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Public Meetings Next Week:

- Planning Commission Monday, June 12th, 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Workshop Tuesday June 13th, 6:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The City of Lake Elmo
Planning Commission will conduct a meeting on
Monday June 12th 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of April 10th 2023
4. Public Hearing
 - a) **4708 Larkspur Lane Variance.** (PID 12.029.21.14.0009) Bob Appert has submitted a variance application for deviations from the Shoreland Overlay District impervious surface requirement for unsewered lots.
 - b) **Zoning Text Amendment.** The City of Lake Elmo has initiated a text amendment to section 105.12.200 Permitted Encroachments to clarify permitted encroachments on required yard setbacks.
5. New/Unfinished Business
 - a) NA
6. Communications/Updates
 - a) City Council Updates
 - i. Drake Motor Partners Final Plat and PUD
 - ii. Amira Final Plat, PUD, and Variance
 - iii. Frisbie Minor Subdivision
 - b) Upcoming PC Meetings
 - i. June 26th 2023 - Canceled
 - ii. July 10th 2023
7. Adjourn

***Note: Every effort will be made to accommodate person or persons that need special considerations to attend this meeting due to a health condition or disability. Please contact the Lake Elmo City Clerk if you are in need of special accommodations.



NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Workshop
3800 Laverne Avenue North
June 13, 2023
6:30 PM

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order | 6:30 PM |
| II. Water Quality and Quantity Discussion | 6:30 PM |
| III. Items for Future Work Session Agenda | 7:30 PM |
| A. Presentation of Pavement Management Plan | |
| B. Washington County Presentation on Lake Elmo Ave and TH 36 | |
| IV. Adjourn | 7:30 PM |

June 6, 2023 City Council Meeting Summary

At the City Council meeting on June 6th, the City Council:

- Approved Minutes of the May 16th Meeting
- Approved Amira Final Plat, PUD and Variance
- Approved Frisbie Minor Subdivision
- Approved Sale of 2023 Bonds
- Accepted Bids and Awarded Contract for the 2023 Trail Improvements
- Approved Irrigation Meter Policy
- Approved 2024 Budget Calendar
- Held a Closed Session to consider offers for the sale of the former 3M property on Ideal Avenue

On the Consent Agenda, the City Council:

- Approved Payments and Disbursements
 - Approved Purchase of Plotter
 - Designated Authority for EFT Payments – *Resolution 2023-053*
 - Approved Draw on Letter of Credit for Southwind Development LLC
 - Approved Stipulation for Settlement and Dismissal of CEF lawsuit
 - Approved Easton Village 7th Plat Extension - *Resolution 2023-054*
 - Approved Building Inspector Job Description and Posting
 - Approved Cross Country Ski Trail Grooming Grant Agreement – *Resolution 2023-060*
 - Adopted Resolution Reporting Results for 2022 State Performance Measurement Program – *Resolution 2023-059*
 - Approved Summer 2023 Source Newsletter
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WATERING RESTRICTION CHANGES

