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Public Meetings Next Week:

- Planning Commission Monday, December 11th, 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Workshop Tuesday, December 12th, 6:30 p.m.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo

Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Monday December 11th 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Approve Agenda
 3. Approve Minutes of November 13th 2022
 4. Public Hearing
 - a) **Carmelite Nun Conditional Use Permit.** The Discalced Nuns of St. Paul have submitted a conditional use permit application for an addition to their monastery, originally built in 1955. A conditional use permit is required for expansion of a legal nonconforming use; religious institutions are a conditional use in the public facilities zoning district.
 - b) **At Home Apartments Prelim Plat and PUD.** At Home Apartments LLC has submitted an application for a preliminary plat and PUD for a 48 unit rental townhome units (14 buildings). The project is located on PID 13.029.21.22.0029 and 13.029.21.21.0007.
 - c) **Zoning Text Amendment.** MYP Landscaping has submitted a zoning text amendment application to Table 9-1 of LEC 105.12.620 to request yard waste recycling and landscape supply be added conditional uses in the agricultural zoning district.
 5. New/Unfinished Business -
 - a) Upper 33rd Street Townhome Conditional Use Permit Extension Request
 6. Communications/Updates
 - a) City Council Updates
 - i. Old City Bldgs. Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment -11/21/23
 - b) Upcoming Meetings
 - i. PC 1-8-24
 - ii. PC 1-22-24
 - iii. City Council Joint Workshop 2-13-24
 7. Adjourn
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NOTICE OF MEETING

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

AGENDA

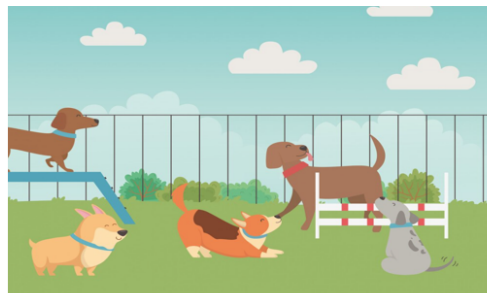
I.	Call to Order	6:30 PM
II.	Telework and AI Policies	6:30 PM
III.	Kraemer Lake Overlook Comp Plan Amendment	7:00 PM
IV.	Limerick Village Concept Plan	7:45 PM
V.	Eberhard Concept Plan	8:30 PM
VI.	Update on City Administrator Search	9:00 PM
VII.	Items for Future Work Session Agenda	9:15 PM
	A. Parks Commission Joint Session (Jan)	
	B. Planning Commission Joint Session (Feb)	
VIII.	Adjourn	9:15 PM

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

Help us name Lake Elmo’s new Dog Park !

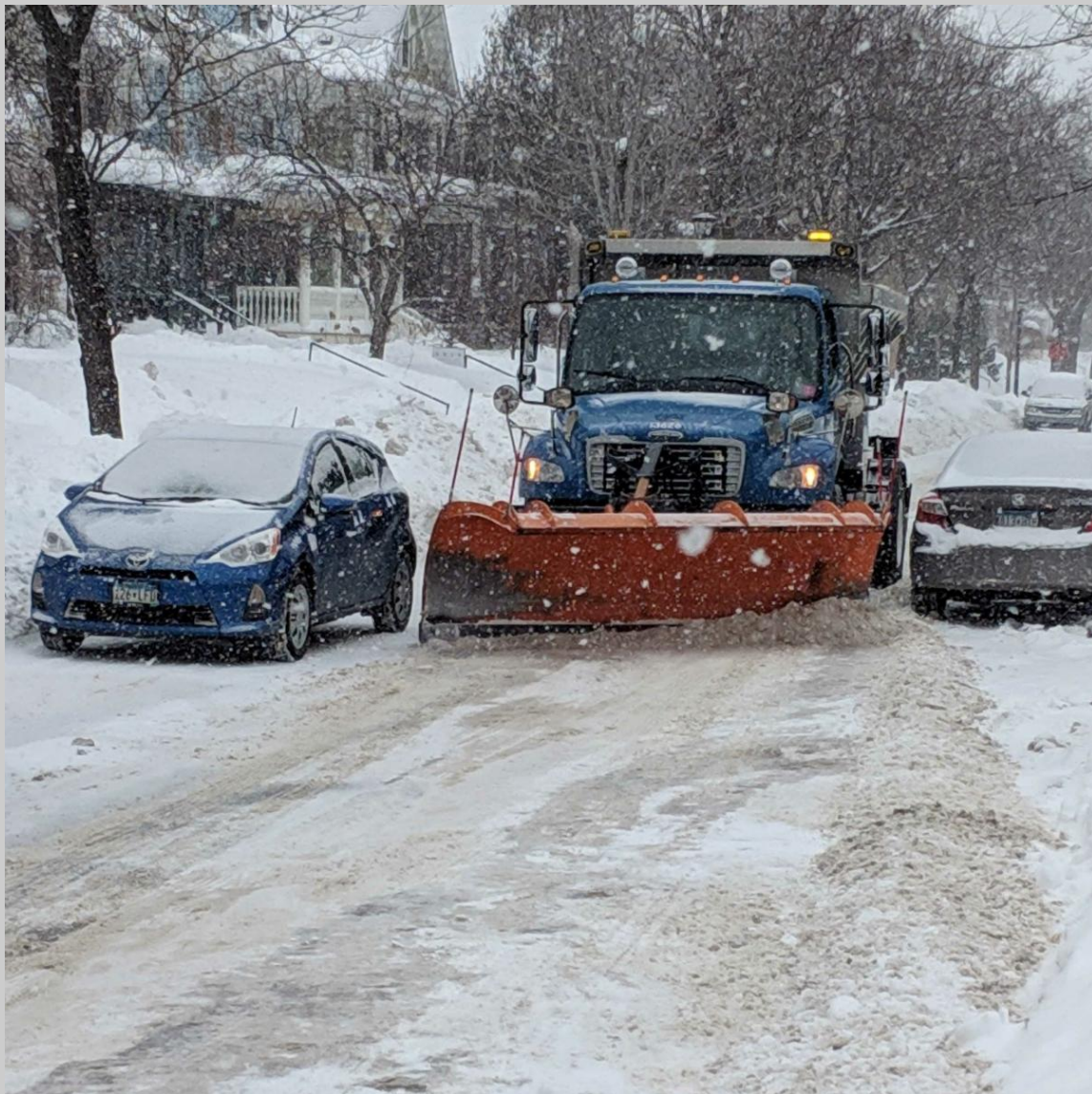
The City of Lake Elmo is asking the community for help in naming the new Dog Park. The new 10 acre park located at 4059 Jamaca Ave can also be accessed through Sunfish Lake Park, is expected to open in 2024. The dog park will feature walking paths, parking lot, a separate small dog area, animal water station and open greenspace.

