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## Public Meetings Next Week:

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## June 20, 2023 City Council Meeting Summary

### At the City Council meeting on June 20th, the City Council:

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- Approved minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and June 13<sup>th</sup> Council Workshop
- Accepted the 2022 Audit presentation
- Approved a variance for the property located at 4708 Larkspur Lane
- Discussed the Baseball Field Design RFP responses
- Approved design changes for the 2023 Street Improvements

### On the Consent Agenda, the City Council:

- Approved Payments and Disbursements
- Approved City Center/Public Works Pay Request #17
- Approved Permitted Encroachments Zoning Text
- Approved Land Exchange Agreement between the City of Lake Elmo and Drake Motor Partners LE
- Approved DNR Gateway State Trail Cooperative Agreement for DeMontreville Park Trail Connection
- Approved Release of Warranty Security Boulder Ponds 4th Addition.
- Approved Release of Warranty Security for Savona 1st and 2nd Addition.
- Approved Release of Warranty Security for Hammes Estates 3rd Addition.
- Approved Release of Warranty Security for Union Park 1st Addition.
- Approved Pay Request No. 9 and 10 for Water Tower No. 3.
- Approved Pay Request No. 8 for Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements.
- Approved Utility Financial Planning Agreement with Northland Securities, Inc



### **WATERING RESTRICTION CHANGES**

**On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 council approved changes to the watering restriction ordinance to ensure the city's water system can support the domestic and fire protection demands.**

**Four Zones have been established. Properties in each zone are allowed two days a week to water.**

**Zone A waters Monday and Fridays**

**Zone B waters Tuesday and Fridays**

**Zone C waters Wednesday and Saturday**

**Zone D water Thursday and Sunday**

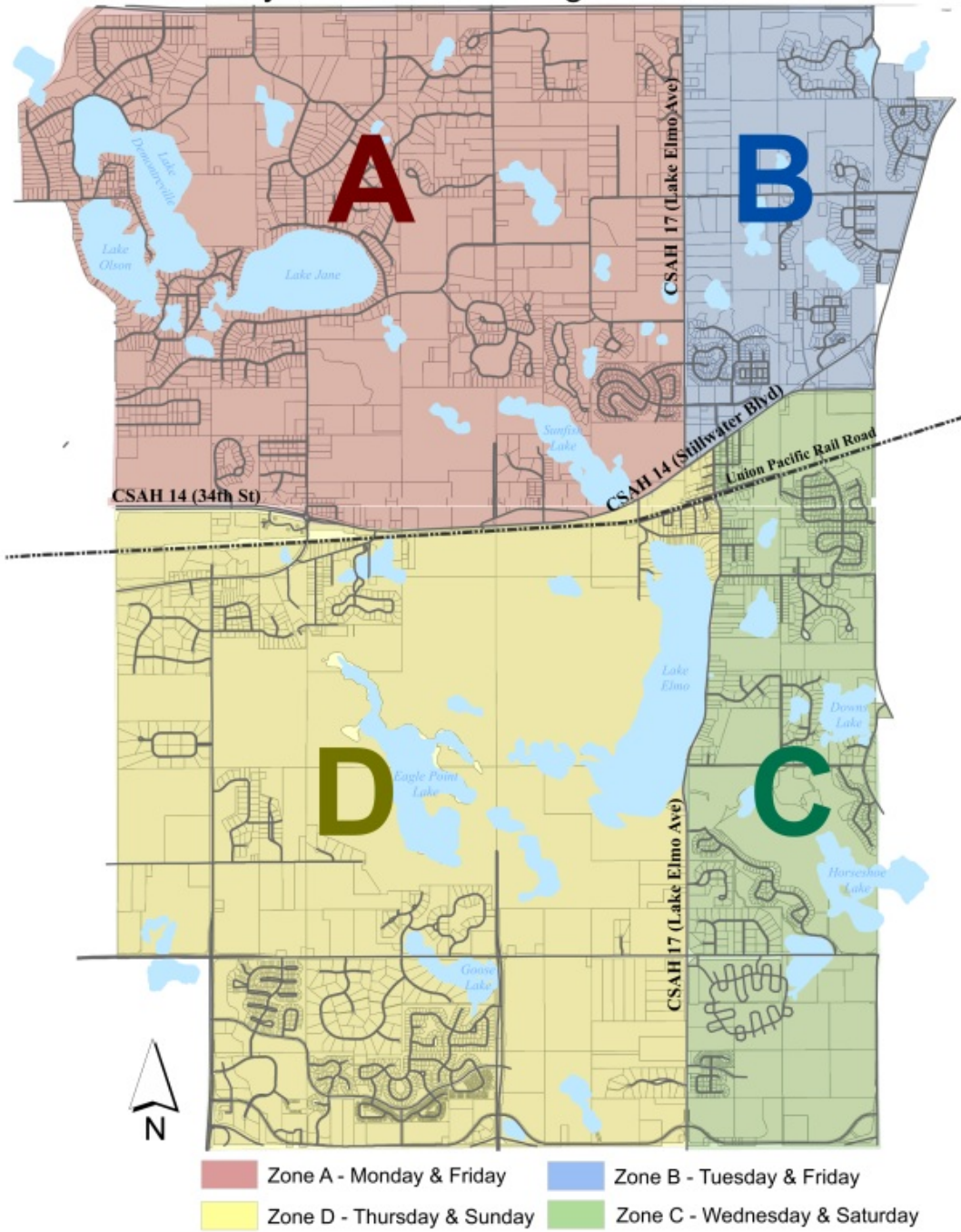
**No irrigating is allowed between the hours of 5 am and 5 pm**

