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Public Meetings Next Week:

- City Council Meeting Wednesday, November 8th, 7:00 p.m.



City offices will be closed on Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day



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NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 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 10, 2023 and October 17, 2023

D. Public Comments/Inquiries

E. Presentations

F. Consent Agenda

- 2. Approve Payments and Disbursements
- 3. Approve Winter 2023 Source Newsletter
- 4. Approve AIS Grant for LDO
- 5. Approve AIS Grant for Lake Jane Lake Association
- 6. Accept Donation from Field of Arbor Glen – *Resolution 2023-106*
- 7. Accept Donation from Mary Davis – *Resolution 2023-107*
- 8. Approve Contribution to Friends of Sunfish Lake Park DNR Grant
- 9. Approve North Star Development Agreement – *Resolution 2023-108*
- 10. Approve Washington County All Hazard Mitigation Plan- *Resolution 2023-109*
- 11. Approve Release of Security for the Stillwater Bus Facility.
- 12. Approve Release of Security for the Boulder Ponds 4th Addition.
- 13. Accept Improvements & Approve Pay Request #2 (FINAL) for the 2023 Street Maintenance Project.
- 14. Accept Improvements & Approve Pay Request #1 (FINAL) for the 2023 Pavement Striping Project.
- 15. Approve Resolution Receiving Revised Feasibility Report for the 2024 Street and Utility Improvements
- 16. Approve Plan Reviewer Job Description and Posting
- 17. Approve Public Works Job Description Updates
- 18. Approve Liquor License Renewals
- 19. Approve Massage Therapy License Renewals

G. Regular Agenda

- 20. Bridgewater Village Preliminary Plat, Conditional Use Permit, Zoning Map Amendment, Comprehensive Plan Amendment; *Ord 2023-21; Resolution 2023-111, Resolution 2023-112, Resolution 2023-113, Resolution 2023-114*
- 21. Solar Farm Ordinance Zoning Text Amendment; *Ord 2023-20 and Res 2023-105*

H. Council Reports

I. Staff Reports

J. Closed Session

The City Council will hold a closed session pursuant to MN Stat. Section 13.05D, subdivision 3 (a) for the purposes of the City Administrator performance review.

K. Adjourn

Full meeting packets and meeting can be accessed here:

[Agendas and Minutes](#)

Where do I vote?

**Not sure where to vote in the upcoming
school district election on November 7th?**

If you have voted in past elections at either the Fire Station or the old City Hall building, you will still vote at the same location. If you are unsure which precinct you live in, please use the Minnesota Secretary of State's poll finder to determine your polling location: [Pollfinder](#) Sample ballots can also be found via the poll finder.

Early voting is also taking place now at four locations in Washington County. More



Precinct 1 - Fire Station
3510 Laverne Avenue North



Precinct 2 - Old City Hall Building
3800 Laverne Avenue North

Street Sweeping

Public Works will be sweeping select streets to remove excessive leaf build up and chip seal rocks from 2023 street projects through Wednesday, November 8th. Please minimize on street parking and keep garbage containers in your driveway and off the streets.

Thank you for your 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.

[In person absentee voting now open](#)

Residents in Mahtomedi, St. Paul Park, South Washington County School District 833, Stillwater Area Public Schools District 834, Hastings School District 200, and Chisago Lakes School District 2144 have elections this year.

The voting centers are at:

- Washington County Government Center: 14949 62nd St. N., Stillwater.
- Central Park, Lower Level: 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury.
- Cottage Grove Service Center: 13000 Ravine Parkway S., Cottage Grove.
- Headwaters Service Center: 19955 Forest Road N., Forest Lake.



See the county's website to learn about eligibility requirements and view sample ballots www.co.washington.mn.us/3441/Voting. **County voting centers are open this weekend - Saturday, November 4th, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and also Monday, November 6th 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**



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](#)

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](#)





Pumpkin Drop-off Sites in Washington County

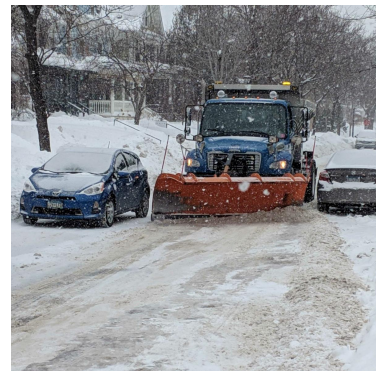
Don't trash your pumpkins! Instead, bring them to a drop-off site in Washington County. Drop-off sites will be open to all residents from October 31 - November 12 in seven locations: Cottage Grove, Hugo, Mahtomedi, Oakdale, Scandia, Stillwater, and Woodbury. Pumpkins must be free of paint, glitter, or 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.

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!





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 a wreath making workshop at the Center next week. Wednesday, November 8 at 11 a.m. The cost is \$45, which includes materials. And, since you'll be working over lunch, we'll have some of Connie's delicious soup onhand—dessert, too!



Wreath Making

Master Gardener and Florist Sue Zaudtke will guide you in turning premade grapevine wreath bases & artificial evergreen wreaths, fresh greens, and embellishments into a beautiful wreath to take home.

All materials are provided.
Enjoy a cup of soup and dessert.

Wednesday, November 8 at 11a

\$45.00 includes all materials



REGISTER HERE

- **Sue will be back again** the following week, November 15 for a holiday centerpiece workshop. We'll have morning and afternoon sessions for this one. The cost is \$45, and there will be coffee and dessert. For more info on any of these workshops, go to: <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/event-descriptions/>
- **One more Tree Medicine Workshop** with Paul Red Elk continue 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. 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

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



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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