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## Public Meetings Next Week:

- City Council Meeting Tuesday June 6th, 7:00 p.m.

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 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. May 16, 2023
  - D. Presentations**
  - E. Public Comments/Inquiries**
  - F. Consent Agenda**
    - 2. Approve Payments and Disbursements
    - 3. Approve Purchase of Plotter
    - 4. Designate Authority for EFT Payments – *Resolution 2023-053*
    - 5. Approval to Draw on Letter of Credit for Southwind Development LLC
    - 6. Approve Stipulation for Settlement and Dismissal of CEF lawsuit
    - 7. Approve Easton Village 7<sup>th</sup> Plat Extension - *Resolution 2023-054*
    - 8. Approve Building Inspector Job Description and Posting
    - 9. Approve Cross Country Ski Trail Grooming Grant Agreement – *Resolution 2023-060*
    - 10. Resolution Reporting Results for 2022 State Performance Measurement Program – *Resolution 2023-059*
    - 11. Approve Summer 2023 Source Newsletter
  - G. Regular Agenda**
    - 12. Amira Final Plat, PUD, and Variance (Public Hearing) - *Resolution 2023-055 Resolution 2023-056 Ordinance 2023-12*
    - 13. ~~Erishie~~ Minor Subdivision - *Resolution 2023-032*
    - 14. Sale of 2023 Bonds - *Resolution 2023-057*
    - 15. Accept Bids and Award Contract for the 2023 Trail Improvements – *Resolution 2023-058*
    - 16. Irrigation Meter Policy – *Ordinance 2023-13; Resolution 2023-061*
    - 17. 2024 Budget Calendar
  - H. Council Reports**
  - I. Staff Reports**
  - J. Closed Session:** *The City Council will go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (c)(3) – to consider offers for the sale of the former 3M property on Ideal Avenue, PIDs 16.029.21.24.0002 and 16.029.21.23.0003*
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### **WATERING RESTRICTION CHANGES**

**On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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**

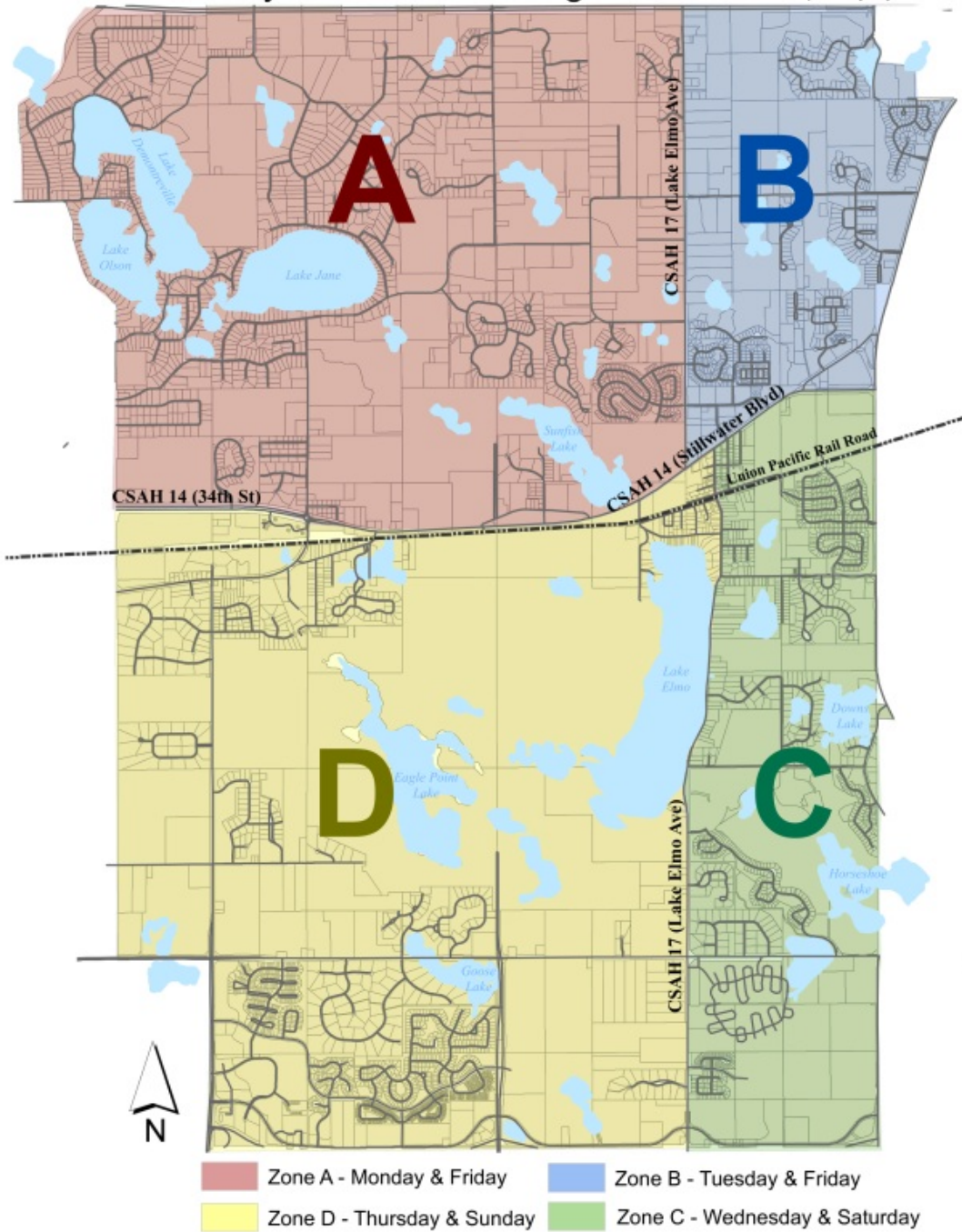
**New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days**

