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Public Meetings Next Week

- Planning Commission Meeting, November 14th, 7:00 p.m.
- EDA Meeting, November 15th, 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, November 15th, 7:00 p.m.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo
Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Monday November 14, 2022
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of September 26, 2022 and October 24, 2022 meetings
4. Public Hearing
 - a) **8265 Hidden Bay Trail N Variance Request.** A variance request to install a sewage treatment system within 75 feet of a wetland.
 - b) **8243 Demontreville Trail N Conditional Use Permit Request.** A conditional use permit application to construct a 10 person guest house.
 - c) **Zoning Text Amendment - PUD Amenities.** A zoning text amendment to amend the site amenities and standards for density increases in Article XVII Planned Unit Development (PUD) Regulations.
 - d) **Final Planned Unit Development Plan (PUD) – 9450 Hudson Boulevard.** A mixed use project which includes an apartment building and daycare facility.
5. Regular Business
 - a) **Ratify Recommendations.** Ratify recommendations made by less than four Planning Commission members.
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 Lake Elmo Economic Development Authority (EDA) is committed to preserving and enhancing our community by creating an attractive business climate and listening to businesses and residents to prepare for the economy of tomorrow.

NOTICE OF MEETING

**City of Lake Elmo Economic Development Authority
Meeting
3800 Laverne Avenue North
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 6:00 PM**

AGENDA

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| A. Call to Order | 6:00 p.m. |
| B. Minutes
August 16, 2022 Minutes | 6:00p.m. |
| C. Solar Farm on City Landfill Property | 6:05:p.m. |
| D. Business Retention and Expansion Survey Updates
and key findings to deliver to City Council | 6:30 p.m. |
| E. Annual Review of Work Plan | 6:45 p.m. |
| F. Future Agenda Items/Reports
-Next Meeting Feb 21, 2023 | 6:55 p.m. |
| G. Adjourn | 6:55 p.m. |
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NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 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. November 1, 2022
- D. Public Comments/Inquiries**
- E. Presentations**
- F. Consent Agenda**
 - 2. Approve Payment of Disbursements and Payroll
 - 3. Approve Pay Request No.10 for the New City Center and Public Works Addition
 - 4. Approve UPRR Reimbursement Agreement, Preliminary Engineering Services
 - 5. Approve Code Text Amendments to Remove Quorum Requirements for Commissions – *Ordinance 2022-15; Resolution 2022-104*
 - 6. Approve Release of Warranty Security for Hammes Estates 1st and 2nd Addition
 - 7. Approve Pay Request No. 14 for Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Street and Utility Improvements
 - 8. Approve Pay Request No. 5 for Water Tower No. 3
 - 9. Approve Pay Request No. 4 for the Tapestry Sanitary Sewer Extension
 - 10. Approve Pay Request No. 7 for Whistling Valley Street and Utility Improvements
 - 11. Approve Pay Request No. 5 for Torre Pines Street and Utility Improvements
 - 12. Approve Pay Request No. 4 for Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
 - 13. Approve Pay Request No. 3 for 2022 Street Improvements
 - 14. Accept Improvements, Approve CCO No. #, and Approve Pay Request No. 2 (FINAL) for Water Tower No. 3 Trunk Watermain Extension
 - 15. Accept Improvements, Approve CCO No. #, and Approve Pay Request No. 9 (FINAL) for 38th-39th Street Neighborhood Street & Utility Improvements
 - 16. Accept Improvements, Approve CCO No. 1, and Approve Pay Request No. 4 (FINAL) for the Well No. 1 Abandonment and Pumphouse Demolition
 - 17. Approve 2023 Liquor License Renewal
- G. Regular Agenda**
 - 18. Public Improvement Hearing: Order Improvements and Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the 2023 Street Improvements – *Resolution 2022-105*
 - 19. Halcyon Cemetery Stormwater Appeal
 - 20. Canvass November 8, 2022 Election Results – *Resolution 2022-106*
 - 21. November 1, 2022 Closed Session Summary
- 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 litigation with CEF Lake Elmo Community Solar LLC*
- K. Adjourn**

TRAFFIC CHANGE

The new traffic signal at County Highway 15 (Manning Avenue) and 30th Street in the City of Lake Elmo - Government is now fully operational.



I-94 to St. Croix Notice of tree removal in your area

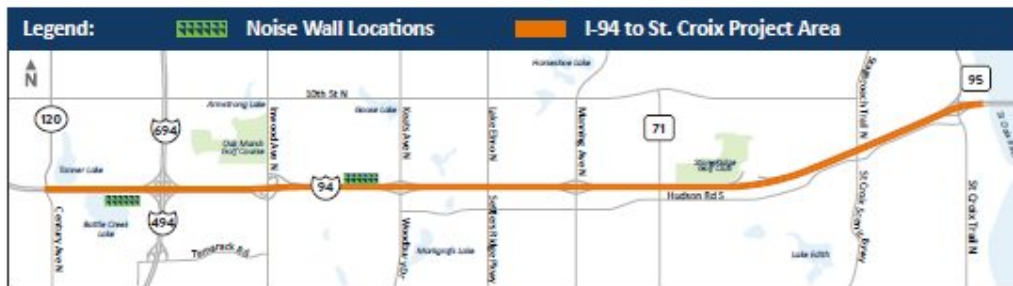
The Minnesota Department of Transportation’s contractor will be in your area sometime between November 1, 2022 and January 31, 2023 to remove trees and shrubs within MnDOT right of way in preparation for the construction of noise walls within the project area.

