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Public Meetings Next Week

- No public meetings next week

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

Please drive slowly and watch for construction activity

The City of Lake Elmo is looking for your input at its SEPTEMBER 19th, 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 N, Lake Elmo, MN



Kleis Park



Pebble Park



Current

Lane closures

Sat, Aug. 27 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- EB Hwy 36 is reduced to one lane between Hilton Trail and Demontreville Trail

Thu, Aug. 18 through September

- Off-peak periodic lane closures on Hwy 36 between Hilton Trail and Greeley St.



Upcoming

Information about upcoming traffic impacts will be provided as details become available. Motorists can expect off-peak, night time single lane closures from I-35E to Greeley St. Motorists can also expect flagging under traffic on the frontage road from I-694 to Manning Ave.

Lane closures

Mon, Aug. 29 through September

- 60th St. is reduced to one lane between Hilton Trail and Manning Ave. A flagger will be present to direct traffic.

Ramp closures

Mon, Aug. 29 and Tue, Aug. 30; 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. nightly

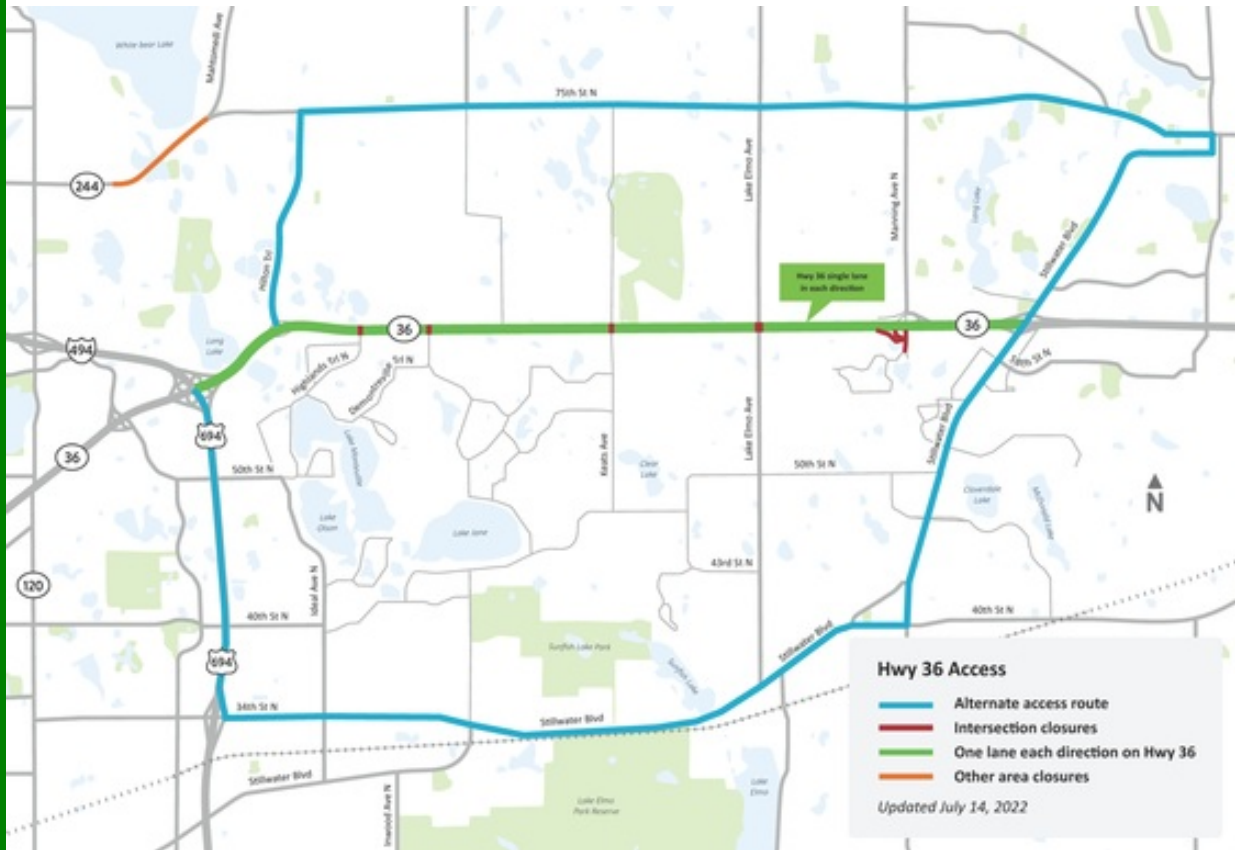
- The ramps to/from EB Hwy 36 and Stillwater Blvd. are closed
- Wed, Aug. 31 and Thu, Sept. 1; 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. nightly
- The ramps to/from WB Hwy 36 and Stillwater Blvd. are closed
- 6 a.m. Thu, Sept. 1 through 6 p.m. Fri, Sept. 2
- The ramp from Stillwater Blvd. to WB Hwy 36 is closed

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](#)



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.



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](#)



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.

Take the survey here

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.
- There are still spots open for Youth Vendors!
- Once the Market has started ---- applications are only given out at Market.
- ***Applications for next year will be handed out this Saturday and on 9/3 (our last Market day) If you would like to be a vendor for next year please come to the information booth.***

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!](#)



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



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](#)



Additional progress was made this week on the new Fire Department apparatus bays, including installation of precast concrete wall panels and roof panels. The Fire Department training tower is taking shape (far left in the photo above) and the connection to the old Brookfield Building should be completed soon.

Previous 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



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