



# ELK GROVE Villager

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## CASTLE CHEVROLET DONATES CORVETTE FOR RAFFLE IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS

As a surprise at the Elk Grove VFW’s annual Veteran’s Day Ceremony, Castle Chevrolet announced that it will donate a 2017 Corvette to be raffled off in support of local veterans.



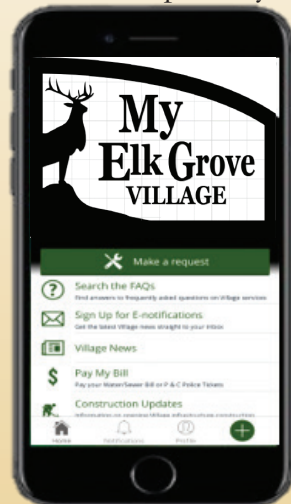
Following the success of this year’s 60th Anniversary Car Raffle in raising money for local civic organizations, Castle Chevrolet was looking for another opportunity to partner with the community. They found a perfect fit in a project to fund much needed upgrades to the VFW Hall on Devon Avenue, including the installation of an elevator to ensure continued accessibility by local veterans.

The Community Character Coalition will administer the raffle, and the winner will be announced at the final summer concert on July 25, 2017. Tickets are \$10 each, or 3 for \$20.

For more information on where to buy tickets, please visit the Community Character Coalition at <http://ccceg.org>.

## STAY IN TOUCH WITH “MY ELK GROVE VILLAGE” SERVICE REQUEST SYSTEM

My Elk Grove Village is your tool to stay in touch with the Village. This new system offers a simple way to submit issues, request services, comment to and receive updates from the Village.



Service requests are routed to the appropriate department for action based on the type of request submitted, such as “Street Light Out” or “Construction Concern”. Village staff then respond and you can track the progress of your requests on the Village website or mobile app.

This request system is for non-emergency requests and is only monitored during normal business hours.

Requests can be submitted on the Village website, Facebook page, or with the “My Elk Grove Village” mobile app.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The Village's 60th Anniversary celebrations continued this fall with an Oktoberfest held at Rotary Green on Lions Drive. Over 2,000 attendees enjoyed German food, music, and brews. We were excited by the excellent attendance at this first annual event, and are looking forward to the opportunity to improve the event for the future!

The 19th annual Holiday Tree Lighting will serve as a finale for the Village's anniversary festivities, with a special performance by The Buckingham--we hope you can join us! Please see page 3 for more information.

We hope you have enjoyed the many special events and activities hosted by the Village and our community organizations in honor of our anniversary. A special thanks goes to the 60th Anniversary Committee who started their planning efforts over a year ago, as well as to the many volunteers who contributed their time and efforts to make the anniversary such a success.

The Village is pleased to announce the new "My Elk Grove Village" service request system, which offers an enhanced service for requesting services and sending inquiries to the Village. Residents can use the "My Elk Grove Village" system through the Village website, Facebook page, or by downloading an application on their smartphone. The smartphone application offers additional features, such as quick access to other Village services and a searchable FAQ knowledgebase to help residents find the information they are looking for. You can find more information on "My Elk Grove Village" on page 1.

The 2016 Fall Leaf Collection Program is coming to an end, with the final round of leaf pick-up running November 14 - November 23. After the final collection date, residents who still have leaves can bring their bagged leaves to two disposal locations located on the east and west side of the Village. For information on leaf disposal locations, please see page 3. To find your final collection date, please visit the [www.elkgrove.org/leaves](http://www.elkgrove.org/leaves).



Pictured in front row from left to right are Trustee Nancy Czarnik, Mayor Craig Johnson, and Trustee Christine Prochno. Pictured in the second row from left to right are Trustee Samuel Lissner, Trustee Jeffrey Franke, Trustee Patton Feichter, and Trustee James Petri.

With autumn coming to an end, Public Works is preparing their equipment and salt supply to respond to this winter's freeze in a timely and expeditious manner. Residents are encouraged to review page 6 for tips for weathering winter storms, including important information on parking regulations, shoveling and safe winter travel.

As a reminder to residents concerned about airport noise, the Village has been working with the Suburban O'Hare Commission to evaluate a 6-month Runway Rotation test that is currently underway. Residents are encouraged to provide feedback on how the Runway Rotation test is impacting them at [www.airportprojects.net/flyquiettest](http://www.airportprojects.net/flyquiettest). This website also provides up to date information on the rotation schedule and weekly reports. You can read more about the test program on page 5.

