



# ELK GROVE Villager

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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.

## VILLAGE TO PURCHASE NEW OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM FOR THE VILLAGE

On Tuesday, March 23, the Village Board approved an agreement with the Elk Grove Park District to purchase a new emergency weather and lightning alert system, which will replace the aging Thor Guard system throughout the community.



The Perry Weather outdoor warning system is a completely wireless, cloud-based emergency alert and lighting warning system that provides round-the-clock weather risk monitoring and warning.

Warnings for lightning through the new system will continue using the audio and visual cues familiar to all Elk Grove residents—one 15-second horn blast to warn of lightning in the area, along with a strobe light flash while the alert remains active, and three short horn blasts and the cessation of the strobe light indicating an all-clear.

The new system will also be equipped with public address functionality, which allows these units to function as an emergency management tool, able to broadcast text-to-speech messages. The Elk Grove Park District worked with Perry Weather to ensure that all residential areas in the community can hear an alert from the outdoor warning system at a nearby park.

The Village will be responsible for the initial system purchase and the Elk Grove Park District will oversee the installation and assume responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the system. Installation of the new system will begin in April and is expected to be fully functional by the end of May.

## SPECIAL EVENTS ON SCHEDULE FOR 2021

The Village is looking forward to hosting our regularly scheduled special events this summer—including the Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series in July. We are committed to providing a safe outdoor experience for all members of the community.

Vaccine availability is expected to be widespread by the summer which will allow for larger gatherings. Updates will be shared with the community closer to the concert series.

We look forward to bring a sense of optimism back into the community, in a safe manner.

*View the 2021 Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series schedule on page 6.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As spring approaches, we have so many things to look forward to! Not only are we excited for sunshine and warmer weather, we are looking forward to a safe return to normalcy.

On April 14, the Village hosted its second COVID-19 vaccination clinic for residents 16 and older. We continue to pursue all options to make the vaccine available to all of our residents.

We encourage residents who have not yet secured a vaccine appointment to register for information on the vaccine with the Cook County Department of Public Health at [vaccine.cookcountyil.gov](http://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov). You can also call the county's vaccine sign-up hotline at 833-308-1988.

With warmer weather approaching, we look forward to the return of the Elk Grove Farmers Market! Starting June 5, come out on Saturday mornings to the Village Green at 901 Wellington Avenue near the clock tower to purchase fresh produce, breads, jams, and check out all the vendors. Information about the Farmers Market is available on page 3.

Coming this spring, the Village will make it easier for residents to view and monitor their water use! As part of our ongoing efforts to improve customer service, the new WaterSmart portal will provide access to water use history, timely leak alerts, and water consumption using your computer or mobile device. See more information about the WaterSmart portal on page 8.

This year we are offering two recycling events for residents. On June 5, we are partnering with SWANCC to host the Electronics Recycling & Document Destruction Event. On June 12, we are offering the Paint & Motor Oil Collection Event. Save the date for these events and stay tuned for more information at [www.elkgrove.org](http://www.elkgrove.org).

Residents are invited to join the Public Works Department and the Elk Grove Park District at the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony on April 30 at 10:00 a.m. Check out page 4 for more details.

Speaking of trees, the Village Arborist has shared comprehensive tree care tips to guide residents on



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.

how to care for their trees. Check out page 5 for information on how to best observe, water, prune, mulch and fertilize trees.

The Elk Grove Youth Committee, in partnership with the Village of Elk Grove and the Elk Grove Parks Foundation, is offering seven \$1,000 college scholarships. See page 3 for more details and to learn how to apply.

This month residents are invited to participate in the 20th National Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the Elk Grove Village Police Department lobby (901 Wellington Ave) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants can anonymously turn in their expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs at no cost. See page 4 for additional information.





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)).

Prefer to share in person? Come to the Coffee with the Mayor & Board at Village Hall (901 Wellington Avenue) on May 1 at 9 a.m.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR JUNE RECYCLING EVENTS!

Elk Grove Village is once again hosting two annual recycling events this June. Both events will take place at the Village's Public Works Facility at 450 E. Devon. Stay tuned for more information at [www.elkgrove.org](http://www.elkgrove.org).

