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MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

BY CHRIS HEIM, MAYOR

HELLO NEIGHBORS!

I hope you had a wonderful 4th of July! We set a new record of nearly 50 boats at the parade this year! Also, a reminder to join us for National Night Out on August 4th from 6-8PM.

I'd also like to encourage my fellow neighbors to consider running for City Council this fall. With three of our five seats on the ballot, this is a wonderful opportunity to help shape the future of Medicine Lake. Our city depends on neighbors who are willing to step forward and serve. The registration deadline is Tuesday July 28 at 5PM. We need to fill these seats.

CITY UPDATES

- **Thank You, Josh Hauble:** Please join me in thanking Josh Hauble for his many years of service as our city's Data Practices Compliance Official. Josh has brought professionalism, structure, and consistency to this critical function. As Josh steps down from this role, we would love to have another volunteer. If you have an interest in data practices and the public records process, this is a great role to serve. The time commitment is minimal, but the position is essential. Without a volunteer, the city will need to outsource this responsibility, adding another expense for our residents.
- **E-Scooter & Bicycle Safety:** It's wonderful to see so many children outside enjoying summer. We've received a few concerns about children riding e-scooters and bicycles at high speeds, sometimes without helmets or awareness of traffic. We encourage parents to review safe riding habits with their children, including wearing helmets and sharing the road safely. A simple conversation today can help prevent a serious accident tomorrow.
- **Sewer System Update:** I'm pleased to report that our sewer relining project has delivered excellent results. Wastewater flows are down more than 20% and our annual wastewater bill will drop by approximately \$8K this coming year. These improvements have been made possible through Metropolitan Council grant funding, and we're grateful to have received another \$100K+ grant to offset the costs our city incurred in making these improvements.

Warm regards,

Chris Heim

Mayor, City of Medicine Lake



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UPCOMING EVENTS

!! July 28, 5pm

Candidate Filing Deadline

August 3

City Council Meeting, 6p

August 10

Laker Submission Deadline

August 4

NNO, Save the Date!

ELECTION NEWS: MESSAGE FROM OUR ELECTION CLERK

by Nina Zelazny

ELECTION JUDGE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those who have agreed to be election judges. There is a big group and I am so appreciative!! Hopefully you are all working on your training as we speak:)

UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

Save the dates for our elections in 2026:

- August 11, 2026
- November 3, 2026

CALL FOR CANDIDATES – FILING DEADLINE TOMORROW!

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 14th and closes July 28th.** Reach out to me if you are interested.

Join Us for Medicine Lake National Night Out!

Tuesday, August 4th 6pm to 8pm

Join us at **Jevne Park**
Bring a Chair and a Neighbor!

Burger 101 Food Truck will be there!

Full Meal for \$5
(Subsidized by the city)



COUNCIL VOTES & NOTICES



JULY 6, 2026 COUNCIL VOTES

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

- Agenda
- June 1, 2026 city council meeting minutes
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through June 30, 2026
- Special Budget council meeting to be held August 3 at 5pm.
- Resolution 26-09 appointing election judges for the August 11, 2026 election approved.
- Adjourn

NOTICE: RENTAL RENEWALS UNDERWAY

Reminder: We are in the process of Rental Property Renewals. You should have received an email with instructions.

Thank you to those who have already submitted applications and payments. If you have a rental unit in Medicine Lake and did not receive information, please email nzelazny@cityofmedicinelake.com.



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 20th of each month.

Send your news to:

news@cityofmedicinelake.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 3 at 6p

