

MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

CHRIS HEIM, MAYOR

HELLO NEIGHBORS!

I'm writing this letter on the morning of the one-year anniversary of losing our dear friend and neighbor, Chris Klar. I miss him as a friend, as a source of positivity in our community, and as a devoted caretaker of our city. Yesterday morning, while working with neighbors to set up the Halloween display at Jevne Park, I felt his presence everywhere. I want to dedicate this month's mayor update to him.



Chris was the vision behind the pavilion that now stands complete, a passionate advocate for the playground equipment that has been installed, and a key contributor to the new layout that ties the park together. He is also the playful visionary that initiated Halloween at Klar Pavilion, which now serves as a new tradition in our beautifully remodeled park. I know he is looking down with pride to see that vision fully realized. Thank you, Chris—we miss you, and we appreciate all that you did for our city

Halloween has always been a special event in Medicine Lake. From the Kids' Party at City Hall, to the Fire Truck display at the city entrance, to the new setup at Jevne Park, the Trick-or-Treat Trail at the Heims', and so many wonderful stops throughout town, it's one of my favorite traditions each year. Have fun and be safe

I'd also like to share that this year marks the 75th anniversary of our Medicine Lake Fire Department! To celebrate, the department is hosting an open house on Sunday, November 2nd, from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Fire Hall. There will be fun activities for the kids, pancakes for everyone, and a wonderful opportunity to connect with our neighbors.

I close this with heartfelt honor, love, appreciation, and respect for the Klar family—and with deep gratitude and joy for all the wonderful things happening in our city. We truly live in a special place!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 31

Kid's Halloween Party, 5p

November 2

MLFD Open House, 10a-1p

November 3

City Council Meeting, 6p

November 10

Laker Submissions Deadline

November 20

Planning Commission, 6p

Hot Flashes FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Over many years, The Laker has intermittently featured notes from the Fire Department. In celebration of our 75th year, we're bringing back its most popular title "Hot Flashes from the Fire Chief"!

2025 MARKS THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEDICINE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

EVENTS *(Asst. Fire Chief, Mike Fox)*

SAVE THE DATE: Nov 2nd 10a-1p will be MLFD's open house in celebration of the department's 75th anniversary!

We will have activities for all ages including a bounce castle, a prop house to spray with fire hoses, a kitchen fire demo, and possibly a fire extinguisher demo. We will be serving pancakes, syrup, and breakfast sausage, and we will be showing off some 75th anniversary shirts and hats in case you'd like to buy/order. If you haven't seen U11, our new (used) fire utility truck, this is a good chance to check it out with updated City of Medicine Lake markings.

While we always appreciate donations, this is a celebration, not a fundraiser, so please plan to join in on the celebration



OCTOBER SAFETY SPOTLIGHT: FIRE PREVENTION & CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS

October 5-11 was **National Fire Prevention Week** and this month is also **Cybersecurity Awareness Month** — two great opportunities for families to review safety habits that protect their homes and digital lives. Here are some simple, high-impact steps to take this month.

Fire Prevention Week: “Charge into Fire Safety!”

This year’s Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign, “**Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,**” is focused on safe use of lithium ion batteries focused on three steps: **BUY, CHARGE, and RECYCLE.**

1. **BUY: Buy only listed products.** When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.
2. **CHARGE: Charge devices safely.** Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don’t overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it’s fully charged.
3. **RECYCLE: Recycle batteries responsibly.** Don’t throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Home Depot will accept Li-Ion batteries, you can also visit <https://www.hennepin.us/recycling> to find other options.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR THIS WINTER—SALT SMART!

Did you know that one teaspoon of salt pollutes 5 gallons of water FOREVER? When de-icing salt (a.k.a. [chloride](#)) enters bodies of water, there is no easy way to remove it.



Excessive Salt Use



Proper Salt Use

Salt use has been on the rise since the 1950s, leading to waters becoming increasingly salty. Chloride levels have become so high that many creeks and lakes are now considered unhealthy and have been added to [Minnesota's impaired waters list](#) for chloride pollution.

