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MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

CHRIS HEIM, MAYOR

HELLO NEIGHBORS!

It was wonderful to see so many people at this year's Progressive Dinner. This event is truly special — a great reflection of what makes our city such an amazing place to call home. A huge thank you to the Community Club for organizing the event, the Hutton House for providing the beverages, and to the families that opened their homes to be hosts.

A few community updates and public service announcements.

• **Three Rivers Parks:** Our Commissioner, Marge Beard, joined us at the beginning of our City Council meeting to provide an update on the many exciting things happening throughout the region. The 27 parks and reserves in the Three Rivers system welcome more than 16 million visitors each year! Marge has been a tremendous supporter and partner to our city, as well as a strong advocate for lake preservation. I'm grateful for the strong relationship we continue to build between our organizations.

• **Winter Snow Removal:** Our streets are active year-round with both vehicles and pedestrians, and it's become clear that we can improve how we keep roadways and walkways clear of snow and ice during the winter months. Thank you to a resident who thoughtfully documented concerns and helped bring this issue forward. The City will be reviewing and updating our snow removal requirements to improve the timeliness and frequency of clearing, including cleanup passes during melting conditions. Our goal is to maintain exposed asphalt across as much of the roadway and walkway system as possible throughout the winter season.

• **Raccoon Reminder:** We have an active raccoon population in our city. While our furry neighbors are generally harmless and should be left alone, they can occasionally become a nuisance. This is a friendly reminder not to feed raccoons, and to ensure that buildings and structures are maintained so they do not become nesting or dwelling areas. We also encourage everyone to remain mindful about securing garbage bins and waste containers.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the lake this summer!

Warm regards,

Chris Heim

Mayor, City of Medicine Lake



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1

City Council Meeting, 6p

June 10

Laker Submission Deadline

August 4

NNO, Save the Date!

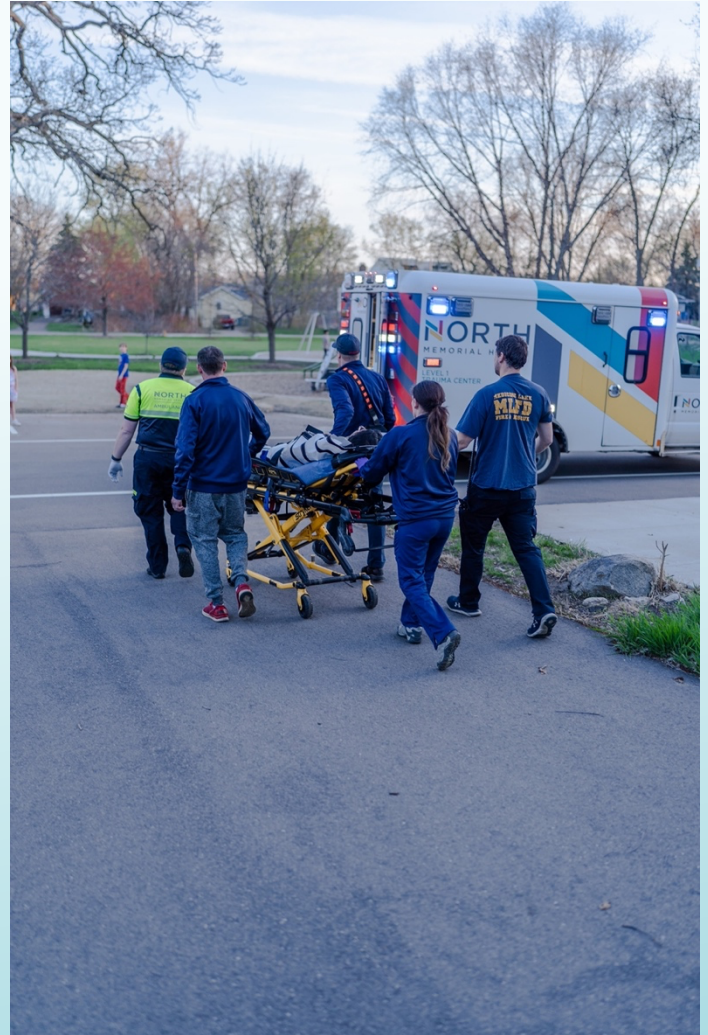
EVENTS *(Asst. Fire Chief, Mike Fox)*

On April 20th, MLFD conducted medical drills with our long-standing medical training partners: NMAS & OEC. NMAS (North Memorial Ambulance Service) is Medicine Lake's Advance Life Support (ALS) partner for all medical calls. OEC (Operations in Emergency Care) is a health care program conducted by Osseo High School. OEC high school students simulated six different medical scenarios around the city and both MLFD and NMAS responded and debriefed after each call to train and improve. We've conducted this same drill on nearly ten different occasions since 2021 and we intend to keep at it!

