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Public Meetings Next Week:

- City Council Workshop Tuesday, July 9th, 6:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Workshop
3880 Laverne Avenue North
July 9, 2024
6:30 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order 6:30 PM
- II. Land Use Training Materials 6:30 PM
- III. Village Area Study 7:00 PM
- IV. City Debt Discussion 7:30 PM
- V. Fire Department Fund 8:00 PM
- VI. Items for Future Work Session Agenda 8:15 PM
 - A. Limerick Village Concept
- VII. Adjourn 8:00 PM

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



Lake Elmo Receives GreenStep Cities Award

Mayor Cadenhead and City Planner Sophia Jensen received an award at the League of Minnesota Cities conference last week recognizing the City of Lake Elmo achieving steps 3, 4 and 5 in the Minnesota Green Step Cities program.

Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. This free continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, is based upon a menu of 29 optional best practices. Each best practice can be implemented, as decided by city elected officials, staff and community members, by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions. These voluntary actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage

civic innovation.



**GreenStep
Cities**

IRRIGATION REMINDERS

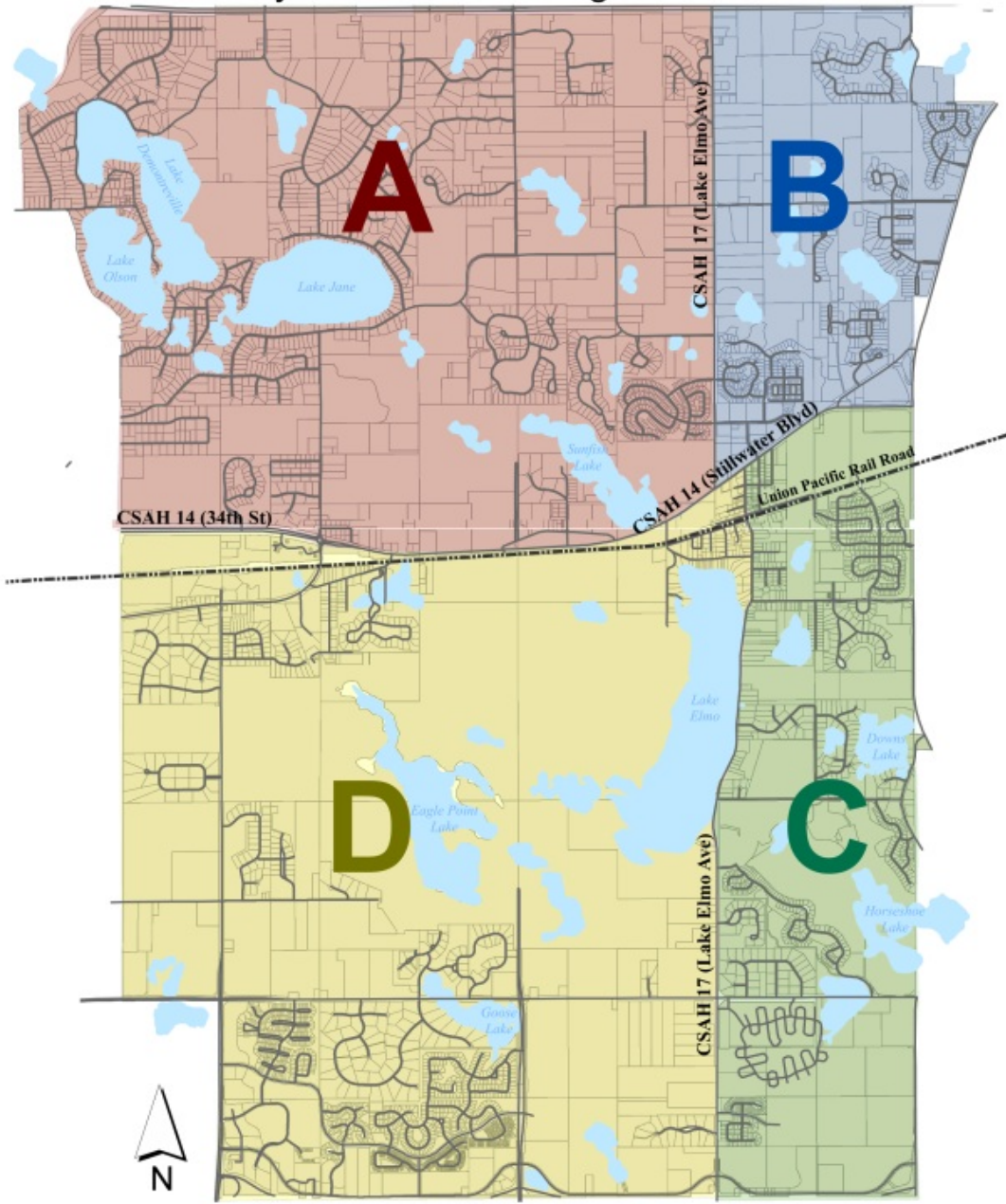
As we head into the irrigation season, please remember the city ordinance allows properties connected to the city water system to irrigate 2 days per week (according to the city irrigation zone map). Irrigation is restricted from the hours of 5am-5pm. Hand watering is allowed at any time and new sod waivers are available if needed.

