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VILLAGE INSTALLS INTERACTIVE HEART SCULPTURE ON VILLAGE GREEN

Earlier this month, the Village of Elk Grove installed an interactive Heart Sculpture on the Village Green. This sculpture offers residents an opportunity to experience and enjoy public art that symbolizes community pride.

Mayor Craig Johnson was inspired to propose this new addition to the Village Green after

seeing a heart-shaped swing designed by Bahamian artist Antonius Roberts during his visit to the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl.

“The heart swing in the Bahamas was a place for visitors to take photos as a memento of their vacation,” said Mayor Johnson, “I wanted to create a similar experience for our residents who have such pride for their hometown.”

The Village commissioned Elk Grove Village-based Rebechini Studios to create a unique piece of art featuring a heart design. Public Works crews completed the installation of the 12-foot tall Heart Sculpture on the Village Green on August 18.

“Since the installation, it’s been great to see so many members of our community enjoying the Heart Sculpture,” said Mayor Craig Johnson, “This sculpture is a wonderful addition to our community, that gives resident a way to showcase the sense of pride and community spirit that we all share.”

The Heart Sculpture is publicly accessible at the Village Green, located at 901 Wellington Avenue between the Charles J. Zettek Municipal Complex and the Elk Grove Village Public Library.

ELK GROVE VILLAGE LAUNCHES FREE TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM

We are excited to offer a free curbside textile recycling program in Elk Grove Village in partnership with Simple Recycling to single-family homes that receive curbside waste and recycling collection.

Without a curbside textile recycling program, 85% of all clothing and usable home goods get thrown into a landfill. While donation centers accept some items, such organizations are typically not interested in items or clothing that are stained, torn, unusable, or unsellable.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Although this year has presented us with changes to our regular scheduled events and activities-- we have been working hard to provide the community with some exciting new programs and interactions.

We are so excited to offer a free curbside textile recycling program in the Village! The Village is partnering with Simple Recycling to offer this program to single-family homes that receive curbside waste and recycling collection. Information on the program and frequently asked questions can be found on pages 1 and 6.

In addition to the new program, we are also happy to announce that an interactive Heart Sculpture has been installed on the Village Green. This sculpture offers residents an opportunity to experience and enjoy public art that symbolizes community pride. More information about the Heart Sculpture can be found on page 1.

We are also very proud to announce that once again, Elk Grove Village remains the most affordable community for residents! A 2020 survey of eight comparable communities shows that Elk Grove Village continues to provide the lowest cost of living for residents. Read more information about the survey on page 3.

This time of the year means it is time for the 2020 Fall Leaf Collection Program. Please remember that it is important not to rake your leaves in the street too early, this can cause drainage issues for the entire subdivision. A list of program guidelines and a schedule for your leaf collection dates can be found on page 4.

Another important program currently being carried out in the Village is the Water Meter Upgrade Program. If you have not had your water meter upgraded, please schedule an appointment. For information on how to schedule your appointment and details about the water meter upgrade program, please see page 3.

As we reach the end of summer, the 2020 Census deadline is quickly approaching! All counting efforts for the 2020 Census will end on September 30, 2020, which means self-responding outlets will close and census takers will end door-to-door field operations. If you have not yet responded, please take 10 minutes to self-respond and



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 Jeffrey Franke, Trustee Stephen Schmidt, Trustee Samuel Lissner, and Trustee Patton Feichter.

shape the next 10 years of our community by going online at www.my2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020. More information on the Census and how to respond is located on page 5.

Even though our annual Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction Event was postponed by a few months, the event was a huge success with 905 attendees! This annual event is hosted by the Village in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). We want to thank our CERT members and others who volunteered to assist with this event.

If you missed the electronics recycling event, there is no need to wait until next year to get rid of that old TV! Village residents can recycle the electronics for free at weekly drop-off locations in Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, and Des Plaines. For more information, please visit page 7.

