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City Services have moved to the City Hall building at 3800 Laverne Avenue

Public Meetings Next Week

- Planning Commission Meeting Monday, October 25 - 7:00PM

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Tuesday, October 19 City Council Meeting Summary

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 19 the City Council:

- Approved the First Amendment to the Development Agreement for the Royal Golf Club at Lake Elmo 3rd Addition
- Adopted the Final Assessment Roll for the Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Street and Utility Improvements, and Deferred Special Assessment Against Certain Unimproved Properties
- Adopted the Final Assessment Roll for the Stonegate Addition Street and Utility Improvements
- Postponed the Final Plat and Final Development Plans for Crossroad East Addition
- Received the Feasibility Report and Approved Plans and Specifications and Ordered Advertising for Bids for Torre Pines Street and Utility Improvements and Called for a Hearing to be held on December 7th at 7:00PM
- Received the Feasibility Report and Approved Plans and Specifications and Ordered Advertising for Bids for Whistling Valley Street and Utility Improvements and Called for a Hearing to be held on December 7th at 7:00PM
- Received the Feasibility Report for the Tapestry Sanitary Sewer Extension Project and Called for a Hearing to be held November 16th at 7:00PM
- Sent back the 2021-2023 EDA Work Plan for revision

On the consent agenda the Council:

- Approved Payment of Disbursements
- Accepted September 2021 Building Department Report
- Accepted September 2021 Public Works Report
- Accepted September 2021 Fire Department Report
- Accepted 3rd Quarter Financial Report
- Approved Purchase of PID 13.029.21.32.0007 - *Resolution 2021-109*
- Approved Fall 2021 Source Newsletter
- Approved Pay Request No. 3 for Tamarack Farm Estates Street Improvements
- Approved Pay Request No. 3 for the 38th-39th Street Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
- Approved Pay Request No. 4 for Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Street and Utility Improvements
- Approved Pay Request No. 6 for Hamlet on Sunfish Lake Street and Utility Improvements
- Approved Pay Request No. 6 for Heritage Farms Street and Utility Improvements
- Accepted Improvements and Approved Security Reduction for Inwood 4th Addition
- Accepted Donation to the Fire Department from Arbor Glen Senior Living – *Resolution 2021-111*

Meeting Materials Can Be Accessed
Here

Video Replay

Monday, October 25 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 October 25, 2021
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes
 - a. September 27, 2021
4. Public Hearings

A. Krueger Tree Farm Interim Use Permit- Lake Elmo Ave and 43rd Street

The Krueger family, owners of the property at 4452 Lake Elmo Avenue North, have applied to the City for an amendment to their existing Interim Use Permit (IUP) which allows agricultural sales. The proposed amendment would allow the following:

1. Construction of an approximately 1,250 square foot barn to be used for Christmas tree sales;
2. Allow a professional photography business to operate on the site from July through December of each year; and
3. Extension of the term of the existing IUP from January 1, 2042 by five years to January 1, 2047.

B. 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan

5. New/Unfinished Business
6. Communications/Updates
 - a. City Council Update
 - 10-05-2021 Meeting – Wildflower 4th Addition Final Plat and PUD
 - 10-19-2021 Meeting – Crossroads East Final Plat and PUD
 - b. Staff Updates
 - c. Upcoming PC Meetings:
 1. November 8, 2021
 2. November 22, 2021
7. Adjourn

***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 Can Be Accessed Here

REMINDER: Sunfish Lake Park Archery Hunt

Sunfish Lake Park will be closed for a deer harvest between 10/25-10/27 and 11/8-11/10. For more information, please check out the Washington County Website at <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/492/Par>



Notice – Upcoming Archery Deer Harvest

A special permitted archery deer harvest will be conducted at Lake Elmo Park Reserve and Sunfish Lake Park on:

**10/25 – 10/27
&
11/8 – 11/10**

Lake Elmo Park Reserve

Most trails and natural areas are closed to the public. See park website for trails that will remain open (paved trail and a few trails on west side of park).

Sunfish Lake Park

The entire park will be closed to the public.