You can further reduce your water usage by using a smart irrigation controller device. For more information on how to obtain a smart controller or more information on watering restrictions, please visit the city website. [Irrigation](#).

Irrigation enforcement has begun.

Thank you for doing your part to insure we all have sufficient drinking water and fire protection!

City of Lake Elmo Irrigation Zones



- | | |
|--|---|
|  Zone A - Monday & Friday |  Zone B - Tuesday & Friday |
|  Zone D - Thursday & Sunday |  Zone C - Wednesday & Saturday |



HUDSON BLVD CONSTRUCTION

A portion of Hudson Boulevard (east of Eagle Point Boulevard) will be reduced to one total lane of traffic starting early the week of July 8, 2024. The work is being done to improve this section of Hudson Boulevard and install a bituminous trail as a part of the Amira development adjacent to the site which is under construction. Please refer to the map above.

Traffic will remain open in both directions but will be controlled by a portable traffic signal system. The signal system will operate 24 hours a day and will alternate traffic moving east or west on a timer. The work is expected to last 45-days (weather dependent). It is recommended you consider alternative routes to avoid potential delays associated with this work if you are able.



PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 25

6:00 PM

OAKLAND MIDDLE
SCHOOL

820 MANNING AVENUE N.

City of Lake Elmo
Private Wells
and PFAS

Private Wells and PFAS



If you have questions about your private well water quality, please reach out to the MPCA.

- You can request your well be tested here: <https://webapp.pca.state.mn.us/gw-sampling-req/>
- PFAS well sampling FAQs: [PFAS Well Sampling Frequently Asked Questions \(state.mn.us\)](#)
- Water filtration FAQs: [PFAS Water Filtration Frequently Asked Questions \(state.mn.us\)](#)
- MDH website about PFAS filtration [PFAS and Home Treatment of Water - MN Dept. of Health \(state.mn.us\)](#)
- Private well sampling interactive map: [Private Well Sampling in the East Metro Area \(arcgis.com\)](#)
- If you have questions about private well testing in the East Metro, call 651-757-2903, or email east_metro_pfas_private_well_sampling_inquiries.mpca@state.mn.us
- Information about PFAS from the department of health can be found [Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\) - MN Dept. of Health \(state.mn.us\)](#)
- MPCA blueprint for Minnesota and PFAS. [Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint | Minnesota](#)

[Pollution Control Agency \(state.mn.us\)](http://state.mn.us)

- Good information to reduce your exposure to PFAS can be found Reducing Exposures: [Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances \(PFAS\)-MN Dept. of Health](#) and [PFAS - SixClasses.org](#)

Please visit the City of Lake Elmo's water resources webpage to learn more at lakeelmo.gov/residents/index.php

If you know someone who has concerns about their water, please forward this newsletter to them and encourage them to sign up for the FRESH [HERE](#)



LAKE ELMO FARMER'S MARKET

Market runs 9am to 1 pm on Saturdays.

- Market will be open rain or shine unless inclement weather of high winds or lighting.
- Staff will be present on all Market days at 7:30 to 1pm. Any concerns or questions please seek staff out. We will be in center of Market.
- We will be selling our Lake Elmo Farmer's Market Cook Book that has Hand written recipes from vendors and visitors.
- Last week we had 580 Visitors to the Market!!