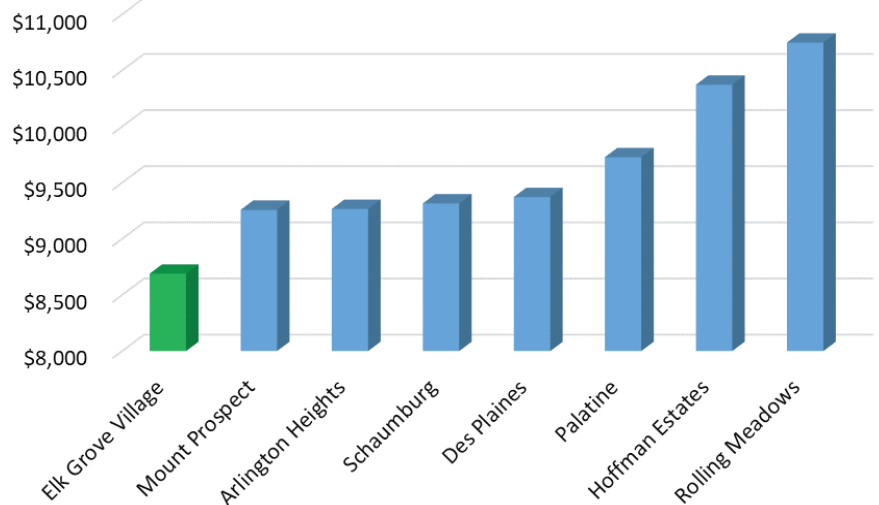
Residents are always invited to share thoughts, concerns, or questions by clicking "Contact Us" on the Village website (www.elkgrove.org).



ELK GROVE VILLAGE REMAINS THE MOST AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY FOR RESIDENTS

A 2020 survey of eight comparable communities shows that Elk Grove Village continues to provide the lowest cost of living for residents. Elk Grove Village routinely compares itself to neighboring municipalities and we are proud of our reputation of offering high quality services at affordable prices. Not only has Elk Grove Village maintained our place as the most affordable community since we began this survey over ten years ago, our residents have had the lowest combined property tax rate in the area for over 20 years.

2020 Cost of Living Analysis - Annual Municipal Impact



The annual cost-of-living survey is intended to account for the entire range of municipal taxes and fees that impact residents-this includes property tax, sales tax, natural gas tax, cable franchise fees, waste/recycling services, water/sewer rates, and various other costs. The graph above shows that Elk Grove Village has the lowest annual municipal impact for these taxes and fees, coming in at under \$8,700 per year.

The Village is able to maintain this low cost of living in large part to our robust business community. We work hard to cultivate relationships and provide value to our business community to help keep costs low for residents. Elk Grove Village is dedicated to offering residents an incomparable quality of life in an affordable community-this is just one factor that makes Elk Grove Village the Exceptional Community.

For more details on this cost of survey, please visit www.elkgrove.org/affordable.

WATER METER UPGRADE PROGRAM

At this time, the Village's Water Meter Upgrade program is underway for residential, commercial, and industrial properties. If you are a resident and you haven't had your water meter upgraded, please schedule an appointment by calling (866) 931-2199 or go online to www.schedulemymeter.com.

During the appointment, a plumber will need to enter the resident's home to upgrade the water meter. The plumbers are screened each day following CDC guidelines, will be maintaining social distancing, and be wearing proper personal protective equipment. However, if a resident chooses to put their water meter upgrade on hold, they should notify the call center so the upgrade can be rescheduled at a later date.

Please visit us at www.elkgrove.org/watermeter or call Utility Billing at 847-357-4000 for more information regarding this program.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