For more information contact: 651-430-8370



Community Thread's Rake a Difference Day is a family-friendly volunteer activity that takes place in October to provide raking services for older adults and adults with disabilities throughout Washington County. This year, Rake a Difference Day will be held on **Saturday, October 23, 2021**.

“We always **love** finding a way to serve in our community. We raked the home of a sweet elderly woman who has lived in her home for many years and are so happy to have assisted her. **It was a very rewarding experience.**”

- Rake a Difference Volunteer

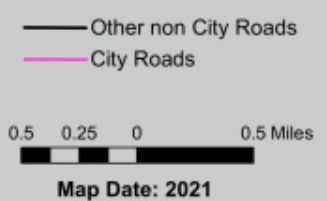
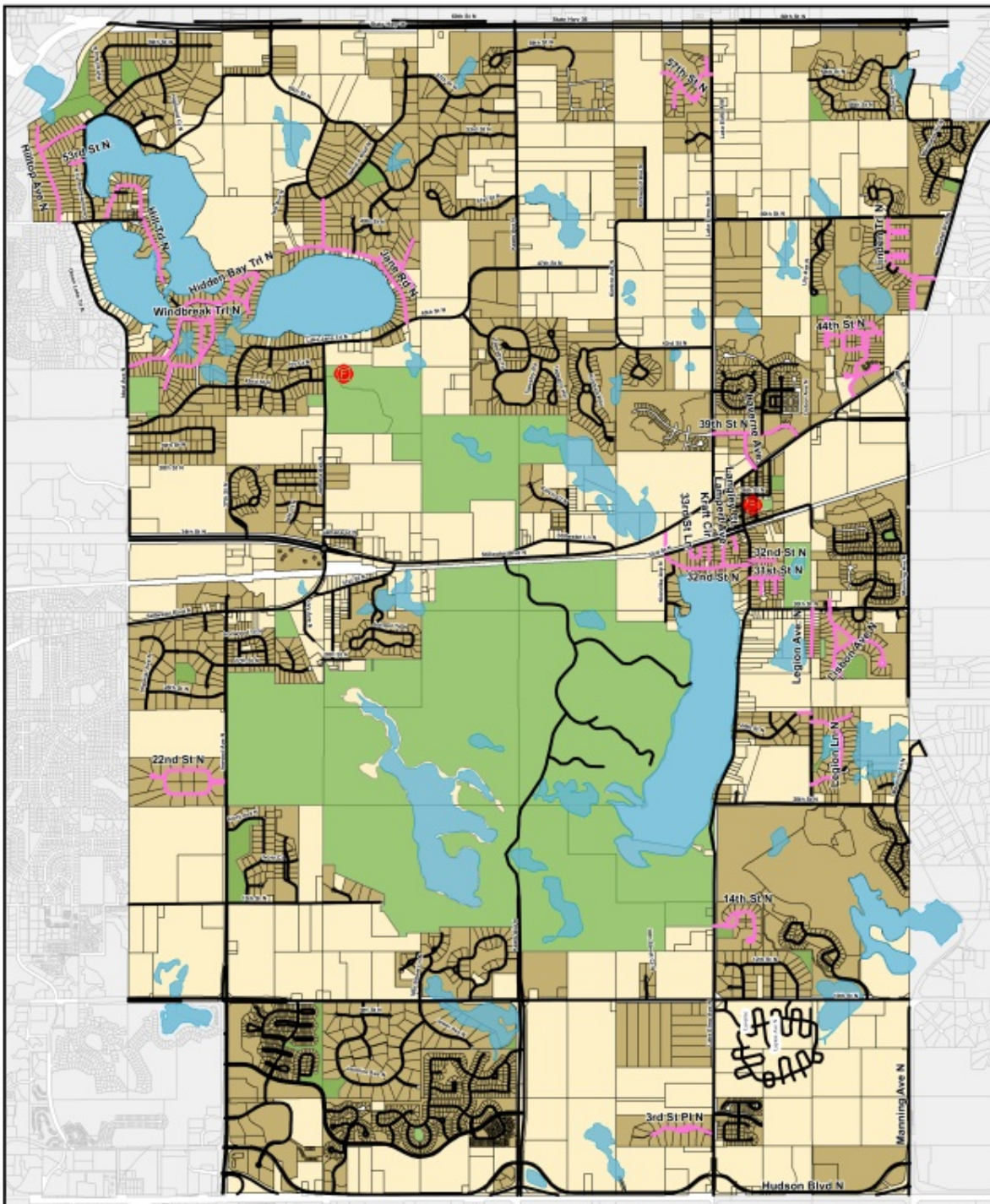


StarWatch event set for Nov. 6 at Lake Elmo Park Reserve

Make the stars your old friends during the great celestial show in the skies over Lake Elmo Park Reserve at a StarWatch event with Mike Lynch at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6. The event will take place at the swim pond.