Residents are always invited to share thoughts, concerns, or questions by clicking "Contact Us" on the Village website ([www.elkgrove.org](http://www.elkgrove.org)).



## 19TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING FEATURING THE BUCKINGHAMS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2016

4:30 P.M. CONCERT

5:30 P.M. TREE LIGHTING

SUPPORTED BY HAMILTON PARTNERS



Join us to welcome the Holiday Season at our annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony! As a special treat to top off the Village's 60th Anniversary celebrations, this year's ceremony will feature a special holiday performance by The Buckinghams.

Following the performance, The Buckinghams will join Mayor Johnson in throwing the switch to light up the holiday tree and turn on over 250,000 lights around the Municipal Complex, Library, and Park District.

A special fireworks display will follow the tree lighting, announcing the entrance of Santa and his elves. Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will be provided.

The Village sincerely thanks Hamilton Partners for their support of this family event.

## LEAF DISPOSAL LOCATIONS

The Village would like to thank residents for their participation in the 2016 Fall Leaf Collection program. The final round of leaf pick up begins on November 14 and ends on November 23.

For residents who still have leaves, after their final collection date, the Village offers you the ability to dispose of them in dumpsters placed at two convenient locations:



James P. Petri Public Works Facility  
600 Landmeier Road  
November 14 - December 9



Public Works Fleet Services Building  
1635 Biesterfield Road  
November 21 - December 9



Leaves should be placed in a yard waste collection bag, a landscape waste sticker is NOT required. Please note that plastic bags are not allowed. The dumpsters are for leaves only, yard waste is not permitted.

Should you have any questions or experience any problems with the program, please call the Public Works Department at (847) 734- 8800 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## RECYCLING, DONATION & DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR RESIDENTS

Residents have many local options to assist in efforts to proactively reduce waste, give new life to used goods and safely dispose of potentially hazardous substances. Nearby locations which meet various disposal and recycling needs can be found below.

### Clothing, Household Items and Furniture

WINGS operates a distribution center at 1265 Oakton in Elk Grove Village. The distribution center is used to sort donations of gently used goods and provide inventory to their resale stores in the region. WINGS uses profits from these stores to provide housing, integrated services, education and advocacy to end domestic violence.



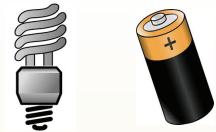
WINGS Distribution Center, 1265 Oakton  
Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### Holiday Lights, CFLs & Batteries

The Village accepts Holiday string lights and extension cords for recycling from November 1 thru March 31 as part of the SWANCC Holiday Lights Recycling Program and in partnership with Elgin Recycling Inc. The Village also accepts CFLs in sealed plastic bags, as well as alkaline and rechargeable batteries during regular business hours.



Community Development Counter  
Village Hall (First Floor), 901 Wellington  
Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



### Plastic Bags

Residents are discouraged from disposing plastic bags with regular refuse because they can clog sorting machinery or blow away before reaching the waste facility. Instead, plastic bags can be dropped off for recycling at many major grocery and some retail stores for recycling, including these local options:

Jewel-Osco, 20 Biesterfield Rd  
Walmart, 801 S Meacham Rd



### Medication & Sharps

Residents can drop-off expired and unwanted pharmaceuticals, medications and needles (sharps) at the Village Hall for disposal in an environmentally-safe and secure manner.



Fire Administration Counter  
Village Hall (Lower Level), 901 Wellington  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste (HHW) items are materials purchased for cleaning or maintaining a home, such as aerosol cans, household cleaners and pesticides.

Naperville HHW Collection  
156 Fort Hill Drive  
Saturdays and Sundays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., excluding holidays





## RESIDENTS ENJOY 60TH ANNIVERSARY OKTOBERFEST

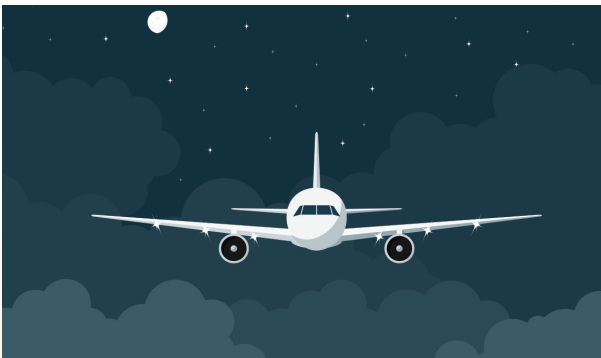
On Friday and Saturday, September 23-24, the Village held its first Oktoberfest at Rotary Green in honor of our 60th Anniversary. Approximately 2,100 residents attended the two day festival and enjoyed traditional German music, food and beer!