 <h3>Electronics Recycling &amp; Document Destruction</h3> <p><b>Saturday, June 5</b> <b>9 a.m.-Noon</b></p>  <p><b>Residents of Elk Grove &amp; SWANCC Communities</b></p>	<h3>Paint &amp; Motor Oil Collection</h3>  <p><b>Saturday, June 12</b> <b>9 a.m.-Noon</b></p>  <p><b>Elk Grove Residents Only</b></p>
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## 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](http://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.

## ELK GROVE FARMERS MARKET

The Elk Grove Farmers Market is dedicated to bringing residents and visitors alike a fresh Saturday market with a tempting variety of fruits, vegetables, spices, breads, drinks and much more.

The Market is located at the Charles J. Zettek Municipal Complex parking lot (901 Wellington Avenue), adjacent to the Elk Grove Public Library and across the street from the Park District Pavilion.



**Elk Grove Farmers Market**  
**Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**June 5 - October 16**



The 2021 Elk Grove Farmers Market will operate in a modified form to meet public health requirements. Due to the pandemic, the Farmers Market will be operating as a shopping market only, with no entertainment. Find more information on the Farmers Market Facebook Page at [Facebook.com/ElkGroveFarmersMarket](https://Facebook.com/ElkGroveFarmersMarket).



## COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR & BOARD - MAY 1, 2021

Residents and members of the community are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee at the upcoming Coffee with the Mayor & Board. Discuss questions and concerns with the Mayor and Board at Village Hall in Room E, located at 901 Wellington Avenue from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

## CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY ON APRIL 30

Join the Elk Grove Village Public Works Department and the Elk Grove Park District at the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony on April 30 at 10:00 a.m.

The ceremony will take place at the Al Hattendorf Park located at 225 E. Elk Grove Blvd. in accordance with social distancing requirements, and will commence with the planting of a bald cypress tree.



## COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION

**Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH):** Residents can sign up to receive updates about the vaccine with the CCDPH online at [vaccine.cookcountyil.gov](https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov). For those having difficulty with the website, or without access to the internet, CCDPH has established a vaccine sign-up hotline at 833-308-1988.

**State of Illinois Vaccine Locator:** Residents can access a directory of locations offering COVID-19 vaccines, including sites in Cook County, at [coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location).

**Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Vaccine Call Center:** Residents who have difficulty navigating online services in making appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine can call the Vaccine Appointment Call Center at 833-621-1284. An agent will assist in navigating vaccine registration sites and make an appointment on behalf of the resident.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN SURVEY

The Elk Grove Village Police Department, in partnership with our community, is committed to ensuring public safety through law enforcement, education, and exceptional service, while performing with the highest level of integrity and assuring all individuals dignity and respect.

The Police Department is conducting a citizen survey and wants to hear your views regarding the quality of policing in Elk Grove Village. Please take a few moments to complete a short and confidential survey online at [www.elkgrove.org/policesurvey](https://www.elkgrove.org/policesurvey) before May 31, 2021.



## PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY – APRIL 24, 2021

The Elk Grove Village Police Department is inviting the public to participate in the 20th National Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the Elk Grove Village Police Department lobby (901 Wellington Ave) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As part of this event, participants can anonymously turn in their expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs at no cost. Please note that needles, sharps or liquids will not be accepted. Prescription drugs are also accepted anytime through the 24-hour drug drop-off box located in the Police Department lobby!

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative is a joint effort of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and law enforcement agencies across the nation to provide the public an opportunity to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from their homes as they can be highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

If you have any questions about the Take-Back Day, please visit [TakeBackDay.dea.gov](https://TakeBackDay.dea.gov) or contact the Police Department at (847) 357-4100.



## TREE CARE TIPS FROM THE VILLAGE ARBORIST

In honor of Arbor Day, the Village Arborist would like to share the following tree care tips with residents.

