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Public Meetings Next Week:

- Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, July 24th, 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!

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[Visit our website](#)





NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo
Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Monday July 24th 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of June 12th 2023
4. Public Hearing
 - a) **8286 Hidden Bay - Variance.** Jeff and Judy Otto have submitted a variance application for three deviations from City's shoreland overlay district code (LEC 105.12.1260). The first variance request is a reduced structure setback from ordinary high water level. The second variance request is a reduced septic setback from the ordinary high water level. The third variance request is for an increase in impervious surface for unsewered shoreland lots.
 - b) **Village Design Review - Zoning Text Amendment.** The City of Lake Elmo has initiated a zoning text amendment to clean up outdated references, clarify the authorizing body, and update the process for review by a design professional for the Village Design Review in section 105.12.840 in Article XIII Village Districts.
5. New/Unfinished Business
 - a) N/A
6. Communications/Updates
 - a) City Council Updates
 - i. 4708 Larkspur Lane Variance - 6/20/2023
 - ii. Permitted Encroachments Zoning Text Amendment – 6/20/2023
 - b) Upcoming PC Meetings
 - i. August 14th
 - ii. August 28th
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.

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July 18, 2023 City Council Meeting Summary

At the City Council meeting on July 18th, the City Council:

- Approved minutes of the June 20th Council Meeting and July 11th Council Workshop
- Directed continuation of buckthorn removal work at Sunfish Lake Park with medium intensity methods
- Approved draw on Chase Development, Inc. letter of credit for Easton Village 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Additions
- Held a closed session to review pending litigation
- Held a closed session to consider offers for the sale of property

On the Consent Agenda, the City Council:

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

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) if you are interested in participating.



AUGUST 1st, 2023
6-8PM, LION'S PARK



Thank you to all the participating businesses and organizations!

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.

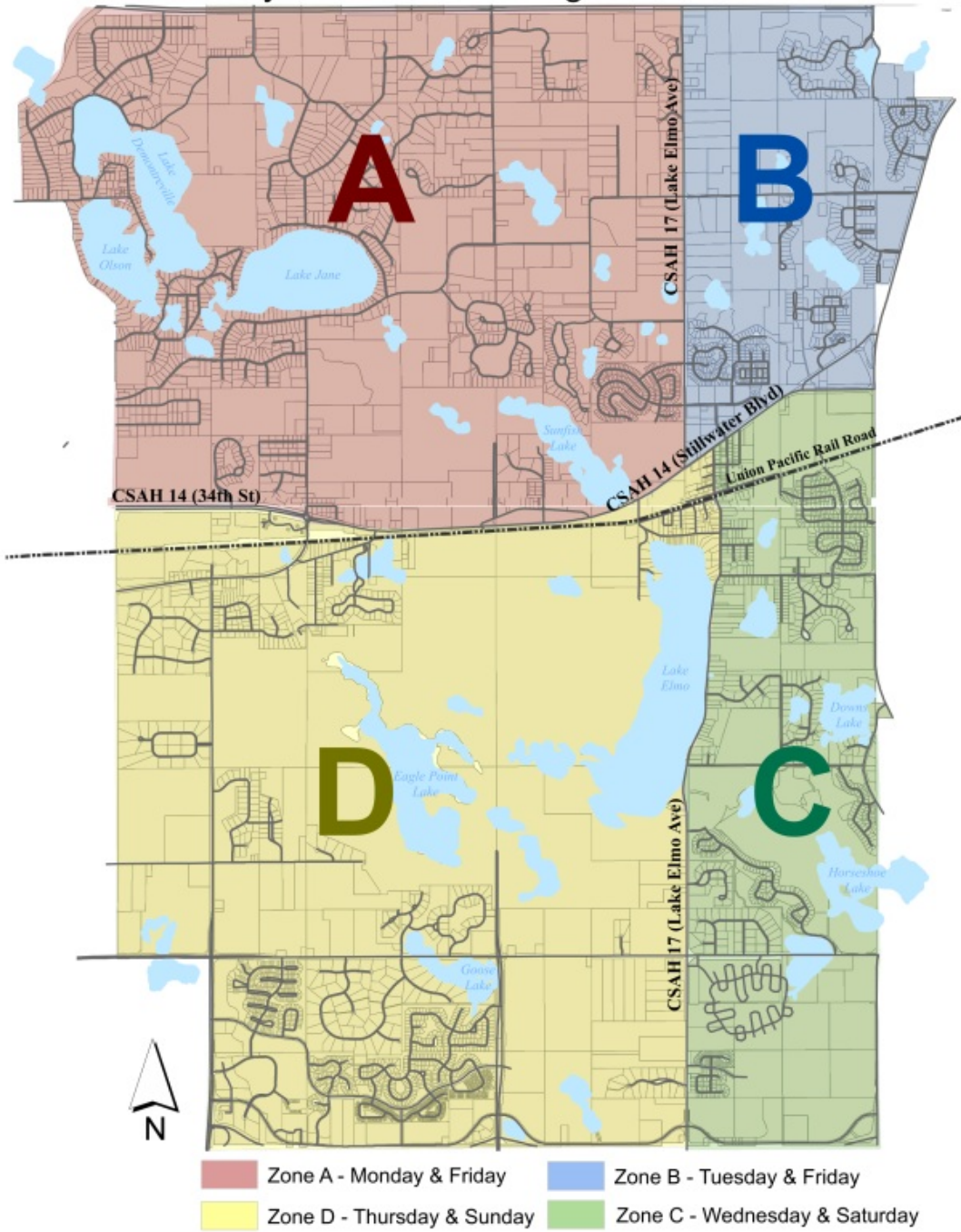
- No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 AM and 5 PM
- New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days
- Questions call 651-747-3900



