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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 and general Village information. In addition, the Finance and the Community Development counters are open on the first Saturday of the month of May through August 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 PLANS SPECIAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

After a year like no other, we are now more than ever looking forward to resuming our regularly scheduled special events and bringing the community together once again!



As the Independence Day Celebration kicks off the Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series, we are making this year's celebration extra special with a firework show like has never been seen before in Elk Grove Village. The amplified show will commemorate the community uniting again and celebrate our country's independence.

In addition to the fireworks show, we will be holding a special giveaway at the concert on July 4. Last year, residents received green ribbons from the Village to display a sign of unity as we overcame the challenges of the pandemic. To participate in the giveaway, bring your green ribbon in exchange for a ticket for a chance to win local restaurant gift certificates. Those who do not have a ribbon can bring in a green piece of paper to enter. Winning tickets will be drawn during the event on July 4.



New CDC guidelines state that individuals who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks indoors or outdoors. Attendees are welcome to wear masks if they desire, and masks will be available at the event for those who need them.

Concert flier on page 10.

ELK GROVE VILLAGE CELEBRATES SUCCESS OF COVID-19 VACCINE EFFORTS

On May 5, Elk Grove Village completed its second set of community vaccination clinics, which were hosted in partnership with Jewel-Osco and the Elk Grove Park District. Over the past two months, 4,000 community members received their vaccinations through these clinics.

The first clinics were targeted at the Village's senior population, and the second set were available to all residents ages 16 and up. Residents were notified a week in advance of each clinic, and were able to make appointments up until the day prior to each clinic through a temporary call center set up by the Village.



Elk Grove Village has also partnered with other communities in the Northwest Suburban Illinois Joint Emergency Management System (JEMS) to offer two sets of clinics providing approximately 7,000 vaccinations.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

After a year of many unprecedented events, we are truly delighted to see the community come alive again during this spring season with people dining, walking around town, and planning to attend special events once again.

As we eagerly anticipate a safe return to normalcy, our efforts have been focused on ensuring all residents who were interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, were able to get one. Over 4,000 vaccine doses were provided to residents through two sets of community vaccination clinics hosted by Elk Grove Village. And our efforts did not stop there! The Fire Department, in partnership with Jewel-Osco Pharmacy, visited homebound residents to administer the vaccine.

Vaccines are now widely available in our area. The Cook County Des Plaines mass vaccination site (and all Cook County Health mass vaccination sites) now welcomes walk-ins on Monday - Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, see page 3.

We are excited that the Village's upcoming events are on schedule to bring back many of our favorite traditions. Our first two events of the year include the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 31, and Rotary Fest from June 16-June 20. For more details about these events, check out page 3.

Save the date for our Electronics Recycling & Document Destruction and Paint & Motor Oil collection events! On Saturday, June 5 we are partnering with SWANCC to host the Electronics Recycling & Document Destruction Event. The following Saturday, on June 12, we are hosting the Paint & Motor Oil collection event. For more information about these events, turn to page 4.

Residents who had a parkway tree replaced in the spring or fall of 2020 are eligible to participate in the Village's Tree Watering program. This voluntary program provides residents with a \$25 water bill credit in exchange for assisting the Public Works Department in watering a parkway tree that was planted last year. For information about the program, visit page 8.



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.

Driving on Beisner Road, you may notice the new turtle crossing accommodations that were recently completed. On Beisner Road between Gloucester and Winston Drive, curbs were depressed to reduce barriers for crossing turtles and signs were installed warning motorists of wildlife crossing. To learn more about the new crossing accommodations, see page 6.

During the next few months, two separate Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) projects will impact traffic along Busse Road, Higgins Road, and Oakton Street. For details about these intersection improvements and resurfacing projects, see page 11.

As always, there are many exciting things going on in the Village this spring and summer season! We hope you'll take a few minutes to browse through the newsletter to learn about some of the upcoming events and activities, which may be of interest to you, or your friends and neighbors.

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



ELK GROVE VILLAGE CELEBRATES SUCCESS OF COVID-19 VACCINE EFFORTS CONT.

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The Village also implemented one more step in its quest to ensure all residents have access to the COVID-19 vaccine. The Fire Department partnered with Jewel-Osco to offer homebound residents the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The program was coordinated by Fire Department Battalion Chief Michael Sharp, who reached out to the local agencies that work with homebound residents to be sure that everyone in need was offered this opportunity. The second dose of the vaccine will also be delivered to these residents in their homes in keeping with Pfizer protocol.



