



MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

BILL McNAUGHTON, ACTING MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBER

HELLO NEIGHBORS!

It was a pleasure to fill in as acting mayor at the February council meeting while Mayor Heim was out of town, and I am honored to share the February mayor's update.

We are so fortunate to have an active and caring community in Medicine Lake. In the last couple of months I have witnessed, pizzas delivered on fire trucks, volunteers grooming ski trails on the lake, game nights at city hall, ice carousels and old man hockey games on ice rinks that are the pride of the neighborhood. In Medicine Lake it is absolutely true that we lift each other up with our engagement, care and desire to make our community a better place. I can say without any doubt that my experience first on the Community Club board and now as a council member have been extremely rewarding and have allowed me to witness the wonderful relationships that we have with each other in Medicine Lake.

I have great news for those of you looking for an opportunity to engage and contribute to our community. There are great ways to contribute today and even more exciting ways to contribute in the coming year. First, we all relish the opportunity to vote in person at our own city hall. This opportunity is only possible when we have an Election Clerk, Assistant Election Clerk and a host of Election Judges who represent the two parties in equal numbers. Please reach out to Nina Zelazny, nzelazny@cityofmedicinelake.com, if you would like to learn more or to sign up to help in the next election. Second, we will have two council seats and the mayor's seat up for election this fall. These seats are open for any resident to run for; in fact it would be great to see more than one candidate running for each of these seats. It would be a great way to advance a dialogue in the city about what is next and what our priorities will be now that we have the road and park projects substantially completed. If you have even the slightest interest in running for one of the seats please contact me, the mayor or another council member, to learn more about the opportunity to serve the city in this unique way.

Even in our quiet, peaceful city it is impossible to miss the upheaval Minnesota is experiencing because of Operation Metro Surge. While we are fortunate to have had little direct impact, it is easy to see where we

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Community Club Annual Dues Drive. Read more on page 3.

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To learn about the **Valuation Notice Appeals Process & Meeting Dates**, see the handout on page 5.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2

City Council Meeting, 6p

March 10

Laker Submissions Deadline

March 14

MLFD Bingo Night, 5-7p

March 17

MLFD Relief Assoc. Meeting

May 2

2026 Progressive Dinner

EVENTS

Mark your calendars for **Family Bingo Night**, March 14 from 5-7p.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Stock Your Pantry This February!

February is National Canned Food Month on Ready.gov calendar, making it the perfect time to strengthen your household emergency preparedness.

Winter storms and power outages can limit access to grocery stores or make travel dangerous, so maintaining at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food for each household member is essential. Stock canned foods, dry mixes and other staples that do not require refrigeration, cooking, water or special preparation, and don't forget a manual can opener. Canned soups, vegetables, proteins, fruits, and beans are excellent choices that provide nutrition and have extended shelf lives. When selecting canned goods, avoid cans that are dented, bulging, rusted, or past their "best by" dates to ensure food safety.

Beyond stocking your pantry, stay connected to emergency information. Sign up for local emergency alerts.

Remember that preparedness also means checking in on neighbors, particularly elderly residents who may need assistance during severe weather. Taking these simple steps this month ensures our entire community remains resilient throughout the remainder of winter.

MEETING NOTICE: MEDICINE LAKE RELIEF ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Medicine Lake Fire Relief Association is meeting on Tuesday March, 17 at 7 pm.

Meeting will be held at the Medicine Lake City Hall.



MEDICINE LAKE

BINGO Night

Saturday, March 14
5-7 p.m., City Hall

\$1.00 per card
Please BYOB & snack to share
All ages are welcome
There will be prizes and special bingo callers!

The poster features a light blue background with white stars. It includes an illustration of a bingo card with the word 'BINGO' at the top, a red bingo ball with the number '5' on a red base, and three small human figures in green, brown, and pink. The text is in various colors: red for the title and date, orange for the price and details, and white for the event name.

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are all impacted indirectly. Whether it is the deputies that protect our city being called away to help manage protests, kids missing classmates that don't feel safe coming to school, vendors that provide services to us not wanting to leave home or small businesses that are struggling to find staff that they need to stay open, we all are feeling the impact. I want to assure you that the mayor and city council continue to monitor the situation and in the unlikely event that we need to react, we will be prepared to do so. Finally, our police service is provided by the Hennepin County Sheriff. The sheriff does not enforce federal laws including immigration enforcement and they will not ask you about your immigration status. If you need assistance from the sheriff or fire department, call 911 even if it is not an emergency.

The **Hennepin County Sheriff's Office has some uniform identifiers that deputies wear** to signify that they work for the Sheriff's Office:

- 1) Vests have a "Sheriff" patch on the back.
- 2) Uniforms have "Hennepin County Sheriff's Office" patches on both shoulders.
- 3) Deputies will wear an ID tag on their chest displaying either their name or a HCSO badge number.

Thank you for considering the opportunities to serve the city and enjoy the last few months of winter!

