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Public Meetings Next Week

- Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, November 28th, 7:00 p.m.



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City offices are closed today, Friday November 25th, for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo
Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Monday November 28, 2022
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of November 14, 2022
4. Public Hearing
 - a) **Upper 33rd Street N Conditional Use Permit Request.** A conditional use permit request to construct a four unit townhome building on PIDs 13.029.21.32.0052 and 13.029.21.32.0051.
 - b) **Final PUD Plan and Final Plat – Royal Golf Club at Lake Elmo 5th Addition.** U.S. Home, LLC (Lennar) for approval of a Final PUD Plan and Final Plat for 43 lots for single-family homes. There would be 46 lots remaining to be final platted.
5. Regular Business
6. Communications/Updates - City Council Updates
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.



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.

Accepting Applications for Commissioners on the following Commissions/Committees:

PLANNING COMMISSION
PARKS COMMISSION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

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.

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.

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

**Street and Utility Project
Updates**

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



Winter reminders from the Lake Elmo Public Works Department

Please keep the following in mind this snow plowing season:

- Place trash receptacles at the end of your driveway, not in the roadway***
- Vehicles should not be left parked on the street during snowfalls***
- Depending on the amount of snowfall, streets may be plowed several times***
- Mail boxes damaged during snow removal will be evaluated case by case. If it is damaged by City equipment, public works will install a temporary post and will install a permanent post in the spring***

- **Plowing snow across roadways is unlawful and against State Law. Accidents and damages caused by snow piles left in the roadway may result in liability to the property owner.**
 - **Help shovel out fire hydrants near your homes. Keeping hydrants clear of snow can substantially reduce the time it takes firefighters to put out a fire.**
 - **According to City Ordinances, homeowners are responsible for removing all snow and ice from public sidewalks in front of their homes within (48) hours after a snowfall. Failure to do so could result in injury to the public as well as a violation of City ordinances**
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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. To make a donation visit <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/donate/> Thank you for your support!

What do animals do in the winter? How do they stay warm? How do they find food? Learn answers to these questions and more on Saturday November 19th.

Join us this Saturday 10-11:15am for a family fun event with Ecologist Mary Frick. Learn about what animals do in the winter and head outside for an outdoor game or hike. Register in advance or drop in \$5/family:

<https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/family-nature-exploration-events/>



Join us for our next adult presentation series. Dave Crawford is an excellent presenter, you don't want to miss this opportunity.

Our next Adult Presentation Series Event will be on Monday, November 21st at 7pm - Loggers' Tales with retired Minnesota State Park Naturalist Dave Crawford

The story of the change from a vast forest of huge white pines to the very different landscape we see today is also a story of the people who made the change - the lumberjacks. Dave Crawford will use photos, mostly taken 100 to 150 years ago, to tell the story, with a focus on the St. Croix River watershed, the heart of white pine logging in the Midwest.

Program fee \$10 - register here: <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/adult-education-presentation-series/>





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

Rescheduled for Feb.
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 21, 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 - Agates
November 26 - Turkeys
December 10 - Bees



CHECK OUR PROGRAM SCHEDULE & REGISTER FOR FEE BASED EVENTS AT:
SMINC-LAKE-ELMO.ORG/EVENT-DESCRIPTIONS/



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

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Business Retention and Expansion

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!

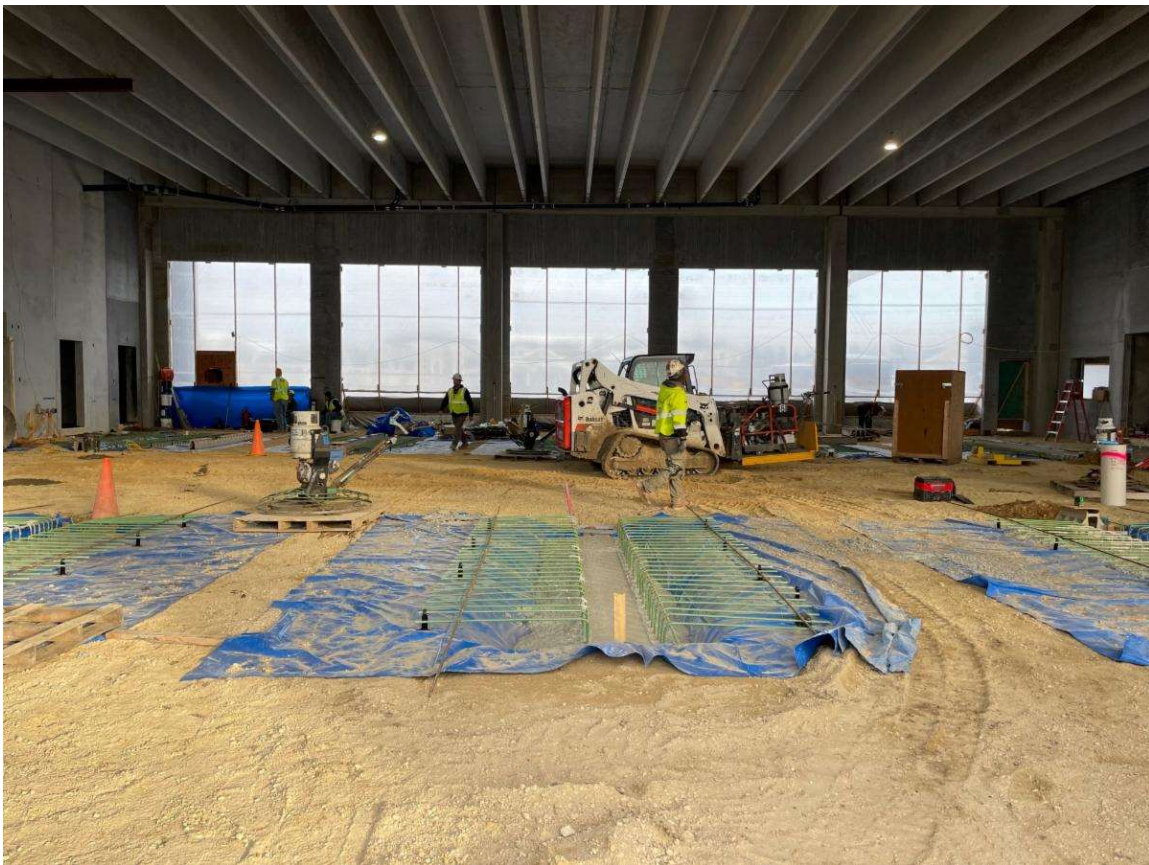
To learn more about a free personalized plan for your business contact:



info@mccdmn.org
(612) 789-7337

www.mccdmn.org/open-to-business





Concrete began arriving this week for the fire apparatus bay floor. Due to the size of the slab, concrete will be poured in stages over several days. The slab will be 8 inches thick when complete with highway grade concrete that is needed to support the weight of fire trucks that can weigh up to 64,000 pounds.

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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