



The Medicine Laker

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From Our Mayor

By Chris Heim, Mayor

It was wonderful to see everyone at National Night Out! This is one of my favorite city events, and it was an honor to have Hennepin County Sheriff Dawanna Witt and her team join us. A special thank you to Councilmember Ruth Hovey for organizing the event, Hutton House and Community Club for providing refreshments, Butcher & Salt for the delicious food, SEH for hosting an information booth, Jack Diette for providing the PA system, and MLFD for opening the fire hall for the children. It was a great night!

KEY UPDATES

2025 City Priorities: During my brief speech at NNO, I outlined three key imperatives for our city: 1) Financial Stability, 2) Safe & Reliable Infrastructure, and 3) People & Process. Over the past six years, we've overcome our financial challenges by securing funding for our infrastructure projects while minimizing tax impacts. With our financial and infrastructure stabilized, I'm excited to shift our focus inward to People & Process – enhancing internal operations and fostering greater community involvement in leadership roles and essential functions that are vital to the long-term success of our city.

City Water Hookup: We want to make it as easy as possible for residents to connect to city water. The City attempted to organize a group bid and turnkey program, but the house-to-house variations made it challenging to receive discounted group pricing. As a result, it will be more cost-effective for each homeowner to manage this process independently. However, we are here to support you every step of the way. There are important details to be aware of when working directly with your plumber. Please review the information provided by Dave Hutton at SEH and feel free to reach out with any questions.

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City Advisory: Raccoon alert!

Story and art by Julia Wear-Jackson, Laker co-editor

Although they sometimes look adorable, raccoons are quite destructive and sometimes dangerous to dogs, cats and humans. Recently one resident reached out to the mayor after a raccoon scratched a hole through their roof. Evicting raccoons is outside of this City's responsibility. Wild Life Management needs be contacted for that.

Please be advised that raccoons are capable of making a home out of any outlying and unattended structures. Last winter alone, two outlying structures homed raccoons. The city enforced the owners to fix the structures so this would not continue.

The city requests homeowners to check any outlying structures on your property for raccoons, or any structures raccoons could potentially use as home. Look for any openings in garages, sheds or boat houses and board them up.

And, please, don't feed the raccoons!



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September Road Construction: While our project is progressing nicely, September will bring the most significant disruptions as the crew rebuilds 2 feet of underlayment in preparation for new asphalt. This work will cause major disruptions, including blocked driveway access and school bus pickup limited to the city's entrance on South Shore Drive. Please plan accordingly to minimize the impact on your family and extend grace to the hardworking crews. Also, be sure to check the weekly updates from SEH for key timeline details. Soon, we will have a beautiful new road to drive on!

Enjoy the beautiful weather as Minnesota transitions from summer to fall.

Chris Heim

Mayor, The City of Medicine Lake

BASSETT CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Golden Valley City Hall; 7800 Golden Valley Road

The purpose of the hearing is to hear testimony and comments from the public and cities regarding the Plymouth Creek Restoration Project – Dunkirk Lane to 38th Ave. North proposed to begin in 2025.

Project information available at <https://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/plymouth-creek-restoration-dunkirk-lane-38th-ave-n>.



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City Council Votes



By Therese Polum, City Clerk

August 5, 2024 Council Votes

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

- Agenda
- July 1 and July 22 (special), 2024 City Council Meeting minutes.
- Approval of Veit pay application No 4 and Change Order No 4
- Approval of Covenant for Possible Future Funding for water curb stop at 115 Peninsula Road
- Resolution 24-38 Rejection of Bulk Water City Connection Program bids
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through July 31, 2024.
- Adjourn

Mark Your Calendar!



Event	Time and Day
City Council	6 pm, Monday, September 9
Medicine Lake Fire Department	7 pm, Tuesday, September 3 7 pm, Tuesday, September 17
Planning Commission	6 pm, Thursday, September 19