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## Public Meetings Next Week

- Parks Commission Meeting Monday, November 21st, 6:30 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  
November 21, 2022 6:30 PM**

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes
  - a) October 17, 2022
5. Public Comments
6. Commissioners Welcome Packet
7. Kleis Park Swing Set Options
8. January 9, 2023 City Council Workshop
9. 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.*



**The City of Lake Elmo is Seeking Applicants for Multiple Committees**

**The City of Lake Elmo is seeking interested residents to serve on the following:**

- EDA**
- Planning Commission**
- Parks Commission**
- Capital Improvement Committee**

**[More Information Available Here](#)**

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## **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

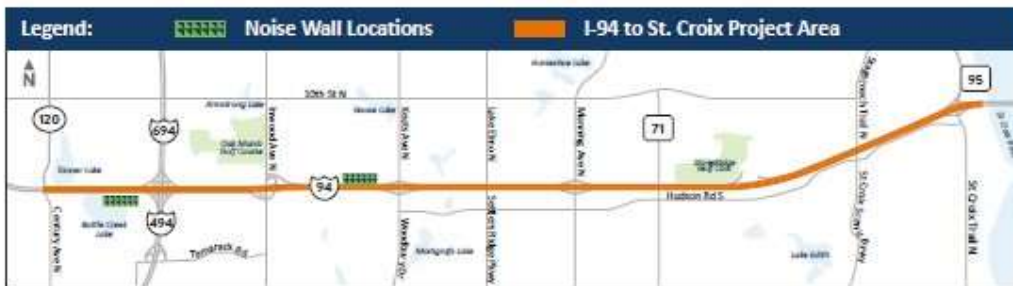
The Minnesota Department of Transportation’s contractor will be in your area sometime between November 1, 2022 and January 31, 2023 to remove trees and shrubs within MnDOT right of way in preparation for the construction of noise walls within the project area.

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](https://mndot.gov/metro/projects/i94oakdale-stcroix)

#### Questions or Comments?

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



**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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### 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](mailto:khandt@lakeelmo.org)

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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 19<sup>th</sup>.

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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@mccdmn.org)  
(612) 789-7337

[www.mccdmn.org/open-to-business](http://www.mccdmn.org/open-to-business)







Work on the interior office spaces moved ahead this week in anticipation of drywall installation next week. Crews also put the finishing touches on preparation for the fire station bay concrete floors to be poured.

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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