Walk-in vaccine appointments are now readily available at all six mass vaccination sites in Cook County, as well as in many local pharmacies. The closest vaccination site to the Village is located at 1155 E. Oakton Street in Des Plaines, open for walk-in appointments from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. More information can be found online at vaccine.cookcountyil.gov or by calling 833-308-1988.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

On Monday, May 31, 2021 at 10:45 am, the Village of Elk Grove will be holding our annual Memorial Day Observation at the Park District Pavilion (1000 Wellington Ave). This is an important tradition to honor those that gave their lives for us to have the liberty and freedoms that we enjoy today.

Residents are invited to the Observance, which is hosted by Elk Grove Village, with continued support of the American Legion Post 216, VFW Post 9284 and its Ladies Auxiliary. The event will include Placing of the Wreaths by community organizations, a flag folding ceremony by the Police and Fire Honor Guard, as well as a gun salute and performances by the Elk Grove Village Big Band. The event will be broadcast live on EGTV Channel 6.

New CDC guidelines state that individuals who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks indoors or outdoors. Attendees are welcome to wear masks if they desire, and masks will be available at the event if needed.

ROTARY FEST 2021, JUNE 16 - JUNE 20



Rotary Fest will kick off the summer season on Father's Day weekend, Wednesday June 16 through Sunday, June 20, at Rotary Green adjacent to Elk Grove High School. There will once again be a large carnival with rides and games, live entertainment, beer garden and a great selection of vendors selling many different types of food.

Rotary Fest offers free parking, free admission, as well as pay one price carnival ride promotions. The Carnival will run all five days and live entertainment will include:

Thursday, June 17: The Rob Post Band featuring Jim Cunningham, Wedding Banned

Friday, June 18: Exit 147, 7th Heaven

Saturday, June 19: Sofa Kings, Heart to Heartbreaker, Lounge Puppets

For times and presale promotions for the carnival rides visit www.elkgroverotaryfest.com.

New CDC guidelines state that individuals who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks indoors or outdoors. Attendees are welcome to wear masks if they desire, and masks will be available at the event if needed.

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Elk Grove Village, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is sponsoring a Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, June 5.

James Paul Petri Public Works Facility

450 E. Devon Avenue

Saturday, June 5, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

There is no cost to attend, but residents must live in one of SWANCC's member communities to participate. IDs will be checked for proof of residency. Materials from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted.

To help keep the line moving, all participants are asked to follow these guidelines:

- IDs will be checked to verify residency.
- Residents will unlock/open the trunk from inside the vehicle and allow staff to unload the items.
- Paper documents should be contained in one area in the back of vehicle in paper bags or small boxes – not in plastic bags! Boxes and bags will be returned to the resident.



Paper: Residents can bring up to three (3) file-sized boxes or paper bags of sensitive documents containing personal information, such as medical history forms, bank statements, personal files and retired tax forms. Paper documents will be shredded on site.

Plastic spines/covers and metal clips/binders **MUST BE** removed from all documents. **DO NOT** bring paper in plastic bags. **DO NOT** include photos, slides, negatives, books, store receipts, magazines, greeting cards or newspapers or any non-paper item.



Electronics: Please remove electronics from plastic packaging and boxes prior to the event.

Acceptable Materials: Cable Receivers, Cell Phones, Computer Cables, Computer Monitors, Computers (Desktop, Notebook, Tablet), Converter Boxes, Desktop Fax Machines and Printers, Keyboards, Mice, MP3 Players, Portable Digital Assistants (PDAs), Satellite Receivers, Scanners, Televisions, Video Game Consoles, Video Recorders/Players, Internal/External Hard Drives and Zip Drives.

If an item is not listed, it will not be accepted. You can check the SWANCC website to see how to recycle the item at www.swancc.org. For questions regarding the event, please call (847) 357-4010.

REAL ID DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 3, 2023

Due to the pandemic, the federal REAL ID enforcement deadline has been extended to May 3, 2023. You only need to obtain a REAL ID if:

- You do not have a valid U.S. passport or passport card; AND
- You use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation; or
- You visit military bases; or
- You visit secure federal facilities.

You do not need a REAL ID to drive, vote, open a bank account, apply for or receive federal benefits, enter a federal facility that does require identification, or visit a hospital. To learn more about the REAL ID, visit Realid.ilsos.gov.



PAINT & MOTOR OIL COLLECTION EVENT

Elk Grove Village is hosting a Paint & Motor Oil Collection Event on Saturday, June 12. This event is limited to Elk Grove residents. IDs will be checked and business items will not be accepted.



James Paul Petri Public Works Facility

450 E. Devon Avenue

Saturday, June 12, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



The following items will be collected at this event:

- Motor Oil
- Anti-Freeze
- Paint or Stains (Latex, Acrylic, Water-based and Oil-based). Below are the restrictions for paint collection:
 - Must be in labeled, non-leaking cans or containers that are 5 gallons or less.
 - Dried up paint will not be accepted, but can be disposed of in your curbside waste bins.

