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Public Meetings Next Week:

- City Council Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 6th, 6:30 p.m.
- City Council Meeting Wednesday,
November 6th, 7:00 p.m.



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



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City of Lake Elmo | 3880 Laverne Avenue North
AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. EDA INTERVIEW
- C. ADJOURN



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AGENDA

- A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Approval of Agenda**
- C. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. October 15, 2024
- D. Public Comments/Inquiries**
- E. Presentations**
 - Network Now Plan – Metro Transit
- F. Consent Agenda**
 - 2. Approve Payment of Disbursements
 - 3. Approve Liquor License Renewals
 - 4. Approve Massage Therapy License Renewals
 - 5. Accept Donation to the Fire Department – *Resolution 2024-113*
 - 6. Approve Lake Demontreville/Olson Lake Association Grant
 - 7. Approve Lake Jane Lake Association Grant
 - 8. Approve Inwood 5th Addition Landscape Security Release
 - 9. Approve Bulk Water Meter Purchase
 - 10. Approve Disposal of City Equipment
 - 11. Approve POC Firefighter Job Offers
 - 12. Approve Date for City Administrator Probationary Review
 - 13. Approve Compensation Plan
 - 14. Approve Public Service Recognition Event
 - 15. Approve Public Works Operator Hire
 - 16. Approve Release of Warranty Security for Legacy at Northstar 1st Addition
 - 17. Accept Improvements and Approve Pay Request No. 1 for the 2024 Striping Project
 - 18. Accept Improvements and Approve Pay Request No. 9 for Torre Pines Street & Utility Improvements
 - 19. Accept Improvements and Approve Pay Request No. 12 for Whistling Valley Street and Utility Improvement
- G. Regular Agenda**
 - 20. Lake Elmo Elementary – CUP, Variance and Preliminary Plat – *Resolution 2024-114, 2024-115, 2024-116*
 - 21. Approve Well 2 PFAS Treatment General Construction Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids – *Resolution 2024-117*
 - 22. EDA Appointment and Reappointment
- H. Council Reports**
- I. Staff Reports**
 - 23. Future Agenda Items
- J. Adjourn**

Early/Absentee Voting for the General Election Available This Weekend and Monday, November 4th

Voters may vote in person at four vote centers **Saturday, November 2nd and Sunday, November 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**; and **Monday, November 3rd from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.** See the county's website for more information:

WashingtonCountyMN.gov/elections.

The Early Vote Center locations are:

- Cottage Grove Service Center: 13000 Ravine Parkway, Cottage Grove.
- Forest Lake Headwaters Service Center: 19955 Forest Road N., Forest Lake.

- Washington County Government Center: 14949 62nd Street. N., Stillwater.
- Woodbury City Hall: 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury.
- Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue N., Oakdale.

General Election Early Voting September 20 through November 4

Vote

Washington
County
ELECTION
ADMINISTRATION

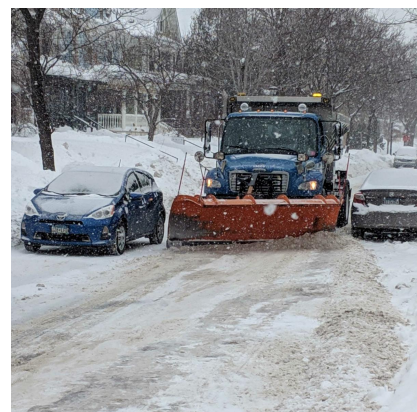


It is illegal to put yard, garden, or tree waste into the garbage. Washington County offers a free drop off site for residents and there are other private options available for a fee. More information can be found on the county's website linked here: [Yard Waste](#)

Winter Parking Ordinance

The winter parking ordinance prohibits parking on Lake Elmo streets from November 1 through March 31 between 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM, or during a snow event outside of those hours.

Remember, if the City's trucks are blocked they can't plow your streets!



Bridgewater Bank Groundbreaking

Bridgewater Bank broke ground this week on a new location in Lake Elmo near the intersection of Stillwater Way and Manning Avenue. Mayor Cadenhead, Councilmember Jeff Holtz and members of city staff were on hand to welcome Bridgewater to Lake Elmo.



What do my property taxes pay for?

