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## Public Meetings Next Week:

- Planning Commission Meeting  
Monday, June 10th, 6:30 p.m.
- City Council Workshop Tuesday,  
June 11th, 6:30 p.m.



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## NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo  
Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on  
**Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**at 6:30 p.m.**

### AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
  2. Approve Agenda
  3. Approve Minutes of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  4. Public Hearing
    - a) **8286 Hidden Bay Ct Variance.** Jeff and Judy Otto have submitted a variance application for a variance from City's shoreland overlay district code (LEC 105.12.1260 Table 17-3) for structure setback from the ordinary high water level. The applicant is proposing to construct a new home at the same distance from the OHWL mark as the existing home. The applicant is proposing to reduce impervious surface on the site to comply with existing code requirements.
  5. New/Unfinished Business
    - a) N/A
  6. Communications/Updates
    - a) City Council Updates 5/21/2024
      - i. Planning Commission Start Time to 6:30 PM
      - ii. At Home Apartments Final Plat
      - iii. Bridgewater Village Final Plat and Zoning Text Amendment
      - iv. Birth and Haven Zoning Text Amendment Denial Resolution
    - b) Upcoming Meetings
      - i. June 24<sup>th</sup> 2024
      - ii. July 8<sup>th</sup> 2024
  7. Adjourn
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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