If you do not see an item listed above, it will not be accepted at this event. Items such as adhesives, aerosol cans, cleaning products, pesticides, roofing compounds, sealers/sealants, solvents, and spray paint are household hazardous waste (HHW) items, and must be disposed of at an HHW facility. For more information, please visit www.elkgrove.org/recycling.

For questions regarding the recycling event, please call the Village at (847) 357-4010.

HELP PROTECT BASIC SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Elk Grove Village has joined 275 municipalities throughout the area in urging Springfield to restore local revenue payments. The Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) is generated from income taxes paid by local residents and businesses and collected by the State before it gets redistributed back to municipalities.

LGDF accounts for a sizeable portion of a town's operating budget – in some cases between 10 to 20 percent – which can amount to millions of dollars annually. LGDF funds essential services, such as police and fire, road repairs and maintenance, garbage collection and flood prevention.

The State promised 10 percent of total income tax collections to municipalities on a per capita basis through the fund in lieu of a local income tax. But in recent years, the State has reduced the LGDF share from 10 to 6.06 percent.

Now, Springfield is considering taking additional money from LGDF, which would make local governments even more reliant on property taxes when they are challenged to balance their own budgets and maintain essential services.

We encourage you to contact your State Senator and Representative and let them know that you: 1) oppose further LGDF cuts; and 2) support restoring LGDF payments to the full 10 percent level that had been promised.

Restoring LGDF dollars to our community will help relieve the property tax burden and help ensure that basic services remain in place moving forward.





VILLAGE SUPPORTS WILDLIFE SAFETY WITH NEW CROSSING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TURTLES NEAR BUSSE WOODS

On May 5, the Village completed a new turtle crossing area on Beisner Road between Gloucester and Winston Drive. Last fall, curbs in this area were depressed to reduce barriers for crossing turtles and the signs warning motorists of wildlife crossing were installed on May 5. This turtle crossing area was constructed to create a safe accommodation for migrating turtles based on a request from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC).

The Village's close proximity to one of the largest forest preserves in the region, means we live alongside various forms of wildlife. The Village is home to a large population of painted and snapping turtles that live in the marsh wetland area of Busse Woods west of Beisner Road.

For decades, the Cook County Forest Preserve has observed and received notices of turtles stuck on the side of Beisner Road struggling to get up and over the curb near Alexian Brothers Medical Center hospital and Village Point Church. Cook County Forest Preserve biologists recognized that these painted and snapping turtles follow a pattern every year in which they cross from the marsh on the west side of Beisner Road to the east side, where areas of low vegetation offer safe nesting locations.

Turtles migrate on an annual basis from April through October in search of water, food, mates, or nesting locations. Turtle crossings occur most frequently in June and July as the female turtle population search for safe nesting sites to lay eggs.

With their knowledge of migrating patterns, a representative of FPDCC approached the Village with a request to create an accommodation for the turtles. In response, the Village depressed curbs on Beisner Road between Gloucester Drive and Winston Drive in order to allow turtles to safely enter and exit the roadway. The new crossing signs were installed at the area with depressed curbs to notify motorists of potential turtle crossings.

COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to or caused by COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a US citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien.

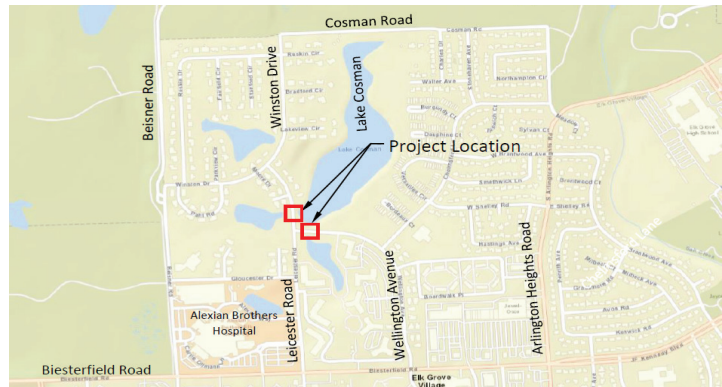
To apply for this assistance, individuals can call FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 1-844-684-6333 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, Monday - Friday and begin the application process.

For fastest service following your application, you can submit documentation online through [disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov), by fax 855-261-3452. For more information visit www.elkgrove.org/covid19.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED WELLINGTON AVENUE AND LEICESTER ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENTS

The Village is proposing the replacement of culverts that connect sections of Lake Cosman under Wellington Ave. and Leicester Rd. This project, anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2023, will consist of the complete replacement of the existing culverts. An illustration of the proposed design concept and mapped locations are shown below.