**Observe** - Trees are living things and should be looked after as such. Inspect trees from the bottom to the top while looking for:

- Hollowing of trunks, which can indicate a dead or dying tree.
- Small holes, decay, cracks, or crumbling bark, which can be a sign of disease or bug infestation.
- Yellow leaves, which may be caused by too much water, not enough water, or soil damage.
- Sparse leaves, which is usually a sign of stress that can be caused by insects, disease, drought, or soil compaction.



**Water** - Watering is very important to the growth and health of any tree. Most established trees do not need additional watering during the summer months, except if the tree is less than 4 years old or temperatures are consistently above average.

- If the tree is less than 4 years old or temperatures are consistently above average, the rule of thumb is 10 gallons of water per week for every inch of the tree trunk's diameter.
- If you see puddling under the tree after watering or rain events, this could indicate drainage problems.
- Keep in mind that it is possible to over water trees, which can cause the tree to decline.

**Prune** - Pruning is important because it is critical to preserving the tree's health, and appearance, as well as the community's safety. While pruning usually occurs in the fall, winter, or spring, pruning can be done in the summer if necessary. When pruning trees, it is important to:

- Prune dead branches to remove any dead and decaying wood.
- Prune fruit trees in late winter or early spring to avoid tree stress.
- Prune trees that flower in the spring after they finish blooming.

**Mulch** - Mulching is important because it helps soil retain moisture, controls soil temperature, and cuts down on weeds and fungi. When mulching, it is important to:

- Create a donut around the base while leaving at least 6 inches of soil directly around the trunk.
- Disperse mulch so that the depth is approximately 3 inches deep and no deeper than 4 inches.
- Pull mulch away from the base of the tree trunk, so it does not pile up against the trunk.



**Fertilize** - While trees and shrubs do not require fertilizer, it does help support health and aids growth. When fertilizing trees, it is important to:

- Fertilize prior to the growth season.
- Use slow release fertilizers, which are better for the environment.
- Avoid fertilizing trees stressed by drought during the summer months.

# “Unity within the Community” 2021 Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series



## Daughtry

**Sun, July 4 at 8:00pm**

Alternative music superstar Chis Daughtry sold 30 million albums and singles combined. Hits include, “Home”, “It’s Not Over”, “Over You”, “No Surprise”, “What About Now”.

Lions Club Fourth of July Fireworks will follow the concert.

## George Thorogood and The Destroyers

**Tues, July 13 at 7:30pm**

Their high-energy boogie-blues hits include “Bad To The Bone”, “I Drink Alone”, “Move It On Over”, “Who Do You Love”, and “House Rent Blues/One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer”. They have sold 15 million albums worldwide.



Loverboy

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**Tues, July 20 at 7:30pm**

Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductees...Hits include: “Working For The Weekend”, “Lovin’ Every Minute Of It”, “This Could Be The Night”, “Hot Girls In Love”, “The Kid Is Hot Tonight”, “Notorious”, “Turn Me Loose”, “When It’s Over”, “Heaven In Your Eyes” and “Queen Of The Broken Hearts.”

## The Beach Boys

**Tues, July 27 at 7:30pm**

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Inductees, “Surfin’ USA”, “Surfer Girl”, “Fun, Fun, Fun”, “I Get Around”, “California Girls”, “Help Me Rhonda”, “Barbara Ann”, “Good Vibrations”, “Wouldn’t It Be Nice”, “Kokomo”.



**July 4 at Rotary Green, 164 Lions Dr, east of Lions Park  
July 13, 20 & 27 on the Village Green, 901 Wellington Ave**



## OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTION

Parking is prohibited on all Village streets between the hours of 2:00 am and 5:00 am. This overnight parking restriction is common among suburban municipalities for the following reasons:

- Prevent the storage/abandonment of vehicles on public streets
- Assist the Police Department in overnight street patrols
- Allow for safe and effective snow plowing and street cleaning



If you have a temporary need to park your vehicle on the street overnight, you can request overnight parking permission and avoid a citation by submit a request through the Village's request system at [www.elkgrove.org/stayconnected](http://www.elkgrove.org/stayconnected) or by calling the Elk Grove Village Police Department at (847) 357-4100.



## APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

The Elk Grove Village Police Department is urging drivers to drop their phones and focus on the road. Using hand-held phones while driving is illegal in Illinois.

