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Your Weekly Source for City News and Information

Public Meetings Next Week:

- None

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.



Join us on Nextdoor

Visit our website



NOTICE: At the August 15, 2023 meeting The Lake Elmo City Council will consider an ordinance prohibiting the use of cannabis products in public places.

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.

Please note - gas pipeline work this week:

Northern Natural Gas will be conducting work at their odorizing site on 50th Street N (just east of Lily Avenue N). This site is utilized as an odorizing station where the odorant (mercaptan) is added to the pipeline. Mercaptan smells similar to rotten eggs. Residents in the area can expect strong odors of mercaptan in the area while this work is being performed. The natural gas pipeline will continue to be in operation as the work goes on. The time line for this work is Tuesday, August 2nd – Saturday, August 5th.

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.

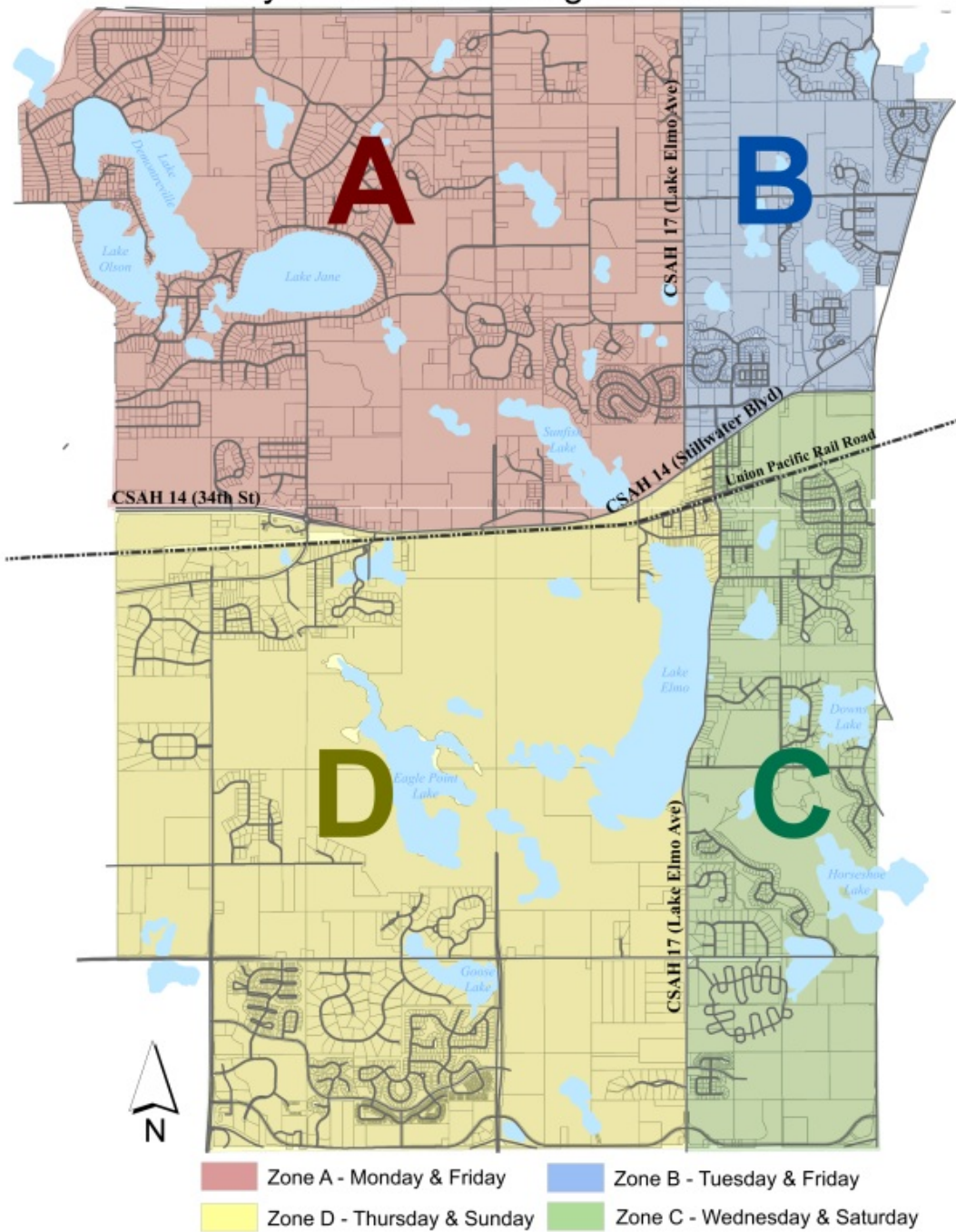
- No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 AM and 5 PM
- New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days
- Questions call 651-747-3900



Know your Watering Schedule

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

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 12th National Farmers Market week AND we will be having 2 **demos** on food preservation/canning at **10 & 1030**, PLUS **giveaways!!**

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 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.

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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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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THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 7:00 P.M.

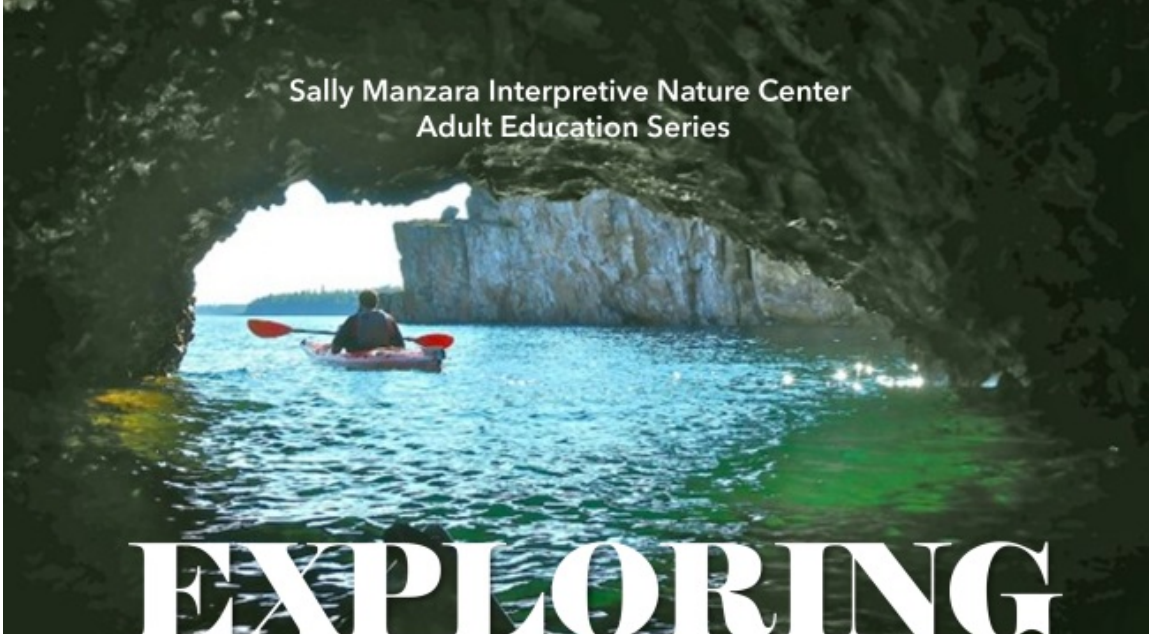
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with Greg Brick, PhD

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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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