




MADISON MATTERS 2024

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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City Hall Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**In the event of a utility emergency after-hours, please call the LqP County Dispatch at 320-598-3720.*

The City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at City Hall.

Park Board Opening: There is one position open on the Park Board that is a three (3) year term. Find the volunteer interest form on our website or pick one up at City Hall, if you are interested. The board meets in the spring and fall to receive reports and prioritize park projects. Special meetings may also be held if needed.

Liquor Store Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 12 to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

April 22-28: Earth Week Events

April 26-27: All-Around Town Rummage Sales

May 4: City Wide Clean-Up

May 27: City Hall closed in observance of **Memorial Day**

June, July & August: Yard of the Month Contest

June 26: Block Party & Madison Ambassador Program

July 4: City Hall closed in observance of **Independence Day**

July 4: Fireworks at 10 PM

July 12-13: Dragonfest, Stinker Day

July 13: Parade at 11 AM

July 28: Heritage Day at LqP County Museum

Aug. TBA: Farmer Appreciation Golf Outing

Sept. 2: City Hall closed in observance of **Labor Day**

Sept. 4-8: Lac qui Parle County Fair

Oct. 4-5: Oktoberfest

Oct. 4-5: Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales

Oct. 5: Oktoberfest Car Show

Oct. 31: Halloween: Parade & Trunk-or-Treat

Nov. 6-9: Norsefest

Nov. 8: Lutefisk Eating Contest

Nov. 9: Norsefest Craft Show

TBA: Christmas Kickoff, Santaland, Sleigh Rides, Free Movies

City of Madison Comprehensive Plan Process is complete!
Thank you to all residents who participated in the process!

Water Conservation Tip:

Watering plants at night can be a helpful water conservation strategy, particularly during hot and dry weather. When you water during the evening or early morning hours, there's less risk of water evaporation compared to watering during the day when the sun is strong. This means more water reaches the roots of your plants, helping them stay hydrated while using less water overall.



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Madison Swimming Pool:

We are looking forward to another fantastic season at the Madison Swimming Pool. Passes are available for purchase at City Hall and at the pool when open.

Individual Season Pass	\$100
Family Season Pass	\$250
Lap Swim Punch Card - 10 sessions	\$30
Lessons (depending on swimmers' level)	\$50 - \$60
Private Lessons (per person)	\$150

Interested in becoming a lifeguard? Check with the local community education programs on scheduled dates before the upcoming pool season!

LqPV Community Education: 320-752-4844

Dawson-Boyd Community Education: 320-312-2318

Sanitation:

City-wide Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. City of Madison residents may bring household items and appliances to the Water Treatment Plant located at 201 1st Street West and must provide proof of residency. There may be a fee for some items - **cash and check payments only. We will not take hazardous waste or yard waste.** Please call City Hall if you have any questions.

Garbage Tags are available for purchase at City Hall for \$2/tag, if you have garbage that does not fit into your can. Olson Sanitation will not pick up extra bags outside the garbage can that are without a tag.

Sanitary Sewer Inspections:

Selling your home? City ordinance requires an inspection and certification of a property's sanitary sewer service line that connects to the city main before sale of the property. The City must receive a digital copy of the televising along with a written report by a licensed plumber by the State of Minnesota.



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Ordinance Reminders:

Grass Clippings: Please keep grass clippings off the streets. When grass clippings are blown or left in the road, it can lead to serious injury for motorcyclists and bikers, and it can be washed down our storm drains and cause drainage problems.

High Grass: City of Madison's ordinance for high grass is in excess of 6 inches in height. Keeping your yard manageable will not only keep you from getting a warning or fine, but will also help unwanted strain on mowing equipment.

Brush Site: The City of Madison offers a brush and compost site for their residents. To help keep this available to the city residents, we ask that you abide by the rules posted at the site as it is controlled by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Sidewalks: The property owners are responsible to keep their sidewalk in good repair and safe.

Tree Trimming: Residents are responsible for trimming their trees and bushes so that they do not obstruct streets, alleys, and sidewalks. Minimum clearance for trees above streets and sidewalks is 8 feet.

Exterior Property Areas: In order to ensure the public health, safety and welfare of the City, we ask that you maintain the exterior property in a clean and sanitary condition; whereas, all materials must be either be disposed or properly secured/contained within a storage structure so it is free from being disturbed by winds and weather.

Zoning Applications: If you have a construction project planned (e.g. new deck, fence, shed, etc.) please remember to contact City Hall for a zoning application. We can also help with questions regarding your proposed plans with proper setbacks, rules and requirements.

The 2024 fees (by project value) are as follows:

0 - \$2,000.....	\$50
\$2,001 - \$5000.....	\$75
\$5,001 - \$15,000.....	\$100
Over \$15,000.....	\$200



Friendly Reminders to Dog and Cat Owners: We all love our pets and want them to be safe and happy. We would like to remind you:

- All dogs over the age of 6 months must be registered and licensed with the city. No license will be granted for a dog that has not been vaccinated against distemper and rabies. Upon receipt of the licensing paperwork, the City Clerk's office will issue a metallic tag for each dog licensed.
- Properties are allowed to have a total of three animals, but not more than two dogs. The keeping of more than three animals on the premises is declared a nuisance by the city council. Ordinances require pets to be leashed and not allowed to run at large.
- When walking your pet, please be respectful of others' property and clean up any droppings from your pet.
- Dogs left outside may bark for long periods of time. It is not only unpleasant for your neighbors to listen to, but it is also not good for the well-being of the dog. Properties may be cited for the nuisance of a barking dog.

Parking Reminders:

- The following vehicles shall not be allowed to park on city streets overnight: repair, delivery, rented vehicles with commercial plates and refuse and recycling haulers, utility trailers (boats, snowmobiles and the like), campers or any other vehicle not registered as a passenger vehicle.
- No more than four vehicles per lawful dwelling unit may be parked or stored anywhere outside a residentially zoned lot
- All motorized vehicles, regardless of type, method of propulsion, or placement on a trailer, and all Class II vehicles and trailers shall be parked or stored on concrete, asphalt, stone-pavers, or gravel so long as the gravel is clean of grass and weeds.

Golf Cart Reminders:

- A City of Madison Golf Cart/ATV permit is required to drive on city streets. You can visit city hall to apply for the permit. Insurance must be provided with a \$100 one-time fee of that golf cart/ATV.
- Individuals must be 16 years old and have a valid driver's license.
- A permit may be revoked if the ordinance is not followed.
- Please call city hall if you have any questions.