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Your Weekly Source for City News and Information

Public Meetings Next Week:

- City Council Workshop Tuesday, September 12th, 6:30 p.m.

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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!

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





NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Workshop
3880 Laverne Avenue North
September 12, 2023
6:30 PM

AGENDA

I. Call to Order	6:30 PM
II. Landscape Revival Event Sponsorship Request	6:30 PM
III. Solar Farm Ordinance Review	7:00 PM
IV. Public Officials Training	7:30 PM
V. Items for Future Work Session Agenda	8:00 PM
A. CSAH 17/TH 36	
B. Criteria for New Ballpark Search Area	
VI. Adjourn	8:00 PM

September 5, 2023 City Council Meeting Summary

At the City Council meeting on September 5th, the City Council:

- Approved minutes of the August 15th Council Workshop and August 29th Council Meeting
- Adopted the final assessment roll for the 2022 Street Improvements

On the Consent Agenda, the City Council:

- Approved Payments and Disbursements
- Approved Stormwater Management MOU between VBWD, Lake Elmo and Washington County – Resolution 2023-082
- Approved Pay Request for Pebble Park Court Project
- Approved MPCA Grant Agreement for Well 2 Evaluation and Water System Modeling
- Approved Grant Agreement for Recycling Receptacles
- Approved Draw on Lennar Letter of Credit for the Savona 3rd and 4th Addition

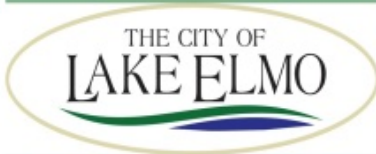
Full meeting packets can be accessed here: [Agendas and Minutes](#)

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



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



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 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](#)

2023 Seal Coat Project Underway

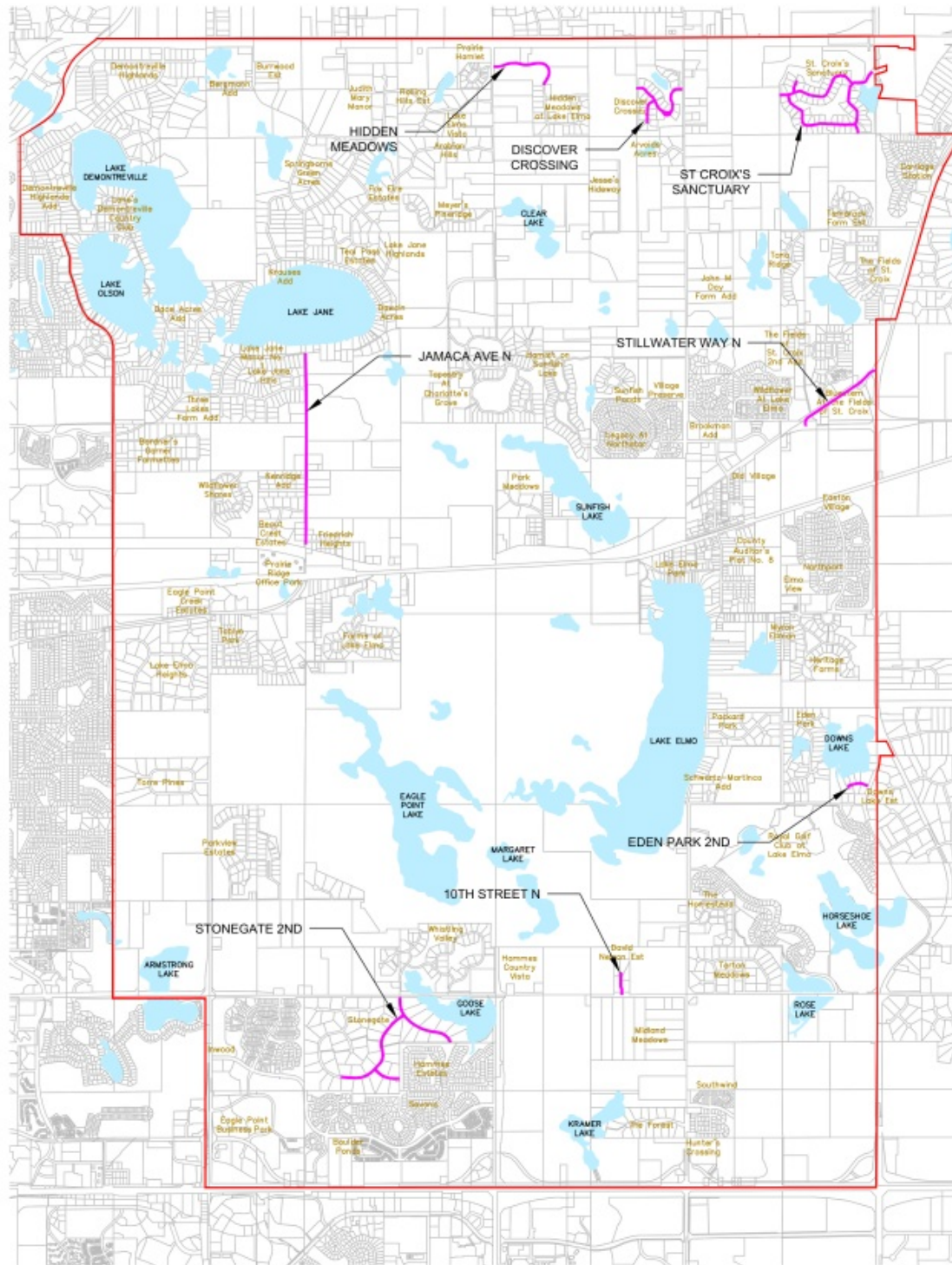
The City of Lake Elmo performed seal coating a number of city streets this week. The map below shows the affected streets highlighted in pink.

