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## Public Meetings Next Week:

- EDA Meeting Tuesday, August 15th, 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, August 15th, 7:00 p.m.

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## WE'VE MOVED!

City offices and the Lake Elmo Fire Department have made the move to the new City Center building and we are open for business!

We look forward to seeing you at our new facility at 3880 Laverne Avenue North, just across the parking lot from the old city hall building. Plans are in the works for a public open house this fall, so watch for more information later this summer!

Summer Hours:  
Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.





*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  
3880 Laverne Avenue North  
Tuesday, August 15, 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><b>May 16, 2023 Minutes</b>                                | <b>6:00p.m.</b>  |
| <b>C. Washington County Labor Market Study</b>                                  | <b>6:05p.m.</b>  |
| <b>D. Business Retention and Expansion</b><br><b>Survey Updates</b>             | <b>6:35p.m.</b>  |
| <b>E. Future Agenda Items/Reports</b><br><b>-Next Meeting November 21, 2023</b> | <b>6:45 p.m.</b> |
| <b>F. Adjourn</b>   | <b>6:50 p.m.</b> |
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## NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 7:00 P.M.

City of Lake Elmo | 3880 Laverne Avenue North

### AGENDA

**A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Approval of Agenda**

**C. Approval of Minutes**

1. August 2, 2023

**D. Public Comments/Inquiries**

**E. Presentations**

**F. Consent Agenda**

2. Approve Payments and Disbursements
3. Approve Revised 2023 Meeting Calendar
4. Approve Massage Therapy Premises Permit for 11200 Stillwater Blvd., Suite 101
5. Approve Fields of Arbor Glenn Warranty Security Release
6. Approve Inwood 7<sup>th</sup> Addition Final Plat Resolution Amendment; *Resolution 2023-070*
7. Accept Quotes and Award Contract for the 2023 Striping Project
8. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for Old Village Phase 7 Street and Utility Improvements
9. Approve Pay Request No. 10 for Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
10. Approve Pay Request No. 7 for Torre Pines Street and Utility Improvements
11. Approve Pay Request No. 10 for Whistling Valley Street and Utility Improvements
12. Approve Pay Request No. 6 for the Tapestry Sanitary Sewer Extension
13. Approve Pay Request No. 11 for Water Tower No. 3
14. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for 2023 Street Improvements
15. Approve Pay Request No. 1 for 2023 Trail Improvements
16. Approve Youth Service Bureau Contract
17. Approve Full Time Firefighter Hires
18. Approve Parks Plan Contractor Selection
19. Approve Planning Assistant Job Description Update and Authorize Posting
20. Approve Wildflower LOC Reduction
21. Approve City Center/Public Works Pay Request #19

**G. Regular Agenda**

22. Final Assessment Hearing: Adopt Final Assessment Roll for 2022 Street Improvements
23. 8286 Hidden Bay Ct Variances - *Resolution 2023-073*
24. Call for Final Assessment Hearing for Torre Pines Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2023-071*
25. Northstar 1<sup>st</sup> Addition Final Plat and PUD; Public Hearing; *Resolution 2023-074 Resolution 2023-075 Ordinance 2023-16*
26. Prairie Skies Final Plat, PUD and Easement Vacation; Public Hearing; *Resolution 2023-076 Resolution 2023-077 Resolution 2023-078 Ordinance 2023-17*
27. Easton Village 6<sup>th</sup> Addition Final Plat; *Resolution 2023-079*
28. Authorize Preliminary Design Engineering Services for the 2024 Collector Street Improvement Project
29. Cannabis Regulations; *Ordinance 2023-18 Resolution 2023-080*

**H. Council Reports**

**I. Staff Reports**

**J. Adjourn**

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Full meeting packets can be accessed here: [Agendas and Minutes](#)

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## Drop Box Available

The new City Center building has a convenient drop box located on the front of the building.



Utility payments, permit applications and other documents may be dropped in the box during or after office hours.

## Hudson Road Closure

Closure of Hudson Road west of Keats Avenue is planned to begin Monday, July 31st and will last 4-6 weeks. Detours will be posted.



The water restriction ordinance is in effect 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 to water two days per week. See the map below to see which zone you reside in, then the water droplet on the chart marks the days you can water.

