



The Medicine Laker

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From Our Mayor

By Chris Heim, Mayor

Hello Neighbors!

I love summertime in Medicine Lake! I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather, stunning sunsets, and the peacefulness of the lake. We live in such a special place!

Mark your calendars – National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6th at 6PM in the parking lot at City Hall

Key Updates

National Night Out: Due to the construction of our roads and Jevne Park, we will be hosting National Night Out in the City Hall Parking lot this year. We are thrilled to have the Butcher Salt food truck and our \$5 meals again this year! A big thank you to Councilmember Ruth Hovey and everyone on her team that is organizing this event. Bring a lawn chair and join us at 6PM on August 6th!

Upcoming Elections: As noted in recent updates by our Election Clerk, Josh Hauble, this is a big election year for our city with three council seats and the mayoral role up for election. We are fortunate to have wonderful people serving our city, and we welcome anyone interested in joining. I'm planning to run for another term as Mayor to ensure our city's finances and overall operation are in good order once the CIP is complete. The deadline to register for candidacy is August 15th. Come join us!

Road Construction: It's been an intense summer with a lot of construction activity, and your patience and politeness are much appreciated. The project is proceeding nicely, and we'll soon have our first fire hydrants in operation. However, the next phase of road construction will be intense as the crew preps the road's underlayment and prepares for laying asphalt. The logistics within our tight area will be very challenging for the crew and may result in frustrating delays for our citizens. Please show grace and understanding during this next phase. Look for weekly updates in the SEH weekly project newsletter.

Jevne Park Updates: We are making excellent progress at the park! The pilings and concrete slab for the pavilion are complete. The building materials for the pavilion will arrive in early August, and the crew will begin assembling it shortly thereafter. Once the pavilion is complete, we will update the budget to confirm our remaining funding and order playground equipment, which will be installed next spring.

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ELECTION NEWS!

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.

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.

Vote Equipment Testing. A public test of the voting systems used in the state primary will be held on August 1, 2024 at 4 p.m. at Medicine Lake Town Hall.

Interested in Running for Office?

Are you interested in running for office in November? The general election will be held on November 5, 2024. There will be four Medicine Lake offices on the November ballot – two seats on the November general election ballot as regularly scheduled and two seats on that same ballot as “special elections” due to vacancies occurring during the terms of office, which were then filled by appointment.

The Medicine Lake offices on the November ballot are, as follows:

- One two-year term mayoral seat;
- One four-year term city council seat;
- One four-year term city council seat on the ballot as a special election and currently filled by appointment; and,
- One two-year term city council on the ballot as a special election and currently filled by appointment.

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. Affidavits of Candidacy, along with additional information about becoming a candidate, can be found on the Minnesota Secretary of State's website, www.sos.state.mn.us/election-administration-campaigns/become-a-candidate.

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2025 Planning: We are beginning the process of preparing the 2025 operating budget for the city, and we will be discussing the budget during our August and September council meetings. This is a great time to engage in our meetings to learn more about the city's finances and priorities for the upcoming year. We'll share more details in the coming weeks as the budget comes together.

I look forward to seeing everyone at National Night Out on August 6th!

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Butcher Salt Food Truck will be there!!

\$5 Meals (subsidized by the City of Medicine Lake)

Note the New Location!

Due to the ongoing construction,
join us at City Hall.

When: August 6th 6-8pm

Where: City Hall

What to Bring: Lawn Chair; Snag a Neighbor!



Important Information About Completing the Affidavit of Candidacy

Clearly identify which council seat you are seeking. If you wish to run for one of Medicine Lake's three city council seats, you must identify which of the three seats you are running for (four-year term council seat, four-year term council seat via special election, or two-year council seat via special election) after "Office Sought" on the Affidavit of Candidacy. Each of those council seats will be listed on the November ballot separately.

Have your signature witnessed by a notary public or the Election Clerk. You can either sign your Affidavit of Candidacy before a Notary Public or before Election Clerk Josh Hauble. Either way, be sure to have your signature witnessed by one of those two options before submitting your Affidavit of Candidacy.

If you are interested in, or have questions about, running for office or have any questions about the upcoming elections, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Hauble at 651-283-1756 or by e-mail at jhauble@cityofmedicinelake.com for more information.

City Council Votes



By *Therese Polum, City Clerk*

July 1, 2024 Council Votes

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

- Agenda
- June 3, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes.
- Approval of Veit pay application No 3 and Change Order No 3
- Approval of Hennepin County Assessing Services JPA
- Resolution 24-35 adopting the 2024 Hennepin County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Resolution 24-36 accepting a monetary gift of \$2,000 from the Plymouth Lions Club to benefit the Fire Department vehicle fund
- Resolution 24-37 appointing election judges for the August 13, 2024 primary election
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through June 30, 2024.
- Adjourn

Got Laker News?

Send to: news@cityofmedicinelaake.com

Submit by the **15th of the month** to make the next issue!

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Mark Your Calendar!

MEETING	DATE & TIME
City Council	6pm, Monday, August 5
Medicine Lake Fire Department	7pm, Tuesday, August 6 7pm, Tuesday, August 20
Planning Commission	6pm, Thursday, August 15