

Public Meetings Next Week:

- Parks Commission Monday, August 19th, 6:30 p.m.
 EDA Meeting Tuesday, August 20th,
 City Council Meeting Tuesday, August 20th, 7:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission 3880 Laverne Avenue North August 19, 2024 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve Agenda
- 4. Approve Minutes
 - a) June 17th, 2024
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Stonegate Park
- 7. Communications
 - a) Future Agenda Items
- 8. Adjourn



6. Adjourn

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.

6:55 p.m.

NOTICE OF MEETING

City of Lake Elmo Economic Development Authority Meeting

3880 Laverne Avenue North Tuesday August 20, 2024, 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 6:00p.m. 2. Approve minutes of May 21, 2024 6:05p.m. 3. Updates/Communication 6:05p.m. Work-plan updates Sign Code update 4. Fire Station/PW Building RFP discussion 6:15p.m. a. Fire station survey results b. Other business-related updates 5. Future Items and Reports 6:45 p.m. -Next Meeting: November 19, 2024 -Future Items: 2025 Workplan · Progress Report



NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 2024 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. August 7, 2024
- D. Public Comments/Inquiries
- E. Presentations
- F. Consent Agenda
 - 2. Approve Payment of Disbursements
 - 3. Approve Pay Request No. 3 for the 2024 Street and Utility Improvements.
 - 4. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for Stillwater Boulevard Trunk Watermain Improvements
 - Approve Pay Request No. 2 for the 30th Street North Gap Segment Improvements
 - 6. Approve At Home Apartments Development Agreement; Resolution 2024-088
 - Approve Prairie Sky Development Agreement; Resolution 2024-089
 - 8. Approve Bridgewater Village Revised Final Plat and Tree Mitigation Plan; Resolution 2024-090
 - 9. Approve Resolution Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 2024-13 (Sign Ordinance)
 - 10. Accept Improvements and Approve Security Reductions for the Ebertz Addition
 - 11. Accept Improvements and Approve Security Reductions for the Wildflower 4th Addition
 - 12. Accept Quotes and Award Contract for the 2024 Striping Project
 - 13. Stantec Task Order No. 5, Amendment #1 for South Water Treatment Plant
 - 14. Approve Well 2 PFAS Treatment Engineering Service Task Order
 - 15. Accept Donation from Don Raleigh Memorial Fund Resolution 2024-091
- G. Regular Agenda
 - 16. Highpointe Crossing Preliminary Plat and OP PUD
- H. Council Reports
- I. Staff Reports
- J. Adjourn

Full meeting packets and meeting minutes can be accessed here: Agendas and Minutes



Help us name Lake Elmo's New Park Land

29.9 Acres adjacent to Sunfish Lake Park and new Northstar Development

The City of Lake Elmo is seeking the public's input on naming a new city park. Nearly 30 acres of new park land was acquired by the city in connection with the Legacy development. The park will contain nature walking trails throughout the area. Opening of the park is expected in 2025. Suggestions for the new park and the city's naming policy can be found here: policy.

Washington County Long Range Transportation Plan

Washington County is seeking public input on its first ever Long Range Transportation Plan. Input received will be shared with decision makers to inform the direction and outcomes of the Long Range Transportation Plan. To help the project team understand public experience of the existing network and priorities for future investments, visit this link: <u>Plan</u> A summary of the worksessions held earlier this year is below.

Long Range Transportation Plan City and Township Work Session Event Summary

February 2024

Work Session Format & Desired Outcomes

As part of the initial stakeholder engagement for the Long Range Transportation Plan, Washington County invited City and Township elected officials and staff to participate in work sessions to provide an overview of the project and facilitate discussion on community transportation issues, goals, and priorities. Two, 90-minute, work sessions were held on February 7th and 8th with an opportunity for online engagement for those unable to attend.