City Council Workshop  
3880 Laverne Avenue North  
June 11, 2024  
6:30 PM

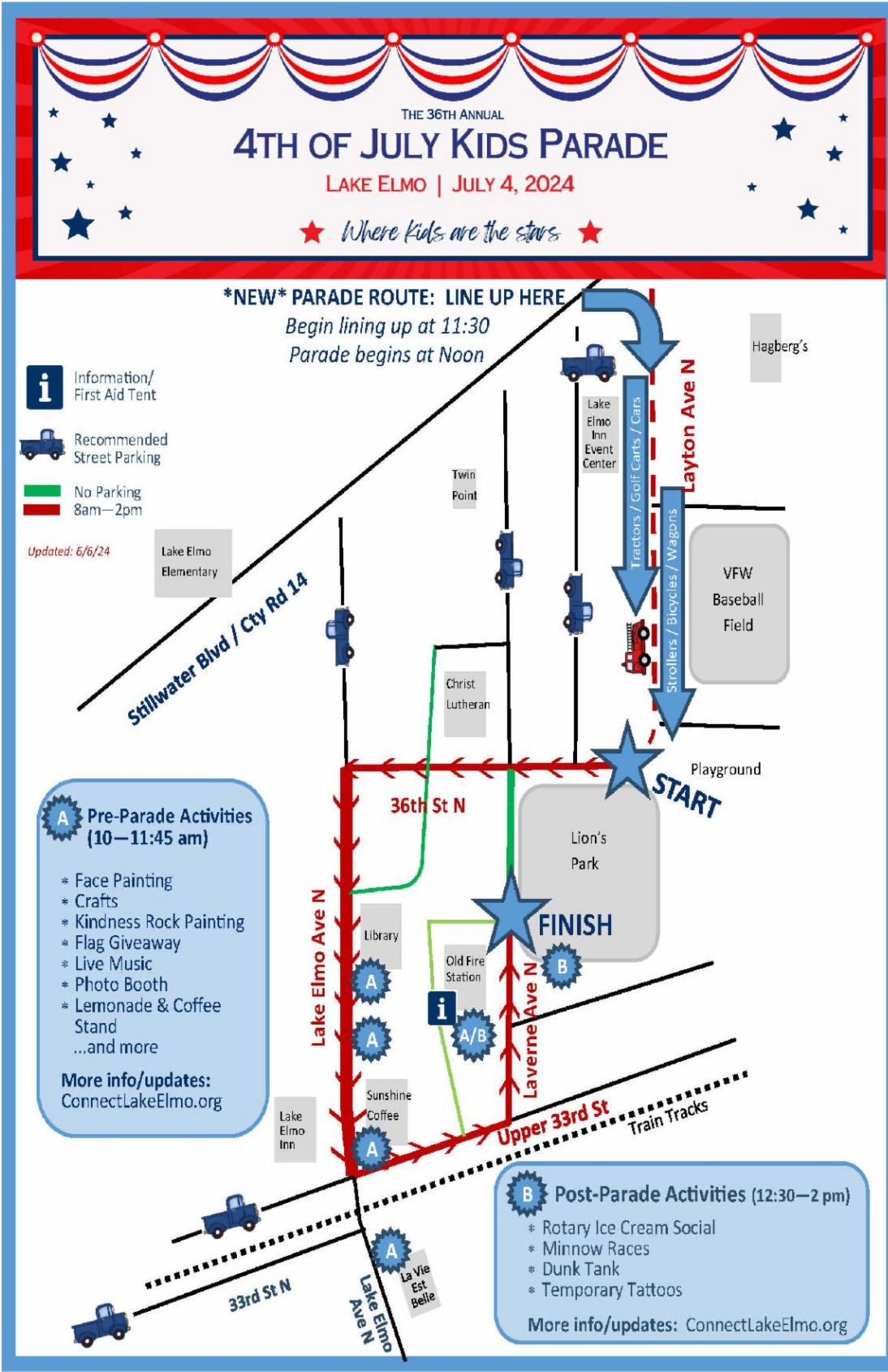
**AGENDA**

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| I.   | Call to Order  | 6:30 PM |
| II.  | Lake Association Grants                                | 6:30 PM |
| III. | Open Space PUD Review                                  | 6:45 PM |
| IV.  | Parks Master Plan – Bolton and Menk                    | 7:15 PM |
| V.   | Community Room Rental                                  | 7:45 PM |
| VI.  | Items for Future Work Session Agenda                   | 8:00 PM |
|      | A. Land Use Training                                   |         |
|      | B. Village Area Study                                  |         |
|      | C. City Debt Level, Tax Rate and Street Project Policy |         |