Property Tax Calculator

The City Council adopted the 2025 Preliminary Levy on September 17. City Finance Dept. staff has developed a downloadable tool that estimates 2025 city taxes (not other jurisdictions) on your home and shows approximately how much of your taxes go toward each service area. Check it out at

https://www.lakeelmo.gov/departments/finance_utility/property_tax_calculator.php

Enter Your Home's
Taxable Market Value

\$ 581,700

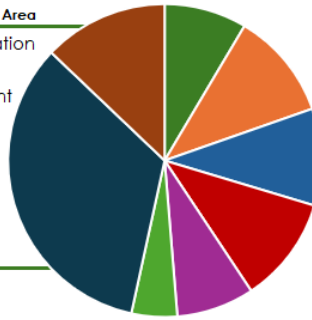
Approx. City Tax

\$ 1,612

Just start typing and this will fill in.

% of Levy 2025 Amount You Will Pay For Each City Service Area

●	8.5%	\$	137	Governance, Administration & Financial Mgmt
●	11.1%	\$	179	Community Development
●	10.0%	\$	161	Police & Enforcement
●	11.0%	\$	178	Fire & Emergency Mgmt
●	8.0%	\$	129	Street Maintenance
●	4.7%	\$	76	Park Maintenance
●	33.7%	\$	543	Debt Service Levies
●	12.9%	\$	208	Capital Levies
	100%	\$	1,612	APPROX. TOTAL CITY TAX



City Seeking Commission and Economic Development Authority Applicants

The City of Lake Elmo is currently accepting applications to serve on the Parks and Planning Commissions and the EDA. For more information and application form, please visit the city's website: [City Website](#)

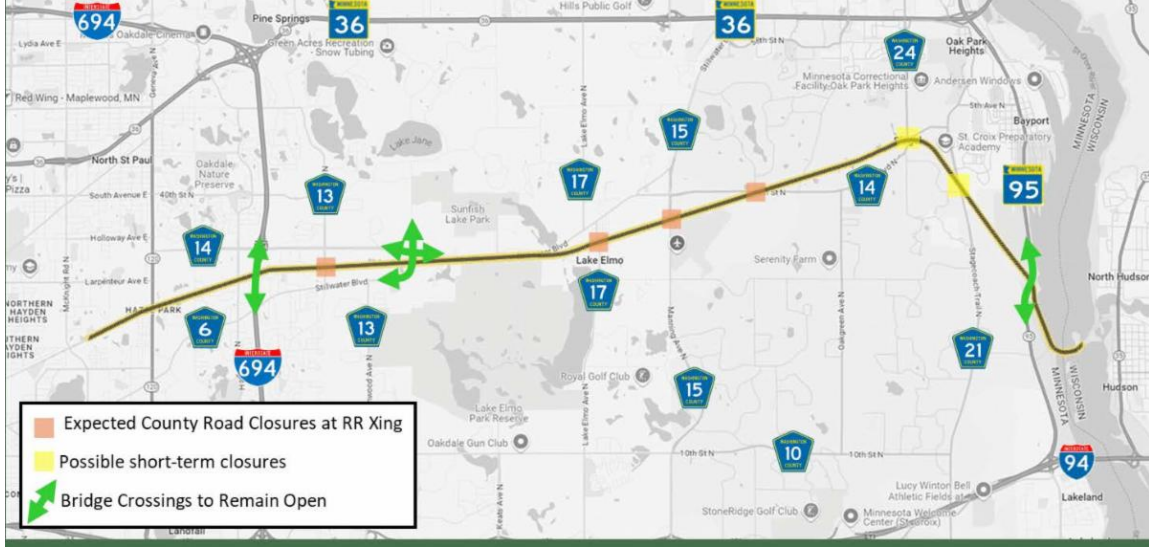
Upcoming Road Closures

Union Pacific Railroad will be performing maintenance work on their rail line throughout Washington County in the coming weeks. Union Pacific crews will be replacing track railroad ties along their entire line. Some road/railroad crossing locations will get a new crossing surface, requiring a closure of the road at the railroad crossing.

The estimated dates and locations in and near Lake Elmo are:

- o County Highway 14 (40th St) will be closed for an anticipated 1 to 2-day period between October 29 – November 4.
- o County Highway 17 (Lake Elmo Ave) will be closed for an anticipated 2-day period between November 2 - November 3.
- o County Highway 13 (Ideal Ave) will be closed for an anticipated 2-day period between October 29 - November 4.

Locations with bridges will be unaffected by this railroad work and will remain open at all times. This includes Interstate 694, County Highway 6 (Stillwater Blvd), and Highway 95 (St. Croix Trail). Detour map is included below.



Public Works will be sweeping select streets to remove excessive leaves and loose chip seal from 2024 street projects starting Monday November 4th through Friday November 8th. Please minimize street parking and keep garbage containers in your driveway and off the streets. Thank you for your help in keeping the City Beautiful!



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.