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](#)



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.

***UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MARKET:

THIS WEEK July 22nd we will be having a **Washington County Canine demo** at 11am and **July 29th** is our annual **Christmas in July** market.

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.

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



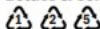
Metal

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 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](#)

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 are some of our upcoming events:

- 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!



- 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!

- 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.



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

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HONEY EXTRACTION DAY

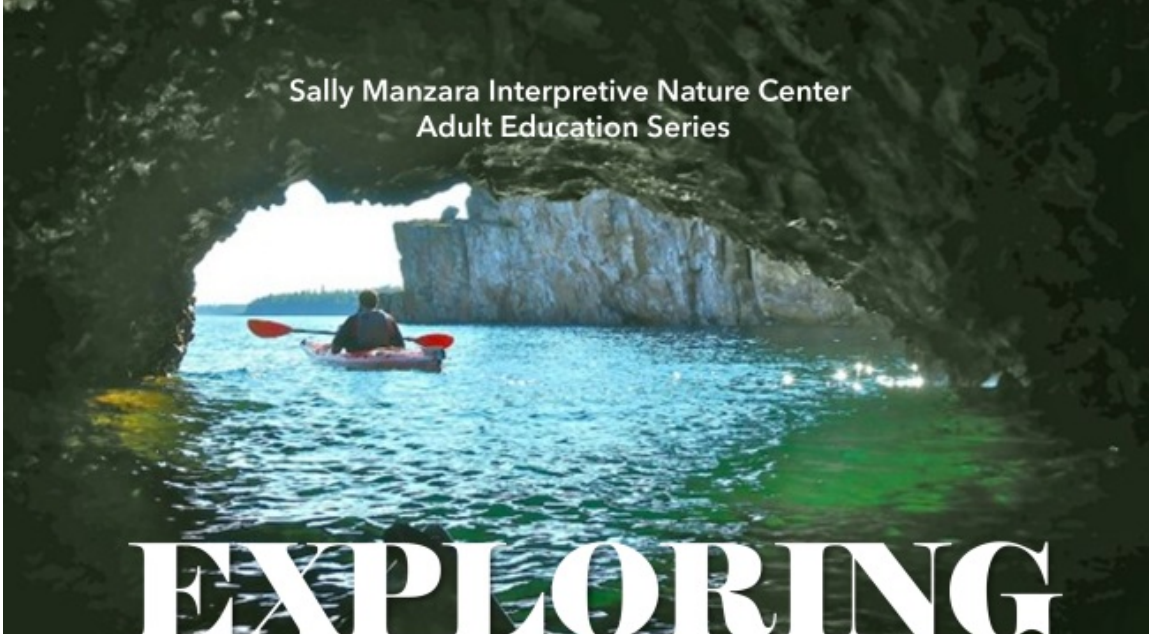
SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023

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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with Greg Brick, PhD

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Final Public Facilities Project Update

Lake Elmo Fire Department Staff made the move to the new city center over the past week and are really enjoying having all their equipment in one new, modern building.



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



- 1 New City Hall Entrance
- 2 New Fire Station Expansion
- 3 Council Chambers/Community room addition
- 4 Parking
- 5 Fire Department Parking
- 6 City Hall/Sheriff
- 7 Laverne Avenue

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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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