WILDFIRE AWARENESS *(Emergency Manager, Brian Malecha)*

May is wildfire awareness month and although our community isn't typically threatened by large-scale wildfires, fire safety remains crucial. Even a small fire from a fire pit, grill, or outdoor celebration can spread. Prevention is our best defense. Always fully extinguish fires, use fire pits, and never leave grills unattended. Keep a water source, fire extinguisher, or [fire blanket](#) nearby to respond quickly if a fire or grill gets out of control.

SUN SAFETY AWARENESS Finally, the Friday before Memorial Day is Don't Fry Day. The National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention encourages sun safety awareness by reminding everyone to protect their skin while enjoying the outdoors on Don't Fry Day and every day. Remember to Slip! Slop! Slap! and Wrap! when you're outdoors. Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher, slap on a hat, and wrap on sunglasses. <https://www.epa.gov/sunsafety/dont-fry-day>



YOUNG NEIGHBORHOOD ENTREPRENEURS

Got messy trash cans?

K & D Cleaning can help. Two of our hard-working neighborhood 8th graders are pressure-washing trash cans and doing other chores.



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✉️ kdtrashcleaning@gmail.com

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ELECTION NEWS: MESSAGE FROM OUR ELECTION CLERK

by Nina Zelazny

ELECTION JUDGE VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to those who have reached out about being an election judge. You will hear from me soon about election judge training. **If anyone has not been a judge before and hasn't already reached out, let me know if you are interested- nzelazny@cityofmedicinelake.com.** It is easy and fun and you get all the training you need

UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

Save the date for our elections in 2026:

- August 11, 2026
- November 3, 2026

THINKING ABOUT BEING A CANDIDATE?

Think about being a candidate. We will have 2 spots open for city council- a 4 year term and 1 spot open for mayor- a 2 year term. Candidate filing opens July 14th and closes July 28th . You can reach out to me if you are interested and I will keep that confidential until you officially file.

COUNCIL VOTES: SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 4, 2026 COUNCIL VOTES

The following motions were approved with Mayor Heim, Councilmembers McNaughton, Hovey, Tomczik and Zelazny in favor except as noted.

- Agenda
- Resolution 26-07 approving liquor license for LLW Partners, LLC, Hutton House
- Resolution 26-08 approving liquor license for LLW Partners, LLC, Hutton House.
- Adjourn

SAVE THE DATE:
NATIONAL NIGHT
OUT 2026



Date: **Tuesday, August 4, 2026**
Time: **6-8p**
Place: **Jevne Park**



COUNCIL VOTES & NOTICES



MAY 4, 2026 COUNCIL VOTES

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

- Agenda
- April 6, 2026 city council meeting minutes
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through April 30, 2026
- Adjourn

MESSAGE TO ALL MEDICINE LAKE RESIDENTS

Beginning Monday May 11th South Shore Dr. is closed from the intersection of the north Hwy 55 Frontage Road (intersection will remain open) northward to the south side of 11th Ave; 10th Ave will also be closed from South Shore Dr eastward approximately 450 feet.

See attached map for your convenience. (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, June 1 at 6p

MLFD

Tuesday, June 2 at 7p

Tuesday, June 16 at 7p

PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, June 18 at 7p

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 4 at 6-8p

OTHER NEWS & NOTICES

From the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency: **Minnesota boat wrap recycling stewardship program underway**

Collection site maps, resources available online

Collection sites across Minnesota are now accepting boat wrap in accordance with the state's [new product stewardship program](#). The stewardship organization, Commercial and Industrial Flexible Film Recycling Organization (CIFFRO), has branded the program Wrap Recycle Right, which provides free collection, transportation, reuse, recycling, and disposal of boat wrap material.

[Wrap Recycle Right](#) has established a [map](#) of public collection sites and temporary collection events and will add drop-off locations and events as the program grows. Wrap Recycle Right has also created guidance for [preparing boat wrap for recycling](#).

The program's requirements under [Minnesota's boat wrap product stewardship law](#), which went into effect in September 2025, require that no less than 50% of all boat wrap sold in Minnesota will be collected and recycled by June 1, 2030, and no less than 80% by June 1, 2035.

