



The Medicine Laker

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From Our Mayor

By Chris Heim, Mayor

Hello, neighbors! This month, we're witnessing significant milestones with the record-breaking Ice-Out on March 7th, the groundbreaking for our road/sewer/water project, and construction underway for our Jevne Park pavilion! While we anticipate an intense year with inevitable disruptions, the end result will be immensely rewarding. We're committed to keeping everyone informed, so please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. This is a community effort, and your support is truly appreciated!

KEY UPDATES:

Honoring former Mayor Gary Holter: It is with a heavy heart and joyful memories that we say goodbye to our beloved neighbor, dear friend, and former Mayor, Gary Holter, who passed away unexpectedly in early March. Gary's dedication to our community and our beautiful lake was evident through his many years of service with AMLAC and as our Councilmember and Mayor. I often turned to Gary for his wisdom and insight on city-related issues. He was a cherished friend and leader, and we miss him dearly.

Groundbreaking Ceremony: Join us on April 1st at 5 PM in Jevne Park for a groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the successful launch of our road, sewer, and water construction project. While construction began ahead of schedule due to the warm early-season weather, this ceremony offers an opportunity to celebrate the significant milestone this project represents for our city. We are delighted to announce that several of our friends from state and federal elected offices will be in attendance.

Jevne Park Pavilion Underway: With \$450K of funding secured, we have sufficient funds to complete the full scope of the pavilion, playground, and walkway at Jevne Park! Construction of the pavilion is underway,

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and once complete, the remaining budget will fund fantastic playground equipment. It's incredibly heartwarming to witness our community coming together to make this project a reality!

Welcome Jenna Jones & Thank You Connie Shaffer: Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Jenna Jones as our new Councilmember and expressing sincere gratitude to Connie Shaffer for her years of dedicated service. Connie is transitioning into a liaison role for the Planning Commission. We are thrilled to have Jenna join our team and welcome her much-needed expertise in marketing and communication. We are so fortunate to have both women sharing their talents with our city!

Trees Impacted by Ash Borer & Road Construction: Our city has unfortunately experienced a significant loss of ash trees due to infestation, compounded by mixed results from chemical treatments. Additionally, we made the difficult decision to proactively remove several trees alongside the roadway whose root system would be severely damaged by the road, culvert, and waterline construction. Please know that we saved as many trees as possible. The city has received grant money and will replant a variety of hardy trees that are not prone to disease or infestation. We love our trees!

Lake Wake Considerations: Our Natural Resources Committee has been diligently researching environmental concerns, lake safety, and potential boat wake regulations. These are being reviewed within the Plymouth and Medicine Lake Planning Commissions. Recognizing the contentious nature of this topic, I urge everyone to become informed, engage in respectful conversations, and actively participate in finding potential solutions that strike a balance between lake preservation, water safety, and recreational usage of our precious lake. Let's work together to navigate this important issue.

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

There are so many positive things happening in our city. I love living here!
Chris Heim
Mayor, City of Medicine Lake

How to Appeal Your Value and Classification

The Open Book Process

The City of Medicine Lake uses the Open Book meeting format. The Open Book meeting allows property owners to address questions about their property assessment directly to the assessing staff on a one-on-one basis. The 2024 Open Book meetings will be held in various locations throughout Hennepin County. Residents may choose what date and location works best for their schedule. The County will also have a virtual option available.

Location Date Time

Richfield City Hall April 15th 4 pm-7 pm

Plymouth City Hall April 17th 8 am-7 pm

Rogers Community Center April 18th 4 pm-7 pm

Mound Centennial Building April 24th 4 pm-7 pm

Golden Valley City Hall April 25th 8 am-7 pm

Virtual April 23rd 8 am-7 pm

Taxpayers with value or classification concerns should call the number listed on their value notice to address questions and set up an appointment **prior** to the Open Book meeting.

Please note: taxpayers may call their assessor at any time after receiving their valuation notice up until the County Board of Appeal and Equalization deadline for appointments on May 22, 2024.

If a taxpayer's concerns are addressed prior to the Open Book meeting and they are satisfied with the results, the owner would not need to attend the Open Book meeting. If they are not satisfied with the results of their property value or classification after speaking with an appraiser, they may appeal their value to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

The County Board of Appeal and Equalization will begin meeting on June 17, 2024. All requests for appointments at the County Board must be received by May 22, 2024.

To make a County Board appointment, taxpayers should call 612-348-7050 or email countyvalueappeal@hennepin.us.