Reservations are limited. Due to changes in the Parks' computer system, reservations must be made by calling 651-430-8370. The cost is \$5 per person.

Fall Street Sweeping Starts Next Week



 **City Hall**
 3800 Laverne Avenue N
 (851) 747-3900
 www.lakeland.org

 **Fire Department**

Station No. 1
 2618 Laverne Ave N
 (851) 770-0888

Station No. 2
 4078 Central Ave N
 (851) 773-4882

Instances where there appears to be one name covering multiple streets it may follow up with Court, Ave, Boulevard, upper or lower, or other.

Such as
 4th St N, Upper 4th St N,
 4th Court N, 4th Ave N.

With questions contact Public Works at 651-747-3914

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**The City of Lake Elmo is Accepting
Applications for the City Planner
Position**

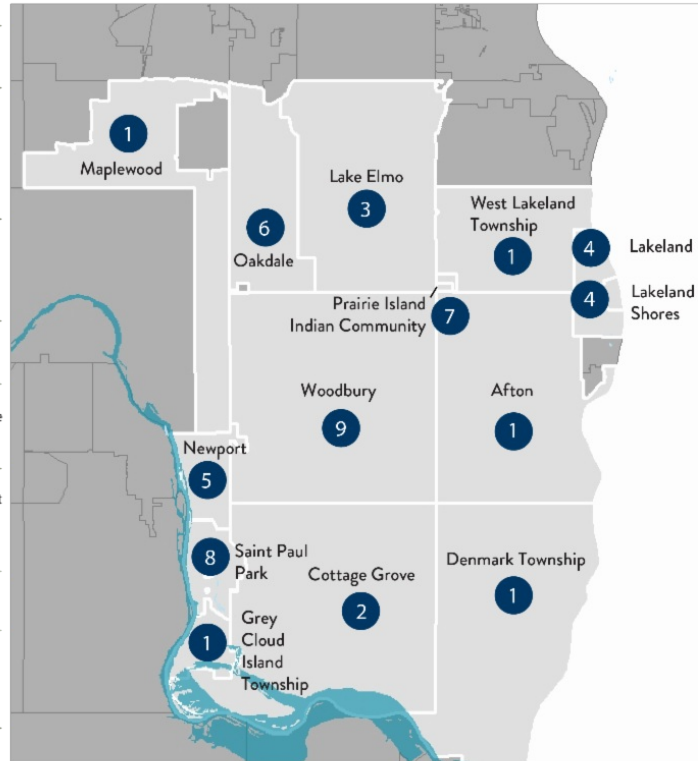
[Visit our website for information and application
materials.](#)

**State announces comprehensive drinking water
plan for 14 East Metro communities impacted by
PFAS**

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

PFAS Health Index at or above 0.5

- 1 **Maplewood, West Lakeland Township, Afton, Grey Cloud Island Township, Denmark Township**
 - Supply private wells with POETSS if over threshold
- 2 **Cottage Grove**
 - Treat 8 of 12 existing public wells
 - Replace 2 existing public wells with 1 new public well that will receive treatment
 - Add 2 new water treatment plants
 - Connect 156 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSS if over threshold
- 3 **Lake Elmo**
 - Supply drinking water from a combination of existing wells and new wells or an interconnect with Woodbury*
 - Connect 97 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSS if over threshold
- 4 **Lakeland, Lakeland Shores**
 - Connect 29 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSS if over threshold
- 5 **Newport**
 - One interconnect with Woodbury and one with Cottage Grove
 - Connect 3 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSS if over threshold
- 6 **Oakdale**
 - Treat 2 of 9 existing public wells and expand 1 treatment plant
 - Replace 3 existing public wells with 3 new public wells that will receive treatment
 - Supply other private wells with POETSS if over threshold
- 7 **Prairie Island Indian Community**
 - Treat 1 existing public well
 - Add 1 new water treatment plant
- 8 **Saint Paul Park**
 - Treat 3 of 3 public wells
 - Add 1 new water treatment plant
 - Connect 6 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSS if over threshold
- 9 **Woodbury**
 - Treat 15 of 19 existing wells
 - Replace 1 existing public well with 1 new public well
 - Add 1 new water treatment plant
 - Connect 5 homes
 - Supply other private wells with POETSS if over threshold



