



# MAD LAKE UPDATE CITYWIDE NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer Issue

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am- Easter Egg Hunt at All Saints
- April 10<sup>th</sup> 5 to 8 pm -Paddlefish Days Steak Fry at the Fire Hall
- April 11<sup>th</sup> 8 pm- Eagle Lake, St. Clair & Madison Lake Dance to Support at Eagle Lake American Legion
- April 25<sup>th</sup> 8 am sign up 9 am to 2:30 pm- Wally Schaub Memorial Crappie Tournament
- May 4<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 1 pm - Farmers Market Opening Weekend at 400 Main Street
- May 8-10<sup>th</sup> – Citywide Garage Sales
- May 16<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 2 pm- Child Car Seat Training at City Hall
- May 16<sup>th</sup> - Spring Clean-up
- Summer Movie Nights (TBD)
- June 13<sup>th</sup> 1 to 3 pm- Elderly Safety Class at City Hall
- June 30<sup>th</sup>- Animal License Renewals Due
- July 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> - Paddlefish Days & Bike Rodeo
- August 4<sup>th</sup> 6 to 8 pm– Night to Unite/ Main Street Grand Opening

### Mad Lake Trivia

Q1: What was the approximate population of Madison Lake when the Community Center/City Hall was built?

- A. 500-600
- B. 601-700
- C. 701-800
- D. 801-900
- E. 901-1,000

Answer on next page.

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## Animal Licensing Renewal Process to Change

Currently animal licenses are due at various times throughout the year depending on when you purchased your first license. This process is needlessly bulky and makes it difficult to remind residents when their licenses are due. Starting this June, all animal licenses will be **due June 1st**. Licenses will be valid from June 1, 2015 to May 30, 2016. We picked spring because hopefully it will be easier for residents to remember as the weather starts to warm up to come in for their licenses. For more information contact city hall.

## Farmers Market coming to Madison Lake

This spring, 400 Main Street will be busy on Saturday mornings as a new farmers market is headed to town. Local resident Ryan Sanders has lead a small committee and secured grant funding from the Madison Lake Area Community Foundation to help get a farmers market started in town. The farmers market will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday mornings from May until October. The farmers market is still looking for vendors. Vendors can come for one weekend (\$10) or for the entire season (\$200).

## Veterans Memorial

The Madison Lake Area American Legion Post 269 is currently raising funds to put in place a Veterans Memorial at North Shore Park (717 Point Avenue). The project is currently in the design phase and will be on-going until completion.

As of the end of February, over \$20,000 has been raised for the Memorial. The project is estimated to cost between \$35,000-\$40,000. Donations of any amount and/or Legacy bricks to be engraved and installed at the Veterans Memorial are available for \$100 or \$200 depending on the size at city hall (525 Main Street). All proceeds from the bricks help pay for the project.



*Design option for the Madison Lake Area Veterans Memorial to be placed at Northshore Park.*

## Police Department starts Focus-In program

The Madison Lake Police Department is starting a new focus-in program. Each month, the police department will pick one area to focus on in order to educate the public and gain compliance. Education will include a warning to those who violate the statutes or codes. In extenuating circumstances, a citation may be issued.



Madison Lake Police Department serving up Ice Cream at the National Night out Ice Cream Social last August.

### 2014 Year End Police Report

Overall activity in the city is up 41% in 2014, however Part 1 Violent Crimes is down by 61%. To put the numbers in perspective the city had 1.43 incidents per resident. For comparison purposes, we have provided numbers for all of BEC (non-Mankato) as well. For a more detailed version of the report contact city hall.

#### 2014 Year End Police Report Summary

	2013 Year End	2014 Year End	Percent Change
All Activity Madison Lake	1,122	1,578	41%
All Activity BEC (Non-Mankato)	10,463	10,679	2%
Part 1 (Violent Crimes) Madison Lake	23	9	-61%
Part 1 (Violent Crimes) BEC (Non-Mankato)	169	121	-28%

#### Mad Lake Trivia Answer:

The building was built in 1982 when the population was approximately 592.

### April: Child Safety, Seat Belt

Seat belts save lives. Often the requirements, use and proper installation of a child passenger restraint system are not clearly understood by those transporting children. The Madison Lake Police Department will enforce the use of seatbelts and encourage residents to properly install children's car and booster seats. Please stop by city hall on Saturday, May 16th between 10 am to 2 pm for Car Seat Training.

### May: Spring Clean-up/ Property Maintenance

As Spring comes around, staff will be on the look out for nuisance violations and reminding residents so they can take full advantage of the Citywide Garage Sales (May 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>) and Spring Clean-up (May 16<sup>th</sup>). Always remember to dispose of garbage properly. For more information on common nuisance violations contact city hall.

### June: Elderly Safety

As we get older our bodies change. We move a little slower, don't see quite as well and our bodies begin to lose some of the core strength needed to maintain balance. Combined, these changes can lead to accidents such as falls, breaks and sprains. The Police Department will host an Elderly Safety class on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 PM at city hall. In addition to mobility concerns, other threats such as internet scams will be discussed.

### July: Pedestrian Safety

As Minnesota's warm summer sets in, pedestrian and bike traffic increases. As a group pedestrians and bicyclists compromise nearly 10 percent of all traffic fatalities each year. Drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians need to be reminded of their obligations to adhere to the traffic laws. Drivers must yield to pedestrians in designated crossing points and pedestrians must cross the road in a lawful manner. This year's Bike Rodeo will take place at Paddlefish Days!

