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Your Weekly Source for City News and Information

Public Meetings Next Week:

- Planning Commission Monday, September 25th, 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.

Regular Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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[Visit our website](#)





NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo

Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Monday September 25th 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of August 28th 2023
4. Public Hearing
 - a) **Northstar Comprehensive Plan Amendment** - GWSA Land Development LLC has submitted an application for a comprehensive plan amendment to revise the MUSA Growth and Phasing Plan (Map 3-7) to change the recently approved Northstar Plat and PUD from the 2035-2040 development phase to the 2020-2030 development phase.
5. New/Unfinished Business
 - a) N/A
6. Communications/Updates
 - a) City Hall Ribbon Cutting 10/14/2023 9am-12pm
 - b) City Council Updates
 - i. Royal Golf Variance and Minor Subdivision 9/19/23
 - ii. Drake Motor Partners Comprehensive Map and Zoning Map Amendment 9/19/23
 - c) Upcoming PC Meetings
 - i. Wednesday October 11th 2023
 - ii. Monday October 23rd 2023
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.



September 19, 2023
City Council Meeting Summary

At the City Council meeting on September 19th, the City Council:

- Approved minutes of the September 5th Council Meeting and September 12th Council Workshop
- Presented a Five Year Service Award to Public Works Operator Mike Belde
- Adopted Final Assessment Roll for Torre Pines Street and Utility Improvements
- Approved Royal Golf Minor Subdivision and Variance
- Approved Drake Comprehensive Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment
- Approved 2024 Budget and Tax Levy and Set Budget Hearing
- Approved Issuance of Request for Proposals for Engineering Services

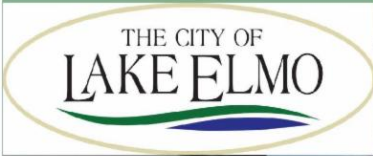
On the Consent Agenda, the City Council:

- Approved Payments and Disbursements
- Approved IUP Renewal and Consent Agreement for Country Sun Farm
- Approved City Center/Public Works Pay Request #20
- Approved Pay Request No. 3 for Old Village Phase 7 Street and Utility Improvements
- Approved Pay Request No. 7 for the Tapestry Sanitary Sewer Extension
- Approved Pay Request No. 3 for 2023 Street Improvements
- Approved Pay Request No. 2 for 2023 Trail Improvements
- Called for Final Assessment Hearing for 2023 Street Improvements – *Resolution 2023-093*
- Called for Final Assessment Hearing for Parkview Estates-Cardinal View-15th Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2023-092*
- Called for Final Assessment Hearing for Whistling Valley Street and Utility Improvements – *Resolution 2023-091*
- Approved Special Assessment Deferral – *Resolution 2023-090*
- Approved Massage Therapist License – Srae Bear Sims
- Approved Permit Technician Job Description Update

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

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



WATER REBATE PROGRAM

Irrigation Audit by a WaterSense certified professional

Guidelines:

1. Rebates are only available to City of Lake Elmo utility customers with non-delinquent accounts.
2. New Construction Homes are not eligible.
3. Audit must be completed by a WaterSense certified professional
4. The city will cover 100% of the pre-tax cost up to a \$500 maximum.
5. The customer must cover the sales tax and any amount over \$500.
6. Rebate is applied to customer's utility account.

About the 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.

Find the rebate form [here](#). Questions? Contact City Administrator Kristina Handt: khandt@lakeelmo.org.

What is an Irrigation Audit?

An irrigation audit evaluates your irrigation system to evaluate system performance and then creates a watering schedule and system adjustments to improve irrigation efficiency. A list of certified professionals can be accessed here: [WaterSense Find a Pro](#).



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.



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

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.

