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Public Meetings Next Week:

- None

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Full meeting packets and meeting 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 the old City Hall building, 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 - Old City Hall Building
3800 Laverne Avenue North

Street Sweeping Next Week

Public Works will be sweeping select streets to remove excessive leaf build up and chip seal rocks from 2023 street projects starting Wednesday, November 1st through Wednesday, November 8th. Please minimize on street parking and keep garbage containers in your driveway and off the streets.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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.



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](#)

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](#)





Pumpkin Drop-off Sites in Washington County

When Halloween is over, don't trash your pumpkins! Instead, bring them to a drop-off site in Washington County. Drop-off sites will be open to all residents from October 31 - November 12 in seven locations: Cottage Grove, Hugo, Mahtomedi, Oakdale, Scandia, Stillwater, and Woodbury. Pumpkins must be free of paint, glitter, or any other decorations.

For drop-off site location and hours, [website](#).

Note: Some waste haulers may also pick up pumpkins. Contact your hauler for details.

Winter Parking

Please remember that the City of Lake Elmo has a winter parking ordinance that **prohibits parking on city streets from November 1st through March 31st between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.** This gives crews a window of time for clearing streets curb to curb more efficiently. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



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:

- Let's Bust Buckthorn The Buckthorn Festival is this weekend! Our annual festival is a big contributor to our buckthorn removal. Come be a part of the solution! We get underway at 9:30, Saturday (10/28), we'll have food, music and, of course, plenty of buckthorn to clear!
- Sue Zaudtke, Master Gardener and Florist, will be offering some special workshops this fall. She showed us all about container displays this week. Coming up in November, she'll be leading a wreath making workshop (11/8 at 11 a.m.) and a centerpiece making workshop (11/15, two sessions, in the morning and afternoon). Workshops are \$45 each and include all materials--and we'll feed you! For more info go to: <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/event-descriptions/>
- 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



Wreath Making



Master Gardener and Florist Sue Zaudtke will guide you in turning premade grapevine wreath bases & artificial evergreen wreaths, fresh greens, and embellishments into a beautiful wreath to take home.

All materials are provided.
Enjoy a cup of soup and dessert.

Wednesday, November 8 at 11a

\$45.00 *includes all materials*



REGISTER HERE

Holiday Centerpiece Making

Wednesday, November 15

Morning & Afternoon Sessions

Add beauty to your holiday season!
Work under Master Gardener and Florist Sue Zaudtke's guidance to create holiday centerpieces made with florists' wet foam, assorted fresh evergreen boughs, and decorations.

\$45.00 *includes all materials*

Morning Session: November 15 at 10a
includes scones & coffee



REGISTER HERE

Afternoon Session: November 15 at 1:30p
includes dessert & coffee



REGISTER HERE



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
Interpretive 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

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**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

Washington
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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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