



# The Medicine Laker

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## From Our Mayor

*By Chris Heim, Mayor*

Hello neighbors! It was wonderful to have a packed room at last month's Council Meeting! We covered important topics including City Water Hookup, Jevne Park Updates, and Lake Wake Considerations. Your presence and engagement are greatly appreciated – your feedback provides invaluable insights to our council members. Thank you for your active participation!

**Mark your calendars for March 18<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 7PM at the Hutton House! We're hosting a crucial City Project information session with an important presentation at 5:30 PM. We'll have information booths for key aspects of the project including well testing, city water connection, mailboxes, construction dates, and Jevne Park. We encourage every household to attend.**

Other key updates:

**City Water Ordinance:** In anticipation of installing city water infrastructure, we adopted an ordinance that conforms to Plymouth's water management program and outlines the circumstances under which household connections are required. I am grateful for the insightful questions and supportive comments received during the Council meeting. Having city water is an incredible step forward for our city!

**Well Water Safety & City Water Connections:** For those interested in immediate connection to city water, we will be facilitating a multi-home connection process. Even if you do not intend to transition to city water, we strongly encourage everyone to have their well water tested for harmful chemicals and microplastics. Information booths and sign-up sheets will be available at the March 18th meeting.

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**Jevne Park Update:** The designs and budget for the Jevne Park project are nearly complete. We intend to begin building the pavilion this spring and ordering playground equipment in the coming months. Due to poor soil conditions, the pavilion and playground likely need helical pilings. This is a very expensive additional cost and we encourage additional donations. We're almost there! The park will be awesome!

**Lake Wake Considerations:** Our Natural Resources Committee has been actively collaborating with Plymouth, Basset Creek, and other relevant authorities to evaluate water safety, the impact of boat wakes, and environmental trends on Medicine Lake. A No Wake ordinance near West Beach is under consideration. Recognizing the complexity of this issue and the various perspectives involved, we are dedicated to fostering community discussions and education. We encourage you to join your neighbors in an Open Forum discussion at an upcoming Planning Commission meeting on March 21st.

**Councilmember Connie Shaffer:** It is with mixed emotions that I announce Connie's decision to step down from her councilmember position. While we are thrilled for Connie's opportunity to embark on extensive travel, we are saddened she will no longer be available for council duties. Connie will continue to serve the city in another capacity. With over 2 years remaining on her term, the position will be filled through council assignment in 2024 and through November elections for the 2025/2026 term. We are grateful to one neighbor who has expressed interest in assuming Connie's seat, and we encourage others to step forward if interested. We will appoint Connie's replacement at the March Council Meeting.

**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. I appreciate the incredible contributions from so many people that keep our city in operation. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Chris Heim  
Mayor, The City of Medicine Lake

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## Medicine Lake Community Club **NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**

### **2024 Dues Drive**

As a resident of the City of Medicine Lake and S Shore Drive you are a welcomed member of the Medicine Lake Community Club (MLCC). The MLCC appreciates your support and time dedicated to making our city even better. The committee has been hard at work to make sure all the events you love and look forward to happen in 2024 and beyond.

***Please support our mission by "paying your dues" as they were called in the past with a \$25/person or \$50/family donation;***  
however a donation of any amount is appreciated!

**Venmo** your donations to @MLCC-1

or

**Cash or Checks (made out to *Medicine Lake Community Club.*)**

***Cash or checks can be dropped in the locked mailbox at 18 Kaiser Avenue.***



**Community**  
Medicine Lake Community Club

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## Major Construction Targets Highway 55

Construction on Highway 55 is set to start this Spring. Motorists can expect lane closures throughout this project as well as periodic full closures. A number of detours will be established throughout the project to maintain neighborhood and business access. Work includes pavement resurfacing, safety improvements, access modifications, and accessibility and drainage improvements.

For more information, visit [Plymouth.gov/hy55](http://Plymouth.gov/hy55).



Highlights  
From the  
2024  
Second  
Annual  
Winter  
Festival  
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Special Thanks  
To the  
Medicine Lake  
Ski Club and  
Community  
Club









## Street and utility improvements are coming to Medicine Lake in 2024!

The City of Medicine Lake will be making long-term infrastructure improvements, including complete street reconstruction, municipal water main installation, sanitary sewer upgrades, repavement of the City Trail, and more. Construction is scheduled to start in spring 2024.



**Learn more and provide your input!**

### **ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING ON MARCH 18**

Join us at the Public Meeting to learn more about the project details and construction timeline, and provide your input.

**Date:** Monday, March 18

**Time:** Open House format from 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
(Formal presentation from 5:30pm to 6:00pm)

**Location:** The Hutton House (10715 S Shore Dr, Medicine Lake)



### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

To learn more about the project, scan the QR code or visit the website at: [www.streetandutilityproject.com](http://www.streetandutilityproject.com)

SAVE THE DATE  
CITY OF MEDICINE LAKE  
**2024 PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON



*With all the amazing financial support this community has provided, we have raised more than \$400K so far for the Jevne Park project! We are prioritizing features to make the best use of funds and working on updated designs and equipment selections. Updated images will be shared on the City website as soon as they're available. Thank you for your support and investment in our community! ~Kirstin Nielsen*



Got Laker News?

Submit to [news@cityofmedicinelake.com](mailto:news@cityofmedicinelake.com)  
by the **15th of the month** to make the next  
issue!



## City Council Votes



*By Therese Polum, City Clerk*

### February 5, 2024 Council Votes

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

- Agenda:
- January 8, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through January 31, 2024
- Motion to approve Ordinance 142 an ordinance regulating city water services (potable water)
- Motion to approve resolution 24-08 to publish by summary ordinance 142
- Motion to approve resolution 24-09 approving expenditure for structural base material for Jevne Park
- Motion to approve resolution 24-10 accepting a monetary gift of \$16,500 to benefit Jevne Park project.
- Motion to approve resolution 24-11 a resolution appointing election judges for the March 5, 2024 Presidential nomination primary
- Adjourn

## Mark Your Calendar!



Event	Time and Day
City Council	6 pm, Monday, March 4
Medicine Lake Fire Department	7 pm, Tuesday, March 5 7 pm, Tuesday, March 19
Planning Commission	6 pm, Thursday, March 21