VOTERS' GUIDE 2025



WHITE BEAR LAKE MAYOR (ELECT 1)

Mary Nicklawske City of residence: White Bear Lake **Occupation:** Retired business owner/ Orientation and Mobility Specialist for the Blind and Visually Impaired. List 3 most recent civic involvement roles:

- Believet Canine Service Partners I serve as a weekend foster to dogs that are in training to become service partners for our Veterans with PTSD.
- The Catholic Athletic Association I served as an active Board Member, partnering with fellow members to collaborate, manage budgets strategically, and secure financial support-leading key initiatives including the planning and execution of large-scale fundraising events.
- White Bear Lake Boy Scout Troop 402 Serving as secretary. I ensured accurate record-keeping and maintained respectful, efficient meetings.

Q. Why do you want to serve on the City Council?

A. I have a deep appreciation for our city. After dedicating years of my career and personal life to public service, I want to use my skills to serve our community as the mayor. When I am out talking with people in the community, I hear

a longing for leaders who are honest, transparent and will work hard for the people of White Bear Lake. As someone who founded a successful business for the visually impaired, served on nonprofit boards, led fundraisers for St. Mary of the Lake School/Frassati, and coached varsity basketball, I understand what it means to "work for the people." Through my work creating budget strategies for nonprofits, guiding visually impaired clients through challenging times, or motivating athletes to succeed, I understand how to connect, organize and inspire people. I am passionate about our city and want to devote my time to serving our community.

Q. What are your top three priorities for the city?

- Public safety: As a mom, and human service provider, I understand the importance of public safety. I will fully support full staffing, high-quality training, and mental health services for police, fire and EMS. In addition, I am committed to repairing sidewalks and implementing safer street-crossing solutions downtown.
- Fiscal responsibility: When budgeting for family, my business, or a nonprofit, I am careful about how money is spent. As mayor, I will use the same thought and care with your tax dollars. I will ask the hard questions to minimize property tax increases and encourage residents to raise their own questions.

Seniors and families: I will use my experience as a collaborator to create a Senior Task Force. This group will identify unmet needs and develop ideas for more attainable housing options for seniors. By supporting our seniors, we can free up housing opportunities for young families, strengthening our community across generations.

Q. If elected, how would you involve the public in making major decisions?

A. My experience as a business owner, service provider and volunteer has taught me the importance of timely, transparent communications and quick responsiveness to needs and concerns. Our community should have more opportunities to learn about and respond to what is happening at City Hall and in our city. My goal as mayor is to create a more accessible communication system for our multi-generational community such as sharing updates of important events in the newspaper, via social media, email and perhaps even text message. Improving and updating channels of communication will help people have a better understanding of important changes and have more say in the process. I will be an available and engaged mayor. I look forward to opportunities to connect with community members from all our great neighborhoods. Let's work together to create a shared vision to honor our past and shape the future for the next generation.

Stephen Laliberte

City of residence: White Bear Lake **Occupation:** Business Administration List 3 most recent civic involvement roles:

- I am the Board Chairman of the Birch Lake Improvement District. Our mission is to protect and improve the quality of Birch Lake. I helped found the district in 2007. I have served on this board for 12 years.
- I am a member of the Shoreview Lions Club. My wife Jodi is the President of the club. We own a small business in Shoreview. I have been a member for four years.
- I am a member of the White Bear Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Q. Why do you want to serve on the City Council?

A. I have the experience and time to help our City Council govern. I have worked with the City Council for 12 years submitting budgets for the Birch Lake Improvement District. For the past 20 years I have run companies with budgets and staff similar to the city. I am skilled at running meetings and ensuring that the public is fairly represented.

Q. What are your top three priorities for the city?

- Protect
 - Control city spending to minimize property tax Increases - Support funding for the Police and Fire Departments
- Preserve our small town feel by limiting high density housing

- Bring boat building back to White Bear Lake
- Limit any proposed bus lines
- Promote
- Improve the city's ability to use digital communications to promote city events and action to the residents
- Promote our civic organizations
- Promote civic engagement to our students
- Promote local businesses

Q. If elected, how would you involve the public in making major decisions?

A. I would hold more town halls. The practice of holding one public forum on an issue is far too limiting and under promoted. Most residents are unaware of the decisions the City Council makes that significantly impact the town and taxes.

Quick Links:

View the elections home at mnvotes.gov

Register to vote or update your registration at mnvotes.gov/ register

Request an absentee ballot at mnvotes.gov/ absentee

View a sample ballot at mnvotes.gov/ myballot

Find your polling place at mnvotes.gov/ pollfinder

How to vote early

To vote by mail, apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to you. You do not need to be registered to apply.

For your ballot to count, remember this important information:

 Read the instructions that come with your ballot carefully.

- You will need a witness when you vote and complete your ballot. The witness can be either a registered Minnesota voter or a notary.
- Return the ballot and forms right away after you finish. Your ballot will not count if it is received after Election Day.

In person

All voters have at least one location where they can vote early in person with an absentee ballot. Depending on where you live, there may be additional locations.

- You can vote in person at your county election office.
- In addition, you may be able to vote at your city office. Contact the clerk for more information.

For most elections, absentee voting locations must be open during their normal business hours starting 46 days before the election. In addition, locations offering absentee ballots for federal, state or county elections must be open:

 The last Saturday before Election Day (10 a.m. — 3 p.m.)

- The day before Election Day until 5 p.m.
- Some local jurisdictions may provide additional absentee voting days or hours beyond the above required days and times. Call your jurisdiction for more information.

Meet Stephen Laliberte, Candidate for Mayor of White Bear Lake

Monday, 9/29

Carbone's Pizza, 6:30 - 8:00 PM Caribou Coffee, 8:30 - 10 am Birch Lake Square 1350 Hwy 96 E Suite #7 White Bear Lake, MN

Saturday, 10/4

White Bear Hills Shopping Center 2751 Co Rd E East White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Monday, 10/13

Minnesotan, 6:30 - 8:00 PM 2186 4th St. White Bear Lake

Saturday, 10/18

Anchor Coffee, 8:30 - 10:00 AM 4742 Washington Sq., WBL

Monday, 10/20 Cabin 61, 6:30 - 8:00 PM 4150 Hoffman Rd, White Bear Lake

Saturday, 10/25

Café Cravings, 8:30 -10:00 AM 1600 Co Rd E East White Bear Lake



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