We would like to thank the community for your support of the first ten years of our Market. As a reminder the Market is an entirely volunteer 501 C3 organization and we are presently seeking a Facebook/media board member to keep communications ongoing.

We are also looking for additional volunteers, to ensure the continual success of the Market well into the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Please give us a call at 651-261-4493.

Business and Community Working Together/ Lake Elmo Farmer's Market is a 501c3



Metro - I-94 Oakdale to St. Croix: 2022-2024 construction

Traffic impacts

I-94 Oakdale to Lakeland project area map: [View full-size map](#)

All traffic impacts are tentative and weather-dependent.

Current

Lane closures

Through October

- I-94 is reduced to two lanes in both directions between Century Ave. and Woodbury Dr.

Ramp closures

7 p.m. Wed, June 5 through 5 a.m. Tue, July 9

- The ramp from WB I-94 to NB I-494/I-694 is closed
 - Detour: [WB I-94, SB I-494, Tamarack Rd. and NB I-494/I-694 \(PNG\)](#)
- The ramp from SB I-494/I-694 to WB I-94 is closed
 - Detour: [SB I-494, Tamarack Rd., NB I-494 and WB I-94 \(PNG\)](#)

Through October

- The ramp from Tamarack Rd. to SB I-494 is closed
 - Detour: [Tamarack Rd., Weir Dr., Valley Creek Rd. and SB I-494 \(PNG\)](#)
- The ramp from NB I-494 to Tamarack Rd. is closed
 - Detour: [Valley Creek Rd., Bielenberg Dr. and Tamarack Rd. \(PNG\)](#)
- The ramp from 10th St. N. to NB I-694 is closed
 - Detour: [10th St. N., Inwood Ave. N., Stillwater Blvd., Ideal Ave. N., 34th St. N. and NB I-694 \(PNG\)](#)
- The ramp from Century Ave. to EB I-94 is closed
 - Detour: [Century Ave., Hudson Rd., McKnight Rd., Burns Ave. and EB I-94 \(PNG\)](#)

Traffic stops

Thu, June 27 through mid-August; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, Monday through Saturday

- Hudson Rd. S. traffic will be stopped intermittently for 5-10 minutes at a time between Manning Ave./Hwy 95 South and St. Croix Trail

Upcoming

Information about upcoming traffic impacts will be posted as details become available.

Lane closures



7 p.m. Mon, July 8 through 5 a.m. Tue, July 9

- WB I-94 is reduced to one lane between Woodbury Dr. and Century Ave.

More about this project

We will be resurfacing the pavement and making other improvements to I-94 between Hwy 120/Century Ave. and the St. Croix River through fall 2024. The work will improve safety, traffic flow and ride smoothness.

For more information, including construction schedule and upcoming traffic impacts, visit the [I-94 Oakdale to St. Croix project webpage](#). If you have questions, please [contact the project team](#).

 <p>Payment Portal Make a Payment, enroll in Auto-Pay & e-Billing, view your payment and bill history, and more!</p> <p>Go to Payment Portal</p>	 <p>One-Time Payment No time to login? Make a quick, one-time payment here.</p> <p>One-Time Payment</p>
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Attention – NEW Utility Billing Payment Portal

We have moved to an intuitive new Utility Billing Portal called Paya. Grab your City of Lake Elmo utility account number and proceed to Paya at the link below to register, manage your account, set up autopay, or make payments.

<https://lakeelmo.payacp.com/home>

If you need assistance, reach out to us at RNess@LakeElmo.org or call 651-747-3906.

Note: The former platform, PSN, will be deactivated prior to the next bills in July 2024. Make the change now to avoid late payments and penalties.



Tablyn and Pebble Park Courts are Finished!!!

The reconstruction of two separate playing surfaces are finally complete and available for use. The city has added 4 pickle ball and 1 tennis court at our Tablyn Park location and added up to 6 potential pickle ball courts and 1 tennis court at Pebble Park. Courts can be reserved for daily use up to 3 hours, please refer to the City's web site for more information.

