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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.

BRING YOUR GREEN RIBBONS TO THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT!

To celebrate uniting as a community once again, the Village is holding a special giveaway at the Independence Day concert on July 4. **Mayor Johnson is donating ten \$100 gift certificates to local restaurants.** To participate in the giveaway, bring the green ribbon from your parkway tree in exchange for a ticket for a chance to win. If you do



not have a green ribbon, you can bring in a green piece of paper to enter. Winning tickets will be drawn at 7:15 p.m., prior to the concert. You must be present to win.



The green ribbon campaign displayed unity throughout the community in support of our first responders and essential workers. Over a year later, as we celebrate uniting as a community once again, the green ribbon campaign has to come to an end. In order to protect the health of our trees and avoid any tree damage, **the Village asks that green ribbons be removed from parkway trees by July 5, 2021.** Any ribbons remaining after July 5th will be

removed by Public Works staff.

Elk Grove's 12th annual Mid-Summer Concert Series begins on July 4. The full concert line up can be found on page 4. Information on parking, chair setup time, and other updates on the concerts are posted on the Village website (www.elkgrove.org/concerts). We hope to see you there!

PLAY, PICNIC & PARTY ON SUNDAY, JULY 18

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, 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 will 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.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We are ecstatic to kick-off special events in the community once again! As residents know, summer is the busiest time for Village activities. After a year of social distancing, we enjoy the opportunity to bring family and friends together to share all that our community has to offer.

Among our recent events were the annual Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction Event, hosted by the Village with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) along with the Paint & Motor Oil Collection Event. We want to thank our CERT members and others who volunteered to assist with both of these events!

There is so much more to come this summer! The Elk Grove Farmers Market continues all summer long. Come out on Saturday mornings to the Village Green at 901 Wellington Avenue near the clock tower to purchase fresh produce, breads, and jams. Check out all of the vendors and entertainment every week! See page 3 for more information.

This year we are especially looking forward to the Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series! You can find the lineup on page 4. As we reunite as a community, we have a special “green ribbon” giveaway event taking place on July 4. Check out page 1 for the details on how to participate.

Another exciting event is the 2021 Play, Picnic & Party on Sunday, July 18. Check out page 6 for more details on this family-friendly event sponsored by the Village, Park District, and Library.

Speaking of summer fun, the Splash Pad is now open! The Splash Pad is located at 901 Wellington Avenue and open daily for the summer from 10 a.m. - midnight.

When visiting the Splash Pad, make sure to check out the new butterfly garden located on the Village Green! The Village has created a Monarch Butterfly Initiative to aid in recovery of the monarch butterfly population and provide a beneficial environment for other pollinators. Part of the initiative includes 11 butterfly gardens throughout the Village! Check out more information about the initiative and locations of other gardens on page 3.



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.

We are also pleased to announce that the Village’s Water System has met all water quality standards and is in compliance with federal and state regulations. Details about the 2020 Elk Grove Village Consumer Confidence Report can be found on page 7.

A single donation of blood can save up to three lives! Consider donating blood at the Village’s Community Blood Drive event on Saturday, July 24. The event takes place at 901 Wellington Avenue on the lower level from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

As we prepare for Fourth of July celebrations, the Police Department is waiving overnight parking restrictions beginning Saturday, July 3 through Tuesday, July 6. During these days, residents do not need to request permission for overnight parking to park on Village streets.

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



VISIT THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT VILLAGE GREEN!

As part of the Monarch Butterfly Initiative, the Village invites you to visit the newly planted butterfly garden located on the Village Green near the Splash Pad at 901 Wellington Ave. Over the past 20 years, there has been a significant decline in the population of monarch butterflies, which are critical pollinators in our region. The Village has undertaken conservation efforts by planting this butterfly garden, along with 10 others. These gardens will not only aid in the recovery of the monarch butterfly population, but will also provide a beneficial environment for other pollinators such as bees. Below are the locations of the Village’s butterfly gardens:

- Clearmont Bike Path Bridge, east of Salt Creek
- Clearmont Bike Path Bridge, west of Salt Creek
- Northwest Point Blvd. and King St., southwest corner
- Elk Grove Technology Park, Higgins Rd. parkway
- Elk Grove Technology Park, Innovation Dr. parkway
- 1720 Vermont Dr., north side, near memorial plaque
- 1726 Nerge Rd., near lift station
- Beisner Rd., parkway west side near turtle crossing
- The Enclave, 75 Turner Ave.
- James Paul Petri Public Works Facility, 450 E. Devon Ave., east side of building
- Village Green, 901 Wellington Ave.



These dedicated gardens consist of native nectar plants, garden plants, and milkweed that the monarch butterflies rely on in order to lay their eggs. Milkweed plugs were used, rather than seeds, to make the milkweed more readily available for the butterflies. The Public Works Department is also working to increase the amount of native nectar plants used in plantings throughout the Village. We encourage you to visit these butterfly gardens!

For more information on the Monarch Butterfly Initiative visit elkgrove.org/monarch.

OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS WAIVED FOR JULY 4

For the Fourth of July holiday, the Elk Grove Village Police Department is waiving overnight parking permissions beginning Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 2:00 a.m. through Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 5:00 a.m.

During these days, residents do not need to request permission for overnight parking to park their vehicles overnight on Village streets. Please remember to follow all other parking restrictions when parking on the street.

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.



Elk Grove Farmers Market
Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
June 6 - October 24



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

Find more information, please visit the Farmers Market Facebook Page at Facebook.com/ElkGroveFarmersMarket.

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



Daughtry

Sun, July 4 at 8:00pm

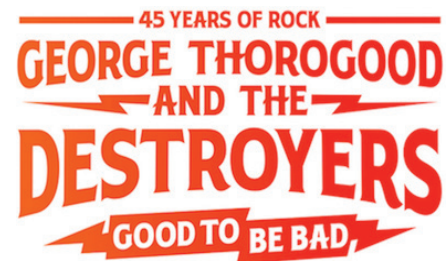
Alternative music superstar Chris Daughtry sold 30 million albums and singles combined. Hits include, “Home”, “It’s Not Over”, “Over You”, “No Surprise”, “What About Now”.

Lions Club Fourth of July Fireworks will follow the concert. Largest fireworks display ever in Elk Grove Village!

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.



War

Tues, July 20 at 7:30pm

Over 50 million records sold. Chart topping hit songs include “Slippin’ Into Darkness”, “Spill The Wine”, “The World Is A Ghetto”, “The Cisco Kid”, “Why Can’t We Be Friends?”, “Low Rider”, “All Day Music”, “Gypsy Man”, and “Summer”.

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”.



SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THIS FREE CONCERT SERIES:



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



FREE BIKE VALET AT THE CONCERT SERIES



Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove (FCEG) is offering a FREE Bike Valet at the Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series.

Take advantage of this convenient service and don't forget to wear a helmet, reflective clothing and bring bike lights for the ride home!

July 4 at Rotary Green

5:30 p.m. - 20 minutes after fireworks

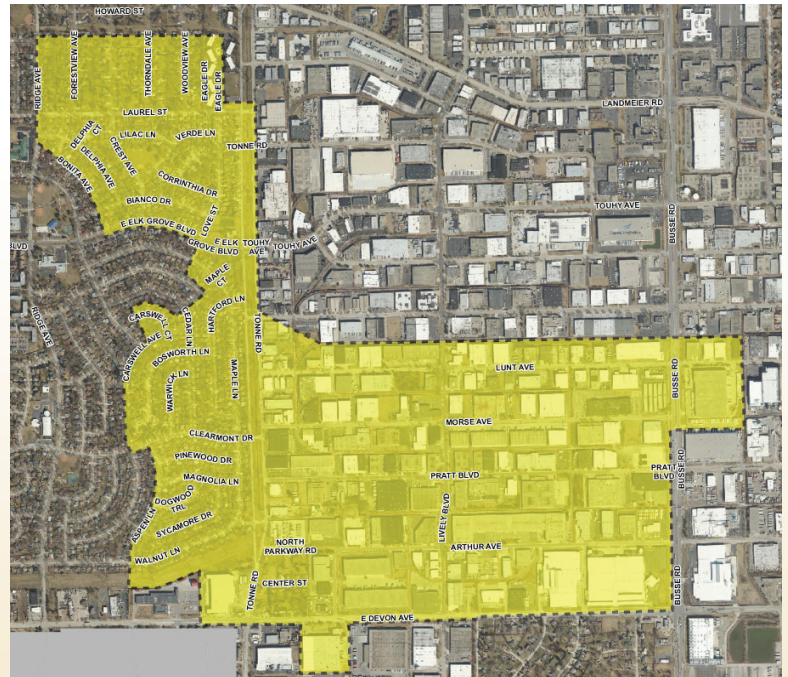
July 13, 20 & 27

6 p.m. - 20 minutes after concert

As a reminder, when cycling at night, Illinois requires a rear red reflector and white front light visible up to 500 feet. For more information, please visit www.elkgrove.org/concerts.

SMOKE TESTING TO BEGIN IN LATE JULY FOR EAST CENTRAL SECTION OF THE VILLAGE

The Village has contracted with Duke's Root Control and Engineering Enterprises Inc. to conduct smoke testing of the Village's sanitary sewer system in the general area of Devon Ave. to Howard St. and Busse Rd. to Ridge Ave. from July 26 through August 6. The dates of the smoke testing are tentative because testing is dependent on weather conditions and project impacts. The testing area will include a mix of residential and industrial properties, which are approximately identified in the map in yellow.



Smoke testing is required by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD). It consists of blowing a harmless, non-toxic smoke into the sanitary sewer system to detect openings (such as faulty pipes and connections) that allow rainfall or groundwater to enter the Village's sanitary sewer system. Smoke will appear where there are defects in the main sewer line or sewer service connections. This testing helps make the sanitary sewer system more efficient and effective.

