

Country Time



“UNITY” FOR OUR “COMMUNITY”

*Welcome Reader, and welcome to the updated Village Newsletter! It's our goal to communicate with our residents, annually, by a mailed newsletter, and more frequently, through an electronic newsletter edition. Within this newsletter, you will find Village Events, where to locate updates on Village regulations and codes, information on developing projects, and, great recipes shared by your fellow neighbors. We hope you enjoy this edition as we look forward to an evolving newsletter that unites our community. **Happy reading!***

• Current and Up-Coming Events:

The Village would like to host the following events and is seeking volunteers to unite our community and have fun! More details will be available throughout the year as we progress.

Please contact the Village Clerk if you are interested in helping with these events or other community task groups, volunteers are needed!

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| ❖ <i>Spring Easter Egg Hunt</i> | 2024 |
| ❖ <i>Lily Lake to Virgil Fun Run/Walk</i> | 2024 |
| ❖ <i>Summer Farmer's Market</i> | 2024 |
| ❖ <i>Fall Pie Contest</i> | 2024 |
| ❖ <i>WINTER TREE LIGHTING FEST</i> | 2024 |

• Emergency Management:

Threats both natural and man-made are an every-day concern. The Village is working on purchasing and installing an Early Warning System, to be placed at the Simon Anderson Park on Empire Rd. This improvement is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2024.

• New Ordinances for 2023:

From Appropriations to Zoning Amendments, please check the Village website to keep updated on changing codes. Visit www.villageoflilylake.org and select the 'Ordinance' tab for full details.

• Regulations to Remember:

- ❖ Street parking during snow events of an inch or greater is prohibited – for the safety and efficiency of the plow.
- ❖ Parking within T-shaped cul-de-sacs is prohibited to enable buses and emergency vehicles proper access for turning.
- ❖ When clearing snow from your drive, do not push or shovel snow into the street.
- ❖ Signs, set-backs, and storage limitations, can apply to commercial zoned lots in different ways. To avoid a violation, please check the Village code for compliance regulations.

• Developments:

- ❖ The gas station at Rt 47 and Rt 64 has withdrawn their P.U.D. application and is moving forward with an expansion of their existing Filling Station. Under their existing B1 zone, they are planning to improve the store, add 6 more video gaming machines, improve the diesel fueling site to the east with 5-6 islands, and provide customer parking for 5-6 large trucks. Additional standard parking and a drive-thru lane around the north end of the existing store are in the works, in anticipation of a donut/coffee shop. Excavation may begin within the next few months. Please visit the convenient store and support this local business. The owners have made some great improvements to the store and surrounding area with more improvements to come.
- ❖ Construction continues with new homes and new neighbors filling the Trail Ridge, Sunset Views I & II neighborhoods. 6 new home permits were issued in 2023, and the year's not over yet!

• **Clerk’s Communication:**

The Lily Lake Clerk and Deputy Clerk serve both as Official Clerks and Office Administrators to Lily Lake residents. Everything from Applications to Zoning issues pass through their office. Have a question regarding regulations on a residential lot? Wondering what the County has planned for a neighboring parcel? Curious about what funds the Village or what the expenses are? Please send an email to the Clerk. Better yet, come in and visit to see what goes on in your community. Coffee is on the house!
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am to 1pm and by appointment
Email: Clerk@villageoflilylake.org Phone: 630.365.9677

• **Stay Connected:**

Looking for an update on other Village news? Visit the Village Website for postings of current public hearings, changes to Village Ordinances, public concerns, and upcoming projects: www.villageoflilylake.org

• **Newsletter Ideas:**

Do you have an idea for an event you would like to see the village host? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! Reach out to Kelly Diehl or David J. Anderson with your ideas and feedback.

- ❖ president@villageoflilylake.org
- ❖ danderson@villageoflilylake.org

Electronic Publication: *Please sign up for our newsletter to be delivered electronically. Go to Village website, click on the “CONTACT” tab and leave your information with preferred email. You will be sent an electronic copy of our newsletter with all our current information on what is happening in the Village.*

Recipe Corner:

Dave Anderson’s Favorite Cookies

Your current and newly elected Trustee David J. Anderson loves to cook. “I really enjoy making food for my friends and family. I consider sharing a meal a great act of kindness and love.” He also strives to expand his cooking knowledge. As a self-proclaimed home chef Dave wanted to share his favorite chocolate chip cookie recipe. “I know everyone has a favorite and this recipe is mine. I’m not sure you can trust anyone that does not like chocolate chip cookie.”

INGREDIENTS

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| 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened | 3 cups all-purpose flour |
| 1 cup granulated sugar | 1 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1 cup packed brown sugar | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 2 large eggs | 2 cups chocolate chips |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla extract | |



DIRECTIONS

Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
 In a large mixing bowl, cream together the softened butter, granulated sugar, and brown sugar until smooth and fluffy.
 Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then add the vanilla extract and mix until well combined.
 In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, and salt. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, mixing until just combined. Stir in the chocolate chips evenly throughout the cookie dough.
 Using a spoon or cookie scoop, drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto the prepared baking sheet, leaving some space between each cookie.
 Bake the cookies for about 10-12 minutes or until the edges are lightly golden. The centers may look slightly underdone, but they will firm up as they cool. Remove the cookies from the oven and let them cool on the baking sheet for a few minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely. ENJOY!

Village Board

4th Monday of each month is the Village Board meeting.
President: Kelly Diehl
Clerk: Jesse Heffernan
Deputy Clerk: Juliette Kerr
Attorney: Alex McTavish
Board: David Anderson, Donald Butler, Pam Conn, Tim Dell, Mary Ormond and Travis Parry.

Plan Commission

1st Monday of each month is the Plan Commission meeting. Members hear, first-hand, proposed changes within the village and the county at this committee.
Chair: Jeff Lee
Commissioners: Glenn Bork, Janice Hill, Leo Kowal, Cheryl Pollak, Dan Turner

Public Works

The general well-being of our village’s infrastructure is handled through **ERH Consultants**. Thank-you Erik Hoofnagle for your YEARS of service as our prior Public Works Director!
Treasurer
 Committee meets quarterly to discuss Village finances.
Village Treasurer; Lisa Engberg