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## Public Meetings Next Week

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



## [City Agendas and Minutes](#)

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**City Offices will be closed  
Monday, October 10th in  
observance of Columbus Day.**



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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**City Council Workshop  
3800 Laverne Avenue North  
October 11, 2022  
6:30 PM**

**AGENDA**

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| <b>I. Call to Order</b>                                | <b>6:30 PM</b> |
| <b>II. Townball Field</b>                              | <b>6:30 PM</b> |
| <b>III. PUD Amenities</b>                              | <b>7:00 PM</b> |
| <b>IV. First Amendment to WAC Prepayment Agreement</b> | <b>7:30 PM</b> |
| <b>V. Items for Future Work Session Agenda</b>         | <b>8:00 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Long Range Financial Plan Draft</b>              |                |
| <b>B. Landscape Architect Interviews</b>               |                |
| <b>C. Landscape Ordinance (Dec)</b>                    |                |
| <b>VI. Adjourn</b>                                     | <b>8:00 PM</b> |
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### NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo  
Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on  
**Wednesday October 12, 2022**  
at 7:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes N/A
4. Public Hearing

**Preliminary Plat/PUD, Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment.** United Properties for a 146-unit age-restricted multifamily rental residential project on 11.7 acres at the corner of Hudson Boulevard and Eagle Point Boulevard. The project requires a change to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Designation and Zoning Map from Mixed Use Business Park to High Density Residential.

5. Communications/Updates - City Council Updates
  - a. Approved Variance for septic install within 75 feet of a wetland for 10212 Stillwater Blvd
  - b. Approved Variance and CUP for an Indoor Recreational Facility (Kokoro Volleyball) at 39<sup>th</sup> Street North and Lake Elmo Ave
  - c. Adopted Zoning Map Amendment and Tabled Action on Preliminary Plat/PUD for Schiltgen Farmstead to their 11/1 meeting so that developer can respond to concerns about proposal south of Stillwater Blvd.
6. 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.

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## Absentee and In Person Voting Begins Friday, September 23rd

Absentee and in person voting for the November 3, 2022 General Election will be available at Washington County service centers between September 23rd and November 8th.



In-person absentee and ballot drop off is available at the Vote Centers listed below on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Vote Centers:**

Washington County Government Center  
Cottage Grove Service Center  
Washington County Offices at Woodbury Central Park  
Oakdale City Hall  
Headwaters Service Center

### **Absentee Voting Reminders:**

Voters are encouraged to submit absentee ballot applications early.

The earliest a ballot will be mailed to you is 46 days prior to Election Day for all elections except Township elections.

Allow enough time to complete the application, have your ballot mailed to you, vote your ballot, and return it to Washington County via mail so it is received by Election

Day. You cannot drop off your voted ballot at your precinct on Election Day. To request a paper application be mailed to you, call Washington County Elections at 651-430-6790.

[Washington County Elections](#)

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

### Recreational Fires

Increase your enjoyment of outdoor fires by knowing you're doing all you can to burn cleanly, safely, and responsibly for your family, neighbors and community.

Recreational fires are restricted by size and material. A recreational fire cannot exceed three feet in diameter nor shall it exceed three feet in height (height of material stacked to burn). Only clean, dry, wood can be burned. Wood means dry, clean fuels, twigs, branches, limbs, manufactured fireplace logs, charcoal, or cord wood. "Wood" does not include wood or wood based products that is green with leaves or needles, rotten, wet, oil soaked, treated or manufactured with paint, glue, preservatives or other chemicals. Burning of leaves, grass and other yard waste is not allowed.

### Be A Good Neighbor

Be a good neighbor when burning and consider your neighbors, as well as wind direction. Often times this prevents unnecessary calls to the fire department regarding smoke.

### Cleaner Alternatives

Learn about your options before burning wood in your backyard. Switching to natural gas or propane reduces harmful air pollutants. Kits that convert existing fire rings and pits to natural gas or propane burners are available from local retailers.

### Brush Disposal

Burning is not intended for the purposes of clearing brush piles, disposing of green leaved branches from tree trimming, or burning of leaves. For more information regarding brush disposal, please visit: <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/628/Yard-Waste>

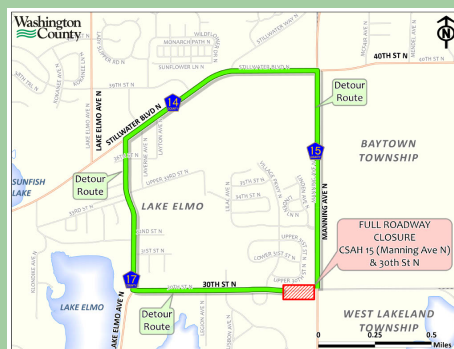


### Don't Wait or Hesitate!

If your recreational fire gets out of control, don't wait or hesitate. Call 911 immediately.

Feel free to call Fire Station #1 – 651-770-5006 with any questions

### Manning Ave./30th St. Project Detour



The County Highway 15 (Manning Avenue) and 30th St Intersection Improvements project in the City of Lake Elmo will begin Tuesday, September 6th. 30th St will be closed west of County Highway 15 (Manning Avenue) starting Tuesday, September 6th and the closure is expected to run through October. Please follow the posted detour route. Project updates will be available on the Washington County project





### **County Highway 13/Ideal Avenue Construction Update**

The County Highway 13 (Ideal Ave) reconstruction project between County Hwy 14 (34<sup>th</sup> St) and 44<sup>th</sup> St is well underway. The project entered the final construction stage on Sept 16. Ideal Ave has reopened between 39<sup>th</sup> St and Hidden Bay Trail while closing between Hidden Bay Trail and 44<sup>th</sup> St. The final (stage) closure is expected to run to mid-October.

