



WELCOME DAN OLSON!

Dan Olson started as the City of Madison's Water/Waste-water Plant Operator in March 2022. Dan grew up in Madison and graduated from LQPV High School in 2007. He is the son of Roger and Julie Olson and has a little brother Stephen, who works for John Deere. Dan is happy to have his wonderful girlfriend Lindsay and her two boys Nolan and Reece in his life. In his free time, he enjoys going to the races, outdoor activities like hiking, swimming and ice fishing as well as traveling. Welcome Dan!

WELCOME ZACH LARSON!



My name is Zach Larson and I just recently started with the City of Madison in the streets / parks department. I have lived in the area all my life but moved to the City of Madison two years ago with my wife Sandy and our son Finley. We will be adding another little boy to the family in December. In my free time I enjoy working on projects to keep me busy and spending time with my family and friends. I look forward to what this job has in store for me!



LIQUOR STORE NEWS

By Dale Hiepler, Liquor Store Manager

As we approach the fall season, we start looking forward to the holiday season. Each holiday usually has its own favorite when it comes to wine and liquor recipes. See one recipe below, but be sure to check out our advertisements in the Western Guard around Christmas season for more delicious drink recipes!

The beer category also introduces some new holiday flavors. A great time to give your taste buds a jump start. Like the whole City of Madison, we look forward to serving you.

**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
ENJOY RESPONSIBLY**

ADULT HOT CHOCOLATE

2 oz. Peppermint Schnapps
Fill with hot chocolate and stir. Top with whipped cream and sprinkle with shaved chocolate or sprinkles.



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

DON'T LET YOUR TOILET WASTE WATER

(By: MRWA) - A silent leak in your toilet can waste several thousand gallons of high-quality water each year and place unnecessary demands on your sewer system or septic tank.

- Usually you cannot hear the leak because it runs slowly out of the tank.
- A leaking toilet is a sad toilet!

How can you discover if your toilet leaks?

Simple. Follow these easy steps and you'll know.

1. Lift off the lid from your toilet seat.
2. Place three or four drops of ordinary food coloring into the toilet tank (note - do not use dye - it could stain).
3. Do not flush or otherwise disturb the toilet for one or two hours or longer. At the end of the waiting period, observe the toilet bowl. If the color you placed into the tank shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.

How do you fix a leaking toilet?

- Most frequently, leaks in toilets are caused by a defective flush valve. A flush valve is a flap or ball plunger device that is supposed to act as a stopper in the bottom of your toilet tank. After several years and many flushings, the stopper can be knocked out of shape or simply worn out.
- To make your toilet happy and to save water, see your hardware dealer or plumber and obtain an inexpensive and easy to install replacement valve or complete replacement kit.

USE WATER WISELY!!



Today's electric heat pumps are the right choice

- Year-round heating & cooling
- Better indoor air quality
- Safety
- Reduced carbon emissions
- Fast and even home heating

Heat pumps run on electricity and are far more efficient than other heat sources. The cost to heat with a heat pump is lower than fuel oil, propane or electric baseboard.

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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.





GRAND PARK

An Age Friendly Committee was created in partnership with Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging (MNRAAA) to obtain a \$10,000 grant. The Committee's role was to survey and identify a community age-friendly asset to bring to Madison, which brought the idea of the Grand Park come to life.

Work has been underway at the new Grand Park located north of the Grand Theatre. The committee and volunteers planted flowers and laid sod. Three of the four outdoor musical instruments were installed, with the fourth instrument and wellness equipment coming at a later date.

The committee is excited to share this project with the community and are accepting financial contributions. Donors of \$250 or greater will be acknowledged at the park and funds will go directly to this project. Please contact the City Hall Business Office if you are interested - a tax deductible receipt is available upon request.

WE KINDLY ASK THAT RESIDENTS MOVE THEIR GARBAGE & RECYCLING TO THE STREET/CURB STARTING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1ST

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 General Election Day
- Find more info at MNVOTES.ORG**
- Nov. 11 City Hall Closed • **Veteran's Day**
Thank a Veteran for their service to our Country!
- Nov. 10-12 Norsefest
- Nov. 24 & 25 City Hall Closed • **Happy Thanksgiving!**
- Dec. 26 City Hall Closed • **Merry Christmas!**
- Jan. 1 City Hall Closed • **Happy New Year!**
- Jan. 16 ..City Hall Closed • **Recognition of Martin Luther King Day**
- Feb. 14Happy Valentine's Day!
- Feb. 20 City Hall Closed • **Recognition of Presidents' Day**
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- April 9 Easter



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.

CITY OF MADISON



Madison
MATTERS

FALL 2022



ELECTION NEWS

General Election 2022 is on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. at Madison City Hall for city of Madison residents. If you prefer to vote early/absentee, you may do so at MNVOTES.ORG or at the Lac qui Parle County Courthouse prior to Election Day.

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