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## Public Meetings Next Week:

- Parks Commission Meeting Monday, May 15th, 6:30 p.m.
- EDA Meeting Tuesday, May 16th, 6:00 p.m.
- City Council p.m. Special Meeting Tuesday, May 16th, 6:45 p.m.
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, May 16th, 7:00 p.m.



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# NOTICE OF MEETING

## City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission 3800 Laverne Avenue North May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes
  - a) April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023
5. Public Comment
6. Northshore Development - Concept Plan
7. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
8. Communication
  - a) Baseball Field Updates
  - b) Tablyn and Pebble Court Updates
9. 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.*

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

City of Lake Elmo Economic Development Authority  
Meeting  
3800 Laverne Avenue North  
Tuesday, May 16, 6:00 PM

#### AGENDA

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|---|-----------|
| A. Call to Order  | 6:00 p.m. |
| B. Minutes<br>February 21, 2023 Minutes   | 6:00p.m.  |
| C. Business Retention and Expansion<br>Survey Updates   | 6:05p.m.  |
| D. Business District Signage Update   | 6:10p.m.  |
| E. Future Agenda Items/Reports<br>-Next Meeting August 15, 2023   | 6:15 p.m. |
| F. The EDA will go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (c)(3) – to consider offers for the sale of the former 3M property on Ideal Avenue, PIDs 16.029.21.24.0002 and 16.029.21.23.0003. |           |
| G. Adjourn  | 6:40 p.m. |

NOTICE OF MEETING  
City Council Special Meeting  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 6:45 P.M.  
City of Lake Elmo | 3800 Laverne Avenue North  
AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
  - B. PARKS COMMISSION INTERVIEW
  - C. ADJOURN
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**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:00 P.M.  
City of Lake Elmo | 3800 Laverne Avenue North  
**AGENDA**

- A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Approval of Agenda**
- C. Approval of Minutes**
  - 1. May 2, 2023
- D. Public Comments/Inquiries**
- E. Presentations**
- F. Consent Agenda**
  - 2. Approve Payments and Disbursements
  - 3. Approve 2023 Labor Agreement with Local 49ers.
  - 4. Approve New Paid Time Off Accrual for Non-represented Employees
  - 5. Approve Updated Job Description and Authorize Advertising for Full Time Firefighters
  - 6. Approve Updated Employee Recognition Policy
  - 7. Approve City Center/Public Works Pay Request #16
  - 8. Approve the CSAH-13 Traffic Control Signal Maintenance Agreement between Washington County, Lake Elmo and Oakdale - *Resolution 2023-044*
  - 9. Approve Pay Request No. 7 for Parkview-Cardinal Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements.
  - 10. Approve Final Plat Extension - DPS 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition-*Resolution 2023-051*
  - 11. Approve Final Plat Extension – Schiltgen Farmstead-*Resolution 2023-049*
  - 12. Approve Final Plat Extension – Inwood 7<sup>th</sup> Addition-*Resolution 2023-050*
- G. Regular Agenda**
  - 13. Pebble and Tablyn Court Project
  - 14. Drake Motor Partners Final Plat, PUD, and Development Agreement - Ord 2023-011 PUD, *Resolution 2023-046 DA, Resolution 2032-047 Plat, Resolution 2023-048 Publication*
  - 15. Amendments to Water Use Restrictions-Ord 2023-010, *Resolution 2023-045*
  - 16. Appointment to Parks Commission
- H. Council Reports**
- I. Staff Reports**
- J. Adjourn**



## 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



We want your input!

The City has issued its annual Community Satisfaction Survey. Please use the link below to connect to the survey on Polco.

[Survey](#)

# Temporary Debris Management Site

## Belwin Conservancy

15601 Hudson Road North | Lakeland, MN



Available to Washington County residents only



**BELWIN**



Temporary Tree Debris Drop-off Site



A temporary drop-off site has opened at Belwin Conservancy's Lucy Winton Bell Athletic Fields for tree debris caused by the recent ice/snowstorm. The site will be open through May 31. The site is free and open to residents only. (No business waste.)

The site will accept wood waste from storm damage only. No root balls, stumps, yard waste, or grass clippings.

Location:

Belwin Conservancy's Lucy Winton Bell Athletic Fields  
15601 Hudson Rd. N. | Afton, MN 55001

Hours: Sundays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The site will be closed on Saturday, May 20 due to an event.

Learn more: [WashCoRecycles.com/YardWaste](http://WashCoRecycles.com/YardWaste) | 651-275-7475



### Hydrant Flushing

Public works crews will continue flushing hydrants next week. Residents may notice changes in water pressure but it will be temporary.

Flushing hydrants ensures the hydrants are working properly and checks for an adequate flow of water that would be needed in the event of a fire.

