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2024 Lake Elmo Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday April 27th, 2024

9:00am – 11:00am



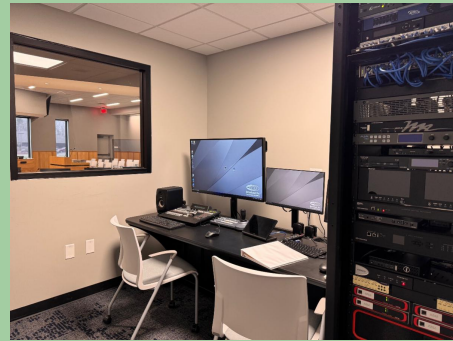
Lake Elmo Public Works Building

In Celebration of Arbor Day the City of Lake Elmo's Public Works Department is sponsoring a **FREE** Tree Giveaway. Trees are available to any Lake Elmo Resident.

www.arborday.org

Now Hiring Videographer/Cablecaster

The City of Lake Elmo is seeking a talented Videographer/Cable Caster to assist in broadcasting City meetings. The cable caster is responsible for managing cameras during live broadcasts, ensuring seamless production and high-quality content.



Responsibilities:

- Set up and operate video recording equipment
- Work closely with the Suburban Cable Company (SCC) to ensure successful broadcasts during live events
- Troubleshoot technical issues related to video equipment and recording
- Be available to work evenings

Please contact Karissa Goers, kgoers@lakeelmo.org for more information.

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

Lane closures

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

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](#).



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](#)

Quarter 1 utility bills have been mailed out

Please sign up soon on our new payment portal at <https://lakeelmo.payacp.com/portal/signup!> The old system will be deactivated prior to the next billing cycle.

If you have an autopay set up on the old system, PSN, you can find instructions for deactivating that at www.LakeElmo.org/UB. For assistance, feel free to email RNess@LakeElmo.org or call 651-747-3906.



Photo by Karen Eckman
American Goldfinch on Meadow Blazingstar

**Free and Open To All
Rain or Shine**

**Landscape Revival:
Lake Elmo**

ONE EVENT & NEW LOCATION

Saturday, June 1, 2024
9 AM to 1 PM + Food truck!

Rockpoint Church
5825 Kelvin Ave N, Lake Elmo, MN 55042
See reverse for map; for more info go online to tiny.cc/LR24

**Join Us For Our 13th Annual
More-Than-A-Plant Sale!**

Expo: Visit with local conservation and restoration groups to learn how to select and grow native plants to benefit pollinators, other wildlife, and water quality.

Market: Purchase Minnesota native plants from a variety of local growers. No cultivars or systemic insecticides.

Cash or Check Preferred

Landscape Revival
Native Plant Expo & Market

City park reservations are now listed on our website

Please visit www.lakeelmo.org. City Parks that hold 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.



Calendar

Currently Viewing: City Meetings for Monday March 18, 2024 (Month View)

March 2024 [MONTH] [WEEK] [DAY] [ICAL] [CLOSE]

City Meetings

Prior Month						March 2024		Next Month	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
25	26	27	28	29	March, 1	2			
3	4	5 Presidential Nomination Primary	6 7:00 am City Council Meeting	7	8	9			
10	11 7:00 am Planning Commission Meeting	12 6:00 pm Special City Council Meeting 6:30 pm City Council Workshop	13	14	15	16			



Help support Lions Park for the 2024 Season

We hope you will consider helping Lions Park ball field by advertising your business and/or cause with a vintage sign.

In addition to helping create a vintage feel at the ball field, your advertising funds are used solely for improvements to the Lions Park Ballfield area. None of the funds are used for general city expenses.

We hope that you will consider a sign subscription at Lions Park for the 2024 season. Your \$500 for a 4x8 sign or \$900 for a 4x16 sign contribution will help make improvements to the field and ensure the sign stays up for another year.

To participate, all you need to do is send your contact information and a check payable to the City of Lake Elmo-Lions Park Sign 2024, 3880 Laverne Ave N, Lake Elmo, MN 55042 by May 1st, 2024. We are not able to take payment by credit card at this time. After it is received, staff will contact you and support you through the process of making the sign and getting it placed next season.

Again, thank you for your support of this community asset.

Garden Tool Swap

at the Environmental Center

Wednesday, May 1 • 4 – 7 p.m.



Scan to learn more!
WashCoRecycles.com/Reuse

- Donations accepted at the Environmental Center: March 19 - May 1. (Drop off items at front desk or drive-thru lane.)
- The swap is free and open to everyone!
- Donations are not required to get items during the event.
- Limit of 3 items can be taken per person.
- Items remaining after the event will be donated locally.

