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Public Meetings Next Week

- Parks Commission, Monday, August 15th, 6:30 p.m.
- EDA Meeting Tuesday, August 16th, 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, August 16th, 7:00 p.m.



[City Agendas and Minutes](#)

Visit our website



The Brookfield building at 3880 Laverne Ave is closed and under construction. All City Services are available at City Hall, 3800 Laverne

Please drive slowly and watch for construction activity



Our Mission is to Provide Quality Public Services in a Fiscally Responsible Manner in Partnership with our Community.

NOTICE OF MEETING

**City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission
3800 Laverne Avenue North
August 15, 2022 6:30 PM**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes
 - a) July 19, 2022
5. Public Comments
6. Kleis Park Site Visit Discussion
7. Pebble Park Site Visit Discussion
8. Communications
 - a) Hamlet Trail
 - b) Ballfields Survey

Adjourn

****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.*



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
3800 Laverne Avenue North
Tuesday, August 16, 2022 6:00 PM**

AGENDA

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| A. Call to Order | 6:00 p.m. |
| B. Minutes | |
| May 17, 2022 Minutes | 6:00p.m. |
| C. Business Retention and Expansion Survey Updates | 6:10 p.m. |
| D. Consultant RFP Criteria/Scope Discussion | 6:30 p.m. |
| E. Future Agenda Items/Reports | 6:50 p.m. |
| -Next Meeting Nov 15th | |
| -Flagship Recreation Ribbon Cutting Sept 27th | |
| F. Adjourn | 6:55 p.m. |
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NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 7:00 P.M.

City of Lake Elmo | 3800 Laverne Avenue North

AGENDA

A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Approval of Minutes

- 1. August 3, 2022 & August 9, 2022

D. Public Comments/Inquiries

E. Presentations

F. Consent Agenda

- 2. Approve Payment of Disbursements and Payroll
- 3. Approve Pay Request #7 for the New City Center and Public Works Addition
- 4. Approve Pay Request No. 11 for Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Street and Utility Improvements
- 5. Approve Pay Request No. 9 for Heritage Farms Street and Utility Improvements
- 6. Approve Pay Request No. 8 for the 38th-39th Street Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
- 7. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for Section 16 Sanitary Sewer Extension
- 8. Approve Pay Request No. 1 for the Well No. 1 Abandonment and Pumphouse Demolition
- 9. Approve Pay Request No. 1 for the Tapestry Sanitary Sewer Extension
- 10. Approve Pay Request No. 4 for Whistling Valley Street and Utility Improvements
- 11. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for Torre Pines Street and Utility Improvements
- 12. Approve Pay Request No. 1 for Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
- 13. Approve Cooperative Agreement Payment No. 1 for CSAH15 (Manning Avenue) & 30th Street

G. Regular Agenda

- 14. Preliminary Plat and PUD, Zoning Map Amendment and Conditional Use Permit for 9450 Hudson Blvd – *Ordinance 2022-11; Resolution 2022-073*
- 15. Crossroads East Development Agreement 3rd Amendment – *Resolution 2022-078*
- 16. Cannabis Products Moratorium – *Ordinance 2022-13*
- 17. Approve Administrative Service Director Job Description and Authorize Posting

H. Council Reports

I. Staff Reports

J. Adjourn

The City of Lake Elmo is looking for your input at its **AUGUST 15th, 2022 Parks Commission meeting!** We want to know what residents would like to see as future improvements at Kleis Park and Pebble Park. Your input is valuable to us in providing the best park experience for the community of Lake Elmo! The meeting information is below. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please submit written or electronic comments no later than 5:00 pm the day of the meeting to Ben Hetzel, Lake Elmo City Planner at bhetzel@lakeelmo.org or 651-747-3911. We look forward to hearing from you!

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Lake Elmo City Hall, 3800 Laverne Avenue North, Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Kleis Park

Pebble Park



**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING
FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing Affidavits of Candidacy for Municipal Offices to be elected at the General Election on November 8, 2022, will open on TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022, AND WILL CLOSE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022 AT 5:00 PM for the offices of:

Two (2) Council Members for a term of four (4) years.

