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Public Meetings Next Week:

- NONE



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City offices will be closed for
Independence Day
on Tuesday, July 4th.





35th Annual Lake Elmo Kids' Parade

July 4th, 2023 - noon

10:00 – 11:45
Pre-Parade Activities
 Sponsored by:
 Connect Lake Elmo, The Lake Elmo Rotary and American Flagpole Co.

- A. Crafts
- B. Face-painting
- C. Kindness Rock Painting
- D. Flag Give-away/
Meet Patriotic Kenny
- E. Temporary Tattoos



Ice Cream Social Post-Parade Activities
 Sponsored by: The Lake Elmo Rotary, The Lake Elmo Inn, Flagship Recreation/Sports/Fence and Connect Lake Elmo

- Ice Cream
- Dunk Tank
- Minnow Races
- Water Station



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



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

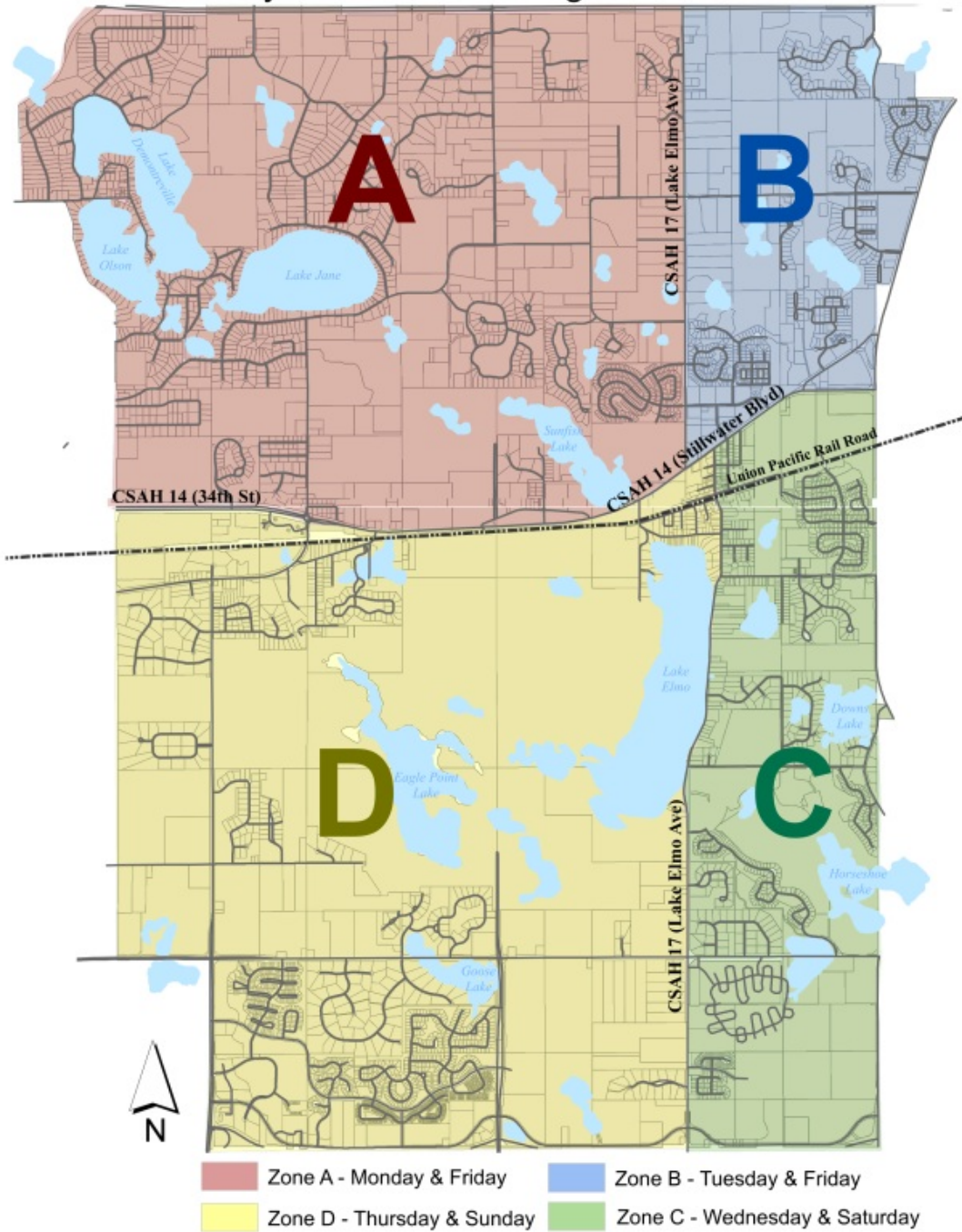
No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 am and 5 pm

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](#)

Court Improvement Projects

Court improvement projects are underway! At Tabyln Park, the two tennis court surfaces will be completely removed and replaced with new playing surfaces. The courts will be striped to accommodate one tennis court and four pickle ball courts.