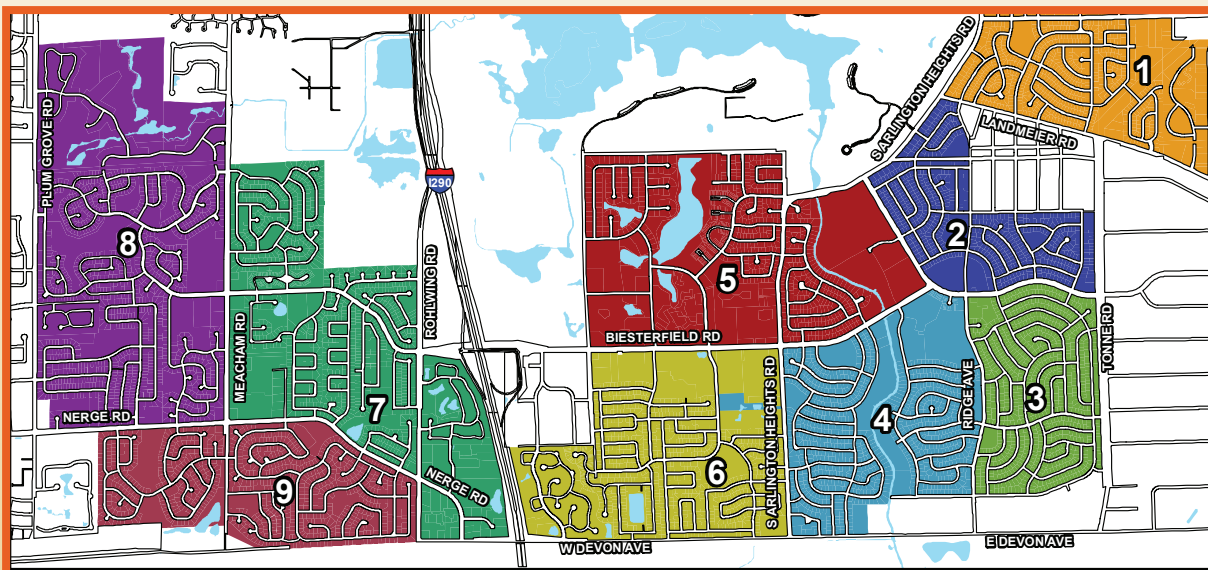
During the months of October and November, the Public Works Department offers residents convenient disposal of their fall leaves. Elk Grove Village is divided into nine (9) collection sections and each section receives four (4) leaf collection dates. The scheduled collection dates and a map depicting the section numbers are shown below. Program Rules:

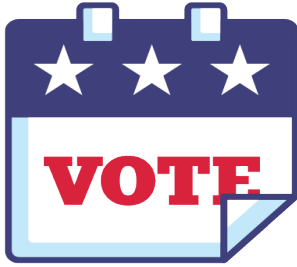
- Leaves should be raked into the street after 3 p.m. the day before collection or before 7 a.m. on the day of collection.
- Only rake leaves into the street. Grass, branches, and others yard waste can damage equipment.
- Place leaves in a continuous row on the pavement 2 feet from the curb.
- Do not place leaves on state or county roadways, nor on the following Village streets: Tonne Road, Elk Grove Boulevard, Rev. Morrison Boulevard, J.F. Kennedy Boulevard, Biesterfeld Road, and Wise Road. Residents along these streets are asked to place leaves in the parkway.
- In the event of rain, you should still place your leaves in the street on your scheduled date as leaves will be collected as soon as possible after that time.
- Parking in the street will be prohibited on the day of collection from 7 a.m. until the leaves are removed.

In the event of snow, leaf pickup will be rescheduled for another day. Also, any leaves that are placed on the street and not picked up by the initial collection will eventually be collected by crews at a later date.

If you have any questions about the program, please call Public Works at (847) 734-8800 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.elkgrove.org/leaves. **Schedule updated (9/21/20)**

Section Number	Day of the Week	Collection Dates				
Section 1	Wednesday	Oct 7	Oct 21	Nov 4	Nov 18	
Section 2	Tuesday	Oct 6	Oct 20	Nov 3	Nov 17	
Section 3	Monday	Oct 5	Oct 19	Nov 2	Nov 16	
Section 4	Thursday	Oct 8	Oct 22	Nov 5	Nov 19	
Section 5	Friday	Oct 9	Oct 23	Nov 6	Nov 20	
Section 6	Monday	Oct 12	Oct 26	Nov 9	Nov 23	
Section 7	Tuesday	Oct 13	Oct 27	Nov 10	Nov 24	
Section 8	Thursday	Oct 15	Oct 29	Nov 12	Nov 25	
Section 9	Wednesday	Oct 14	Oct 28	Nov 11	Nov 25	





PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The Presidential General Election is November 3, 2020.

