



Project Construction Update

April 3, 2024

The following is anticipated construction work as part of the City of Medicine Lake's 2024 Street and Utility Project. Please note: These tasks may change or be delayed due to several factors (e.g., weather condition, environmental protection requirements, private utility work, etc.).

The following are construction activities planned for two weeks starting April 8, 2024:

1. Fusing of the watermain pipe will continue at Jevne Park through the end of next week. Construction will need to reduce the road to one lane around the park. For safety reasons, a temporary one-way system is being implemented around the park. This should be removed within the next 2 weeks and returned to regular travel.
2. Installation of the watermain pipe via directional drilling will start next week on Kaiser Ave and Colonial Cir. The contractor will need to "drag" the fused pipe down to Kaiser from Jevne Park along the road. They will be opening access pits in the streets to install their drilling tool and pull the new pipe into place. As always, please maintain proper clearance from their equipment. This construction will temporarily impact traffic and pedestrian travel.
3. The construction crew aims to drill the watermain from the end of Colonial Cir out to the existing City of Plymouth water main connection on S. Shore Dr the week of April 15. This would require short term, day-long lane closures on S. Shore Dr. Traffic control will be set up and flag persons will be used to direct traffic thru the work zone.
4. We are staking your water service curb stops (i.e. shut off valves) now. This will be a wood lathe with a pink ribbon and the letters 'CS' written on it. During the next two weeks, representatives (from Veit and SEH) will be meeting with property owners to discuss where curb stops should be placed to accommodate future connections to homes. During that visit we will move the stake to the final locations determined by property owners. We'll be able to give you some advice on the final curb stop location as well.
5. Sewer inspection and televising will continue with the street side manholes. For the next week, the construction crews will be moving into the rear yard manholes. We are finding a number of 'sags' in the services, which will require adding clean outs in the grass boulevard area of the right of way in order to install the lateral liner.
6. The contractor will be milling the asphalt pavement off on Kaiser Ave, Colonial Cir, and Peninsula Rd from Kaiser Ave to S. Shore Dr on April 12. This process grinds off the existing pavement. Those grindings are then used as a temporary driving surface or recycled for future paving.

The following activities were completed during the week of April 1, 2024:

1. Sewer cleaning and televising of the laterals continues.
2. The pipe fusing operations for the watermain started up at Jevne Park.

For more information on the 2024 Street and Utility Project please visit the project website:

<https://streetandutilityproject.com>

15th Ave update

1. The pavement on 15th Ave will be milled up at the same time as they are doing Peninsula Rd, between Kaiser Ave and S. Shore Dr – tentatively scheduled for April 12.
2. Actual watermain installation will be one of the last tasks completed after construction crews get all of Peninsula Rd / Kaiser Ave and Colonial Cir completed. This project is anticipated to happen after May 1.

Mailbox/packages/newspapers

A few comments on mail services

- All temporary mailboxes, located at City Hall, are active and receiving mail.
- Reminder to check the packages box at City Hall for any deliveries. This is only for USPS package deliveries. The postman does not put a note in mailboxes for packages. Reminder – you can sign up for Informed delivery and package notification through the USPS web site. This is a very simple process to track what they are delivering to you every day.
 - Go to USPS.com
 - Sign up for Informed Delivery
 - Select the options you want for notifications – email, text, etc.
 - Check the box for package delivery.
- If you want to send other deliveries – Fed Ex, Amazon, etc to City Hall, note the correct address is [10609 South Shore Drive Medicine Lake, MN 55441](#)
- Newspapers will continue to be delivered to your house. We are not setting up any temporary arrangements for papers. As the project progresses, please work with your newspaper carrier for any modifications to your service.

Groundbreaking Event - summary

The City held an official groundbreaking for the project on April 1, 2024, hosted at Jevne Park. Mayor Heim spoke about the importance of the project and all the various partners, along with describing the 6-year journey to building the project. The following is a press release of the Groundbreaking event:

Medicine Lake Celebrates Groundbreaking of \$7M Utility and Street Project

Medicine Lake, MN - In a significant step toward enhancing its infrastructure, the City of Medicine Lake hosted a momentous groundbreaking ceremony at Jevne Park for the much-anticipated \$7 million Medicine Lake Utility and Street project. The event, marked by the presence of local dignitaries pictured left to right Medicine Lake Fire Chief Rich Halvorson, Councilmember Ron Tomczik, Mayor Chris Heim, SEH Project Manager Dave Hutton, State Senator Bonnie Westlin, Councilmember Ruth Hovey, Councilmember Bill McNaughton, State Representative Ginny Klevorn, Emma Youngquist (representing Congressman Dean Phillips' office), and City of Plymouth Mayor Jeffry Wosje, showcased the city's ambitious efforts to improve its streets and utilities without imposing special assessments on its residents.

The groundbreaking event was not just a formal procedure but a celebration of collaboration and community spirit. "This project represents a monumental achievement for Medicine Lake, a city with a population of just 371, undertaking a \$7 million dollar project. It's a testament to what communities can achieve with the right support and partnerships," said Medicine Lake Mayor Chris Heim.

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Significantly, the project's funding includes a \$3.5 million contribution from state bonding, a strategic Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Plymouth, and \$960K of federal funding. This agreement secures water provision and ensures future maintenance for Medicine Lake, showcasing an innovative approach to municipal collaboration and resource sharing.

For further project information, please contact: Dave Hutton, 952.797.2329 or dhutton@sehinc.com.



Folks that participated in the groundbreaking (from left to right) include: Medicine Lake Fire Chief Rich Halvorson, Councilmember Ron Tomczik, Mayor Chris Heim, SEH Project Manager Dave Hutton, State Senator Bonnie Westlin, Councilmember Ruth Hovey, Councilmember Bill McNaughton, State Representative Ginny Klevorn, Emma Youngquist (representing Congressman Dean Phillips' office), and City of Plymouth Mayor Jeffry Wosje.

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