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Public Meetings Next Week:

- EDA Meeting Tuesday, February 20th, 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, February 20th, 7:00 p.m.
- Parks Commission Meeting Wednesday, February 21st, 6:30 p.m.



*City offices will be closed on
Monday, February 19th
in observance of President's Day*



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The Lake Elmo Economic Development Authority (EDA) is committed to preserving and enhancing our community by creating an attractive business climate and listening to businesses and residents to prepare for the economy of tomorrow.

NOTICE OF MEETING

**City of Lake Elmo Economic Development Authority
Meeting
3880 Laverne Avenue North
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 6:00 PM**

AGENDA

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| A. Call to Order | 6:00 p.m. |
| B. Approval of Minutes November 21st, 2023 | 6:00p.m. |
| C. Election of Officers | 6:05p.m. |
| 1. President | |
| 2. Vice President | |
| 3. Secretary | |
| 4. Treasurer | |
| 5. Assistant Treasurer | |
| D. Sign Ordinance Review | 6:15p.m. |
| E. 2024 EDA Work Plan Review | 6:40p.m. |
| F. Reports | 6:55 p.m. |
| -Next Meeting: May 21 st , 2024 | |
| -Future Items: | |
| G. Adjourn | 6:55 p.m. |
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NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 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. January 9, 2024 Special Meeting; January 9, 2024 Workshop

D. Public Comments/Inquiries

E. Presentations

F. Consent Agenda

2. Approve Payments and Disbursements
3. Approve Plans and Specifications, Order the Improvements, and Order Advertisement for Bids for the Stillwater Boulevard (CSAH14) Trunk Watermain Improvements - *Resolution 2024-021*
4. Approve Pay Request No. 6 for the 2023 Street Improvements
5. Approve RFP for Farming Lease
6. Approve Zoning Text Amendment to 105.12.260 & 105.08.100 - *Ordinance 2024-05; Resolution 2024-022*
7. Approve 1st Amendment to the Ebertz Addition Development Agreement - *Resolution 2024-023*

G. Regular Agenda

8. At Home Apartments Preliminary Plat and PUD - *Resolution 2024-024*
9. Approve Water System Study Findings, Recommendations and Next Steps

H. Council Reports

I. Staff Reports

J. Adjourn

NOTICE OF MEETING

**City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission
3880 Laverne Avenue North
February 21, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes
 - a) January 17th, 2024
5. Public Comment
6. SHIP Grant
7. LE Baseball Donation
8. Limerick Village Concept Plan
9. Legends of Lake Elmo Concept Plan
10. Invasive Species
11. Communications
 - a) 2024 Parks Commission Handbook
 - b) Tablyn Park
 - c) Future Agenda Items
12. Adjourn

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

**2024 Presidential Primary Election
Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

Early & absentee voting begins next week

In-person absentee voting will begin
January 19 and run through March 4.
at Vote Centers:



- Cottage Grove Service Center: 13000 Ravine Parkway, Cottage Grove.
- Forest Lake Headwaters Service Center: 19955 Forest Road N, Forest Lake.
- Washington County Government Center: 14949 62nd Street. N., Stillwater.
- Woodbury City Hall: 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury.

Starting February 16, in-person absentee voting will also be available at

Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Ave. N., Oakdale.

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 2: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Monday, March 4: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

POLLING LOCATION CHANGE

PLEASE NOTE: Lake Elmo residents in Precinct 1 who have voted at the fire station in the past will now vote at the new Lake Elmo City Center located at 3880 Laverne Avenue North.

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.

2024 Dates:

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

Events are on Wednesdays at the Washington County Environmental Center from 8am-4:30pm

Winter Parking

Please remember that the City of Lake Elmo has a winter parking ordinance that **prohibits parking on city streets from November 1st through March 31st between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.** This gives crews a window of time for clearing streets curb to curb more efficiently. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



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 City of Lake Elmo has been working with Washington County and their environmental specialist to incorporate recycling efforts in our downtown area and at the new City Center. A grant provided by Washington County offered the city an opportunity to place bins throughout downtown, Lions Park and VFW Field, and at City Hall. These bins will help promote recycling throughout the area and can help reduce waste up to 60% in common areas.

Drop Box Available

The new City Center building has a convenient drop box located on the front of the building.



Utility payments, permit applications and other documents may be dropped in the box during or after office hours.

A few words Carbon Monoxide

Carbon Monoxide:

- is a deadly gas created by incomplete combustion and is found in vehicle exhaust.
- Has no color, odor, or taste which makes it impossible to recognize without detection equipment.
- Is often found in homes with faulty gas fired appliances.



