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Public Meetings Next Week:

- Planning Commission Monday, May 13th, 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Workshop Tuesday, May 14th, 6:30 p.m.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo

Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on

Monday May 13th 2024

at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of April 22nd 2024
4. Public Hearing
 - a) **Bridgewater Village Zoning Text Amendment.** Bridgewater Bancshares Inc has submitted a zoning text amendment application to amend City Code Section 105.12.410 Table 5-2 to amend the minimum parking requirements for financial institutions.
5. New/Unfinished Business
 - a) N/A
6. Communications/Updates
 - a) City Council Updates – 5/7/2024
 - i. PF District Zoning Text Amendment
 - ii. Kramer Lake Overlook Comprehensive Plan Amendment
 - iii. Birth and Haven Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zoning Text Amendment
 - iv. Chavez Property Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment
 - b) Upcoming Meetings
 - i. May 28th 2024 – Tuesday - *Canceled*
 - ii. June 10th 2024
7. Adjourn
8. Planning Commission Training
 - a) Immediately after their regular meeting, the Planning Commission will move to the Community Room for their annual commissioner training. The training is open to the public.

***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.



NOTICE OF MEETING

**City Council Workshop
3880 Laverne Avenue North
May 14, 2024
6:30 PM**

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order | 6:30 PM |
| II. MPCA Update on PFAS in Lake Elmo | 6:30 PM |
| III. Open Space Planned Unit Development Ordinance Review | 7:00 PM |
| IV. Community Room Policy Discussion | 8:00 PM |
| V. Items for Future Work Session Agenda | 8:30 PM |
| A. Parks Master Plan | |
| B. Lake Association Grants | |
| VI. Adjourn | 8:00 PM |

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



LAKE ELMO FARMER'S MARKET

Market runs 9am to 1 pm on Saturdays.

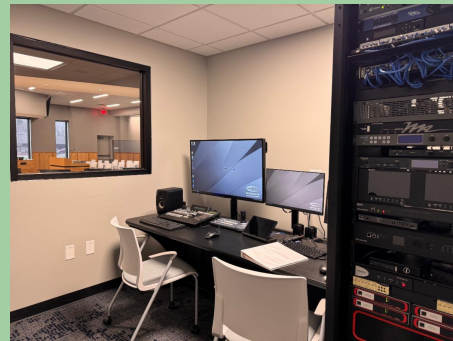
- Market will be open rain or shine unless inclement weather of high winds or lightning. *Market starts June 15 to August 31st.*
- Staff will be present on all Market days. Any concerns or questions please seek staff out. We will be in center of Market at a table.
- We will have two food trucks this 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

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

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)

Upcoming

Information about upcoming traffic impacts will be posted as details become available.

7 p.m. Fri, May 3 through 5 a.m. Sat, May 4

- Both directions of I-94 are reduced to one lane between Hwy 95/St. Croix Trail and the River Bridge

5 a.m. Sat, May 4 through late June

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

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

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

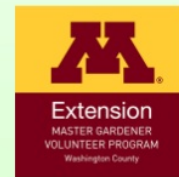
Landscape Revival
Native Plant Expo & Market



Saturday, May 18
10 am -3 pm
Bldg. A, Washington
County Fairgrounds

Native perennials | Pollinator favorites
Heirloom tomatoes | Peppers & Herbs
Shade plants | Indoor plants | Shrubs

Bring a wagon for shopping
Cash, check & credit cards accepted
Info: washingtoncountymg.org



UMN EXTENSION WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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.

HOME > CALENDAR

Calendar

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

March 2024

MONTH WEEK DAY ICAL CLOSE

City Meetings

aPrior 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.

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 from 8am-4:30pm

2024 Dates:

- April 17
- May 22
- June 26
- August 14
- September 25
- November 13

**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:

- We're open late(er)! On May 1st, we switched over to our summer hours—okay, only one hour later. Until late fall we will be open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop in and see us!

- We need your help! We're trying to nip our garlic mustard problem in the bud. This invasive plant moves very quickly and is destructive to native plants. On May 11, from 9 a.m. to noon we'll be pulling as much of it out of the ground around Sunfish Lake Park as we can. Interested? Bring gardening gloves; no other tools, experience or skills needed. Garlic mustard is very easy to pull, and if you don't know what it looks like we will happily help you identify it.



- 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>
- May is here! Be sure to check out our summer camp offerings!

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



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 | 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 |

cimarroncommunityfarmMN@gmail.com | 952-607-0157



Bring your broken items to a Washington County Fix-It Clinic!
Volunteers will help you troubleshoot and repair them for free.

Environmental Center

4039 Cottage Grove Dr, Woodbury

June 1 | September 7

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Last item accepted at 1:30 p.m.

- First come, first serve.
- Three item limit.
- No oversized items.
- We can't guarantee an item will be fixed, but we'll try our best!



Scan to
learn more!

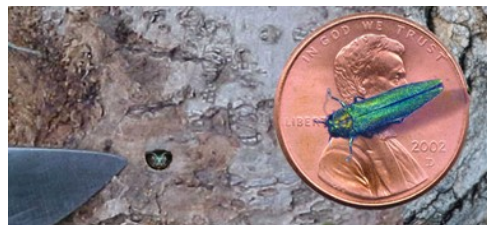


WashCoRecycles.com/FixIt

651-275-7475

Washington
County

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 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

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 | 651-430-6655

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