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The Village Hall is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for payment of water bills, local fines, vehicle stickers and general Village information. In addition, the Finance counter is open on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and the Community Development counter is open on the first Saturday of the month of May through September from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Village Board meetings are generally held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

The distribution of the coronavirus vaccine in Suburban Cook County is controlled by the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH); however the Village is doing everything we can to support the vaccine distribution effort.

The Village is participating on regular calls with the federal government, the State of Illinois, Cook County, and Alexian Brothers Hospital. We continue to offer our assistance, resources, and locations to make the vaccine available to our community as quickly as possible.

Cook County's vaccine plan has moved to Phase 1b--which includes seniors 65 and over, and front line essential workers, but they advise that vaccine supply remains extremely limited.

To register for information on the COVID-19 vaccine, sign up with the Cook County Department of Public Health online at vaccine.cookcountyil.gov.

By signing up on their website, residents will receive:

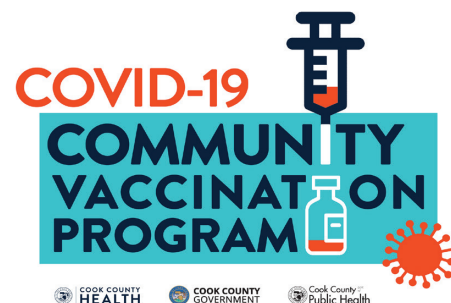
- Updates on the Vaccine
- Notification for when vaccine administration is open to their phase
- Information on scheduling a vaccine appointment through Cook County Health
- Information on vaccine distribution locations throughout Cook County

For those having difficulty with the website, or without access to the internet, CCDPH has also established a vaccine sign-up hotline at 833-308-1988.

In addition to registering for updates from CCDPH, **we strongly encourage eligible residents to pursue all options for receiving the vaccine.** The State of Illinois Vaccine Locator provides a directory of locations offering COVID-19 vaccines, including sites in Cook County, at coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location.

Residents should contact their doctor directly to see if they are scheduling appointments to receive the vaccine, and can also look for vaccine appointments through Walgreens, CVS, Jewel-Osco, Mariano's, Meijer, Walmart or wherever possible.

The Village will continue to share any updated information we receive about the coronavirus vaccine on EGTV Channel 6 and the Village website as soon as it becomes available.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We are two months into the new year and Elk Grove Village is already off to a great start in 2021!

In January, the Village's Aquify water monitoring system detected the first significant leak in the Village's water distribution network. Without the Artificial Intelligence monitoring system this leak could have gone undetected for several weeks, and taken even longer to find the precise location for repair, losing 250 to 500 gallons of water per minute, and costing the Village tens of thousands of dollars. Check out page 3 for more details on this cost saving innovation.

This spring, the Elk Grove Youth Committee, in partnership with the Village of Elk Grove and the Elk Grove Parks Foundation, will be issuing seven \$1,000 scholarships. See page 7 for more details and to learn how to apply.

Speaking of awards, the Village is partnering with USA Triathlon to recognize how leading entrepreneurs and small businesses are achieving their dreams with the 2021 Elk Grove Village - USA Triathlon Entrepreneur/Business Plan of the Year competition. Residents, businesses and entrepreneurs from all walks of life are encouraged to apply! Details can be found on page 6.

As you take down your holiday decorations, remember that non-working and unwanted lights can be disposed of through the Village's Holiday Light Recycling program now through March 31, 2021. Drop off your holiday string lights and extension cords at the Community Development Counter.

With the spring time comes spring cleaning! Don't just throw out your old clothes and household items, recycle them through the Simple Recycling Program. Residents who receive curbside waste services can fill up orange simple recycling bags and place it at their curb on their normal refuse and recycling collection day. For details about the program, accepted items, and how to request bags, see page 4.

Are you considering a home remodel or addition project? The Community Development Department is available to



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.

assist residents in making the permit and inspection process a positive experience! Check out page 7 for guidelines to help navigate you through the process from start to finish.

Over the next few months, you may notice some construction taking place in Busse Woods along the I-90 corridor from Golf Road to Arlington Heights Road. Nicor Gas is retiring two pipelines that currently cut through a section of high-quality oak woods in the Nature Preserve. Details on this project can be found on page 5.