Affidavits of candidacy are available from the City Clerk in person at City Hall, 3800 Laverne Ave. N. or by calling 651.747.3900. Filing fee is \$2.00.



Work at Stillwater Boulevard begins August 12

Drivers traveling on Stillwater Blvd. at the Hwy 36 interchange should expect delays over the next few weeks. Stillwater Blvd. will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Curve Crest Blvd. and 58th St. N. beginning Fri, Aug. 12 as crews begin improving pedestrian accessibility at the intersection.



This work will also require some ramp closures:

- Stillwater Blvd to eastbound Hwy 36 closed 7 a.m. Fri, Aug. 12 to 8 a.m. Sun, Aug. 14
- Westbound Hwy 36 to Stillwater Blvd. closed 8 p.m. Fri, Aug. 12 to 8 a.m. Sun, Aug. 14
- Eastbound Hwy 36 to Stillwater Blvd. closed 8 p.m. Mon, Aug. 15 to 8 a.m. Tue, Aug. 16
- Westbound Hwy 36 to Stillwater Blvd. closed 8 p.m. Tue, Aug. 16 to 8 a.m. Wed, Aug. 17

Additionally, drivers traveling between Pine Springs and Stillwater will experience traffic delays as crews shift traffic lanes to accommodate the various construction activities. These traffic shifts will occur throughout the week, leaving one lane open in each direction.

The Hwy 36 and Manning Ave. intersection will be fully reopened to traffic by the end of this week, and drivers on westbound Hwy 36 will be able to go north on Lake Elmo Ave. All other turns to/from Lake Elmo Ave. at the Hwy 36 intersection will remain closed through Mon, Aug. 15.

Upcoming activities

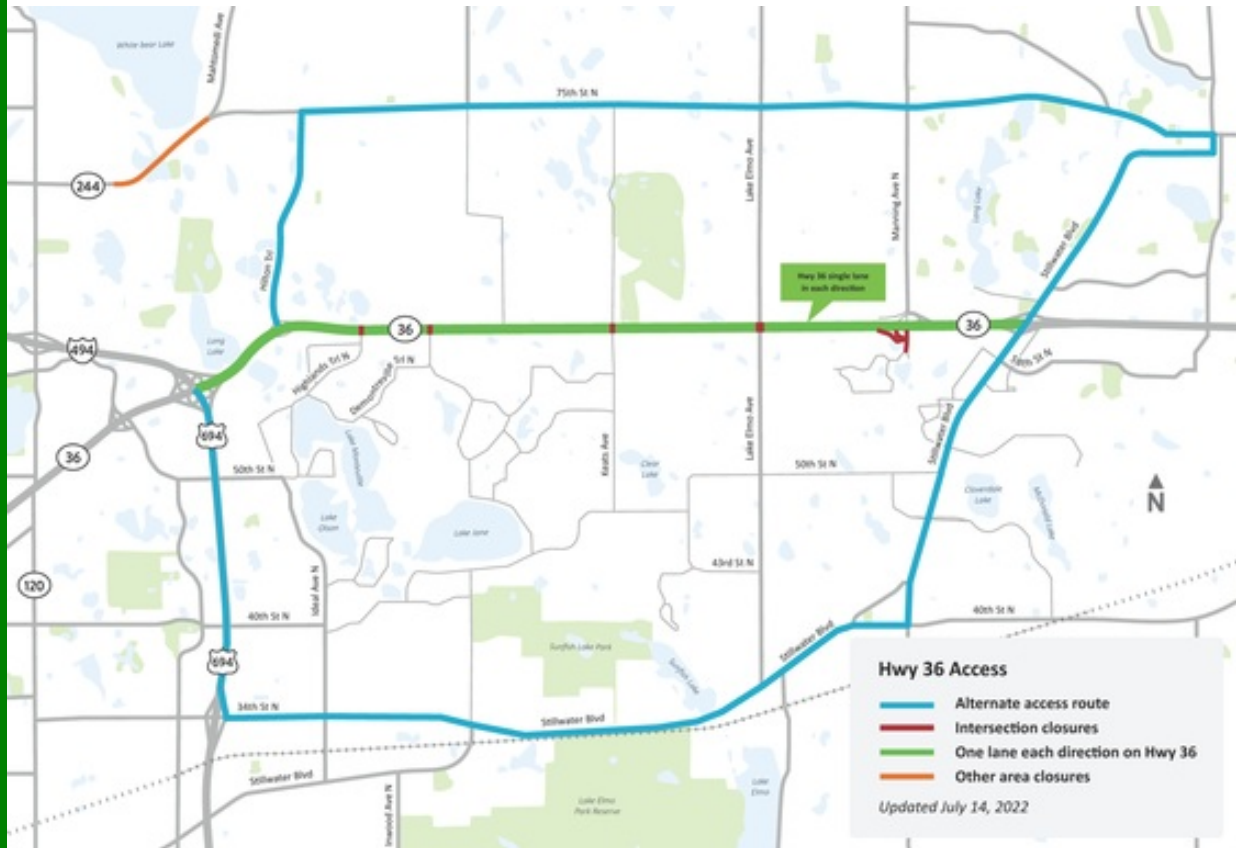
Hwy 36 is anticipated to fully reopen to two lanes of traffic in each direction by 5 a.m. Mon, Aug. 15. Drivers should expect off-peak lane closures between Stillwater Blvd. and Greely St. through August.