Lane closures

7 p.m. Fri, Nov. 1 through 5 a.m. Sat, Nov. 2

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

Through 7 p.m. Fri, Nov. 1

- 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
- WB I-94 is reduced to two lanes between Woodbury Dr. and Century Ave.

Ramp closures

Through 5 a.m. Sat, Nov. 2

- The ramps to/from EB I-94 and Radio Dr./Inwood Ave. N. are closed
 - EB I-94 to Radio Dr./Inwood Ave. N. detour: [EB I-94, Woodbury Dr., WB I-94 and Radio Dr./Inwood Ave. N. \(PNG\)](#)
 - Radio Dr./Inwood Ave. N. to EB I-94 detour: [Radio Dr., Hudson Rd., Woodbury Dr. and EB I-94 \(PNG\)](#)
- The ramp from NB I-494 to EB I-94 is closed
 - Detour: [NB I-494/I-694, 10th St. N., SB I-694 and EB I-94 \(PNG\)](#)
- The ramp from Century Ave. to EB I-94 is closed
 - Detour: [Century Ave., Hudson Rd., McKnight Rd., Burns Ave. and EB I-94 \(PNG\)](#)

Through Wed, Nov. 13

- 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 \(PNG\)](#)

Traffic stops

Wed, Oct. 30 through Fri, Nov. 1; 1:30-5 a.m. nightly

- EB I-94 traffic will be stopped intermittently for 10-15 minutes at a time between Century Ave. and Woodbury Dr.

Upcoming

Information about upcoming traffic impacts will be posted as details become

available.

Lane closures

5 a.m. Sat, Nov. 2 through mid-November

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

Ramp closures

5 a.m. Thu, Nov. 7 through Wed, Nov. 13

- The ramp from WB I-94 to SB I-494 is closed
 - Detour: [WB I-94, NB I-694, 10th St. N. and SB I-694/I-494 \(PNG\)](#)
- The ramp from NB I-694 to WB I-94 is closed
 - Detour: [NB I-694, 10th St. N., SB I-694 and WB I-94 \(PNG\)](#)

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.

LakeElmo.PayaCP.com

If Autopay isn't for you, try out the new Text-and-Pay option.

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

 <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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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-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 \(state.mn.us\)](#)
- 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](#)



You are invited to be a part of **LIGHT UP LAKE ELMO this year!**

We are excited to share this year's sponsorship package with you! Attached you will find the 2024 Light Up Lake Elmo Sponsorship flyer that outlines sponsor benefits of each level.

Last year we had a turnout of roughly 500 people and we anticipate more this year! Your support will help us sustain and elevate this holiday community event. Please review the opportunities and consider a sponsorship level in whatever capacity feels right to you.

THANK YOU!

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out to:

Connect Lake Elmo

Please mail checks
to:

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Insurance
Attn: Josh Zignego
8975 33rd Street N
Lake Elmo, MN 55042



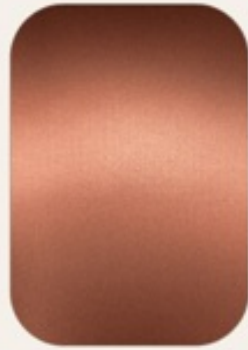
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connectlakeelmo@gmail.com



LIGHT UP LAKE ELMO
2024 SPONSORSHIP LEVELS
DECEMBER 7TH 3-5PM



BRONZE

Logo on main event flyer
 Logo and link to your business on our website

\$ 50



GOLD

Logo on main event flyer
 Logo and link to your business on our website
 Individual social media post with logo

\$ 100



PLATINUM

Logo on main event flyer
 Logo and link to your business on our website
 Individual social media post with logo
 Logo on banner day of event

\$ 250



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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](#)



Food Scraps Pickup Program

now available in Lake Elmo



Food Scraps
PICKUP
Program™

Now available in
new communities!

RAMSEY COUNTY

Washington
County

FoodScrapsPickup.com
651-661-9393

Ramsey and Washington counties' Food Scraps Pickup Program, a new way for residents to recycle food scraps from home, is now available in 19 new communities in Washington County, including Lake Elmo.

Twenty percent of trash in Ramsey and Washington counties is food scraps, such as fruit and vegetable peels, eggshells and bones.

This program offers an easy, accessible and environmentally friendly way for residents to manage food scraps at home. The program will roll out over multiple years and eventually be available to all residents of Ramsey and Washington counties.