| VII. | Adjourn  | 8:00 PM |

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**Full meeting packets and meeting minutes can be accessed here:**  
[Agendas and Minutes](#)

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### 4th of July Kids Parade

July 4th is less than one month away and the Connect Lake Elmo organization has been busy planning a great celebration in partnership with The City of Lake Elmo, The Washington County Sheriff's Office, The Lake Elmo Fire Department, The Lake Elmo Rotary, and members of the community.

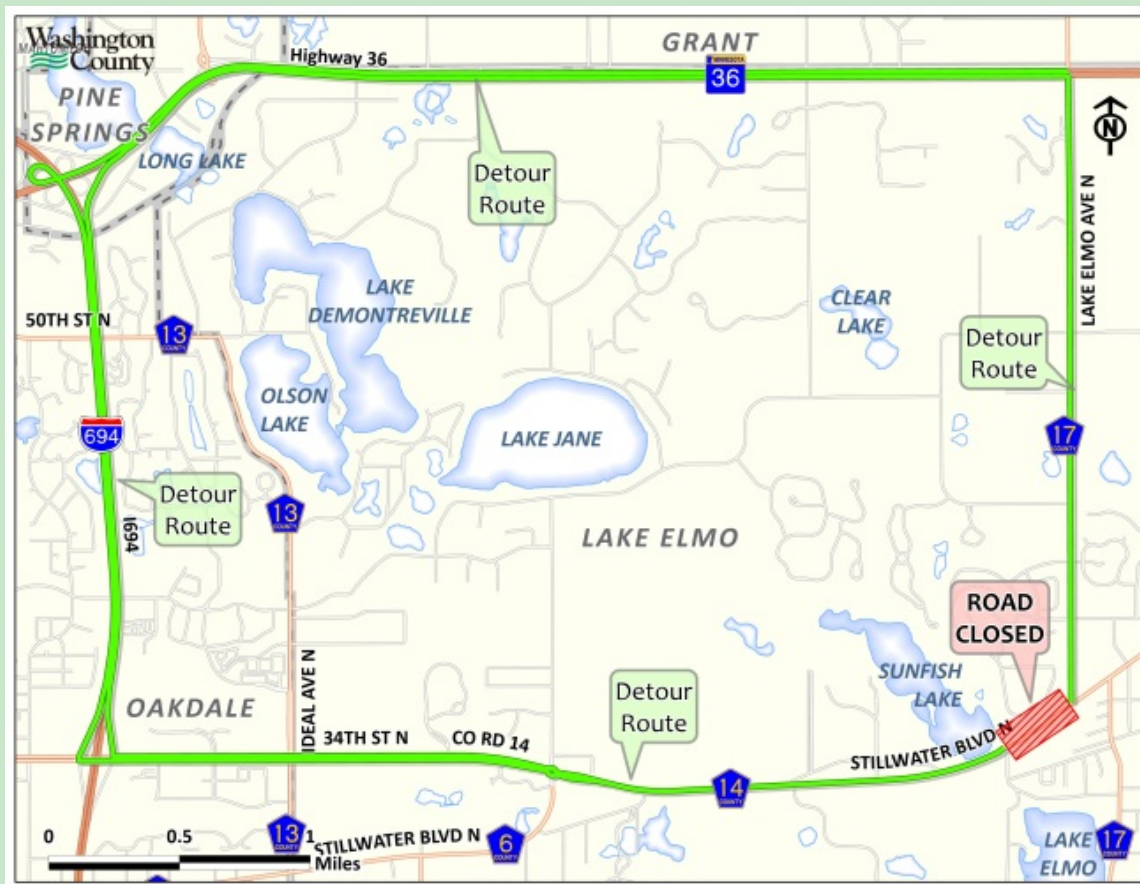
**\*IMPORTANT\* ROUTE CHANGE!** The Kids Parade will now start north of Lion's Park on Layton Ave (just off of Cty Rd 14 near the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center). The Lake Elmo

