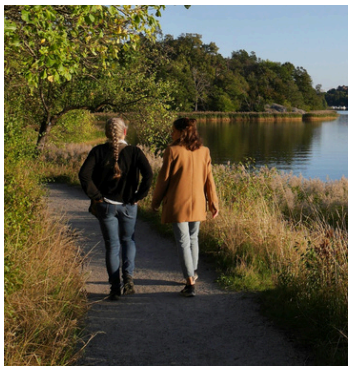
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Fall Colors & Cooler Days

October brings a different kind of beauty to Lake Madison. The busy summer days have given way to peaceful mornings, crisp autumn air, and colorful leaves along the shoreline. While boats and lake activities begin to slow down, there's still plenty to enjoy as fall settles in.

Whether you're taking a walk along the lake, enjoying an evening by the fire, or heading out on the water for one last ride, October is a great time to appreciate everything Lake Madison has to offer. The changing scenery offers a reminder that our lake is something special in every season.

As we prepare for the colder months ahead, it's also a good time to tidy up shorelines, secure docks and lake equipment, and make sure everything is ready for winter.

Although summer may be behind us, our commitment to keeping Lake Madison clean, safe, and beautiful continues year-round. Thank you to everyone who helps care for our lake and the community surrounding it!

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Our Mission:

Our mission is to to promote water safety and to protect the water quality, natural resources, and ecosystems of Lake Madison and the surrounding watershed by promoting conservation, research, and education so the natural beauty and environment of the lake and surrounding area may be preserved for the enjoyment of people today and for generations to come.

Lake Madison Recreation Trail

Building Connections

The Lake Madison Recreation Trail Master Plan envisions a **15-mile loop** connecting parks, resorts, nature areas, and local businesses. The ADA-compliant, paved trail will promote safe walking and biking, strengthen community connections, support tourism and economic growth, and preserve the natural beauty of Lake Madison.

The Trail Committee has identified **Phases 1, 2, and 3** as the next steps toward connecting the southeast lake community with the existing trail, the City of Madison, and local recreational and business destinations. Transportation Alternatives Grant funding would support surveying, engineering, design, and construction.



Help Make the Trail a Reality!

The Lake Madison Recreation Trail Capital Campaign is underway with a goal of raising **$300,000 by December 30, 2026**, to provide the required 20% local match for the SD Transportation Alternative Grant.

Please consider making a donation today! Every contribution brings us one step closer to a safer, more accessible trail for residents and visitors to enjoy for generations to come. Together, we can connect our communities and make the Lake Madison Recreation Trail a reality!

DONATE, SHARE, GET INVOLVED!

The Lake Madison Development Association (LMDA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting recreation, safety, stewardship, and community.

Every gift makes a difference! Choose the fund that best reflects your support:

BUILD THE TRAIL
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Your contribution supports the construction & development of the Lake Madison Recreation Trail.

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Maintenance Endowment
Help ensure the trail remains safe, accessible, and enjoyable for generations by supporting its long-term care and maintenance

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City Invites Community to Learn about Proposed Hwy 34 Bypass Project

October 8, 2026 (Madison, SD) – The City of Madison and Lake County are inviting residents and property owners to learn more and ask questions as planning begins for a proposed Hwy 34 Bypass construction project.

A public open house will be held Thursday, October 22nd, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 503 S Highland Avenue.

The City and County are involving residents and property owners early in the project development process so they have an opportunity to understand what is being considered, ask questions, and provide input as plans develop. The open house will provide a chance to talk directly with project representatives, review preliminary information, and learn what to expect as the project moves through the planning process.

Information available at the open house will include the anticipated project area, potential lane configurations, preliminary plans, possible impacts to adjacent properties, and an overview of how the project would move through the development process.

Property owners who may be directly affected by the proposed project are especially encouraged to attend, but the open house is available to everyone interested in learning more.

The project remains in the preliminary stages. Final plans, funding, and agency participation have not been determined and remain subject to applicable approvals and funding decisions.

The City of Madison and Lake County plan to continue sharing information with the community as the project develops. For questions or additional information, contact the City of Madison Engineering Department at 605-256-7514.

Shoreline & Habitat Stewardship

Shoreline vegetation can come in many forms, including trees, shrubs, grasses, and emergent aquatic vegetation such as cattails. Together, these plants have an important role in the overall health of a lake and it's ecosystem. Deep-rooted plants can help stabilize the shoreline and reduce erosion. Shoreline vegetation can also slow runoff and trap soil before it enters the lake, especially during heavy rain events. This sediment can carry nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus. By slowing or stopping runoff and trapping sediment, shoreline vegetation can help keep these nutrients from entering the lake. Well-vegetated shorelines also provide important habitat for both terrestrial and aquatic wildlife.

