

Thank you to all the participating businesses including Holiday Stationstore, Snap Fitness, Edward Jones, Sunfish Cellars, Moose Country, The Villas of Lilydale and Lilydale Senior Living.

COMPOST	RECYCLE	LANDFILL
	<p>A big thanks goes out to Penny Warren from Dakota County Environmental Resources for helping us increase recycling and organics collection at Lilydaze. There were 38.3 lbs. of waste collected during the Lilydaze festival, of which 32.1 lbs. was composted/recycled and only 6.2 lbs. will go to the landfill. That is a diversion rate of almost 84%!</p>	

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR LILYDAZE SPONSORS!



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**Lilydaze
Photo Contest
Results**



“Cobra Orchid” Photo by Lois Owen



“Qing Dynasty Summer Palace” Photo by Cheryl Carlson



“Lily’s Pad” Photo by Jody Anderly



“Red Rock” Photo by Jim Lindsay



“45th Anniversary Rose”
Photo by Phil Carlson

Category & Award	Artist	Title
Give Us Your Best Shot		
1st Place	Bonnie Coffey	Looney Too
2nd Place	Cheryl Carlson	Qing Dynasty Summer Palace
3rd Place	Lois Owen	Cobra Orchid
Lifestyle		
1st Place	Jim Lindsay	Jack
2nd Place	Jim Lindsay	Adie
3rd Place	Lois Owen	Cocktail Hour in Pisa
Lilydale: Small Town, Big Views		
1st Place	Phil Carlson	A Snowy Night in Lilydale
2nd Place	Phil Carlson	Rain Gauge Almost Full
Nature		
1st Place	Jim Lindsay	Red Rock
2nd Place	Bonnie Coffey	Flying High
3rd Place	Lois Owen	Tuscan Kittens
People's Choice		
1st Place	Jody Anderly	Lily’s Pad
2nd Place	Paula Rinkey	Red Fox (#2)
3rd Place	Jim Lindsay	M & M’s