## Watering Restrictions

Reminder: City ordinance allows for outdoor watering between the hours of **6PM and 5AM** and **follows an odd/even schedule**. Properties with even-numbered postal addresses may water, sprinkle, or irrigate their lawns only on even-numbered days. Properties with odd-numbers postal addresses may water only on odd- numbered days.





**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
**April 20, 2023**

**Contact:** Alex Carlson  
Public Affairs Manager  
(612) 750-9960  
acarlson@mmcd.org

## **Mosquito Control activity has begun in your community**

*Metropolitan Mosquito Control District trucks, helicopters, and staff will be out in neighborhoods and parks this spring and summer working to reduce mosquito-borne disease and annoyance.*

SAINT PAUL - After months of heavy snow and below average temperatures, a brief warm period in mid-April this year brought mosquito larvae out. Field staff from the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District monitor wetlands in the early Spring in search of the first larva of the year. In each of the past three years, the first larva was found in mid-March, but in 2023 it wasn't until April 10th that larva was collected - during a week of unseasonably warm air temperatures. Since then mosquito larvae have been found in every county in the metro and the mosquito control season is officially underway.

The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) will be conducting surveillance and treatment activities in your community to reduce the risk of disease and annoyance in an environmentally-sensitive manner. Each year field staff at MMCD monitors and treats wetlands that breed mosquitoes with a fleet of trucks and helicopters. Many of our seasonal staff begin working in April and residents of the seven county metro area may notice the green or white trucks with the MMCD logo or staff on bikes or on foot wearing brightly colored "Mosquito Control" shirts.

At times MMCD employees may need to cross private property for access to check and treat areas for mosquito larvae. MMCD management asks the community to please stay several feet away from field staff and ensure children and pets are kept at a distance. If you have questions about mosquito control activities or concerns about an employee, please call the MMCD front desk at (651) 645-9149 or visit [MMCD.org](http://MMCD.org).

- Helicopter larval treatments - applying control materials to a wetland via helicopter.
- Catch basin treatments - applying control materials to neighborhood catch basins.
- Setting or collecting traps - surveillance helps MMCD determine where and what types of mosquitoes are active.

The control materials and methods used by MMCD are regularly tested for safety and only applied when surveillance indicates they would be effective. The active ingredients are specifically designed to target mosquito larvae or adults with minimal impacts on non-target insects. The control materials are not harmful to people, pets, or wildlife. For a complete list of control materials used, please visit [MMCD.org](http://MMCD.org).

Scheduled treatments including planned helicopter activity are posted on the MMCD website and on our Twitter page [@metromosquito](https://twitter.com/metromosquito). The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District appreciates your support. For information about our programs or for tips on how to reduce mosquitoes near your home, please visit [MMCD.org](http://MMCD.org).



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](#)

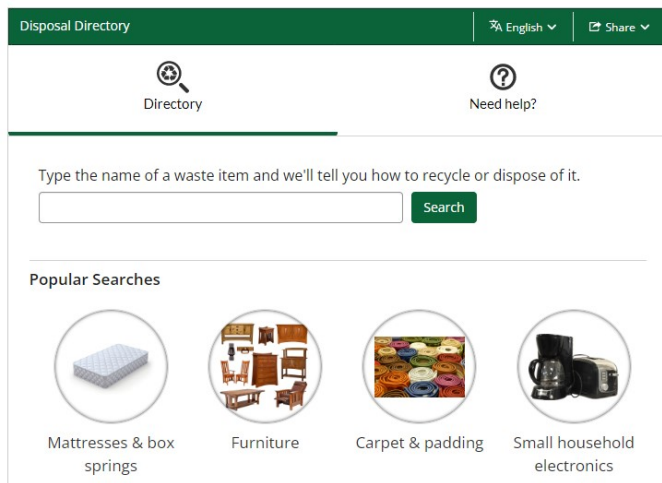


### Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

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



### 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.

### Get involved!

The City of Lake Elmo is seeking interested residents to serve on the Parks Commission and Economic Development Authority (EDA). The Parks Commission meets 1 time per month and the EDA meets quarterly. No experience is necessary! Application and more information is available on the City's website: [click here](#), or contact City Administrator Kristina Handt for more information: [khandt@lakeelmo.org](mailto:khandt@lakeelmo.org).



### Report Streetlight Outage

Xcel Energy maintains streetlights on public streets in Lake Elmo. If you notice a streetlight that is burned out or





malfunctioning, please use the link below to report the issue. It's helpful to note the location with nearest cross streets and the pole number if you are on foot and able to make note of it.

**[Click Here to Report Streetlight Outage](#)**

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## **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 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!