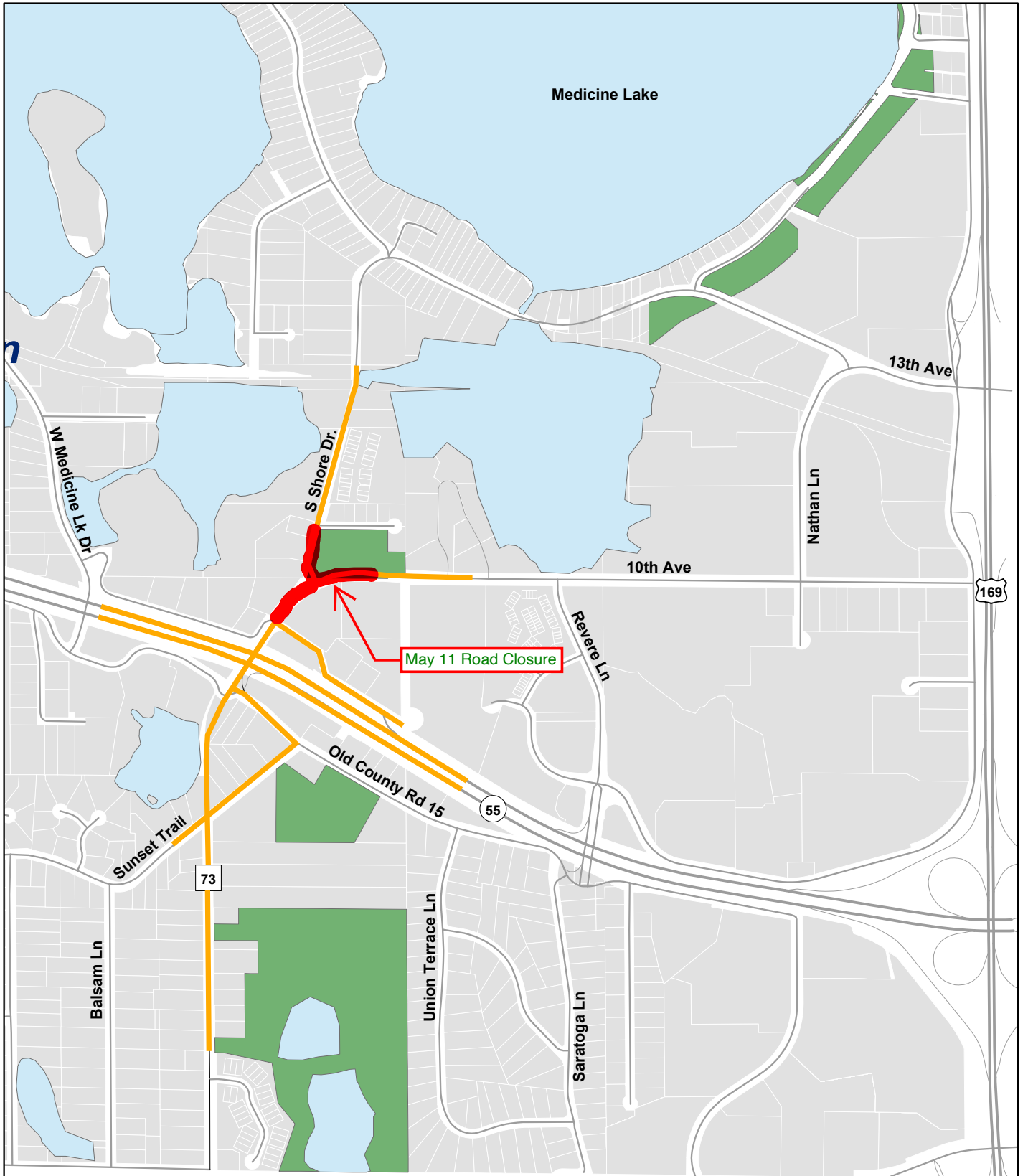
Organizations, local marinas, or shrink wrappers that are interested in piloting a collection site this year may reach out to Sarah Bonvallet, Wrap Recycle Right operations program coordinator, at sarah.bonvallet@rev-log.com.

If successful, pilot sites could be prioritized for full participation in 2027.



The MPCA is responsible for regulatory oversight of the program and maintains a list of compliant producers and brands on the agency website.

Questions on the boat wrap stewardship program may be directed to Molly Flynn, MPCA product stewardship program administrator, at molly.flynn@state.mn.us or boatwrap.mPCA@state.mn.us.



0 1,150 Feet

**Station 73 Transit and Regional Improvement Program
City Project #ST230003**

Project Location Map



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