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Public Meetings Next Week:

- Parks Commission Meeting Monday, August 21st, 6:30 p.m.

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[Visit our website](#)

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.





*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
3880 Laverne Avenue North
August 21st 2023
6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes
 - a) June 21st 2023
5. Public Comment
6. Invasive Species Management
7. Neighborhood Trail Connections
8. Communication
9. 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.*

August 15, 2023 City Council Meeting Summary

At the City Council meeting on August 15th, the City Council:

- Approved minutes of the August 2nd Council Meeting
- Adopted the final assessment roll for the 2022 Street Improvements
- Approved a variance for septic setbacks at 8286 Hidden Bay Court
- Called for final assessment hearing for Torre Pines Street and Utility Improvements
- Approved Northstar 1st Addition final plat and PUD
- Approved Prairie Skies Final Plat, PUD and easement vacation
- Approved Easton Village 6th Addition Final Plat
- Authorized Preliminary Design Engineering Services for the 2024 Collector Street Improvement Project
- Adopted cannabis regulations

On the Consent Agenda, the City Council:

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

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

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.

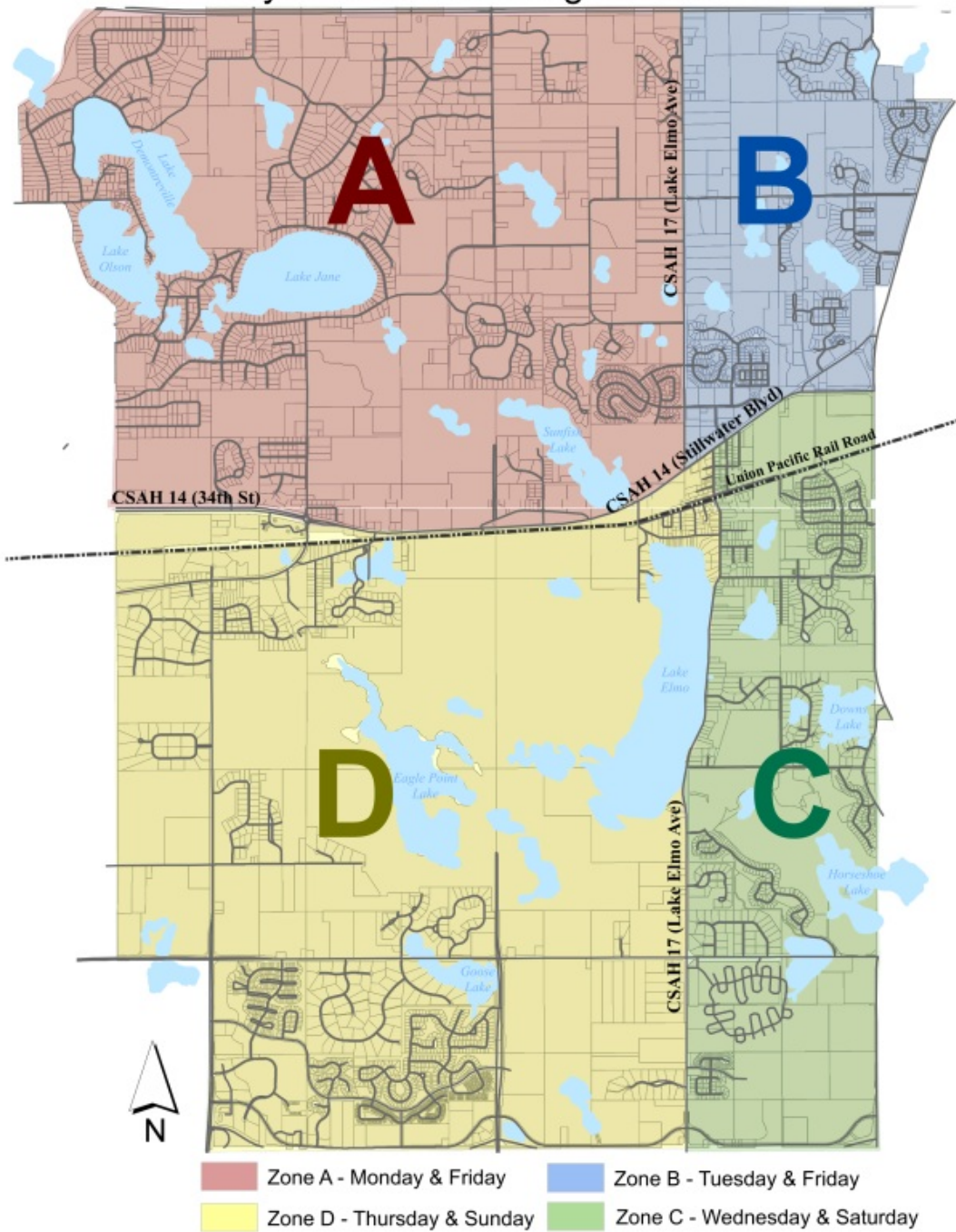
- No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 AM and 5 PM
- New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days
- Questions call 651-747-3900



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](https://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



In 2024 we will be celebrating our **10th season!!**

In honor of our 10th season, we would love to put together a Lake Elmo Farmers Market cookbook, but we need YOUR help! We are currently collecting recipes and will continue throughout the remainder of the 2023 season. With a number of vendors kindly committing to sharing some signature recipes, we would LOVE additional recipes from the community as well. If you have a recipe you would like to share, please stop by the market table to pickup a blank recipe form OR drop off your favorite recipe. Be sure to include your name and city.

