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## Public Meetings Next Week:

- City Council Meeting Tuesday, July 18th, 7:00 p.m.



## 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!

Join us on Nextdoor

Visit our website



**NOTICE OF MEETING**

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 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. June 20, 2023; July 11, 2023

**D. Public Comments/Inquiries**

**E. Presentations**

**F. Consent Agenda**

2. Approve Payments of Disbursements
3. Approve Huff N Puff Days Special Event Permit
4. Approve Geotechnical Services for 2024 CIP Infrastructure Projects
5. Approve Pay Request No. 9 for Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
6. Approve Pay Request No. 1 for Old Village Phase 7 Street and Utility Improvements
7. Approve Pay Request No. 1 for 2023 Street Improvements
8. Approve City Center/Public Works Pay Request #18
9. Declare Costs to be Assessed and Call for Hearing on 2022 Street Improvements
10. Approve Pay Request No. 17 for Old Village Phase 5 and 6 Street and Utility Improvements

**G. Regular Agenda**

11. Sunfish Lake Park Buckthorn Update
12. Approve Draw on Chase Development, Inc. Letter of Credit for the Easton Village 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Additions

**H. Council Reports**

**I. Staff Reports**

13. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Dashboards and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report

**J. Closed Session**

14. *The Council will go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b), attorney-client privilege to review litigation with Steven D. Dahblom.*
15. *The City Council will go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (c)(3) – to consider offers for the sale of the former 3M property on Ideal Avenue, PIDs 16.029.21.24.0002 and 16.029.21.23.0003*

**K. Adjourn**

*\*Please note: Public meetings are now conducted in the new City Center building at 3880 Laverne Avenue North*

## 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.



Applications are still being accepted for local businesses to participate in Lake Elmo's National Night Out event on August 1st. This event is organized by the Lake Elmo National Night Out Coordinating Committee and is so much fun. Don't miss out on this chance to connect with the community! Please contact Molly Brendmoen ([mbrendmoen@msn.com](mailto:mbrendmoen@msn.com)) if you are interested in participating.

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### **WATERING RESTRICTION CHANGES**

**On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 council approved changes to the watering restriction ordinance 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 two days a week to water.**

**Zone A waters Monday and Fridays**

**Zone B waters Tuesday and Fridays**

**Zone C waters Wednesday and Saturday**

**Zone D water Thursday and Sunday**

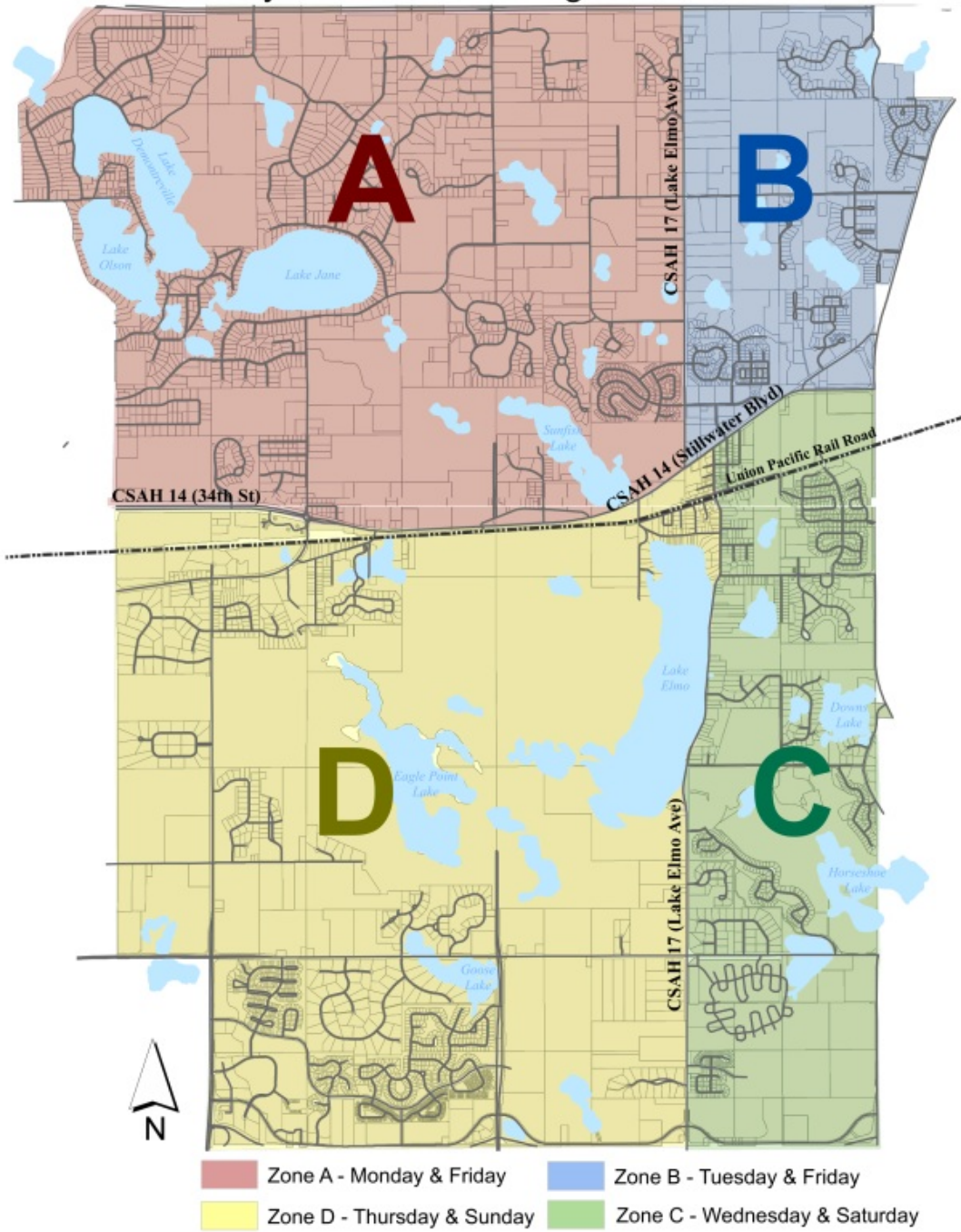
**No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 am and 5 pm**

