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Public Meetings Next Week

- Special City Council Meeting Tuesday, November 24 6:30PM*
- The Monday, November 23 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.



City Agendas and Minutes

*Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the State of Emergency the City will be conducting the City Council meeting and public hearings telephonically or by other means. The City Council Chambers will not be open to the public. The City will be broadcasting the meeting via our normal link on the City website.

Visit our website



City Offices Closed to the Public

City Offices will be closed to the public starting November 16th in order to reduce the risk of the Coronavirus. Staff will still be available by phone or email. A full list of staff contacts is available [here](#).

Tuesday, November 24 Special City Council Meeting



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- To access the meeting via GoToWebinar: Use www.gotomeeting.com and select "Join". Enter webinar ID 736-275-195
- To access the meeting via telephone: Call 415-655-0052, when prompted enter access code 245-750-895

NOTICE OF MEETING

Special City Council Meeting
3800 Laverne Avenue North
November 24, 2020
6:30 PM

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order | 6:30PM |
| II. Interview Construction Manager at Risk for New City Hall,
Fire Station and Public Works Addition | |
| A. H+U | 6:30PM |
| B. Kraus Anderson | 7:05PM |
| C. RJM | 7:30PM |
| D. Discussion/Direction | 7:55PM |
| III. Adjourn | 8:20PM |

[Meeting materials can be accessed here.](#)

Register For Virtual Council Meeting

Commission and Committee Vacancies

The Lake Elmo City Council is accepting applications for commissioners on the following Commissions/Committees:

Planning commission, parks commission, EDA, finance committee, Human Resources committee, public safety committee, and Maintenance Advisory Committee.

The City is seeking volunteers who have an interest in providing service and representing the community.

For more information about the commissions and committees visit our website. If you are interested in serving the community in this capacity, **please call City Hall at 651-747-3900.**

All positions are open until filled, with first review of applications taking place on December 18, 2020.



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Winter Parking Ordinance Now In Effect

The Winter parking ordinance prohibits parking on Lake Elmo Streets from November 1 through March 31 between 2:00AM and 7:00AM. Public Works cannot clear roadways with cars blocking the path.



Water Updates

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency announced that several metro water bodies have new protective water and fish consumption values for PFOS. The target waters include Lake Elmo, Raleigh Creek, Eagle Point Lake, Horseshoe Lake and Tartan Pond. Because of the Values of PFOS found in fish in these waters, the Minnesota Department of Health is extending "do not eat" fish consumption advice to these bodies of water. More information can be found [here](#).

Fish Consumption Advisory

CATCH & RELEASE FISHING

Do not eat fish from Raleigh Creek and all bodies of water in Lake Elmo Park Reserve.

Based on updated testing, MN Department of Health (MDH) has issued a fish consumption advisory for these waters due to high levels of Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).

Swimming and wading are NOT affected:

- MDH has determined that exposure to PFAS through swimming or wading is not a concern, though people and pets should avoid contact with visible foam on surface waters in this area.
- If you or your pets come into contact with foam, wash thoroughly with soap and water.
- If you were following previous MDH guidelines for eating fish from Lake Elmo or nearby water bodies, your risk of health effects from PFAS would be minimal.

Questions?

MN Department of Health (800) 657-3908
DNR Area Fisheries Office (651) 259-5831



Department of Natural Resources
Department of Health



3M East Metro Settlement Updates



The Co-Trustees (MN DNR and MPCA) have released their recommendations for the Conceptual Drinking Water Supply Plan (CDWSP) for the east metro including Lake Elmo. This work began more than two years ago after the State of Minnesota and 3M \$850 million settlement regarding PFAS.

Of the three options in the report, the Co-Trustees prefer Option 1. Below is a summary of Option 1 for Lake Elmo. This option does not provide for any new municipal wells in Lake Elmo but has a placeholder for a connection to Woodbury so Lake Elmo can purchase water from them to meet future needs. In addition, Option 1 does not include bringing water or a treatment system to all of the Lake Elmo neighborhoods located in a Special Well Construction Area. If the private wells in these areas fail, property owners are faced with installing deeper, more expensive wells due to being located in proximity to contaminated groundwater.

The MPCA is accepting public comments on the proposed options until December 10 [here](#)

Lake Elmo

Capital (GAC) - \$17.8 M
 Annual O&M - \$0.03 M
 20 Year Total - \$18.61 M

- **10** existing, **13** new GAC POETS, **257** connections.
- New wells in Woodbury to meet 2040 MDD
- Interconnect with Woodbury to supply additional **2,700 gpm**
- **1M gallon** storage tank
- **257** Connections for seven (7) neighborhoods, including Parkview Estates, Torre Pines, The Homestead, 20th Circle, Whistling Valley, Packard/Eden Park, and 38th & 39th Street.

Water Conservation Rebate Program

The City of Lake Elmo, in partnership with the Metropolitan Council, is offering a rebate program for purchases of eligible WaterSense toilets and Smart Irrigation Controllers. Qualifying purchases are eligible for up to a \$200 credit on your water bill.



[Program Details Available Here](#)



It is illegal to put yard, garden, and tree waste into the garbage. Bring yard waste to a designated drop-off site, have it picked up by your trash hauler during seasonal yard waste collection, or compost yard waste at home.

Washington County Yard Waste

Consider "adopting" a storm drain this fall. Volunteer fifteen minutes, twice a month, for cleaner waterways and healthier communities. Storm drains flow directly to local lakes, rivers, and wetlands, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants. Adopt a Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution.



Practice Smart Salting This Winter to Protect our Water

1. Shovel first
2. Use less - 12oz of salt melts 10 sidewalk squares, or a 20ft driveway
3. Don't use salt when it's below 15 degrees
4. Sweep up and reuse leftovers
5. Drive slow and wear boots!

PROTECT OUR WATER FROM SALT POLLUTION

WEAR BOOTS

When it is snowy and icy, wear boots or shoes with good traction to avoid falling.

Consider buying Yaktrax or winter cleats.



The City of Lake Elmo is accepting applications for multiple positions:

- Finance Director
- Building Official
- Paid-on-Call Firefighters

Job postings and application materials can be found [here](#).

STAY SAFE MN

Get Tested for COVID-19

- Open to everyone
- Symptoms or no symptoms
- Free, no insurance needed

Sunday November 8, 2020
Monday November 9, 2020
Tuesday November 10, 2020
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Stillwater Armory-MN National Guard
350 Maryknoll Dr. N.
Stillwater, MN 55082

Sign up for an appointment time now.

This helps us keep wait times short and give people plenty of space.

Register online:

<https://www.primarybio.com/r/stillwater>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/>

If you are not able to sign up online, or need a translator, call 1-855-612-0677 for assistance.



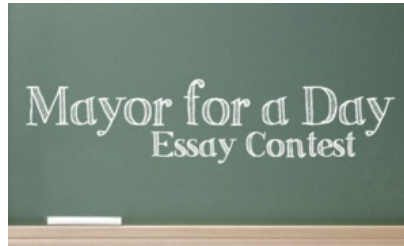
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Contact health.communications@state.mn.us to request an alternate format.
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Highway 36 Questionnaire



What would our cities look like if kids were in charge?

Find out by having students you know take part in the 2020 Mayor for a Day Essay Contest! Open to Minnesotans who will be in the fourth, fifth, or sixth grades this school year, entries must be emailed or postmarked by Dec. 7. Information and application materials are available [here](#).