



The Medicine Laker

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From Our Mayor

By Chris Heim, Mayor

Congratulations to all the high school and college graduates! We are so proud of you and wish you the very best in the next chapter of your exciting journey through life!

I also want to thank the Community Club for coordinating another fantastic Progressive Dinner celebration. It was wonderful to see everyone, and we are grateful to those who opened their homes for this event!

KEY UPDATES

New NO SOLICITATION Ordinance #144: Our previous NO SOLICITATION ordinance (#102), required a City License to conduct solicitation in our city. After our city was overwhelmed with hail-damage solicitors last summer, we recognized that our all-volunteer city staff does not have the capacity to manage this licensing process. Therefore, we have updated our policy to define the rules for solicitation and empower each household to enforce this by posting a “No Solicitation” sign on their property (i.e. mailbox post). Please read the ordinance (search “144” from the city website) to understand your rights and the activities that are prohibited.

Speed Hump Design Confirmed: The topics of speed, pedestrian safety, and Complete Street design have endured significant discussion and deliberation throughout the road project’s 4-year planning process. The City Council has unanimously approved the final design plan, which includes 9 speed humps, 3 raised crosswalks, 2 digital speed signs, and striping for 5-foot-wide walking lanes. We encourage everyone to experience our speed hump design by driving to Wayzata (nearby 215 Central Ave S). These soft-angled speed humps are much different from those on South Shore Drive (See map on Page 2). ...continued on page 2

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Private-Well Testing: A big thank you to Michelle and Shaun Kennedy for coordinating the well testing for our residents. Many households participated in this effort to verify the quality of water in your private well as you contemplate connecting to city water. The city does not have access to your test results, but we've been informed that some wells have high levels of manganese. For more information on health concerns and filtering solutions for manganese, please visit the state's health site. www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/manganese.html

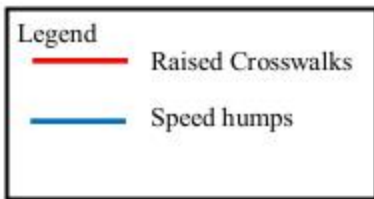
City Communication & The Laker: The email distribution feature from our new website is working very well, and we will be leveraging this for all citywide communication. I want to encourage everyone to get signed up, and this is especially important as we intend to discontinue the printed mailing of *The Laker* later this year. To sign up, scroll to the bottom of our city's home page and enter your information in the section labeled "SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE UPDATES."

I look forward to seeing everyone on the lake this summer!

Chris Heim
Mayor, The City of Medicine Lake



Map of Speed Hump Design (Left)



July 4th Boat Parade

Decorate your boat, pontoon and yourselves! Gather in the small bay by the Heim's house. If the Medicine Lake Rescue boat and/or Mayor is available then they will lead the parade. Parade will start promptly at 11:00 am.

THOSE ON SHORE: Please take video's and photos! Post them on the Medicine Lake Facebook page or email them to hheim222@gmail.com.

THOSE IN BOATS: Please take videos and photos! Post them on this site or email them to hheim222@gmail.com.

- **PLEASE READ:**
- **WHERE DOES THE PARADE END?** The route will go by all the South Shore Drive houses ending to the south of East Medicine Lake Park.
- Join the parade at any time, even if it has started! Come and go as you please. No need to RSVP or tell anyone. All are welcome!
- Please remember to let the Mayor, Medicine Lake Water Rescue boat and possibly the sheriff be the first boats in line.
- Please take and post videos and photos to the ML Facebook page or email/text them to Heidi Heim.
- Be safe and have fun!



Election News You Can Use

By Josh Hauble

The state primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Our polling place for in-person voting on election day is Medicine Lake City Hall. You can check your voter registration status or register to vote online via Minnesota's Secretary of State website at www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting.

Vote Early by Mail/Absentee Voting. Medicine Lake's absentee voting, whether in-person or by mail, is coordinated by Hennepin County. You can find information about voting early in-person or by mail, including when and how to request a ballot, at www.hennepin.us/en/residents/elections/absentee-early-voting. That website includes answers to frequently asked questions, important deadlines, options to return your absentee ballot, voting early in person, and a link to track the status of your mail-in ballot to confirm that it was received and counted.