During the (Hidden Bay to 44<sup>th</sup> St) closure, access to Hidden Bay will be maintained, but will be available from the south. Likewise, access will be maintained to 44<sup>th</sup> St from the north.

Resident access between Hidden Bay and 44<sup>th</sup> St will be from the north, but may be from the south at times depending on work in the area.

A detour is currently in place and is attached along with a staging map. Periodic updates are available on the project page: <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/County13Phase2>

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](#)**

### **Park 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 get your input on community ballfields.

Ballfields Survey

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## Street and Utility Project Updates

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



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@mccdmn.org)  
(612) 789-7337

[www.mccdmn.org/open-to-business](http://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!

We have started our fall series of educational programs and events. On the first and third Saturdays of the month, we have Family Nature Explorations Events. On the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, we have free drop in education activities in our building for all ages. We also have monthly adult education presentations.

**Registration for Family Nature Explorations Events at:**  
<https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/event-descriptions/>

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

- **10/8 - Interpretive Drop In Event: Monarch Migration** from 10 AM to Noon. The annual migration of North America's monarch butterfly is a unique and amazing phenomenon. Did you know that the monarch is the only butterfly known to make a two-way migration as birds do? Drop in and learn more facts about the monarch butterfly. This is a free family event for all ages.
- **10/8 - Monthly Buckthorn Removal Saturday** from 9:30 AM to Noon - Join us for the return of our Monthly Buckthorn Removal Saturdays. We have the loppers and the gloves. George can help you get started if you have never removed buckthorn before. For questions, call George at 651-757-5610.
- **10/13 and 10/14 Art Workshop with Julie Schroeder** from 10 AM to 3 PM - Join artist Julie Schroeder for a two day art workshop. Contact Julie directly at 651-352-5695 to register. Visit her website at <http://www.livingwatercolours.com/welcome2.html> for more detail.
- **Weekly Tai Chi on Wednesdays** from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM - We are hosting a free Tai Chi class every Wednesdays. For details contact Paul Ryberg at [pryberg@gmail.com](mailto:pryberg@gmail.com). We'll meet outside if the weather is nice or inside if it isn't.

In addition to our weekly activities, we have several upcoming opportunities to highlight.

- **10/22 - Annual Buckthorn Festival** from 9:30 AM to Noon. Bring your work gloves and trimmers and help us on our continued effort to remove buckthorn and other invasive species in Sunfish Lake Park. Afterwards, we will provide a lunch of hot dogs, music and other fun activities. This is a family friendly event for all ages.





# SALLY MANZARA INTERPRETIVE NATURE CENTER FALL PROGRAMS

## ANNUAL BUCKTHORN FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 22, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Bring your work gloves and trimmers and help us with our continued effort to remove buckthorn and other invasive species in Sunfish Lake Park. Afterwards, we will provide a lunch of hot dogs, music and other fun activities. This is a family friendly event for all ages.



## FAMILY NATURE EXPLORATION

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.  
\$5/family, register online or drop in

**October 1 - Bird Migration**  
with Ecologist Mary Frick

**October 15 - Fall Photography Hike**  
with Master Naturalist Christa Rittberg

**November 5 - Cryogenics**  
with 3M Wizard Jeff Payne

**November 19 - Getting Ready for Winter**  
with Ecologist Mary Frick

**December 3 - Air & Vacuum**  
with 3M Wizard Jeff Payne

**December 17 - Winter Scavenger Hunt**  
Check in for supplies, self-guided



## ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

\$10/person, register online or drop in if not filled  
Monthly presentations and workshops offered on topics related to nature, research, and science. Reserve a spot by registering online or drop ins available if our website shows there are still openings.

**October 20, 7:00 p.m. Nature Photography**  
with former journalist Sue Steinwall



**November 17, 7:00 p.m. Loggers' Tales**  
with retired Minnesota State Park Naturalist Dave Crawford



**December 8, 7:00 p.m. Preserving Ice in the Environment**  
with retired 3M Chemist Tony Manzara

## INTERPRETIVE DROP-IN EVENTS

2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
**FREE**, drop-in education activities in the building, for all ages

**October 8 - Monarch Migration**

**October 22 - Buckthorn Festival**

**October 29 - Prairie**

**November 12 - Agates**

**November 26 - Turkeys**

**December 10 - Bees**



CHECK OUR PROGRAM SCHEDULE & REGISTER FOR FEE BASED EVENTS AT:  
[SMINC-LAKE-ELMO.ORG/EVENT-DESCRIPTIONS/](http://SMINC-LAKE-ELMO.ORG/EVENT-DESCRIPTIONS/)

Located at Sunfish Lake Park. Sunfish Lake Park is open from sunrise to sunset.

## 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](#)

## Public Facilities Project Update







**This week crews continued work on the roof areas and installation of cooling units on the roof of the old Brookfield building. Work on the interior of the fire department addition will be soon.**

**Additional information is available on the City's [City Center](#)**



- 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



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