*The Co-Trustees set aside sufficient capital funding for either an autonomous option (two wells within Lake Elmo's borders that likely will need treatment) or an interconnect between Woodbury and Lake Elmo, due to some uncertainty regarding their future water source.

[Read More Here](#)

REMINDER: The Winter Parking Ordinance Goes into effect Monday, November 1

Winter parking ordinance prohibits parking on Lake Elmo Streets from Nov. 1 through March 31 between 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM.

Public Works can't clear the roadways with cars blocking their paths!



New Interactive Parks and Trails Map

In 2021 the City introduced a new Interactive Parks and Trails Map showcasing City Parks, Trailheads, and Trail maps.

Check it out [here!](#)



The City, through Living Healthy and Washington County, received grant funding to install bike repair stations in Sunfish lake Park and Ivywood Park. Both repair stations have tools, an air pump and a bike rack.



Bicycle Repair Station Station de réparation de vélos



LivingHealthy

Washington
County



ADOPT A STORM DRAIN



Storm drains in our city help to protect neighborhoods from flooding, but they also carry litter and polluted runoff from streets and parking lots into nearby lakes and streams.

You can make a difference by volunteering just 15-minutes, twice a month, to keep their nearest storm drain clear of litter, leaves, grass clippings and dirt. To sign up: go to www.Adopt-a-Drain.org and use the map to find your neighborhood storm drains – then click and sign-up to adopt.

Buckthorn Removal Festival

Saturday Oct 23, 2021

Sunfish Lake Park - a community project

At 9:30 a.m.: **Help Remove Buckthorn - or Spread Some Native Seeds (Team Competition)**
for information call George at 651-757-5610

At 10:00 a.m.: **Learn about Buckthorn**
Presentation by Ecologist Larissa Mottl of Stantec

At 10:30 a.m. **Craft or Croquet** with Buckthorn
Whittle a buckthorn walking stick, decorate a buckthorn cookie or play buckthorn croquet

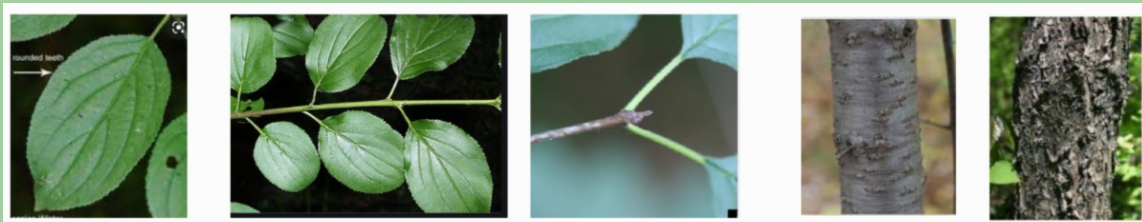
At 12:00: **Enjoy lunch:**

Buckthorn-roasted hot dogs from Cub, Billy Hagbergs's Buckthorn Beefsticks, Kevin Gorman's Chili, cookies from Lake Elmo Inn, Ox and Crow coffee, **chips**, hot apple cider. With generous support from the Lake Elmo Bank.

Identifying Buckthorn -

Leaves are still green in October, they have a central rib and a few veins curving out, with very fine teeth on the edges. The leaves are attached almost but not quite opposite each other on the stem. The tips of new branches end in a "buck thorn".

