



The Medicine Laker

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From Our Mayor

By Chris Heim, Mayor

Hello neighbors!

With the holiday lights sparkling at Jevne Park and the lake frozen over, it's officially winter on Medicine Lake! I love taking walks and fat-biking on the ice and am slowly "warming up" to our new tradition of polar plunging in the lake most mornings. There's something truly special about wintertime lake living.

Key Updates

January Council Meeting Agenda

The January City Council meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, January 13th, at 6 PM. Agenda highlights include swearing in our newest councilmember, Nina Zelazny, reviewing city roles and Public Works coverage, addressing the urgent need for a new Election Clerk, exploring a "seasonal transition" workgroup, and finalizing the playground equipment for Jevne Park. We hope to see you there!

When in Doubt, Call 911

A reminder: 9-1-1 isn't just for emergencies—it's a key dispatch service for any urgent city matter. By calling 9-1-1, citizens only need to remember one number, and our city's partnership with 9-1-1 ensures the right person/department in our city is contacted for various urgent situations. We're also grateful to the Medicine Lake Fire Department for expanding their services to handle issues like fallen trees or road hazards, keeping our community safe and responsive. When in doubt, call 9-1-1.

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Long-Range City Planning

With key infrastructure milestones achieved and financial stability secured in 2024, we are well-positioned to focus on long-range planning to ensure the city's vitality and smooth operations in 2025. Priorities include financial planning, addressing property development pressures, organizing MLFD and Public Works coverage, and fostering greater community involvement. These discussions will be a regular focus at council meetings, and we welcome your ideas and questions!

Thank you all for your patience and resilience over the past year as we navigated months of road construction and its many disruptions. I'm excited for the year ahead and incredibly proud to be part of this amazing community!

Happy Holidays!
Chris Heim
Mayor, The City of Medicine Lake

Hello and Goodbye from MJ

Former resident and ML Fire Department volunteer MJ Zappa moved permanently to Wellington, New Zealand last April. MJ has moved into a place with a view of Porirua Harbor. "It's a beautiful, but not Medicine Lake!" MJ asked to pass love on to everyone in the city.



Medicine Lake Directory to be Updated

It's time to update the ML directory! This directory is updated every 4 years. If you are new to the neighborhood or have any changes, additions or deletions to your entry please email medlkcommunityclub@gmail.com

We're looking for the following information;

- homeowners first & last names
- house address
- homeowners cell numbers (adults only)
- homeowners email addresses (adults only)
- children's first names & year born (optional)

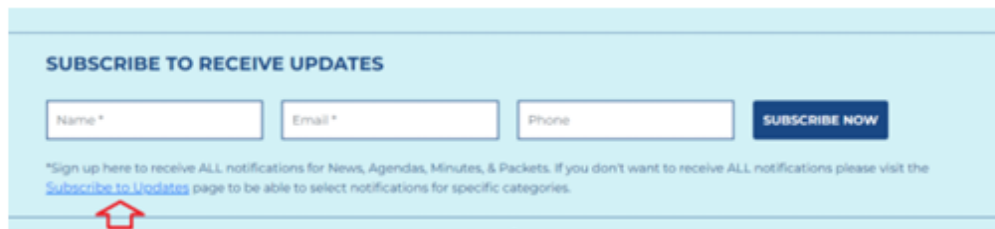
Please submit changes by January 31st, 2025.



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



Coming soon to the January edition of the Laker...



By Julia Wear-Jackson, co-editor of the Laker

A new logo, designed by the Laker's own co-editor Laura Kingsbury Jones, will make its' first appearance in the January edition of the all-digital Laker.

The 2025 Laker promises to be colorful. Color is no object for the digital Laker. The black and white paper version pales in comparison to the colors we will be able to use in the digital version.

Going digital also allows unlimited space for news, stories and pictures. Feel free to snap away and send us your pictures or stories about the people and animals in the neighborhood. The sky is the limit!

Some of the other advantages of going digital include:

- More time for the editors to produce a quality product and less time doing meaningless tasks like stuffing envelopes.
- Saving money for the city to spend on other important things. The envelopes alone were an expensive cost to the city.
- Notifications arrive promptly in your email. If you rely solely on Facebook, you might miss the post.

Don't miss out! On what's happening in our fair city. Sign up today for your digital copy of the Laker. (See Page 4 for details.)



Thank You Notes

Thank you all so much for all you've done in the wake of Chris' passing. This has been a hard time for all of us – as we heard at Chris's Celebration of Life, he was one-of-a-kind, and his absence leaves a huge gap in all our lives.

The Mayor, Council, Fire/Rescue team, Community Club, and many individual residents have stepped up to do so much, to help us and each other, that it truly epitomizes the civic spirit that Chris lived every day.

Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Jodie Hamblet, Kathy Klar, and Orion Petersen

My heartfelt "Thank You!" to all who generously donated to Medicine Lake Cares! our Medicine Lake Community Club (MLCC) fundraiser for Second Harvest Heartland. I'm grateful and amazed at the generosity of our community. We surpassed our \$15,000 goal! So, with matching resident funds, our community total is \$30,650. And this total will be matched by a generous corporate donor so Second Harvest will receive \$61,300! That is enough money to provide 183,900 to our hungry neighbors. That is an amazing impact from our little community. (Comparatively, last year our community total was \$18,500. So, our "match the match" seemed to be very successful.) Thank you to Heidi Heim for keeping the community informed of the fundraiser via Facebook and MLCC emails and to Barry Warner for distributing the mailbox fliers and for collecting donations made by check. Thank you and congratulations to Medicine Lake for helping to make this holiday season hunger free and for supporting Second Harvest's mission to End Hunger Together. This was a wonderful community effort. Happy Holidays! Paul

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A shout-out to Jon and Mikhail Schee for fixing the entry-way electrical panel roof located in Memorial Park.



City Council Votes



By Therese Polum, City Clerk and Lisa Neary, Deputy

December 2, 2024 Council Votes

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

- Agenda
- November 4, 2024 City Council Meeting minutes and special council meeting minutes
- Approval of Veit pay application No. 8 and Veit change order No.6
- Resolution 24-46 approving a variance from section 3100.5 subp (c)(2) of the zoning code to allow the construction of an addition within seven feet of the side yard setback at 268 Peninsula Road
- Resolution 24-47 authorizing publication of Ordinance No 146 by title and summary
- Resolution of 24-48 acceptin a monetary gift of \$6,350 from various donors to benefit the Klar Family Memorial
- Resolution 24-49 adopting final tax levy of \$662,283 for taxes payable in 2025.
- Approving final 2025 budget in the amount of \$704,483.
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through November, 30, 2024.
- Adjourn

Mark Your Calendar!



Event	Time and Day
City Council	6 pm, Monday, January 13
Medicine Lake Fire Department	7 pm, Tuesday, January 7 7 pm, Tuesday, January 21
Planning Commission	6 pm, Thursday, January 16