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.

The Lake Elmo (EDA) Economic Development Authority's August 15th board meeting provided an opportunity for Washington County to present an update on their recent labor study completed with RealTime Talent. The presentation provided an overview of Washington County's labor market, industry analysis and priorities. Please click here for report. : [Report](#)



Washington County Labor Demand & Supply Study

Lake Elmo EDA Board Meeting

Highlights of Report Developed by RealTime Talent

August 15, 2023



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](#)



No grass clippings
in the street!

Grass clippings clog
storm drains and cause
algae blooms in lakes
and wetlands.



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](#)

Drop It Off

At the Environmental Center



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS | ELECTRONICS | RECYCLABLES | FOOD SCRAPS (ORGANICS)



4039 Cottage Grove Drive • Woodbury, MN 55129

Environmental Center Hours:

Tuesdays 11am - 7pm

Thursdays 8am - 4:30pm

Fridays 8am - 4:30pm

Saturdays 8am - 2pm

Open to residents of Washington, Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties. Proof of county residency, such as a driver's license, is required.

Closed on all major holidays.

Stop by the
**FREE Product
Room**

Look for items such as latex and oil paints, household cleaners, automotive supplies, and much more. Products are available for eligible residents only.

More info: www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter | 651-275-7475

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:

- **What's Hiding in our Parks?** Researchers from the U have found a fungus, it lives on three Lake Elmo parks, that kills Japanese Beetles. This could be great news for gardeners! They will be here on Wednesday, August 23 at 7 p.m. to talk about what they found, and what it might mean. Should be fascinating!
- **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



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.

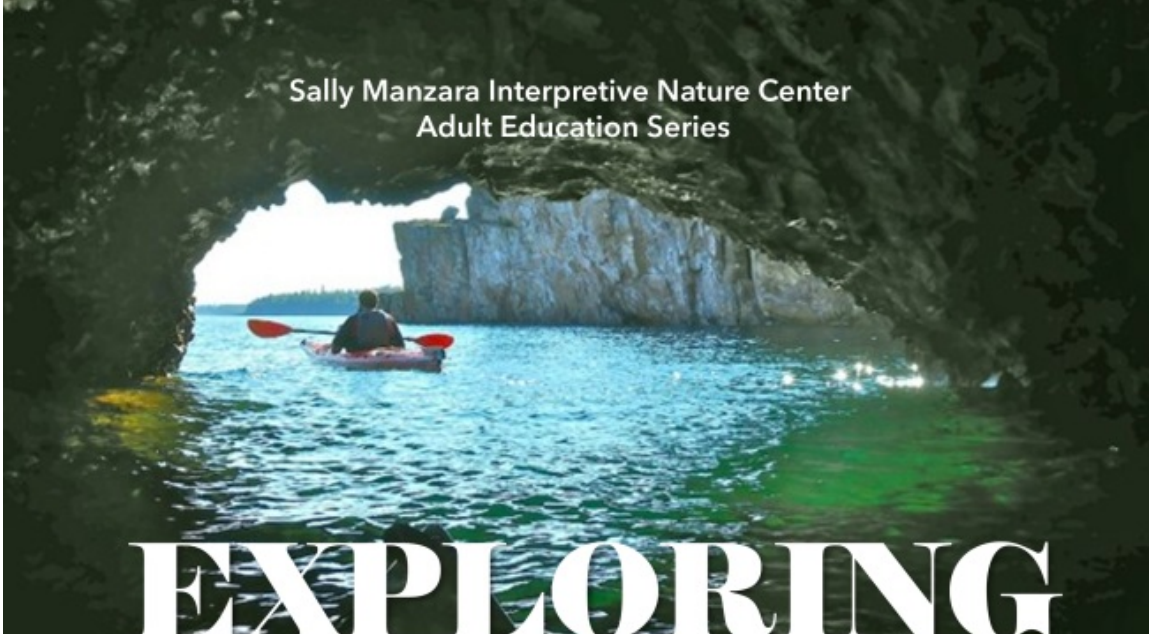
SUNFISH LAKE PARK | 10000 STILLWATER LANE N | LAKE ELMO, MN



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EXPLORING CAVES

with Greg Brick, PhD

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Thursday, September 14, 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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