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## Public Meetings Next Week:

- EDA Tuesday, February 21st, 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Tuesday, February 21st, 7:00 p.m.
- Parks Commission Wednesday, February 22nd, 6:30 p.m.



**CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH IN  
OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY**

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*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, February 21, 6:00 PM**

### **AGENDA**

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| <b>A. Call to Order</b>   | <b>6:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>B. Minutes</b><br>November 15, 2022 Minutes  | <b>6:00p.m.</b>  |
| <b>C. Election of Officers</b><br>1. President<br>2. Vice President<br>3. Secretary<br>4. Treasurer<br>5. Assistant Treasurer | <b>6:05p.m.</b>  |
| <b>D. Business Retention and Expansion Survey Updates<br/>and Interim Report</b>  | <b>6:15p.m.</b>  |
| <b>E. 2023 Meeting Schedule</b>   | <b>6:45p.m.</b>  |
| <b>F. Future Agenda Items/Reports</b><br>-Next Meeting May 16, 2023<br>*Land Sale Proposals<br>*BRE Updates                   | <b>6:50 p.m.</b> |
| <b>G. Adjourn</b>   | <b>6:55 p.m.</b> |
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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 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. February 7, 2023 Special Meeting; February 7, 2023 Regular Meeting

**D. Presentations**

Lake Elmo Jaycees Donation

**E. Public Comments/Inquiries**

**F. Consent Agenda**

2. Approve Payments and Disbursements
3. Approve Pay Request No.13 for the New City Center and Public Works Addition
4. Approve Resolution Establishing Municipal State Aid Streets – *Resolution 2023-013*
5. Approve Pay Request No. 16 for Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Street and Utility Improvements
6. Approve Change Order No. 3 for Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
7. Approve Pay Request No. 7 for Water Tower No. 3
8. Approve Pay Request No. 9 for Whistling Valley Street and Utility Improvements
9. Royal Golf 5<sup>th</sup> Addition Development Agreement - *Resolution 2023-012*
10. Park Dedication Requirements Text Amendment – *Ordinance 2023-03*

**G. Regular Agenda**

11. Approve Plans and Specifications and Order Advertisement for Bids for Old Village Phase 7 Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2023-014*
12. Landscape Requirements Text Amendment – *Ordinance No.2023-04; Resolution No. 2023-011*
13. Water Appropriations Permit Amendment Appeal
14. 2023 Strategic Planning and Goal Session Report
15. EDA 2023-2024 Work Plan

**H. Council Reports**

**I. Staff Reports**

**J. Adjourn**

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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  
February 22, 2023 6:30 PM**

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes
  - a) January 18, 2023
5. Public Comments
6. Kramer Lake - Sketch Plan
7. Donation – Jeff Corajod and Kalli Shades
8. ADA – Park Compliance
9. Communication
10. 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.*

## City of Lake Elmo is Hiring!

The City is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- Code Enforcement Officer
- Community Development Director
- Public Works Seasonal Workers

Additional information and employment applications are available on the City's website: [Employment](#)



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## **Tuesday deadline for Resident Work Group applications**

### **DNR, MPCA forming work groups to plan 3M PFAS settlement grant process**

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 for a new Resident Work Group to help plan a grant process as part of the 3M Per- and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Substances (PFAS) settlement.

About \$20 million in grant funds will be available for projects designed to restore or enhance aquatic resources, wildlife, habitat, fishing, resource improvement and outdoor recreational opportunities. These grants are Priority 2 of the 3M PFAS Natural Resource Damage Assessment settlement. Priority 1 is dedicated to drinking water projects in the Twin Cities east metropolitan area.

Priority 2 funding will focus on natural resource and outdoor recreation projects in the east metropolitan area and downstream areas of the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers that have been affected by PFAS released by 3M. Priority 2 projects will be solicited and selected through a public Request for Proposals process. The DNR and MPCA will engage communities, stakeholders and technical experts to gather feedback regarding Priority 2 goals and planning processes.