Mail Ballot Applications - The deadline to apply for a Mail Ballot is Monday, October 26, to ensure a timely receipt of your ballot. Applications are available online at www.cookcountyclerk.com. Ballots will be mailed out to residents beginning September 24, 2020. A postage-paid return envelope will be included to return your ballot via

USPS. Alternatively, the ballots can be returned in or a secured "Ballot Dropbox", which will be available at all Early Voting sites in Suburban Cook County. Ballots will be held in a secure location until the Clerk's Office is legally able to begin counting them, which is determined by Illinois statute. **All ballots that are postmarked by November 3, 2020 and arrive at the Cook County Clerk's Office by November 17, 2020 are counted.**

Early Voting - Takes place from October 19 through November 2. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Anyone residing in Cook County can participate in early voting at the Elk Grove Village Municipal Complex (901 Wellington Ave.)

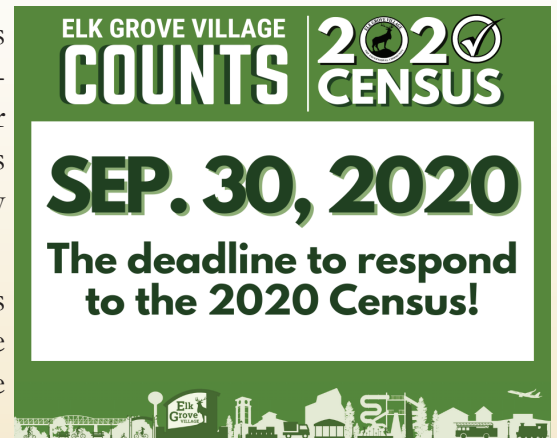
Residents can register to vote online at www.cookcountyclerk.com or you may register to vote at the same time that you cast your ballot during Early Voting. Two forms of identification are required for voter registration.

The Village Clerk's Office is available to assist if you have any questions or concerns at 847-357-4040.

2020 CENSUS IS COMING TO AN END! HAVE YOU RESPONDED?

The 2020 Census deadline is rapidly approaching. All counting efforts for the 2020 Census will end on September 30, 2020, which means self-responding outlets will close and census takers will end door-to-door field operations. If you have not yet responded, please take 10 minutes to self-respond and shape the next 10 years of your community by going online at www.my2020census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020.

Getting a complete count will ensure that Elk Grove Village receives our fair share in federal funding to support critical services that are provided to the community. It is critical that everyone in Elk Grove Village is counted and this is our last chance to get it right until 2030!



YOU HAVE MORE TIME Nov. 1, 2020

The below items that are currently expired or set to expire by Sept. 30 have been extended until Nov. 1, 2020:

- Driver's Licenses
- License Plate Stickers
- Restricted Driving Permits
- Disability Placards
- ID Cards
- Monitoring Device Driving Permits

✓ During periods of excessive heat, consider delaying your visit to a facility. If you must visit a facility, please come prepared to wait outside due to social distancing.

JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

Take advantage of online services at CYBERDRIVEILLINOIS.COM

SECRETARY OF STATE RENEWAL EXTENSION

Expiration dates for valid driver's licenses held by Illinois drivers who are 75 years of age or older have been extended for one year past the licenses' current 2020 expiration date. Additionally, all driver's licenses, ID cards, vehicle registrations, restricted driving permits, disability placards, and monitoring device driving permits that are currently expired or set to expire by September 30 have been extended until November 1, 2020.

For more information and to take advantage of online services, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

ELK GROVE VILLAGE NOW OFFERING FREE TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM CONT.

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Simple Recycling offers a convenient and environmentally friendly way to keep these textile items from ending up in a landfill. The purpose of this program is to divert textile waste from landfills and the Village is proud to be an enthusiast for our community's growing focus on recycling and reuse.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I get a tax deduction for the textile recycling program?

-No, there is no tax deduction, as this is not considered a donation.

Why is the Village not partnering with a charitable organization for this program?

- In the past, the Village offered a textile program in partnership with Salvation Army. Due to operational challenges, Salvation Army discontinued the program. The Village has now partnered with Simple Recycling to divert textile waste from landfills and offer residents the convenience of recycling textiles at their curb.

Is this program replacing donation centers run by charitable organizations (Amvets, Wings, Goodwill)?

- No. Residents are welcome and encouraged to continue donating to charitable organizations—this is just another option available to keep unwanted items out of landfills.

Is this program available to residents in condos or apartments?

-This program is only provided to single-family homes in the Village that receive curbside waste and recycling service. Residents in multi-family homes are able to donate unwanted or used items to organizations that operate donation centers or scheduled pickups, such as Wings Resale Shops, Goodwill, The Salvation Army, AMVETS, and other similar organizations.

