



# The Medicine Laker

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## From Our Mayor

*By Chris Heim, Mayor*

Hello, neighbors! Construction for our long-awaited road/sewer/water project is underway! As we brace ourselves for a year of rough roads and construction chaos, let's keep in mind that the end product will be a transformed infrastructure that will serve our city for years to come. The construction and engineering teams have been phenomenal partners, and I'm truly impressed by their warmth and approachability as they go about their work. Let's continue to extend them our patience and gratitude as they work daily throughout the summer to enhance our city. Together, we're shaping a brighter future for our community!

### **KEY UPDATES:**

**We're in need of a Deputy City Clerk:** Our City Clerk, Therese Polum, plays a pivotal role and is doing exceptional work for our city. There are occasions when Therese could use assistance with behind-the-scenes tasks and note taking during City Council meetings when she's unable to attend. We're seeking someone to step up and fill this deputy role. It's not a major time commitment and you'll be providing invaluable support when our City Clerk requires backup. If you're interested, please reach out to Therese at [city\\_clerk@cityofmedicinelake.com](mailto:city_clerk@cityofmedicinelake.com).

**Important References for our City Project:** Here is a list of resources to help you stay informed.

- Project website: [www.streetandutilityproject.com](http://www.streetandutilityproject.com)
- Weekly project email updates: Sign up at [www.streetandutilityproject.com/meetcomment](http://www.streetandutilityproject.com/meetcomment)

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### **Important References for our City Project continued:**

Mailboxes at City Hall:

- Sign up for mail delivery updates: [www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm](http://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm)
- Mail is typically delivered to City Hall mid-afternoon
- Surveillance cameras have been installed to deter mail theft and mailbox tampering

Home Mailbox: Check your home's mailbox daily for deliveries besides those from USPS

Connecting to City Water: Want to connecting to city water? Email [dhutton@SEHinc.com](mailto:dhutton@SEHinc.com)

Property tax clarification: To clarify a case of misinformation - there is no property tax assessment for this project. Thanks to the state and federal funding we've secured, we're able to cover the remainder of the project costs through our existing city-maintenance reserve fund.

If you have any questions specific to the project, contact SEH and they will take quick action

- Dave Hutton – [dhutton@SEHinc.com](mailto:dhutton@SEHinc.com)
- Blake Hansen – [bhansen@SEHinc.com](mailto:bhansen@SEHinc.com)

**Progressive Dinner Save The Date:** I'm thrilled to announce that our annual Progressive Dinner will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and look for additional updates in the coming months.

**Boating Season is Here:** As you prepare your boats and jet skis for a fantastic summer on the water, take a moment as a family to review boating regulations, jet-ski hours, and boat-wake etiquette. Ensure your registration stickers are up to date and that your boat is equipped with a horn and extra life jackets. Stay safe out there!

I want to personally thank everyone for your kind support and patience as we implement this city project! This is a massive undertaking and it's heart-warming to witness so much community support.

Chris Heim  
Mayor, The City of Medicine Lake

## It begins: A Groundbreaking Moment

Photos by Laura Kingsley Jones



*Clockwise from left: Sam Straate. Veit's senior Project Manager hands a shovel to ML Mayor Chris Heim; State Senator Bonnie Westlin, State Representative Ginny Klevorn, ML Mayor Heim, Plymouth Mayor Jeffry Wosje, and Emma Youngquist pause for a photo op before the ceremony begins; the shovels and hats line up; and finally tossing the dirt.*



Pictured from left to right: Medicine Lake Fire Chief Rich Halvorson, Councilmember Ron Tomczik, Mayor Chris Heim, SEH Project Manager Dave Huton, State Senator Bonnie Westlin, Councilmember Ruth Hovey, Councilmember Bill McNaughton, State Representative Ginny Klevorn, Emma Youngquist (representing Congressman Dean Phillips' office), and City of Plymouth Mayor Jeffry Wosje.

## City Council Votes



*By Therese Polum, City Clerk*

### April 1, 2024 Council Votes

The following motions were approved with Mayor Heim, Councilmembers Hovey, McNaughton, Tomczik and Jones in favor.

- Agenda
- March 4, 2024 and March 13 (special), 2024 City Council Meeting minutes
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through March 31, 2024
- Resolution 24-19 authorizing the city of Medicine Lake to submit information to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) and the enter into a grant agreement with the MFPA
- Resolution 24-20 ordering approval of obligating funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA
- Resolution 24-21 accepting a monetary gift of \$2,750 form various donor/s to benefit the city of Medicine Lake Parks Department for Jevne Park
- Resolution 24-22 ordering approval of expenditures for security cameras installation and hardware at City Hall
- Adjourn

## Mark Your Calendar!



Event	Time and Day
City Council	6 pm, Monday, May 6
Medicine Lake Fire Department	7 pm, Tuesday, May 7 7 pm, Tuesday, May 21
Planning Commission	6 pm, Thursday, May 16

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