New this year, voters may now sign up to be on the **permanent absentee voting list**. Voters on this list can sign up once to be automatically sent an absentee ballot before every election. All eligible voters can choose to join the permanent absentee voter list by checking the box on the interactive voter registration application. The online and paper application can be found at mnvotes.gov/register.

There are other methods of voting early. Information about those other options can be found at www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote.

If you have questions about absentee voting or voting early in-person you can contact the Hennepin County elections office directly at 612-348-5151 or by e-mail at hc.vote@hennepin.us.

Are you interested in running for office in the November general election? The general election will be held on November 5, 2024. There will be two four-year term Medicine Lake city council seats, one two-year term city council seat, and one two-year term mayoral seat on the November ballot.

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If you are interested running for one of the three council seats or for mayor in the general election, submit your Affidavit of Candidacy and \$2 filing fee to Joshua Hauble, 222 Peninsula Road, Medicine Lake, Minnesota, during the candidate filing period beginning on July 30 and ending on August 13, 2024 at 5 p.m. If you are interested in running for office, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Hauble at 651-283-1756 or by e-mail at jhauble@cityofmedicinelake.com for more information.

Medicine Lake's website now has a page for posting upcoming election information. Be sure to check www.cityofmedicinelake.com/elections for important upcoming election information. Election notices and information will also be posted in the display cabinet outside the front door of City Hall by the mailboxes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our city election clerk, Josh Hauble, at 651-283-1756 or by e-mail at jhauble@cityofmedicinelake.com.



Take the Pledge

Help stop the spread of invasive species in Medicine Lake! Check out this website www.LakePledge.com. Your pledge shows your commitment and care to prevent the spread of AIS in Minnesota.

Let's put Medicine Lake on the Leaderboard!

Thank You Notes

To our Medicine Lake Neighbors:

Heartfelt thanks to our Medicine Lake neighbors for embracing and supporting us during the difficult days since Erik's death. Your many acts of kindness, hugs and thoughtful gifts received in Erik's memory help us remember that we are a part of a very caring community. And, although our hearts will never be the same, your acts of kindness continue to support us as we move forward, one day at a time.

Larry and Linda Berger and Family

To our neighbors:

Thank you for the beautiful orchids given to us in remembrance of our father/grandfather, Steve. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Kirstin, Chris, Piper, and Torin Nielsen

Thanks to Gretchen Voge for sharing her Carolina Reaper Jelly with all of us neighbors. Yes, the Scorpion name was a little intimidating, but it had just the right amount of bite. It was delicious with pork, as you suggested.

*Yours Truly,
Your Laker Editor*



City Council Votes



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
- April 1, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes.
- Motion to approve Ordinance 143 an ordinance regulating construction activities within or effecting the public right of way within the city of Medicine Lake.
- Resolution 24-23 authoring publication of Ordinance 143 by title and summary.
- Resolution 24-24 providing consent for Hennepin County to register and manage any retail cannabis business.
- Resolution 24-25 approving professional services agreement for right of way permitting with SEH not to exceed \$10,000.
- Resolution 24-26 approving professional service agreement for bulk water connection bid documents and bidding with SEH not to exceed \$8,295. Councilor Hovey abstain.
- Resolution 24-27 accepting a monetary gift of \$3,500 to benefit the City of Medicine Lake parks department for Jevne Park.
- Resolution 24-28 establishing policy for retention and release of video.
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through April 30, 2024.
- Adjourn



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



City Council Votes



By Therese Polum, City Clerk and Lisa Neary, Deputy

June 3, 2024 Council Votes

The following motions were approved with Mayor Heim, Councilmembers McNaughton, Tomczik and Jones in favor. Councilor Hovey absent. Clerk Polum absent. Deputy Clerk Neary attest.

- Agenda
- May 6, 2024 regular and special City Council Meeting minutes.
- Motion to approve Ordinance 144 an ordinance regulating construction activities within or effecting the public right of way within the city of Medicine Lake.
- Resolution 24-31 authoring publication of Ordinance 144 by title and summary.
- Motion to approve installing 9 speed humps and 3 raised crosswalks in final roadway construction.
- Resolution 24-32 approval of amendment to construction service contract with SEH
- Resolution 24-33 approval of amendment to construction service contract with SEH
- Resolution 24-34 approval of expenditures for Jevne Park Pavilion concrete pad.
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through May 31, 2024.
- Adjourn

Mark Your Calendar!



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