***Looking to make a donation or have a suggestion for a better park experience? Please contact the PW department or fill out a request form on**

City park reservations are now listed on our website

Please visit www.lakeelmo.org. City Parks that hold rentals for amenities may be found on the home page of the website. Once on the home page, click on VIEW ALL EVENTS above the calendar. City Meetings is the default calendar listed. Toggle between parks with the drop down box on the top right corner of the calendar. Please see screenshot below for details.

Lake Elmo Park Reserve is a County Park. Please contact the county at 651.430.8370 for reservation information.

HOME > CALENDAR

Calendar

Currently Viewing: City Meetings for Monday March 18, 2024 (Month View)

March 2024

City Meetings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	March, 1	2
3	4	5 Presidential Nomination Primary	6 7:00 pm City Council Meeting	7	8	9
10	11 7:00 pm Planning Commission Meeting	12 6:00 pm Special City Council Meeting 8:30 pm City Council Workshop	13	14	15	16



Garden Tour

July 20 | 9-4 | 7 gardens

Oakdale, Lake Elmo, Stillwater, White Bear Lake

Tix: \$15 in advance, \$20 that day

order: z.umn.edu/WCMGTour

more info at: [washingtoncountymg.org](https://www.washingtoncountymg.org)



Bike Repair Stations Added in Two City Parks

The City of Lake Elmo was awarded a grant in 2024 from Living Healthy Washington County. This state-based program works at the local level to support healthier communities by expanding opportunities for active living, healthy eating, well-being and commercial tobacco-free living. This grant allowed the city to install two additional bike repair stations in the community after survey results from 2023 showed biking is the second highest means to visit a city park within Lake Elmo. These bike stations were placed near the trail entrance at Demontreville Wildlife Park and Reid Park.

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:

- Our next buckthorn removal day is coming up on Saturday, July 13th! Work starts at 9:30 and goes till noon. We have loppers and gloves, bring your energy. Free fresh air and exercise. The first phase of the Restoration of Sunfish Lake Park project has done the initial clearing of 40 acres of buckthorn, replanted oaks, and native grasses, and forbs. For more details <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/buckthorn/> George has received a \$457,000 DNR contract to clear and restore the rest of the Park – 140 more acres!!! – please contact George at 651-757-5610 if you have questions.
- The SMINC's good friend, Angie Hong, has a book coming out on July 9th. Exploring the St. Croix River Valley is a comprehensive guide to the St. Croix Riverway and its 8,000-square-mile watershed and will be published on University of Minnesota Press. One of her first book events will be at Sunfish Lake Park on July 13th (busy day!) at 10 a.m. It'll start with a guided hike, followed by a Q & A and book signing. To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/908406477227?aff=oddtcreator>
- Summer is here! We had our first summer camp this week, a Little Explorers camp for pre-K kiddos and their families. Our first Wonder Wednesday camp, "Earth's Elementals," is coming up on June 26, from 9 a.m. to 2. We've got lots of other options for camps, from single-day camps to 4-day camps, for age ranges from pre-K to 10 year olds. Check out our summer camp offerings here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/sminc-summer-camps-3007279?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>



Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center

SUMMER CAMPS 2024



Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is located next to Sunfish Lake Park in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The park offers 284 acres of natural area and over 8 miles of trails through forest, wetlands, and prairie.

GET YOUR KIDS OUTDOORS EXPLORING NATURE THIS SUMMER!

Little Explorers

Mondays from 9:30am-11:00am (Newborns to 5-year-olds)
Where families can come together and give the little ones their first experiences in nature. The first hour is structured activity based on the day's theme. The last 30 minutes we encourage open play, to give families an opportunity to explore on their own. **Adults must stay with their children at all times.**

Camp Out – June 10
Flower Power – June 24
Into the Woods – July 1
Pollinators – July 15
Bird Mania – July 29
Bugs! – August 12

Sunfish Explorers

Monday - Thursday from 9am-12 noon
Our four-day camps will encourage and educate the youth of tomorrow about the beauty and importance of a healthy outdoors. Activities include hikes, crafts, games and of course a little education about the outdoors!

