



MADISON MATTERS 2026

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.

Liquor Store Hours:

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

Dates to Remember:

May 9.....City Wide Clean-Up
 May 25.....City Hall closed in observance of **Memorial Day**
 June 19.....City Hall closed in observance of **Juneteenth**
 June 24.....Block Party
 July 3.....City Hall closed in observance of **Independence Day**
 July 4.....Fireworks at 10 PM
 July 8.....Chamber Night at the Ballpark
 July 9-11.....Dragonfest, Stinker Day
 July 11.....Parade at 11 AM
 July 11.....Madison Ambassador Program
 July 26.....Heritage Day at LqP County Museum
 Aug. TBA.....Farmer Appreciation Golf Outing
 Aug. TBA.....Rock the Block
 Sept. 7.....City Hall closed in observance of **Labor Day**
 Sept. 10-13.....Lac qui Parle County Fair
 Oct. 1-3.....Oktoberfest
 Oct. 2-3.....Fall Around the Town Rummage Sales
 Oct. 3.....Oktoberfest Car Show
 Oct. 2-4.....Meander Weekend
 Oct. 31.....Halloween: Parade & Trunk-or-Treat
 Oct. TBA.....Outstanding Citizen

Sidewalk Maintenance Update

Sidewalk conditions continue to be a concern in our community, with many showing issues such as large or multiple cracks, uneven surfaces, severe pitting, standing water, broken or missing sections, or incomplete sidewalks along Safe Routes to School. In the City of Madison, sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner.

This summer, the City will complete a city-wide sidewalk inspection to identify areas in need of repair and determine the best way to address them. Property owners will receive a letter with details about their specific sidewalk conditions and available options.

Owners may choose to participate in a City repair program or complete the repairs on their own. If repairs are not completed by the required deadline, the City will make the necessary improvements and assess the cost to the property as a tax lien.

Property owners are welcome to repair their sidewalks at any time and do not need to wait for the inspection process to begin.

This effort is intended to improve safety and keep our community walkable for everyone.



Think you have a leaky toilet?

The City of Madison has toilet dye tablets available at City Hall to help you check for leaks—or you can also use food coloring at home.

Simply place a tablet or a few drops of food coloring into the toilet tank and let it sit for a couple of hours (or overnight). If colored water appears in the bowl, that's a sign your toilet is leaking.

It's an easy way to catch hidden leaks and help conserve water!

Ordinance Reminders

Friendly Reminders to Dog and Cat Owners: We all love our furry friends and want them to stay safe, happy, and welcome in our community! Just a few quick reminders:

- Dogs over 6 months old need to be registered and licensed with the city
- Each property can have up to 3 pets total, with no more than 2 dogs
- Pets should be on a leash and not roaming freely
- Out for a walk? Please be a good neighbor and clean up after your pet.

Parking Pointers

To keep our streets safe, tidy, and easy to navigate, please remember:

- Overnight street parking is for passenger vehicles only – this means no commercial trucks, trailers, campers, boats, snowmobiles, or similar items
- Each home may have up to 4 vehicles parked or stored outside on the property
- All vehicles (and trailers, campers, boats, etc.) should be parked on a property



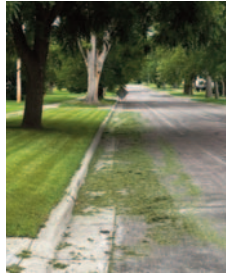
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 Calm, Cool, Qualified.
 Cooler Homes Start With Quality Installation.
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Ordinance Reminders continued:

surface like concrete, asphalt, pavers, or clean gravel (free from grass and weeds)

High Grass Notice: The 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.

Please do not blow or mow grass clippings onto the street!



Reasons it is a problem:

1. Safety – fresh clippings are slick and can make the roads slippery for cars, motorcyclists, bicycles and pedestrians.
2. Storm drain issues – clippings wash into the storm drains and can clog the system.
3. Neighborhood appearance – clippings left on streets can build up quickly and make neighborhoods look messy, even if lawns themselves are well cared for.

Yard and Property Upkeep: Let's keep our city looking its best! Please make sure your yard and exterior areas stay clean and tidy. Store or secure any items so they don't blow around or get scattered by the 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 2026 fees (by project value) are as follows:

- 0-\$5,000.....\$65
- \$5,001-\$15,000.....\$130
- Over \$15,000.....\$200

Sanitary Sewer Inspections: Selling your home or business? Here's a quick heads-up! City ordinance requires an inspection of the property's sanitary sewer service line (the line that connects your property to the city system) before the sale is complete.

A licensed Minnesota plumber will need to televise the line and provide a written report, and a digital copy must be submitted to the City.

Why does this matter? These inspections help catch issues like cracked or leaking pipes and improper connections (like sump pumps or roof drains) that can cause problems down the line. Fixing these helps protect both your home or business and the city's sewer system.

If the inspection isn't complete before closing, the property will be considered non-compliant and may be subject to a \$75 monthly fee until everything is up to code.

Golf Cart Reminders:

Planning on cruising around town on your golf cart or ATV? Here are a few quick things to know:

- A City of Madison permit is required to drive on city streets – stop by City Hall to apply. A one-time \$100 fee and proof of insurance is required
 - Not all roads are city streets! 6th Avenue/Main Street, 1st Avenue (County Rd 19), 1st Street (State Hwy 40), and 8th Avenue (State Hwy 75) are not included.
 - Drivers must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license
 - Permits can be revoked if rules aren't followed
- Questions? City Hall is happy to help – just give them a call!

Thank you for helping keep our neighborhoods looking great and running smoothly!

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	\$100.00
Family Season Pass	\$250.00
Lap Swim Punch Card – 10 sessions	\$30.00
Lessons (depending on swimmers' level)	\$50.00-\$60.00
Private Lessons (per person)	\$150.00

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Madison Swimming Pool – Madison, MN

Slen Park Improvements: Improvements at Slen Park are scheduled to begin on April 20th. We are excited to see these enhancements take shape for our community! During construction, we kindly ask residents to be respectful of the contractors and give them plenty of space to safely complete their work.

Sanitation

City-wide Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, 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 W. 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 \$2.00/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.

Create a Lasting Tribute

Honor a loved one, celebrate a special memory, or share an inspiring message with a Memorial Bench in the City of Madison.

Pricing:

Memorial Bench:	\$1,275
Memorial Bench w/ Concrete Slab:	\$1,475

It's a meaningful way to leave a lasting mark in our community. Contact City Hall for more information!



Picnic Table Rentals

Planning a party, event, or get-together? The City of Madison has 8 foot picnic tables for rent for Lac qui Parle residents! We have 12 tables available, each seating 6 to 8 people—perfect for gatherings big or small.

Rental is just \$10 per table per day and is due at the time of reservation. Tables can be picked up and returned during city hall hours (Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.), weekends and holidays 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) and must be returned by noon the next day.

Rental fees may be waived for civic or non-profit groups with City Council approval.

Contact City Hall and we'll help you reserve today!