Once Hwy 36 is open to full capacity in both directions, the intersections of Hwy 36 and Demontreville Trail and Keats Ave. will fully reopen to traffic.

MnDOT urges motorists to always be attentive, drive with caution, slow down in work zones where workers are present. Please follow the posted detour route and avoid traveling through residential neighborhoods for the safety of those that live in the area.

All construction activities and traffic impacts are weather dependent and subject to change.

For more information on the Highway 36 Project click here: [MNDOT](#)



Metro - I-94 Oakdale to St. Croix: 2022-2025 construction

Eastbound I-94 lane closure in Washington County begins July 18

Beginning at 5 a.m. Mon, July 18, eastbound I-94 will be reduced to two lanes of traffic between Woodbury Dr. and the St. Croix River in the east metro through late October.

Construction crews will be reinforcing the road shoulders along this stretch of eastbound I-94 in preparation for pavement resurfacing in 2023. Shoulder reinforcement includes removing the current pavement and replacing it with a thicker layer of pavement that can withstand high traffic volumes. Crews will use the road shoulders to maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction on I-94 during next year's construction.

No ramp closures are planned as part of this work in 2022.

Advance warning of stopped traffic on I-94

This year, MnDOT will also install traffic monitoring sensors along I-94 within the project area. The sensors will alert motorists to slow or stopped traffic ahead via roadside electronic message boards. Their purpose is to help keep motorists, passengers, and construction crews safe in work zones. During construction, plan your route in advance and expect delays during peak travel times. All construction activities and traffic impacts are weather and schedule permitting and subject to change.

More about this project

I-94 between Hwy 120/Century Ave. and the St. Croix River will undergo a two-and-a-half-year pavement improvement construction project beginning in July 2022. The work will improve safety, traffic flow and ride smoothness. Construction will occur in three stages with most of the work happening in 2023 and 2024.

For more information, including construction schedule and upcoming traffic impacts, visit the [I-94 Oakdale to St. Croix project webpage](#).



Watering Restrictions

Reminder: City ordinance allows for outdoor watering between the hours of **6PM and 5AM** and follows an **odd/even schedule**. Properties with even-numbered postal addresses may water, sprinkle, or irrigate their lawns only on even-numbered days. Properties with odd-numbers postal addresses may water only on odd-numbered days.

To help reduce water usage, and your water bill, the City of Lake Elmo is contributing up to 90% of the cost of smart irrigation controller devices. These smart controller devices can help save a household as much as 10,000 gallons of water per year!

[Find out more here](#)

The Lake Elmo Fire Department is Recruiting!

We're currently hiring paid-on-call firefighters. We offer great benefits including: paid training, pension, state-of-the-art equipment, and the opportunity to serve your community. Individuals with Fire and EMT certifications are encouraged to apply. Training is provided for those willing to learn. No previous experience necessary.

We want to provide you with all of the information to make this important decision.

If you would like to know more about this position, please contact Fire Chief Dustin Kalis at 651-747-3933 or dkalis@lakeelmo.org.

