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Public Meetings Next Week

- Parks Commission Meeting Monday, December 21st 6:30PM

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*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.](#)

December 15 City Council Meeting Summary

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 15th the Lake Elmo City Council:

- Approved Plans and Specifications for the Old Village Phase 5 Street and Utility Improvements
- Approved the Amended Feasibility Report; Declared Costs to be Assessed and Called for Hearing on Assessment for the Heritage Farms Street and Utility Improvements
- Approved the Feasibility Report & Called for Improvement Hearing – Tamarack Farm Estates Street Improvements
- Tabled the Targeted Picketing Ordinance
- Approved the 2021 LMCIT Renewal
- Accepted the November 2020 Sheriff's Office Report

On the consent agenda the Council:

- Approved Payment of Disbursements and Payroll
- Accepted the November 2020 Building Department Report
- Accepted the November 2020 Public Works Department Report
- Accepted the November 2020 Fire Department Report
- Approved the 2021 Pay Scale
- Approved the 2021 Pay Structure for Paid on Call Firefighters
- Approved the 2021 Regular Meeting Schedule
- Authorized the Certification of Delinquent Utility Bills
- Approved the Joint Powers Agreement for Establishment of Metro-Inet
- Adopted a Resolution Declaring Polling Locations for 2021
- Approved the Hire of Paid on Call Firefighters
- Approved the Leo A Daly Agreement
- Approved the H&U Agreement
- Approved Pay Request No. 5 for Stonegate Addition Street and Utility Improvements
- Approved Compensating Change Order No. 2 for Well No. 5 Connecting Watermain
- Approved Pay Request No. 4 (FINAL) for Well No. 5 Connecting Watermain
- Approved Pay Request No. 3 for Pumphouse No. 5
- Approved Cooperative Agreement Payment No. 2 for Inwood-5th Street Traffic Signal Improvements
- Approved Geotechnical Services Contract for 2021 Street Maintenance Projects

Monday, December 21 Parks Commission Meeting



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 of Lake Elmo Parks Commission
3800 Laverne Avenue North
December 21, 2020 6:30 PM**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment (non-agenda items)
4. Approve Agenda
5. Approve Minutes
 - a) September 21, 2020 minutes
6. New Business
 - a) Hunting in the City
 - b) 2021 Parks Work Plan
 - c) Schiltgen Farm Concept PUD
 - d) SHIP Grant
7. January 2021 Meeting Agenda
 - a) Park Name – St. Croix Sanctuary
8. Communications
 - a) Sally Manzara Nature Center Budget
 - b) Attendance Record and Term schedule
9. Adjourn

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- **To access the meeting via GoToWebinar: Use www.gotomeeting.com and select "join". Enter webinar ID 162-496-987**
- **To access the meeting via telephone: Call 562-247-8422, when prompted enter access code 291-173-925**

****Note: Every effort will be made to accommodate person or persons that need special considerations to attend this meeting due to a health condition or disability. Please contact the Lake Elmo City Clerk if you are in need of special accommodations.*

[Meeting Materials May Be Accessed Here](#)



City Offices Closed for the Holidays

City Offices will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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.



Public Service Recognition

At the December 15th City Council Meeting Mayor Mike Pearson recognized Rick Gustafson for 30 years of service to Lake Elmo Public Works and Joe Effinger for 5 years of service. Their dedication to the City of Lake Elmo helps to make Lake Elmo a great place to live.



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



Well sampling in the east metro area

If you live in the area that is a priority for testing, you can request that your private well water be tested.

- To see if you live in the priority sampling area, use the [interactive map](#).
- If you live in the priority sampling area, you can request to have your well tested by filling out and [submitting this online form](#).

More information about the priority testing area is available on the Well sampling in the [East Metro Area webpage](#).

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

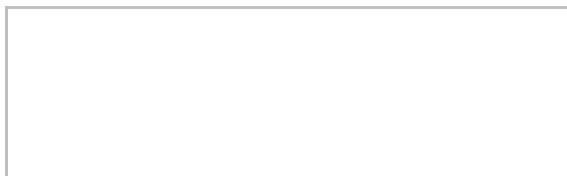
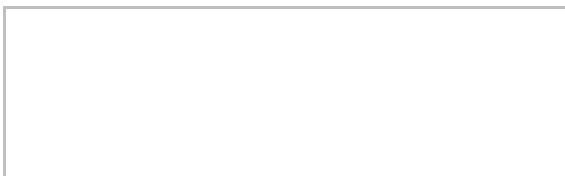


Washington County Library branches are currently open for Express Service. Visit the library during reduced hours to browse materials, pick up holds, and use a computer for up to one hour.

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.





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](#)

Public Facilities Project Update

At the December 15th meeting the City Council approved agreements with Leo A Daly and H+U Construction for the design and construction of a colocated City Hall and Fire Station, as well as an addition to the Public Works facility. As progress is made we will be sending out frequent updates to residents using our website, social media, and newsletters.

