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Public Meetings Next Week:

- Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, November 13th, 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Workshop Tuesday,
November 14th, 6:30 p.m.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo
Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Monday November 13th 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of October 23rd 2023
4. Public Hearing
 - a) **Fire Hall and Parks Building Rezoning and Comprehensive Map Amendment.** The City of Lake Elmo has initiated a zoning map amendment to rezone the old parks building and old fire hall from Public Facilities (PF) to Village Mixed Use (VMX) and a comprehensive map amendment to reguide the parcels from Institution (I) to Village Mixed Use (V-MU) to prepare for the listing of the properties for sale.
 - b) **2024-2033 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).** Review of the City's 2024 - 2033 Capital Improvement Plan.
5. New/Unfinished Business
 - a) **2024 Planning Commission Work Plan.**
6. Communications/Updates
 - a) City Council Updates
 - i. Solar Farm Ordinance 11/8/23
 - ii. Bridgewater Village Preliminary Plat, Rezoning, Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Conditional Use Permit 11/8/2023
 - b) Upcoming PC Meetings
 - i. November 27th 2023
 - ii. December 11th 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.



NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Workshop
3880 Laverne Avenue North
November 14, 2023
6:30 PM

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order | 6:30 PM |
| II. Update Long Range Financial Plan for Utilities | 6:30 PM |
| III. New Lake Elmo Elementary Sketch Plan | 7:00 PM |
| IV. General Engineering Firm Interviews and Discussion | 7:30 PM |
| A. Focus | 7:30 PM |
| B. Bolton and <u>Menk</u> | 8:00 PM |
| C. Direction to Staff | 8:30 PM |
| V. Items for Future Work Session Agenda | 9:00 PM |
| A. Development Sketch Plans | |
| B. TH36/CSAH 17 Improvements | |
| VI. Adjourn | 9:00 PM |

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

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!



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.

Clean streets = Clean water



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](#)

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](#)



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.



LIGHT UP LAKE ELMO

DECEMBER 2ND 4-6PM

DOWNTOWN LAKE ELMO

Santa and activities provided by downtown businesses & residents

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:

- Sue Zaudtke, Master Gardener and Florist, will be offering two centerpiece making workshops at the Center next week:
Wednesday, November 15 at 10 and 1:30. The cost is \$45, which includes materials. We will have coffee and dessert for everyone who participates.

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

- 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

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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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