

FROM THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

By Dean Broin, Water and
Wastewater Department Supervisor

2023 is going to be a very busy year with new projects! MnDOT is planning on resurfacing Highway 75 and 40 within city limits, and part of this project consists of the city moving a fire hydrant, replacing a sewer manhole that has settled over the years, and removing a sewer manhole under a sidewalk that is not needed.

Since a majority of the sewer lines under Hwy 75 and 40 are still clay tile, the City plans to restore those with cured-in-place pipe lining. The old brick constructed manholes will be refurbished, as well.

New sewer and water infrastructure will be installed to the northwest part of the city along 11th Street from Meadow Hills to TH 75, across TH 75 and south along TH 75 to 9th Street. This infrastructure would provide for utilities to the newly annexed land acquired in 2022.

I would like to share with you again a very helpful suggestion to stay away from high water bills. The most common problem is a leaking toilet. Here are a few easy ways to know if your toilet is leaking:

1. Listen while you are in the bathroom. If you hear water running, then stop, then run again and stop, you know you have a problem.

2. Lift the toilet seat and look into the bowl. If water is constantly running into the bowl, you have a problem.

3. Use food coloring. There are 3 steps to check your toilets this way:

Step 1: Remove the lid to your toilet tank and add 2-3 drops of food coloring to the water in the tank (it does not matter what color it is).

Step 2: Mix up the water in the tank to make it all colored. Let sit for half an hour to an hour.

Step 3: Look into the bowl of the toilet, if you see the colored water from the tank in the bowl, you have a leaking toilet.

To remedy this leaking water problem, the flush valve inside the tank will need to be repaired.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that has a sump pump going into the City's sanitary sewer, you must have them discharging outside by April 15th.

Thank you and have a wonderful spring!



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 \$175.00

Interested in becoming a lifeguard?

Check with the local community education programs on scheduled dates before the upcoming pool season!

LqPV Community Education
320-752-4844

Dawson-Boyd Community Education:
320-312-2318

Summer Employment Opportunities

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

- Business Office 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

As the season approaches to when we put the snowblowers away and sharpen our lawnmower blades, here are some things to remember while mowing:

• Please keep grass clippings off the streets. Blowing the first few passes onto the yard (away from the roads) will help eliminate clippings from entering the street. When grass clippings are blown or left in the road, it can lead to serious injury for motorcyclists and bikers. Also, it can be washed down our storm drains and cause drainage problems.

• 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.

• The City of Madison offers a brush and compost site for their residents. To help keep this available to the city residents, we ask that you abide by the rules posted at the site as it is controlled by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

When it comes to sidewalks and overhanging trees and overgrown bushes:

• The property owners are responsible to keep their sidewalk in good repair and safe. Inspecting sidewalks is a priority for the streets department this year.

• Any trees or brush shall also be trimmed for safe walking along sidewalks. Owners shall also trim any trees overhanging streets or sidewalk of less than 8'.

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.

We all love our pets and want them to be safe and happy. We would like to remind you that all dogs over the age of 6 months must be registered and licensed with the city. No license will be granted for a dog that has not been vaccinated against distemper and rabies. Upon receipt of the licensing paperwork, the City Clerk's office will issue a metallic tag for each dog licensed. Ordinances require pets to be leashed and not allowed to run at large.

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. If you haven't already used our newly installed dog park, I would recommend trying it out. It is located by the softball fields and Kiwanis park.

Community Meeting:

The City of Madison would like to thank everyone who participated in the online surveying and public meeting. This information will be used to update the City's Comprehensive Plan.



Golf Cart Reminders

A City of Madison Golf Cart/ATV permit is required to drive on city streets. You can visit City Hall to apply for the permit. Insurance must be provided with a \$100 one-time fee of that golf cart/ATV.

Individuals must be 16 years old and have a valid driver's license. A permit may be revoked if the ordinance is not followed. Please call city hall if you have any questions.



HELLO FROM THE LINE DEPARTMENT

By David Johnson, Line Department Supervisor

We hope you had a good winter. The line department is ready for spring to get everything melted so we can start on our projects.

MnDOT will be completing mill and overlay this year with additions of new sidewalk along parts of Highway 75 and the north side of Highway 40. The line department will start with moving back approximately 7 poles along Highway 40 for the new sidewalks. Then we will work along Highway 75 installing 14 new street lights, bases, and all new wiring. The new poles will be aluminum with the use of the existing street light heads. This will be a nice upgrade, as some of the poles and wire are getting old.

The other major project will be extending and installing new main line power to the new county building. This will be approximately a half mile of underground wire. We will also install a new transformer and all the metering equipment.

The line department will be very busy this summer and are looking forward to the upgrades. We hope you all have an enjoyable summer, and if you have any questions, give us a call at 320-760-3797.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 8 Easter Eggcitement
- April 21-23..... All-Around Town Rummage Sales
- May 6 City Wide Clean-Up
- May 29 City Hall Closed • **Memorial Day**
- June 28..... Block Party & Miss Madison Program
- July 4..... City Hall Closed • **Independence Day**
- July 4..... Fireworks at 10 p.m.
- July 14-15 Dragonfest, Stinker Day
- July 15..... Parade at 11 a.m.
- July 30..... Heritage Day at LqP County Museum
- Aug. TBA..... Farmer Appreciation Golf Outing
- Sept. 4..... City Hall Closed • **Labor Day**
- Sept. 7-10 Lac qui Parle County Fair
- Oct. 6-8..... Oktoberfest
- Oct. 6-7..... Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales
- Oct. 7 Oktoberfest Car Show
- Oct. 31Halloween: Parade & Trunk or Treat
- Nov. 8-11 50th Annual Norsefest



Maintenance: It matters.



Like all equipment, your home's cooling system needs regular maintenance to keep it running efficiently. Dirty coils and improper refrigerant levels increase energy costs and reduce equipment life.

Have a contractor tune up your air conditioner or heat pump now, and take advantage of our \$30 rebate.*



*Customers can receive tune-up rebate every other year for residential-site cooling systems. Other restrictions apply. See www.brightenergysolutions.com for details.

LIQUOR STORE NEWS

By Dale Hiepler, Liquor Store Manager

With the coming of spring, we will see a shift in the different styles of beer that will be introduced. The lighter, fruity beer beverages make their appearance once spring gets here and we will see brews like summer shandy, honey lemon, juicy peach, and honey weiss on the shelf at Madison Liquor Store.

Wine preferences also change with the coming of spring. People that normally prefer heavy dry reds will switch to lighter, semi-sweet wines like rieslings or gewurz-traminer which pair nicely with fruit for that picnic basket.

Spring also means we are getting close to graduation time. Check out the volume pricing on liquor and beer purchases to set you up for those graduation parties.

As always, enjoy your summer and....

Enjoy responsibly!!!



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City-wide Cleanup
SCHEDULED FOR
SATURDAY, MAY 6

8 a.m. - Noon • Water Treatment Plant

City of Madison residents may bring items to the Water Treatment located at 201 1st Street W., and must provide proof of residency. Cash and Check payments only.

Check out the City of Madison and Chamber of Commerce website at www.ci.madison.mn.us.

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