During construction, each street will be temporarily closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Wellington Avenue will be completed and opened to traffic prior to the closure of Leicester Road. The tentative work and road closures are scheduled for Wellington Avenue from May 2023 through July 2023 and for Leicester Road from July 2023 through October 2023.

For more information or to comment on the proposed improvements, please contact Chief Engineer Brian Lovering at (847) 734-8800 or via email at blovering@elkgrove.org. Any inquiries or comments must be received by June 4, 2021 to be incorporated into the planning stage of this project.

HELP KEEP OUR STORMWATER CLEAN!

Stormwater is rainwater that runs off rooftops, lawns, driveways, and streets into our stormwater system. As the stormwater flows over surfaces, it picks up dirt, leaves, grass clippings, pesticides and fertilizers, oil, and other harmful contaminants. All of these pollutants are carried by stormwater into storm drains and ultimately into our creeks, rivers and in large bodies of water like Lake Michigan. However, there are a few simple ways that residents and businesses can all help reduce the amount of pollutants that enter our waterways:

- Do not dump motor oil, antifreeze, or other hazardous materials on the ground or into sewers. Recycling programs are available for these hazardous materials, and many service stations accept used motor oil for recycling.
- When cleaning your driveway, dock or parking lots, use a broom instead of water and dispose of debris in the trash (not in the street or storm sewer).
- Do not dump branches, leaves, or grass clippings along creek beds, in open ditches or in the street.
- Minimize the use of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers on your lawn. Plant native plants whenever feasible to lessen the need for herbicides.
- Pick up litter and place it into trash cans. This will prevent it from getting washed into the storm sewers and eventually into our waterways.
- Cover piles of dirt and wood mulch while doing landscaping projects, and sweep up debris (do not wash it into the street).

For more information on how you can help keep our stormwater clean, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800 or visit www.elkgrove.org/stormwater.

EGTV CHANNEL 6 WINS THREE AWARDS

Elk Grove Television (EGTV), Elk Grove Village's award winning government access cable channel, won awards in three categories in the "Best of the Midwest Media Fest 2021" held by Wisconsin Community Media (WCM) and the Alliance for Community Media – Midwest Region. The competition hosted over 230 entries from community media centers in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri and Minnesota.

The EGTV documentary Elk Grove Profiles – The Sandberg Family Christmas Display received an Excellence Award in the Short Form Documentary/Feature - Professional Category. The public service announcement Electronic Recycling PSA received an Achievement Award in the PSA – Professional Category. The EGTV video Composting received an Achievement Award in the How To/Instructional Category.

These award-winning programs can be viewed on EGTV's on-demand website at egtv.viebit.com.

RECEIVE A WATER BILL CREDIT THROUGH THE TREE WATERING PROGRAM

The Tree Watering Program is a voluntary program available to residents who had a parkway tree replaced during the previous year. For example, trees planted in the spring or fall of 2020 are eligible for the program. The program provides residents with a \$25 water bill credit in exchange for assisting the Public Works Department in watering a parkway tree that was planted in the fall or spring of the previous year. Public Works crews will place a tree bag on the parkway tree and then the participating resident will need to add water to the bag twice per week. This is roughly equivalent to 40 gallons of water over the course of the program. A \$25 credit will appear on a resident's water bill in September/October after the program has been completed.



By participating in the program, you can contribute to the health and growth of the urban forest and build a more sustainable community. If you would like to participate in the program, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 734-8800 or submit a request online at www.elkgrove.org/trees.

2021 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY

Village Inspectors have begun conducting inspections to ensure properties are being maintained to Village code standards. Inspections will be conducted from the sidewalk, adjacent streets, or from the property itself where permission is granted. Do you want to make sure your property is up to code? Here is a list of some common issues!

- **Address Numbers** should be seen from the street; Arabic numerals or letters shall be 4 in. high x 1/2 in. wide
- **Exterior Surfaces** must be free of holes and rotting materials, properly painted, and water proofed
- **Windows & Frames** should be free of cracks or holes, in good condition, and weather-tight
- **Roofs** should not have missing shingles, signs of sagging, or any defect that would allow water to leak through
- **Accessory Structures** such as decks, sheds, detached garages, fences, porches, pools, and retaining walls must be structurally sound and in good condition
- **Trees and Bushes** cannot overhang the public sidewalk
- **Driveways and Walkways** must be kept in good condition with no severe cracks, deterioration, or settlement that might create a tripping hazard
- **Brick Veneer** must be structurally sound and have no missing bricks, mortar, or excessive cracks
- **Right-Of-Way Obstructions** are not permitted on your property with the exception of mailboxes



VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

Last month, Mayor and Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget in the total amount of \$170,445,820. The General Fund budget, which includes most of the Village's operational services (Fire, Police and Public Works), was approved at \$63,434,485. This represents a decrease of 1.59% from the previous fiscal year (with pension pass-throughs and transfers removed).