Too much salt can lead to costly damages and environmental consequences! Chloride harms plants and animals, contaminates drinking water, damages buildings, and corrodes vehicles, roads and bridges.

We all want to prioritize safety, but it is critical to understand that more salt does not always mean less ice or safer conditions.

Luckily, there are actions we can take to help improve water quality and keep our neighbors safe this winter.

HOW TO MANAGE SNOW AND ICE THIS WINTER

1. Shovel as soon as possible after a snowstorm to prevent ice buildup.
2. Add an ice scraper to your toolbox. These are often more effective than salt when ice has built up on sidewalks and driveways.
3. Read the label on your deicer to make sure it will work in the current weather conditions. At low temperatures, typically colder than 15 degrees F, regular road salt will not melt ice.
4. Use sand or grit for traction when temperatures are too cold for salt to work.
5. Use salt sparingly. **Try to scatter salt grains three inches apart.** This will melt ice faster than salt that is too close together.



Visit westmetrowateralliance.org/chloride-pollution to learn more!

Join us if you dare for

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER

31

5:00-6:15 P.M.

SPOOKY TREATS,
HOT DOGS, CHIPS
& GAMES
COSTUMES
ENCOURAGED

Medicine Lake Fire Station
10609 S Shore Drive

COUNCIL VOTES



SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

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

- Agenda
- September 6, 2025 city council meeting minutes
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through September 30, 2025
- Approve Ordinance 148 prohibiting metal detecting in city parks and city property
- Approve resolution 25-20 publication of Ordinance 148 by title and summary
- Approve resolution 25-21 approval of expenditures for grading and seeding at Jevne Park
- Approve resolution 25-22 approving amendment to construction services contract with SEH
- Adjourn

GOT NEWS?

We hope you're enjoying the all-digital edition of The Medicine Laker! We (the editors) appreciate your patience as we convert to this new format and add new features. We'll still be publishing monthly.

Submit your articles by the **10th of each month to be included in that month's issue.** (If you're including images, please submit as separate files and indicate the order they are to appear.)

Watch for the latest edition on or about the 20th of each month.

Send your news to:

news@cityofmedicinelake.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 31 at 5p

MLFD OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 2 10a-1p

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 3 at 6p

MLFD

Tuesday, November 4 at 7p

Tuesday, November 18 at 7p

PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, November 20 at 6p

FULL OBITUARY FOR AUDREY LUCILLE ROE

Roe, Audrey Lucille (Lovstedt)

Born in Minneapolis on March 4, 1925, Audrey passed away peacefully on September 1 at home in Plymouth surrounded by her girls. She outlived her parents, Einar and Edna; and sisters Evelyn, Erlys, Lily Mae and Norma, spending the past 24 years as the only living member of her immediate family. Survived by daughters, LeAnn Roe, Jody Roe (Michael Hunz), granddaughter Casey Elden (Kurt) and great grandsons Kyson and Beckham; many loving nieces and nephews and special friends.



Audrey graduated from Washburn high school. She married and raised her two daughters on Peninsula Rd at Medicine Lake. She was always employed and often worked more than one job so her girls were able to participate in many activities with her extra income. Though "hosting" was not her favorite task, she prepared many bridge club dinners, family and friend picnics at the lake and participated in local progressive dinners. Lifelong friends came from the Peninsula's Women's and Monkey clubs. She was a crafter and a knitter who gifted her handiwork to family and friends.

She made many new and very special friends later in life; learned tai-chi and to play tennis, travelled around Europe and the U.S., while keeping busy with work and volunteering. Audrey completely retired at the age of 80. Her many activities at the Minnetonka Senior Center connected her love of bridge playing to more new friends during her retirement; especially Ann who was her bestie to the end. Audrey had the gift of a clear mind and an unbelievable memory until her last days. Though her sight and hearing were profoundly diminished she was always interested in making new friends and learning their life stories. She shared her memories with everyone who asked.

As she wishes, there will be no formal service for her passing. Her 100th birthday party brought those closest to her together in a Celebration Of Life, where she could participate and share her memories while making new ones. If you like, please listen to "May Each Day" by Andy Williams...that is her wish for you.

Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Audrey Lucille Roe please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).