Residents interested in participating in the program can sign up and place a bag order at no cost on the [Food Scraps Pickup Program website](#) or by calling 651-661-9393. An annual supply of 6-gallon or 13-gallon food scrap bags will ship directly to participants' homes with an instruction guide on how to start collecting food scraps. Each week, or when a food scrap bag is full, residents will tie a knot at the top and then place the bag inside their trash cart or dumpster to be collected by their trash hauler. The program-provided food scrap bags are designed to be extra durable, so they don't tear open during the trip in the garbage truck.

After collection, food scrap bags and trash are hauled to the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center (R&E Center), where the food scrap bags are sorted from the trash using robotic sorting technology and sent to an industrial compost facility to become compost. This program is making progress toward Minnesota's 75% recycling goal for metro counties and is a significant step forward in helping the counties reduce their climate impact.

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 this month at the SMINC:

- Our monthly buckthorn removal day for November is Saturday, November 9th. Thanks to everyone who came out in October, for our monthly removal day, and for the Buckthorn Removal Festival! We made great strides, but the work continues. We'll be back at it next Saturday at 9:30. We have tools, and gloves, and fresh air. Every volunteer hour helps us get closer to our goal of a buckthorn free Sunfish Lake Park!



- Our next Toddler Tuesday is on November 12 from 10 to 11:30. For children ages 0 to 5 and their families, \$8 per person. The first hour will be exploring the theme of the day and the last 30 minutes will be a social hour, chatting with old and new friends and investigating all that the nature center has to share! This month's theme is "Turkey Time." To sign up, visit the calendar page on our website.



- Speaking of turkeys, we'll be decorating Thanksgiving cookies on Saturday, November 23rd, from 10 a.m. to noon at the center. This is a free event, and open to all. We'll have supplies, and you'll be able to take some cookies with you—if you don't eat them first!

Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center
Presents



Toddler Tuesdays @ SMINC

Ages: 1-5

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Cost: \$8 per person, including adults (children ages 1 and under free) Sign up on our website!

Our Next Date:

Tuesday, November 12—“Turkey Time.” Did you know that turkeys can fly up to 60 miles per hour? Come learn all about the wild turkeys that live in our park. We will have fun with a variety of activities to learn about the homes, what they eat and kids will make their own.

Toddler Tuesdays are a fun way to expose the little ones to outdoor and environmentally based experiences. The first hour will be exploring the theme of the day and the last 30 minutes will be a social hour, chatting with old and new friends and investigating all that the nature center has to share!

Upcoming:

Tuesday, November 12—Turkey Time

Tuesday, December 10—Christmas in the Forest

Tuesday, January 14—Snowflakes

Tuesday, February 11—Animal Tracks

Tuesday, March 11—Talking Turtles

Tuesday, April 15—Spring Flowers

10,000 Stillwater Lane Lake Elmo, MN 55042

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651-408-2838 | e-mail: info@sminc-lake-elmo.org | sminc-lake-elmo.org



Thanksgiving Cookie Decorating @ the SMINC

Fun for the whole family! Join us at the Sally Manzaera Interpretive Nature Center and decorate your own turkey-shaped cookies. We'll have the supplies, you can take home what you don't eat! This event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, November 23, 10 AM

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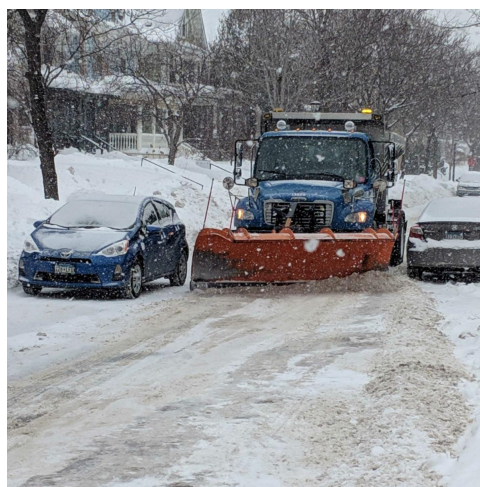


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Sign Guide

CODE SECTION 105.12.430

The Lake Elmo Community Development Department is happy to share our new Sign Guide, created to help local businesses and residents understand the sign regulations in our community. This guide offers information on the types of signs allowed, size requirements, placement, and more. Whether you are a business owner looking to advertise or a resident curious about neighborhood guidelines, this is a good resource for you. Check out the Lake Elmo Sign Guide ([linked here: Sign Guide](#)) to learn more.

Clean streets = Clean water

Rake and bag leaves along the curb and on top of stormdrain inlets

Chemicals and other household hazardous waste don't belong in the recycling bin! ❌

Bring these items to your local household hazardous waste facility. ✅

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