In 2020, Elk Grove Village experienced continued financial progress and stability through strong business development activity amidst a global pandemic.

The industrial vacancy rate closed out 2020 at 4.12%, which marks five consecutive years the Village has sustained a vacancy rate below 5%. As a result of this strong business climate, General Fund revenues have exceeded expenditures for the past several years. These surpluses were used in part to fund Coronavirus economic relief distributed to residents and businesses over the past year.

A trend of rising sales tax revenues heading into 2020 experienced a brief dip due to the effects of the pandemic, however, higher than anticipated receipts of building permit fees helped offset impacted revenues.

A record-setting \$339 million in private sector construction was permitted through the Village in Fiscal Year 2021. The continued development of the Elk Grove Technology Park—an 85 acre high tech industrial development contributed significantly to this feat. T5 has continued the buildout of their data center at 200 Innovation Drive, and Microsoft began 2021 by pulling the building permits for their first of three planned facilities on the west side of the Technology Park. Combined, Microsoft and T5 have invested nearly \$150 million in their buildings this past year, which does not account for the significant investment they will make in equipment on the interior of their facilities.

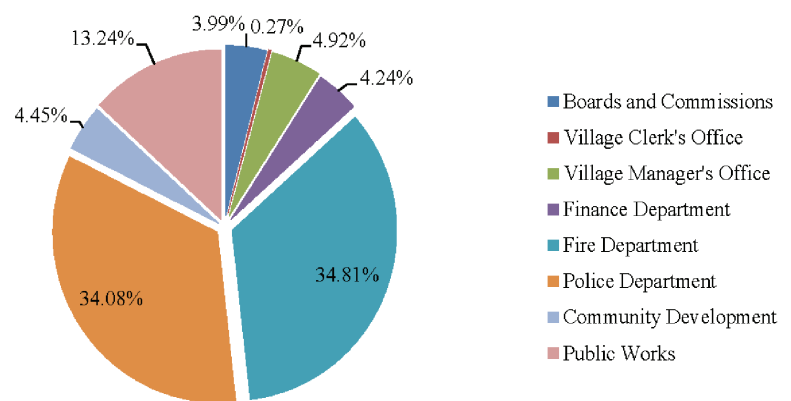
The *Elk Grove 2025* capital investment plan, a \$125 million program designed to ensure the community thrives for decades to come, is now in its fifth year. In the first four years of the program, the Village invested \$65 million in major capital projects, including major rehabilitation or construction of four Village facilities. The FY2022 adopted budget includes nearly \$16 million in EGV 2025 projects, most notably the rehabilitation of Arlington Heights Road from Newport Avenue to Brantwood Avenue that provides for a new bi-directional turn lane, as well as the construction of a new water tower in the Business Park.

This past year the Village responded swiftly to mitigate the effects of the Coronavirus by stepping into the frontlines of providing service and relief to our residents and businesses. A total of \$6.2 million in direct relief was provided to the community through two rounds of \$200 water credits and business license fee waivers. The Village was able to provide this relief because of strong fiscal management, and have planned for hard times. As the COVID-19 pandemic situation continues to evolve, the Village remains cautiously optimistic and is committed to maintaining exceptional standards, focused innovation, and a high level of fiscal responsibility.

While 2020 saw the cancelation of all special events due to the pandemic, social distancing requirements, and the prohibition of large scale events, we are planning, and have budgeted, for the return of our community events and public education outreach programs in 2021 and 2022.

The development of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget was guided by the goals of delivering high quality customer-focused services to residents while offering a beyond business friendly approach to doing business in the Village. The budget serves as our road map to be the Exceptional Community.

Fiscal Year 2022 - General Fund



“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

Loverboy

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**



PLAY, PICNIC & PARTY - SAVE THE DATE!

Enjoy an action-packed day with FREE activities for the whole family at this special event co-hosted by the Village, Park District and Library!

Play, Picnic & Party

Sunday, July 18 from Noon - 4 p.m.

Village Green, Pavilion & Library

Visit the Village Green to eat a picnic lunch, experience an animal encounter, and pot a plant to take home. Discover exciting activities on the Park District's Pavilion Fields, where you can find bounce houses, a water slide, and a zip line. Stop by the Library for a treat from the Kona Ice Truck and enjoy Hawaiian musical entertainment.