The bark is rough on young branches and is very rough on older branches and trunks





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](#)



Lake Elmo Library

Stop by Lake Elmo library to check out books, use a computer, reserve a meeting room, and participate in a variety of programs.

Library Hours:

Monday and Friday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 12-8 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Learn more about current library services at WashCoLib.org/Covid19

Washington County Library Events



Neighborhood Watch

Making communities safer - One neighbor at a time



Neighborhood Watch works because it is designed to:

- Teach simple techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized at home or in public
- Train how to recognize and report suspicious activities
- Help neighborhoods to make their homes more secure
- Show people how to easily make records of their property so that it can be identified if lost or stolen
- Encourage neighbors to get to know each other so that any out of place activity can be recognized, reported, and investigated
- Develop a cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing issues involving the entire community
- Improve public safety by fostering cooperation between the Sheriff's Office and the residents of our communities

What is required of members?

Sign Up

Sign up online at www.nnw.org

You will be asked for your name, postal address, phone number, and email addresses.

These items are not shared with the public and are used for official contact purposes only.

Participate

Members attend two meetings per year.

1. Social Meeting: Groups are highly encouraged to participate in Night to Unite for the social meeting requirement.
2. Business meeting to discuss prevention tips, trends, and other concerns. Groups usually invite a Sheriff's Office representative to this meeting so that questions can be asked and answered.

Neighborhood Watch Block Captains are asked to maintain a current listing of their Neighborhood Watch members and share concerns of their neighborhood with the Sheriff's Office.

How to start a Neighborhood Watch

1. **Talk to your neighbors.** See who in your neighborhood is interested in forming or participating in a Neighborhood Watch.
2. **Contact the Sheriff's Office** to schedule an informational meeting.
3. **Invite neighbors** and community members to attend the meeting.
4. **Elect a Block Captain.** This person is the contact person between your neighborhood and the Sheriff's Office.
5. **Ask your neighbors to sign up** for the neighborhood watch program.

Stay active.

Talk with your neighbors.

Stay alert and report suspicious activity.



History

Neighborhood Watch was launched in 1972 by the National Sheriff's Association as a vehicle for citizens to organize themselves and work with law enforcement. The concept traces its roots back to the days of colonial settlements when night watchmen patrolled the streets.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office manages the Neighborhood Watch program for the cities and townships that are serviced by the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. These communities include:

Afton, Baytown Township, Birchwood, Dellwood, Denmark Township, Grant, Hugo, Lake Elmo, Lake St. Croix Beach, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, Landfall, Mahtomedi, Marine on St. Croix, May Township, Newport, Pine Springs, Scandia, St. Mary's Point, Stillwater Township, West Lakeland Township, Willernie

What it IS...

Neighborhood Watch is an association of neighbors who contribute to the safety and security of their neighborhood by working in partnership with the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Together, the Sheriff's Office and neighborhood volunteers work to implement the principles of crime deterrence and detection, while encouraging the active reporting of crimes and suspicious activity.

What it is NOT...

Neighborhood Watch is not a vigilante force working outside the normal procedures of law enforcement. It is not designed for participants to take personal risks to prevent crime. Participation in the program is not a guarantee that crime will not occur in your neighborhood.

Contact Information

Washington County Sheriff's Office
Community Engagement Unit
15015 62nd Street North
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Emergency.....911

Non-Emergency Dispatch.....651-439-9381

Records/Reports.....651-430-7600

Tip-Line.....651-430-7850

www.co.washington.mn.us
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Neighborhood Watch



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Washington County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Dan Starry



Washington County Sheriff Department

If you are planning on being away from home or on vacation please follow some of the tips bellow to increase the safety and security of your property.

1. Lock all of the doors and windows.
2. Clear out the mailbox and notify the post office to hold your mail until you return. If you are having packages delivered be sure to use the package tracking options and arrange for the package to be picked up by a friend or family member.
3. Keep the yard and/or driveway maintained. Removal of snow from the driveway and walking paths is important.
4. Hide or secure your valuables from view of windows. Using safes is helpful in securing important items.
5. Don't broadcast your plans of being gone on social media. Only notify those who will be helping you in keeping an eye on your residence like a neighbor, family or friends.
6. Get your security system updated, tested and notified of your vacancy. Posting security signage in your yard on residence can help with deterrence of theft and burglary. Many door camera systems can be purchased at a reasonable price with instant notification of activity at your residence while you are away.
7. Adjust your heating settings especially as temperatures can drop significantly this time of year to avoid frozen water lines.
8. Security lighting and timers. The proper lighting on your residence can help to deter theft.
9. Request vacation checks through the Sheriff's Office while you are out of town.

