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Public Meetings Next Week:

- City Council Meeting Tuesday, June 20th, 7:00 p.m.
- Parks Commission Meeting Wednesday, June 21st, 6:30 p.m.



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NOTICE OF MEETING
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 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. June 6 and 13, 2023
 - D. Public Comments/Inquiries**
 - E. Presentations**
 - 5 Year Service Award – Doug Lovett
 - F. Consent Agenda**
 - 2. Approve Payments and Disbursements
 - 3. Approve City Center/Public Works Pay Request #17
 - 4. Approve Permitted Encroachments Zoning Text Amendment *Ordinance 2023-14; Resolution 2023-062*
 - 5. Approve Land Exchange Agreement between the City of Lake Elmo and Drake Motor Partners LE - *Resolution 2023-064*
 - 6. Approve DNR Gateway State Trail Cooperative Agreement for DeMontreville Park Trail Connection – *Resolution 2023-065*
 - 7. Approve Release of Warranty Security Boulder Ponds 4th Addition.
 - 8. Approve Release of Warranty Security for Savona 1st and 2nd Addition.
 - 9. Approve Release of Warranty Security for Hammes Estates 3rd Addition.
 - 10. Approve Release of Warranty Security for Union Park 1st Addition.
 - 11. Approve Pay Request No. 9 and 10 for Water Tower No. 3.
 - 12. Approve Pay Request No. 8 for Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements.
 - 13. Approve Design Change for 2023 Street Improvements.
 - 14. Approve Utility Financial Planning Agreement with Northland Securities, Inc
 - G. Regular Agenda**
 - 15. 2022 Audit Presentation
 - 16. 4708 Larkspur Lane Variance *Resolution 2023-063*
 - 17. Baseball Field Design Responses to Request for Proposals
 - 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
June 21st 2023
6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes
 - a) May 15th 2023
5. Public Comment
6. Sunfish Buck Thorn Update
7. Communication
8. 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.*



WATERING RESTRICTION CHANGES

On May 16th, 2023 council approved changes to the watering restriction ordinance to ensure the city's water system can support the domestic and fire protection demands.

Four Zones have been established. Properties in each zone are allowed two days a week to water.

Zone A waters Monday and Fridays

Zone B waters Tuesday and Fridays

Zone C waters Wednesday and Saturday

Zone D water Thursday and Sunday

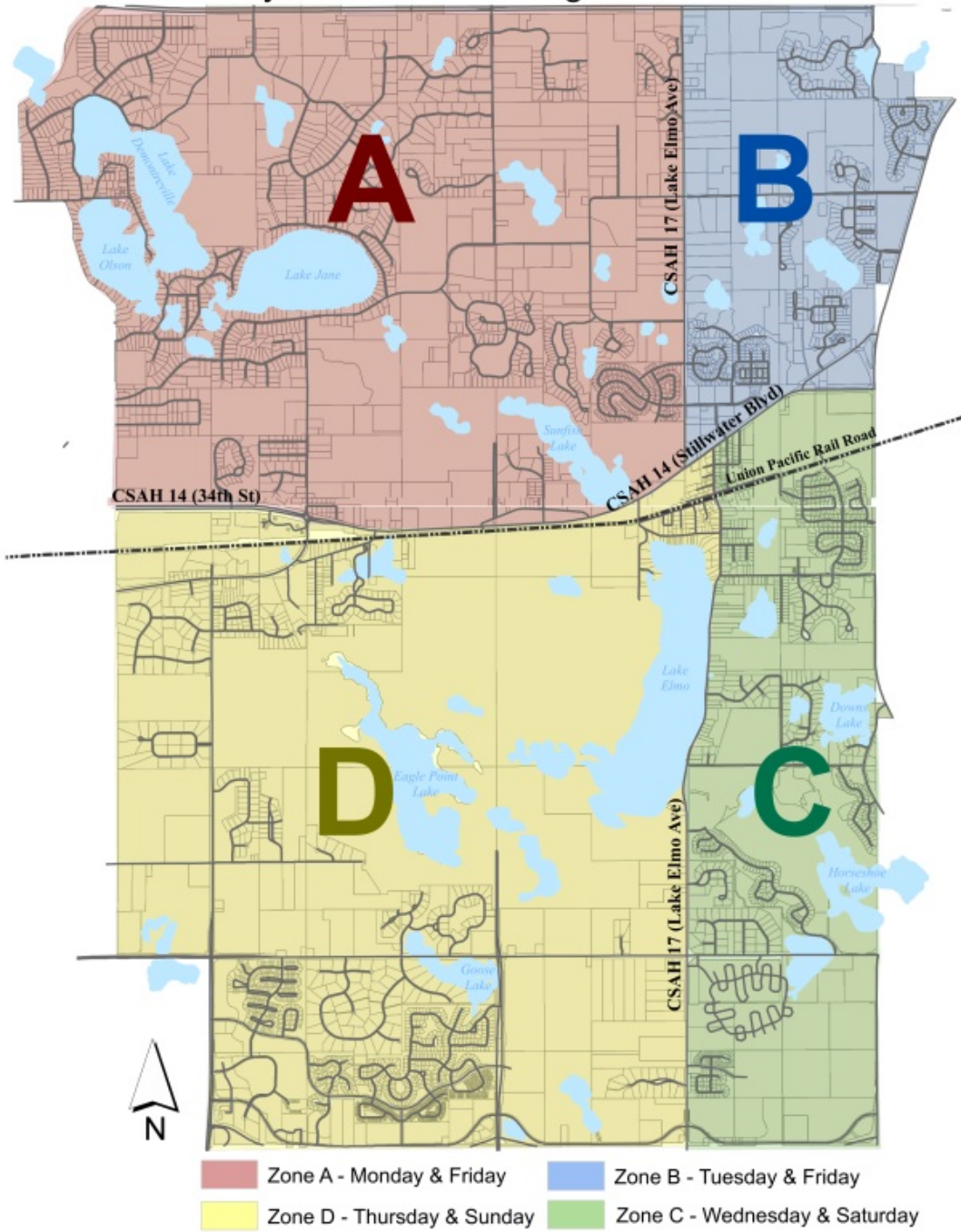
No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 am and 5 pm