IDOT PROJECTS IMPACTING TRAFFIC ALONG BUSSE RD., HIGGINS RD., AND OAKTON ST.

During the next few months, two separate Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) projects will impact traffic along Busse Rd., Higgins Rd., and Oakton St. These two projects include intersection improvements to Busse Rd., Higgins Rd., and Oakton St. and the resurfacing of Busse Rd. from Higgins Rd. to Golf Rd.

Higgins Rd., Busse Rd., and Oakton St. Intersection Improvements

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be making intersection improvements at Higgins Rd. and Oakton St., Higgins Rd. and Busse Rd., and further east at Higgins Rd. and Oakton St. The scope of this project includes restriping and minor widening to provide dual left turn lanes on all four legs of the Higgins Rd. and Busse Rd. intersection. The project will also include new signage and pavement markings to enhance continuity along Higgins Rd., traffic signal replacement, pedestrian and bicyclists accommodations, and drainage improvements. This project is anticipated to be completed by mid-November. The Illinois Department of Transportation has already completed the removal of medians and islands from the roadway and the placing of temporary pavement. Crews will continue work on the Higgins Rd., Busse Rd., and Oakton St. intersection improvements, and motorists should be aware that a new traffic pattern has been put in place to assist crews.



Busse Rd. Resurfacing

Additionally, the Illinois Department of Transportation has begun resurfacing a 1.7 mile stretch of Busse Road (Illinois 83) from Higgins Road (Illinois 72) in Elk Grove Village to Golf Road (Illinois 58) in Mount Prospect. This project will require daily intermittent lane closures, and access to residences and businesses within the work zone will be maintained throughout construction, which is expected to be completed in August.

During these projects, motorists can expect delays and should allow for extra travel time throughout the area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, and be on the alert for workers and equipment. For more information, you can visit www.elkgrove.org/construction and the Illinois Department of Transportation's website at www.gettingaroundillinois.com/RoadConstruction.

SATURDAY HOURS AT VILLAGE HALL

The Finance and Community Development front counter is open for Saturday hours, on the first Saturday of the month (excluding holidays) from May through August, 9 a.m. to Noon. These counters are located on the first floor of Village Hall at 901 Wellington Ave.

During Saturday hours, residents and businesses may visit to pay a water bill, submit permit applications, pay for tickets, ask about the permitting process or recycle batteries. Upcoming Saturday hours will take place this summer on June 5, July 10 and August 7.

MAY IS NATIONAL BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH

May is Bicycle Safety Month! With the increasing temperatures, more members of our community are getting outside to enjoy the weather and ride their bicycles. As the number of bicyclists increases, it's important to be mindful of them whether you are a driver, pedestrian, or even a fellow cyclist as they are among the most vulnerable people in and around the roadway. For safe cycling, bicyclists should always:



- Wear a properly-fitted helmet for safety that meets the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards. Visit the CPSC website at cpsc.gov.
- Obey the same traffic laws, signs and signals that apply to motorists. Illinois bicycle rules of the road can be found on the Illinois Secretary of State website at cyberdriveillinois.com.
- Ride in the same direction as other traffic, not against traffic.
- Be visible by wearing bright colors, reflective materials and lights on your bicycle, especially at night.
- Never ride distracted or impaired.

In addition, bicyclist must obey the following rules when riding on sidewalks, where permitted:

- When walking or riding your bicycle on a sidewalk or crosswalk, you must obey all pedestrian signs and signals.
- Bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrians on sidewalks or crosswalks.
- When approaching a pedestrian from behind, slow down and give an audible signal to alert of your presence before passing them. For more information on bicycle safety and rules, visit cyberdriveillinois.com.



MAY IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

As warmer weather approaches, motorcycles are becoming a common sight. Motorcycles are on the road for just part of the year yet account for 15% of all traffic fatalities. To keep everyone safe, the Elk Grove Village Police Department is urging drivers and motorcyclists to share the road, be alert, and always ride sober. To protect themselves, motorcyclists should:

- Conduct a motorcycle safety-check to make sure it is in a proper running condition.
- Wear personal protective gear on every ride, including eye protection, gloves, jackets, pants, boots and a U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) approved helmet.
- Wear high-visibility clothing.
- Never ride distracted or impaired.
- Take advantage of the free motorcycle training classes throughout the state. Visit the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) website at idot.illinois.gov for more information.



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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.

LATEST MARKETING VENTURE PUTS EGV BRAND ON AIR THIS BASEBALL SEASON

Elk Grove Village officials announced last month that part of its sponsorship package with three national US Olympic teams will include several opportunities to showcase Elk Grove Village's "Beyond Business Friendly" benefits during nearly every NBC Sports Chicago television broadcast of Chicago White Sox games this season. The partnership gives the Village the opportunity to market itself as a premier destination for businesses on a global and local stage in the coming months.



