

# THE LAKER

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

BY CHRIS HEIM, MAYOR

### HELLO NEIGHBORS!

I love summertime on Medicine Lake! The flowers and landscaping in Memorial Park at the entrance to our city look especially beautiful this year. Please join me in thanking Mozie Wiegner and Barry Warner, who dedicate countless hours each season planting and maintaining this wonderful feature.

Also, please mark your calendars for National Night Out on August 4th. We'll be gathering at Jevne Park with a food truck, and the popular \$5 meals! Come join us!

### CITY UPDATES

• **4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade:** I love seeing traditions grow, and our annual 4th of July Boat Parade has become one of my favorites. Each year, 30–40 boats gather in the back bay along Kaiser Avenue—many decorated in red, white, and blue—and cruise the shoreline celebrating our community and country. We'll gather at 11:00 a.m. on July 4th. Join us on your boat or wave from your dock as the parade passes by. We hope to see you there!

• **Winter Snow Removal:** City Council is reviewing our snow removal policies to improve winter driving and walking conditions. At the July Council meeting, we will be considering a new city policy that will lower the snow-depth threshold and emphasize curb-to-curb plowing whenever possible. I encourage residents to attend the July meeting to help us assess the cost benefits before the policy is finalized and put out for bid.

• **Plymouth Water Service Fee:** Medicine Lake is connected to the Plymouth public water system for our hydrants and household service. Under Plymouth policy, all households not yet connected must pay a small monthly service fee, current price is \$6.74 every two months. Plymouth has notified us that a few households in our city have past-due balances and may soon face collection penalties. Please address this promptly to avoid extra fees. Contact Plymouth Utility Billing at [utilitybilling@plymouthmn.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@plymouthmn.gov) or 763-509-5333.

Warm regards,

**Chris Heim**

Mayor, City of Medicine Lake



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July 4

Boat Parade, 11a

### July 6

City Council Meeting, 6p

### July 10

Laker Submission Deadline

### August 4

NNO, Save the Date!

## WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT: SUMMER POWER OUTAGE PREPAREDNESS

*From the Medicine Lake Fire Department and Emergency Management Department*

Summer thunderstorms are a familiar part of life in Minnesota, and while most pass without major impacts, strong winds and lightning can occasionally cause power outages. **June is a great time to prepare before severe weather arrives.** Take a few minutes to locate flashlights, replace batteries, charge portable power banks, and review how your household will stay informed if internet or electrical service is disrupted. Residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment should have a backup plan and know where they can go if an outage becomes prolonged.

Never operate generators, grills, camp stoves, or other fuel-burning equipment inside a home, garage, or enclosed space due to the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to preserve food, and stay away from downed power lines, treating them as energized and dangerous. If traffic signals lose power, remember that Minnesota law requires drivers to treat the intersection as a four-way stop. Finally, check in on neighbors—especially older adults and those who may need assistance during an outage. **A little preparation today can help keep our Medicine Lake community safe, connected, and resilient throughout the summer storm season.**

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY BOAT PARADE

*Decorate your boat, pontoon and yourselves!*

Gather in the small bay by the Heim's house at 18 Kaiser Ave. If the Med Lk Rescue Boat and/or our Mayor is available then they will lead the parade. Parade will start promptly at 11:00 am and lasts less than 1 hour.

**THOSE ON SHORE** - please take video's and photos! Post them on this site or email them to [medlkcommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:medlkcommunityclub@gmail.com).

**THOSE IN BOATS** - please take video's and photos! Post them on this site or email them to [medlkcommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:medlkcommunityclub@gmail.com).

### PLEASE READ

**WHERE DOES THE PARADE END?** The parade route will go by all the South Shore Drive houses ending to the south of East Med Lk Park.

- Join the parade at any time even if it has started! Come and go as you please! No need to rsvp, all are welcome.

- Please remember to let the Mayor, Med Lk Water Rescue boat and possibly the Sheriff be the first boats in line.

- Please take and post videos and photos to this site or email them to [medlkcommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:medlkcommunityclub@gmail.com).

**Be safe and have fun!**

## MEDICINE LAKE Community Club



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## ELECTION NEWS: MESSAGE FROM OUR ELECTION CLERK

by Nina Zelazny

### ELECTION JUDGE VOLUNTEERS

If you have volunteered to be an election judge or have done this in the past, you should have received an email from me. If you haven't and are interested email me at [nzelazny@cityofmedicinelaake.com](mailto:nzelazny@cityofmedicinelaake.com). It is easy and fun and you get all the training you need.

### UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

Save the dates for our elections in 2026:

- August 11, 2026
- November 3, 2026

### CALL FOR CANDIDATES

We need candidates. 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 14<sup>th</sup> and closes July 28<sup>th</sup>**. Reach out to me if you are interested and I can walk you through the process of filing for office. It has to be within those candidate filing dates but you can reach out in advance to get information or to discuss.

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## ANNUAL DRINKING WATER REPORT NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Published each June, the City of Plymouth annual drinking water report – *which also applies to City of Medicine Lake households connected to the City of Plymouth water main* – is now available to view online.

Like past years, Plymouth's water met or surpassed all 2025 state and federal water quality testing, regulations and requirements. The drinking water consumer confidence report contains monitoring results from previous year(s).

*The report does not apply to Medicine Lake residents with private wells used for drinking water supply.*

City of Plymouth water is tested weekly by an independent, state-certified laboratory. Results are submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health. Plymouth's water is regularly tested for more than 100 contaminants, such as bacteria, nitrates, pesticides, solvents and metals. Water is also tested multiple times per day for appropriate chemical levels and water quality. View the report at [plymouthmn.gov/waterreport](http://plymouthmn.gov/waterreport).

The public may download the water report, or request a paper copy by calling 763-509-5000 and arranging to pick it up during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday) at Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd.



# COUNCIL VOTES & NOTICES



## JUNE 1, 2026 COUNCIL VOTES

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

- Agenda
- May 4, 2026 city council meeting minutes
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through May 31, 2026
- Adjourn

## E-BIKE SAFETY REMINDER

As electric-assisted bicycles (e-bikes) become more common on local streets and trails, riders are reminded to help keep everyone safe by using appropriate speeds, slowing down around curves and areas with limited visibility, yielding to pedestrians and slower trail users, and announcing themselves before passing. Wear a helmet, follow posted signs and trail rules, and remember that e-bikes meeting Minnesota requirements are generally permitted wherever traditional bicycles are allowed unless otherwise posted.

**For the most up-to-date information on Minnesota bicycle, pedestrian, and e-bike laws, visit:** <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/safe-driving-information-and-laws/traffic-safety-laws/bicycle-and-pedestrian-laws>.



## GOT NEWS?

We hope you're enjoying the all-digital edition of The Medicine Laker! Issues are posted and distributed 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 in which they are to appear.)

Watch for the latest edition on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Send your news to:**

[news@cityofmedicinelake.com](mailto:news@cityofmedicinelake.com)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 6 at 6p

### MLFD

Tuesday, July 7 at 7p

Tuesday, July 21 at 7p

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, June 16 at 7p

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 4 at 6-8p

## OTHER NEWS & NOTICES

### From the West Metro Water Alliance: **AIS prevention and Lake Pledge**

#### *Protect water resources and stop aquatic hitchhikers!*

Hennepin County is a unique urban area. With 200 lakes, 640 miles of streams, three major rivers, 45,000 acres of wetlands and 50 public water accesses, there are so many opportunities to enjoy being on and around water.

Aquatic invasive species don't usually enter lakes, rivers, and streams on their own, people help transport them. In some cases, it only takes one individual organism, such as a small plant fragment, to result in an infestation. An infestation can be devastating for lake recreation and aquatic life and can cost a lot of money to manage. Aquatic invasive species can be introduced directly, like through the dumping of a fish tank into a stream, or hitchhike on different surfaces, like boats, docks, live wells and more.

Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species takes everyone, including people fishing, boating, kayaking, or sailing, those who live on lakes, and those with aquariums or ponds, to help keep our lakes clean and healthy. That's why Hennepin County is encouraging anyone who enjoys our lakes to sign up for [Lake Pledge](#).

If you are using a watercraft, remember to clean off any plants, animals and mud, drain any water-containing devices, dry everything, and dispose of unwanted bait in a designated area or the trash. Don't forget to trim your boat motor down or run your personal watercraft engine for a few seconds to discharge that last bit of water before leaving a water access.