This event would not have been possible without assistance from the Elk Grove Rotary Club and volunteers from the Village's 60th Anniversary Committee.

We hope you can join us at the Village's second annual Oktoberfest next fall!



## O'HARE OVERNIGHT RUNWAY ROTATION TEST

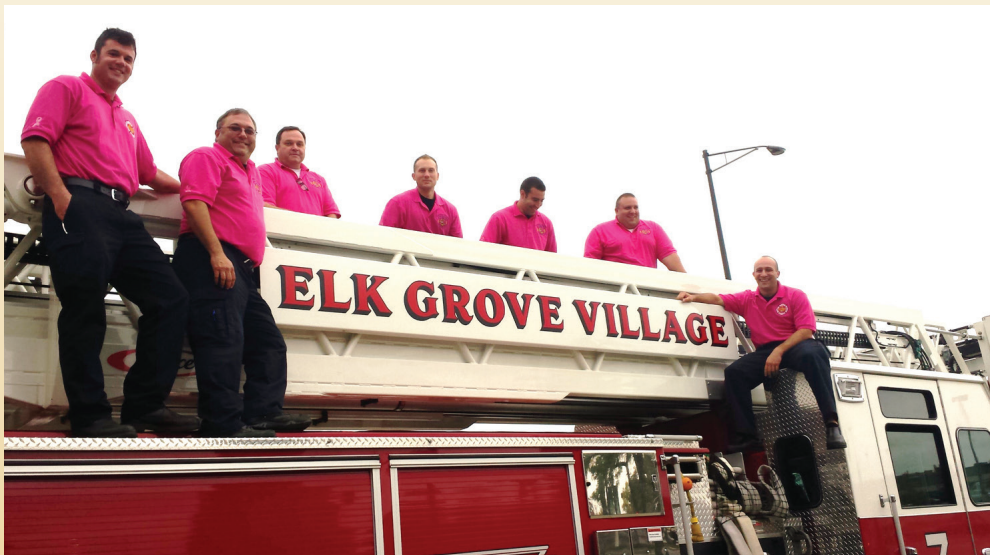


A 6-month Runway Rotation test designed to spread overnight aircraft noise across the region is currently underway at O'Hare Airport. The Runway Rotation, the culmination of nearly a year of work by the ONCC, the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA), and the Suburban O'Hare Commission (SOC), spreads aircraft noise across the region based upon a set weekly calendar.

As a reminder, residents are encouraged to provide feedback throughout the plan. To provide feedback and for additional details on the test, please visit the official Chicago Department

of Aviation website for test information: [www.airportprojects.net/flyquiettest](http://www.airportprojects.net/flyquiettest).

## VILLAGE FIREFIGHTERS GO PINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



During October, Village Firefighters \ wore pink polo shirts to help promote awareness about breast cancer as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States (other than skin cancer). But millions of women are surviving the disease thanks in part to early detection and improvements in treatment.

Find out more on the American Cancer Society website at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## WINTER SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

Public Works stands ready to respond to this winter's freeze in a timely and expeditious manner. Our equipment has been prepared and salt supply has been secured. Residents and businesses play an important role in ensuring our streets are maintained in a clean and safe condition. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their cooperation, patience and understanding during the unpredictable winter season.



To help achieve a successful snow removal season please keep in mind these tips:

### **Parking Restrictions**

When 2 or more inches of snow have fallen or are predicted to fall, do not park on any public street. Parked vehicles slow the progress of our snow removal fleet and often result in a section of roadway left unplowed. Parking is prohibited on both sides of a public street for 24 hours after the snowfall stops or until the clearing operation is complete.

### **Be Considerate of Pedestrians and Seniors**

Residents and businesses are asked to shovel their sidewalks, clearing a path for pedestrians. In addition, please assist your neighbors who may be unable to clear their walks. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services to aid residents in need of assistance may contact the Community Services Office at (847) 357-4120.

