

# Lilydale

on the Mississippi

City Newsletter • Winter 2024

## 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](mailto:cityoflilydale@comcast.net)

## CITY COUNCIL

John Diehl, *Mayor*  
Deborah Cornell  
Lyle Hanzal  
Mary Kleinberg  
Bill Kleinman

*City council meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 4:30 p.m. at city hall.*

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Bart Schneider, *Chairperson*  
Brian Folkman  
Lyle Hanzal  
Jim Kleinberg  
Julie Seykora  
Tom Sutton

*Planning commission meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 4:30 p.m. at city hall.*

## BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

Call SAFEbuilt at 952-442-7520



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

## Share your memories of Lower Lilydale

Do you, your family, or your friends have photos, articles, or memories about “Lower” Lilydale before the area became Lilydale Regional Park in 1971?

Volunteers from the Lilydale history committee are working to highlight and preserve memories from the time when this area was home to hundreds of residents who lived on now-defunct streets such as Chemung, Galconda, and Long Avenue. Lower Lilydale also had farms with cows and chickens, lots of dogs, a handful of businesses, and dozens of horses. We hope to obtain grant funding to make a documentary film based on our research.



**Lilydale Village Hall  
1965**

Join others and reminisce by posting your stories and images on the Lilydale Minnesota History Facebook page.

Help us tell the complete story of the people of Lilydale—how they lived along the banks of the Mississippi River and Pickerel Lake, and the plight they faced when leaving their homes.

Please contact Mary Tollefson at Lilydale City Hall for more information at [cityoflilydale@comcast.net](mailto:cityoflilydale@comcast.net) or 651-457-2316.



Scan to watch  
Lilydale  
history video

## Thank you and Farewell

Mayor John Diehl will conclude 18 years of service to the City of Lilydale at the end of December, having led the City as mayor, council member, and planning commissioner.

During his tenure, Mayor Diehl was instrumental in the development of the former tennis club site, several major storm sewer projects, upgrade of the sanitary sewer lift station, and the development of the River Bluffs Center.

He successfully lobbied on behalf of the City, which resulted in several substantial grants that were critical to funding numerous infrastructure projects that will serve the community into the future.

We thank Mayor Diehl for his dedicated service and wish him well in the next chapter of his life.



### General Election Results

Number of persons registered as of 7 a.m. on Election Day	789
Number of persons registered on Election Day	53
Number of accepted absentee ballots	379
Number of persons voting at city hall on Election Day	369
Total number of persons voting	748

Mayor	Votes
Lyle Hanzal	590
Write-in	5

Council Member (Elect 2)	Votes
Jay Budge	312
Bill Kleinman	345
Bart Schneider	304
Write-in	8

The newly elected will be sworn into office January 13, 2025.

### Cannabis Restrictions Enacted

The Lilydale City Council approved an ordinance that prohibits the smoking or vaping of cannabis products or lower-potency hemp-derived consumer products on public property or in a public place. The penalty is a petty misdemeanor with a fine of \$100.

A public place is defined as property that is generally open or accessible by the public, and includes public property, but does not include those premises licensed by the State of Minnesota to permit on-site consumption.

Public property is defined as property, real and personal, that is owned, managed, or controlled by the City, including, but not limited to: City buildings and all the land thereon, parking lots, parks, pathways, and trails, and City right of way consisting of both the traveled portion and the abutting boulevard, sidewalks and trails.

All ordinances related to cannabis can be viewed on the City's website [www.lilydale.govoffice.com](http://www.lilydale.govoffice.com) or at Lilydale City Hall.

### Practice smart salting this winter to protect our water

Road salt helps to melt ice but it also pollutes our lakes, streams and groundwater. In Minnesota, 50 lakes and streams have already been contaminated by too much salt and another 120 are near the threshold for impairment. Thirty percent of shallow wells in the Twin Cities metro have elevated levels of chloride.

