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Public Meetings Next Week

- Planning Commission, Monday, August 22nd, 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Budget Workshop Tuesday, August 23rd, 6:30 p.m.



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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



3800 Laverne Avenue North
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo
Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Monday August 22, 2022
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes
 - i. July 25, 2022
 - ii. August 8, 2022
4. Public Hearing
 - a) **Impervious Surface Text Amendments.** A City initiated text amendment to change the impervious surfaces definition and increase the maximum impervious lot coverage in the Shoreland Management Overlay Districts.
 - b) **40-Foot Residential Setback from a Public Street Text Amendment.** A City initiated text amendment to incorporate a 40-foot setback for any new residential development abutting a public street in the area south of 10th Street.
5. New Business
6. Communications/Updates - City Council Updates
7. 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.



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

NOTICE OF MEETING

**City Council Budget Workshop
3800 Laverne Avenue North
August 23, 2022
6:30 PM**

AGENDA

I. Call to Order	6:30 PM
II. 2023 General Fund, Utilities, Special Funds and Debt Service Funds	6:30 PM
III. 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan	7:30 PM
IV. Adjourn	8:00 PM



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 reopen 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](https://www.mndot.gov/Highway36)



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.

Lane closures

Sun, Aug. 14 through Sun, Aug. 21; 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. nightly

- EB I-94 is reduced to one lane between the St. Croix River and Woodbury Dr.

Ramp closures

Sun, Aug. 14 through Sun, Aug. 21; 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly

- The following ramps are closed:
 - Woodbury Dr. to EB I-94
 - EB I-94 to Manning Ave. N.
 - Manning Ave. N. to EB I-94
 - EB I-94 to Hwy 95/St. Croix Trail N.

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 \$200 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](#)

Give your sprinklers a break!

We've gotten a bit of rain this week and more is on the way! Please consider turning off your sprinkler system for a while. A healthy lawn only needs 1 - 1.5 inches of rain per week and conserving water reduces demand on city infrastructure.



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

Construction on a new water tower in the City of Lake Elmo is well under way! The new tower located on Lake Elmo Avenue near I-94, is expected to hold 1 million gallons of drinking water. This will add to the city's current 1.75 million gallons of water storage currently contained in two existing towers. Construction of the new tower is expected to continue over the next year and it is anticipated to be ready for use in the Fall of 2023. The additional storage will help support the continued growth of the City as well as providing additional aid for the fire department's needs now and into the future.



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 be found here: [SizeUp](#)



Take the survey here

Public Information Survey

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 information provided to the public.

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 lighting.
- 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

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!](#)





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 are now beginning to reach out to businesses south of 10th Street between Inwood Avenue and Keats Avenue. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit contact Kristina Handt at 651.747.3905 or khandt@lakeelmo.org

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Business Retention and Expansion

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 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.

- **Weekly on Wednesday** from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Tai Chi – We are hosting a free Tai Chi class every Wednesdays. For details contact Paul Ryberg at pryberg@gmail.com. We'll meet outside if the weather is nice or inside if it isn't.

If you missed our honey extraction event last week, don't worry. We have one pound jars of fresh honey available for a donation and our indoor bee hive exhibit is still up and running. Stop in for some honey and watch our new queen bee at work.



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](#)



Precast concrete wall panels arrived on site this week and installation has begun. Rainy weather and lightning in the area stalled progress but crews will be back next week to continue work on the exterior walls.

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



- 1 New City Hall Entrance
- 2 New Fire Station Expansion
- 3 Council Chambers/Community room addition
- 4 Parking
- 5 Fire Department Parking
- 6 City Hall/Sheriff
- 7 Laverne Avenue

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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

