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MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

BY CHRIS HEIM, MAYOR

HELLO NEIGHBORS!

It was wonderful to see everyone at National Night Out. This is another community tradition that highlights how special it is to live in Medicine Lake. Please join me in thanking Councilmember Hovey, the Community Club, Hutton House, our Fire Department, and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office for helping make the evening such a success.

CITY UPDATES

- **Succession Planning:** As I wrap up my 10 years of service on City Council, I'm grateful to see such a strong group of neighbors stepping forward for the November General Election. Thank you to Bill McNaughton for running for Mayor, Laura Jones and Maxine Bedat for running for Council, and Councilmember Ruth Hovey, who is midway through her four-year term. I have great confidence in the future of Medicine Lake and appreciate their willingness to serve during this important transition.
- **2027 Financial Planning:** We held our first planning session for the 2027 budget and are currently projecting no more than a 5% year-over-year increase. Our disciplined approach—controlling expenses, making thoughtful trade-offs, and funding our highest priorities—has helped keep tax increases among the lowest in the state while maintaining a strong financial position. Thank you to Treasurer Gary Englert for guiding this process each year. We'll review the budget in greater detail at the September City Council meeting, and residents are welcome to join the discussion.
- **Election Clerk & Judges:** A sincere thank you to Councilmember Nina Zelazny for stepping in as our Election Clerk and quickly learning the process. Nina assembled an outstanding team of election judges who helped our August 11 Primary Election run smoothly while welcoming new voters and training new judges. In-person voting in our small city depends on strong community involvement, and I'm grateful to everyone who served and participated. We are well prepared for the November General Election.

Warm regards,

Chris Heim

Mayor, City of Medicine Lake

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8

City Council Meeting, 6p

September 10

Laker Deadline

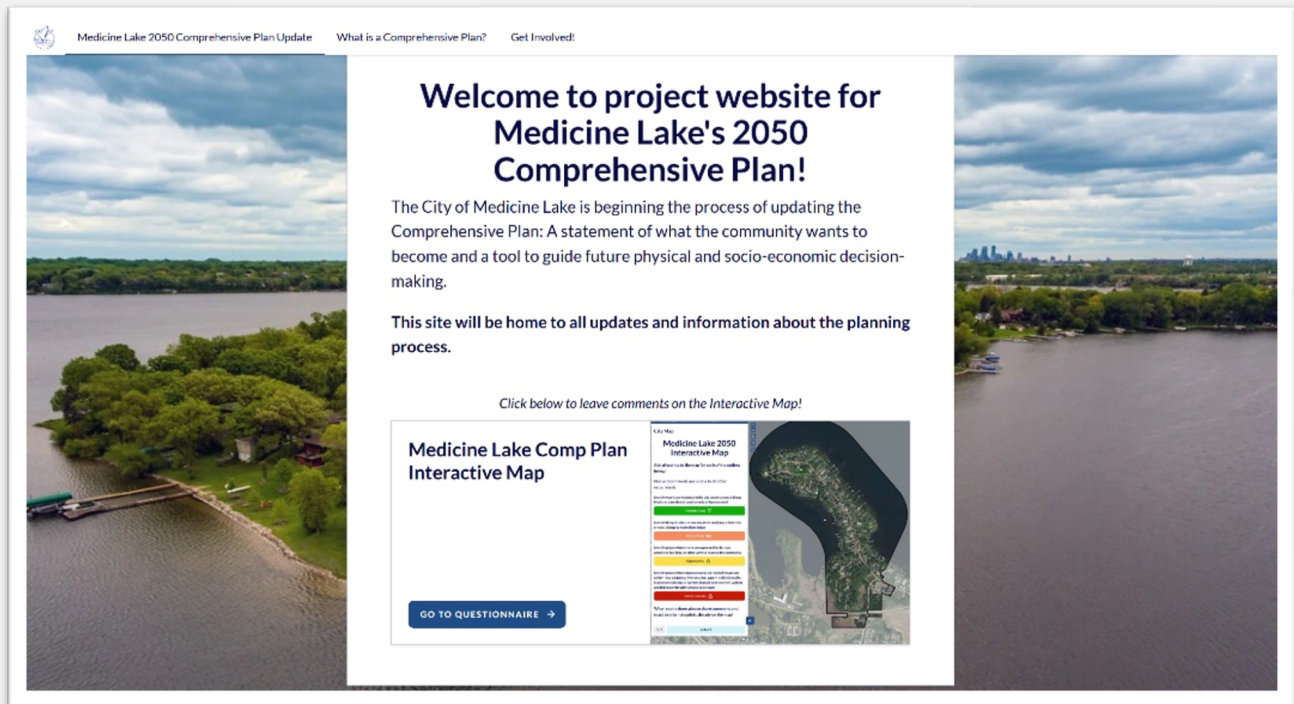
November 3

Election Day

CITY NEWS: 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The City's 2050 Comprehensive Plan update is officially underway, and the City wants to hear from you! The Comprehensive Plan will help guide City decision-making over the next 10 to 20 years, caring for the community's housing, infrastructure, water resources and more into the future. Community input is a critical part of the process and will help ensure the plan reflects the needs, priorities, and vision of residents.

Community members are encouraged to participate by visiting the project website and contributing to the Interactive Map. The information can be accessed by scanning the QR code with your phone, using the link below or going to the City's website.



Over the last few months City planning consultants have been working to update the current Comprehensive Plan carrying forward past plan directions and addressing new regional requirements. Looking ahead, you will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the updated plan once a draft has been assembled.

In the meantime, stay informed by visiting the City website to follow the progress of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan update, review the current Comprehensive Plan, and comment on the Interactive Map. Your input today will help shape the community's future for years to come!



<https://us.maptionnaire.com/p/medicinelake2050>

COUNCIL VOTES & NOTICES



AUGUST 3, 2026 COUNCIL VOTES

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

- Agenda
- July 6, 2026 city council meeting minutes
- Summary spending, receipts and cash balances through June 31, 2026
- Resolution 26-10 approving expenditures for aquatic invasive species starry stonewort treatment in the amount of \$5,000. Medicine Lake's contribution amount is in partnership with the DNR, Three Rivers Park District, City of Plymouth and Hennepin County. Total treatment cost is about \$84,000. Treatment will start approximately September 10, 2026 and will continue in the spring/summer of 2027.
- Motion to set date/time for assessment hearing for those properties which are delinquent on payment of water fees to the City of Plymouth approved. Hearing will be held at the October council meeting.
- Adjourn



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 after the 20th of each month.

Send your news to:

news@cityofmedicinelake.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 8 at 6p

MLFD

Tuesday, September 1 at 7p

Tuesday, September 15 at 7p

PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, September 17 at

OTHER NEWS & NOTICES *(reprinted from July issue)*

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	