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Public Meetings Next Week:

- City Council Workshop Tuesday, May 9th, 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 Council Workshop
3800 Laverne Avenue North
May 9, 2023
6:30 PM

AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order | 6:30 PM |
| II. | Manufactured Home Ordinance Applicability to Cimarron | 6:30 PM |
| III. | Sidewalk Snow Removal Code Discussion | 7:00 PM |
| IV. | Irrigation Meter Policy | 7:30 PM |
| V. | Well #2 Update and Direction | 8:00 PM |
| VI. | Items for Future Work Session Agenda | 8:30 PM |
| | A. Washington County Presentation on Lake Elmo Ave and TH 36 | |
| | B. Water Quality and Quantity Issues | |
| VII. | Adjourn | 8:30 PM |

May 2, 2023 City Council Meeting Summary

At the City Council meeting on May 2nd, the City Council:

- Presented a five year service award to Public Works Operator Bob Wier
- Set sale resolution for 2023 Bonds
- Tabled action on Pebble/Tablyn Courts Project

On the Consent Agenda, the City Council:

- Savona Landscape Warranty Security Release for 1st-3rd Additions and Reduction for 4th Addition
- Approve Payments and Disbursements
- Approve 2023 Grant Agreement for Municipal Recycling Grant Distribution
- Approve Updated City Clerk Job Description
- Authorize Advertising and Hiring of Planning Intern
- Approve Plans and Specifications and Order Advertisement for Bids for 2023 Trail Improvements – *Resolution 2023-043*



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

POLCO

We want your input!

The City has issued its annual Community Satisfaction Survey. Please use the link below to connect to the survey on Polco.

[Survey](#)

Temporary Debris Management Site

Belwin Conservancy

15601 Hudson Road North | Lakeland, MN



Available to Washington County residents only



BELWIN



Temporary Tree Debris Drop-off Site

A temporary drop-off site has opened at Belwin Conservancy's Lucy Winton Bell Athletic Fields for tree debris caused by the recent ice/snowstorm. The site will be open through May 31. The site is free and open to residents only. (No business waste.)

The site will accept wood waste from storm damage only. No root balls, stumps, yard waste, or grass clippings.

Location:

Belwin Conservancy's Lucy Winton Bell Athletic Fields
15601 Hudson Rd. N. | Afton, MN 55001

Hours: Sundays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The site will be closed on Saturday, May 20 due to an event.

Learn more: WashCoRecycles.com/YardWaste | 651-275-7475

Hydrant Flushing

Public works crews will continue flushing hydrants next week. Residents may notice changes in water pressure but it will be temporary.



Flushing hydrants ensures the hydrants are working properly and checks for an adequate flow of water that would be needed in the event of a fire.

Watering Restrictions

Reminder: City ordinance allows for outdoor watering between the hours of **6PM and 5AM** and **follows an odd/even schedule**. Properties with even-numbered postal addresses may water, sprinkle, or irrigate their lawns only on even-numbered days. Properties with odd-numbers postal addresses may water only on odd- numbered days.





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
April 20, 2023

Contact: Alex Carlson
Public Affairs Manager
(612) 750-9960
acarlson@mmcd.org

Mosquito Control activity has begun in your community

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District trucks, helicopters, and staff will be out in neighborhoods and parks this spring and summer working to reduce mosquito-borne disease and annoyance.

SAINT PAUL - After months of heavy snow and below average temperatures, a brief warm period in mid-April this year brought mosquito larvae out. Field staff from the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District monitor wetlands in the early Spring in search of the first larva of the year. In each of the past three years, the first larva was found in mid-March, but in 2023 it wasn't until April 10th that larva was collected - during a week of unseasonably warm air temperatures. Since then mosquito larvae have been found in every county in the metro and the mosquito control season is officially underway.

The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) will be conducting surveillance and treatment activities in your community to reduce the risk of disease and annoyance in an environmentally-sensitive manner. Each year field staff at MMCD monitors and treats wetlands that breed mosquitoes with a fleet of trucks and helicopters. Many of our seasonal staff begin working in April and residents of the seven county metro area may notice the green or white trucks with the MMCD logo or staff on bikes or on foot wearing brightly colored "Mosquito Control" shirts.

At times MMCD employees may need to cross private property for access to check and treat areas for mosquito larvae. MMCD management asks the community to please stay several feet away from field staff and ensure children and pets are kept at a distance. If you have questions about mosquito control activities or concerns about an employee, please call the MMCD front desk at (651) 645-9149 or visit MMCD.org.

- Helicopter larval treatments - applying control materials to a wetland via helicopter.
- Catch basin treatments - applying control materials to neighborhood catch basins.
- Setting or collecting traps - surveillance helps MMCD determine where and what types of mosquitoes are active.

The control materials and methods used by MMCD are regularly tested for safety and only applied when surveillance indicates they would be effective. The active ingredients are specifically designed to target mosquito larvae or adults with minimal impacts on non-target insects. The control materials are not harmful to people, pets, or wildlife. For a complete list of control materials used, please visit MMCD.org.

