

**HELLO FROM THE LINE DEPARTMENT**

*By David Johnson, Line Department Supervisor*

I hope everyone has had a good winter. It has been a cold one, but at least the snow fall has been minimal. Hopefully we have an early spring.

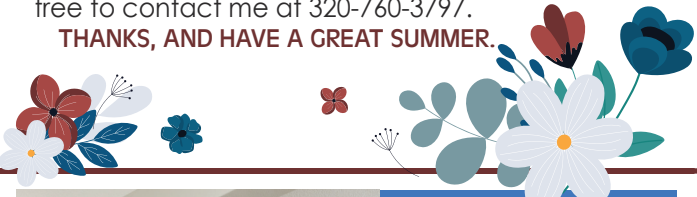
During the 2022 season, we will be installing 150 new residential lights. When this project is complete, all of the lighting in town will be LED. These lights will pay for themselves within five years with the energy savings, and will be a nice upgrade. We hope to receive the lights in the coming weeks and will start with installation immediately.

We will also be installing a new transformer and metering at the new assisted living. There will be a new light fixture and base at the north entrance to the nursing home, as well. After these two projects, the MHS project will be complete.

Another project we will start working on is the replacement of connectors on the power lines that run from the poles in the alley to the houses. These connectors have been failing, which then causes outages to individual homes. We will have to shut power off to the house while installing these, but will give notice to homeowners before we start. We average about five outages a year because of these connectors, and hope to change these out completely in the next few years.

Once again it will be a busy summer, but we are looking forward to it. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 320-760-3797.

**THANKS, AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.**



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- April 22-24.....All-Around Town Rummage Sales
- April 22-24..... Salt Lake Bird Watching Weekend
- May 7 ..... City Wide Clean-Up
- May 30 ..... City Hall Closed • **Memorial Day**
- June 29 ..... Block Party & Miss Madison Program
- July 4..... City Hall Closed • **Independence Day**
- July 4..... Summerfest: Fireworks, free swim, movie matinee
- July 15-17 ..... Dragonfest, Stinker Day
- July 16..... Parade
- July 31 .....Heritage Day at LqP County Museum
- Sept. 5..... City Hall Closed • **Labor Day**
- Sept. 8-11 ..... Lac qui Parle County Fair
- Sept. 28-Oct 1 ..... Oktoberfest
- Sept. 28-Oct 1 ..... Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales
- Oct. 1 ..... Oktoberfest Car Show
- Oct. 31 .....Halloween: Parade & Trunk or Treat



**LIQUOR STORE NEWS**

*By Dale Hiepler, Liquor Store Manager*

Spring is here! It's time for outdoor BBQs, golf and baseball. All activities that require the right beverage to truly enjoy the experience. The Madison Liquor Store will be able to help with all your beverage needs for the summer activities.

Seltzer's, once again, are leaders in introducing new products. Bud Light introduced three new products recently; Bud Light Seltzer Sour variety pack (watermelon, blue raspberry, lemon, green apple) and Bud Light Seltzer Hard Soda (citrus, classic cola, orange soda, cherry cola). Bud Light also came out with Bud Light Next a zero carb/80 calories light beer.

Crown Royal also came out with a 4-pack of 12 oz. cans. They come in Crown Royal apple and Crown Royal with cola.

Check out all the new products on our Facebook page.

*Enjoy responsibly!!!*



**City of Madison**

404 Sixth Avenue, Madison, MN 56256

Phone (320) 598-7373

 Like us on Facebook!



Check out the City of Madison and Chamber of Commerce website at [www.ci.madison.mn.us](http://www.ci.madison.mn.us).

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

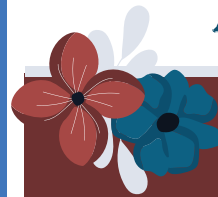


**TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR COMFORT**

Super-efficient and durable, ductless heat pumps provide immediate and long-lasting comfort and control. They can also reduce electric heating costs up to 50%.

