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Public Meetings Next Week

- Parks Commission Meeting Monday, September 19th, 6:30 p.m.
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, September 20th, 7:00 p.m.



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*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
September 19, 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. Ivywood Park Parking
9. Communications

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.*



NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 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. September 6, 2022 & September 13, 2022
- D. Public Comments/Inquiries**
- E. Presentations**
- F. Consent Agenda**
 - 2. Approve Payment of Disbursements and Payroll
 - 3. Approve Employee Recognition Event
 - 4. Approve Firefighter Talcott Step Increase
 - 5. Approve Lake Elmo Lake Association Grant
 - 6. Approve Pay Request No. 12 for Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Street and Utility Improvements
 - 7. Approve Pay Request No. 3 for Water Tower No. 3
 - 8. Approve Pay Request No. 8 for the New City Center and Public Works Addition
 - 9. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for the Well No. 1 Abandonment and Pumphouse Demolition
 - 10. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for the Tapestry Sanitary Sewer Extension
 - 11. Approve Pay Request No. 5 for Whistling Valley Street and Utility Improvements
 - 12. Approve Pay Request No. 3 for Torre Pines Street and Utility Improvements
 - 13. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
 - 14. Approve Pay Request No. 1 for 2022 Street Improvements
 - 15. Approve Cooperative Agreement Payment No. 2 for the TH36-Manning Avenue Interchange
 - 16. Call for Final Assessment Hearing for Tamarack Farm Estates Street Improvements – *Resolution 2022-083*
 - 17. Call for Final Assessment Hearing for 38th-39th St. Neighborhood: Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2022-084*
 - 18. Call for Final Assessment Hearing for Street and Watermain Improvements portion of the Hamlet on Sunfish Lake Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2022-085*
 - 19. Adopt Final Assessment Roll for Sanitary Sewer Improvements portion of the Hamlet on Sunfish Lake Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2022-086*
 - 20. Accept Improvements, Compensating Change Order No. 2 and Pay Request 10 for Hamlet on Sunfish Lake Street & Utility Improvements
 - 21. Authorize Sale of Retired Equipment & Acquired Property
- G. Regular Agenda**
 - 22. 2023 Budget - General Fund and Tax Levy – *Resolution 2022-082*
 - 23. Authorize Preliminary Design and Site Acquisition Engineering Services for Well No. 6
- H. Council Reports**
- I. Staff Reports**
- J. Adjourn**

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



Pebble Park



Kleis Park

OKTOBERFEST FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER!



The Fields
at Arbor Glen

Independent Living Apartments & Townhomes

11070 39th St. N.
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

651-770-4443
FieldsatArborGlen.com

JOIN THE FIELDS IN SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT!

Drive through our beautiful community and pick up an Oktoberfest-themed take home meal, hear live polka music on the patio, and say hello to some of the Lake Elmo firefighters as you drive by.

100% of your free-will cash donations will help the Fire Department purchase a Rapid Deployment Craft.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2022

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Drive through Oktoberfest themed meal.
Free-will donations.

RSVP TO MARGI STANLEY BY SEPTEMBER 28TH

651-770-4443 or Margaret.stanley@fairview.org
Please RSVP so we can have your meal(s) ready!

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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 page: [Manning Ave/30th St.](#)



County Highway 13/Ideal Avenue Construction Update

The County Highway 13 (Ideal Ave) reconstruction project between County Hwy 14 (34th St) and 44th St is well underway. The project will enter the final construction stage on Sept 16. At this time, Ideal Ave will reopen between 39th St and Hidden Bay Trail while closing between Hidden Bay Trail and 44th St. The final (stage) closure is expected to run to mid-October.

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

Resident access between Hidden Bay and 44th 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 à <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/County13Phase2>



Current

Lane closures

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.

Sat, Sept. 10 from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Watch for periodic lane closures on Hwy 36 between Edgerton St. and Greeley

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](#)



Drain your swimming pool safely!

Discharging chlorinated pool or hot tub water into the street or a lake, stream, or wetland can kill fish and aquatic life! 

1

Stop adding chlorine and leave the water exposed to the air for 3-5 days to naturally break down the chlorine.

2

Once the water is de-chlorinated, you can safely drain it to your yard.



Ballfields Survey

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.

Street and Utility Project Updates

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



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.

- **9/17 - 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.
- **9/20 - Nature Storytime** - Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM – Join us for a story time for families with your 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. This is our last Nature Storytime for this year so come and enjoy the beautiful nature center.
- **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. 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.

- **10/1 - Family Nature Exploration Event: Bird Migration** from 10 AM to Noon. Bird Migration - are you seeing flocks of birds flying high in the sky and you wonder where they are going? Learn the basics of bird migration from behavioral ecologist Mary Frick. Have fun playing a migration game. \$5/family at the door.
- **10/22 - Annual Buckthorn Festival** from 9:30 AM to Noon. Please come help us on our continued effort to remove Buckthorn and other invasive species from Sunfish Lake Park. At noon we will have a lunch of hot dogs cooked over a Buckthorn fire, music and other fun activities. All ages welcome.

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.

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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](#)



Progress was made this week on the council chambers, community room and two story entry atrium addition to the former Brookfield Building. Roof beams arrived on site and work will begin soon to complete work on the roof areas of the buildings. Interior framing has started on the main building to prepare for window installation. Caulking between wall panels on the fire department bays has begun and next week backfilling around the foundation will be done.

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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