**New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days**

**Restrictions go into effect immediately**

**Questions call 651-747-3900**

# City of Lake Elmo Irrigation Zones



## Water Rebate Program

The City of Lake Elmo, in partnership with the Metropolitan Council, is offering a rebate program for purchases of eligible water efficient products. The goal of the water efficiency grant program is to improve municipal water use. This funding has enabled Lake Elmo to provide a rebate to current water customers who replace existing devices with specified water efficient products. Qualifying purchases are eligible for a rebate on your water bill. More information is available on the City's website via the link below.

[Rebate](#)





# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Elmo Kids' Parade

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - noon

**10:00 – 11:45**  
**Pre-Parade Activities**  
 Sponsored by:  
 Connect Lake Elmo, The Lake Elmo Rotary and American Flagpole Co.

- Crafts
- Face-painting
- Kindness Rock Painting
- Flag Give-away/  
Meet Patriotic Kenny
- Temporary Tattoos



**Ice Cream Social Post-Parade Activities**  
 Sponsored by: The Lake Elmo Rotary, The Lake Elmo Inn, Flagship Recreation/Sports/Fence and Connect Lake Elmo

- Ice Cream
- Dunk Tank
- Minnow Races
- Water Station



**Kids are the stars of this parade!**  
 Decorate your shoes, stroller, bike, lawn tractor, wagon or convertible  
 Advertising / solicitation is not allowed  
 More details: [www.ConnectLakeElmo.org](http://www.ConnectLakeElmo.org)



# Lake Elmo Farmers Market

The Lake Elmo Farmers Market is every Saturday thru September 2nd, 9-1pm.  
Located @Lake Elmo Elementary.

\*Market will be open rain or shine unless inclement weather, high winds or lightning.

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In 2024 The Lake Elmo Farmers Market will be celebrating their **10th season!!**

And that means the planning starts now! We are working on gathering recipes for a Lake Elmo Farmers Market cookbook, to be published and available for purchase in 2024.

We need YOUR help! If you have a favorite recipe, you think should be included, please write/type it up and drop it off at market. Be sure to include your name and city. We will be collecting them throughout the 2023 season at the market table.

For more information contact Jill (market manager) 651-261-4493 or find us on Facebook @LakeElmoFarmersMarket

Business and community working together. Lake Elmo Farmers Market is a 501c3.



City Hall Temporary Access



Beginning Monday, June 12th, the City Hall parking lot will be closed for paving. If you are coming to City Hall, please park on Laverne Avenue and use the temporary sidewalk to access the building.