Ductless systems, also known as 'mini-splits,' are the perfect solution for spaces without ductwork. One outdoor unit can heat or cool up to eight individually-controlled indoor units, providing the perfect temperature in every room.

Ask us about a \$350 rebate!



*City-wide Cleanup*

**SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 7**

**8 a.m. - Noon • Water Treatment Plant**



## HELLO FROM BOBCAT BETTY

Well time has flown by. I started back in May of 1989 in the parks department mowing the parks with a 750 John Deere of which the city still uses as a utility tractor. After mowing, I started to help read meters and back then, we had to go into the homes to read the water meter and it took about 1 ½ weeks to read them all.

By January 1999, I was full-time in the old water plant. We had rotating shifts from 4 a.m. until noon and 3 p.m. until 11 p.m., 2 weekends on and 1 off. There were no automatics in the old plant, and I couldn't wait for our new plant to go online. After the new plant was up and going, we started to have more time to help out in other departments. That is also when we combined the wastewater department with the weekend rotations. We all help with water main breaks, and with the new technology, reading meters is quite different now as it only takes 3-4 hours.

When it comes to mowing time, you can find me on a 72" Zero Turn which I like how much faster it is than the old 750 John Deere. Know when the snow starts to fall, I get to spend more time in the Bobcat, which I call my "office" in the winter time. My mornings when it snows, I usually start at 2 a.m. to get a head start before the guys come out at 4 a.m. I got a nickname of Bobcat Betty years back and it has stuck with me.

So now after 32 years and 10 months, I have decided to retire from the City of Madison. I have learned a lot over the years and have had many laughs and a great privilege working with great individuals.



**SOCIAL MEDIA LUNCH**

*SOCIAL MEDIA LUNCH*  
Last Wednesday of the Month  
12:00-1:00pm  
Madison Mercantile

*Different Topic Every Week!*

*Eat, learn, and socialize!!*

*Join local business members to learn how social media can help you grow your business!*

## FROM THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

*By Dean Broin, Water and*

*Wastewater Department Supervisor*

I would like to thank Betty for her dedicated 32 years of service to the City of Madison! Betty has always been there over the years from water main breaks to bad weather. I truly believe we are losing a great city employee.

**THANK YOU, BETTY!**

## Summer Employment Opportunities

The City will soon be searching for summer workers for the following positions:

- Business Office Intern
- Electric Department Intern
- Summer Parks Positions
- Pool Manager
- Pool Assistant Managers
- Lifeguards

Be sure to watch the newspaper and our website for more details!

Applications can be picked up at the City Hall or downloaded from our website.

## FROM THE STREETS AND PARKS

*By Todd Erp, Streets and Parks Supervisor*

With the County landfill now closed, the City of Madison has had to look at different options for city-wide cleanup. Although the process will be different, we would like to keep this service for the residents of Madison available. Clean up will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Water Treatment Plant.

We will also be crack-filling section two of three of streets and avenues which includes 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue up to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Proper maintenance of our streets prevents them from aging too quickly. Part three of the project will finish in 2023.

Madison's pool will undergo a few repairs this spring. Contractors will repair some of the pool lining in the shallow end. We also purchased a new chemical controller for the pool and slide making it safer, easier to operate and more effective. It will alert us if the chemicals become close to falling outside the parameters or a problem has occurred with the equipment. A lot of work is done to keep our pools safe for swimmers and this will be a huge step in the safety of everyone!

Mosquitoes have been surprisingly manageable the last few years, but as a reminder, homeowners need to be aware of breeding site on their property. Avoid standing water and keep grass cut. Mosquitoes like to hang out in cool, shady spots along with water. The best approach to mosquito control is to keep them from showing up in the first place.

On a final note, it has been a great honor to have worked with Betty these last few years. Betty has worked with the city for 32 years and 10 months at the time of her retirement. She has always put pride in anything she does and it truly shows. So if you happen to see Bobcat Betty out and about, make sure you thank her for all her hard work and years of service. We won't be the same without you!

## 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 \$75.00**  
**Family Season Pass \$150.00**