### **Driveway Aprons**

Snow removal equipment is designed to push snow to the parkway and unfortunately, pushing snow onto driveway aprons is unavoidable. Property owners can minimize the amount of snow pushed onto driveways by placing snow on your side of the sidewalk, as well as placing driveway apron snow in the parkway away from the flow of traffic to help our plows to push snow away from your driveway rather than onto it.

### **Do Not Push Snow Into Streets**

Driveways and sidewalks should be cleared by placing the snow on your property or adjacent parkway. Pushing snow into the street creates hazardous driving conditions and negates the effort of our snow operation. It is unlawful to move snow from driveways or private parking lots onto Village streets or the right-of-way.

### **Drive Cautiously**

Whenever practical, please stay off the roads during a heavy snowfall. If you must travel, drive slowly and cautiously. Please yield to snow removal equipment.

For more information on snow removal activities or to report a concern, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at (847) 734-8800 or visit [www.elkgrove.org](http://www.elkgrove.org).



## PLOWING & MAINTENANCE ON STATE & COUNTY ROADS

Please be aware that the Village does not maintain all the roadways within the Village limits. Cook County and the State of Illinois have the responsibility of plowing and maintaining the following roads:

### Cook County

- Arlington Heights Road, south of Higgins
- Devon Avenue
- Landmeier Road
- Meacham Road
- Nerge Road, west of Rohlwing
- Plum Grove Road



If you experience hazardous conditions on these roads, including any type of road damage, please call Cook County at (847) 397-4145.

### State of Illinois

- Arlington Heights Road, north of Higgins
- Biesterfield Road, Rohlwing to Martha
- Busse Road
- Elmhurst Road
- Higgins Road (Route 72)
- Rohlwing Road, south of Biesterfield

If you experience hazardous conditions on these roads, including any type of road damage, please call the State at (847) 705-4171 or (847) 705-4162.

## PLAN FOR WINTER SAFETY

As winter approaches, consider the following advice from the National Weather Service regarding winter Storms. Keep ahead of any storms by listening to the latest weather warning and bulletins on the radio and television.

- Check battery powered equipment.
- Check your food and supplies.
- Prevent fire hazards due to overheating.
- Don't over exert yourself shoveling snow.
- Dress to fit the season.

Keep your automobile well serviced and equipped and carry a winter storm kit in your car. Winter travel by automobile is serious business. Take your travel seriously.

- If the storm exceeds or even tests your limitations, seek refuge immediately.
- Plan your travel and identify alternate routes.
- If A blizzard traps you, avoid over exertion and exposure and stay in your vehicle.
- Always fill gas tank before entering open country, even for a short distance.
- Drive carefully.
- Try not to travel alone.

**BUILDING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT FOR YOUR CAR**

**WHY?**  
Because you never know when you will encounter winter weather or an emergency road closure

AMERICA'S **PrepareAthon!**  
BE SMART. TAKE PREP. PROTECT.

Icons and labels for items in the kit:

- Cell Phone Charger
- First Aid Kit
- Jumper Cables
- Spare Tire
- Flares
- Water, Snacks
- Mittens, Hat, Boots, Warm Clothes
- Flashlight
- Snow Shovel and Brush
- Blankets
- Tow Rope
- Full Tank of Gas
- Sand or Kitty Litter

## VILLAGE AND PUBLIC WORKS UNION SIGN NEW CONTRACT

Representatives from the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150 were present at the September 27 Village Board Meeting to assist in a formal signing ceremony adopting a five-year collective bargaining agreement. Union Stewards John Wesa, Jeff Reynolds, and Greg Bator were present for the signing.

The new 5-year agreement is the longest ever between the Village and Local 150, recognizing the ability of both sides to resolve local concerns in a fair, friendly, and trusting manner. The Village is grateful for this continued working partnership with Local 150.

The Village recently extended existing union contracts with both its Police Union and Fire Union. This Public Works contract continues our long history of working with local unions to reach agreements that are fair to both taxpayers and employees.



## STAY IN TOUCH WITH “MY ELK GROVE VILLAGE”, CONT.

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If you're reporting an issue but don't have an exact address (such as an intersection), you move the pin on the map to identify the correct location.

Below are the different ways to submit a request or inquiry:

### Village Website

Visit [www.elkgrove.org](http://www.elkgrove.org) and click the “Contact Us” button on the home page. Select a Service Request Type and Submit.