What happens if my pickup gets missed?

-Missed pickups should be reported directly to Simple Recycling on their website at www.SimpleRecycling.com or by calling 866-835-5068.

How do I order more bags?

-When Simple Recycling collects your filled bags, they will leave a replacement bag behind. If you need additional bags, they can be requested from Simple Recycling website at no charge, or can be picked up from Village Hall at the Community Development counter, or Public Works Facility at 450 E. Devon Ave.

What day is my bag going to get picked up?

-Simple Recycling collection will take place on the same day as your regular curbside waste and recycle pickup.

What happens to the collected clothing?

-All of the materials are graded and sorted locally and/or regionally based on quality and condition. The top quality materials will be resold to local thrift outlets, mid-grade is exported to international markets and "unusable" items are processed for raw materials.

For more details about the program, visit the Village website at www.elkgrove.org or www.SimpleRecycling.com.





Fact vs. **Fiction**

ELK GROVE VILLAGE WATER METER RATE

FICTION: The Village of Elk Grove has increased the water rate.

FACT: No changes have been made to Elk Grove Village water rate since January 1, 2015.

Water usage has increased for many households as children are staying home from school and many individuals are working from home, which leads to more frequent use of the dishwasher, shower, and bathroom. Recently, some residents have experienced an increase on their water bills due to the rise in the amount of water being used.

In addition, higher levels of water are typically used outdoors over the summer for watering landscape and gardens, filling pools, and outdoor activities. This year, the summer season has been extremely dry as the Midwest has experienced a drought, which may have resulted in above average water usage.

If you have any questions about water usage or the water rate, please contact our Finance Department at 847-357-4063.

FREE ELECTRONICS DROP-OFF LOCATIONS!

Village residents can recycle electronics at several permanent drop-off locations provided through the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC).

The following locations, some open year-round, are also **FREE** and often require **NO WAITING** to dispose of your electronics!

Hoffman Estates Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road
Mondays: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., April-November Only

Mount Prospect Public Works, 1700 W. Central Road
Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., April-October Only

Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, Des Plaines
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Open Year-Round



Permanent locations will be closed on holidays, as posted at www.swancc.org, where you can also find details on these drop-off locations and accepted materials.

CANCELLATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

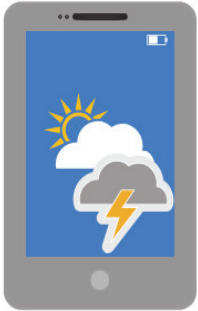
Fire Prevention Week is observed nationwide each year during the second week of October, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire. The campaign is sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), which has declared the 2020 theme "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" The Elk Grove Village Fire Department traditionally holds an annual Open House each October to share fire safety messages and engage with the community. Unfortunately, due to concerns related to Covid-19, and out of an abundance of caution, we have made the tough decision to cancel the 2020 Fire Department Open House.

Please stay tuned to the Fire Department's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ElkGroveVillageFire and the Village website at www.elkgrove.org for the latest updates on our virtual fire safety offerings and activities.



PREPARING FOR AFTER AN EMERGENCY

September is National Preparedness Month. We are used to being reminded to have an emergency supply kit on hand in the event of a disaster. However, after an emergency, you may find yourself without access to important family documents or necessary resources. Your tablet and/or smartphone can help ensure you always have needed information available. Take some time now, before a crisis occurs, to download apps that can be helpful, such as those for weather, government agencies, or from your financial institution(s). In addition, electronic copies of the following vital records can help put your mind at ease while dealing with an emergency:



- Drivers' license, social security card, court records
- Insurance policies
- Property records (mortgage documents, vehicle titles)
- Medical records (for all family members and pets)
- Estate planning documents
- Banking account information
- Contact information for friends and relatives

Always make sure that your electronic information is password protected and not easily retrievable if your device is lost. You can also scan your important vital and financial documents to a computer and then save them on a thumb drive that you place in your emergency supply kit.

AGING-IN-PLACE REMODELING TIPS

More and more retired adults are choosing to “Age in Place” as technology makes it easier to stay in your homes and live independently instead of moving to alternative senior living communities. Aging in Place allows you to maintain the friendships and community ties that you’ve created and gives you the ability to make design decisions that best meet your changing needs.

