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Your Weekly Source for City News and Information

Public Meetings Next Week:

- City Council Workshop Tuesday, October 10th, 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting Wednesday, October 11th, 7:00 p.m.



City Offices will be closed Monday, October 9th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day

Join us on Nextdoor

Visit our website





NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Workshop
3880 Laverne Avenue North
October 10, 2023
6:30 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order 6:30 PM
- II. Criteria for New Ballpark Search Area 6:30 PM
- III. Items for Future Work Session Agenda 7:30 PM
 - A. Updated Utility Long Range Plan
 - B. Development Sketch Plans
 - C. Engineering Firm Interviews
- IV. Adjourn 7:30 PM



3880 Laverne Avenue North
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

(651) 747-3900
www.lakeelmo.org

NOTICE OF MEETING

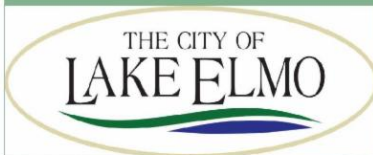
The City of Lake Elmo
Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Wednesday October 11th 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Approve Agenda
- 3. Approve Minutes of September 25th 2023
- 4. Public Hearing
 - a) **Solar Farms - Zoning Text Amendment.** The City of Lake Elmo has initiated a zoning text amendment to clarify and add regulations for Solar Farms in Section 105.12.620 Table 9-1 and Section 105.12.1470 Solar Farms.
- 5. New/Unfinished Business
 - a) Annual Planning Commission Training
- 6. Communications/Updates
 - a) City Council Updates
 - i. Northstar Comprehensive Plan Amendment –10/3/2023
 - b) Upcoming PC Meetings
 - i. October 23rd 2023
 - ii. November 13th 2023
- 7. Adjourn

October 14, 2023
9:00 a.m. - Noon
3880 Laverne Ave. N.

- 9:00 a.m. Ribbon Cutting
- Facility Tours
- Refreshments



You're Invited!



Ribbon Cutting and Open House Lake Elmo City Center



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.



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.

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](#)

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.



Washington County is collecting costumes for the first-ever FREE Halloween costume swap! Drop-off clean, gently-used children's costumes at the locations listed below through October 10.

Environmental Center: Drop-off inside the Free Product Room or drive-thru lane. See location and hours at WashCoRecycles.com/EnviroCenter.

Public Health & Environment Office Locations: Drop-off between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Government Center: 14949 62nd St. N. | Stillwater (4th floor)
- Cottage Grove Service Center: 13000 Ravine Pkwy. S. | Cottage Grove
- Headwaters Service Center: 19955 Forest Rd. N. | Forest Lake

The costume swap will be held on October 11, 3-6 p.m. at the Environmental Center. Donations are not required to get a costume. Limit one costume per child.



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



It is illegal to discharge chlorinated water to a municipal storm sewer system!

Drain your swimming pool safely!

1

Discharging chlorinated pool or hot tub water into the street or a lake, stream, or wetland can kill fish and aquatic life! 

Stop adding chlorine and leave the water exposed to the air for 3-5 days to naturally break down the chlorine.

2

Once the water is de-chlorinated, you can safely drain it to your yard.



Clean streets = Clean water

Rake and bag leaves along the curb and on top of storm drain inlets

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](#)

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SALON

10 Year Celebration *Party!*

*Join us
to celebrate!*

10 YEARS OF

HAIRCUTS | COLOR | EXTENSIONS

WHEN

10/10 | 4-7pm

WHERE

**3515 Lake Elmo Avenue N
Lake Elmo, MN 55042**



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:

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

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.

Closed on all major holidays.

Stop by the
**FREE Product
Room**

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!
- 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
- Tree Update! We've begun treating ash trees at the park against Emerald Ash Borer. Did you know that damage to ash trees by the invasive Emerald Ash Borer has become a major problem in our area? Many green ash trees were planted in an effort to keep some areas shaded after the demise of our American Elms due to Dutch Elm Disease, and the identification of the oak wilt problem. Now the formerly disease-resistant ash trees will soon be gone, if not treated. The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center's leased acre has three beautiful mature ash trees, with a DBH (diameter at breast height) of 14-17 inches, and another smaller one. These provide the shade for our messy play area, and it would be a pity to lose them prematurely, since their life span can be 100 or more years if they are healthy.



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

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](#)

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