Promotion

The work session series was promoted by direct agency contact. County staff reached out to City and Township staff via email to notify them of the Long Range Transportation Planning process and to invite local agency participation in the work sessions. County staff held two drop-in virtual opportunities for local agency staff to ask questions ahead of identifying the appropriate participants based on their practices and availability. County staff relied on local agency staff to circulate the information and communicate planned participation of elected officials and/or staff.

Participation

A combination of elected officials and staff participated in the work sessions based on each agency's preference and/or availability. All five County Commissioners participated in one or both in-person work sessions. There was one online participant.



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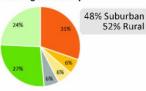
65% elected participation 35% staff participation 7 communities around Washington County.

There are 33 Cities/Townships in the County. The work sessions had just over 50% participation.

Community Types

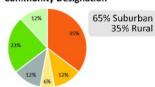
The Metropolitan Council's Community Designations were referenced in reviewing feedback from the work sessions to understand if different priorities rise to the top across the different community types.

Community Designations in Washington County



- Suburban = ESE/DR
 - Suburban Edge Diversified Rural

Work Session Participation by **Community Designation**



Emerging Suburban Edge Rural Residential

Transportation Hot Topics

Each participating agency was asked to share "Hot Topics" related to transportation in their communities. Hot Topics could cover priorities, common comments, or what is/isn't working well from the perspective of elected officials, staff, or community members.

The most common themes included:







Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure and Transit

The next most common themes were related to infrastructure maintenance/ condition, speeds, and safety.



35% Rural

Community Designation Differentiator:

Transit was not listed by any participating rural communities as a hot topic. Bike/ped was the most common theme followed by condition and speeds.

Participating Agencies: Afton, Bayport, Cottage Grove, Forest Lake, Hugo, Lake Elmo, Mahtomedi, May Township, Newport, Oak Park Heights, Oakdale, Scandia, St. Paul Park, Stillwater, Stillwater Township, West Lakeland Township, and Woodbury



Transportation Priorities

System condition, safety, and regional connectivity will remain key themes of the County's transportation goals and policies. Beyond these themes, participants were asked to identify transportation characteristics to (re)emphasize in the County's Long Range Transportation Plan.



Safety



System Condition



Characteristic Prioritization







Ease of Travel

Transportation



Economic Vitality

Environmental Stewardship

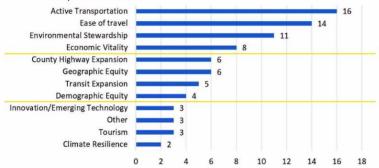
Community Designation Differentiator:

Both suburban and rural communities listed Active Transportation and Ease of Travel as high priorities. Suburban communities placed a higher focus on economic vitality where rural communities placed a higher focus on environmental stewardship.

Twelve characteristics were presented at the work sessions and participants were asked to select their community's top four priorities. Later, participants were asked to select their next four highest priority characteristics - effectively grouping the characteristics into three categories: highest; secondary; and lowest priority characteristics. As agencies had varying numbers participants, total counts were adjusted so that each agency could only select each characteristic once.

Whether reviewing the responses for the top-four characteristics (as shown below) or including secondary priorities on a weighted basis, the order of characteristics between highest, secondary, and lowest groupings, remained largely the same.

Select Your Top-Four Characteristics:



Participants were given the opportunity to select "other" and describe characteristics they did not see represented. Participants identified safety, snowmobile/ATV trails, livability, and agency coordination as high or secondary priorities.

What are the challenges/barriers to achieving positive outcomes related to transportation in your community?

- Funding
- Jurisdictional authority in operation and design
- Right-of-way constraints
- Population density driving improvements/fund allocation
- Balancing vehicular efficiency and livability/walkability

What would you like to see the County's Long Range Transportation Plan address in order to support or bolster goals/policies in your community?