Applications due by Friday, August 26, 2022

Application and additional information can be found here:

http://www.lakeelmo.org/departments/fire/fire_department.php



We're Hiring!
Paid-On-Call Firefighters

LAKE ELMO FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Paid training (no experience needed to apply).
- Hourly rate with promotion opportunities.
 - Competitive retirement package.
- Weekly department training events and activities.
 - Duty Crew (at Station) staffing availability.
 - Exceptional apparatus and equipment.
- New fire station / City Center opening in 2023!

Station 1: 3510 Laverne Ave N / Station 2: 4259 Jamaca Ave N
Contact for Application Material: 651-770-5006 or www.lakeelmo.org

FREE small business webinar coming up!



SizeUp is a free resource available through the Washington County Community Development Agency to assist small business owners with data and demographic information that can help grow small businesses. More information on this program and registration for the webinar may



Take the survey here

Police- Community Interaction Poll

We're using Polco to conduct community satisfaction surveys to see how well we're meeting your expectations. Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey so we can gauge how you feel about police-community interaction in Lake Elmo.

Street and Utility Project Updates

Updates on current city street and utility projects are available on the City's website: [Projects](#)



LAKE ELMO FARMER'S MARKET

A 501/C/3 NON-PROFIT

Market runs 9am to 1 pm on Saturdays

- Market will be open rain or shine unless inclement weather of high winds or lightning.



- Staff will be present on all Market days. Any concerns or questions please seek staff out.
- ***We are seeking a bread vendor and cheese vendor, if interested please contact Jill at 651-261-4493.***
- There are still spots open for Youth Vendors!
- We will have our fresh local corn! First picking!!
- Once the Market has started, applications are only given out at Market.

*Last year we had over 5600 visitors and customers at the Market!
for more information call Jill Lundgren at 651-261-4493*

*Like us on Facebook "Lake Elmo Farmers Market" and watch for updates!
Business and Community Working Together/ Lake Elmo Farmer's Market is a 501c3*

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



How will Lake Elmo change in 50 years?

Part of the construction of the Lake Elmo City Center is a time capsule project. We're inviting residents to share their predictions for Lake Elmo in the next 50 years. Submission slips are available at City Hall and City events for you to tell us how you think we'll change between now and 2073, so you tell us:

- How many people will live in Lake Elmo in 2073?
- What will downtown look like?
- How are City services delivered?
- What else does the future hold?

Fill out a slip and we will put them into a time capsule in the City Center, and come back in 2073 to see how your predictions turn out!

The City of Lake Elmo is accepting artifacts from Lake Elmo History like these cool mugs staff found at a local thrift store to display in



the new City Center. If you have something you'd like displayed, contact Kristina Handt, City Administrator at 651-747-3905
khandt@lakeelmo.org

The City of Lake Elmo is on Nextdoor!

In an effort to reach as much of the community as possible we've joined Nextdoor. We will use our public agency page to post news and important updates for residents.

[Find us here!](#)



Wondering how your business stacks up to others? Need data on customers, suppliers and other demographic information? Want to know how to maximize your advertising dollars? Washington County CDA has a new tool to help small businesses. Check it out today: [Sizeup Small Business](#)



Good news at Lake Elmo Library: the Book Club is back! The Lake Elmo Library Book Club will meet on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss our first selection, "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. Copies of this title are ready for checkout at the library. Meetings will be held at the same time, 6:30 p.m., on the first Thursday of each month. The Lake Elmo Book Club will be reading titles within the genres: classics, literary fiction, local interest, and award winners (with some exceptions as voted on by The Club). Book selections will be available one month prior to the meetings. We look forward to seeing you!

Join Lake Elmo Library for special storytimes at the Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center at Sunfish Lake Park. These events will be at 10:30 a.m. on the third Tuesdays of the month from May to September. Please bring your own chairs or blankets for the outdoor patio venue!
Join us, too, at the Lake Elmo Library for our Family Storytimes, Fridays at 10:30 a.m. For exact dates and times, please visit washcolib.org/storytime.

Hold on to your beach hat! Lake Elmo Library is getting ready for our Summer Reading program starting June 2. Check out the Library's website, washcolib.org, for information on Summer Reading 2022 programs and events for children, teens, and adults. Summer is always fun at the Library!

