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Public Meetings Next Week:

- Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, October 23rd, 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, October 24th, 6:00 p.m.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo

Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on

Monday October 23rd 2023

at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Approve Agenda
 3. Approve Minutes of October 11th 2023
 4. Public Hearing
 - a) **Bridgewater Village.** Bridgewater Bancshares Inc. has submitted an application on property located at the northwest corner of Stillwater Boulevard and Manning Avenue for a comprehensive plan amendment to modify boundaries of the guided land use designations on the Future Land Use Map; and to rezone the site from Rural Transitional to Commercial and Village Medium Density Residential; a preliminary plat to subdivide the property into four commercial lots and five outlots; and for a Conditional Use Permit to allow drive-through facilities at a future proposed bank.
 5. New/Unfinished Business
 - a) N/A
 6. Communications/Updates
 - a) City Council Updates
 - i. N/A
 - b) Upcoming PC Meetings
 - i. November 13th
 - ii. November 27th
 7. Adjourn
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
City of Lake Elmo | 3880 Laverne Avenue North
AGENDA

The City Council will hold a special meeting on October 24, 2023 in Council Chambers in Lake Elmo City Hall to discuss *potential settlement in matter of Independent School District No. 834, Stillwater Area Public Schools v. EN Properties, LLC and E & E Properties, LLC/EN Properties, LLC v. City of Lake Elmo, Court File No. 82-CV-20-1422*

Agenda Items:

- 1. Closed Session, Independent School District No. 834, Stillwater Area Public Schools v. EN Properties, LLC and E & E Properties, LLC/EN Properties, LLC v. City of Lake Elmo, Court File No. 82-CV-20-1422**

The City Council will go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, Subd. 3(b) for a confidential, attorney-client privileged discussion of potential settlement in matter of Independent School District No. 834, Stillwater Area Public Schools v. EN Properties, LLC and E & E Properties, LLC/EN Properties, LLC v. City of Lake Elmo, Court File No. 82-CV-20-1422. The City Council will return to open session to vote on a settlement agreement.

- 2. Approve Settlement Agreement, Independent School District No. 834, Stillwater Area Public Schools v. EN Properties, LLC and E & E Properties, LLC/EN Properties, LLC v. City of Lake Elmo, Court File No. 82-CV-20-1422.**

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

Where do I vote?

Not sure where to vote in the upcoming school district election on November 7th?

If you have voted in past elections at either the Fire Station or City Hall, you will still vote at the same location. If you are unsure which precinct you live in, please use the Minnesota Secretary of State's poll finder to determine your polling location: [Pollfinder](#) Sample ballots can also be found via the poll finder.

Early voting is also taking place now at four locations in Washington County. More info is available here: <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/3441/Voting>



Precinct 1 - Fire Station
3510 Laverne Avenue North



Precinct 2 - City Hall
3800 Laverne Avenue North

Seeking Parks Master Plan Update Advisory Committee Members

The City of Lake Elmo is looking for 6-8 community members to be a part of a Parks Advisory Committee. The Parks Advisory Committee will be a team of local residence, who will work closely with the city's contractor in creating a new Parks Master Plan. Members can expect to attend at least four meetings throughout the next nine months to discuss and review a new Parks Master Plan. Volunteers will help generate new ideas, promote the new plan throughout the community and provide insight from current users on how to improve our park and trail system over the next ten years.



Individuals interested in sitting on the Parks Advisory Committee should contact Lake Elmo's Assistant Public Works Director, Adam Swanepoel [651-747-3946](tel:651-747-3946) for more information. Applicants will be accepted until October 20th 2023.

Recreational Fires

Increase your enjoyment of outdoor fires by knowing you're doing all you can to burn cleanly, safely, and responsibly for your family, neighbors and community. Recreational fires are restricted by size and material. A recreational fire cannot exceed three feet in diameter nor shall it exceed three feet in height (height of material stacked to burn). Only clean, dry, wood can be burned. Wood means dry, clean fuels, twigs, branches, limbs, manufactured fireplace logs, charcoal, or cord wood. "Wood" does not include wood or wood based products that is green with leaves or needles, rotten, wet, oil soaked, treated or manufactured with paint, glue, preservatives or other chemicals. Burning of leaves, grass and other yard waste is not allowed.

Be A Good Neighbor

Be a good neighbor when burning and consider your neighbors, as well as wind direction. Often times this



prevents unnecessary calls to the fire department regarding smoke.

Cleaner Alternatives

Learn about your options before burning wood in your backyard. Switching to natural gas or propane reduces harmful air pollutants. Kits that convert existing fire rings and pits to natural gas or propane burners are available from local retailers.

Brush Disposal

Burning is not intended for the purposes of clearing brush piles, disposing of green leaved branches from tree trimming, or burning of leaves.

For more information regarding brush disposal, please visit: [Yard Waste](#)

Don't Wait or Hesitate!

If your recreational fire gets out of control, don't wait or hesitate. Call 911 immediately.

Feel free to call the Fire Department at 651-747-3930 with any questions.

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.

In person absentee voting now open

Residents in Mahtomedi, St. Paul Park, South Washington County School District 833, Stillwater Area Public Schools District 834, Hastings School District 200, and Chisago Lakes School District 2144 have elections this year.

The voting centers are at:

- Washington County Government Center: 14949 62nd St. N., Stillwater.
- Central Park, Lower Level: 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury.
- Cottage Grove Service Center: 13000 Ravine Parkway S., Cottage Grove.
- Headwaters Service Center: 19955 Forest Road N., Forest Lake.



