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Public Meetings Next Week:

- Parks Commission Meeting Monday, November 20th, 6:30 p.m.
- EDA Meeting Tuesday November 21st, 6:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, November 21st, 7:00 p.m.



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*City offices will be closed Thursday
and Friday,
November 23rd & 24th,
in observance of the
Thanksgiving holiday.*



Our Mission is to Provide Quality Public Services in a Fiscally Responsible Manner in Partnership with our Community.

NOTICE OF MEETING

**City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission
3880 Laverne Avenue North
October 20, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes
 - a) October 16th, 2023
5. Public Comment
6. Accept resignation
7. Appoint a new Vice-Chair
8. Eberhard Property Sketch Plan – Rachel Development
9. January 9, 2023 City Council Workshop
10. Communications
11. 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.*



The Lake Elmo Economic Development Authority (EDA) is committed to preserving and enhancing our community by creating an attractive business climate and listening to businesses and residents to prepare for the economy of tomorrow.

NOTICE OF MEETING

**City of Lake Elmo Economic Development Authority
Meeting
3880 Laverne Avenue North
Tuesday, November 21, 6:00 PM**

AGENDA

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| A. Call to Order | 6:00 p.m. |
| B. Minutes
August 15, 2023 Minutes | 6:00p.m. |
| C. Discuss Sale of Fire Station 1 and Parks Building | 6:05p.m. |
| D. Annual Review of EDA Work Plan | 6:25p.m. |
| E. Future Agenda Items/Reports
-Next Meeting February 20, 2024 | 6:45 p.m. |
| F. Adjourn | 6:50 p.m. |
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NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:00 P.M.

City of Lake Elmo | 3880 Laverne Avenue North

AGENDA

A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Approval of Minutes

1. October 24, 2023, November 8, 2023 and November 14, 2023

D. Public Comments/Inquiries

E. Presentations

5 Year Service Award - Mike Schwartz

F. Consent Agenda

2. Approve Payments and Disbursements
3. Approve Final Plat Extension – Amira; *Resolution 2023-115*
4. Approve MPCA Grant Agreement Amendment for the Hamlet on Sunfish Lake Street and Utility Improvements
5. Approve MPCA Grant Agreement Amendment for the 38th-39th Street Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
6. Approve Pay Request No. 13 for Water Tower No. 3
7. Approve Pay Request No. 5 for Old Village Phase 7 Street and Utility Improvements
8. Approve Pay Request No. 5 for 2023 Street Improvements
9. Approve Pay Request No. 4 for 2023 Trail Improvements
10. Approve Pay Request No. 11 for Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements
11. Accept Public Improvements & Approve Security Reductions for Union Park 1st and 2nd Addition
12. Approve Plan Reviewer Job Description and Authorize Job Posting
13. Approve Bulk Water Meter Purchase
14. Approve City Center Change Order #3
15. Approve City Center/ Public Works Addition Pay Request #22

G. Regular Agenda

16. Rep. Mark Wiens- Metropolitan Governance Task Force Public Engagement Meeting
17. Public Improvement Hearing: Order Improvements and Preparation of Plans and Specifications for the 2024 Street and Utility Improvements
18. Washington County's Proposed Projects for Regional Funding Solicitations
19. Old City Facilities Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment; *Ordinance 2023-22, Resolution 2023-117, Resolution 2023-118*
20. Summary of Closed Session on November 14, 2023

H. Council Reports

I. Staff Reports

J. Adjourn

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.

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 stormdrain 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](http://mn.adopt-a-drain.org)



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](#)



Santa and activities provided by downtown businesses & residents



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 [www.washingtoncountymn.gov](#) 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 is kept open for the community by generous donations from people who like what happens there. Again this year we are honored to have a match program. Each dollar donated by individuals, up to a total of \$30,000, is doubled by a donation from an Angel Donor to meet the expenses of operation and programming at SMINC. Visit <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/donate/> if you have a few (or many) dollars to support this worthy, tax deductible cause.
- Thank you to the volunteers who are doing reception, education, planting, and other maintenance. Amanda is the person who arranges the reception desk schedule. If you have a morning or afternoon free, please consider helping out at the Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center, contact Amanda at amanda.vosberg@sminc-lake-elmo.org.
- 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
- The SMINC will be closed Thursday, November 23. We wish you and your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



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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