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## Public Meetings Next Week

- Parks Commission Meeting Monday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, December 20, 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  
December 19, 2022 6:30 PM**

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes
  - a) November 21, 2022
5. Public Comments
6. 2023 Parks Commission Work Plan
7. 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.*

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 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. December 1, 2022
- D. Public Comments/Inquiries
- E. Presentations
  - Appreciation Award to Council Member Dorschner
- F. Consent Agenda
  - 2. Approve Payment of Disbursements and Payroll
  - 3. Approve Pay Request No.11 for the New City Center and Public Works Addition
  - 4. Authorize Certification of Delinquent Utility Bills – *Resolution 2022-119*
  - 5. Approve Arrangement Letter with Schlenner Wenner for Auditing Services
  - 6. Approve Hiring of Building Inspector
  - 7. Approve Massage Therapy License for Subtle Revolution Massage & Health at 8617 Eagle Pt. Blvd.
  - 8. Approve 5<sup>th</sup> Street Median Improvements Change Order
  - 9. Approve MPCA Well 5 Grant Agreement Amendment #2
  - 10. Approve the Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement – *Resolution 2022-122*
  - 11. Approve Security Reductions for Legacy at Northstar 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Additions
  - 12. Approve Release of Utility Warranty Security for Northport 1st and 2nd Addition
  - 13. Accept Improvements and Approve Security Reductions for Hidden Meadows 2nd Addition
  - 14. Accept Improvements, Approve CCO#4, and Approve Pay Request #10 (FINAL) for Heritage Farms Street and Utility Improvements
  - 15. Approve Pay Request No. 15 for Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Street and Utility Improvements
  - 16. Approve Pay Request No. 6 for Water Tower No. 3
  - 17. Approve Pay Request No. 5 for the Tapestry Sanitary Sewer Extension
  - 18. Approve Pay Request No. 8 for Whistling Valley Street and Utility Improvements
  - 19. Approve Pay Request No. 6 for Torre Pines Street and Utility Improvements
  - 20. Approve Pay Request No. 5 for Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
  - 21. Approve Pay Request No. 4 for 2022 Street Improvements
  - 22. Approve Parking Restriction Guidance Policy and Revisions to the Sign Plan in Fields of St. Croix 1<sup>st</sup> Addition
- G. Regular Agenda
  - 23. Public Hearing – Vacation of Drainage & Utility Easement within Royal Golf Club of Lake Elmo 4<sup>th</sup> Addition – *Resolution 2022-120*
  - 24. Final Plat and Final PUD Plan Royal Golf Club of Lake Elmo 5<sup>th</sup> Addition – *Resolution 2022-121*
  - 25. Shiltgen Farmstead Preliminary Plat and PUD – *Resolution 2022-123*
  - 26. 9450 Hudson Blvd. PUD Plans – *Resolution 2022-124*
- H. Council Reports
- I. Staff Reports
- J. Closed Session. *The Council will enter a closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(a) to discuss the performance of employee Molly Just*
- K. Adjourn

## *Get Involved!*

The City of Lake Elmo is Accepting Applications for  
Commissioners on the following Commissions/Committees:

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PARKS COMMISSION**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**If you can commit to 1-2 meetings per month and want to help shape the future of Lake Elmo, we would love to hear from you!**

The City of Lake Elmo is currently accepting applications to serve on the Planning Commission, Parks Commission, Economic Development Authority and Capital Improvement Committee beginning in 2023. Commissioners typically serve a three year term. **Training is provided - no experience necessary!**

The **Planning Commission** advises the City Council regarding matters relevant to city planning and zoning practices, initiatives, applications, city code and the comprehensive plan.

The **Parks Commission** advises the City Council on matters relevant to the city's parks and trail systems.

The **Economic Development Authority (EDA)** advises the Council on economic development matters including business retention, expansion and recruitment.

The **Capital Improvement Committee** serves to aid the City Council and staff in the development of the annual Capital Improvement Plan; a plan for the City's infrastructure (such as streets, parks and utility systems), vehicles, equipment and public buildings. The plan includes estimated cost, the need for each improvement, funding source and the financial impact that the improvement will have on the City. Terms will be staggered for the inaugural year. Opportunities to commit to 1, 2 or 3 years is available.

The city is currently seeking volunteers who have an interest in providing service and representing the community on the above commissions and committee. For more information about the commissions and committees, visit [www.lakeelmo.org](http://www.lakeelmo.org) and click on Commissions and Committees under the Government heading.

If you are interested in serving the community in this capacity, please contact City Hall at 651.747.3900 for an application form. Applications are also available on our website at [www.lakeelmo.org](http://www.lakeelmo.org). Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. First review of those received by Friday, December 16, 2022. Thank you for your interest in the City of Lake Elmo.

PLEASE CONTACT CITY ADMINISTRATOR KRISTINA HANDT AT 651.747.3905 OR [KHANDT@LAKEELMO.ORG](mailto:KHANDT@LAKEELMO.ORG) WITH ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON ONE OF THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS OR BOARDS.

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## **Get out and enjoy the freshly groomed trails!**

Public Works staff has recently groomed all multiuse trails within the Sunfish Lake, Reid, Pebble and Demontreville Wildlife Park.