Scheduled treatments including planned helicopter activity are posted on the MMCD website and on our Twitter page [@metromosquito](https://twitter.com/metromosquito). The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District appreciates your support. For information about our programs or for tips on how to reduce mosquitoes near your home, please visit MMCD.org.

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](#)

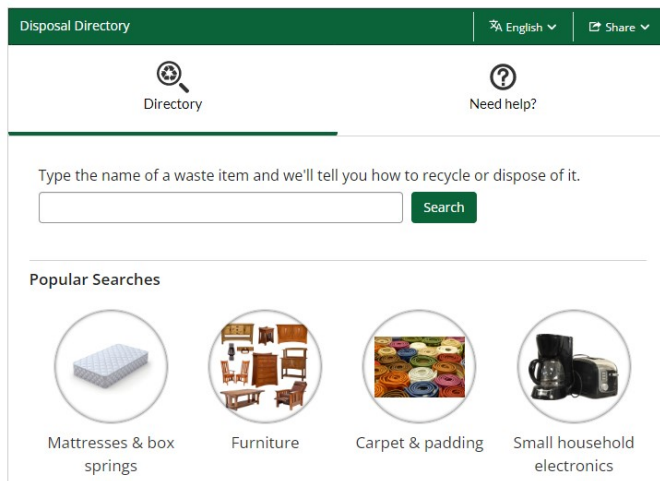


Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

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



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.

Get involved!

The City of Lake Elmo is seeking interested residents to serve on the Parks Commission and Economic Development Authority (EDA). The Parks Commission meets 1 time per month and the EDA meets quarterly. No experience is necessary! Application and more information is available on the City's website: [click here](#), or contact City Administrator Kristina Handt for more information: khandt@lakeelmo.org.



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!

May is Turtle Month at SMINC: On Wednesday, May 17, the Center will host Nature Educator Misi Stine's "Be a Turtle Hero" presentation, at 7 p.m., as part of their adult education series. The weekend before, Saturday May 13 and Sunday May 14, as part of the Center's family-friendly Interpretive Drop-In Series, Naturalists and educators will be on hand to teach visitors all about turtles, and the turtle species that can be found at Sunfish Lake Park.



- This weekend, Citizen Science: Our Earth Day Celebrations continue this weekend with tree planting to replenish the areas in Sunfish Lake Park where invasive buckthorn has been removed. Our Interpretive Drop In events this week will walk visitors through the iNaturalist app. Bring a phone and learn how you can use the app to help contribute to the study and understanding of the natural world around us.
 - Saturday, April 29th - Adopt-a-Tree with planting of Bur Oak seedlings (9 a.m.).
 - Saturday, April 29th (10 to Noon): Interpretive Drop-In Event: iNaturalist
 - Sunday, April 30th (Noon to 2) Interpretive Drop-In Event: iNaturalist
- Tree Medicine Seminar We are excited to welcome Paul Red Elk to the SMINC on Sunday, May 21, from 9 to 4 for a seminar on Tree Medicine and Spirituality. For more information, including price and payment info, see the flyer on the next page.
- We are so excited for our upcoming Summer Camps! Several sections are already closed and have waiting lists, but we have lots of exciting camp opportunities open. Don't wait! <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camp-registration/>



TREE MEDICINE AND SPIRITUALITY



By Paul Red Elk

Save the date Sunday May 21th, 2023!

Where: Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center Lake Elmo Minnesota

Time: 9:00 – 4:00 pm

Space is limited. So please register early. Please register with Paul Red Elk only traditionallakotamedicineman@gmail.com

Please pay with check, cash only. The address is Paul Red Elk 2356 Cottage Dr. Stillwater, MN. 55082

(no registration on nature center website www.sminc-lake-elmo.org)

Registration: Class Cost is \$90.00 if paid in full by May 1st, 2023, \$100.00 if later.

If you need to cancel, please do so before May 18th, 2023. For a refund.

Please bring something to eat, something to drink. Weather permitting there will be a tree walk. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

Are you aware there are over 43 different tree medicines? I have been collecting this lost information for many years, from American Indian medicine people, spiritual advisors across the upper mid-west of the United States, Southern Canada. This tree medicine knowledge has never been taught or shared. Most trees have wonderful medicine to give, spiritual connections, and personal protection.

Deciduous Birch, Aspens. Coniferous Pines. Tree Medicines and Spirituality

Paper Birch
River Birch
Yellow Birch
White Birch
Gray Birch

Big Tooth Aspen
Quaking / Trembling Aspen
White Poplar

Jack Pine
White Pine
Red Pine (Norway)

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.

651-408-2838 | e-mail: info@sminc-lake-elmo.org | sminc-lake-elmo.org

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



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](#)

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.





Interior spaces are starting to take shape with the installation of lighting, railings and stairs. Next week tile flooring in the Council Chambers will be installed and delivery of the elevator is expected.

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

LEO A DALY

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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