The small trap rock chips will be swept up twice after the application and again at the end of October and next spring. The seal coat application adds approximately 7 years of life to the bituminous by keeping the moisture from entering the pores and leaching into the sub grade.


Reminder: please travel safely around construction workers and trucks.

-Lake Elmo Public Works

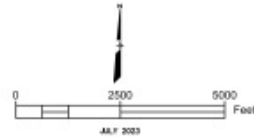
CITY OF LAKE ELMO



LEGEND

 2023 CRACK SEAL & SEAL COAT

2023 STREET MAINTENANCE MAP



[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.

Hudson Road Closure

Closure of Hudson Road west of Keats Avenue began July 31st and is expected to last 4-6 weeks. Detours are posted.





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.

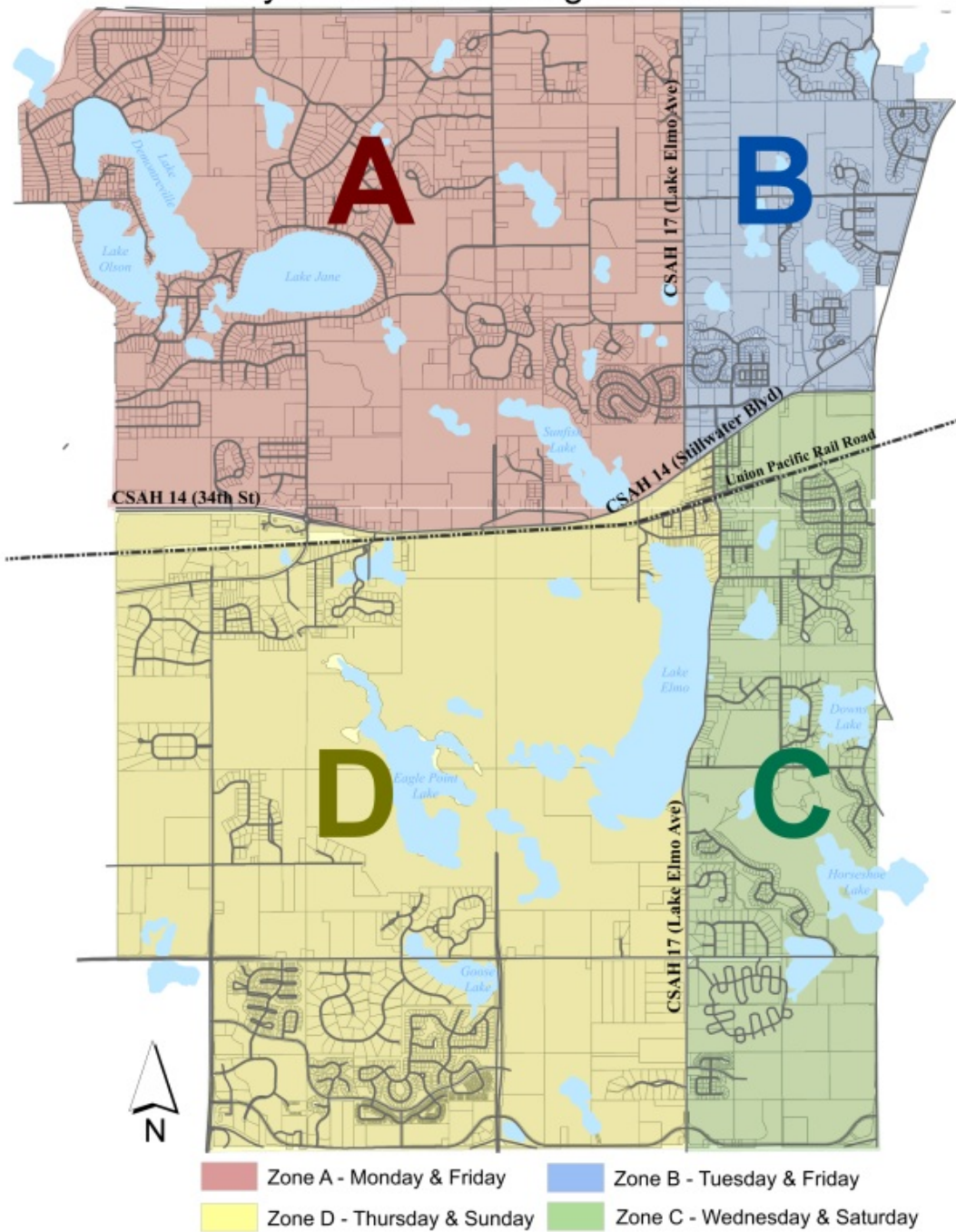
- No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 AM and 5 PM
- New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days
- Questions call 651-747-3900