- Consistent design standards/flexibility in application based on context
- Long-term infrastructure maintenance plan
- Agency participation

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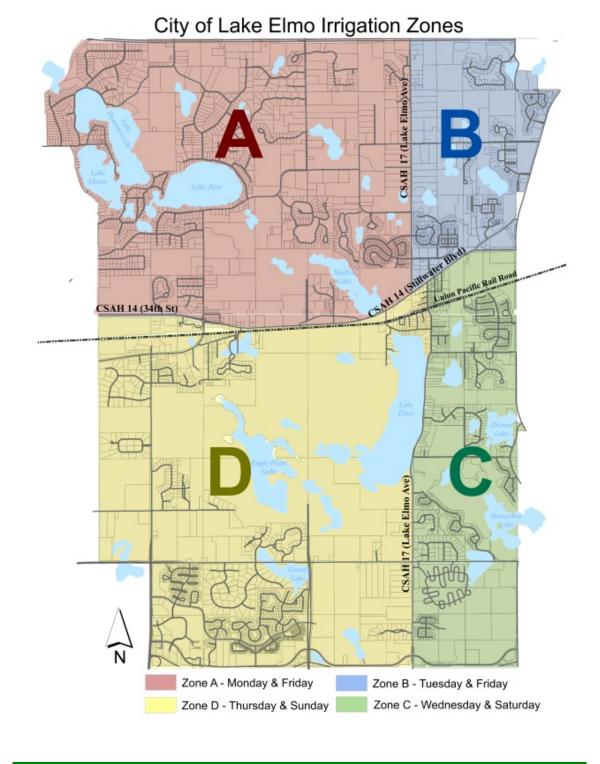
IRRIGATION REMINDERS

During 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!



Healthy LAWN-CARE

YOU WANT: a beautiful, healthy lawn and yard that is safe for your kids and pets, but you don't want to spend a lot of money and you don't have a lot of time.

WE ALL WANT: healthy yards that support pollinators, birds and wildlife; clean water in wetlands, lakes, rivers and groundwater drinking sources; enough for future generations.

S CHEAP TRICKS

o*ømart* :::₁ Sprinkling

LAWNS ONLY NEED 1in OF WATER About 20mins
PER WEEK INCLUDING RAIN = 2x per week.
Turn off your automatic sprinkler system and

Turn off your automatic sprinkler system and only turn it on when you need it OR install a rain sensor THAT WORKS!

USE Thee of FERTILIZER

FAVE GRASS CLIPPINGS ON THE LAWN.



Fertilization 1x per year around labor day. Sweep up any grass clippings or fertilizer that fall on streets and side to the property out of the street deals.

PMOWLess



Lawn doesn't need to be mown as often during dry spells.

Mowbetter!

MOW HIGH - AT LEAST 3"

Taller grass has deeper roots, needs less water, and is more resistant to weeds.



OLEARN POWE

DANDELIONS, CLOVER AND CREEPING CHARLIE PROVIDE EARLY SEASON NECTAR FOR BEES AND POLLINATORS

Historically, lawns have had a mix of species, including clover and creeping thyme.

If you use herbicide, spot treat only



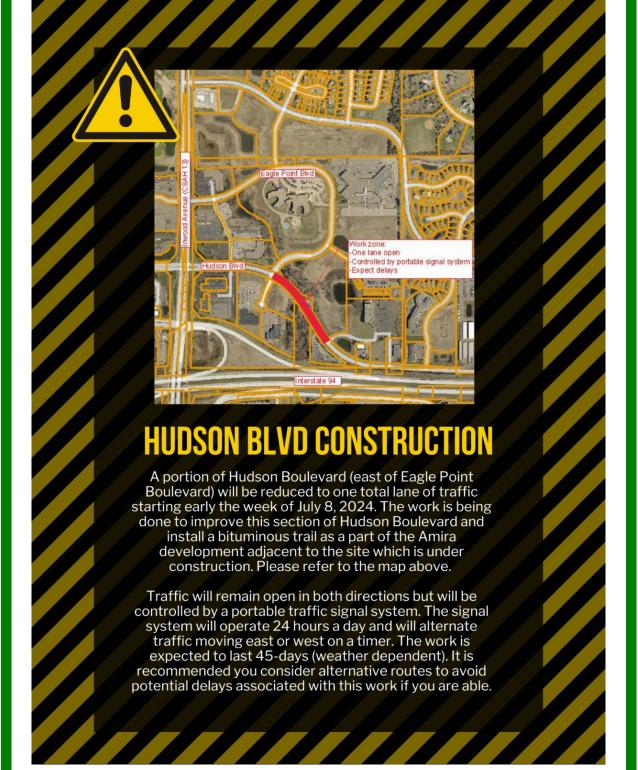
GO Beyond THE LAWN!

