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Public Meetings Next Week

- Planning Commission Meeting Monday, December 14, 7:00PM
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, December 15 7:00PM



City Agendas and Minutes

*Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the State of Emergency the City will be conducting the City Council meeting and public hearings telephonically or by other means. The City Council Chambers will not be open to the public. The City will be broadcasting the meeting via our normal link on the City website.

Visit our website



City Offices Closed to the Public

City Offices will be closed to the public starting November 16th in order to reduce the risk of the Coronavirus. Staff will still be available by phone or email. A full list of staff contacts is available [here](#).

[Meeting materials can be accessed here.](#)

Monday, December 14 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda



3800 Laverne Avenue North
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

(651) 747-3900
www.lakeelmo.org

NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo
Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Monday December 14, 2020
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Please note:

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To access the meeting via telephone:

Call 631-992-3221, when prompted enter access code 309-213-951

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes
 - a. November 9, 2020
4. Public Hearings
 - a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP): Stillwater School District (#834) School bus terminal (11530 Hudson Boulevard North)
 - b. CONCEPT PUD REVIEW – Schiltgen Farm Property (10880 Stillwater Boulevard North)
 - c. ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS: Zoning Code Clean Up
5. New/Unfinished Business
 - a. 2021 Planning Department Work Plan
6. Communications/Updates
 - a. City Council Update

11-17- 20 Meeting – Comprehensive Plan Amendments – City-owned property on the south side of County Road 14 and east of Ideal Avenue (To BP and MUSA Boundary change)
7. Adjourn
 - b. Staff Updates
 - c. Upcoming PC Meetings:
 1. December 28, 2020
 2. January 11, 2021

Tuesday, December 15 City Council Meeting Agenda



Our Mission is to Provide Quality Public Services in a Fiscally Responsible Manner While Preserving the City's Open Space Character

NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:00 P.M.

City of Lake Elmo | 3800 Laverne Avenue North

Agenda

- A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Approval of Agenda**
- C. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. November 17, 2020
- D. Public Comments/Inquiries**
- E. Presentations**
 - Five Year Service Recognition – Joe Effinger
 - Thirty Year Service Recognition-Rick Gustafson
 - Appreciation Awards to Outgoing Councilmembers and Mayor
- F. Consent Agenda**
 - 2. Approve Payment of Disbursements
 - 3. Accept November 2020 Building Department Report
 - 4. Accept November 2020 Public Works Department Report
 - 5. Accept November 2020 Fire Department Report
 - 6. Accept November 2020 Sheriff's Office Report
 - 7. Approve 2021 Pay Scale
 - 8. Approve 2021 Pay Structure for Paid on Call Firefighters
 - 9. Approve 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule
 - 10. Authorize Certification of Delinquent Utility Bills – *Resolution 2020-099*
 - 11. Approve Joint Powers Agreement for Establishment of Metro-Inet
 - 12. Adopt Resolution Declaring Polling Locations for 2021 – *Resolution 2020-101*
 - 13. Approve Animal Impound Contract with Otter Lake Animal Care Center
 - 14. Approve Hire of Paid on Call Firefighters
 - 15. Approve Leo A Daly Agreement
 - 16. Approve H&U Agreement
 - 17. Approve Pay Request No. 5 for Stonegate Addition Street and Utility Improvements
 - 18. Approve Compensating Change Order No. 2 for Well No. 5 Connecting Watermain
 - 19. Approve Pay Request No. 4 (FINAL) for Well No. 5 Connecting Watermain
 - 20. Approve Pay Request No. 3 for Pumphouse No. 5
 - 21. Approve Cooperative Agreement Payment No. 2 for Inwood-5th Street Traffic Signal Improvements
 - 22. Approve Geotechnical Services Contract for 2021 Street Maintenance Projects
 - 23. Authorize Engineering Services for Water Tower No. 3 Preliminary Design and Water System Planning/Modeling
 - 24. Approve Washington County SHIP Grant Application Submittal
- G. Regular Agenda**
 - 25. Approve Plans and Specifications for the Old Village Phase 5 Street and Utility Improvements
 - 26. Approve Amended Feasibility Report; Declare Costs to be Assessed and Call for Hearing on Assessment for the Heritage Farms Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2020-102*
 - 27. Approve Feasibility Report & Call for Improvement Hearing - Tamarack Farm Estates Street Improvements
 - 28. Targeted Residential Picketing Ordinance – *Ordinance 08-242*
 - 29. 2021 LMCIT Renewal
- H. Council Reports**
- I. Staff Reports and Announcements**
- J. Adjourn**