Lakeshore residents can help protect their lake by converting portions of their property from short-rooted vegetation, such as turf grass, to longer-rooted native vegetation. Native grasses and forbs not only provide ecological benefits but can also add beauty. Big Bluestem, Canada Wild Rye, Switchgrass, and Prairie Dropseed can provide attractive fall color. Forbs such as Purple Coneflower, American Columbine, Asters, Goldenrod, and Blanket Flower can provide color throughout the season while also offering valuable resources for pollinators and other wildlife.

7 Tips for Winterizing Your Lake House

- **Do a Deep Cleaning**
  - Giving your lake house a thorough cleaning can help you find things that need to be repaired and lead to less work when you're ready to open up for some fun and relaxation in the spring and summer. Dirt and dust that's left for months can be really hard to remove. Not only that, your house may smell a lot fresher and cleaner when you arrive in the spring.
- **Prevent Potential Fire Hazards**
  - It's critical to unplug electronics and appliances before you leave for the season. This can prevent damage or a fire in the event of a power surge or lightning strike. If you have a fireplace or wood-burning stove, thoroughly clean and remove all ashes and debris from inside. Remove combustible items such as paint, household cleaners, and other flammable liquids or aerosols. You should also remove gasoline from your lawnmower and any other garden tools that use it. It's also a good idea to take out any used rags and containers that contain flammable substances. Check all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors as well.
- **Check the HVAC System**
  - Make sure your furnace and air conditioning systems are in good working order. If your furnace is due for maintenance, make sure to get it done before the house is closed up, as you will most likely be leaving it on at a very low temperature to prevent pipes from freezing.
- **Winterize Plumbing**
  - Speaking of pipes, it's important to repair any leaks to ensure they don't grow bigger and ruin your home. Make sure any external pipes are well insulated. Burst pipes can cause significant damage that costs thousands of dollars to repair. You can also pour non-toxic, non-flammable propylene glycol antifreeze down drains and toilets, which is specifically made for winterizing campers and trailers.
- **Seal Gaps**
  - Check around all windows and doors to see if there are any gaps or cracks that could let in cold air. Weatherstripping works well to seal up these areas. You can seal cracks in walls, stone, and concrete with caulking. If you have shutters, closing them will also help keep in heat and keep out moisture.
- **Check the Roof**
  - A leaky roof can be disastrous, especially if you're not around to see it. Regardless of the type of roof you have, check it for signs of aging and damage such as cracked or loose shingles.
- **Ask Someone to Keep an Eye Out**
  - It's also a good idea to ask a trusted neighbor or friend who lives in the area year-round to talk a walk or drive by your house periodically. You may also want to give them a key to the house in case anything happens that needs urgent attention.

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4 PAYMENT METHOD

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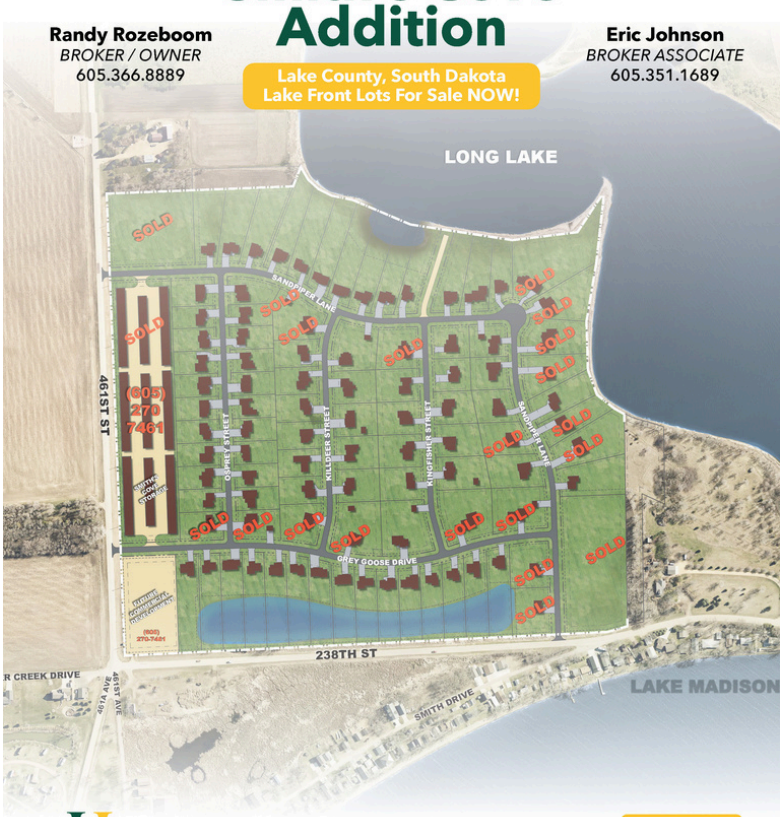
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