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Public Meetings Next Week

- City Council Meeting Tuesday, October 4th, 7:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 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 20, 2022
- D. Public Comments/Inquiries**
- E. Presentations**
- F. Consent Agenda**
 - 2. Approve Payment of Disbursements and Payroll
 - 3. Approve Date for City Administrator Annual Review
 - 4. Approve Step Increase for City Planner
 - 5. Approve 5th Street Median Plantings and Irrigation
 - 6. Approve Conditional Job Offers to POC Firefighters
- G. Regular Agenda**
 - 7. 10212 Stillwater Lane N. Variance Request – *Resolution 2022-087*
 - 8. Shiltgen Farmstead Preliminary Plat PUD & Zoning Map Amendment – *Ordinance 2022-13, Resolution 2022-088*
 - 9. Kokoro Volleyball CUP and Variance – *Resolution 2022-089, 2022-090*
 - 10. 2023 LMCIT Renewal
 - 11. Loader Purchase
- H. Council Reports**
- I. Staff Reports**
- J. Closed Session** – *The Council will go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b), attorney-client privilege to review threatened litigation by NorthPoint Development, LLC*
- K. Adjourn**

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
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

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.

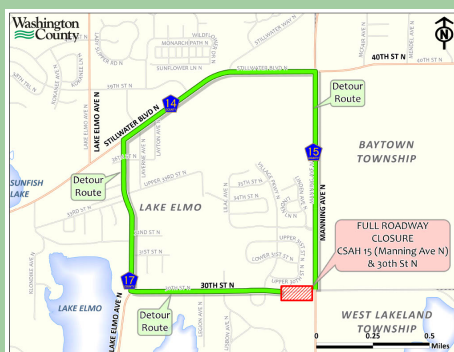
RSVP TO MARGI STANLEY BY SEPTEMBER 28TH

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 entered the final construction stage on Sept 16. Ideal Ave has reopened 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: <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](#)



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.

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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:



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(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!

On October 1st, we start 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.

- **10/1 - 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.



- **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.

- **10/22 - 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 - Bees

November 26 - Turkeys

December 10 - Agates



CHECK OUR PROGRAM SCHEDULE & REGISTER FOR FEE BASED EVENTS AT:
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 drain tile around the perimeter of the new additions. 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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