Bill McNaughton, Acting Mayor



Medicine Lake Community Club NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

2026 Dues Drive

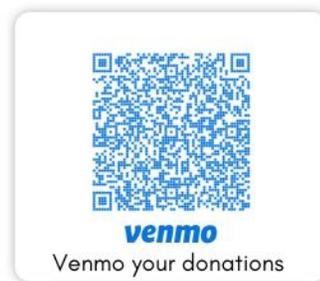
As a resident of the City of Medicine Lake and S Shore Drive you are a welcomed member of the Medicine Lake Community Club (MLCC). The MLCC appreciates your support and time dedicated to making our city even better. The committee has been hard at work to make sure all the events you love and look forward to happen in 2026 and beyond. ***Please support our mission by paying your "dues" as they were called in the past with a \$25/person or \$50/family donation;*** however a donation of any amount is appreciated!

The MLCC contributes support for; Winter festival, Easter egg hunt, Bike Tune-up, Progressive Dinner, July 4th boat parade, National Night Out, Kids' Halloween party, holiday party, game nights, welcome packets for new neighbors, flowers, and more! The list continues to grow as the community comes together.

Cash or checks can be dropped in the locked mailbox at 18 Kaiser Avenue.

The MLCC appreciates your volunteer & financial contributions!

Medicine Lake Communi...
@MLCC-1



or
**Cash or Checks (made out to
Medicine Lake Community Club.)**

Community
Medicine Lake Community Club

COUNCIL VOTES & NOTICES



February 2, 2026 Council Votes

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

- Agenda
- January 5, 2025 City Council Meeting minutes with additions
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through January 31, 2026
- Adjourn

MLFD Relief Association Meeting

The Medicine Lake Fire Relief Association is meeting on Tuesday March, 17 at 7 pm. Meeting will be held at the Medicine Lake City Hall.

Property Value Notices & Appeal Process

If the property information on your valuation notice is not correct, you disagree with the values, or have other questions about the notice, you may appeal. Review the process and find Open Book meeting dates in the 2026 Value Notice Insert included on page 5.

GOT NEWS?

We hope you're enjoying the all-digital edition of The Medicine Laker! Thank you for your patience as we converted to this new format. We'll continue to publish 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



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 2 at 6p

MLFD

Tuesday, March 3 at 7p

Tuesday, March 17 at 7p

MLFD RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, March 17 at 7p

PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, March 19 at 6p

How to appeal your value and classification

If the property information on your valuation notice is not correct, you disagree with the values, or have other questions about this notice, you may appeal.

Start with your assessor

Often issues can be resolved by reaching out directly to your assessor. Their number is listed on the valuation notice.

Do you still have concerns? Attend a local meeting

If your issues weren't resolved by talking to your assessor, you can either attend a local board of appeal and equalization meeting or continue having an "open book" conversation with assessing staff. Each city chooses which meeting format they prefer (the front of your valuation notice will tell you which option your city has chosen).

Local board of appeal and equalization meetings

Property owners may appear in front of the local board of appeal and equalization to dispute their valuation or classification. The date and time of the meeting is located on your valuation notice.

Open book meetings

During an open book meeting, property owners can address questions about their property valuation and classification directly with assessing staff. If your city has opted for an open book meeting, the in-person meeting will be held at one of seven locations. Choose the location that best fits your schedule.

Monday, April 20, 4 to 7 p.m. — Richfield City Hall, 6700 Portland Ave S, Richfield

Wednesday, April 22, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. — Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd, Plymouth

Thursday, April 23, noon to 7 p.m. — Maple Grove City Hall, 12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway N, Maple Grove

Monday, April 27, 4 to 7 p.m. — Mound Centennial Building, 5341 Maywood Rd, Mound

Tuesday, April 28, noon to 7 p.m. — Edina Fire Station 2, 4401 W. 76th Street, Edina

Wednesday, April 29, 4 to 7 p.m. — 21st Century Bank Event Center, 12716 Main St, Rogers

Thursday, April 30, noon to 7 p.m. — Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Dr N, Crystal

If you prefer a virtual meeting, please call the number on the valuation notice to schedule a virtual appointment with an appraiser in advance of the following meeting date:

Wednesday, April 29, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you still need help, attend the county meeting

If after attending your local meeting you are still not satisfied, you can attend the county board of appeal and equalization meeting. If your city offers a local board of appeal and equalization meeting, you must attend that meeting before attending the county board of appeal and equalization. This requirement does not apply if your city holds an open book meeting.

Questions

Please call the number on the front of your valuation notice.

Hennepin County Assessor's Office
A-600 Government Center
300 S. Sixth Street, MC 213, Minneapolis

hennepin.us/assessment



SAVE THE DATE

**CITY OF MEDICINE LAKE
2026 PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON





HENNEPIN COUNTY
MINNESOTA



Sabathani
Community Center

Neighbors Connect Digital Access Program

Digital Access for Individuals & Families

Participants will receive a no-cost laptop along with supportive, easy-to-follow training designed for everyday life.

Time and Date:

March 2nd @ 9am
March 5th @ 6pm

Location :

Sabathani Community Center
Sabathani Senior Apartments
Community Room

More Information

Call or email

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<https://www.technologist.computer/neighborsconnectfam>