May is Turtle Month at SMINC: On Wednesday, May 17, the Center will host Nature Educator Misi Stine's "Be a Turtle Hero" presentation, at 7 p.m., as part of their adult education series. The weekend before, Saturday May 13 and Sunday May 14, as part of the Center's family-friendly Interpretive Drop-In Series, Naturalists and educators will be on hand to teach visitors all about turtles, and the turtle species that can be found at Sunfish Lake Park.



- **Tree Medicine Seminar** We are excited to welcome Paul Red Elk to the SMINC on Sunday, May 21, from 9 to 4 for a seminar on Tree Medicine and Spirituality. For more information, including price and payment info, see the flyer on the next page.
- **More about bees!** After such a positive response to her first class, the SMINC will be bringing beekeeper Karen Voy back for a second visit on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 pm. In this class, Karen will be covering some specific issues that beginning beekeepers tend to run into, like reading the comb, planning for splits, mite testing, and knowing when and how to apply supers. This class is open to anyone—you don't have to have taken Karen's first class to attend—admission is \$10 per person, and preregistration is required.
- We are so excited for our upcoming Summer Camps! Several sections are already closed and have waiting lists, but we have lots of exciting camp opportunities open. Don't wait! <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/summer-camp-registration/>



# BE A TURTLE HERO

Spend an evening with Master Naturalist Misi Stine learning more about turtles, an ancient and fascinating animal that needs you to be part of their conservation. Misi is a long-time member of the Minnesota Herpetological Society and served as President for two years. Her presentation will include artifacts and a live turtle.

**Wednesday, May 17 @ 7p.m.**

This event will be held at the SMINC at Sunfish Lake Park in Lake Elmo. The cost is \$10 per person and pre-registration is required. (For more information, or to pre-register, visit <https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/adult-education-presentation-series/> )







# TREE MEDICINE AND SPIRITUALITY



By Paul Red Elk

**Save the date Sunday May 21<sup>th</sup>, 2023!**

**Where:** Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center Lake Elmo Minnesota

**Time:** 9:00 – 4:00 pm

**Space is limited. So please register early. Please register with Paul Red Elk only [traditionallakotamedicineman@gmail.com](mailto:traditionallakotamedicineman@gmail.com)**

Please pay with check, cash only. The address is Paul Red Elk 2356 Cottage Dr. Stillwater, MN. 55082

**(no registration on nature center website [www.sminc-lake-elmo.org](http://www.sminc-lake-elmo.org))**

**Registration: Class Cost is \$90.00 if paid in full by May 1st, 2023, \$100.00 if later.**

**If you need to cancel, please do so before May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For a refund.**

Please bring something to eat, something to drink. Weather permitting there will be a tree walk. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

Are you aware there are over 43 different tree medicines? I have been collecting this lost information for many years, from American Indian medicine people, spiritual advisors across the upper mid-west of the United States, Southern Canada. This tree medicine knowledge has never been taught or shared. Most trees have wonderful medicine to give, spiritual connections, and personal protection.

## **Deciduous Birch, Aspens. Coniferous Pines. Tree Medicines and Spirituality**

Paper Birch  
River Birch  
Yellow Birch  
White Birch  
Gray Birch

Big Tooth Aspen  
Quaking / Trembling Aspen  
White Poplar

Jack Pine  
White Pine  
Red Pine (Norway)

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**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**

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Running a company of any size can be a challenge. For a small business owner, it can be a lonely one too. Wouldn't it be helpful to have a group of peers where you have a forum for exchange of information, ideas, insights, and perspectives?

That's what our WHAT'S NEXT CEO Roundtable is all about - a place where you can work through your specific business issues with fellow small business owners. This is not a networking event. It is a peer-to-peer group that provides a secure environment for open, confidential discussions about concerns, problems, and opportunities a member may be facing.

Our What's Next CEO Roundtable is a professional business meeting consisting of small business Presidents, Owners, and CEOs from Washington County. The group will consist of 10 to 12 members from non-competing companies.

The purpose of the group is to provide a gathering for the exchange of information, ideas, insights, and perspectives. All meetings are completely confidential which provides a secure environment for open discussions about concerns, problems, and opportunities a member may be facing. On occasion, guest speakers will present ideas and solutions to roundtable members.

The value of joining and attending our monthly CEO Roundtable is to learn from peer-to-peer experiences through a facilitated roundtable conversation. You benefit by learning from each other's achievements and mistakes.

For more information click here: [What's Next CEO](#)

### Lake Elmo Library

3537 Lake Elmo Avenue N  
Lake Elmo MN 55042  
651-275-8515  
WashCoLib.org

### Hours:

Monday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 12-8 p.m.  
Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Washington  
County  
LIBRARY

**Public Facilities Project Update**



Interior spaces are starting to take shape with the installation of lighting, railings and stairs. Tile flooring and other finish work continues inside while outside crews work to prep the parking areas for paving.

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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

LEO A DALY

## 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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