The opportunity with NBC Sports Chicago is one facet of a broader marketing partnership with three national governing bodies (USA Track & Field, USA Wrestling and USA Triathlon) that will give the Village's "Makers Wanted" brand local and global visibility during the run up to the Olympic Games in Tokyo this summer. The overall goal is to drive awareness of Makers Wanted and Elk Grove Village by purchasing advertising on various cable and digital channels this spring and summer.

"Elk Grove Village is proud to sponsor American athletes and businesses as they pursue their dreams. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of all the excitement and enthusiasm surrounding the resurgent Chicago White Sox team to share that message and tout Elk Grove Village as a great location for global manufacturers, logistics companies, data centers and other high tech industries," said Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson. "Sox fans should be prepared to see plenty of winning baseball this season. And, they should expect to learn a lot more about why Elk Grove Village is a great place to do business."

For example, the Village will be sponsoring one inning during each game telecast on NBC Sports Chicago. On-air announcers will announce that the inning is sponsored by Elk Grove Village Makers Wanted and feature the Village's logo on the screen during most of the inning.

Additionally, the partnership provides the Village with 150 on air commercials. The Village said it will air the ads developed as part of its sponsorship with the three national governing bodies. The ads incorporate the theme of "supporting the American dream for athletes and businesses." The message is especially timely given that US athletes will be competing for glory in Tokyo this summer.

"Marketing Elk Grove Village through sports has been a proven winner for our community. We're thrilled to partner with other proven winners to tell our story internationally and across the Chicago region," said Mayor Johnson.



LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS & COUNTRY STORE BREAKS GROUND

On March 19, Elk Grove Village officials joined leadership from Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores to herald the groundbreaking of a brand new 7,600 square-foot store and fueling station at the intersection of Pratt Boulevard and Busse Road. Officials project that once operational, the store could generate millions of dollars in sales tax revenue for the Village in just a few years.

Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, the nation's industry-leading travel stop network headquartered in Oklahoma City, became aware of Elk Grove Village during the municipality's sponsorship of the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl in 2018. The marketing partnership with the bowl game provided the Village world-wide visibility and got the attention of Love's leadership.

Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson attended the groundbreaking with other Village officials and Board members. Also in attendance was Chad Bruner, real estate project manager for Love's, who was instrumental in selecting the Village's Business Park as a prime location to serve customers in the O'Hare International Airport area.

After Love's officials signed a lease for the property, it worked with the Village Board and the Plan Commission to receive a special use permit for their fuel station operations. With preliminary construction now under way, Love's officials say the store could be open by the end of the year.

Following up on its successful partnership with the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl, the Village is currently engaged in another innovative sports marketing sponsorship with USA Track and Field, USA Wrestling and USA Triathlon. This support of American athletes as they prepare for Tokyo this summer has once again placed Elk Grove Village on the world stage.

2021 COOLEST THING MADE IN ILLINOIS WINNER - TERMICO TECHNOLOGIES

Following eight weeks of rigorous competition, the Self-Regulating Traffic Signal Heater manufactured by Termico Technologies in Elk Grove Village has been declared the winner of the second annual "Makers Madness" contest, earning the title of The Coolest Thing Made in Illinois!

Presented by Comcast Business, the competition shines a light on Illinois' diverse manufacturing sector. Voters chose the Self-Regulating Traffic Signal Heater from a field of 311 individual products initially nominated from across the state, with over 300,000 votes cast over the course of the competition.

The Self-Regulating Traffic Signal Heater uses conductive particles to heat traffic signals so they remain visible and free of ice and snow so traffic can safely navigate roadways. As municipalities and departments of transportation around the country have transitioned away from traditional traffic signals to new LED versions, this innovative technology has become vital to protecting motorists and ensuring transportation systems continue to operate efficiently during winter weather.

More information about this contest and Termico Technologies can be found online at makersmadness.com.





OBSCURA PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO GRADUATES FROM NEXT LEVEL NORTHWEST

Congratulations to Obscura Photography Studio for completing the Next Level Northwest (NLNW) Program!

The most recent graduate of the program is Curtis Newborn, CEO of Obscura Photography Studio located at 1001 Oakton St. in Elk Grove. Curtis has over three decades of experience shooting advertising, editorial, corporate and commercial work for some of the biggest brands in America. Services include shooting both in-studio as well as on location.



Obscura won their pitch night last winter and was given a scholarship to engage one-on-one with a skilled business coach from the NLNW network, which was completed this past month! NLNW is a not-for-profit business accelerator program providing free coaching to help businesses grow. NLNW was created by 5 communities: Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Hanover Park, and Rolling Meadows.