OF YOUR LAWN YOU DON'T USE WITH NATIVE PLANTS, SHRUBS, AND GARDENS.

More beauty, more pollinator and wildlife habitat, less stormwater runoff pollution.

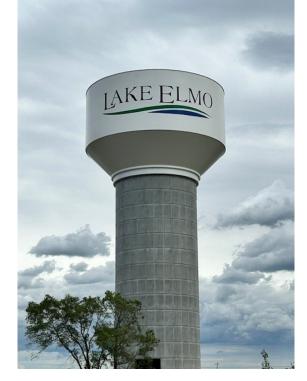
Learn more at: www.mnwcd.org





July 25th Safe Drinking Water Meeting Replay is Available

The City of Lake Elmo, along with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) hosted an informational meeting regarding PFAS, safe drinking water and private wells on July 25, 2024, where presentations were given by MPCA, MDH and Lake Elmo's City Engineer



as well as a question and answer period for the participants. The presentation slides are available **here** as well as printed copies are available at City Hall. A recording of the meeting is available **here**.

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-reg/
- PFAS well sampling FAQs: <u>PFAS Well Sampling Frequently Asked Questions</u> (state.mn.us)
- Water filtration FAQs: <u>PFAS Water Filtration Frequently Asked Questions</u> (<u>state.mn.us</u>)
- MDH website about PFAS filtration <u>PFAS and Home Treatment of Water MN</u>
 Dept. of Health (state.mn.us)
- Private well sampling interactive map: <u>Private Well Sampling in the East Metro Area</u> (<u>arcgis.com</u>)
- 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 <u>Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) MN Dept. of Health (state.mn.us)</u>
- MPCA blueprint for Minnesota and PFAS. <u>Minnesota's PFAS Blueprint | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (state.mn.us)</u>
- Good information to reduce your exposure to PFAS can be found Reducing Exposures: <u>Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)-MN Dept. of Health</u> 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 <u>HERE</u>



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 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.

There has been a recent uptick in pop up attachments on our Facebook page for folks to register on line and make payments on-line.

We have no such format. We feel this has been AI generated since of the frequency and of the language. Speak directly to Manager at Market or

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: <u>View full-size map</u> All traffic impacts are tentative and weather-dependent.

Current

Lane closures

Through Sat, Sept. 14

- WB I-94 is reduced to two lanes between Woodbury Dr. and Century Ave.
- EB I-94 is reduced to three lanes between Century Ave. and Woodbury Dr.
 - Traffic going east past the Woodbury Dr./Keats Ave. N. exit should use the left two lanes
 - Traffic exiting onto I-494, I-694, Radio Dr./Inwood Ave. N. or Woodbury Dr./Keats Ave. N. should use the right lane

Ramp closures

Through October

- The ramp from Tamarack Rd. to SB I-494 is closed
 - Detour: <u>Tamarack Rd., Weir Dr., Valley Creek Rd. and SB I-494 (PNG)</u>
- 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: <u>Century Ave.</u>, <u>Hudson Rd.</u>, <u>McKnight Rd.</u>, <u>Burns Ave. and EB I-94</u> (<u>PNG</u>)

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4 a.m. Mon, Aug. 12 through Sat, Sept. 14

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

Upcoming

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

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

Fall into Winter Gardening

Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Lake Elmo Library - 3537 Lake Elmo Ave N., Lake Elmo



Master Gardener Tyler Torgrimson will be at Lake Elmo Library presenting on preparing your garden for winter - an essential step to ensure its vitality for the next growing season. It involves several tasks such as mulching perennials, protecting trees and shrubs from harsh conditions and others. In this class, you will learn about how to put your garden to bed and about what to do for your garden and landscape between September and February. U of M Extension Master Gardener volunteers are eager to share research-based gardening best practices that promote healthy landscapes, healthy foods, and healthy lives with the people in their community.