### August: Get to know your Neighbors

August is get to know your neighbors month. Preventing and solving crime is a community effort, one of the best ways to prevent crimes is to know your neighbors and your surroundings. What better way to get to know your neighbors than National Night out Ice Cream Social hosted by the Madison Lake Police Department on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM on Main Street. National Night Out is an opportunity for Residents and the Police Department to build relationships and create safer neighborhoods.

## How to Prevent a High Water bill

Studies show that dripping faucets and leaking toilets account for as much as 14% of all indoor water use, equivalent to 10 gallons per person of water lost per day. Periodically you should:

**Read the Water Meter** - Use your water meter to check for leaks in your home. Start by turning off all faucets and water-using appliances and make sure no one uses water during the testing period. Take a reading on your water meter, wait for about 30 minutes, and then take a second reading. If the dial has moved, you have a leak.

**Check for Leaky Toilets** - The most common source of leaks is the toilet. Check toilets for leaks by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If after 15 minutes the dye shows up in the bowl, the toilet has a leak.

**Check for Leaky Faucets** - The next place to check for leaks is your sink and bathtub faucets. Replacing the rubber O-ring or washer inside the valve can usually repair dripping faucets. Replace worn and leaking washers, gaskets, pipes or defective fixtures. Don't forget to check all outside faucets and make sure the valve closes properly!

Leak Size		Gallons Per Day	Gallons Per Month	Cubic Feet per Quarter
	A dripping leak consumes:	15 gallons	450 gallons	180 Cubic Feet
.	A 1/32 in. leak consumes:	264 gallons	7,920 gallons	3,168 Cubic feet
•	A 1/16 in. leak consumes:	943 gallons	28,300 gallons	11,319 Cubic Feet
••	A 1/8 in. leak consumes:	3,806 gallons	114,200 gallons	45,681 Cubic Feet
•••	A 1/4 in. leak consumes:	15,226 gallons	456,800 gallons	182,721 Cubic feet
••••	A 1/2 in. leak consumes:	60,900 gallons	1,827,000 gallons	730,800 Cubic Feet

## Performance Survey Results

This fall the city offered a performance survey to gather resident feedback. Since this was the first year, we are using the results to establish a baseline for comparison. The Council also found the information useful for assisting with decision making and prioritizing. Highlights of the survey are below! For a full copy of the survey results contact city hall. If you didn't get an opportunity to participate this year, don't worry, we plan on making this an annually survey in the fall.

### Quality of Services:

- **77% of residents surveyed rated overall quality of services as “Excellent” or “Good.”**
- 93% of residents surveyed rated Fire Protection “Excellent” or “Good.”
- 87% of residents surveyed rated Madison Lake a “Very Safe” or “Somewhat Safe” place to live (next year we plan to offer a plain “Safe” category as well).

### Communications:

Another area the city is working on improving is communications, we asked key questions about what type of communication those who responded to the survey currently received and what their preferred method of communication is with the city.

Method of Communication	Received	Preferred
Mailings directly to house	29%	17%
City's Website	45%	13%
City's Facebook Page	35%	10%
City's Listserv (via email)	51%	54%
Back of the Water bill	46%	7%
Other		4%

## Reminder all properties required to have identification numbers, it could save your life.

Ordinance 90.02 requires all dwelling units and commercial properties in Madison Lake are required to have identification numbers. Identification numbers must be clearly visible from the public street, in a contrasting color (note, please face numbers towards the street of your address that emergency responders would be looking for for instance city hall is on the corner of Main and Walnut but our address and identification numbers face Main Street.) If the property is not visible from the street, please place numbers at the end of driveway. For a full copy of the ordinance, see city hall.

## Project Updates – Don't Forget to Sign up for the City's Listserv!

### **Main Street**

Last summer Blue Earth County and the City of Madison Lake worked on reconstructing Main Street from Walnut Avenue (MN State Highway 60) to Cherry Avenue and Cherry Avenue from Main Street to Park Road (County State Aid Highway 44). The project included new water main, storm sewer, curb and gutter, and street section. The project is near completion with another layer of pavement to be put on this summer and a few minor items. We plan to hold a Grand Opening ceremony at National Night Out (August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm).

### **Annexation Project**

Last summer the city began a large project to provide the newly annexed areas around Duck Lake and Ballantyne water, sewer, storm and street services. The project will continue this summer as the contractors finish connecting individuals into the system and then finish the streets.

### **Fourth & Fifth**

The city has started to work with residents to plan for the reconstruction of 4th & 5th Streets from Lakeshore Drive to Spruce Street, Chestnut Avenue from Main Street to 5th Street and Spruce Street from Main Street to 1st Street; and alley infrastructure replacement and improvements on Block 17 and 18. Plans are to consider bidding the project this fall and start the project summer 2016.

### **Public Works & Police Facility**

The City Council is currently considering putting up a facility at the water tower site to store public works equipment and replace the current police garage (originally the recycling building behind city hall). The Fire Department would take over the old public works building for additional storage. The Fire Department currently rents several storage units for equipment that does not fit in the fire hall.

### **Electronically Read Water Meters**

The city is beginning a phased in approach to replacing old water meters with electronically read meters. The project began with the properties installing new meters for the Annexation project and Main Street project. All new meters being installed will be electronically read. The Council plans to replace meters as we can afford over the next five years. Although, we cannot afford to replace all meters at once if residents are interested in getting an electronically read meter earlier, we will allow residents to pay half the cost of the meter \$100.00 and get theirs replaced out. If you are interested, please contact city hall (507)243-3011.

The City of Madison Lake's vision is to be a thriving, engaged and supportive community with a legacy for small town character and big opportunities.

The City of Madison Lake's mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of life for Madison Lake Residents, Business Owners and Visitors, by providing excellent public services.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions feel free to contact City Hall!

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