Lake Elmo Library

3537 Lake Elmo Avenue N
Lake Elmo MN 55042
651-275-8515
WashCoLib.org

Hours:

Monday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 12-8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Business Retention and Expansion Program

The Lake Elmo Economic Development Authority (LEEDA) will be kicking off a Business Retention and Expansion Program in March. LEEDA members will be reaching out to schedule visits with members of our business community to learn more about their business, what's going well, what could be done differently and how LEEDA can help them continue to grow and prosper in Lake Elmo.

With around 300 businesses in Lake Elmo and only 6 LEEDA commissioners, this campaign will take many months and likely continue into 2023. Commissioners will be focusing on businesses in the Old Village area first and then moving towards the I-94 corridor later this year. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit contact Kristina Handt at 651.747.3905 or khandt@lakeelmo.org



Need a Trusted **Business Advisor?**

This program provides free and confidential one-on-one assistance from MCCD's experienced staff, customized to meet the specific needs of each entrepreneur in the creation, growth, and success of their business.

Technical Assistance & Lending

- Business & strategic planning
- Marketing & communications planning
- Regulatory, tax, licensing, & accounting training
- Financial assessment
- Referrals to critical professional services
- Access to capital



We want to help you succeed!

To learn more about a free personalized plan for your business contact:



info@mccdmn.org
(612) 789-7337

www.mccdmn.org/open-to-business



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!

Are you looking for ways to help at the Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center?

- We are looking for weekday and weekend volunteer reception help. If you have an open morning or afternoon (even if it is only once a month) and you enjoy talking with friendly people and offering them a cup of coffee, you could be a receptionist volunteer. Training and volunteer background checks are provided.

Are you looking for something to do this coming week? Come check us out.

- **Saturday 8/13** from 9:00 AM to Noon – Honey Extraction Event – Have you ever tasted fresh honey directly from a bee hive? Please join us to see honey being removed from a bee hive and taste fresh honey. Receive a jar of honey with a donation. All are welcome.
- **Tuesday 8/16** from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM – Nature Storytime – The Lake Elmo Library and Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center invite you to join us for a story time for families with young children. We will meet outside on the patio so bring something to sit on and dress accordingly. We will move inside in case of severe weather. Ages 0-6, registration not required.
- **Weekly on Wednesday** from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Tai Chi – We are hosting a free Tai Chi class every Wednesday. For details contact Paul Ryberg at pyberg@gmail.com. We'll meet outside if the weather is nice or inside if it isn't.

Additional activities to do

Sunfish Lake Park Project on iNaturalist

Go to <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/sunfish-lake-park> to view the observations in the Sunfish Lake Park Project. Take pictures of the animals and plants you find and upload them to the Project.

SALLY MANZARA INTERPRETIVE NATURE CENTER

FIRST EVER
HONEY
EXTRACTION
EVENT



SATURDAY
AUGUST 13
9 A.M. - NOON

SUNFISH LAKE PARK
10000 STILLWATER LANE N
LAKE ELMO, MN

PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO
COME WATCH AND PARTICIPATE IN THE
PROCESS, HAVE A TASTE, AND RECEIVE A
POUND OF HONEY WITH A DONATION.



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

Outdoor Nature Storytime at Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center

10:30—11:00 AM

on the
3rd Tuesday of
each month

April 19 | May 17

June 21 | July 19

Aug. 16 | Sept. 20

Sunfish Lake Park

10000 Stillwater Lane N.



Lake Elmo Library and Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center invite you to join us in singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing at this inclusive storytime for families with young children. Each month we will explore a different theme related to the natural world.

Storytimes will be held outside on the patio, so please bring something to sit on and dress accordingly. In case of severe weather, we will move inside the nature center.

Recommended for developmental ages 0-6 and their grownups (siblings are also welcome). Registration not required.