Outdoor Adventures - June 17-20
Bees & Butterflies – July 8-11
Birds! - July 22-25
Bugs! – August 5-8
Nature's Kaleidoscope– Aug. 19-22

Wonder Wednesdays

Wednesdays from 9am-2pm
Our one-day, fun-filled, Wonder Wednesdays let kids explore the beautiful outdoor setting and learn about their surrounding environment. It is run by experienced instructors and the days include interpretive education, games, crafts to bring home, free play and hikes.

Earth Elements – June 26
Nature Appreciation – July 17
Nature Theater & Puppetry– Aug. 1
Prairie Explorers – August 14

Camp information and registration: <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camp-registration/>
For more information email camps@sminc-lake-elmo.org



Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center is operated by Friends of Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
651-408-2838 | e-mail: info@sminc-lake-elmo.org | sminc-lake-elmo.org



Do you love fresh, organic veggies? Do you want to support your local food system? [Cimarron Community Farm's](#) 2024 Summer CSA program is open now and a perfect way for your family to eat fresh

all season long!

- 16 weeks of fresh, local, organic produce (mid-June to September)
- \$530 for a summer share with flexible payment options
- On-farm pick-up, Wednesdays 4pm-7pm
- A typical box may include fresh herbs, tomatoes, zucchini, carrots, broccoli, lettuce, kale, eggplant, onions, and more

Sign up now to access the best produce in town!

cimarroncommunityfarm.com |

cimarroncommunityfarmMN@gmail.com | 952-607-0157



What are Stormwater Ponds?

Is there a pond in your HOA community? Chances are it was built to help manage stormwater instead of being naturally occurring. **Stormwater ponds are large constructed basins designed collect, store, and treat large amounts of stormwater runoff.** They help to reduce downstream flooding and remove pollutants by capturing and slowly releasing water. **There are two types: wet and dry.**

Function of Wet Ponds

Wet ponds have a permanent pool of water and are typically surrounded by vegetative buffers to help collect pollutants. There is often a visible outflow structure in the pond, called a riser. In most wet ponds:

- Runoff flows into the pond through an inlet.
- A smaller pool, called a forebay, slows the runoff and lets sediment and other pollutants to settle to the bottom.
- Water then flows to a second pool, the primary pool, for additional settling.
- If the water level exceeds the outlet elevation, like after heavy rainfall, the outlet structure slowly releases it.
- During extreme rain events, water may flow over the highest part of the pond, called the emergency spillway or overflow.



Function of Dry Ponds

Dry ponds are a large grassy basin, sometimes with rock, other vegetation, and an outflow structure that are dry except for after storms. In most dry ponds:

- Runoff flows into the pond.
- The basin slows the incoming water and allows sediment and other pollutants to settle out.
- The water infiltrates into the ground to replenish groundwater or is released slowly through an underdrain or outlet structure to nearby waterways within a few days.

SCHOOL SUPPLY SWAP

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
4 - 6 P.M.

ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
WOODBURY



DONATIONS NEEDED!

Washington County is collecting gently used school supplies for a school supply swap in August. Donate gently used items at the Environmental Center, Washington County Libraries, and Public Health & Environment office locations through August 2.



Scan to find a donation site!
WashCoRecycles.com/Reuse

ACCEPTED ITEMS

Donations should be gently used items that students would normally discard at the end of the school year.

- Pencils/pens/markers/crayons
- Notebooks
- Lined or graphing paper
- Calculators (working)
- Rulers/protractors/compasses
- Scissors
- Erasers
- Glue sticks
- Watercolor paints
- Pencil cases
- Pencil sharpeners
- Backpacks (working zippers, no rips/tears/stains)
- 3-ring binders (1-inch only)
- Pocket folders

WashCoRecycles.com/Reuse
651-275-7475

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County

Recycling at Home

Empty and rinse all containers

Glass
Bottles & Jars



Metal
Food & Beverage Cans



Plastic
Bottles & Containers



Cartons



Paper & Cardboard



When in doubt, keep it out. Putting these items in your recycling cart does more harm than good.

NO!

**Do Not Bag
Recyclables**



**No Plastic
Bags or Wrap**



No Tangles
(No hoses, wires,
or string lights)



**No Shredded
Paper**



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