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 4 at 6-8p

MLFD

Tuesday, August 4 at 7p

Tuesday, August 18 at 7p

PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, August 20 at 7p

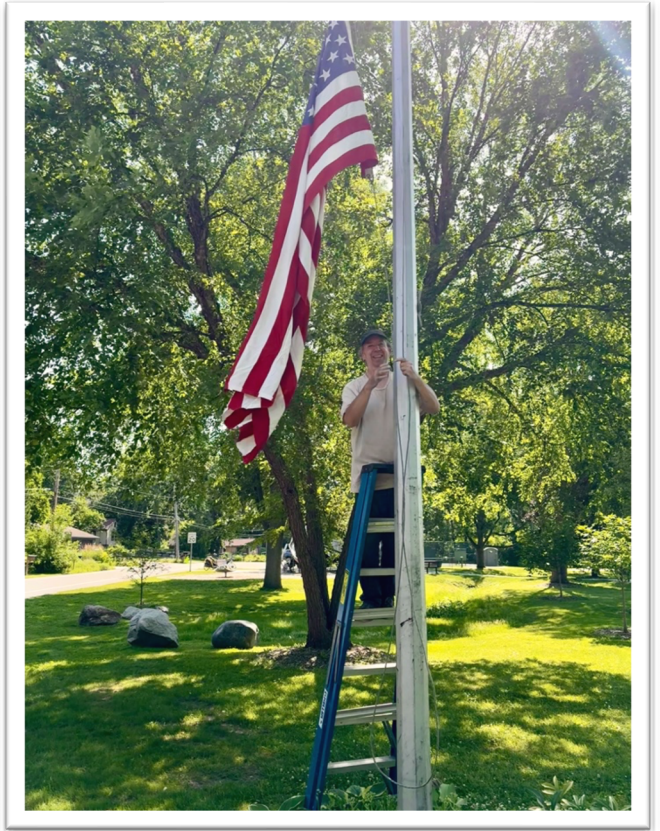
SPECIAL THANK YOU

*Submitted by Ruth & Matthew
Zimmerman*

Thank you, Ted Hoshal, for raising (and lowering) our flag all these years. As our flag technician you have honorably followed flag protocol with respect, dignity, diligence, and good humor, for in all kinds of weather, you hold us together.

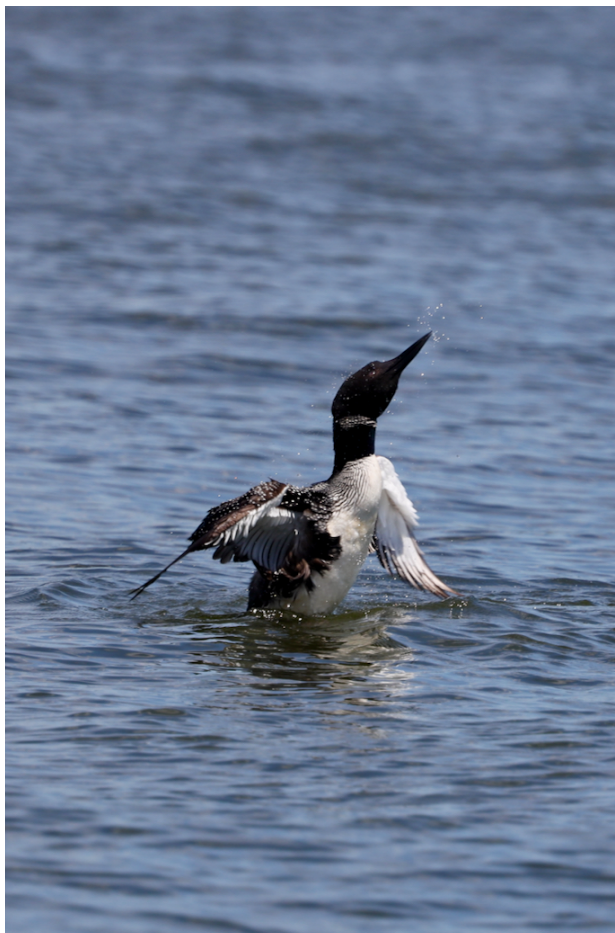
Long may she wave!

It takes all of us working together to keep our city running. Thank you to everyone who contributes there time and talents to making our community such a special place to live.



ON THE LAKE

Have you spotted the Loon family on the lake this summer?



OTHER NEWS & NOTICES

Important E-Bike Safety Reminders

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>

 Hennepin County Sherrif's Office Electric Scooter and Bike Guide				
	 Electric Scooter (E-Scooter)	 Electric Bike (E-Bike)	 Motorized Bike	 Motorcycle
Miniumum Age	12	15	15	Does your bike exceed 1,500 watts or 30 mph? If so, it's a motorcycle! You must follow Minnesota motorcycle laws!
Motor/Engine Size	N/A	750 watts	750-1500 watts	
Drivers License Required	No	No	Yes (or legal permit at age 15)	
License Plate Required	No	No	Yes	
Helmet	Required under age 18	Recommended	Required under age 18	
Pedals	N/A	Required	Not Required	
Allowed on Concrete Sidewalks	No (are allowed on asphalt paths)	No (are allowed on asphalt paths)	No	
Allowed on Roadways	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Max Speed Capacity	15 mph	28 mph	30 mph	
Passengers	No	No (unless designed for passenger by manufacturer)	No	
State Statute	169.225	169.222	169.223	