**New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days**

**Restrictions go into effect immediately**

**Questions call 651-747-3900**

# 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](#)



# Lake Elmo Farmers Market

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

\*Market will be open rain or shine unless inclement weather of high winds or lightning.

\*Did you try the NEW freshly Squeezed Lemonade from *Fat Louie's MN* last week?! We are excited about our incredible assortment of vendors and all the new ones coming in! We would still LOVE to add a cheese vendor to our growing market (Message us if you know one!)

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In 2024 The Lake Elmo Farmers Market will be celebrating their **10th season!!**

We are working on gathering recipes for a Lake Elmo Farmers Market cookbook, to be published and available for purchase in 2024.

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. We will be collecting them throughout the 2023 season at the market table.

For more information contact Jill (market manager) 651-261-4493 or find us on Facebook @LakeElmoFarmersMarket

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

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## 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](#)

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## 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

Disposal Directory English Share

Directory Need help?

Type the name of a waste item and we'll tell you how to recycle or dispose of it.

Popular Searches

- Mattresses & box springs
- Furniture
- Carpet & padding
- Small household electronics

## 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.



## Reminder: No grass clippings in the street!

Did you know that grass clippings contain high amounts of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus? When it rains, clippings left in the street get washed into storm sewers that lead to ponds, lakes, rivers and streams. There, the nutrients promote algae growth which makes the water stinky, green, and sometimes toxic. Clippings can also clog storm drains, increasing the risk of street flooding.

Here's a simple trick to solve the problem. Turn your mower so the clippings blow into the lawn instead of the street when you're mowing close to the road! The clippings will break-down naturally and provide free fertilizer for your lawn, saving you time and money. You can also bag and compost your clippings to fertilize your gardens in the future.

**Cleaner streets = cleaner water.** Do your part to keep the green on our lawns and out of our water!

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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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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!

- Chasing Dragons w/ Jeff Fischer: The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center at Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park welcomes Jeff Fischer on Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m. to talk all about the life of dragonflies, one of the oldest flying creatures on earth, whose ancestry stretches back around 300 million years. Discover the unique and interesting attributes of dragonflies that have helped them become the most proficient predator on the planet. Learn about the life stages of incomplete metamorphosis and how dragonflies spend the majority of their life under water. The cost of the event is \$10, and preregistration is required. To register, go to: <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/event-descriptions/>



- Honey Extraction Day is Saturday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our bees have been working overtime to fill lots and lots of frames with delicious honey. Come see how honey gets extracted and processed! You can even pick up a pound of SMINC honey for a small donation!