**Restrictions go into effect immediately**

**Questions call 651-747-3900**

# City of Lake Elmo Irrigation Zones

Map Date: May 2023  
Map Made By: City of Lake Elmo



## 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**





## City Hall Temporary Access

Beginning Monday, June 5th, 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.

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## 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](#)

## **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

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



## 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](#)



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!

Family Nature Day is Around the Corner! Saturday, June 3, mark your calendars! The annual Family Nature Day at Sunfish Lake Park will feature more than twenty educational and entertaining booths with something for everyone in the family, from park geology to gardening, to beekeeping, to a messy play area for kids. Prizes are available for our young visitors, and our friends from Tamarack Nature Center will be stopping by with live animals. This is a free event, stop by between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tamarack will have their animals here from 9:30 to 11:30)

Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park Annual  
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**9 AM to 1 PM - Rain or Shine**

at Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center  
<https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/family-nature-day/>

Help us celebrate Sunfish Lake Park with Nature Fun and Educational Activities that are FREE for ALL ages.



Visit our staffed interpretive stations around the building on topics like honeybees, water quality, and mammals. We will also have live animals, provided by Carpenter Nature Center, and scavenger hunts and prizes for kids.

Free Coffee and Lemonade

- Summer is on our doorstep, 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/>
- Water Works w/Denise Gerdes: The SMINC is excited to welcome Denise Gerdes for a presentation on water testing and water quality on Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m. Water is an important component for life. Minnesota has over 15,000 freshwater lakes, along with rivers, streams, springs and more. Discovering the amount of oxygen in these water bodies can determine the health of these water bodies, and consequently the health of fish and other organisms that live within them. In this lesson, we will determine how oxygen enters these water habitats, how it gets depleted, and how it affects the humans who live around these water sources. We will be using real scientific apparatus to make discoveries. Afterwards, we will discuss what solutions we can implement to keep our waters healthy. If you belong to a Lake Association, this program is for you. Bring your friends for an exciting evening of hands-on discovery.



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# 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/](https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camps-2023/)

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).



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

Exciting changes this week at the City Center project! Parking lot areas were prepped for paving next week and concrete sidewalks were poured. The exterior of the old building will be painted next week to match the new additions if weather allows. Furniture arrives next week so stay tuned for interior photos!



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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