On May 16th, 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

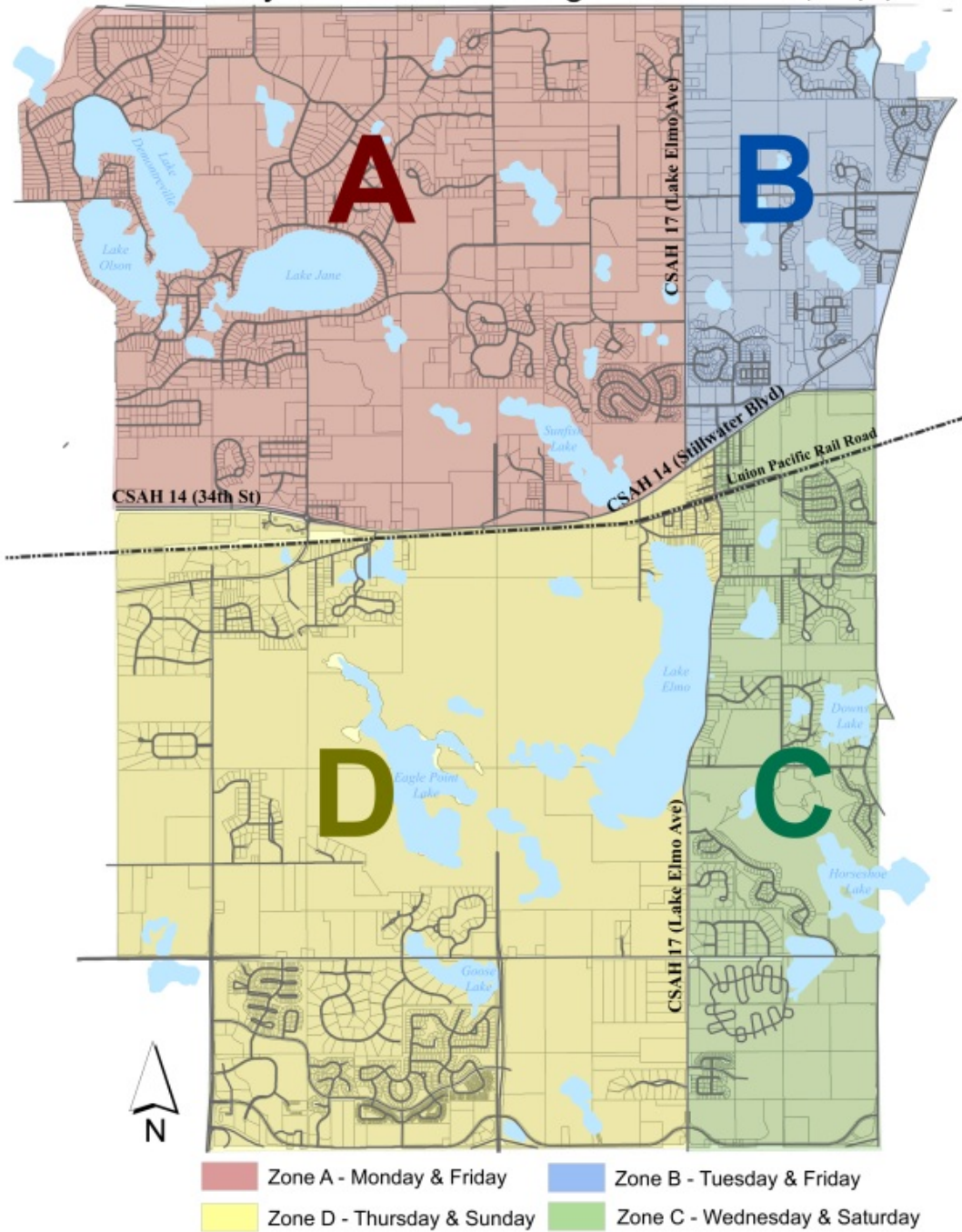
New sod waivers restrictions are reduced from 30 days to 15 days

Restrictions go into effect immediately

Questions call 651-747-3900

City of Lake Elmo Irrigation Zones

Map Date: May 2023
Map Made By: City of Lake Elmo



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](#)



35th Annual Lake Elmo Kids' Parade

July 4th, 2023 - noon

10:00 – 11:45 Pre-Parade Activities

Sponsored by:
Connect Lake Elmo, The Lake Elmo
Rotary and American Flagpole Co.

- A. Crafts
- B. Face-painting
- C. Kindness Rock Painting
- D. Flag Give-away/
Meet Patriotic Kenny
- E. Temporary Tattoos

11:45 Parade Line-up



Ice Cream Social Post-Parade Activities

Sponsored by: The Lake Elmo
Rotary, The Lake Elmo Inn,
Flagship Recreation/SportaFence
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



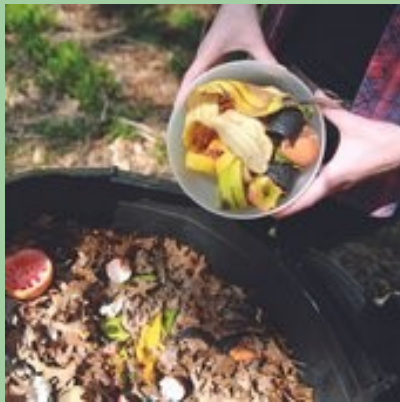
City Hall Temporary Access

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. [\[Insert city ordinance info here\]](#)

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

Click
here to
access
reporting
results

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

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!