The Resident Work Group will complement a separate Government/3M Work Group that comprises 3M, LGUs and tribal governments in the east metro area, with both groups providing feedback on the goals for Priority 2, the evaluation criteria that will be used to guide project selection, and Request for Proposals solicitation scope and language. A technical subgroup will provide conservation perspectives and information on existing or planned natural resource and recreation planning efforts that are relevant to Priority 2.

Applicants must:

- Reside in Washington, Ramsey or Dakota counties.
- Attend meetings during business hours every other month for six months, with the possibility for additional meetings thereafter.
- Have experience or interest in engaging with government programs or projects.

Interested residents should complete and submit the application on the [3M PFAS Settlement web portal](https://3msettlement.state.mn.us) (3msettlement.state.mn.us). Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. The DNR and the MPCA will review applications and select work group members. In addition to seeking the participation of individuals with relevant knowledge and experience, the DNR and the MPCA are seeking individuals with diverse backgrounds. To that end, the DNR and the MPCA will consider information related to the following aspects of an applicant's background when selecting Resident Work Group members: race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, socioeconomic status, education, marital status, language, age, gender, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability, life experience, ideas, knowledge and learning styles.

Submit any questions about Priority 2 work groups or grant processes to [3MPriority2@state.mn.us](mailto:3MPriority2@state.mn.us).

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## Utility Billing - Stormwater Fee

City utility bills include charges for water usage, sanitary sewer, storm water management and state water testing. These city services are not supported by property taxes. The amount paid through your utility bill covers the cost of providing these services, improvements to the systems, and general system repairs and maintenance. The revenue received from your stormwater utility fee is used for preparation of a Surface Water Management Plan, maintenance of existing ditches, culverts, ponds and storm sewers, capital improvements in developed areas, equipment, planning, inventories and water quality improvements including weed control.

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## Get involved!

The City of Lake Elmo is seeking interested residents to serve on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets 1-2 times per month to review and hold public hearings for development applications, variances and other planning related items. No experience is necessary! Application and more information is available on the City's website: [click here](#), or contact City Administrator



## 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!



## 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](#)**

## 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 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.

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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!](#)





is closed and under construction. All City Services are available at City Hall, 3800 Laverne Avenue

Please drive slowly and watch for construction activity



Running a company of any size can be a challenge. For a small business owner, it can be a lonely one too. Wouldn't it be helpful to have a group of peers where you have a forum for exchange of information, ideas, insights, and perspectives?

That's what our WHAT'S NEXT CEO Roundtable is all about - a place where you can work through your specific business issues with fellow small business owners. This is not a networking event. It is a peer-to-peer group that provides a secure environment for open, confidential discussions about concerns, problems, and opportunities a member may be facing.

Our What's Next CEO Roundtable is a professional business meeting consisting of small business Presidents, Owners, and CEOs from Washington County. The group will consist of 10 to 12 members from non-competing companies.

The purpose of the group is to provide a gathering for the exchange of information, ideas, insights, and perspectives. All meetings are completely confidential which provides a secure environment for open discussions about concerns, problems, and opportunities a member may be facing. On occasion, guest speakers will present ideas and solutions to roundtable members.

The value of joining and attending our monthly CEO Roundtable is to learn from peer-to-peer experiences through a facilitated roundtable conversation. You benefit by learning from each other's achievements and mistakes.

For more information click here: [What's Next CEO](#)

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? Come check us out.