We recommend that:

- You never run a vehicle inside a garage, even with the garage door open.
- Have Carbon Monoxide detectors on every level of your home, within ten feet of sleeping areas.
- You purchase a stand alone Carbon Monoxide / Combustible Gas detector that plugs into the wall, has a digital display, and battery backup for installation in mechanical rooms.

Carbon Monoxide poisoning is dangerous. Symptoms include:

- Weakness.
- Drowsiness.
- Headaches.
- Confusion.
- Shortness of Breath.



County Highway 15 (Manning Avenue) Phase 3 Improvement Project

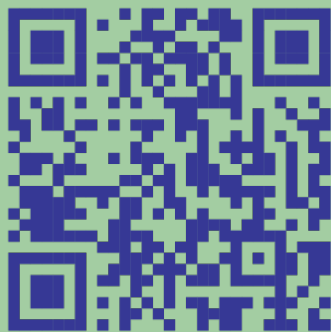
Online Engagement Information

If you are unable to attend the in-person open house on February 13, an online engagement will also be available on the project website with all of the information provided at the in-person open house. Visit the project website anytime between February 13 - March 5 to view the online engagement and provide your feedback.

<https://www.co.washington.mn.us/ManningAvePhase3>

There will be no formal presentation or discussion during the online engagement. The project manager, Eden Rogers, is available to answer any questions concerning the project at 651-430-4352 or eden.rogers@co.washington.mn.us.

More information on this project can also be found on the project website: www.co.washington.mn.us/ManningAvePhase3.



Parks Master Plan Survey

Lake Elmo Residents are invited to participate in a survey to help the City gather information for creation of a master parks plan. Please take a few minutes to share your feedback with us! The QR code to the left will take you directly to the survey, or you can also access the survey here: [Parks Master Plan Survey](#)

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.



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

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:

- Our artist friend, Julie Schroeder, will be back next week with another painting workshop. On Friday, February 23, Julie will be giving a mixed media workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$75, which includes supplies. To register, you can contact Julie directly at: brushcolour@yahoo.com



- We're counting birds! Join us at the Center this Friday (2/16) through Monday (2/19) for the Great Backyard Bird Count! We will be counting and identifying birds from inside and outside the nature center. This is part of a worldwide event. Birders and bird lovers around the world will be helping to gather vital data about bird species populations, migration patterns and so much more. All it takes is fifteen minutes—or more, if you want to! We'll have ID sheets, coffee, tea and hot cocoa. You can come in any time that the Center is open, count as many or as few times as you'd like. We encourage families to join us and no experience is necessary!!
- Our summer camp offerings are open! We have lots to pick from this year. We're offering our camps in three categories: Little Explorers, for campers aged 0 to 5, and a family member, which meets Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11. Wonder Wednesdays are for campers aged 5 to 10, and meet from 9 to 2. Our four-day (Mon-Thurs) camps, Sunfish Explorers, meet from 9 to noon. Each camp is set up around a specific nature-related topic, depending on which you choose. For a full list of dates, and topics for each camp, check our website!



Get your kids outdoors exploring nature this summer!

2024 Camp Schedule

Sunfish Explorers

Monday - Thursday from 9am-12 noon
Our weeklong 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**– August 19-22

Wonder Wednesdays

Wednesdays from 9am-2pm
Our one-day, fun-filled, Wonder Wednesday's 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
- Prairie Explorers – August 14

Little Explorers

Mondays from 9:30am-11:00am (Newborns to 5-year-olds)

Little Explorer sessions are set up for families to come together and give the little ones their first experiences exploring nature. The first hour will be a 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



Sally Marzara Interpretive Nature Center is operated by Friends of Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

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Public Health & Environment offices in:**

- Cottage Grove Service Center, 13000 Ravine Parkway, Cottage Grove.
- Forest Lake Service Center, 19955 Forest Road N., Forest Lake.
- Government Center, 14949 N. 62nd St., Stillwater.



Find more information on the program
on the county's website at
www.co.washington.mn.us/NAP



The City of Lake Elmo has begun participation in the State of Minnesota's Performance Measurement Program. This program began in 2010 for cities and counties to report on at least 10 performance measures annually as a way to aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties and cities in providing services and measure residents' opinions of those services.

Click
here to
access
reporting
results

The Valley Branch Watershed District
(VBWD) is a public organization tasked



with protecting and managing local water resources within an area spanning 14 cities and townships in Washington and Ramsey Counties. The VBWD is seeking input from you as it begins updating its Watershed Management Plan which will guide VBWD actions for the next 10 years. Please take a brief (5-10 minute) survey to help the VBWD better understand your concerns and priorities regarding our local water resources.

Link to survey: [Survey](#)

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