New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days

Restrictions go into effect immediately

Questions call 651-747-3900

City of Lake Elmo Irrigation Zones



Water Rebate Program

The City of Lake Elmo, in partnership with the Metropolitan Council, is offering a rebate program for purchases of eligible water efficient products. The goal of the water efficiency grant program is to improve municipal water use. This funding has enabled Lake Elmo to provide a rebate to current water customers who replace existing devices with specified water efficient products. Qualifying purchases are eligible for a rebate on your water bill. More information is available on the City's website via the link below.

[Rebate](#)



Lake Elmo Farmers Market

The Lake Elmo Farmers Market runs weekly beginning
Saturday June 17th thru September 2nd, 9-1pm.

*Market will be open rain or shine unless inclement weather, high winds or lightning.

We still have a limited number of spots open for vendors and
YOUTH vendors. If interested, applications questions can be
directed to the market staff on market days.

Market Staff will be present on **all** market days. Any concerns or
questions please seek out staff member.

We are excited to see ALL the guests that 2023 will bring, last year
we had over 5500 visitors.

We look forward to seeing YOU at the market!

For more information contact Jill (market manager) 651-261-4493
or find us on Facebook @LakeElmoFarmersMarket

Business and community working together. Lake Elmo Farmers Market is a 501c3.

35th Annual Lake Elmo Kids' Parade

July 4th, 2023 - noon



Kids are the stars of this parade!
Decorate your shoes, stroller, bike, lawn tractor, wagon or convertible
Advertising / solicitation is not allowed
More details: www.ConnectLakeElmo.org



City Hall Temporary Access

Beginning Monday, June 12th, the City Hall parking lot will be closed for paving. If you are coming to City Hall, please park on Laverne Avenue and use the temporary sidewalk to access the building.

Park and Court Reservations

Spring is here and we are in high gear with park reservations. To access all reservations, please visit the website via the link below and use the drop down menu on the top right side to move between park calendars. The city's park use policy can also be found on the reservation page.

[Park Calendars](#)



Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

Washington County is excited to partner with the Recycling Association of Minnesota to sell discounted compost bins and rain barrels to Washington County residents. Home Composter compost bins are \$56 and Rain Catcher rain barrels are \$70. Pre-ordered items must be picked-up at the Environmental Center within 90 days of purchase.

[Order online](#)

Disposal Directory

Disposal Directory English Share

Directory Need help?

Type the name of a waste item and we'll tell you how to recycle or dispose of it.

Popular Searches

- Mattresses & box springs
- Furniture
- Carpet & padding
- Small household electronics

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle!

It is that time of year again when we start thinking about spring cleaning. Are you sure about what is trash and what can be recycled, and where to take it? Washington County has a new interactive disposal directory located here: [Disposal Directory](#). Try it out! It is a great tool for identifying what and where you can donate, recycle, or dispose of unwanted items.



