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Public Meetings Next Week:

- Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 4th, 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, June
4th, 7:00 p.m.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 04, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

City of Lake Elmo | 3880 Laverne Avenue North

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Approval of Agenda**
- C. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. May 14, 2024
- D. Public Comments/Inquiries**
- E. Presentations**
 - Marty Powers 5 Years of Service Recognition
- F. Consent Agenda**
 - 2. Approve Payment of Disbursements
 - 3. Accept Quotes and Award Contract for the 2024 Crack Seal Project
 - 4. Accept Met Council Water Efficiency Grant
 - 5. Accept Don Raleigh Memorial Donation to the Fire Department – *Resolution 2024-072*
 - 6. Approve Cable Caster Agreement
 - 7. Approve Payroll and Compensation Policy Update
- G. Regular Agenda**
 - 8. Approve Task Order with SRF for Crosswalk Study and Policy Development
- H. Council Reports**
- I. Staff Reports**
- J. Adjourn**



NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Special Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 6:00 P.M.

City of Lake Elmo | 3880 Laverne Avenue North

AGENDA

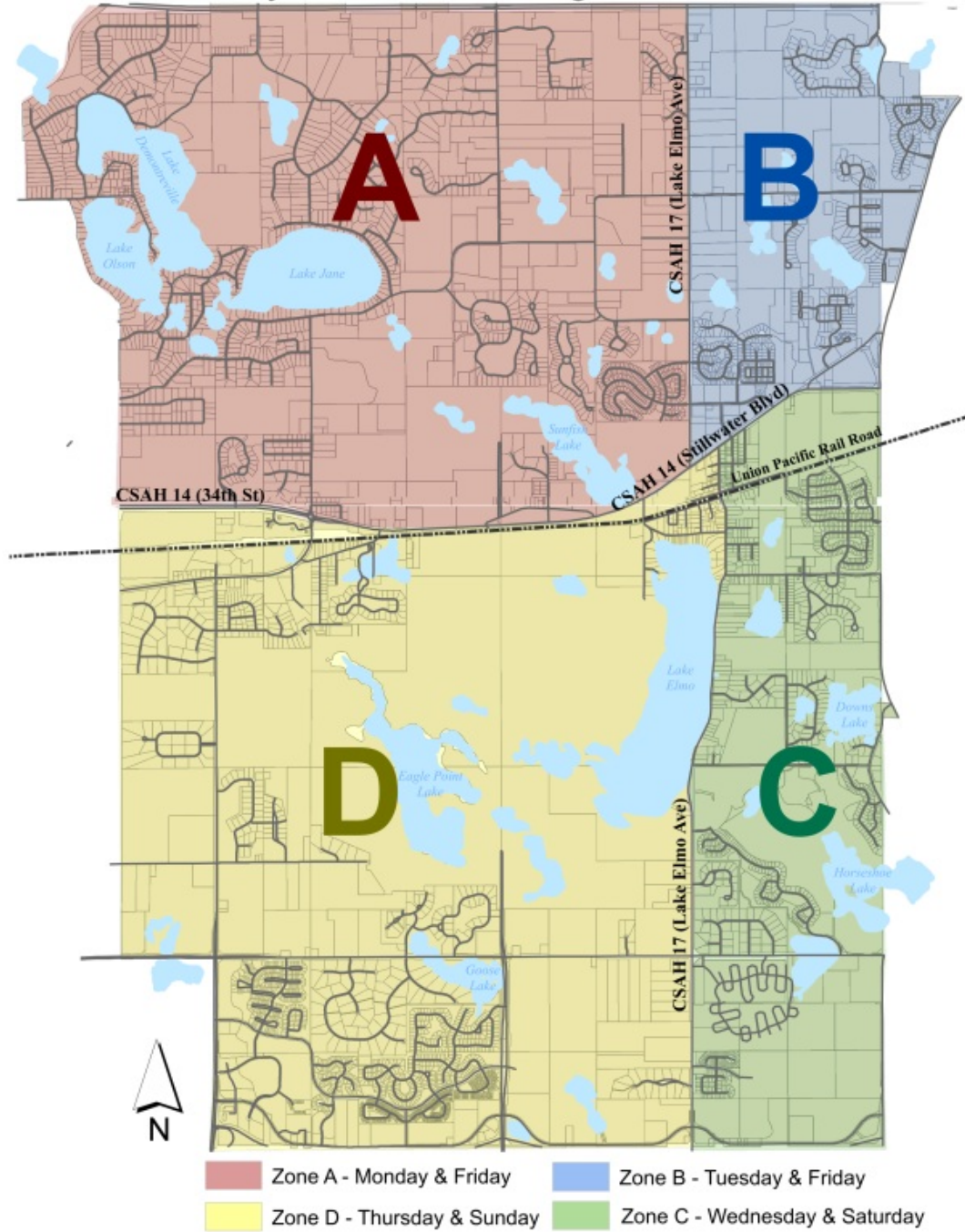
- A. Call to Order
- B. Closed Session

The City Council will hold a closed meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subdivision 3(b) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege relating to the pending contested case hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings entitled "In the Matter of Amendments to Various Water Appropriation Permits."