### Facebook

Visit the Village Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/elkgrovevillage](http://www.facebook.com/elkgrovevillage)). Click the “Contact Us” button. Select a Service Request Type and Submit.

### Smartphone

Download the “My Elk Grove Village” app on your mobile device. Click on “Make a Request”. Select a Service Request Option and Submit. The app will automatically use your existing location, or you can enter a difference location.

The smartphone app also offers additional tools, such as quick access to bill payment, construction updates, e-notifications, and answers to frequently asked questions on Village programs, services and regulations.







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# ELK GROVE BusinessMatters



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## MANUFACTURERS CONNECT AT ANNUAL MADE IN ELK GROVE EXPO

On October 10, 2016, more than 1,000 people attended the fourth annual Made in Elk Grove Manufacturing & Technology Expo.

Exhibitors represented industries such as precision machining, plastics, electronics, and industrial services, including some of the Village’s premier companies.

Exclusive to the manufacturing community, the Expo provided

attending manufacturers from around the Midwest a unique opportunity to connect, collaborate, and cultivate relationships with local Elk Grove based companies. Facilitating collaboration helps break down barriers, enhances communication, and serves to make Elk Grove Village, Beyond Business Friendly.

The Expo was held at the Elk Grove Village High School (EGHS). The location allowed for demonstrations of the school’s Advanced Manufacturing Lab and was an ideal backdrop for recognition of the EGHS student team, which recently won the Skills USA National Manufacturing Competition.

For more information on the 2016 Made in Elk Grove Expo, including a full list of exhibitors visit: [www.madeinelkgroveexpo.com](http://www.madeinelkgroveexpo.com).



## ELK GROVE VILLAGE INDUSTRIAL VACANCY RATE AT HISTORIC LOW

Colliers International recently released its 2016 third quarter industrial vacancy report for the O’Hare Industrial Market. Colliers reported that Elk Grove Village’s current vacancy rate is 4.43%, a historic low for the Village.

The Village’s vacancy rate has continued to drop, and is down from 5.47% at the end of 2015. A vacancy rate of 5% is considered essentially full, taking into account natural vacancies for businesses that are moving in and out of properties.



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Where manufacturers thrive and succeed



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ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL



## LOCAL CYCLING GROUP OFFERS FREE BIKE RACKS

Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove (FCEG), the Village’s duly recognized cycling organization, is looking for businesses in Elk Grove Village that are interested in installing bike racks at their locations.

FCEG’s mission is to promote, support, and improve cycling in Elk Grove. One way to improve conditions is to make bike parking more available for residents and visitors that ride bikes in the Village.

If you are interested in having a bike rack purchased for your business, please contact FCEG at [egvbikes@gmail.com](mailto:egvbikes@gmail.com).