Reminder: No grass clippings in the street!

Did you know that grass clippings contain high amounts of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus? When it rains, clippings left in the street get washed into storm sewers that lead to ponds, lakes, rivers and streams. There, the nutrients promote algae growth which makes the water stinky, green, and sometimes toxic. Clippings can also clog storm drains, increasing the risk of street flooding.

Here's a simple trick to solve the problem. Turn your mower so the clippings blow into the lawn instead of the street when you're mowing close to the road! The clippings will break-down naturally and provide free fertilizer for your lawn, saving you time and money. You can also bag and compost your clippings to fertilize your gardens in the future.

Cleaner streets = cleaner water. Do your part to keep the green on our lawns and out of our water!

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](#)



The City of Lake Elmo has begun participation in the State of Minnesota's Performance Measurement Program. This program began in 2010 for cities and counties to report on at least 10 performance measures annually as a way to aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials in

Click
here to
access
reporting
results

determining the efficacy of counties and cities in providing services and measure residents' opinions of those services.

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!



Looking for something to do this weekend? Check out this month's Interpretive Drop In event: Spring Wildflowers! Hard to believe that a couple months ago we were watching the last of the snow melt. Now the grasslands are alive with color. Our nature educators will be here to talk all about the flowers that are coming up in our prairie restoration area—and in your yard even. Saturday, June 13, 10 to

noon, and Sunday, June 14, noon to 2. Come by any time, learn a bit about flowers, then take a hike and spot a few yourself!

- Summer is here, so check out our Summer Camps! Several sections are already closed and have waiting lists, but we have lots of exciting camp opportunities open. Wildflower Painting Camp starts on June 12, and has a couple slots left. Don't wait! <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camp-registration/>
- Beekeeping 3 w/ Karen Voy: The SMINC welcomes beekeeper Karen Voy for a third presentation. This time Karen will be covering some topics that address common concerns for home beekeepers, including mite testing, reading the frame to determine the health of your bees, whether to harvest in July or wait for August, and watching the swarm. Beekeeping 3 will be held on Tuesday, June 27 at 7 p.m. The cost of the event is \$10 per person, and pre-registration is required. To sign up visit the SMINC website: <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/adult-education-presentation-series/>



BEEKEEPING BASICS 3

W/ KAREN VOY



651.408.2838



info@sminc-lake-elmo.org

The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center welcomes beekeeper Karen Voy for a third presentation. This time Karen will be covering some topics that address common concerns for home beekeepers, including mite testing, reading the frame to determine the health of your bees, whether to harvest in July or wait for August.

Class time is 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27. \$10 per person, pre-registration is required. To sign up for this event go to: <http://sminc-lake-elmo.org/adult-education-presentation.../>

DATE

Tuesday, June 27

TIME

7p.m. - 8 p.m.

LOCATION

Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center, Lake Elmo MN

COST

\$10/person



SALLY MANZARA INTERPRETIVE NATURE CENTER

SUMMER CAMPS 2023



where kids of all ages experience the unique natural history and ongoing ecology of Sunfish Lake Park



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 5-10

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 21 - Animal Superheroes

June 23 - All About Birds

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-camps-2023/

For more information email camps@sminc-lake-elmo.org or email Programs Coordinator Ami Voeltz at ami.voeltz@sminc-lake-elmo.org.



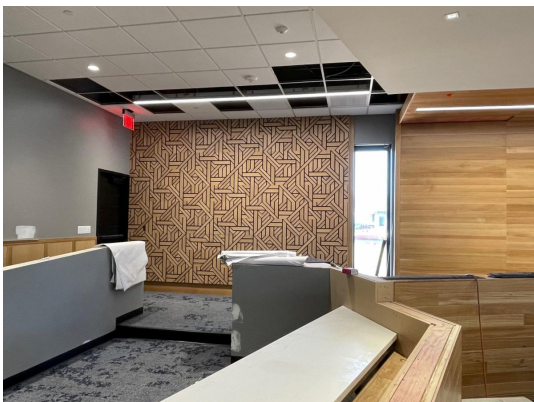
Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is operated by Friends of Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

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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

This week was a dusty and noisy week at the City Center project site. Machinery was running all week to move dirt, grade and compact in preparation of paving on the south side of the building.



The entry atrium is looking great now that the railings have all been painted and the stairs are finished. Sound panels were installed in the Council Chambers this week and soon the City logo will be installed on the back wall. The sound panels not only look nice, but they also have sound absorbing chambers built in to help with acoustics in the room.



- 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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