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Public Meetings Next Week

- Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Workshop Tuesday,
December 13, 6:30 p.m.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

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

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of November 28, 2022
4. Public Hearing – N/A
5. New/Unfinished Business
 - a) 2023 Planning Department Work Plan
 - b) Impervious Surface Text Amendments
6. Communications/Updates –
 - a) City Council Updates
 - i. 8265 Hidden Bay Trail – Variance for Septic Setback from Wetland – Approved
 - ii. 8243 Demontreville Trail – Jesuit Retreat House CUP – Approved
 - iii. Inwood 7th Addition - Replat Outlot, Preliminary Plat Extension – Approved
 - iv. PUD Amenity Categories – Tabled for discussion at 12/13 work session
 - b) Upcoming PC Meetings
 - i. December 28, 2022 - Cancelled
 - ii. January 9, 2023
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.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6:00 P.M.
City of Lake Elmo | 3800 Laverne Avenue North
AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Easton Village 7th Addition Final Plat
- C. Adjourn to City Council Workshop



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NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Workshop
3800 Laverne Avenue North
December 13, 2022
6:30 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order 6:30 PM
- II. No Parking in Fields of St. Croix 6:30 PM
- III. Landscape Ordinance Updates 7:00 PM
- IV. PUD Objectives/Requirements 7:30 PM
- V. Items for Future Work Session Agenda 8:00 PM
 - A. Joint Work Session with Parks Commission
- VI. Adjourn 8:00 PM



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.

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 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. 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 WITH ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON ONE OF THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS OR BOARDS.

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](#), 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.

**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 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!](#)



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 coming week? Come check us out.

- **Saturday 12/10 – Monthly Buckthorn Removal** starting at 9:30 AM. 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.
- **Saturday 12/10 - Interpretive Drop-In Event on Bees** from 10 AM to Noon. Join us to learn everything you wanted to know about bees. This is a free family event for all ages.
- **Sunday 12/11 – Family Holiday Decorating Party** from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Make Old-fashioned Decorations for the Nature Center! Bring the kids or grandkids to help decorate and give the nature center an old-fashioned holiday look. We will frost gingerbread ornaments, make paper chains, string popcorn, and decorate the interior of the nature center. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.
- **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 for more information. No need to register, just come.
- **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 listening, 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 self-guided event.





FAMILY HOLIDAY DECORATING PARTY

Sunday, December 11th from 1:00-3:00

Make ornaments and decorations

Hot chocolate and cookies



Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center



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.



Public Facilities Project Update





The majority of the concrete in the Fire Department apparatus bay has been poured. The front of the new addition that will house the main entrance, City

Council Chambers and community room was prepped for concrete this week. Out at Public Works, construction of the post frame for the building addition is under way.

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



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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