

WELCOME RANDY!



My name is Randy Larson Jr. and I joined the City of Madison's public works crew back in May as a Water/Wastewater Plant Operator.

I grew up on a farm North of Bellingham. My family, after years of foster and respite care, grew from five children to 11 after adopting six more siblings, and I am grateful for the life they have given all of us kids. I graduated from MN State University-Moorhead in 2013 with degrees in both Accounting and Finance. Prior to being employed with the City, I worked in Ortonville as an Ameriprise Financial Advisor and Enrolled Agent for Tax Preparation.

I currently reside in Bellingham and am in my ninth year as Mayor for the City of Bellingham. Even prior to working for the City, I've always made community and public service priorities in my daily life. I truly believe "Take pride in where you live. Love where you live."

I gained experience over the years regarding Bellingham's municipal operations and infrastructure which included the operations and maintenance of water and wastewater systems. As of September 2023, I hold a Class C Wastewater and Class C Water Certification. I will be taking the Class B Water Exam in October 2023. The best experience so far with the City of Madison has been when the water treatment plant was not fully operational due to an underdrain issue. Among that, and the other issues that were incurred, it truly was the best way to get to know the plant and operations. Along the way, we got to test and implement changes that have all been positive once the right combination of them all was dialed in. The variety in the work I get to do is one of the most enjoyable aspects.

When I am not at work, I may be out with my cattle, helping the family farm, working on equipment/vehicles or working on Bellingham related tasks and projects. I also preside on the St. Paul's Lutheran of Bellingham Cemetery Association Board and perform some sexton related duties. Renovating my house that was built in 1889 has also been a long-standing project, but it's come a long way. I also have the intention to continue to do income taxes and hopefully someday investment and financial planning related work when not at work for the City.

Some fun facts about me:

- I work with my brother Zach, who started for the City of Madison in the fall of 2022.
- "Hay Season" is my favorite time of year, especially when my dad is raking hay and I am baling right behind him. It's one of those "Life is good..." moments.
- I was known as the "limo guy" from Bellingham. I bought a limo while in college and owned it up until 2018.

I appreciate the staff at the City of Madison for being supportive in my transition into my position, enabling me to utilize my strengths and satisfy my desire to continue to learn new things. I look forward to working with you and the community to continue to move Madison forward. Lastly, if you see me out and about, feel free to stop and say hi!

LIQUOR STORE NEWS

By Dale Hiepler, Liquor Store Manager

The fall season is upon us, and with the changing of the seasons comes a change in the drinking habits of the consumer. We are also getting into the holiday season which makes it fun to try some of the non-traditional drinks. One of the more successful new products is Morgan Southern Cream Peppermint Mocha Liqueur. The following is a recipe for Peppermint Mocha:

PEPPERMINT MOCHA

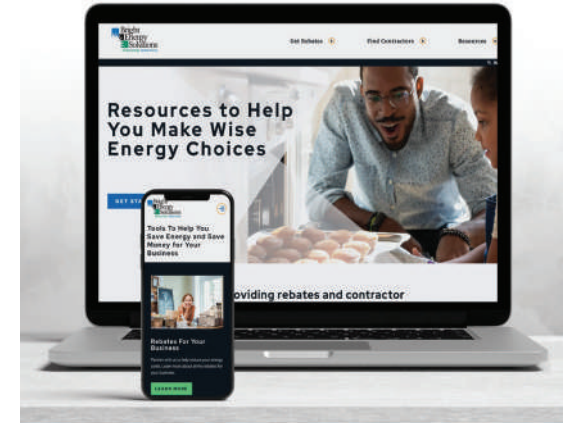
- 1 1/2 oz. Vodka
- 1 oz. Peppermint Mocha
- 1 oz. Chocolate Liqueur
(chocolate triple chocolate liqueur)
- 3/4 of half & half

Rim glass with chocolate sauce and place into the freezer while you prepare your cocktail. Add ingredients to a cocktail shaker with ice then strain the cocktail into the rimmed glass. Garnish with peppermint patties.



BRIGHT ENERGY SOLUTIONS REDESIGNED WEBSITE

Missouri River Energy Services recently launched the newly redesigned Bright Energy Solutions (BES) website, www.brightenergysolutions.com, to provide visitors with a more informative and welcoming experience. The refreshed website is mobile responsive on various screen sizes and includes accessibility enhancements. It also hosts a variety of engaging content, tools, and resources for a number of different audiences. Customers and contractors are able to quickly access BES rebates and connect more easily with other services. If you have any questions, please contact city hall.



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WHAT IS HEATSHARE?

HeatShare is a voluntary nongovernmental program of The Salvation Army that has been in existence since 1982.

When you give to HeatShare, you are helping warm the lives of the elderly, people with disabilities, and others who have nowhere else to turn. HeatShare provides financial assistance on a year-round basis and is used for natural gas, oil, propane, wood, and electricity.

Who does HeatShare help?

- Seniors with low income and no alternate source of help
- People with disabilities who are limited in their ability to maintain income to adequately cover energy costs
- People who have an unexpected crisis and as a result cannot pay for household energy bills

How can I support my neighbor?

You can give the gift of heat by sending a tax-deductible donation to: The Salvation Army - HeatShare Program, 2445 Prior Ave, Roseville, MN 55113 *Please make checks payable to HeatShare 1-800-842-7279 or visit www.heatshare.org

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

The City has had a busy year of projects. Here are a few we have been working on:

1. Eastview Townhomes Pavement Improvements
2. Water Treatment Plant Gravity Filter Repair
3. Softball Field Bathroom Update
4. Highway 40 & 75 Lighting & Manhole Replacement
5. Northwest Utility Extension
6. Memorial Field Grandstand
7. Pool Filter Replacement



SUMP PUMPS



If you have a sump pump permit, you can switch your sump pump discharge to the city sanitary sewer no sooner than November 16th. Please call city hall if you would like to obtain a sump pump permit.



DATES TO REMEMBER

• Events and dates are subject to change •

- Nov. 1 Garbage & Recycling switched to curbside pickup
- Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 8-11 **50th Annual Norsefest**
- Nov. 10 Lutefisk Eating Contest & Super Raffle
- Nov. 10 City Hall Closed • **Veteran's Day**
Thank a Veteran for their service to our Country!
- Nov. 23 & 24..... City Hall Closed • **Happy Thanksgiving!**
- Dec. 25 City Hall Closed • **Merry Christmas!**
- Jan. 1 City Hall Closed • **Happy New Year!**
- Jan. 15 ..City Hall Closed • **Recognition of Martin Luther King Day**
- Feb. 19 City Hall Closed • **Recognition of Presidents' Day**



Ice Skating Rink Hours

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

3:30-6 p.m. • 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

1-6 p.m. • 7-9 p.m.



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We are trying hard to keep you informed and up-to-date on what's happening in your city!

DO YOU HAVE AN AFTER-HOURS UTILITY EMERGENCY?

Please contact the LqP Sheriff's Office at 320-598-3720 and they will contact a city worker!