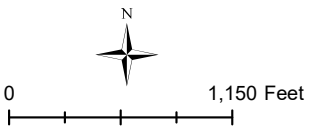
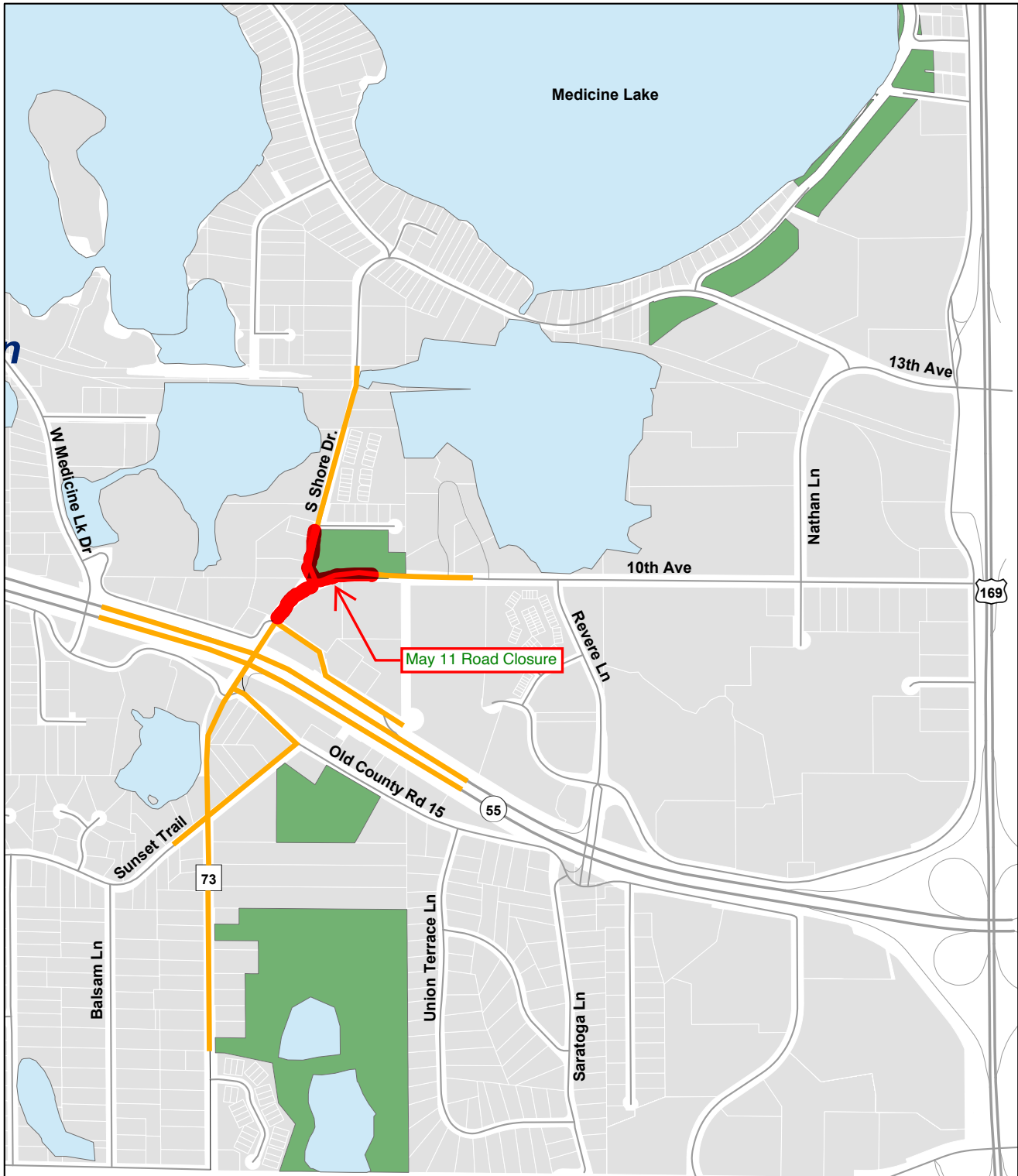
If you have been on a lake for 24 hours or more, clean your boat at a decontamination station before entering another lake.



Image Credit: Rachel Dunlap

[Three Rivers Park District](#) and the [Minnesota Department of Natural Resources](#) have hot water decontaminations stations available in Hennepin County.

# ROAD CLOSURE MAP



Station 73 Transit and Regional Improvement Program  
City Project #ST230003

Project Location Map



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