City of Medicine Lake, Minnesota
Summary Financial Report
Receipts and Disbursements: General, Capital Project and Debt Service Funds
Years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

<u>Receipts</u>	2023	2022	Change	
			Amount	Percent
General property taxes	\$ 600,903	\$ 576,627	\$ 24,276	4.2%
Licenses and permits	41,476	53,543	(12,067)	-22.5%
Intergovernmental				
State Aid to Fire Departments	30,666	11,837	18,829	159.1%
State Firefighting Training and Reimbursement	14,572	6,780	7,792	114.9%
American Recovery Plan and Fed. Coronavirus Relief Fund	-	20,436	(20,436)	-100.0%
Hennepin County - recycling grant	4,306	1,659	2,647	159.6%
Charges for services				
General government	6	19,913	(19,907)	-100.0%
Miscellaneous				
Interest earnings	51,155	15,794	35,361	223.9%
Donations	196,017	10,991	185,026	1683.4%
Miscellaneous (primarily insurance dividends)	1,935	3,231	(1,296)	-40.1%
Total receipts	\$ 941,036	\$ 720,811	\$ 220,225	30.6%
<u>Disbursements</u>				
General government				
Mayor and Council	\$ 360	\$ 360	-	0.0%
Administration and finance	18,439	16,320	2,119	13.0%
Advisory and engineering services	43,877	55,459	(11,582)	-20.9%
Legal counsel	1,733	4,278	(2,545)	-59.5%
City hall	20,239	20,092	147	0.7%
Assessor	10,000	9,500	500	5.3%
Elections	25	2,902	(2,877)	-99.1%
Insurance	12,105	10,640	1,465	13.8%
General government capital outlay	-	6,424	(6,424)	-100.0%
Bond issuance expense	-	8,500	(8,500)	-100.0%
Other general government	9,508	11,190	(1,682)	-15.0%
Public Safety				
Police	17,910	17,081	829	4.9%
Fire - current expenditure	84,696	82,793	1,903	2.3%
Fire - capital outlay	3,869	3,724	145	3.9%
Building inspector	15,412	15,379	33	0.2%
Streets & highways				
Street maintenance	8,564	12,682	(4,118)	-32.5%
Snow removal	15,090	8,950	6,140	68.6%
Street lighting	5,061	5,627	(566)	-10.1%
Street - capital outlay	106,458	59,044	47,414	80.3%
Sanitation				
Garbage collection, disposal, and recycling	63,373	41,622	21,751	52.3%
Other sanitation - sewer fees, operating costs	57,472	55,613	1,859	3.3%
Sewer system - capital outlay	97,225	524,934	(427,709)	-81.5%
Parks, recreation and conservation of resources				
Parks & conservation - current expenditure	43,360	21,894	21,466	98.0%
Parks & conservation - capital outlay	-	12,271	(12,271)	-100.0%
Debt Service				
Principal and interest	42,735	16,185	26,550	164.0%
Total disbursements	\$ 677,511	\$ 1,023,464	\$ (345,953)	-33.8%
Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 910,000	\$ 930,000	(20,000)	-2.2%
Total cash and investments	\$ 1,639,770	\$ 1,376,245	\$ 263,525	19.1%

Notes:

The complete financial statements may be examined at the City Hall, 10609 South Shore Drive, Medicine Lake, MN,
or on-line at www.cityofmedicinelake.com

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City of Medicine Lake, Minnesota
Schedule of Payments Issued: Summary by Payee
For the year ended December 31, 2023

Mayor, council and officers		Materials, supplies and services, continued	
Bill McNaughton	120	Microsoft	1,929
Ronald Tomczik	120	Michael Fox.	2,522
Constance Shaffer	120	Minnesota Fire Service Cert. Board	1,365
Therese Polum	2,000	Neutgens Companies	15,090
Joshua Hauble	480	Northern States Power Company	8,198
Craig Kile	480	Omann Contracting	2,000
Gary Englert	3,600	Plymouth, City of	35,323
Christopher Klar	3,600	Rainbow Treecare	5,528
Richard Halvorsen	3,600	Rapit Printing	823
Michael Fox.	480	Ready Watt Electric	1,195
Materials, supplies and services		Republic Services #894	45,689
Bachmans Inc.	759	Ruth Hovey	1,892
Baycom	2,364	Seamans, Tiffany	1,200
Butcher Salt	2,786	Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.	-
CenterPoint Energy	5,429	SRF Consulting Group, Inc.	20,736
Century Link	1,072	Streicher's	2,182
Chestnut Cambronne PA	1,733	Town Web Design LLC	2,015
Customized Fire Rescue Training Inc.	4,450	United States Treasury	2,166
Davey Resource Group	7,362	Xtreme Climbing Tree Service	512
Delano Holmquist	1,600	All others less than \$500 annually	8,088
Derek Nikko Excavating, Inc.	14,010	Capital outlay	
Eastwood Builders Inc	682	Bassett Creek Water Mgt. Commission	3,106
ECM Publishers, Inc.	938	Michael Fox.	3,807
Erosion Products LLC	732	Minger Construction Companies, Inc	89,805
Farr Plumbing & Heating LLC	865	Richard Halvorsen	62
Flare Heating & Air Conditioning	1,492	Safety Signs LLC	23,670
FOCUS ENGINEERING	1,336	Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.	87,103
Goose Crew LLC	1,242	Other expenditures and special projects	
Henn. Co. Info. Tech Dept.	6,348	Bassett Creek Water Mgt. Commission	4,332
Hennepin County Assessor	10,000	League of MN Cities InsuranceTrust	12,105
Hennepin County Sheriff	17,910	League of Minnesota Cities	894
Hoisington	21,804	M.L.F.F.R.A. Special Fund (firefighter pension)	36,264
Holiday / WEX Bank	725	US Bank Trust NA	42,735
Ideal Electric, LLC	3,600		
Initial Attack Fire Training, LLC	3,000		
Intuit Inc.	1,030		
Jeff's S.O.S. Drain and Sewer Cleaning, Inc.	775		
K.L.A.R.S. Inc.	36,841	Total	<u>\$677,511</u>
Kirvida Fire	3,057		
MacQueen Emergency	9,065		
Metro. Council Environmental Services	37,566		