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- To access the meeting via telephone: Call 213-929-4232, when prompted enter access code 984-44-781

Commission and Committee Vacancies

The Lake Elmo City Council is accepting applications for commissioners on the following Commissions/Committees:

Planning commission, parks commission, EDA, finance committee, Human Resources committee, public safety committee, and Maintenance Advisory Committee.

The City is seeking volunteers who have an interest in providing service and representing the community.

For more information about the commissions and committees visit our website. If you are interested in serving the community in this capacity, **please call City Hall at 651-747-3900.**

All positions are open until filled, with first review of applications taking place on December 18, 2020.



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Temporary Rate Discount for Small and Mid Sized Businesses from Xcel Energy

If your business has experienced a material impact from the pandemic, along with an electric load decrease of 25% or more in electric demand as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic or civil unrest, you may be eligible for a temporary 25% discount on base energy and demand charges.

[Information Available Here](#)



Winter Parking Ordinance Now In Effect

The Winter parking ordinance prohibits parking on Lake Elmo Streets from November 1 through March 31 between 2:00AM and 7:00AM. Public Works cannot clear roadways with cars blocking the path.



Water Updates

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency announced that several metro water bodies have new protective water and fish consumption values for PFOS. The target waters include Lake Elmo, Raleigh Creek, Eagle Point Lake, Horseshoe Lake and

Tartan Pond Because of the Values of PFOS found in fish in these waters, the Minnesota Department of Health is extending "do not eat" fish consumption advice to these bodies of water. More information can be found [here](#).

Fish Consumption Advisory

CATCH & RELEASE FISHING

Do not eat fish from Raleigh Creek and all bodies of water in Lake Elmo Park Reserve.

Based on updated testing, MN Department of Health (MDH) has issued a fish consumption advisory for these waters due to high levels of Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).

Swimming and wading are NOT affected:

- MDH has determined that exposure to PFAS through swimming or wading is not a concern, though people and pets should avoid contact with visible foam on surface waters in this area.
- If you or your pets come into contact with foam, wash thoroughly with soap and water.
- If you were following previous MDH guidelines for eating fish from Lake Elmo or nearby water bodies, your risk of health effects from PFAS would be minimal.

Questions?

MN Department of Health (800) 657-3908
DNR Area Fisheries Office (651) 259-5831



Department of Natural Resources
Department of Health



3M East Metro Settlement Updates



The Co-Trustees (MN DNR and MPCA) have released their recommendations for the Conceptual Drinking Water Supply Plan (CDWSP) for the east metro including Lake Elmo. This work began more than two years ago after the State of Minnesota and 3M \$850 million settlement regarding PFAS.

Of the three options in the report, the Co-Trustees prefer Option 1. Below is a summary of Option 1 for Lake Elmo. This option does not provide for any new municipal wells in Lake Elmo but has a placeholder for a connection to Woodbury so Lake Elmo can purchase water from them to meet future needs. In addition, Option 1 does not include bringing water or a treatment system to all of the Lake Elmo neighborhoods located in a Special Well Construction Area. If the private wells in these areas fail, property owners are faced with installing deeper, more expensive wells due to being located in proximity to contaminated groundwater.

The MPCA is accepting public comments on the proposed options until December 10 [here](#)

Lake Elmo

Capital (GAC) - \$17.8 M
Annual O&M - \$0.03 M
20 Year Total - \$18.61 M

- 10 existing, 13 new GAC POETS, 257 connections.
- New wells in Woodbury to meet 2040 MDD
- Interconnect with Woodbury to supply additional 2,700 gpm
- 1M gallon storage tank
- 257 Connections for seven (7) neighborhoods, including Parkview Estates, Torre Pines, The Homestead, 20th Circle, Whistling Valley, Packard/Eden Park, and 38th & 39th Street.