Are you registered to receive emergency alerts? Throughout the pandemic, the Village has been sending out alerts with important updates on COVID-19. If you haven't been receiving these alerts by phone or text, you may need to register for the Citizen-Alert program through Northwest Central Joint Emergency Management System. For information on how to register, please visit page 4.

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



HIGH-TECH WATER MONITORING SYSTEM SAVES TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WITH FIRST DETECTION OF UNDERGROUND LEAK

Shortly after our Aquify water monitoring system became fully operational, its Artificial Intelligence (AI) programming detected the first significant leak in the Village's water distribution network. Without the monitoring system this leak could have gone undetected for several weeks and it could have taken months longer to find the precise location for repair, losing 250 to 500 gallons of water per minute, and costing the Village tens of thousands of dollars.

The leak from the water main was flowing directly into the stormwater system, and as such it produced none of the surface-level indications that typically signify a leak, such as pooling or gushing water, or excessive ice buildup. It would have been extremely difficult to discover this leak without the Aquify monitoring system, which identified increased water flow in the system and notified the Village of the potential issue.

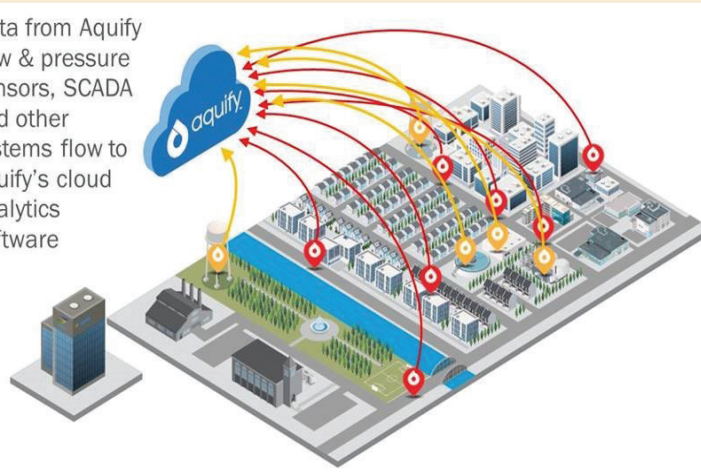
On January 30, Aquify notified the Utilities Division of the Public Works Department that a leak was occurring in the Village's water service infrastructure. The Aquify system, which uses pressure and flow sensors along with AI programming to detect leaks, detected a significant increase in water flow in a portion of the Village's water system. Public Works staff analyzed the water flow data with Aquify to narrow down the impacted zone and designate a search area. A Public Works crew then conducted a street by street search to determine the precise location of the leak, digging through snow to locate and open storm sewers to listen for flowing water. After over two hours of searching, the crew discovered water flowing underground into the side of a damaged stormwater inlet and were able to repair the leak.

The monitoring system's leak-detection ability is expected to improve through the use of AI programming and analytics, which learn more about the Village's water infrastructure the longer it is operational. The detection of leaks before they surface not only reduces water loss, it also prevents more disruptive and costly repairs that are necessary when undetected leaks turn into full-blown water main breaks.

Aquify, an Exelon Company, is a new and innovative service that uses sensors along with machine learning analytics software and a professionally staffed operations center to monitor the miles of underground water mains (underground pipes that deliver water to homes and businesses) to identify and address maintenance needs and emerging issues.



Data from Aquify flow & pressure sensors, SCADA and other systems flow to Aquify's cloud analytics software



REGISTER TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS!

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Citizen-Alert



The regional Citizen-Alert program is a mass notification system, which enables communities to provide residents with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, critical road closures, missing persons, and the potential evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. Citizen-Alert has access to registered landline phone numbers, which can be used to alert residents based on geographical area; however, an increasing number of residents no longer use landlines.

Residents without landlines, or those who want to stay connected while not at home, can register online to receive time-sensitive and location-specific messages on devices of their choosing, including cell phone, text messages, business phone, email, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more.

Register online at elkgrove.org/stayconnected.

RECYCLE OLD CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WITH SIMPLE RECYCLING



The Village, in partnership with Simple Recycling, offers a convenient and environmentally friendly way to recycle unwanted textiles and household items. This program helps divert thousands of pounds of clothing and textiles from ending up in a landfill.

This free initiative is available to residents with curbside waste services. To participate, residents can fill up orange simple recycling bags with old clothing or household items and place it at their curb on their normal refuse and recycling day. Bags are collected by a simple recycling vehicle. Once collected, items are sorted for quality and are either donated or broken down for raw materials.