At Pebble Park, the tennis courts will also be completely renovated and the new surface will be striped to accommodate one tennis court and six pickle ball courts.

Both locations will also see additional updated amenities to include paved trail access, a rebounding wall and benches. The lighting will also be updated to LED with new control boxes that will provide a significant cost savings on electricity.

Work is expected to be complete in October 2023.





Lake Elmo Farmers Market

The Lake Elmo Farmers Market runs every Saturday thru September 2nd, 9-1pm. Located @Lake Elmo Elementary.

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

*Market is looking for a *cheese vendor* to add to our already incredible assortment of vendors. IF you are or know of a cheese vendor, we would LOVE to have you be part of our growing market.

In 2024 The Lake Elmo Farmers Market will be celebrating their **10th season!!**

We are working on gathering recipes for a Lake Elmo Farmers Market cookbook, to be published and available for purchase in 2024.

If you have a favorite recipe, you think should be included, please write/type it up and drop it off at the market table on Saturday. Be sure to include your name and city. We will be collecting them throughout the 2023 season at the market table.

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.



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!

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

Click
here to
access
reporting
results

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!



Ever thought of helping out at the SMINC? The SMINC couldn't run without the help of our dedicated volunteers. Whether you like the idea of giving guided hikes, you'd like to work the front desk, or the thought of cutting and edging the grass around the center appeals to you, we can use your help! Just stop in anytime during regular business hours and ask how you can help!

- 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. Our Outdoor Adventures camp begins July 10, and has a couple slots left. Don't wait! <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camp-registration/>
- Chasing Dragons w/ Jeff Fischer: The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center at Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park welcomes Jeff Fischer on Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m. to talk all about the life of dragonflies, one of the oldest flying creatures on earth, whose ancestry stretches back around 300 million years. Discover the unique and interesting attributes of dragonflies that have helped them become the most proficient predator on the planet. Learn about the life stages of incomplete metamorphosis and how dragonflies spend the majority of their life under water. The cost of the event is \$10, and preregistration is required. To register, go to: <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/event-descriptions/>



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.



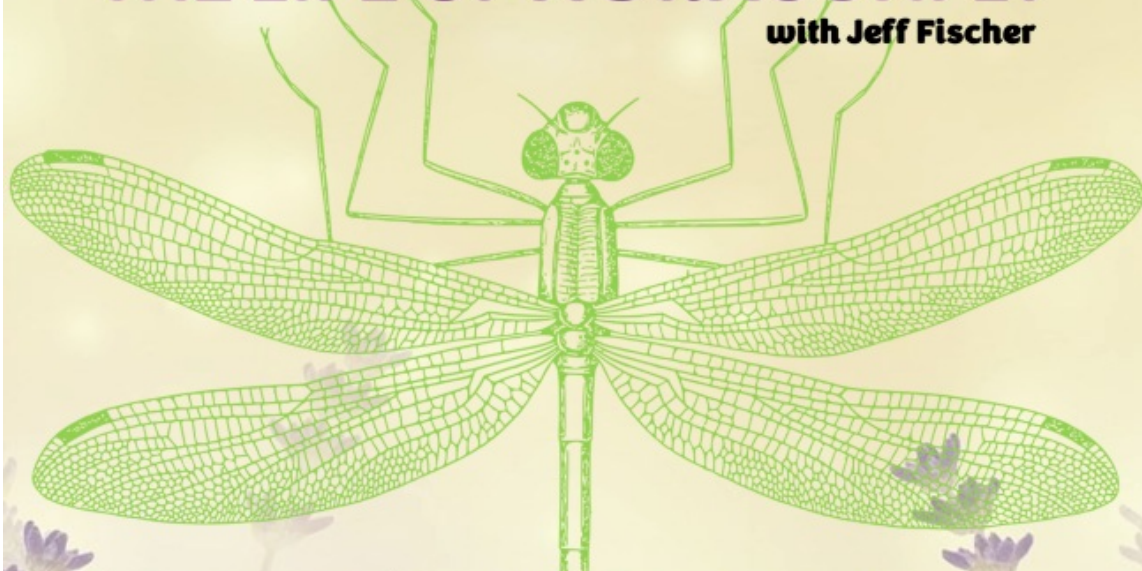
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Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center - Adult Education Series

Chasing the Dragons **THE LIFE OF A DRAGONFLY**

with Jeff Fischer



Explore the life of dragonflies, one of the oldest flying creatures on earth, whose ancestry stretches back around 300 million years. Discover the unique and interesting attributes of dragonflies that have helped them become the most proficient predator on the planet. Learn about the life stages of incomplete metamorphosis and how dragonflies spend the majority of their life under water. Cost is \$10.

Thursday, July 20, 7:00 p.m.

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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

Public Facilities Project Update

This week the west side of the building was paved and crews worked on grading for landscape installation.



The city logo was installed in the Council Chambers and work was started on installation of audio/visual equipment.



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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