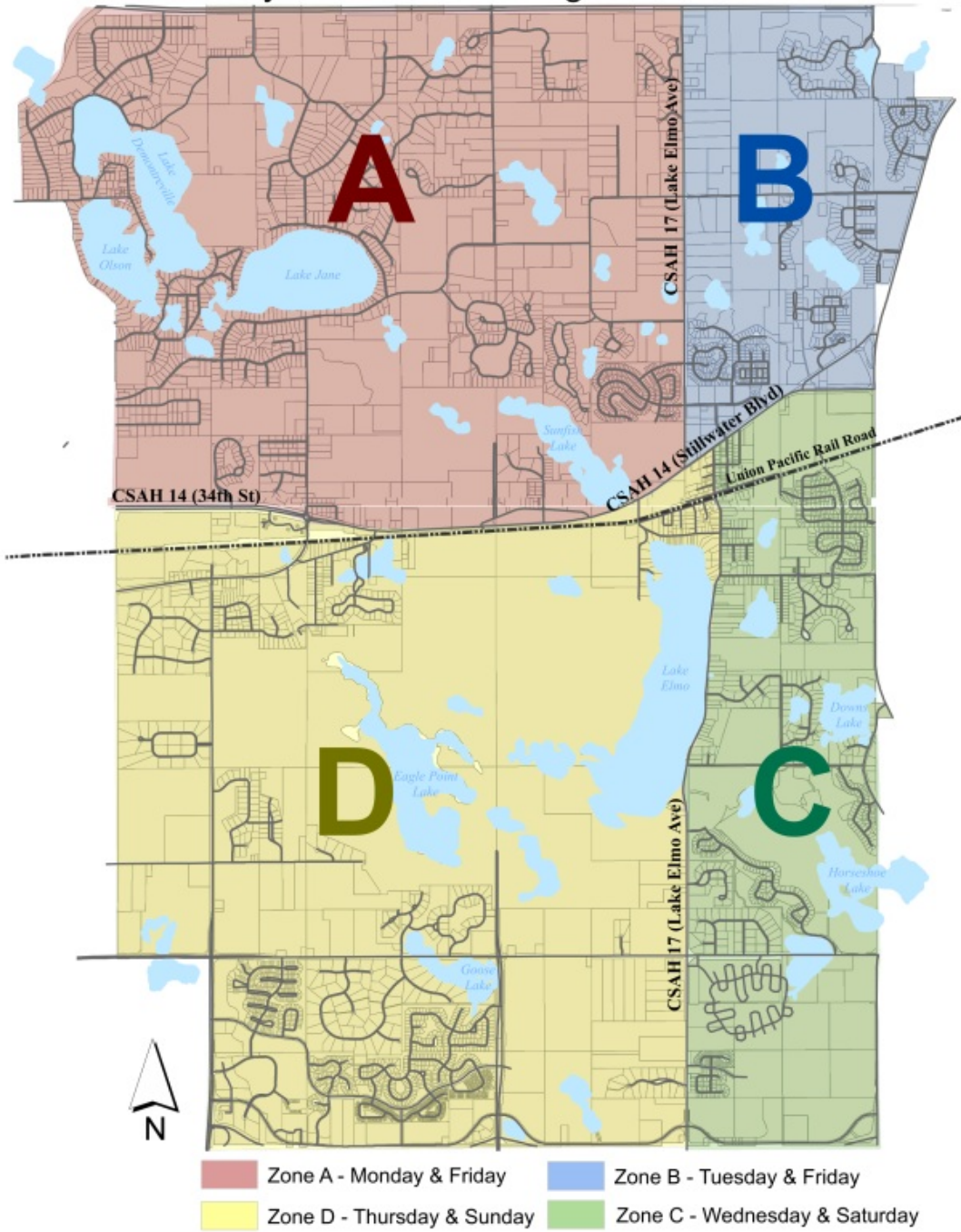
- No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 AM and 5 PM
- New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days
- Questions call 651-747-3900



## Know your Watering Schedule

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Zone A							
Zone B							
Zone C							
Zone D							

# 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](#)

**ADOPT A STORM DRAIN PROGRAM**

Storm drains serve as direct pathways to our lakes, rivers, and streams, and natural materials (grass clippings, leaves, and dirt) can act as pollutants once they go down the drain. If you live in an area with storm drains, you can join a statewide effort to help keep our storm drains clean through the Adopt a Drain program.

More information is available here: [Adopt A Drain](http://mn.adopt-a-drain.org)



## Lake Elmo Farmers Market

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

\*\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MARKET:

August 19th Washington County Canine demo at 11am

This week **August 12th...**

### Canning and Food Preservation Demos

10am - Vicki of **Old Village Artisans** will share the process of canning spicy peppers, in addition to some details on the process for making cucumber relish.

10:30am - Melissa of **Melissa's Sassy Salsa** will share about making refrigerator salsa as well as information on additional steps that could be taken for canning the salsa to preserve for a longer period of time.

Each session will be followed with a raffle giveaway of the item(s) being demonstrated; giveaways each hour at the market table, #stopfoodwaste TIPS, I ♥ Farmers Market temporary tattoos, celebrating National Farmers Market week.

*A week you won't want to miss!*

For more information contact Jill (market manager) 651-261-4493 OR find us on Facebook @LakeElmoFarmersMarket for market updates & more!

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

## Park and Court Reservations

City parks and courts are in high demand this time of year. Did you know you can reserve use of a court, ball field or park shelter? 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](#)

## Recycling at Home

Empty and rinse all containers

**Glass**  
Bottles & Jars



**Metal**  
Food & Beverage Cans



**Plastic**  
Bottles & Containers  




**Cartons**



**Paper & Cardboard**



**When in doubt, keep it out.** Putting these items in your recycling cart does more harm than good.

**NO!**

**Do Not Bag**  
Recyclables



**No Plastic**  
Bags or Wrap



**No Tangles**  
(No hoses, wires,  
or string lights)



**No Shredded**  
Paper



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Washington  
County

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!