Examples of items to donate:

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| ✓ Hand tools | ✗ No powered tools (electric, gasoline, or battery) |
| ✓ Shovels | |
| ✓ Rakes | ✗ No broken items |
| ✓ Birdfeeders | ✗ No plastic planters |
| ✓ Ceramic pots | ✗ No potting soil/dirt |
| ✓ Clean gloves and more! | ✗ No oversized items |

Environmental Center
4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury
651-275-7475

Washington
County

Paper Shredding Events

Washington County offers free paper shredding events for confidential papers at the Environmental Center. Documents will be shredded on-site by Shred Right and recycled.

These events are free and open to residents and businesses. Limit: 6 boxes (weighing no more than 30lbs each) per person.

Events are on Wednesdays at the Washington County Environmental Center



2024 Dates:

- April 17
- May 22
- June 26
- August 14
- September 25

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.



Do you love fresh, organic veggies? Do you want to support your local food system? [Cimarron Community Farm's](https://cimarroncommunityfarm.com) 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 |

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

With Emerald Ash Borer moving heavily into the Lake Elmo area, Public Works is starting to remove dead and dying ash trees from public properties and road right of ways.



Public Works will be prioritizing the removal of trees that are determined to be higher hazards on city property. Pink paint will mark dead and dying Ash trees that will be removed by Public Works Staff. With the number of infected ash trees in the city, we are not able to give a schedule of when we may be in your neighborhood to remove ash trees in the road right of way. Public Works staff will return to grind the stumps below grade, black dirt and seed the areas of the removed ash trees. The city will not be replacing trees that are removed. Property owners are welcome to replace trees but should follow the landscape plan for their development and choose trees that are approved. New planted trees should stay out of the road right of way (15 feet from the curb) as not to obstruct traffic lanes and create road way damage. Staff will start removing ash trees around public buildings, well houses, pavilions, near park amenities and trails. Next they will then start removing ash trees along the road ways and neighborhood streets. Typically the city's road right of way extends roughly 15 feet behind the curb or road edge. Ash trees in this area will be investigated and measured before marked for removal.

Ash tree removal on public property will likely extend over the next couple of years. The City is not responsible for removing trees on private property.

Two links below are good sources to learn more about EAB:

<https://mntca.umn.edu/resources>

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/.../terrestria.../eab/index.html>



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 <https://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

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:

- Ever wonder where those beautiful walking sticks in Sunfish Lake Park come from? On April 27, from 1-3 pm, come and meet Tim Hugley, a local resident who will chat about why and how he creates those beautiful walking sticks that he provides for our park. Best of all, you get to paint your own walking stick and take it home with you! The cost of this event is \$30, which includes supplies.



- Our spring fundraiser is fast approaching! This year's event will be at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center on May 7th at 6 p.m. But we will only be able to take reservations until Friday, May 3rd. Don't miss your chance to see New York Times Bestselling author, and Minnesota favorite, William Kent Krueger! Individual tickets are \$125, or you can purchase tickets for a table of 8 for \$1,200, which includes two bottles of wine and a special gift from the SMINC. To purchase tickets, you can visit our website, or go directly to <https://square.link/u/z1jdpkoC>
 - On Thursday May 16th at 7 p.m. we will be welcoming Master Naturalist Misi Stine back to the SMINC. This time, Misi will be delivering her presentation, "Wolves: Myths and Misconceptions." Some time ago, wolf populations in Minnesota were limited to "up north," but that is changing. These charismatic predators elicit a range of responses from different people, and because they are often so elusive, a lot of misinformation has grown up around them. Join Misi to learn more about what is fact and what is fiction when it comes to these iconic animals. The cost of this event is \$10. You can sign up for any of the events in our Nature for Life educational series at: <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>
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SALLY MANZARA INTERPRETIVE NATURE CENTER 2024 FUNDRAISER

KEEP US GROWING

A PLACE IN NATURE FOR ALL

TUESDAY, MAY 7 AT 6:00 P.M.

LAKE ELMO INN EVENT CENTER

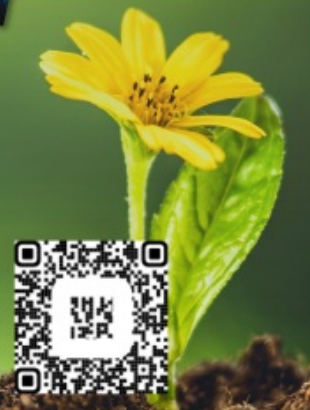
Special guest

WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER
AWARD WINNING MINNESOTA AUTHOR

\$125 per plate or a table of eight includes two bottles of wine, and a special gift from the SMINC for **\$1,200**.

Evening includes dinner from the **Lake Elmo Inn** and **Silent & Live Auctions**.

Purchase tickets online using Square at sminc-lake-elmo.org or call 651-408-2838



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Empty and rinse all containers

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Bottles & Jars



Metal
Food & Beverage Cans



Plastic
Bottles & Containers




Cartons



Paper & Cardboard



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Bags or Wrap**



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



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www.co.washington.mn.us/publichealth | 651-430-6655

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