Sunfish Lake Park is the largest park in the city and offers 248 acres of nature and fresh white snow. Walk/run/bike or ski the





5.5 miles of groomed trails within the park. Gates to the park open at 7 a.m. and close at 9 p.m.

## Winter Parking

Please remember that the City of Lake Elmo has a winter parking ordinance that **prohibits parking on city streets from November 1st through March 31st between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.** This gives crews a window of time for clearing streets curb to curb more efficiently. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



**The City of Lake Elmo is experiencing an exciting time of community growth. The city is fortunate to have active and involved residents on its commissions providing valuable input for future projects and growth. The city's number one value statement is to foster an environment based on trust and ethics. These philosophies and practices help the city in recruiting and retaining exceptional community servants in this capacity.**

## MPCA Utilizing New Technology to Clean Water in Lake Elmo

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has placed equipment at Tablyn Park that utilizes a new technology to remove contamination from groundwater. Click below to view a KSTP news story that aired this week featuring an interview with Councilmember Jeff Holtz.

[KSTP Story](#)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 31, 2022

[Hannah Sabroski](mailto:Hannah.Sabroski@mn.gov), 651-757-2178

## MPCA brings cutting-edge technology to Minnesota to remove PFAS from water

*Minnesota is the first state government in U.S. to use this combination of innovative technologies to address "forever chemicals"*

(St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) today announced the purchase of new state-of-the-art emerging technology to remove and destroy bulk concentrations of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from contaminated water in the environment. This fall, the state will deploy the technology in the East Metro as part of the ongoing work to address PFAS contamination affecting the drinking water for roughly 174,000 residents. The system is paid for with funds from the 3M settlement.

The process works in two parts. The first technology, surface activated foam fractionation (SAFF), injects outdoor air into contaminated water, turning PFAS into foam that can be separated from the water. The foam is then removed, PFAS levels are significantly reduced, and the water is returned to the environment — both cleaner and safer. The PFAS concentrate then goes to the DEFLUORO unit, a second technology where the carbon-fluorine bonds (the backbone of PFAS chemicals) are broken through electrochemical oxidation. Both technologies are mobile and work without adding any chemicals back into the surface or groundwater.

"This pilot project marks the beginning of a new era for PFAS clean-up in Minnesota," said MPCA Commissioner Katrina Kessler. "This study will help us address PFAS contamination at the source and develop long-term solutions for cleaner water — ensuring safe drinking water for Minnesotans. We hope to eventually employ this technology around the state including in Greater Minnesota, where PFAS is a growing concern."

With fewer than 20 systems in existence, the SAFF technology is in high demand across the globe for its innovative ability to separate PFAS from water safely and quickly. Minnesota is the first state government in the country to purchase and implement it. The SAFF unit will deploy at Tablyn Park in Lake Elmo for the first round of testing on groundwater and surface water. It will likely move to other testing locations over the next one to two years. The DEFLUORO unit will be staged at the former Washington County landfill location.

Australian-based OPEC Systems, Ltd. designed the SAFF technology. U.S.-based AECOM designed the DEFLUORO unit. The SAFF unit is in route to Minnesota from Australia and is scheduled to arrive next month.

State agencies are working with city and county representatives to ensure safe handling practices under applicable regulations. None of the water used in this temporary test is connected to the city's drinking water, which remains safe and well within Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) drinking water guidelines for PFAS impacts.

### Report Streetlight Outage

Xcel Energy maintains streetlights on public streets in Lake Elmo. If you notice a streetlight that is burned out or malfunctioning, please use the link below to report the issue. It's helpful to note the location with nearest cross streets and the pole number if you are on foot and able to make note of it.

**[Click Here to Report Streetlight Outage](#)**



## 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!](#)



**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 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 something to do this week? Come check us out.

- **Saturday 12/17 – Family Nature Exploration Event – Winter Scavenger Hunt** 10:00 AM to Noon. Stop in to pick up your scavenger hunt kit and go out for a short hike using your senses of hearing, sight, touch, and smell. Come back to the building to report what you found and use your final sense of taste for some hot chocolate. This is a free self-guided event.



- **Weekly Tai Chi on Wednesdays** from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Tai Chi will be meeting in the upper mezzanine level. Learn to improve your balance and coordination with this low-impact exercise program. Free coffee or tea and camaraderie afterwards. Email Paul at [pryberg@gmail.com](mailto:pryberg@gmail.com) for more information. No need to register, just come.

- **Snowshoeing** - have you ever tried snowshoeing? The snow is deep so bring your own or borrow a pair of snowshoes from us. We have two adult pairs, and several children sets. See the receptionist for more information.



- **Holiday Decorating** – we have holiday decorations left from our family holiday decorating party. When you are cold, come inside to warm up and make paper chains or snowflakes and decorate the Nature Center. Enjoy some hot chocolate.







**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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**Public Facilities Project Update**



The concrete in the Fire Department apparatus bay was finished this week. Concrete was also poured for the new addition that will house the main entrance, City Council Chambers and community room. Metal window framing was installed to prep for delivery of the glass window panels next week.

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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