Scan QR code to complete Survey



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 City of Lake Elmo has been working with Washington County and their environmental specialist to incorporate recycling efforts in our downtown area and at the new City Center. A grant provided by Washington County offered the city an opportunity to place bins throughout downtown, Lions Park and VFW Field, and at City Hall. These bins will help promote recycling throughout the area and can help reduce waste up to 60% in common areas.

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.



Parks Master Plan Survey

Lake Elmo Residents are invited to participate in a survey to help the City gather information for creation of a master parks plan. Please take a few minutes to share your feedback with us! The QR code to the left will take you directly to the survey, or you can also access the survey here: [Parks Master Plan Survey](#)

Clean streets = Clean water



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

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](#)



Emerald Ash Borer

Washington County will remove ash trees from Lake Elmo Park Reserve

Washington County is continuing ash tree removal within Lake Elmo Park Reserve in response to the emerald ash borer. Starting Nov. 15 through March 31, 2024, ash trees will be removed near trails and in natural areas of the park. These removals will help minimize risk to the public from falling trees and will also reduce fuel loads that can increase fire risk within the park.

To complete the work, a contractor will be using equipment to cut and haul the trees to staging areas, before chipping and removing debris from the site. Once work commences, ski trails on the south side of Lake Elmo and the snowmobile trail will be closed. Only ash trees will be removed, and new bareroot trees will be planted in suitable areas in the spring of 2024.

See the county website at to view a map of ash trees. Green dots are trees to be removed, and purple dots are ash trees surveyed in summer of 2023. If time and weather conditions allow, staff will also remove dead or dying ash trees along the property boundaries.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture website has more information about the emerald ash borer at www.mda.state.mn.us/eab

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:

- **The nature center's** new winter hours began December 1. Until spring we will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- **One more Tree Medicine Workshop** with Paul Red Elk left for the fall! Paul has run a great series of lectures, and if you haven't been to one, you have one more chance on December 10 (this is the session originally scheduled for November 5). This is a daylong workshop (9-4) and costs \$90 (\$100 for late sign ups). Interested? You can sign up with Paul Red Elk by emailing him at traditionallakotamedicineman@gmail.com

- **We had our holiday Wreath and Centerpiece Workshops** a few weeks ago, in which Sue Zaudtke showed the participants how to make beautiful decorations for their homes. **Thanks to Krueger's Tree Farm in Lake Elmo for their donation of a variety of lovely fresh greens!** These workshops were **free for SMINC volunteers** but were also open to others for a nominal fee, all the materials were provided.



TREE MEDICINE AND SPIRITUALITY



TREE MEDICINE AND SPIRITUALITY CLASS
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 SUNDAY

**December 10th The last Tree Medicine and Spirituality Class.
All Are Welcome to Attend**

I will discuss MINNESOTA Wild berries and spirituality of each fruit.

American Elder berry, Chock Cherry, Crab Apple, Goose Berry, Black Cherry, Black Haw,

Honeysuckle, Mulberry, Pin Cherry, Wild Plum. Wild Black current. Wild Black berry,

Wild red raspberry, Wild black raspberry, Wild Black Berry, Wild Blue Berry,

Wild Indian Strawberry

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

Dec. class is \$90.00 before Dec.1st late fee is #100.00 after that date.

Email traditionallakotamedicineman@gmail.com

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

**I will offer in February Animal medicine class (Spiritual) From American Indian
point of view. For those who may be interested in the class. The last time that I**

This class was April 2003, Date, time to be announce in early - January 2024

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



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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