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## Public Meetings Next Week:

- Planning Commission Monday, March 11th, 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Special Meeting Tuesday, March 12th, 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Workshop Tuesday, March 12th, 6:30 p.m.



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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The City of Lake Elmo

Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on

**Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**at 7:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024
4. Public Hearing
  - a) **10997 32<sup>nd</sup> St Variance and Lot Division.** David Schmoeckel and Sarah Johnson have submitted variance and lot division applications to split the property located at 10997 32<sup>nd</sup> St N. The request would split the lots back to how they were originally platted, Lot 9 and Lot 10 of Lake Elmo Park. The variances are required due to the existing structure setbacks and lot dimensions.
  - b) **5193 Keats Ave Zoning Text Amendment and Comprehensive Plan Amendment.** Melvin Ashford with Minnesota Women’s Care has submitted a zoning text amendment to include the land use, birth center, as a conditional principal use and postpartum care as a conditional accessory use along with development standards and definitions. The Applicant also submitted a comprehensive plan amendment to regulate the property at PIDs 0202921330001, 0202921310001, and 0202921340003 from Ag Preserve to Rural Area Development since the Ag Preserve Agreement has expired.
5. New and Unfinished Business
  - a) N/A
6. Communications and Updates
  - a) City Council Updates 3-6-2024
    - i. Planning Commission Work Plan
    - ii. Stillwater Schools Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezoning
    - iii. CEF Solar Conditional Use Permit Extension
  - b) 2024 Planning Commission Handbook
  - c) Upcoming Meetings
    - i. March 25<sup>th</sup> 2024
    - ii. April 8<sup>th</sup> 2024
7. Adjourn



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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

City Council Special Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 6:00 P.M.

City of Lake Elmo | 3880 Laverne Avenue North

**AGENDA**

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PARKS COMMISSION INTERVIEWS
- C. ADJOURN



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## NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Workshop  
3880 Laverne Avenue North  
March 12, 2024  
6:30 PM

## AGENDA

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|------|---|---------|
| I.   | Call to Order                                   | 6:30 PM |
| II.  | TH36-Lake Elmo Avenue Intersection Improvements | 6:30 PM |
| III. | Legends of Lake Elmo Sketch Plan Review         | 7:00 PM |
| IV.  | Limerick Village Sketch Plan Review             | 7:30 PM |
| V.   | Items for Future Work Session Agenda            | 8:00 PM |
|      | A. Crosswalk Policy                             |         |
|      | B. Old Village Master Plan                      |         |
|      | C. Washington County Yard Waste Presentation    |         |
|      | D. State of MN Public Safety Funding            |         |
| VI.  | Adjourn   | 8:30 PM |

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

## 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



**Lions Park nets are up!**  
Pickle ball and Volleyball  
nets have been installed  
and ready to use.



## Lake Elmo Fire Department Annual Report

The Lake Elmo Fire Department Annual Report is available online! The report has great information and statistics on the Fire Department's performance and programs. Check it out here: [Annual Report](#) or follow the QR code on the right.





## Summer Opportunity: Join our Public Works Team!

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our seasonal team and become an integral part of our city's Public Works crew. This position will complete maintenance and repair of our city streets and parks.

Position Title: Public Works Seasonal, Part-Time  
Hours: Up to 40 hours per week  
Shift: Mon-Thu 7:00am – 4:30pm; Fridays 7:00am – 11:00am  
Pay: \$17.50 per hour  
Duration: May to August

Why choose the City of Lake Elmo?

Hands-On Learning: Receive training in various aspects of parks and street maintenance. From green spaces to bustling streets, you'll gain hands-on experience in the heart of Lake Elmo.

Team Spirit: Work alongside our dedicated full-time Public Works staff who are passionate about making our city shine. You'll be part of a supportive team where your efforts directly contribute to the community's well-being.

Summer Vibes: Enjoy the great outdoors as you soak up the summer sun while making a positive impact on the city's infrastructure.

Ready to embark on a summer journey filled with learning, growth, and new experiences? Don't miss out on this opportunity! Apply now to be part of our dynamic Public Works team. Your adventure awaits!

To apply, please visit <https://www.lakeelmo.org>

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## 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!



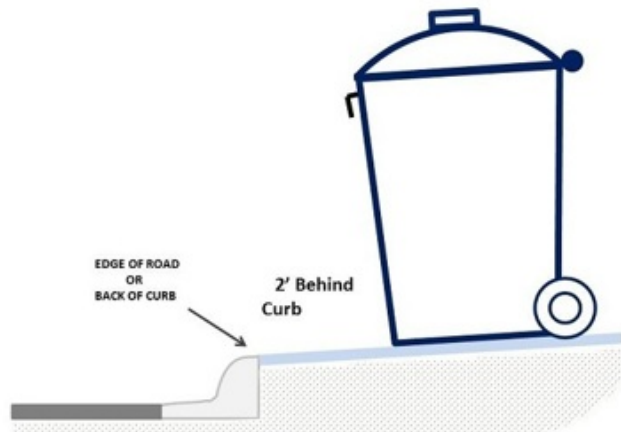
# Garbage/Recycling Containers



**Please Do Not place garbage cans in the street.** We realize this cleared area is an enticing location to place garbage cans, but they create hazards as they narrow the driving lanes, restrict visibility of pets, children, pedestrians and cars backing out of driveways. Most garbage trucks are equipped with a hydraulic extending arm that grasps garbage cans. It is recommended that garbage cans be placed at least 3 to 5 feet off the edge of pavement, into your driveway, so they are out of the way of the snowplow or snow being pushed aside while the snowplow



These tips can make garbage collection day safer for everyone. The City of Lake Elmo Thanks you for taking time to read this message!



## 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.

## 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.

If you experience these symptoms or your Carbon Monoxide alarm sounds, call 911 immediately.



# 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](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/publichealth) | 651-430-6655

Washington  
County



*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 [www.co.washington.mn.us/publichealth](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/publichealth) 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](http://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:

- We are extremely happy to announce that tickets are now available for our spring fundraiser! This year's event will be at the Lake Elmo Inn Event Center on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., and will feature New York Times Bestselling author, and Minnesota favorite, William Kent Krueger. The event will also feature a live and silent auction. 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>
- Join us on March 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. for a live viewing of Robin Wall Kimmerer's webinar, "Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants." This talk is sponsored by Wild Ones and UW-Oshkosh and will take place on the UW-Oshkosh campus. Since Oshkosh is a bit of a drive, we are showing it here! Registration for the event is \$15 (to cover the live viewing fee), and soup and bars will be served. To register, you can go to our website, or go directly to our Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/849424470457?aff=oddtcreator>
- On the weekend of March 23rd-24th we will be making miniature Easter baskets for residents of local senior centers. Please bring your family to participate on Saturday 3/23 from 10 AM to Noon or Sunday 3/24 from Noon to 3 PM. This is a FREE opportunity for students or groups to make washcloth rabbits, contribute service hours, brighten someone's day, and have some fun. Questions? call Connie at 651-491-3853.





# 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](https://sminc-lake-elmo.org) or call 651-408-2838



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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