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



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](#)

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**

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

Washington
County

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

Closed on all major holidays.

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.

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.

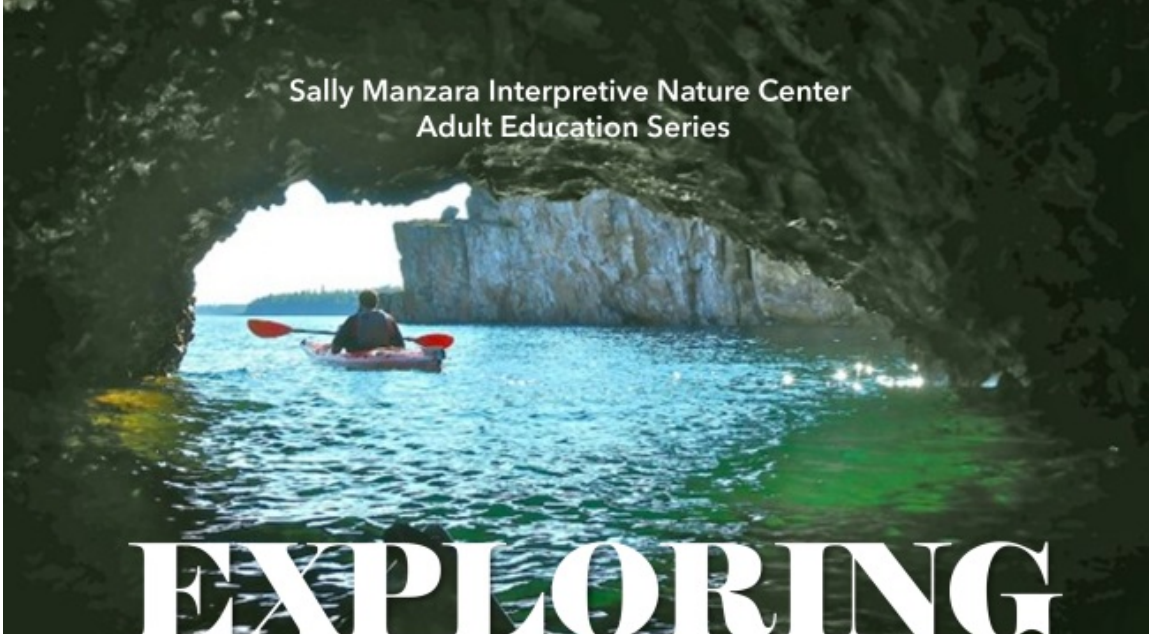


The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center in Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park is operated by a non-profit organization for the benefit of the entire community. We offer programs and events for people of all ages and have "adopted" the Park in the City's program. This work is all funded by donations. Thank you for your support!

Here is some info about recent and upcoming events:

- 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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- Help us get rid of buckthorn! On the second Saturday of every month volunteers get together to clear invasive buckthorn from around Sunfish Lake Park. We've made a lot of progress so far, but there's plenty more to do. We meet at 9:30, and we have gloves, loppers and daubers for people to use. Our next buckthorn removal day will be this Saturday, September 9. Hope to see you then!

Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center
Adult Education Series



EXPLORING CAVES

with Greg Brick, PhD

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Thursday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.

SUNFISH LAKE PARK | 10000 STILLWATER LANE N | LAKE ELMO, MN



Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is operated by Friends of Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

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Washington County is a registered



**NALOXONE
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**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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