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Public Meetings Next Week

- Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, September 19th, 7:00 p.m.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo
Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Monday September 26, 2022
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes
 - i. August 22, 2022
4. Public Hearing
 - a) **10212 Stillwater Lane N Variance Request.** A variance request to install septic tanks and a sewage treatment system within 75 feet of a wetland.
 - b) **Crossroads East Conditional Use Permits Request.** Heppner’s Auto Body, Delwin Transfer, and Carden Equities have applied for conditional use permits to operate in the already constructed Crossroads East business park warehouse at 11160 Hudson Blvd.
5. Unfinished Business
 - a) **Preliminary Plat/PUD and Zoning Map Amendment.** GWSA Land Development, LLC for an approximately 295-unit single family detached residential project on 123 acres generally located at 10880 and 10830 Stillwater Boulevard.
6. Communications/Updates - City Council Updates
 - a. Adopted ordinance amendment to allow Commercial Kennels by CUP in the LC District
 - b. Adopted ordinance amendment requiring 40 foot setback from public ROW for most residential development in South Planning Area
 - c. Approved CUP for new chapel at Carmelite Hermitage
 - d. Approved DA Amendment for Crossroads East
 - e. Approved Variance for sideyard setback at 1567 Ivory Ave
 - f. Approved Preliminary Plat/PUD, CUP and Rezoning for 9450 Hudson Boulevard
 - g. Placed a moratorium on sale of cannabis products
 - h. In Workshop, reviewing screening requirements between more and less intense uses
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.

**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 7th.



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

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**

OKTOBERFEST FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER!



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.

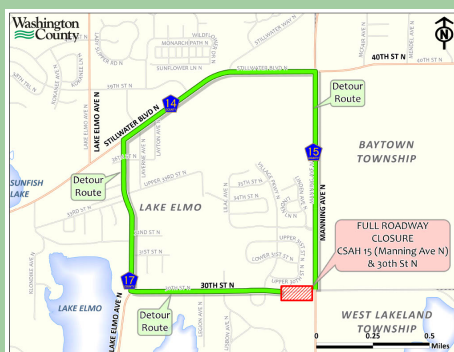
RSVP TO MARGI STANLEY BY SEPTEMBER 28TH

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.

- **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.
- **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.



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.

- **Family Nature Exploration Events**

1st & 3rd Saturdays at 10am

\$5/family, register online or drop in

Oct 1 - Bird Migration with Ecologist Mary Frick

Oct 15 - Fall Photography Hike with Master Naturalist Christa Rittberg

Nov 5 - Cryogenics with 3M Wizard Jeff Payne

Nov 19 - Getting Ready for Winter with Ecologist Mary Frick

Dec 3 - Air & Vacuum with 3M Wizard Jeff Payne

Dec 17 - Winter Scavenger Hunt Check In for Supplies, Self Guided

- **Interpretive Drop In Events**

2nd & 4th Saturdays from 10am-12noon

Free, drop in education activities in the building for all ages

Oct 8 - Monarch Migration

Oct 22 - Buckthorn Festival Event

Oct 29 - Prairie

Nov 12 - Bees

Nov 26 - Turkeys

Dec 10 - Agates

- **Adult Education Presentation Series**

\$10/person, register online or drop in if availability

Monthly adult 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.

Oct 20 at 7pm - Nature Photography with former journalist Sue Steinwall

Nov 17 at 7pm - Loggers' Tales with retired Minnesota State Park Naturalist

Dave Crawford

Dec 8 at 7pm - Preserving Ice in the Environment with retired 3M Chemist

Tony Manzara

Check our programs schedule and register for fee based events at:

<https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/event-descriptions/>



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](#)





This week work focused on the roof - installing rubber membrane on the roof of the Fire Department addition and the Brookfield Building. Metal trusses were installed at the new entrance to prep that area for roofing as well.

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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