Water Conservation Rebate Program

The City of Lake Elmo, in partnership with the Metropolitan Council, is offering a rebate program for purchases of eligible WaterSense toilets and Smart Irrigation Controllers. Qualifying purchases are eligible for up to a \$200 credit on your water bill.



[Program Details Available Here](#)

Washington County Library branches are open for express service.



- Pick up holds • Browse materials
- Use computers for 1 hour or less
- Schedule curbside pickup



Washington County Library branches are currently open for Express Service. Visit the library during reduced hours to browse materials, pick up holds, and use a computer for up to one hour.

Curbside service is also available for community members who cannot enter our buildings.

To limit personal contact and follow social distancing guidelines, meeting rooms are currently closed and seating within the library has been removed. Learn how we're keeping the library safe

for everyone at WashCoLib.org/COVID19.

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This year, Lake Elmo's annual gingerbread-house building party is moving to your house! Our take-home kits include all the supplies you need to craft a mini-village of four gingerbread houses, plus plates for display and some extra goodies to decorate your creations or munch on while you work. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Lake Elmo Library.

Registration is required. Kits will be available to pick up at Lake Elmo Library beginning Tuesday, December 8. Please register online at WashCoLib.org/Events



Washington County Library now has mobile hotspots and Chromebooks available to check out. Get internet at home or on the go (for free!). Devices can be checked out for one month at a time, and can be renewed three times if there are no other holds. You only need a library card registered in Washington County to borrow a device. More information is available at WashCoLib.org/devices.



HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

Fiction
Non-fiction
Biographies
Science Fiction
Military History
Minnesota Authors
Classics and Collectibles
Cookbooks
Children
Teens

All kids' books: 2 for \$1
Paperbacks: \$1
Hardcovers: \$2
(thru December 23, 2020)

Lake Elmo Library
3537 Lake Elmo Ave N



Practice Smart Salting This Winter to Protect our Water

1. Shovel first
2. Use less - 12oz of salt melts 10 sidewalk squares, or a 20ft driveway
3. Don't use salt when it's below 15 degrees
4. Sweep up and reuse leftovers
5. Drive slow and wear boots!

PROTECT OUR WATER FROM SALT POLLUTION

WEAR BOOTS

When it is snowy and icy, wear boots or shoes with good traction to avoid falling.

Consider buying Yaktrax or winter cleats.





The City of Lake Elmo is accepting applications for multiple positions:

- Finance Director
- Building Official
- Paid-on-Call Firefighters

Job postings and application materials can be found [here](#).



Guided Bird Hikes Continue December 19

A rotating schedule of bird hikes throughout Washing County Parks will continue with a hike 9a.m. to 10:30am.a Saturday, December 19 at Lake Elmo Park Reserve.

[Text Link](#)

Buckthorn Removal To Begin Next Week

Buckthorn removal in Sunfish Lake Park is scheduled to begin next week. Crews will be using in the southern section of the park. Please steer clear of removal crews.

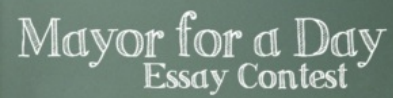


Washington County in collaboration with RAMSEY COUNTY

TELL US HOW TO
**IMPROVE TRANSIT
ALONG HIGHWAY 36**
visit highway36transit.com

How would you improve transit along Highway 36? Your feedback will help shape future transit improvements on Highway 36! For more information about this study and to sign-up for email updates visit www.highway36transit.com

[Highway 36 Questionnaire](#)

A photograph of a green chalkboard with the text "Mayor for a Day Essay Contest" written in white chalk. The text is centered and arranged in two lines. Below the text, a small white eraser is visible on the wooden chalk tray.

Mayor for a Day Essay Contest

What would our cities look like if kids were in charge?

Find out by having students you know take part in the 2020 Mayor for a Day Essay Contest! Open to Minnesotans who will be in the fourth, fifth, or sixth grades this school year, entries must be emailed or postmarked by Dec. 7. Information and application materials are available [here](#).