Kids Parade has grown significantly over the past few years and this adjusted route will allow for more condensed traffic management while keeping the route a similar length. We can also avoid trains passing through the middle of the parade!

Check out [www.connectlakeelmo.org](http://www.connectlakeelmo.org) for up-to-date information on the parade route, parking, opportunities to volunteer/donate, and all of the fun activities on July 4th. Please spread the word with your friends and neighbors.

### **Notice of Upcoming Detour**

Washington County has approved a permit request for connection of city utilities affecting a section of County Highway 14 (Stillwater Blvd) in the City of Lake Elmo. This work will require County Highway 14 to be temporarily closed to all traffic between the intersection of CSAH 17 (Lake Elmo Ave N) and just west of Klondike Ave N beginning Wednesday, June 12th, at 7am. The closure is anticipated to last approximately two weeks. Please refer to the map below for more information.



# GRAND OPENING EVENT

CITY OF LAKE ELMO DOG PARK



Bring your dog and join City Staff for the OFFICIAL OPENING

## ELMO'S PUP PARK



- SATURDAY, JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> 8am-10am
- 4259 JAMACA AVE N.

Come enjoy light refreshments and tour the new park!

### IRRIGATION REMINDERS

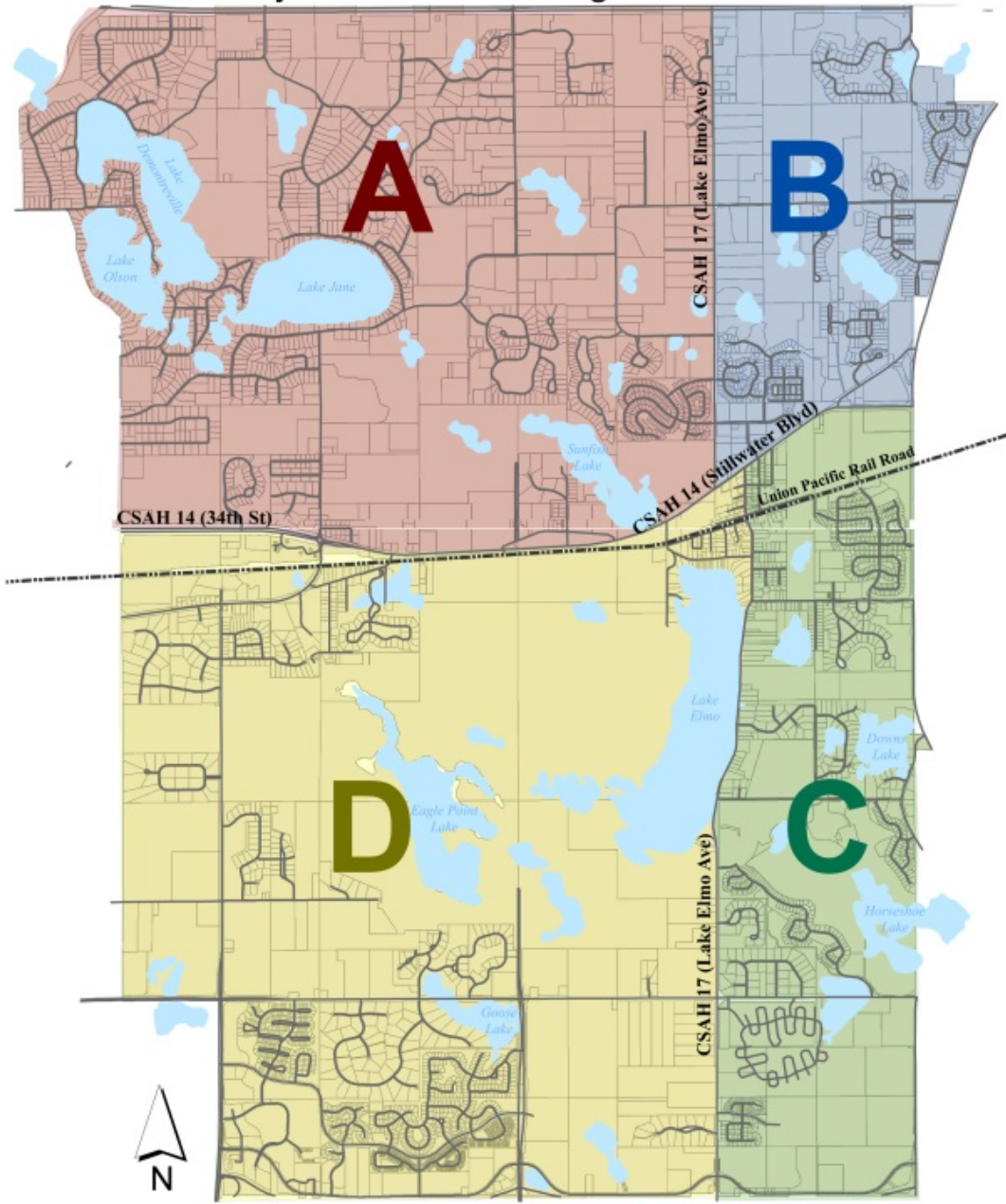
As we head into the irrigation season, please remember the city ordinance allows properties connected to the city water system to irrigate 2 days per week (according to the city irrigation zone map). Irrigation is restricted from the hours of 5am-5pm. Hand watering is allowed at any time and new sod waivers are available if needed.

You can further reduce your water usage by using a smart irrigation controller device. For more information on how to obtain a smart controller or more information on watering restrictions, please visit the city website. [Irrigation](#).

Irrigation enforcement has begun.

Thank you for doing your part to insure we all have sufficient drinking water and fire protection!

# City of Lake Elmo Irrigation Zones



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|--|---|
|  Zone A - Monday & Friday   |  Zone B - Tuesday & Friday     |
|  Zone D - Thursday & Sunday |  Zone C - Wednesday & Saturday |



## LAKE ELMO FARMER'S MARKET

Market runs 9am to 1 pm on Saturdays.

- Market will be open rain or shine unless inclement weather of high winds or lightning. *Market starts June 15 to August 31<sup>st</sup>.*
- Staff will be present on all Market days. Any concerns or questions please seek staff out. We will be in center of Market at a table.
- We will have two food trucks this year.
- Parking on West side of L.E. School only due to increase number of vendors.
- We will be selling our Lake Elmo Farmer's Market Cook Book that has Hand written recipe's from vendors and visitors.
- Last year we had 7,190 Visitors to the Market!! The previous year was 5811, we are growing.

As we grow as a community, and a Market, we are seeking volunteers to be an active part in our Market. Please give us a call at 651-261-4493.