These are just a few quick steps you can take to increase the security of your home while you are away. If you are interested in receiving information on vacation checks call our non-emergency number 651-439-9381

Public Facilities Project Update

Regular updates and documents are available [here](#).



- 1 New City Hall Entrance
- 2 New Fire Station Expansion
- 3 Council Chambers/Community room addition
- 4 Parking
- 5 Fire Department Parking
- 6 City Hall/Sheriff
- 7 Laverne Avenue

LEO A DALY

CITY OF LAKE ELMO COMBINED CITY HALL & PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

The new Lake Elmo City Hall / Public Safety Facility combines City Hall staff and functions, the entire Fire Department, and a satellite office for the Washington County Sheriff's department. This co-location involves renovating and expanding the City-owned Brookfield Office building to concentrate civic resources into a single structure at the historic core of the city. In addition, the Public Works facility will also be expanded to accommodate City growth and expanded service needs.



TOTAL ANTICIPATED PROJECT COST: \$14,600,000
DESIGN COMPLETION: Late summer 2021
CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION: Fall of 2022





MEETING THE DEMANDS OF AN EVOLVING FIRE SERVICE

Lake Elmo currently has two fire stations, Fire Station #1 at 3510 Laverne Ave. N. and Fire Station #2 at 4259 Jamaica Ave. N. This project will consolidate these two stations into a single, state-of-the-art station that will meet the needs of our community and firefighters today and into the future. The building is designed to accommodate increasing call volumes, meet the demands for training and to support our evolving role as all hazard responders.

Due to the changing environment of fire department staffing needs and the impacts of that in relation to incident response times and budget responsibility, the fire department is consolidating to a single station which will allow the department the ability to transition to a staffing model that provides 24/7 coverage from the single station. This change requires the updated facilities like staff dorm rooms, day room and kitchen area, fitness room, staff workspaces and offices.

Educational materials provided by the City of Lake Elmo
 For more information, visit our website: www.lakeelmo.org or contact Kristina Handt, Administrator at KHandt@lakeelmo.org



The current fire stations are too small to accommodate modern apparatus and equipment and cannot provide adequate health protections for our firefighters.

A FUNCTIONAL FIRE STATION

A new, single, state-of-the-art station will meet the needs of our community and firefighters today and into the future. Designed to accommodate our evolving role as all-hazard responders it will:

- Modernize our facilities following best practices in station design.
- Enhance firefighter training with training features incorporated into the building.
- The addition of living quarters will allow the department to transition to a staffing model that provides 24/7 coverage from the single station.
- Improve response times and overall department operations.

DESIGNED FOR FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Distinct spaces to properly decontaminate gear and equipment. Focus to reduce staff exposure to firefighting carcinogens and other toxic materials.
- Properly ventilate the apparatus bay to reduce staff exposure to diesel exhaust and other harmful fumes.
- Space that supports the physical and mental health of staff.
- Clear separation between public and private spaces.



Lake Elmo City Hall, built in 1986, is a very small 2,806 SF. There are insufficient offices for all staff members and the restrooms are not accessible. The council chambers are small, do not provide sufficient space for department heads or members of the public, and lack modern technological updates. City staff have long outgrown this building and have since moved into the Brookfield Building located across the parking lot.

The Brookfield Building was purchased by the City in 2018 as a method of maintaining city functions next to the outgrown City Hall at a lower cost alternative to new construction. It was constructed in 1980 and will require a major overhaul to increase its useful life.

AN EXPANDED AND IMPROVED CITY HALL

- Improved service accessibility
- Community room available for public use
- New council chambers with updated technology
- Additional conference rooms
- Co-locate Washington County Sheriff staff
- Office space for growth of city staff
- Accessible restrooms.