Registration encouraged but not required.



Find events and register: WashCoLib.org/Events





Payment Portal

Make a Payment, enroll in Auto-Pay & e-Billing, view your payment and bill history, and more!

Go to Payment Portal



One-Time Payment

No time to login? Make a quick, onetime payment here.

One-Time Payment

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.

Construction of a new sand volleyball court has begun at Pilot Park, with an additional court being added in Carriage Station Park. Users may notice construction equipment in the area. Users are asked to stay outside the posted work area and way from any equipment during the construction of the new courts.







Pebble Park Upgrades are Underway!

Out with the old! The Public works department had began removal of the old playground set at Pebble Park. Construction of a new playground set will begin in September, which will consist of a new tower structure and slides. Over the next several weeks PW staff will be preparing the site for construction. Please stay clear of the site during construction.

The Public Works Department has begun preparing Demontreville Park for a new playground set. Removal of the 34 year old playset is complete. Visitors can expect some construction of the area over the next few weeks to prepare the new location. The new playground is expected to arrive in October 2024.





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:

 Ever found a skull outside and wondered what species it belonged to? Master Naturalist Beth Girard will be here on Thursday, August 22nd, at 6 p.m. to give a talk about animal skull identification. Get some tips for figuring out what you've found out in nature, and learn to see those skulls in a brand-new light!





• Our bees have a new queen! She has a green spot on her back. See if you can find her the next time you're in! Unfortunately, the wet weather has not been great for honey production. The drought last summer was bad for lawns and vegetable gardens, but it made the nectar the bees used for their honey SUPER concentrated, so they produced a lot of it. The opposite happened this year and add to that the fact that bees can't fly when it's raining (and therefore can't gather pollen and nectar), that made for a lot of days when they just didn't leave the hive. Our beekeeper friends tell us the hives should have enough honey to help get them through the winter, but it's uncertain if they will have enough extra for us to take. So, our annual honey

extraction may not happen this year. (Fingers crossed it does, but we'll have to wait and see.)

We have a few more camps lined up for August, including next week's Sunfish Explorers: Nature's Kaleidoscope, which teaches campers an appreciation for nature from a number of different angles. Check out our summer camp offerings here: <a href="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











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 tails 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

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

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Do you love fresh, organic veggies? Do you want to support your local food system? <u>Cimarron Community Farm</u>'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!

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When water from rain, snow, or sleet flows over the ground, it's called "stormwater." Stormwater can pick up debris, litter, fertilizer, and pesticides used for lawn care. And when that stormwater flows into street gutters, storm drains, and downstream, it can pollute rivers, lakes, and streams. Follow these simple pollution solutions to help keep local waterways clean and healthy!



DON'T MOW TOO LOW

Only remove 1/3 of the grass blade height and leave clippings on lawn to allow nutrients to return to the soil—they act as a natural fertilizer!



CHEMICALS

Read the label when applying pesticides CAREFUL WITH and fertilizers, use them sparingly, and avoid applying them to pavement. When there is rain in the forecast, any chemicals you apply can wash downstream.



ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN

Don't rake, sweep, or hose debris down the storm drains. Leaves, yard clippings, and trash can clog storm pipes, causing floods and polluted waterways.



CURB YOUR WATER WASTE

Direct sprinklers toward the lawn and away from pavement to save water and keep chemicals and debris out of storm drains. Check out www.epa.gov/watersense for more tips to save water!











Cartons



Paper & Cardboard



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











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