Thanks to everyone who came to Family Nature Day! We had a great turn out from the community, and a special thank you goes out to all the educators who brought their knowledge of bees, butterflies, rocks and so much more to all our fantastic booths. And thanks, too, to Tamarack Nature Center for bringing so many cool animals for us to interact with. See everyone again next year!



- 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. Wildflower Painting Camp starts on June 12, and has a couple slots left. Don't wait! <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camp-registration/>
- Water Works w/Denise Gerdes: The SMINC is excited to welcome Denise Gerdes for a presentation on water testing and water quality on Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m. Water is an important component for life. Minnesota has over 15,000 freshwater lakes, along with rivers, streams, springs and more. Discovering the amount of oxygen in these water bodies can determine the health of these water bodies, and consequently the health of fish and other organisms that live within them. In this lesson, we will determine how oxygen enters these water habitats, how it gets depleted, and how it affects the humans who live around these water sources. We will be using real scientific apparatus to make discoveries. Afterwards, we will discuss what solutions we can implement to keep our waters healthy. If you belong to a Lake Association, this program is for you. Bring your friends for an exciting evening of hands-on discovery.

SALLY MANZARA INTERPRETIVE NATURE CENTER SUMMER CAMPS 2023



where kids of all ages experience the unique natural history and ongoing ecology of Sunfish Lake Park



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!

SUMMER CAMPS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - noon

Small group, outdoor camps in nature run by experienced instructors and include interpretive education, games, crafts, free play and hikes.

Wildflower Painting Camp

Ages 7-10, June 13, 15, 20, 22

Critter Camp #1

Ages 5-7, June 26-29

Outdoor Adventures Camp

Ages 6-8, July 10-13

Nature Drama Camp

Ages 9-12, July 24-27

Bees & Butterflies Camp

Ages 6-8, July 31-August 3

Critter Camp #2

Ages 5-7, August 14-17

WONDER WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Ages 5-10

Our one day Wonder Wednesdays Camps are small group, outdoor camps in nature run by experienced instructors and will offer interpretive education, crafts, hikes and free play.

June 21 - Animal Superheroes

June 23 - All About Birds

July 5 - Water Play

July 19 - Raptors

August 9 - Nature Art

August 23 - Honeybees



LITTLE EXPLORERS

Mondays

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Ages Birth-5

Adults and their child/ren will be guided by a Pre-K Educator in an outdoor welcome circle focused on rotating themes and followed with open-ended play materials allowing children to explore their own interests in nature.

June 5 - All About Birds

June 19 - Animal Superheroes

July 3 - Water Play

July 17 - Raptors

August 7 - Nature Art

August 21 - Honeybees

Camp information and registration: sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camps-2023/

For more information email camps@sminc-lake-elmo.org or email Programs Coordinator Ami Voeltz at ami.voeltz@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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WATER WORKS

W/ DENISE GERDES



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Water is an important component for life. Minnesota has over 15,000 freshwater lakes. The amount of oxygen in these water bodies can tell us a lot about their health, and of the organisms that live within them. In this lesson, we will learn how oxygen enters these water habitats and how it gets depleted.

Class time is 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 15. \$10 per person, pre-registration is required. To sign up for this event go to: <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/adult-education/presentation-series/>

DATE

Thursday, June 15

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

The exterior of the old Brookfield building was painted this week!



Exterior progress this week includes painting the old portion of the building and paving the parking area/fire department drive lanes on the west side of the building. The Council Chambers is starting to take shape with the addition of the presentation podium and carpet. Sound panels and the city logo will be added to the back wall along with other finishing touches.

Additional information is available on the City's [City Center](#)



- 1 New City Hall Entrance
- 2 New Fire Station Expansion
- 3 Council Chambers/Community room addition
- 4 Parking
- 5 Fire Department Parking
- 6 City Hall/Sheriff
- 7 Laverne Avenue

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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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