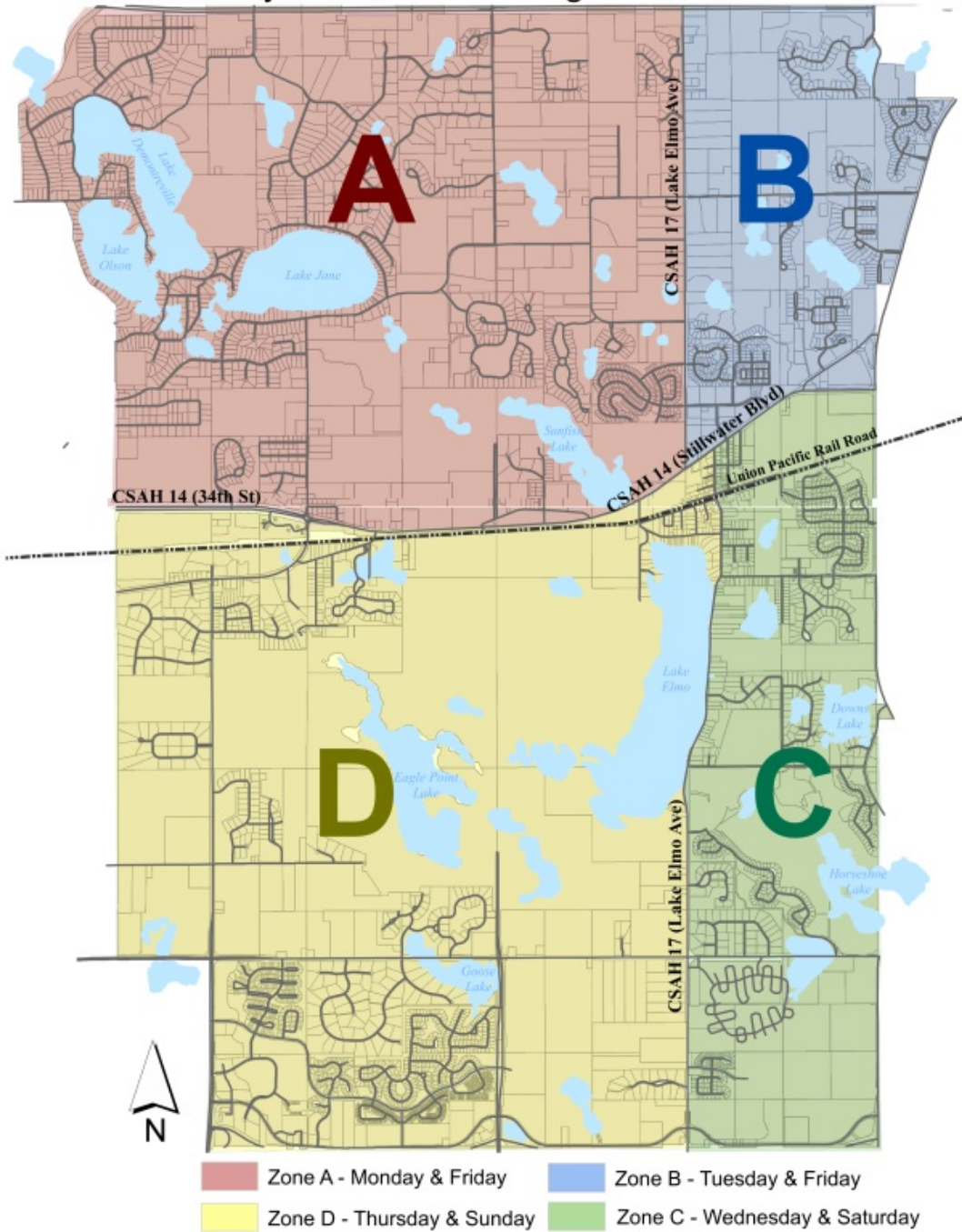
- No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 AM and 5 PM
- New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days
- Questions call 651-747-3900



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



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](#)

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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**

The Lake Elmo (EDA) Economic Development Authority's August 15th board meeting provided an opportunity for Washington County to

present an update on their recent labor study completed with RealTime Talent. The presentation provided an overview of Washington County's labor market, industry analysis and priorities. Please click here for report. : [Report](#)



Washington County Labor Demand & Supply Study

Lake Elmo EDA Board Meeting

Highlights of Report Developed by RealTime Talent

August 15, 2023



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](#)

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:

- **We visited our 25 baby bur oaks** who are being fostered in the Washington County Master Gardeners Gravel Bed Tree Nursery (near the 4H Building at the county fairgrounds). The plan is to transplant these little ones (which should have better root systems undamaged by the transplant process) to the buckthorn-cleared area in Sunfish Lake park, and see how they do in comparison with 25 others that were planted at the same time in the rocky soil East of the nature center



- **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). Satay 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 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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