Early planning is important to ensure your home is safe and easy to navigate as you get older. Certain modifications can make it more accommodating and allow you to continue to live comfortably long after retirement. When planning your next remodeling project, consider doing the following renovations:

- Widen doorways or install pocket-doors.
- Install comfort height toilets, grab bars, step-through tubs, and showers with no curbs.
- Add outdoor ramps to the front or rear of the home.
- Consider installing a chair lift to aid mobility when stairs are a concern.
- Think about installing electronic door chimes that sound throughout the home.
- Install blade handles or motion controls on faucets.
- Update flooring to reduce tripping and slipping hazards.
- Replace traditional round door knobs with lever style handles for easier gripping.
- Add additional lighting to illuminate dark areas.



If you're considering making some of these changes, please contact the Community Development Department at (847) 357-4220 for information on permit and inspection requirements and to help answer any questions.



SEPTEMBER 2020 ISSUE

ELK GROVE BusinessMatters

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VILLAGE BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS WITH ELK GROVE BUSINESSES ONE VISIT AT A TIME

When Peter Jackson, managing partner for Miller Industrial, hosted several Elk Grove Village officials last year for an informal get-to-know-you session, he was pleased to hear that the village valued his business and wanted to learn more about it.



“They made me feel welcome and proud that I’m leading a business based in Elk Grove Village,” Jackson says. “I gave them a tour of our facility with my three direct reports and led them through a strategy session.”

He also had no idea that members of the village economic development team would encourage him to apply to Next Level Northwest, a nonprofit business accelerator program founded by several Chicago area municipalities -- including Elk Grove Village.

Miller Industrial is, in effect, the “hardware store” to the more than 3,800 businesses and 400 manufacturers in Elk Grove Village’s industrial park.

It sells everything from industrial strength paint to power tools to electrical and plumbing supplies. Local manufacturers, distributors and other companies in need of supplies and services rely on Miller Industrial to keep their businesses growing.

As a result of the visit, Jackson was accepted into the Next Level Northwest program and worked with a business development coach to create a market research strategy.

“I would not have been able to access the resources of Next Level Northwest were it not for the village coming out to our shop to get to know us and learn about our business and provide an overview of the services the village provides to companies that call Elk Grove home,” said Jackson.

These visits are part of the Business Ambassador Program, which the village’s economic development team launched in 2016. The idea behind the ambassador visits is simple. Companies that would like to connect with the village can host a visit from the village’s economic development team and elected officials.

The visit is usually comprised of a facility tour and a confidential conversation about their business. Then, village officials provide an overview of services and resources available to businesses.

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Additionally, host businesses can expect to get questions designed to help identify the kinds of vendors, suppliers, service providers, and potential customers that might exist right within the Elk Grove Business Park.

“We’re here to listen and learn. We want to meet the faces behind Elk Grove businesses,” said Nick Radcliffe, a member of the Elk Grove Village economic development team.

“We really want to hear what they do and how business is going. Once we know more, we can offer resources for workforce development, training, or business leadership. We can also help guide businesses through the permit process and provide information on incentives available for expansion and renovation.”

To date, 115 companies have hosted village officials for business ambassador visits.

Members of the Elk Grove Village board also participate in the visits in order to gain a better understanding of the needs of local businesses.

“When it comes down to forging mutually productive relationships with the manufacturers that choose to operate out of Elk Grove, the responsibility to reach out and get to know and understand the businesses rests squarely on our shoulders,” said Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson. “The ambassador visits give us an opportunity to express our gratitude for the role they play in keeping our community strong and thriving. And, they’re a vital part of our overall efforts to partner with companies to support their growth.”

The village has taken the program virtual in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, which makes in-person visits a real challenge. When in-person visits are impossible due to social distancing guidelines, the visits are taking place on a video call.

“While the pandemic has challenged us to find new ways to reach out to companies and strengthen relationships, it does not remove the obligation we have to open up the lines of communication with the companies that call Elk Grove Village home,” said Radcliffe.

Any Elk Grove Village-based company that would like to host a Business Ambassador Visit can contact Nick Radcliffe at (847) 357-4013 or NRadcliffe@elkgrove.org.