- C. Adjourn

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

City of Lake Elmo Irrigation Zones



IRRIGATION REMINDERS

As we head into the irrigation season, please remember the city ordinance allows properties connected to the city water system to irrigate 2 days per week (according to the city irrigation zone map). Irrigation is restricted from the hours of 5am-5pm. Hand watering is allowed at any time and new sod waivers are available if needed.

You can further reduce your water usage by using a smart irrigation controller device. For more information on how to obtain a smart controller or more information on watering restrictions, please visit the city website. [Irrigation](#).

Irrigation enforcement has begun.

Thank you for doing your part to insure we all have sufficient drinking water and fire protection!



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



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)

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](#).

 <p>Payment Portal Make a Payment, enroll in Auto-Pay & e-Billing, view your payment and bill history, and more!</p> <p>Go to Payment Portal</p>	 <p>One-Time Payment No time to login? Make a quick, one-time payment here.</p> <p>One-Time Payment</p>
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Attention – NEW Utility Billing Payment Portal

We have moved to an intuitive new Utility Billing Portal called Paya. Grab your City of Lake Elmo utility account number and proceed to Paya at the link below to register, manage your account, set up autopay, or make payments.

<https://lakeelmo.payacp.com/home>

If you need assistance, reach out to us at RNess@LakeElmo.org or call 651-747-3906.

Note: The former platform, PSN, will be deactivated prior to the next bills in July 2024. Make the change now to avoid late payments and penalties.



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





Tablyn and Pebble Park Courts are Finished!!!

The reconstruction of two separate playing surfaces are finally complete and available for use. The city has added 4 pickle ball and 1 tennis court at our Tablyn Park location and added up to 6 potential pickle ball courts and 1 tennis court at Pebble Park. Courts can be reserved for daily use up to 3 hours, please refer to the City's web site for more information.

Looking to make a donation or have a suggestion for a better park experience? Please contact the PW department or fill out a request form on the City's Park web page.

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

UMN EXTENSION WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS



Garden Tour

July 20 | 9-4 | 7 gardens

Oakdale, Lake Elmo, Stillwater, White Bear Lake

Tix: \$15 in advance, \$20 that day

order: z.umn.edu/WCMGTour

more info at: [washingtoncountymg.org](https://www.washingtoncountymg.org)

Bike Repair Stations Added in Two City Parks

The City of Lake Elmo was awarded a grant in 2024 from Living Healthy Washington County. This state-based program works at the local level to support healthier communities by expanding opportunities for active living, healthy eating, well-being and commercial tobacco-free living. This grant allowed the city to install two additional bike repair stations in



the community after survey results from 2023 showed biking is the second highest means to visit a city park within Lake Elmo. These bike stations were placed near the trail entrance at Demontreville Wildlife Park and Reid Park.

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.

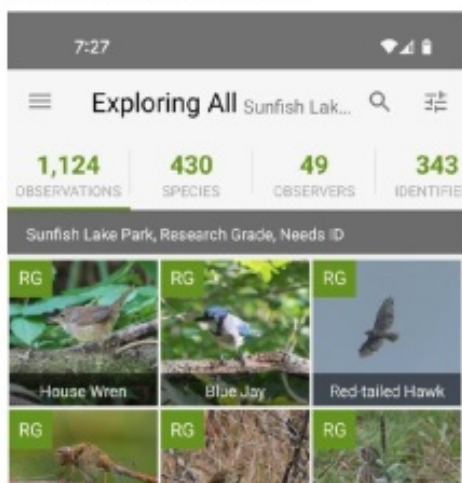
The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is open every day
Visit <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/> for details.



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:

- Mark your calendars! The annual Family Nature Day at Sunfish Lake Park returns on Saturday, June 1, from 9 to 1. We'll have something for nature lovers of all ages, from information about managing mosquitos, to using technology to help better enjoy your hikes, to the geology of the park, and everything in between. Someone from Carpenter Nature Center will be here too with live animals, so don't miss it!



- The next installment of our Nature for Life series will be about Nature & Technology. We often think of these two things as being opposites, but there are many ways that technology can help us better interact with nature—think of all those Northern Lights pictures that looked better than just viewing with the naked eye. We'll have a few of our favorite volunteers and nature educators here to talk about some apps, like iNaturalist and Merlin, that can help you better make sense of what you see on your hikes!

Nature & Technology will take place on Saturday, June 22 at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10, and preregistration is required. To sign up, or check out our other Nature for Life offerings, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/856201380377?aff=oddtcreator>

- Summer is almost here! We've got lots of options for camps, from single-day camps to 4-day camps, for age ranges from pre-K to 10 year olds. Check out our summer camp offerings here: <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>

**Sally Manzara Interpretive
Nature Center Presents**

Family Nature Day

At Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park



Saturday, June 1st
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of summer with this annual tradition! Booths and activities for nature lovers of all ages. Live animals courtesy of Carpenter Nature Center



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

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



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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!

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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**



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