Prior to the pandemic, graduates reported significant improvements to their business operations. Revenue growth has ranged from nearly 20% to 70%, with businesses growing profits, hiring, and expanding as a direct result of implementing recommendations from the Next Level Northwest program. This is a great program, offered at no cost to local businesses, and if you want to see some of these same results, reach out to Josh Grodzin, the Village's Director of Economic Development at 847-357-4005 or jgrodzin@elkgrove.org for information on how to apply.

USA TRIATHLON AND ELK GROVE VILLAGE PRESENT 4 STAR ENDURANCE WITH ENTREPRENEUR/BUSINESS PLAN OF THE YEAR



4 Star Endurance, LLC, has been named as the first-ever recipient of the Elk Grove Village-USA Triathlon Entrepreneur/Business Plan of the Year Award.

To be considered for the award, USA Triathlon Annual Members and existing business leaders in Elk Grove Village were invited to submit an innovative idea for a new or existing business. After an initial review process, five finalists were selected to pitch their ideas on a live Zoom call to a panel of multisport industry executives.

The winning submission was 4 Star Endurance, a Chicago-based endurance coaching business that also manages club and charity teams. In a pitch led by USA Triathlon Level II Certified Coach Chris Navin, 4 Star Endurance presented an idea to create an urban racing experience enhanced by innovative technology and driven by eSports marketing. The pitch focused on increasing accessibility for urban populations and diverse communities, with the potential to revolutionize the indoor triathlon landscape and build a pipeline to lifelong multisport participation.

4 Star Endurance was awarded with the opportunity to attend an innovation session with 4FRONT, a Chicago-based consulting firm; a three-hour business strategy and advising session with a professional business coach from Elk Grove Village; and a 60-second company video produced by Banner, a Chicago-based digital content studio specializing in video production. The business also received a commemorative trophy, a complimentary USA Triathlon Annual Membership, a \$250 2XU gift card and a Rudy Project bike helmet.

Later this summer, USA Triathlon and Elk Grove Village will collaborate to host a Virtual Triathlon CEO Challenge as part of the Power Within Virtual Tri to Tokyo, set for July 19-Sept. 12 to commemorate the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. The event will serve as an opportunity for CEOs and other C-level executives to compete against each other in a virtual format. For more information about the award, and to learn more about USA Triathlon's partnership with Elk Grove Village, visit teamusa.org/USA-Triathlon/Makers-Wanted.

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2021-2022 VEHICLE STICKERS FOR BUSINESSES DUE JUNE 1

Preprinted Vehicle Sticker renewal forms were mailed to all Village businesses in April ahead of the new vehicle sticker licensing period effective June 1, 2021. In our ongoing effort to deliver exceptional customer service, the Village provides a fillable Vehicle Sticker application form found at www.elkgrove.org/vehiclesticker.

Businesses are encouraged to renew by mail or utilize the 24-hour drop box located at Village Hall.

Please see below for the vehicle sticker fee schedule:

Passenger Cars	\$25.00
Trucks	\$50.00 - \$155.00
Motorcycles	\$20.00 - \$25.00



Stickers must be displayed in the lower right-hand corner of the windshield by June 1, 2021, for new vehicles there is a thirty day grace period. Vehicle stickers may be purchased in person at the Finance Department counter, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and the first Saturday of every month (May – August) from 9:00 a.m. until noon, excluding holiday weekends.

NEW BUSINESS LICENSING YEAR EFFECTIVE JUNE 1

A new licensing year is effective June 1, 2021, for businesses to renew licensing or register as a new applicant. Businesses conducting retail sales of any product or merchandise require a license. Other businesses requiring a business license include, but are not limited to; building contractors, day care centers and food caterers. In addition, all coin-operated devices must also display a valid 2021-2022 license.

Pre-printed license applications for businesses currently licensed will be mailed four weeks prior to the respective renewal date. Businesses can enter license renewal payment on our Customer Self-Service portal found at css.elkgrove.org/css. Register for an account, sign-in, and complete payment using a business ID number. This method is available for renewals only.

New businesses may complete a fillable application on our website, www.elkgrove.org/businesslicense. Please note that a business may require more than one type of business license. A zoning application will also need to be completed for new businesses, contact the Community Development for more information. The annual fee for a business license covers the cost of making inspections necessary to safeguard public safety, health and welfare. Failure to obtain a license can result in fines of \$50 to \$500 per day.

For further information, or to determine if your business requires a license, please call the Finance Department at (847) 357-4062 or stop by the Finance Counter in the Municipal Building.