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Public Meetings Next Week:

- Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, August 28th, 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Budget Workshop
Tuesday, August 29th, 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.





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Lake Elmo, MN 55042

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo

Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Monday August 28th 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of July 24th 2023
4. Public Hearings
 - a) **ROYAL GOLF MINOR SUBDIVISION AND VARIANCE:** Royal Development has submitted a variance and minor subdivision application to collapse the existing Block 1 Lot 2 and move it to the east side of 11455 20th Street North over the existing pool and fitness center for management purposes. The variance is requested in addition to the minor subdivision due to the new lot not having the required frontage on a public street.
 - b) **DRAKE MOTOR PARTNERS COMPREHENSIVE MAP AMENDMENT AND REZONING:** Drake Motor Partners has submitted applications for a comprehensive map amendment and a zoning map amendment to exchange the zoning of two similar sized parcels adjacent to each other along Hudson Boulevard. The request would change one parcel from Commercial to Right of Way zoning/future land use designation and the other parcel from Right of Way to Commercial.
5. New/Unfinished Business
 - a) N/A.
6. Communications/Updates
 - a) City Council Updates
 - i. Village Districts Design Review Zoning Text Amendment 8-2-2023
 - ii. 8286 Hidden Bay Court Variance 8-15-2023
 - iii. Northstar 1st Addition Final Plat and PUD 8-15-2023
 - iv. Prairie Skies Final Plat, PUD, Easement Vacation 8-15-2023
 - v. Easton Village 6th Final Plat 8-15-2023
 - b) Upcoming PC Meetings
 - i. September 11th 2023
 - ii. September 25th 2023
7. 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.

NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Budget Workshop
3880 Laverne Avenue North
August 29, 2023
6:30 PM

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order | 6:30 PM |
| II. 2023 General Fund, Utilities, Special Funds and Debt Service Funds | 6:30 PM |
| III. 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan | 7:30 PM |
| IV. Adjourn | 8:00 PM |

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.

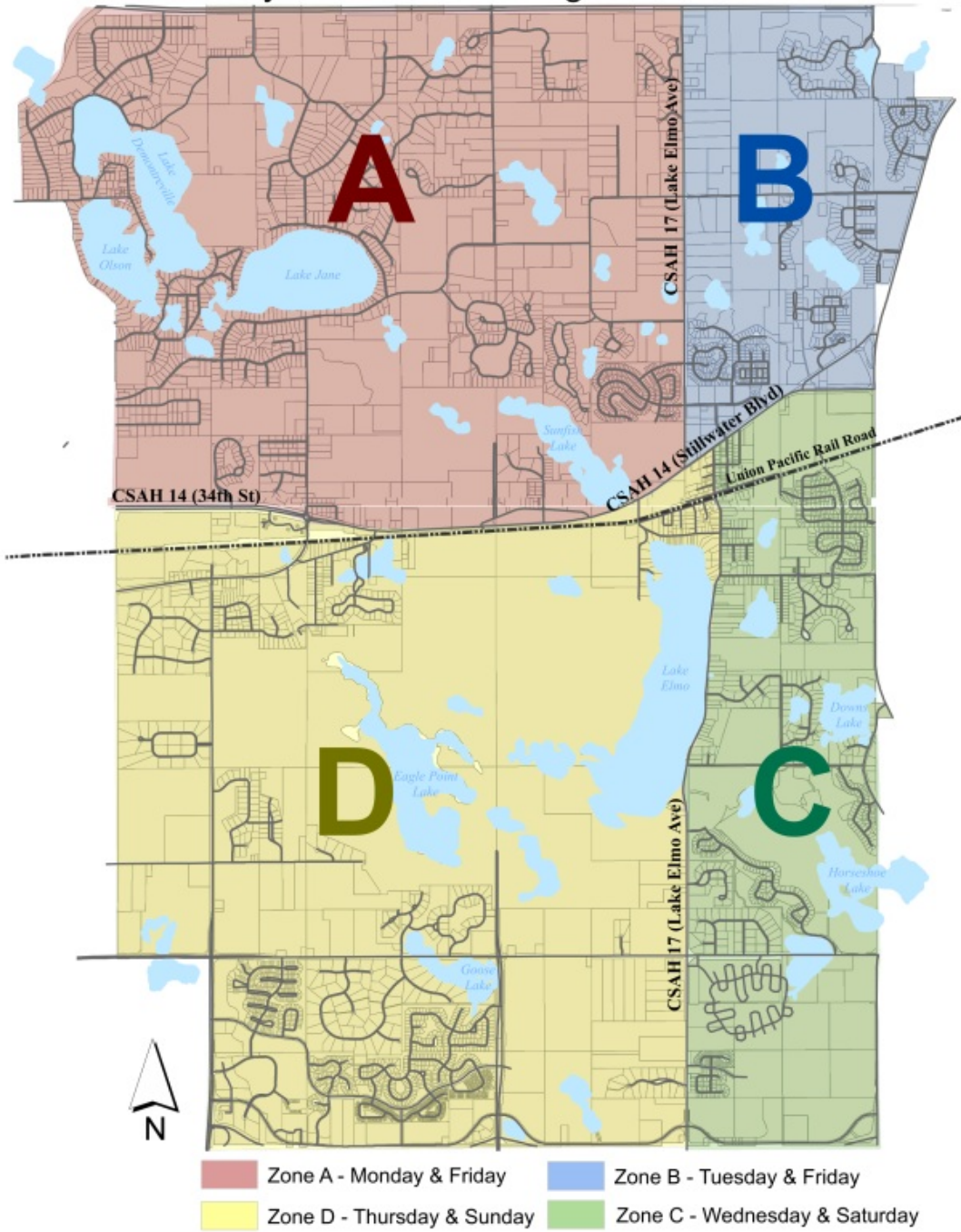
- No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 AM and 5 PM
- New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days
- Questions call 651-747-3900