WATER METER UPGRADE PROGRAM

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HIGH-END IMAGE STUDIO MOVES TO TOWN

Centerpoint, a commercial image studio that produces creative storytelling through photography, video and animation, is one of the newest businesses to join the Elk Grove community.

One of Centerpoint's specialties is stylishly staging products such as furniture, home goods, paint, and food — literally building the sets and backdrops from outdoor scenery to indoor spaces, from state-of-the-art kitchens to luxurious bedrooms and more.

The ability to create environments came in handy when the company moved out of two smaller spaces in Chicago and into a 35,000-square-foot studio at 2101 Arthur Avenue in Elk Grove. The challenge was that they moved in April, just as the coronavirus pandemic began.



Photographed from left to right: Trustee Stephen Schmidt, Trustee Sam Lissner, Chief Executive Officer Scott Peota, and Management Analyst Nick Radcliffe

“We had to be out of our old space by May 1,” says Scott Peota, Chief Executive Officer. “So we got everyone masked up and sanitized, and we followed strict rules in place with the movers. It was pretty incredible how our team came together ... but stressful.”

Finding the Right Fit

The move was the culmination of a two-year process that began when Peota first met Josh Grodzin, Elk Grove Village director of business development and marketing.

“I knew the O’Hare area was where we wanted to be,” says Peota. “So Josh came out to visit, and we had subsequent conversations.”

Along with his realtor, Peota used elkgrovesites.com to explore properties in Elk Grove. “Then Josh pointed us to this location, which was going through 6B certification. That made it very attractive. And it was the right size and would keep us in a central location for our employees, which was very important to us.”

The new space includes a cohesive, on-brand design; a full carpentry shop; photo gallery; in addition to elegant and inviting offices and common areas. Peota adds that its proximity to Woodfield Mall and other shopping nearby is an added bonus. “We do a lot of prop shopping, so that really helps.”

Past, Present and Future

Another plus is that the new space offers potential to expand in the future. Even with the current challenges of the pandemic, Scott is optimistic — perhaps because Centerpoint has already ridden out many changes over the decades.

Peota bought Centerpoint from his father in the mid-1990s. The company began as an art studio, producing illustrations for Sears and Wards catalogs. As the Chicago retail industry changed and the Digital Age began — with massive “wish book” catalogs disappearing along the way—Centerpoint had to adapt.

That spirit of optimism was also behind the virtual Elk Grove Business Ambassador Team visit Centerpoint had in early August.

“It was nice to meet more village staff and the trustees and find out more about what Elk Grove is doing for its business residents,” Peota says. “We really want to be involved more in the community, and that was a great start.”

STRICTLY BUSINESS PODCAST

You won't want to miss this past month's "Strictly Business" podcast episodes.

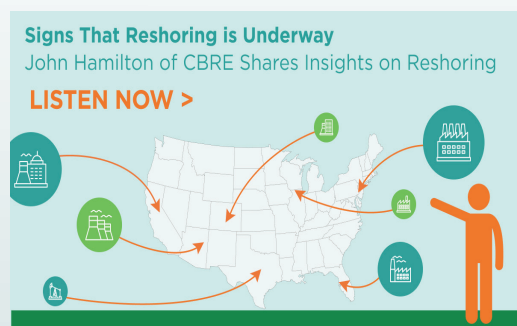
EP 43: The most stress in my career

Jeff Taylor, President of Crafts Technology in Elk Grove, shares a gripping story about how his company got an urgent call from an OEM during the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

The OEM had an emergency use authorization. They needed a tool to make a precision medical device part critical for new coronavirus testing kits. And they needed Crafts Technology to manufacture the tool in 3 days—not 14 days, which would be typical.



EP 44: John Hamilton of CBRE Shares Insights on Reshoring



Empty store shelves were one of the first, most visible signs that the coronavirus pandemic put a huge strain on global supply chains.

Now as U.S. businesses race to increase inventories, there's a lot of buzz about reshoring.

That's why "Strictly Business" podcast host Josh Grodzin sat down with John Hamilton, Industrial Broker at CBRE Chicago. He talks with John about what he's hearing from clients across a range of industries.

The 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. Visit www.egvbizhub.com to hear the latest release and archived editions.
2. Download the podcast from the Apple iTunes store. Search Elk Grove Village.

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