- **Saturday 2/25, 10am to Noon – Interpretive Drop-In Event on Conifers.** This is a free family event for all ages
- **Sunday 2/26, Noon to 2pm – Interpretive Drop-In Event on Conifers.** This is a free family event for all ages
- **Saturday 3/4 10am to 11am – River Otter Hike and Sled,** Family Nature Exploration Event with Ami Voeltz. Reserve a spot by registering online at <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/family-nature-exploration-events/> or drop-ins available if our website shows there are openings (\$5 donation per family requested)



- See the next page about our **Winter Programs.**
- We are so excited for our upcoming **Summer Camps!** It is not too early to register, sign up now before spots are full. <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camp-registration/>

**SALLY MANZARA INTERPRETIVE NATURE CENTER**

# WINTER PROGRAMS 2023

**Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is located in Sunfish Lake Park in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The park offers 284 acres of natural area and over 8 miles of trails through forest, wetlands, and prairie.**

## FAMILY NATURE EXPLORATION EVENTS

**10:00 - 11:00 a.m., \$5 per family, Register online or drop in, ages 5-up**

**January 21** - Winter Bird Hike with Birder Chase Davies

**February 5** - Animal Tracks in Snow Hike with Chase Davies (1:00 -2:00 p.m.)

**March 4** - River Otters Hike & Sled with Ami Voeltz

**March 25** - Maple Syruping with Connie Kirk



## INTERPRETIVE DROP-IN EVENTS

**Saturdays, 10:00 - noon**

**Sundays, noon - 2:00 p.m.**

**FREE - all ages**

**January 14 & 15** Cardinals

**January 28 & 29** Snowflakes

**February 11** Cryogenics with 3M Wizards

**February 25 & 26** Conifers

**March 11 & 12** Tree Buds

**March 25 & 26** Signs of Spring



## ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATION BEEKEEPING BASICS

**Thursday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.**

**\$10 per person**

**Pre-Registration Required**

Beekeeping Basics with Beekeeper Karen Voy. Karen will share the basics of beekeeping and how to get started. Upon completion of this presentation, attendees will have opportunities to sign up for formal beekeeping workshops and hands-on experience. Bring your calendars!



For more information and to register visit: [sminc-lake-elmo.org/event-descriptions/](https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/event-descriptions/)

Questions can be emailed to Programs Coordinator Ami Voeltz at [ami.voeltz@sminc-lake-elmo.org](mailto:ami.voeltz@sminc-lake-elmo.org).



Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is operated by Friends of Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

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# SALLY MANZARA INTERPRETIVE NATURE CENTER SUMMER CAMPS 2023



The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is located next to Sunfish Lake Park in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The park offers 284 acres of natural area and over 8 miles of trails through forest, wetlands, and prairie.

## GET YOUR KIDS OUTDOORS EXPLORING NATURE THIS SUMMER!

### SUMMER CAMPS

**Monday - Thursday**  
**9:00 a.m. - noon**

Small group, outdoor camps in nature run by experienced instructors and include interpretive education, games, crafts, free play and hikes.

#### **Wildflower Painting Camp**

Ages 7-10, June 13, 15, 20, 22

#### **Critter Camp #1**

Ages 5-7, June 26-29

#### **Outdoor Adventures Camp**

Ages 6-8, July 10-13

#### **Nature Drama Camp**

Ages 9-12, July 24-27

#### **Bees & Butterflies Camp**

Ages 6-8, July 31-August 3

#### **Critter Camp #2**

Ages 5-7, August 14-17

### WONDER WEDNESDAYS

**Wednesdays**

**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Ages 5-8**

Our one day Wonder Wednesdays Camps are small group, outdoor camps in nature run by experienced instructors and will offer interpretive education, crafts, hikes and free play.

**June 7** - All About Birds

**June 21** - Animal Superheroes

**July 5** - Water Play

**July 19** - Raptors

**August 9** - Nature Art

**August 23** - Honeybees



### LITTLE EXPLORERS

**Mondays**

**9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Ages Birth-5**

Adults and their child/ren will be guided by a Pre-K Educator in an outdoor welcome circle focused on rotating themes and followed with open-ended play materials allowing children to explore their own interests in nature.

**June 5** - All About Birds

**June 19** - Animal Superheroes

**July 3** - Water Play

**July 17** - Raptors

**August 7** - Nature Art

**August 21** - Honeybees

Camp information and registration: [sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camp-registration/](https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camp-registration/)

For more information email [camps@sminc-lake-elmo.org](mailto:camps@sminc-lake-elmo.org) or email Programs Coordinator Ami Voeltz at [ami.voeltz@sminc-lake-elmo.org](mailto:ami.voeltz@sminc-lake-elmo.org).