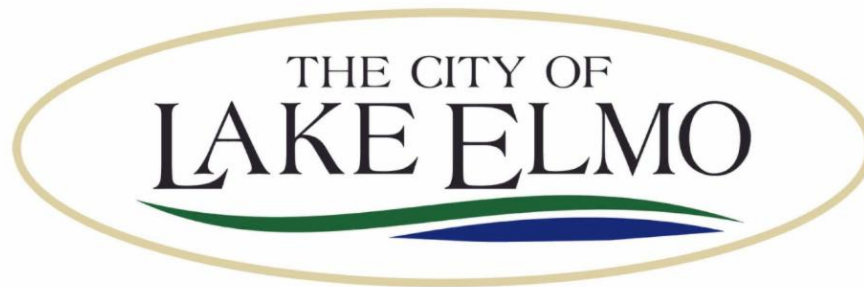
*Business and Community Working Together/ Lake Elmo Farmer's Market is a 501c3*

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# We're Hiring

## Planning Assistant



**Help shape the future of Lake Elmo!**

**In this position you will:**

- Interpret and enforce municipal codes
- Conduct plan reviews for building permits
- Assist with zoning administration

**Learn more and apply at:**



[www.lakeelmo.gov](http://www.lakeelmo.gov)



## Metro - I-94 Oakdale to St. Croix: 2022-2024 construction

### Traffic impacts

I-94 Oakdale to Lakeland project area map: [View full-size map](#)

All traffic impacts are tentative and weather-dependent.

### Current

#### Road closures

7 p.m. Wed, May 1 through mid-June

- Hwy 95/St. Croix Trail is closed under the I-94 bridge
  - NB detour: [St. Croix Trail, EB I-94, Carmichael Rd., WB I-94 and Hwy 95 north \(PNG\)](#)

- SB detour: [Hwy 95 north, WB I-94, Manning Ave., EB I-94 and St. Croix Trail \(PNG\)](#)

### Lane closures

Through late June

- I-94 is reduced to two lanes in both directions between Hwy 95/St. Croix Trail and the River Bridge

Through mid-July

- EB I-94 is reduced to two lanes between Century Ave. and Woodbury Dr.
- WB I-94 is reduced to two lanes between Woodbury Dr. and Century Ave.

### Ramp closures

7 p.m. Fri, May 3 through early June

- The ramp from SB Hwy 35 to WB I-94 is closed
  - Detour: SB Hwy 35, EB I-94, Carmichael Rd. and WB I-94

5 a.m. Thu, May 2 through mid-June

- The ramp from WB I-94 to Radio Dr./Inwood Ave. N. is closed
  - Detour: WB I-94, Keats Ave. N./Woodbury Dr., Hudson Rd. and Radio Dr./Inwood Ave. N.
- The ramp from Radio Dr./Inwood Ave. N. to WB I-94 is closed
  - Detour: Radio Dr./Inwood Ave. N., Hudson Blvd., Keats Ave. N./Woodbury Dr. and WB I-94

### Ramp closures

Through October

- The ramp from 10th St. N. to NB I-694 is closed
  - Detour: [10th St. N., Inwood Ave. N., Stillwater Blvd., Ideal Ave. N., 34th St. N. and NB I-694 \(PNG\)](#)
- The ramp from Century Ave. to EB I-94 is closed
  - Detour: [Century Ave., Hudson Rd., McKnight Rd., Burns Ave. and EB I-94 \(PNG\)](#)

Through mid-July


- The following ramps are closed:
  - WB I-94 to SB I-494
    - Detour: [WB I-94, NB I-694, 10th St. N. and SB I-494 \(PNG\)](#)
  - NB I-494 to WB I-94
    - Detour: [NB I-494, 10th St. N., SB I-694 and WB I-94 \(PNG\)](#)

## **More about this project**


We will be resurfacing the pavement and making other improvements to I-94 between Hwy 120/Century Ave. and the St. Croix River through fall 2024. The work will improve safety, traffic flow and ride smoothness.