2024 PROGRESSIVE DINNER

CITY OF MEDICINE LAKE

Registration Form

EVENT DATE: Saturday, May 18th 2024

Registration & Payment DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH 2024

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, FOOD AND DRINK!

SCAN THIS CODE to complete an online registration form.



Event Date: May 18th
RSVP deadline: April 26th

Cost: \$30/person, \$60/couple
Pay cash or check (checks payable to Medicine Lake Community Club)
Forms & payment can be delivered to Nina Zelazny at 228 Peninsula Road.
Questions: medlkcommunityclub@gmail.com



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2024 MEDICINE LAKE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

REGISTRATION FORM

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Attendee(s) Name(s):

Address:

Email:

Single \$30.00

Couple \$60.00

SIGN UP TO HOST

YES, I'LL HOST!

Check any that you would be comfortable hosting. The committee will be in touch.

Appetizers

Dinner

Dessert

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH 2024

Registration forms & cash/check payments can be submitted to Nina Zelazny - 228 Peninsula Rd.

The Momboss 5k returns to The Hutton House

The Hutton House is excited to once again be hosting the annual Momboss 5k, produced by Covey Events, at The Hutton House on Sunday, May 5th at 8:30 am. We would like to extend an invitation to the women of our community to join us for this 5k walk/run around the beautiful trails of Medicine Lake. More than a run, this is a gathering to empower, encourage and cheer on the significant women in our lives. After crossing the finish line, registered participants are invited to enjoy a special retreat-style experience inside The Hutton House featuring music, breakfast treats, shopping local makers in the Momboss Market, special swag, and more! Please visit the link below to register and learn more.

www.coveyevents.com/momboss5k

Due to the nature of this celebration, we want to notify our Medicine Lake neighbors of the potential for elevated noise at the venue during the event on Sunday, May 5th. Thank you for your continued support!



Got Laker News?

Submit to news@cityofmedicinelake.com
by the **15th of the month** to make the next
issue!



Dear Neighbors and Friends in Medicine Lake,

Thank you for the lovely orchid you sent to me. It was displayed beautifully at Gary's celebration service on Saturday, March 9. Thank you to all who attended the celebration and those who sent good thoughts our way on that day. Gary loved Medicine Lake and it was very apparent at his memorial that it was reciprocated.

Sincerely,

Ann, Kurt, Sara and families

City Council Votes Special Meetings



By Therese Polum, City Clerk

February 23, 2024 Council Votes – Special Meeting

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

- Motion to approve resolution 24-12 approving expenditure for soil borings for Jevne Park Project.

March 13, 2024 Council Votes – Special Meeting

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

- Motion to approve resolution 24-17 approving expenditure for Jevne Park Pavilion/Patio construction and materials.
- Motion to approve resolution 24-18 authorizing execution of first amendment to the potable water JPA agreement between the City of Medicine Lake and the City of Plymouth.

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Special Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that a Special Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 6 beginning at 6:00 pm at the City Hall. The Medicine Lake City Council will consider a liquor license and Sunday liquor license for The Hutton House.

City Council Votes



By Therese Polum, City Clerk

March 4, 2024 Council Votes

The following motions were approved with Mayor Heim, Councilmembers Hovey, McNaughton, Tomczik and Shaffer in favor. Councilmember Jones appointed at the end of the meeting. Councilor Shaffer resignation official at end of meeting.

- Agenda
- February 5, 2024 and February 23 (special), 2024 City Council Meeting minutes
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through February 29, 2024
- Motion to approve resolution 24-13 ordering approval of city fund expenditures for Jevne Park Project
- Motion to approve resolution 24-14 accepting resignation and declaring a vacancy (Councilor Shaffer resignation)
- Motion to approve resolution 24-15 approving appointment to vacant seat (Councilor Jones)
- Motion to approve resolution 24-16 approving appointment of interium city council liaison to council zoning, planning staff and building official (Shaffer's new position)
- Adjourn

Mark Your Calendar!



Event	Time and Day
City Council	6 pm, Monday, April 1
Medicine Lake Fire Department	7 pm, Tuesday, April 2 7 pm, Tuesday, April 16
Planning Commission	6 pm, Thursday, April 18