See the county's website to learn about eligibility requirements and how to fill out an absentee voting application at www.co.washington.mn.us/3441/Voting. There are also sample ballots on the website.



VOLUNTEER THIS FALL

OCTOBER 21 OR 28

Rake a difference in the community!
Volunteer with a group to help older adults and adults with disabilities maintain their independence in their homes.
TEAMS • FAMILIES • COWORKERS • YOUTH GROUPS

**LEARN
MORE
ONLINE:**



COMMUNITY THREAD | 651-439-7434 | COMMUNITYTHREADMN.ORG

Clean streets = Clean water



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](http://mn.adopt-a-drain.org)



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](#)

What would our cities look like if kids were in charge?

The Mayor for a Day Essay Contest is back to find out!

To enter, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders can answer the prompt, "What would you do if you were mayor for a day?" for a chance to win \$100 and recognition in Minnesota Cities magazine.

The deadline for submissions is Dec. 12. Students and parents/guardians can submit essays via an online form, a PDF email attachment, or through the mail. Details can be found here: [LMC](#)



Drop It Off

At the Environmental Center



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



4039 Cottage Grove Drive • Woodbury, MN 55129

Environmental Center Hours: 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.

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| Tuesdays | 11am - 7pm |
| Thursdays | 8am - 4:30pm |
| Fridays | 8am - 4:30pm |
| Saturdays | 8am - 2pm |

Closed on all major holidays.



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 are some things happening at the SMINC:

- Mark Your Calendars! The Buckthorn Festival is just around the corner! Our annual festival is a big contributor to our buckthorn removal and rehabilitation efforts and it comes every year on the last Saturday in October (the 28th this year). Stay tuned for more details!
- Sue Zaudtke, Master Gardener and Florist, will be offering special workshops this Fall: In October, she will lead the Outdoor Container Fall Decoration demonstration Tuesday October 24th (afternoon). For more detail and to register, visit <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/event-descriptions/> and scroll down to Adult Presentations



- Tree Medicine Workshops with Paul Red Elk continue through the fall. Upcoming workshops will be on October 29 and November 5. They are daylong workshops (9-4) and cost \$90 (\$100 for late sign ups). Interested? You can sign up with Paul Red Elk by emailing him at traditionallakotamedicineman@gmail.com

BUCKTHORN REMOVAL FESTIVAL

AT SUNFISH LAKE PARK IN LAKE ELMO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHAT

Bring your family, friends, groups or individuals and form a team to learn about and cut buckthorn. Help us clean up Sunfish Lake Park.



FEATURING

- Hotdogs roasted over buckthorn logs, Hagbergs beef sticks, chili, veggie blaster soup & dessert
- Music, Fun & Games



WHERE

Sally Manzara
Interpretative Nature Center
Sunfish Lake Park, Lake Elmo, MN

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Find out more at www.sminc-lake-elmo.org or 651-408-2838

TREE MEDICINE AND SPIRITUALITY



FALL SCHEDULE 2023

TREE MEDICINE AND SPIRITUALITY CLASS

ALL CLASSES ARE HELD AT

SALLY MANZARA INTERPRETIVE NATURE CENTER

LOCATED IN: SUNFISH LAKE PARK

ADDRESS: SUNFISH LAKE PARK, ENTRY ROAD, LAKE ELMO, MN 55042

PLEASE BRING A CHAIR, YOUR OWN FOOD, BEVERAGE, NOTEBOOK

9AM-4PM SUNDAYS

| SEPTEMBER 10TH | OCTOBER 29TH | NOVEMBER 5TH |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| BIG WOODS (vanishing) | SUGAR MAPLES - 6 | AMERICAN CHOCKCHERRY |
| MAJESTIC OAKS (11) | SAGHORNSUMAC | BLACK CHERRY |
| ACCORNS | SMOOTH SUMAC | HAWTHORNE |
| AMERICAN BASS WOOD | RED DOGWOOD | CRAB APPLE |
| (LINDEN) | GREY DOGWOOD | ORCHARD APPLE |
| BLACK WALNUT | WILLOWS - 4 | BLACK CEDAR |
| BUTTER NUT (HICKORY) | HOW MAKETRADITIONAL | RED CEDAR |
| COTTON WOOD | Čanšaša TOBACCO | WHITE (THUJA) |
| HICKORY | IRON WOOD | JUNIPER |
| SHAG BARK HICKORY | WHITE SPRUCE | CRAMP BARK |
| WILD PLUM | BLACK SPRUCE | TAMARACK SWAMP PINE |

Please mail payment to Paul Red Elk 2356 Cottage Drive Stillwater, Minnesota

Each class is \$90.00 before Sept. 2nd late fee is \$100.00 after that date

Oct class is \$90.00 before Oct. 20th late fee is \$100.00 after that date

Nov. class is \$90.00 before Oct 28th late fee is \$100.00 after that date

traditionallakotamedicineman@gmail.com

If you need to cancel, please do it 5 days before each class for a refund.

Washington County is a registered



**NALOXONE
ACCESS
POINT**



**Free naloxone kits and fentanyl test strips may be found at the
Public Health & Environment offices in:**

- Cottage Grove Service Center, 13000 Ravine Parkway, Cottage Grove.
- Forest Lake Service Center, 19955 Forest Road N., Forest Lake.
- Government Center, 14949 N. 62nd St., Stillwater.



Find more information on the program
on the county's website at
www.co.washington.mn.us/NAP

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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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