For more information, including construction schedule and upcoming traffic impacts, visit the [I-94 Oakdale to St. Croix project webpage](#). If you have questions, please [contact the project team](#).

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 **Payment Portal**  
Make a Payment, enroll in Auto-Pay & e-Billing, view your payment and bill history, and more!

[Go to Payment Portal](#)

 **One-Time Payment**  
No time to login? Make a quick, one-time payment here.

[One-Time Payment](#)

### **Attention – NEW Utility Billing Payment Portal**

We have moved to an intuitive new Utility Billing Portal called Paya. Grab your City of Lake Elmo utility account number and proceed to Paya at the link below to register, manage your account, set up autopay, or make payments.

<https://lakeelmo.payacp.com/home>

If you need assistance, reach out to us at [RNess@LakeElmo.org](mailto:RNess@LakeElmo.org) or call 651-747-3906.

**Note:** The former platform, PSN, will be deactivated prior to the next bills in July 2024. Make the change now to avoid late payments and penalties.



### **Tablyn and Pebble Park Courts are Finished!!!**

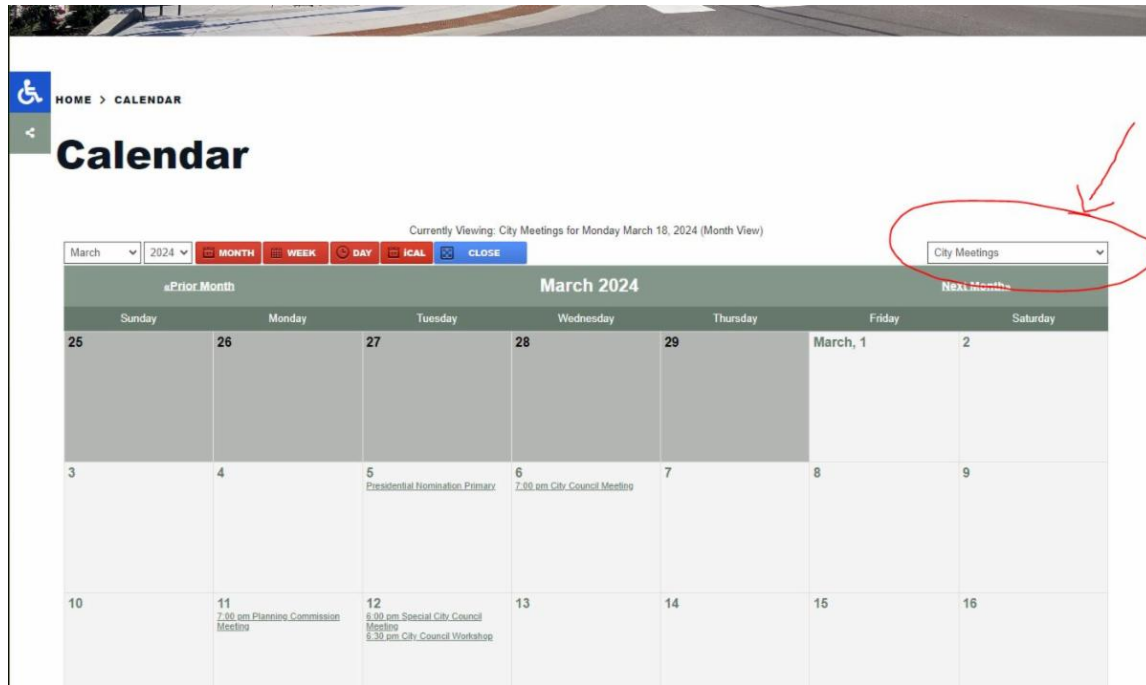
The reconstruction of two separate playing surfaces are finally complete and available for use. The city has added 4 pickle ball and 1 tennis court at our Tablyn Park location and added up to 6 potential pickle ball courts and 1 tennis court at Pebble Park. Courts can be reserved for daily use up to 3 hours, please refer to the City's web site for more information.

