

THE NEW WAVE

September – 2003

CITY HIRES NEW CLERK!!

The Town of Medicine Lake is pleased to announce the hiring of a new TOWN CLERK! As you know, RHONDA OPP has taken the position of District Clerk for Medicine Lake Schools. In light of that, the Town has obtained the services of **LORI SWALLERS** as our new town clerk. Lori began working on September 15th. Although she has much to learn in a short time, the COUNCIL is confident that she will do well.

At the same time we bid farewell to Rhonda, and thank her for her many years of service to the town.

Stop in and greet Lori. The City Office will be open regular hours.

“MAIL IN” CITY ELECTION FEATURES TWO CANDIDATES.

November 4th is “ELECTION DAY”! Medicine Lake voters will cast their ballots by mail this year. Soon you should be receiving your voter package from the county courthouse. Please remember to cast your vote and mail it ON TIME!

In Medicine Lake there are two candidates running un-opposed for CITY COUNCIL. Long time council member MERLIN MATHEWS is again running for his seat on the council. Newcomer DAVID PATTERSON is running for the seat vacated by Wayne Hendrickson a year ago. Dave was appointed by the council in 2002 to fill that spot. I encourage you to vote for both of these candidates!

“LET THE PIPELINE BEGIN”

On August 28th **DRY PRAIRIE RURAL WATER** officially began construction of the pipeline from Culbertson to Medicine Lake. This project has been many years in the making, and now seems to truly be a reality. The construction contract has been given to Carstensen Construction of Pipestone, Minnesota. They plan to begin working on the project this Fall with hopes of reaching MEDICINE LAKE by the Fall of 2004. Needless to say it will be a real joy to finally have CLEAR, CLEAN WATER coming out of our faucets.

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HISTORICAL SURVEY TO TAKE PLACE IN LAKE.

As part of our "Community Development Block Grant" a HISTORICAL ASSESSMENT must be done within the Town of Medicine Lake. Beginning on October 6th architectural historian Christine Whitburger and her staff will be surveying and photographing the town. Your participation in this project will help ensure compliance to federal regulations concerning historical properties. As soon as this assessment is completed funds will then be released to begin demolition and rehabilitation of structures in Medicine Lake.

If you are interested in participating in the Block Grant program, PRE-SCREENING APPLICATIONS are now available at the Clerk's Office. Income guidelines may also be picked up there. The CDBG grant provides \$450,000 for home improvements in the Town of Medicine Lake. This is a great opportunity and your participation is encouraged!

MAYOR CALLS FOR TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 9TH.

The Mayor and the City Council will again hold a "TOWN MEETING" to inform the public of several projects in the Town. This meeting will be held on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH AT 2 P.M. AT THE LAKETONIAN CAFÉ.** A second abbreviated meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on October 9th at the City Clerk's office.

Topics to be covered are: **CETP AND CDBG GRANTS, DRY PRAIRIE RURAL WATER SYSTEM, ELECTONS, THE NEW CITY CLERK, THE POOL AND OTHER MATTERS THAT NEED YOUR IMPUT.** Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Refreshments will be served!

SO, WHAT'S NEW?...

Have you noticed something missing in Medicine Lake? The old pump house by the railroad tracks is gone! This was the site of the old water wells in town. The wells are no longer used as a part of our water system and have been capped and abandoned. The City has been paying BNSF \$500 per year to lease the site. That lease will cease on the 16th of October and the site turned back to BNSF.

The SWIMMING POOL officially closed on August 9th. We had a great year and had some wonderful employees. Debbie Hendrickson did a fantastic job as manager and the lifeguards did a great job as well. I was good to have the school involved in the pool as the first week of P.E. for grades K-6 was swimming at the pool! We look forward to more good things happening next summer.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!

OCTOBER 9TH – TOWN MEETING – 2:00 P.M. AT THE CAFÉ AND 7:00 P.M. CLERK'S OFFICE.

OCTBER 13- CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.