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](#)



Washington County Public Health & Environment is asking residents to participate in a short survey to inform local planning for groundwater and solid waste programs that help manage garbage, recycling, food waste, yard waste, and hazardous waste from residents. Your input will help us develop programs and services that make Washington County a great place to live, work, and play.

[Take the survey](#)



Lake Elmo Farmers Market

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

Only 2 weeks left of the 2023 season!

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 pick up 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](#)





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.



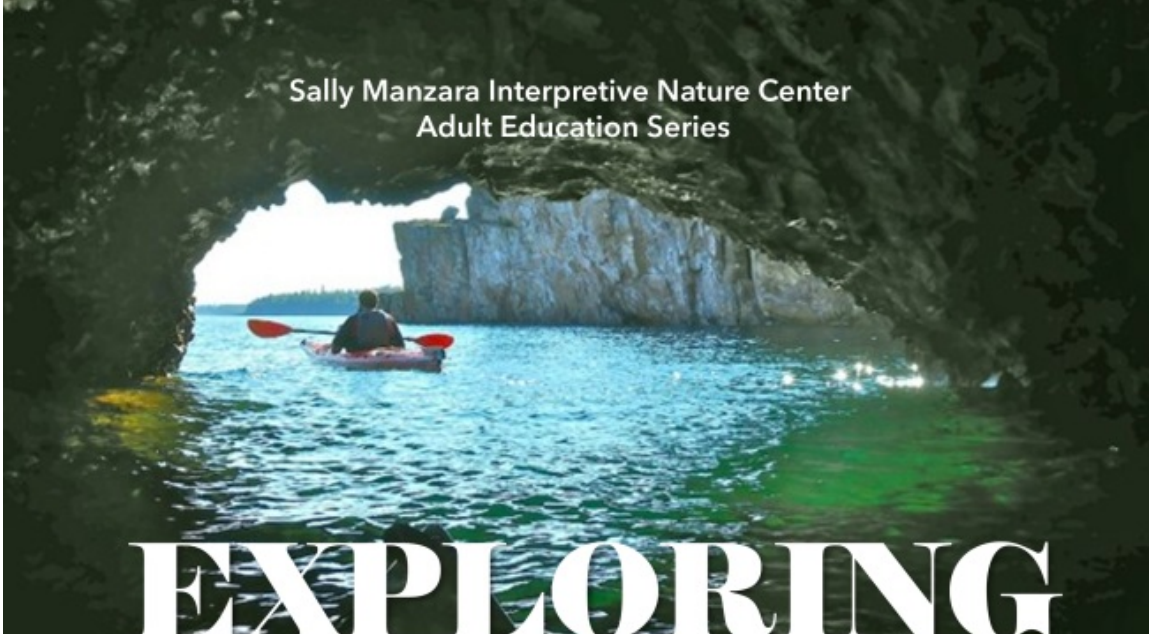
The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center in Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park is operated by a non-profit organization for the benefit of the entire community. We offer programs and events for people of all ages and have "adopted" the Park in the City's program. This work is all funded by donations. Thank you for your support!

Here is some info about recent and upcoming events:

- 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.
- Help us get rid of buckthorn! On the second Saturday of every month volunteers get together to clear invasive buckthorn from around Sunfish Lake Park. We've made a lot of progress so far, but there's plenty more to do. We meet at 9:30, and we have gloves, loppers and daubers for people to use. Our next buckthorn removal day will be Saturday, September 9. Hope to see you then!



Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center
Adult Education Series



EXPLORING CAVES

with Greg Brick, PhD

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Thursday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.

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



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 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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