



MADISON MATTERS 2024

FALL 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.

Ice Skating Rink Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 3:30 to 6 p.m. & 7 to 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 1 to 6 p.m. & 7 to 9 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 4-5: Oktoberfest; City Wide Rummage Sales, Car Show, Outhouse Races

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

Nov. 3: Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 6-9: Norsefest

Nov. 8: Lutefisk Eating Contest & Super Raffle

Nov. 9: Norsefest Craft Show & Scandinavian Arts Fair

Nov. 11: City Hall Closed to observe **Veteran's Day**. Thank a Veteran for their service to our Country!

Nov. 28 & 29: City Hall Closed. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

TBA: Christmas Kickoff, Santaland, Sleigh Rides, Free Movies, and more!

Dec. 25: City Hall Closed. **Merry Christmas!**

Jan 1: City Hall Closed. **Happy New Year!**

Jan. 20: City Hall Closed in Recognition of **Martin Luther King Day**

Feb. 17: City Hall Closed in Recognition of **Presidents' Day**

Utility Billing Payments:

Make a payment any time of day by utilizing the online customer portal at:

www.municipalonlinepayments.com/cityofmadisonmn or by calling 877-879-9899**

Other payment options include:

- Bank Pay – Sign up at City Hall to have your bill drafted from your checking or savings account on the 15th of each month
- In Person using cash, check, credit/debit card**
- By Mail

***Fees may apply*

SIGN UP FOR PAPERLESS BILLING!

Sign up for paperless billing either through the online customer portal:

<https://cityofmadisonmn.municipalonlinepayments.com/cityofmadisonmn> or call/visit City Hall

Public Work Updates:

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

1. Lining of sewer mains, laterals, and manhole rehabilitation on highways
2. New street lights along 6th Avenue and highways
3. Updated utilities and fixtures at softball field bathrooms
4. Memorial Field improvements in partnership with Madison Baseball Association
5. Phase 2 window rehabilitation at City Hall
6. Addition of a generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Zoning and Land Use Permits:

Permits are required for construction projects that change the footprint of structures placed on or added to your property. Those projects include, but are not limited to: Sheds, patios, fences, adding on to current structures, new business signs.

Please contact City Hall at 320-598-7373 with any questions.

The zoning and land use permit application is available on the City's website or can be obtained at City Hall during normal business hours, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CALL BEFORE DIGGING

Gopher State One Call 1-800-252-1166 or 811:

Protect yourselves and your property against underground utility damage and liability. Before digging, anyone in Minnesota must call Gopher State One Call and find out where underground utility lines might be buried (no cost).

Fall Cleanup

Do you have leaves and brush to dispose of after cleaning and tidying your yard this fall? The City's brush site is open to residents of the City of Madison for disposal of leaves, branches, and grass clippings. It is located off Highway 40 to the east of Madison Auto Parts.

Sump Pumps:

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

Golf Carts:

Golf carts are **NOT** permitted to drive or park on main street due to it being a county road.

Golf carts require liability insurance and operators having a valid driver's license.



Ordinances:

Snow Parking: Parking on city streets is prohibited during snowfall and continuing thereafter until the streets have been plowed open to full width. Penalties, fees, and towing may apply to violators.



Fall-Winter Energy Saving Tips:

- Open curtains on the south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat the home, and close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows
- Cover drafty windows with heavy-duty, clear plastic film
- Adjust the temperature. When home and awake, set the thermostat as low as comfortable. When asleep or away, turn thermostat down to save as much as 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills. A smart thermostat can make this easy. **Rebates available! Call City Hall for questions.**
- Maintain your heating systems. Schedule routing service for home heating systems and replace furnace and heat pump filters once a month or as needed.
- Keep the temperature of the water heater to the warm setting (120 degrees F)
- For the holidays, use LED holiday light strings



Keep calm and buy a smart thermostat

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Sidewalks: Within 24 after snowfall, please have your sidewalk shoveled. Penalties and fines apply.

Snowmobiles: It shall be unlawful for any person to enter, operate or stop a snowmobile within the limits of the city for general transportation or recreational purposes, except on designated snowmobile trails or on the most direct route out of town between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

RV/ Large Vehicle Parking or Storage: In an attempt to reduce visual clutter, prevent congestion of the public rights-of-way, promote the general safety and welfare of the public, and protect the property values of adjoining properties, here are a few reminders on residential parking as we make the seasonal transition.

If storing or parking of any vehicles/ large vehicles (buses, motor homes, large trucks, etc.):

- No more than four vehicles per dwelling unit may be parked or stored outside
- All motorized vehicles shall be parked or stored on concrete, asphalt, stone-pavers or gravel so long as the gravel is clean of grass and weeds
- Overnight parking on city streets is not allowed for the following vehicles: repair, delivery, rented vehicles with commercial plates, utility trailers (boats, snowmobiles and the like) or any other vehicle not registered as a passenger vehicle

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:

- 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.

Chicken Permits: A permit is required to harbor chickens on your property in the City of Madison.

A Chicken Permit application is available on the City's website at ci.madison.mn.us or at City Hall.