Accepted Items:

- Used or New Clothing (men's, women's, children's)
- Bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters, sleeping bags)
- Fashion Accessories (jewelry, belts, ties)
- Handbags, Purses & Backpacks
- Hats & Gloves
- Shoes, sandals, & socks
- Books
- Kitchenware (silverware, pots, pans, dishes, towels)
- Toys & stuffed animals
- Tools

Additional Bags?

Simple recycling bags can be requested directly through Simple Recycling online at www.simplerecycling.com. Bags are also available for pickup at the Community Development Department front counter at Village Hall (901 Wellington Avenue), the Public Works Biesterfield Facility (1635 Biesterfield Road) and at the James Paul Petri Public Works Facility (450 E. Devon Avenue).

Missed Pickup?

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



DOES YOUR TAP WATER APPEAR CLOUDY?



In the winter, you may notice that your tap water appears cloudy or milky— this is usually a result of colder temperatures. If you let the water stand a moment, it will dissipate and clear up. The “problem” was just air in the water lines. You can even hear the water bubbles breaking if you listen. Deposits can also cause unclear water. It is good practice to periodically check and clean your aerators (the small screens on most sink faucets). Mineral deposits can accumulate causing particles in the water or reduced flow.

If you experience further problems with your water, please call the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800.

NICOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE RELOCATION & BUSSE WOODS RESTORATION

Over the next few months, you may notice some construction taking place in Busse Woods along the I-90 corridor from Golf Road to Arlington Heights Road. Nicor Gas is retiring two pipelines that currently cut through a section of high-quality oak woods in the Nature Preserve. Although this project will result in the loss of trees, the old pipeline will restore itself, benefiting wildlife by creating a continuous stretch of healthy woodland.

For additional information about the pipeline relocation, please visit the Forest Preserves of Cook County website at fpdcc.com

EXTENDING THE LIFE OF SEWER MAINS WITH TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY

This winter, the Village will continue its multi-year program to line sanitary sewer mains using a technology known as cured-in place-pipe (CIPP). The contractor, Insituform Technologies, will be lining sanitary sewer mains in the areas of Biesterfield Road at White Trail, West Glenn Trail, and Grissom Trail.



The process begins with a self-propelled robot pulling flexible resin tubing into the existing sanitary sewer mains. Next, hot water is circulated within the tubing to cure the resin. Once fully cured, residential sanitary services are reinstated by a robot cutting the services while moving throughout the pipe.

CIPP is a popular rehabilitation method because it does not require excavation, which saves time and money. When finished, the new pipe or the “pipe within a pipe” is anticipated to extend the life of existing sewer mains for 50 years or longer.

For more information, please visit www.elkgrove.org/construction.

SECRETARY OF STATE RENEWAL EXTENSION

Driver's license and ID card expiration dates have been extend to June 1, 2021.

Residents are encouraged to go online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of many online services to avoid in-person visits, when possible.

ENTREPRENEUR/BUSINESS PLAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Elk Grove Village is partnering with USA Triathlon to recognize how leading entrepreneurs and small businesses are achieving their dreams with the 2021 Elk Grove Village – USA Triathlon Entrepreneur/Business Plan of the Year competition.



This one-of-a-kind opportunity is open to members and event participants of USA Triathlon and Elk Grove Village residents (business or personal) for businesses already in existence or to assist in bringing new ideas to fruition - we welcome entrepreneurs from all walks of life!

Submissions are due by April 1. For more information on the competition and how to nominate your business or idea visit www.teamusa.org/USA-Triathlon/Makers-Wanted.

BE AWARE & PARK WITH CARE - SIDEWALK PARKING COURTESY



Maintaining access to sidewalks throughout the our community ensures that everyone can get around without stepping into the street.

Sidewalks blocked by a vehicle can be problematic for pedestrians, strollers, bicyclists, and people who rely on wheelchairs or motorized vehicles to get around. Residents may find themselves forced from the sidewalk into the street due to vehicles parked across the sidewalk in driveways.

When possible, practice parking courtesy by keeping sidewalks open for your neighbors. Please remember to be aware and park with care!

SAFETY TIPS TO AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF CARJACKING

Due to the increased reports of carjackings in the Chicagoland area, the Elk Grove Village Police Department urges residents to remain vigilant and be aware of their surroundings. Carjacking is when someone takes a vehicle from another person by the use or threat of force.