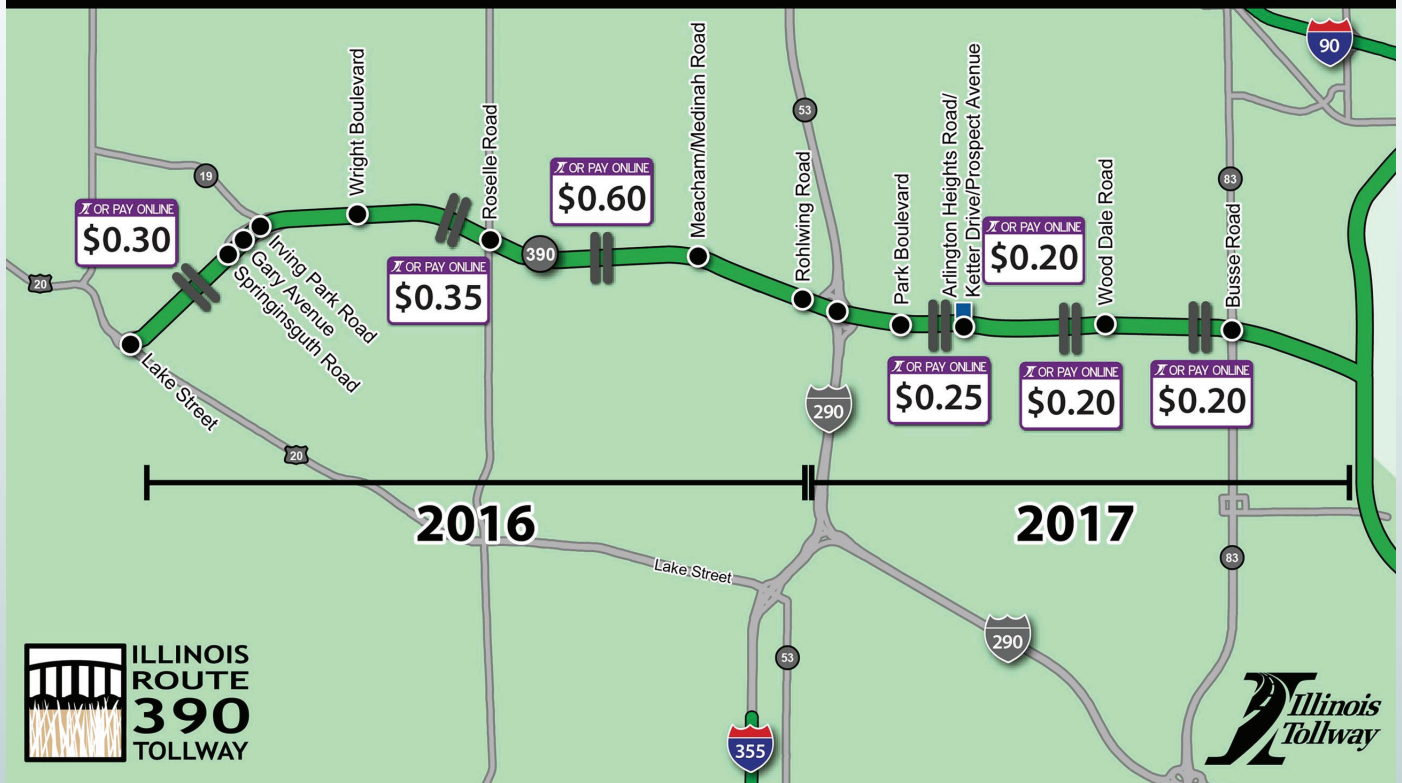
## CASHLESS TOLLING UNDERWAY ON ILLINOIS ROUTE 390

Cashless tolling began over the summer on Illinois Route 390 Tollway from Lake Street to I-290. This is the first, all-electronic roadway on the Illinois Tollway system. Since there are no toll booths or automated coin machines available along the Illinois Route 390 Tollway, all customers are driving on an I-PASS Tollway.

Drivers with an unpaid toll should make note of the toll collection location by identifying the toll plaza name, number or the nearest milepost and go online at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) or pay by mail within the 7-day grace period.

### Rates and Schedule

Tolling on the western segment of the Illinois Route 390 Tollway will begin on **July 5, 2016**. The eastern portion is scheduled to open and tolling will begin by the end of 2017.



Local Postal Customer

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## ZONING CODE UPDATE OPEN HOUSE

Elk Grove Village is undertaking an update of our Zoning Code in order to modernize regulations to meet current community needs and perspectives. It has been over 20 years since any significant changes have been made to the Village's Zoning Code, and many sections still date back to the 1970s. Since that time there have been many changes in the way businesses operate and how residents live and work.

In order to provide an opportunity for residents and businesses to provide input on this initiative, the Village will be hosting an Open House. The Open House will allow attendees to provide comments and insights into how the zoning code impacts their daily lives and business operations.

**Zoning Code Update Open House**  
**Wednesday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Room E, Village Hall**  
**901 Wellington Ave.**

If you are unable to attend the open house, there will be additional opportunities to provide input and comments online. Information will be posted when available at [www.elkgrove.org/zoningupdate](http://www.elkgrove.org/zoningupdate).

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## STRICTLY BUSINESS PODCAST

The Village's new Strictly Business Podcast explores the business community in Elk Grove Village through interviews with business owners and industry experts.

Episodes focus on themes including business profiles, workforce development, innovation, leadership, culture, entrepreneurship, infrastructure, regional economics, and others.

Topics are discussed in a lively conversational style with industry experts, business owners, and public sector leaders. There are two ways to listen.

1. You can visit [www.egvbizhub.com](http://www.egvbizhub.com) to hear the latest release and archived editions.
2. You can also download the podcast from the Apple iTunes store. Search Elk Grove Village.

If you have comments or feedback, please email us at [strictlybizpodcast@gmail.com](mailto:strictlybizpodcast@gmail.com).

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