**\*Looking to make a donation or have a suggestion for a better park experience? Please contact the PW department or fill out a request form on the City's Park web page.\***

**City park reservations are now listed on our website**

Please visit [www.lakeelmo.org](http://www.lakeelmo.org). City Parks that have rentals for amenities may be found on the home page of the website. Once on the home page, click on VIEW ALL EVENTS above the calendar. City Meetings is the default calendar listed. Toggle between parks with the drop down box on the top right corner of the calendar. Please see screenshot below for details.

Lake Elmo Park Reserve is a County Park. Please contact the county at 651.430.8370 for reservation information.



UMN EXTENSION WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



## Garden Tour

July 20 | 9-4 | 7 gardens  
Oakdale, Lake Elmo, Stillwater, White Bear Lake  
Tix: \$15 in advance, \$20 that day  
order: [z.umn.edu/WCMGTour](http://z.umn.edu/WCMGTour)  
more info at: [washingtoncountymg.org](http://washingtoncountymg.org)



The City of Lake Elmo was awarded a grant in 2024 from Living Healthy Washington County. This state-based program works at the local level to support healthier communities by expanding opportunities for active living, healthy eating, well-being and commercial tobacco-free living. This grant allowed the city to install two additional bike repair stations in the community after survey results from 2023 showed biking is the second highest means to visit a city park within Lake Elmo. These bike stations were placed near the trail entrance at Demontreville Wildlife Park and Reid Park.

## Exterior storage, parking and maintenance

As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain the appeal and safety of the City of Lake Elmo, city staff would like to remind residents about regulations pertaining to exterior storage, parking, and upkeep of properties. The way we manage our spaces is important for maintaining our city's quintessential character.



**Exterior Storage:** All refuse, rubbish, or garbage (as defined in LEC 1.08) shall be kept in an enclosed building or properly contained in a closed container designed for the purposes. The accumulation, storing, or keeping of old machinery, wrecked or inoperable vehicles or household appliances, and unlicensed vehicles and other junk or debris is prohibited.

**Parking:** Unlicensed passenger vehicles and trucks shall not be parked in residential districts for a period exceeding seven days.

**Parking Design and Maintenance:** Surfacing and drainage. All off-street parking areas shall be surfaced as follows: Single-family and two-family dwellings shall provide a durable surface with suitable drainage. In all residential, commercial, and mixed-use districts, all areas intended to be utilized for parking space for five or more vehicles and associated driveways shall be paved with a durable surface, including, but not limited to, hot asphalt, bituminous or concrete.

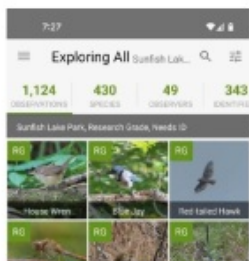
The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is open every day  
Visit <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/> for details.



The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center in Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park is operated by a non-profit organization for the benefit of the entire community. We offer programs and events for people of all ages and have "adopted" the Park in the City's program. This work is all funded by donations. Thank you for your support!

Here are some things happening at the SMINC:

- Thanks to everyone who came out for Family Nature Day! We had a record number of visitors this year, and some great presenters to educate and entertain our guests. Family Nature Day happens the first day of June each year, so mark your calendars—but between now and then, we have a lot more exciting events lined up, so keep checking in.
- The next installment of our Nature for Life series will be about Nature & Technology. We often think of these two things as being opposites, but there are many ways that technology can help us better interact with nature—think of all those Northern Lights pictures that looked better



than just viewing with the naked eye. We'll have a few of our favorite volunteers and nature educators here to talk about some apps, like iNaturalist and Merlin, that can help you better make sense of what you see on your hikes!

Nature & Technology will take place on Saturday, June 22 at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10, and preregistration is required. To sign up, or check out our other Nature for Life offerings, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/856201380377?aff=oddtcreator>

- Summer is almost here! We've got lots of options for camps, from single-day camps to 4-day camps, for age ranges from pre-K to 10 year olds. Check out our summer camp offerings here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/sminc-summer-camps-3007279?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

# Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center

# SUMMER CAMPS 2024



Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is located next to Sunfish Lake Park in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The park offers 284 acres of natural area and over 8 miles of trails through forest, wetlands, and prairie.