Washington
County
LIBRARY

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3537 Lake Elmo Ave.
Lake Elmo, MN 55042
651-275-8515
WashCoLib.org



**Sally Manzara
Interpretive Nature Center**
10000 Stillwater Lane N.
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651-408-2838
Sminc-lake-elmo.org



The City of Lake Elmo is Seeking Applicants for Multiple Committees

The City of Lake Elmo is seeking interested residents to serve on two committees:

- EDA
- Planning Commission

[More Information Available Here](#)

- At the November 3 City Council Meeting the City Council awarded bids for the new City Center and Public Works Addition.
- At the January 4, 2022 City Council Meeting the City Council awarded bids for painting at the new City Center
- The Lake Elmo City Council and Staff held a Groundbreaking Ceremony on April 30, 2022

Regular updates and documents are available [here](#).



CITY OF LAKE ELMO COMBINED CITY HALL & PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

The new Lake Elmo City Hall / Public Safety Facility combines City Hall staff and functions, the entire Fire Department, and a satellite office for the Washington County Sheriff's department. This co-location involves renovating and expanding the City-owned Brookfield Office building to concentrate civic resources into a single structure at the historic core of the city. In addition, the Public Works facility will also be expanded to accommodate City growth and expanded service needs.



TOTAL ANTICIPATED PROJECT COST: \$14,600,000
DESIGN COMPLETION: Late summer 2021
CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION: Fall of 2022





MEETING THE DEMANDS OF AN EVOLVING FIRE SERVICE

Lake Elmo currently has two fire stations, Fire Station #1 at 3510 Laverne Ave. N. and Fire Station #2 at 4259 Jamaica Ave. N. This project will consolidate these two stations into a single, state-of-the-art station that will meet the needs of our community and firefighters today and into the future. The building is designed to accommodate increasing call volumes, meet the demands for training and to support our evolving role as all hazard responders.

Due to the changing environment of fire department staffing needs and the impacts of that in relation to incident response times and budget responsibility, the fire department is consolidating to a single station which will allow the department the ability to transition to a staffing model that provides 24/7 coverage from the single station. This change requires the updated facilities like staff dorm rooms, day room and kitchen area, fitness room, staff workspaces and offices.

Educational materials provided by the City of Lake Elmo

For more information, visit our website: www.lakeelmo.org or contact Kristina Handt, Administrator at KHandt@lakeelmo.org



The current fire stations are too small to accommodate modern apparatus and equipment and cannot provide adequate health protections for our firefighters.

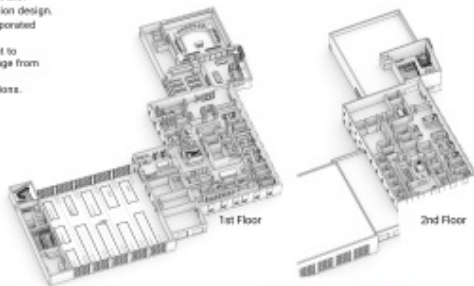
A FUNCTIONAL FIRE STATION

A new, single, state-of-the-art station will meet the needs of our community and firefighters today and into the future. Designed to accommodate our evolving role as all-hazard responders it will:

- Modernize our facilities following best practices in station design.
- Enhance firefighter training with training features incorporated into the building.
- The addition of living quarters will allow the department to transition to a staffing model that provides 24/7 coverage from the single station.
- Improve response times and overall department operations.

DESIGNED FOR FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Distinct spaces to properly decontaminate gear and equipment. Focus to reduce staff exposure to firefighting carcinogens and other toxic materials.
- Properly ventilate the apparatus bay to reduce staff exposure to diesel exhaust and other harmful fumes.
- Space that supports the physical and mental health of staff.
- Clear separation between public and private spaces.



Lake Elmo City Hall, built in 1986, is a very small 2,806 SF. There are insufficient offices for all staff members and the restrooms are not accessible. The council chambers are small, do not provide sufficient space for department heads or members of the public, and lack modern technological updates. City staff have long outgrown this building and have since moved into the Brookfield Building located across the parking lot.

The Brookfield Building was purchased by the City in 2018 as a method of maintaining city functions next to the outgrown City Hall at a lower cost alternative to new construction. It was constructed in 1980 and will require a major overhaul to increase its useful life.

AN EXPANDED AND IMPROVED CITY HALL

- Improved service accessibility
- Community room available for public use
- New council chambers with updated technology
- Additional conference rooms
- Co-locate Washington County Sheriff staff
- Office space for growth of city staff
- Accessible restrooms.