Here's what you can do this winter:

- 1. Shovel:** Clear walkways before snow turns to ice, and before you apply salt. The more snow you clear manually, the less salt you'll need.
- 2. Scatter:** Use salt only where it's critical. When you apply salt to pavement, leave plenty of space between granules. A 12-ounce coffee cup of salt is enough to cover 10 sidewalk squares or a 20-foot driveway.
- 3. Select:** Salt doesn't melt ice if the pavement is below 15°F, so use sand for traction when it's too cold, or choose a different de-icer.
- 4. Sweep:** Clean up leftover salt, sand, and de-icer to save and reuse as needed.
- 5. Slow down:** Drive slower when roads are icy or snow-covered, and wear your winter boots when you're walking or running errands.



## Wipes, dental floss, and rags

What do these three things have in common?

They are frequently thrown in the toilet by unsuspecting residents causing havoc on the city's sanitary sewer system and sewage backups in homes.

This topic isn't pleasant to discuss, but it's essential.

Every year it costs the City of Lilydale thousands of dollars to have emergency crews free the stuck lift station pumps of wipes, floss, and other items wrapped around the equipment.

Clean-up of sewage backup in your home could easily reach \$10,000 if left undetected, causing damage to floors and furnishings. If you reside in a multi-unit building, you can be susceptible to what your neighbors flush down the toilet.

Wipes, used for personal hygiene, housecleaning, and more, 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.

The good news — the solution is simple and easy to remember. **Only the three P's should be flushed: pee, poop, and toilet paper. Use a garbage can for everything else.**

Do you have someone that cleans your house or business? Does a home health aid come to your home? Please share this information with them and other members of your household so they don't contribute to the problem.

Remember, your toilet is not a trash can.



**Holiday Nice**

*Put these*  
**IN**  
*your recycle cart*

- Cardboard boxes – flatten
- Gift boxes
- Cards & envelopes
- Catalogs & magazines
- Paper cartons
- Bottles
- Metal cans

**#RecycletheHolidays**

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**Holiday Naughty**

*Keep these*  
**OUT**  
*of your recycle cart*

- Stringed lights
- Garland & tinsel
- Plastic bags & utensils
- Batteries
- Bubble wrap & plastic air pillows
- Electronics
- Artificial trees
- Wrapping paper
- Ribbons & bows
- Tissue paper

Know where it goes at  
[www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us),  
search *Green Guide*.

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## Organics

### Join your neighbors to keep food scraps out of the trash

The number one item in our trash is food. That's why more than 10,000 Dakota County households have registered to participate in the free organics drop-off program. There are 11 organics drop-off sites located throughout the county — in Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Mendota Heights, Rosemount (two) and West St. Paul.



Across the locations, more than 40,000 pounds of food scraps are collected each week. Collected material goes to an industrial compost facility and is turned into compost — a nutrient-rich soil additive — used in gardening and landscaping.

Bringing organics to a drop-off site is easy and can dramatically reduce waste. The typical household can divert up to one-third of trash by delivering items such as food scraps, spoiled produce, coffee grounds and bones.

To sign up, visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us) and search *organics*, email [organics@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:organics@co.dakota.mn.us) or call 952-891-7557. All registered participants receive helpful tips and compostable bags to use at home.

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## Reduce/Reuse

### Bring your broken items to a Fix-It Clinic for free repair help

Dakota County residents can get help repairing household items, clothes, electronics and more at a Fix-It Clinic. These monthly events help keep items out of landfills and empower people to repair things on their own.



Fix-It Clinics are free and you do not need to register to participate.

Helpful volunteers will guide you through each step, from troubleshooting to a completed repair. Bring up to three items that need fixing or mending such as lamps, vacuum cleaners and clothes. You must be able to carry items into the clinic, so no overly large items. Bring any tools and supplies you think might help with the job, but it is not required to bring any tools.

For future dates and more information, visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *fix-it clinic*.

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