



# The Medicine Laker

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## From Our Mayor

*By Chris Heim, Mayor*

Hello, neighbors! We are certainly in construction mode throughout the city! It's going to be a summer-long project filled with dust and disruption, but the end-result will be amazing for our community. Unfortunately, we have had a few instances of people mistreating the workers and violating safe driving cautions, which prompted the stern notice from SEH. Thankfully, the situation has now much improved. I appreciate everyone's patience, grace, and support as the incredible teams at Veit and SEH continue their work. We are implementing a 15 MPH speed limit for the duration of the project to assist with traffic calming and dust control. Please, slow down, be nice, be careful, and plan for delays.

### KEY UPDATES

**New Website:** Councilmember Hovey has done outstanding work in re-creating our city website using a new technology platform from Town Web. The updated site looks fantastic and provides an integrated feature for distributing citywide email updates. We have transferred all email addresses from the distribution list previously maintained by former Mayor Mary Ann Young. If you aren't receiving occasional city-related emails, please add yourself in the "Subscribe to Receive Updates" section (see page 3 for details).

**Planning for Household Water Connections:** We are very pleased that many households want to connect to city water, and we're making efforts to do this as a bundled project. This approach will provide homeowners with a competitive bid price and project oversight by the city's engineering team. We are also researching the potential to offer financing that would allow for a multi-year payment plan, conveniently incorporated into your property tax. We'll have more information in the coming weeks. ...continued on page 2

## Thank You Notes

*A big shout out and thank you to Ted Hoschel for his efforts in saving the apple tree at the top of #150 Peninsula Rd. Your dedication to the history and preservation of our city is much appreciated!*

*Sincerely,  
The Grendahl family*

*Thank you to everyone for respecting the new 15 mph speed restrictions on the peninsula during this time of construction.*

*To our Medicine Lake neighbors,*

*A very heartfelt thank you for the kindness and generosity of the beautiful orchids given to us in remembrance of our brother, Brad.*

*Our family moved here in 1968, so we have had many, many years of enjoying this wonderful lake and community.*

*Thanks again for your thoughtfulness,*

*Steve Gunn and Julie (Gunn)  
Hoogenakker*

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**Jevne Park pavilion construction about to begin:** Due to the wet and soft soil conditions in the park, we have incorporated structural engineering designs to provide a stable foundation for our pavilion. With the planning work complete, the team is now ready to start construction. I am incredibly grateful to the many people volunteering their time, talents, and resources to make this project a reality. Our new park is going to be an amazing feature for our community!

Thank you for your kind support and patience as we implement this city project!

Chris Heim  
Mayor, The City of Medicine Lake

## The City of Medicine Lake has a new website!

Check it out at [www.medicinelake.com](http://www.medicinelake.com). The new website is easier to navigate and allows city officials to send out city news and council meeting information to subscribers.

Many of you may have received emails in the past month including an email with a link to The Laker on the city's new website. If you did not, you can subscribe to receive the Laker and many other city news items here: <https://www.cityofmedicinelake.com/subscribe/> You can select the type of information you would like to receive as well as how you receive it: email, text message, or both.

Our goal is to keep the community informed and to go more digital with the The Laker to reduce the work of printing, stuffing envelopes and mailing out 180 copies of The Laker each month. Let's go digital! You can find all of the 2024 editions of The Laker on the website.

<https://www.cityofmedicinelake.com/the-laker/>

If you no longer need a paper copy of The Laker, please email [news@cityofmedicinelake.com](mailto:news@cityofmedicinelake.com) or test out the **Submit A Request** button at the bottom right on the new website. You can submit a request at any time and someone from the city will respond to you.



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*

### May 6, 2024 Council Votes

The following motions were approved with Acting Mayor McNaughton, Councilmembers Hovey, Tomczik and Jones in favor except as noted. Mayor Heim absent.

- Agenda
- Resolution 24-29 approving liquor license for LLW Partners, LLC, Hutton House
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- Adjourn

## Lisa Neary gets Deputized

Congratulations and thanks to Lisa Neary on becoming the new Deputy City Clerk!

## Mark Your Calendar!



Event	Time and Day
City Council	6 pm, Monday, June 3
Medicine Lake Fire Department	7 pm, Tuesday, June 4 7 pm, Tuesday, June 18
Planning Commission	6 pm, Thursday, June 20