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**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.

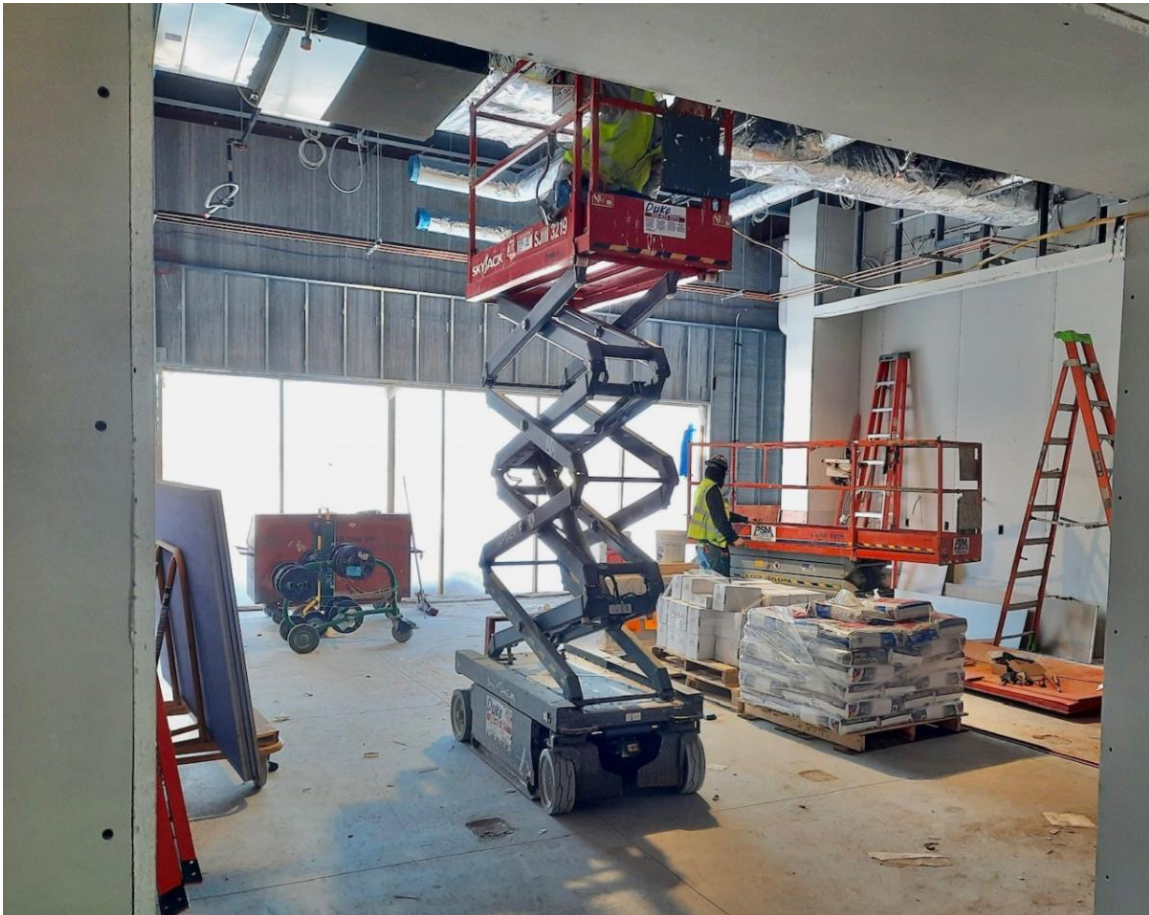


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**Public Facilities Project Update**



Trim was installed around the new windows on the south side of the building, giving it a sleek look. In the spring this part of the building will get a fresh coat of paint to match the new additions.



This is the future community room that will be available for community organizations to reserve for meetings.





## 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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