## Park and Court Reservations

Spring is here and we are in high gear with park reservations. To access all reservations, please visit the website via the link below and use the drop down menu on the top right side to move between park calendars. The city's park use policy can also be found on the reservation page.

[Park Calendars](#)



## Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

Washington County is excited to partner with the Recycling Association of Minnesota to sell discounted compost bins and rain barrels to Washington County residents. Home Composter compost bins are \$56 and Rain Catcher rain barrels are \$70. Pre-ordered items must be picked-up at the Environmental Center within 90 days of purchase.

[Order online](#)

## Disposal Directory

Disposal Directory English Share

Directory Need help?

Type the name of a waste item and we'll tell you how to recycle or dispose of it.

Popular Searches

- Mattresses & box springs
- Furniture
- Carpet & padding
- Small household electronics

## Reduce-Reuse-Recycle!

It is that time of year again when we start thinking about spring cleaning. Are you sure about what is trash and what can be recycled, and where to take it? Washington County has a new interactive disposal directory located here: [Disposal Directory](#). Try it out! It is a great tool for identifying what and where you can donate, recycle, or dispose of unwanted items.



## Reminder: No grass clippings in the street!

Did you know that grass clippings contain high amounts of nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus? When it rains, clippings left in the street get washed into storm sewers that lead to ponds, lakes, rivers and streams. There, the nutrients promote algae growth which makes the water stinky, green, and sometimes toxic. Clippings can also clog storm drains, increasing the risk of street flooding.

Here's a simple trick to solve the problem. Turn your mower so the clippings blow into the lawn instead of the street when you're mowing close to the road! The clippings will break-down naturally and provide free fertilizer for your lawn, saving you time and money. You can also bag and compost your clippings to fertilize your gardens in the future.

**Cleaner streets = cleaner water.** Do your part to keep the green on our lawns and out of our water!

## MPCA Utilizing New Technology to Clean Water in Lake Elmo

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has placed equipment at Tablyn Park that utilizes a new technology to remove contamination from groundwater. Click below to view a KSTP news story featuring an interview with Councilmember Jeff Holtz.

[KSTP Story](#)



**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**

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access  
reporting  
results



determining the efficacy of counties and cities in providing services and measure residents' opinions of those services.

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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!



Ever thought of helping out at the SMINC? The SMINC couldn't run without the help of our dedicated volunteers. Whether you like the idea of giving guided hikes, you'd like to work the front desk, or the thought of cutting and edging the grass around the center appeals to you, we can use your help! Just stop in anytime during regular business hours and ask how you can help!

- Summer is here, so check out our Summer Camps! Several sections are already closed and have waiting lists, but we have lots of exciting camp opportunities open. Critter Camp begins June 26, and has a couple slots left. Don't wait! <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camp-registration/>
- Beekeeping 3 w/ Karen Voy: The SMINC welcomes beekeeper Karen Voy for a third presentation. This time Karen will be covering some topics that address common concerns for home beekeepers, including mite testing, reading the frame to determine the health of your bees, whether to harvest in July or wait for August, and watching the swarm. Beekeeping 3 will be held on Tuesday, June 27 at 7 p.m. The cost of the event is \$10 per person, and pre-registration is required. To sign up visit the SMINC website: <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/adult-education-presentation-series/>





# BEEKEEPING BASICS 3

W/ KAREN VOY

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The Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center welcomes beekeeper Karen Voy for a third presentation. This time Karen will be covering some topics that address common concerns for home beekeepers, including mite testing, reading the frame to determine the health of your bees, whether to harvest in July or wait for August.