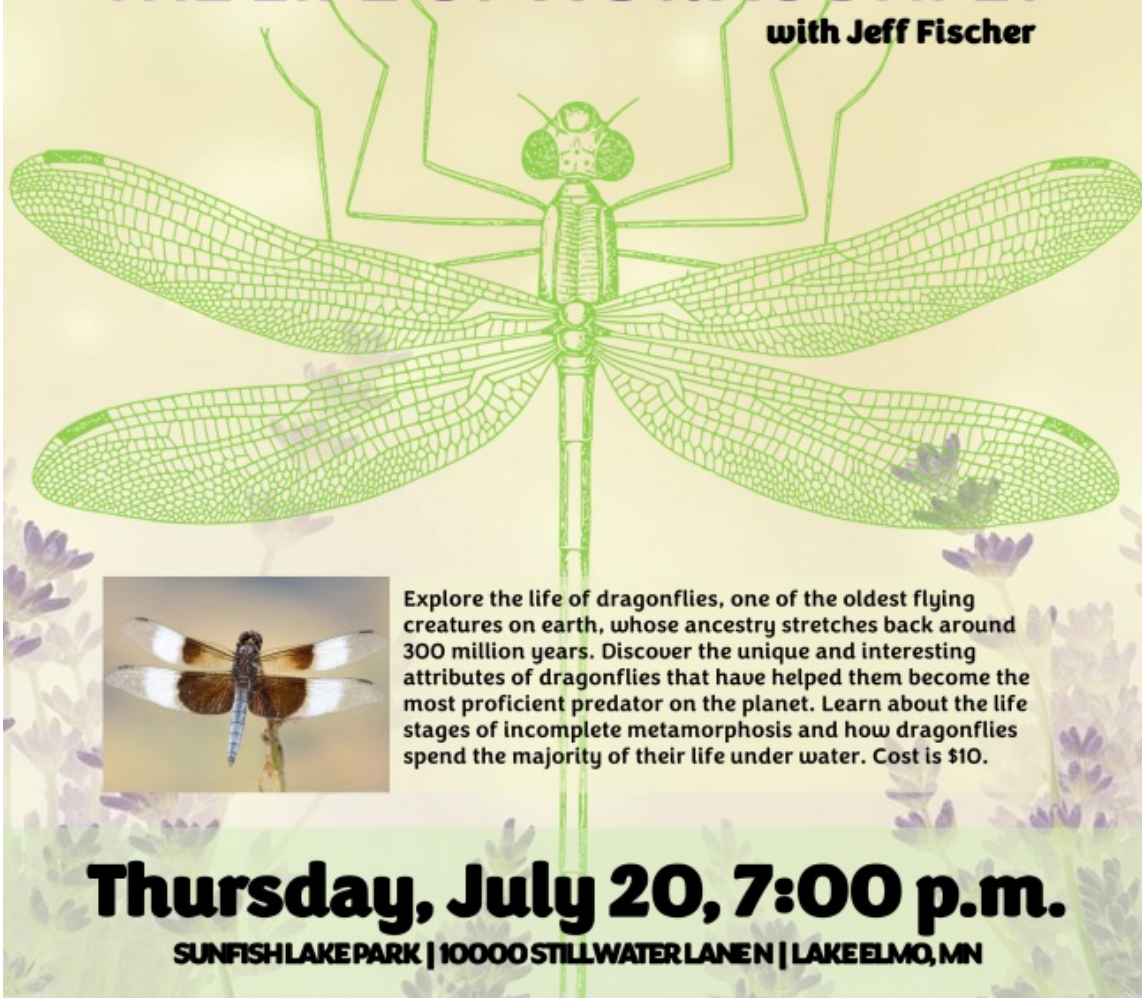


Ever thought of helping out at the SMINC? The SMINC couldn't run without the help of our dedicated volunteers. Whether you like the idea of giving guided hikes, you'd like to work the front desk, or the thought of cutting and edging the grass around the center appeals to you, we can use your help! Just stop in anytime during regular business hours and ask how you can help!

Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center - Adult Education Series

# *Chasing the Dragons* **THE LIFE OF A DRAGONFLY**

with Jeff Fischer



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**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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# HONEY EXTRACTION DAY

**SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023**

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**



**PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO  
COME WATCH AND PARTICIPATE IN THE  
PROCESS, HAVE A TASTE, AND RECEIVE A  
POUND OF HONEY WITH A DONATION.**

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## Public Facilities Project Update

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Staff made the move from the old city hall building and temporary office trailer to the new City Center Building last week. Thank you for your patience while we settle in and the building receives it's finishing touches.





Additional information is available on the City's [City Center](#)



## 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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