Please keep in mind these general safety tips to avoid becoming a victim:

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings, especially when stopped at an intersection or in a parking lot
- Park in well-lit areas
- Do not leave your car running while unattended and unlocked
- Keep your doors locked and windows closed while driving
- Have your mobile phone handy and charged
- Be suspicious of people approaching your car for any reason
- Do not stop to help strangers on the side of the road – note the location and call for help.

If you are the victim of a carjacking, the safety of you and your passengers is the priority. Leave the car and your belongings and call 9-1-1 immediately.



ELK GROVE YOUTH COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Elk Grove Youth Committee, in partnership with the Village of Elk Grove and the Elk Grove Parks Foundation, will be issuing seven (7) \$1,000 scholarship awards; five (5) by Elk Grove Village and two (2) by the Elk Grove Village Parks Foundation to recognize High School Seniors for their outstanding leadership, community participation, and service in the community.



Application Deadline: Friday, May 7, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Applications are available in high school College & Career Center offices and on the Village website at www.elkgrove.org/scholarships. Completed applications must be submitted to Village Hall (Administration Counter). Winners will be notified by June 4, 2021. Questions? Please call 847-357-4030.

2021 BLOOD DRIVES AT VILLAGE HALL



The Village, in partnership with Vitalant, is hosting Community Blood Drives in 2021. The drives will be held at Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave) between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

Saturday, 4/3/21 Saturday, 7/24/21 Saturday, 11/20/21

HOME RENOVATIONS? WE CAN HELP.

Considering a home remodel or addition project? The Community Development Department is here to assist you in making the permit and inspection process a positive experience. Below are guidelines to help navigate you through the process from start to finish.



Step 1 - Make a list! Write down all your renovation ideas and goals for your home. Decide which rooms to remodel first and the design for each. Sketching your plans creates a visual concept of how the alterations will look, enabling you to move forward or redesign the project.

Step 2 - Hire your contractor! Hiring a proficient contractor is essential to safeguard your peace of mind and your renovation. Use online resources and reviews or ask your neighbors if they can refer a trustworthy contractor. Getting at least three proposals will allow you to compare price and scope of work. And don't forget to ask for references to ensure their quality of work. Be cautious when deals sound too good to be true and always ask questions.

Before signing with a contractor, you should know your rights as a consumer. The Illinois Attorney General's office provides a pamphlet on consumer rights, which can be found at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov.

Step 3 - Get permits! Construction cannot begin until all applicable building and/or engineering permits are approved and issued by the Village. It is the responsibility of either the homeowner or the contractor to submit a construction permit application to the Village detailing the full scope of work. Inspections are performed by Village staff to ensure all renovations are compliant with current codes, standards and restoration practices. Continue to ask questions and maintain open communication with your contractor and Village inspectors. At the end of your project, be sure to obtain a Waiver of Lien from the contractor as proof of payment in full.

Have Questions? Online permitting is available at www.elkgrove.org/permits. Contact the Community Development Department at 847-357-4220.

Happy Renovating!

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a silent winter danger. It is an odorless, colorless, and poisonous gas that is created when fuels burn incompletely. Heating and cooking equipment that burn fuels, such as furnaces, ranges, dryers, and water heaters, can be sources of CO. Additional CO threats include vehicles stored in garages attached to homes.

Since we cannot see, smell, or taste CO, we need to rely on another early warning system. Carbon monoxide alarms detect this poisonous gas and provide early warning of a hazardous and potentially deadly situation.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- All homes should have carbon monoxide alarms – you won't know that you have a carbon monoxide leak without a working alarm.
- As with smoke alarms, make sure you have a CO alarm on every level of your home, especially near sleeping areas, and keep them at least 15 feet away from fuel-burning appliances.
- Test alarms regularly and replace them every five to seven years, or per the manufacturer's label.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms, and vice versa. Combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are available.

Safety Precautions

- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home.
- Do not use a generator or camping stove inside your home, garage or near a window.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not leave a car, SUV or motorcycle engine running inside a garage, even if the doors are open.
- On the outside of your home, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headaches, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. CO poisoning can render a person unconscious and therefore unable to respond properly or call 9-1-1. However, this outcome is preventable - if you do not have a carbon monoxide alarms in your home, please go out and purchase one today.