You can install safety tools on your phone to keep yourself and others safe on the roads. There are mobile apps that help minimize distracted driving such as Lifesaver, Life 360, True Motion Family and more! No matter which one you choose, downloading a safe driving app is a big step towards driving without distraction.

For more information, visit [www.dropitanddriveillinois.com](http://www.dropitanddriveillinois.com).

## PRIVATE PARTICIPATION CONCRETE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

The Village will not be offering the Private Participation Concrete Replacement Program in 2021 due to low demand. Residents looking to replace their driveway or apron can call the Community Development Department at 847-357-4220 for assistance in securing a contractor and the required permit.

## SECRETARY OF STATE RENEWAL EXTENSION

Expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended until August 1, 2021. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits.

If qualified, you may renew your expired driver's license and ID card online. Not sure if you qualify for online renewal? Visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) to check your eligibility status.

## CRACK IN YOUR SEWER LINE? CONSIDER CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE LINING

The Village has been using cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining to repair its sanitary sewer mains. Residents can also utilize this trenchless technology to have their own sanitary sewer laterals lined if a crack or defect occurs. For years, CIPP lining has been a preferred method for sewer rehabilitation, since it requires little or no digging, is significantly less disruptive, and takes less time to complete than pipe replacement. Professional sewer and drain companies offer this method of repair at a significantly lower cost than pipe replacement.

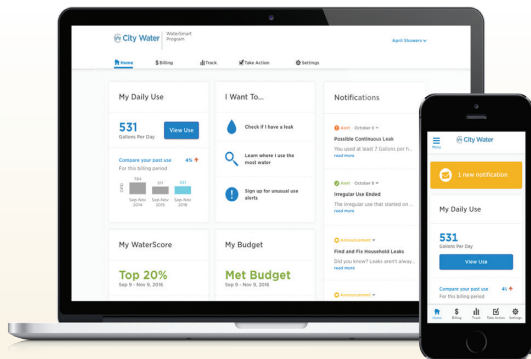
The process involves inserting a flexible liner inside the existing pipe, inflating the liner, and exposing it to heat to cure or harden the liner inside the pipe. The liner essentially forms a smooth surface inside the existing pipe, restoring it to near new condition. The new "pipe within a pipe" is anticipated to last for 50 years after the lining. Residents interested in this type of repair should contact a professional plumbing company that specializes in residential cured-in-place pipe lining, check the company's references, and compare multiple quotes.

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## STATE OF THE VILLAGE

Mayor Craig B. Johnson will deliver the 2021 State of the Village Address on Thursday, May 13, 2021. The State of the Village Address will be presented to members of the community and business leaders at the Greater O’Hare Association (GOA) Regional Business Association luncheon at Belvedere Banquets, 1170 W. Devon Avenue in Elk Grove Village from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Registration is required.

If you are interested in attending, please call the GOA at 630-773-2944 or visit [www.theGOA.com](http://www.theGOA.com).



## NEW WATER ALERTS CUSTOMER PORTAL COMING SOON!

Coming this spring, the Village of Elk Grove will make it easier for you to view and monitor your water use! The new WaterSmart portal will provide access to your water use history, timely leak alerts, and water consumption using your computer or mobile device.

This portal will allow residents and businesses convenient access to information about their water use. The new service offers automated messaging for leaks, unusual water use, as well as bill forecasting.

Messaging options include automated voice, SMS text, email, and mobile. Customers may also set a threshold level of water use and receive a notification if their consumption exceeds that level.

The new online water alerts customer portal will come at no cost to you and will be available 24/7. Receive the latest news on this new service by signing up for e-notifications at [www.elkgrove.org/stayconnected](http://www.elkgrove.org/stayconnected).

## EGTV ADDS DAILY PROGRAM GUIDE

EGTV has added a daily program guide to its lineup to assist viewers in finding out when their favorite EGTv programs are on. The guide will appear twice daily after the replay of Elk Grove Update at 2:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.

You can also see the guide for the full month at [www.eg-tv.org](http://www.eg-tv.org), and watch our programming on-demand anytime by going to [egtv.viebit.com](http://egtv.viebit.com).