Trees and shrubs have already been marked in the area for removal. The contractor will not be removing any vegetation on private property. The work will be done during daytime hours and is anticipated to take a few weeks to complete.

Noise wall construction on the south side of I-94 near Battle Creek Lake and on the north side of I-94 near Keats Avenue is anticipated to occur in 2024 as part of the I-94 to St. Croix construction project (see map below).

Tree removal occurs in advance of construction during the winter months in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulations and the Federal Bat Protection Act.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation while we complete our work.



About the I-94 to St. Croix Construction Project

I-94 between Highway 120/Century Avenue and the St. Croix River is undergoing a two-and-a-half-year pavement improvement construction project that began in July 2022. The work will improve safety, traffic flow and ride smoothness. For more information and to sign up for project email updates visit: mndot.gov/metro/projects/i94oakdale-stcroix

Questions or Comments?

- Email the project team at: Connect@94toStCroix.com
- Leave a voicemail for the project team at: 651-374-9099



I-94 Oakdale to St. Croix River

Current Lane Closures

Tue, Oct. 25 through Sat, Nov. 12; 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily Monday-Saturday

- EB I-94 is reduced to two lanes between Woodbury Dr. and the St. Croix River Bridge
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Tue, Oct. 25 through Sat, Nov. 12; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily Monday-Saturday

- WB I-94 is reduced to two lanes between the St. Croix River Bridge and Woodbury Dr.

Tree removal will begin soon in preparation for the construction of noise walls in the project area. Work in Lake Elmo will take place on the north side of I-94 Near Keats Avenue and the Springs of Lake Elmo development.



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](#)



Programming – Project lead: Barbara Heitkamp, bheitkamp@mnwcd.org

What a summer! View some of the lessons learned in one of Barbara's latest blog entries: ['You've been educated!' Lessons learned from a summer of environmental education](#)

October updates:

- **Shoreline Realtor Workshop:** Barbara has been working with partners to submit materials for a lakeshore realtor workshop in late winter. Partnering with the St. Paul Area Association of Realtors, the course will feature speakers from the Minnesota DNR, BWSR, Isanti SWCD, Chisago County, and the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District. Topics will cover the MN Shoreland Management Program, the Wetland Conservation Act, an introduction to 'intermediary' local government units like watershed districts and LIDs, providing insight on how realtors can help potential shoreline owners choose property that fits their wants while being aware of constraints, and the importance and best how-tos to protect lake and river health. Date and location will be announced later this year.

- **Enhanced Street Sweeping Projects:** At tomorrow's Lower St. Croix steering committee, the group will review applications for enhanced street sweeping projects in: Afton, Lake Elmo, Middle St. Croix WMO communities, Marine on St. Croix, Scandia, Wyoming, Linwood Twp., Rush City, and North Branch.

- **Ordinance Review:** Barbara has been working with the Chisago SWCD, WCD, and Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District to identify communities that may be interested in an ordinance review process with the goal of adopting best stormwater management practices.

- **Wisconsin Farmer-Led Watershed Councils:** Jennifer, Barbara, and other conservation staff met with members of the Wisconsin Farmer-Led Watershed Councils to discuss current initiatives and potential future collaboration opportunities.

- **Non-structural ag projects:** Jennifer completed conservation planning for 8 cover crop plans, 8 reduced and no-till farming plans, and one nutrient management plan.

Resources for Communities: Head to www.lsc1w1p.org/for-communities to find information about [Minimal Impact Design Standards \(MIDS\)](#) and links to [Minnesota Stormwater Manual](#), [Restore Your Shore](#), [Growing Shade](#), and [iTree](#).



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!](#)



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!

Join us this Saturday for a free event and learn everything you wanted to know about agates. This is sure to be a rockn' good time!

Drop in on Saturday, November 12th from 10-12 to learn about agates!

Learn how agates were formed and how to ID them with geologist Kathryn Kleiter.

More upcoming programs at:
<https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/event-descriptions/>



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



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
- Parks Commission

[More Information Available Here](#)

Public Facilities Project Update





In spite of the rainy weather this week, crews made good progress this week and were busy in the fire department apparatus bays with gravel base to prepare for concrete floors to be poured. Work also continued on the northwest side of the building with installation of additional concrete wall panels.

The addition to the Public Works building is also underway with completion of the foundation and some of the concrete block wall.

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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