## GET YOUR KIDS OUTDOORS EXPLORING NATURE THIS SUMMER!

### Little Explorers

**Mondays from 9:30am-11:00am (Newborns to 5-year-olds)**  
Where families can come together and give the little ones their first experiences in nature. The first hour is structured activity based on the day's theme. The last 30 minutes we encourage open play, to give families an opportunity to explore on their own. **Adults must stay with their children at all times.**

**Camp Out** – June 10  
**Flower Power** – June 24  
**Into the Woods** – July 1  
**Pollinators** – July 15  
**Bird Mania** – July 29  
**Bugs!** – August 12

### Sunfish Explorers

**Monday - Thursday from 9am-12 noon**  
Our four-day camps will encourage and educate the youth of tomorrow about the beauty and importance of a healthy outdoors. Activities include hikes, crafts, games and of course a little education about the outdoors!

**Outdoor Adventures** - June 17-20  
**Bees & Butterflies** – July 8-11  
**Birds!** - July 22-25  
**Bugs!** – August 5-8  
**Nature's Kaleidoscope**– Aug. 19-22

### Wonder Wednesdays

**Wednesdays from 9am-2pm**  
Our one-day, fun-filled, Wonder Wednesdays let kids explore the beautiful outdoor setting and learn about their surrounding environment. It is run by experienced instructors and the days include interpretive education, games, crafts to bring home, free play and hikes.

**Earth Elements** – June 26  
**Nature Appreciation** – July 17  
**Nature Theater & Puppetry**– July 31  
**Prairie Explorers** – August 14

Camp information and registration: <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camp-registration/>  
For more information email [camps@sminc-lake-elmo.org](mailto:camps@sminc-lake-elmo.org)



Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is operated by Friends of Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

**651-408-2838 | e-mail: [info@sminc-lake-elmo.org](mailto:info@sminc-lake-elmo.org) | [sminc-lake-elmo.org](http://sminc-lake-elmo.org)**



Do you love fresh, organic veggies? Do you want to support your local food system? [Cimarron Community Farm's](#) 2024 Summer CSA program is open now and a perfect way for your family to eat fresh

all season long!

- 16 weeks of fresh, local, organic produce (mid-June to September)
- \$530 for a summer share with flexible payment options
- On-farm pick-up, Wednesdays 4pm-7pm
- A typical box may include fresh herbs, tomatoes, zucchini, carrots, broccoli, lettuce, kale, eggplant, onions, and more

Sign up now to access the best produce in town!

[cimarroncommunityfarm.com](http://cimarroncommunityfarm.com) |

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*Emerald Ash Borer*

### Washington County will remove ash trees from Lake Elmo Park Reserve

Washington County is continuing ash tree removal within Lake Elmo Park Reserve in response to the emerald ash borer. Starting Nov. 15 through March 31, 2024, ash trees will be removed near trails and in natural areas of the park. These removals will help minimize risk to the public from falling trees and will also reduce fuel loads that can increase fire risk within the park.

To complete the work, a contractor will be using equipment to cut and haul the trees to staging areas, before chipping and removing debris from the site. Once work commences, ski trails on the south side of Lake Elmo and the snowmobile trail will be closed. Only ash trees will be removed, and new bareroot trees will be planted in suitable areas in the spring of 2024.

See the county website at [www.washingtoncountymn.gov](http://www.washingtoncountymn.gov) to view a map of ash trees. Green dots are trees to be removed, and purple dots are ash trees surveyed in summer of 2023. If time and weather conditions allow, staff will also remove dead or dying ash trees along the property boundaries.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture website has more information about the emerald ash borer at [www.mda.state.mn.us/eab](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/eab)

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# Recycling at Home

Empty and rinse all containers

**Glass**  
Bottles & Jars



**Metal**  
Food & Beverage Cans



**Plastic**  
Bottles & Containers



**Cartons**



**Paper & Cardboard**



**When in doubt, keep it out.** Putting these items in your recycling cart does more harm than good.

**NO!**

**Do Not Bag  
Recyclables**



**No Plastic  
Bags or Wrap**



**No Tangles**  
(No hoses, wires,  
or string lights)



**No Shredded  
Paper**



[www.co.washington.mn.us/publichealth](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/publichealth) | 651-430-6655

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