Here is some info about recent and upcoming events:

- Honey Extraction Day was a great success! We got lots of honey, and some wonderful volunteers to help remove the frames and extract the honey. Gosh, it seems like only a few weeks ago that we were waiting for our queen to emerge. Now the bees begin the process of over-wintering, and we'll do it all again come spring!
- Understanding Reptiles w/ Beth Girard: The SMINC welcomes Beth Girard on Thursday, August 17 at 7 p.m. as part of our ongoing adult education lecture series. Not sure how you feel about reptiles in general? Perhaps snakes in particular?? Join us as we look at the anatomy and unique adaptations of snakes. Hopefully we can "shed" a new light and help you move past their long, legless bodies so you can understand the important roles they play in the health of our ecosystem. Turtles and lizards too! Be prepared to touch, maybe even hold, some calm reptiles!
- Minnesota Caves w/ Dr. Greg Brick: On September 14 at 7 p.m. we welcome Dr. Greg Brick, who will lecture on the history and lore of caves in Minnesota. Minnesota has many caves, some known nationally. Carver's was the earliest cave in what is now the US to be described in published literature after Jonathan Carver's visit ten years before the Revolution. Fountain Cave was the birthplace of the capital city, St. Paul. Specialized uses included for beer, cheese, mushrooms, and as nightclubs. Mystery and Niagara are the state's best known show caves. Far north, the violent waves of Lake Superior hammered out caves accessible only by kayak. Other caves were purely mythical. Learn about all of them from the geologist who wrote the book on the subject. Copies available for purchase.





Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center  
Adult Education Series

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# WHAT'S HIDING IN OUR PARK?

with Kyle Murly

Do our local parks hold the secret to controlling the invasive Japanese Beetle?  
Join us to find out what local environmentalists are digging up!

Admission is \$10.

**Wednesday, August 23, 7:00 p.m.**

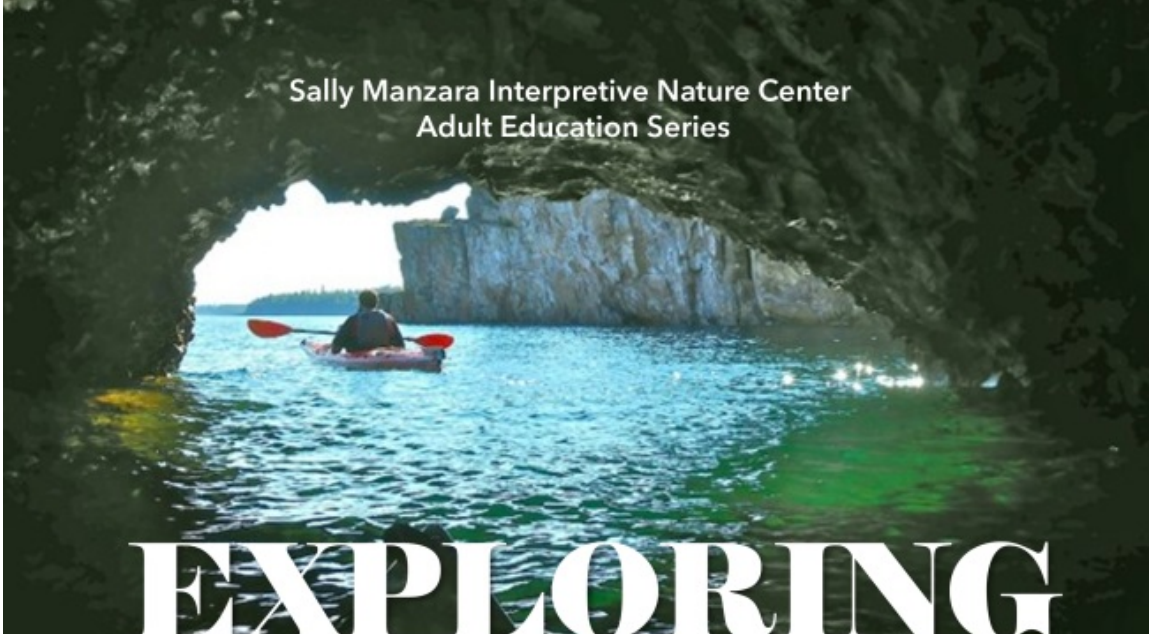
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The City of Lake Elmo has begun participation in the State of Minnesota's Performance Measurement Program. This program began in 2010 for cities and counties to report on at least 10 performance measures annually as a way to aid residents, taxpayers, 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 Valley Branch Watershed District  
(VBWD) is a public organization tasked



with protecting and managing local water resources within an area spanning 14 cities and townships in Washington and Ramsey Counties. The VBWD is seeking input from you as it begins updating its Watershed Management Plan which will guide VBWD actions for the next 10 years. Please take a brief (5-10 minute) survey to help the VBWD better understand your concerns and priorities regarding our local water resources.

Link to survey: [Survey](#)

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