Class time is 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27. \$10 per person, pre-registration is required. To sign up for this event go to: <http://sminc-lake-elmo.org/adult-education-presentation.../>

## DATE

Tuesday, June 27

## TIME

7p.m. - 8 p.m

## LOCATION

Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center, Lake Elmo MN

## COST

\$10/person



The Brookfield building at 3880 Laverne Avenue is closed and under construction. All City Services are available at City Hall, 3800 Laverne Avenue

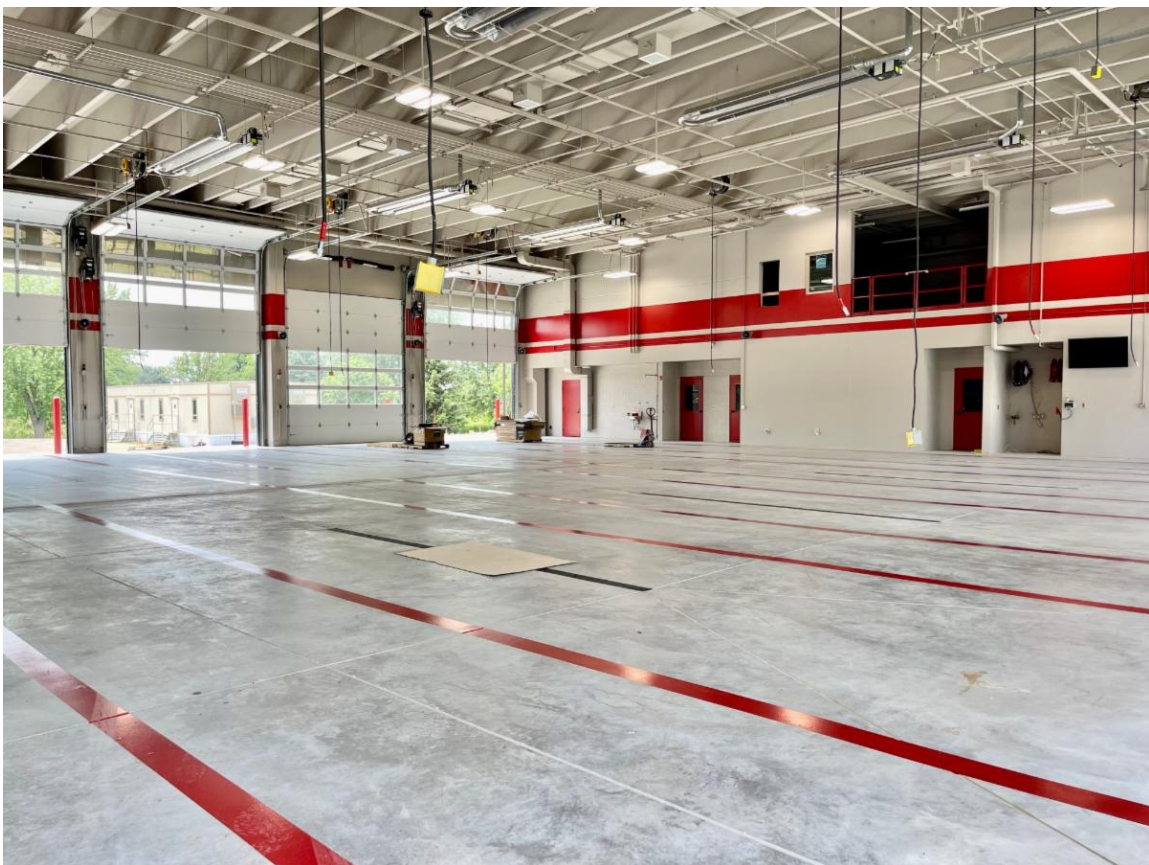
Please drive slowly and watch for construction activity



This week grading was completed and curbing was installed around the south side of the buildings.



The fire department apparatus bays were striped this week and are just about ready for the trucks to move in!







## CITY OF LAKE ELMO COMBINED CITY HALL & PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

The new Lake Elmo City Hall / Public Safety Facility combines City Hall staff and functions, the entire Fire Department, and a satellite office for the Washington County Sheriff's department. This co-location involves renovating and expanding the City-owned Brookfield Office building to concentrate civic resources into a single structure at the historic core of the city. In addition, the Public Works facility will also be expanded to accommodate City growth and expanded service needs.



**TOTAL ANTICIPATED PROJECT COST:** \$14,600,000  
**DESIGN COMPLETION:** Late summer 2021  
**CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION:** Fall of 2022



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