The testing area has been identified as where the highest amount of rain water is going into the Village's sanitary sewer system. The Village will provide updates throughout the process, and residents and business owners in the impacted area will receive a letter and a series of door hangers in the weeks and days leading up to the testing. For more information, please visit elkgrove.org/smoketesting or call the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800.

A CARING PLACE - RESPITE CARE PROGRAM OPEN PART-TIME

A Caring Place - Respite Care program is now open on a part-time basis on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. This program is held at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 1045 S. Arlington Heights Road.

A Caring Place is a low-cost socialization program for adults encouraging mental stimulation and interaction with peers through recreational and therapeutic activities. For more information, please visit cvlutheran.org/acaringplace or by calling 847-437-2666.



Play, Picnic & Party

Event Attractions 12-4pm:

Pavilion Grounds (PG)

Zip-Line * Climbing Wall * Euro Bungy
Bounce House * Obstacle Course
Slip N' Slide * Water Slide * Mini Golf

Village Green (VG)

Balloon Artist * Pot-A-Plant
K9 Demo * Animal Encounter

* Discounted food available for purchase

Library (L)

Kona Ice Truck * Craft Kits * Glitter
Tattoos * Friends of the Library Book Sale

Entertainment & Activity Schedule:

12:15-1pm Miss Jamie's Farm (PG)

12-1pm & 1-2pm BINGO (Inside L)

2-3pm Aloha Chicago Entertainment (L)

2:15-3:45pm Shout Out (PG)

**Activities may be
subject to change.*

Play, Picnic & Party with us on July 18th!

Day & Time: Sunday, Noon-4pm

Locations: Pavilion (1000 Wellington)

Village Green (1001 Wellington)

Elk Grove Village Library (901 Wellington)

Come out and enjoy an action-packed day planned for you and your family! This collaborative event is hosted by the Elk Grove Park District, Village of Elk Grove and The Elk Grove Village Public Library.

Discover a number of recreational activities on the Park District's Pavilion fields! Your family will love the performance by Miss Jamie's Farm. You can also visit the Village Green for a picnic lunch, K9 Demos and a balloon artist. Hula over to the Library to be treated to Hawaiian musical entertainment and cool off with Kona Ice, crafts and Bingo.

Don't miss Shout Out, a band comprised of some of Chicago's finest professional musicians. They will perform a wide variety of music from the 60's through today's top hits on the Pavilion Grounds. A bike valet will be available courtesy of Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove.

The event will take place rain or shine!

We recommend families attend together since some activities require a signed waiver to participate. Please note: Activities and performances may be subject to change.





ELK GROVE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM MEETS ALL WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

We are pleased to announce that the Village’s Water System continues to meet all water quality standards and is in compliance with federal and state regulations. The 2020 Elk Grove Village Consumer Confidence Report highlights the results of those tests.

The report emphasizes that the Village’s water, which is supplied from Lake Michigan, is safe. The Village has met all water quality standards and is in compliance with federal and state regulations pertaining to the storage and distribution of drinking water. The

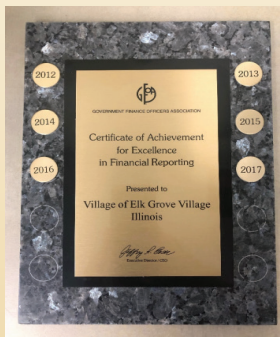
Public Works Department performs regular maintenance and quality testing to ensure the Village can provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. The information contained in the CCR indicates the efforts of the Elk Grove Village Public Works Department and shows continued positive results for our community.

The Village provides water to approximately 33,000 residents and 5,600 businesses, and is required each year to publish the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR contains information regarding the Village’s water sources, any detected contaminants, test results, and educational information.

The 2020 Consumer Confidence Report can be viewed by going to elkgrove.org/2020waterreport. To obtain a copy of the report by mail, contact the Public Works Department at (847) 734-8800. The report is also available for pick up in person at the Village Hall located at 901 Wellington Ave., and the James P. Petri Public Works Facility located at 450 E. Devon Ave.

BIESTERFIELD ROAD LANDSCAPING ENHANCEMENT

During the month of June and into early July, residents and businesses should expect to see significant landscaping improvements along the Biesterfield Road corridor from Rohlwing Road to Cutter Lane. The Village’s contractor, Semper Fi Land Inc., will be planting approximately 94 trees, 220 shrubs, and over 1,700 perennials. The Village is using this landscaping enhancement opportunity to increase the tree and plant populations and improve the aesthetic appearance of the area.



VILLAGE FINANCIAL REPORT AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR 37TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR!

The Government Finance Officers Association recently awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Village for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2020.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. This is the thirty-seventh consecutive year the Village has received this prestigious award!

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report report fulfills local and state laws requiring the Village to issue an annual report on its financial position and activity presented in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by an independent firm of certified public accountants.

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2021 BLOOD DRIVES AT VILLAGE HALL

The Village, in partnership with Vitalant, hosts regular Community Blood Drives at Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave). The next blood drive is on Saturday, July 24, 2021, with extended hours from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fall blood drive will be held on November 20, 2021 and is scheduled from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

Join the Elk Grove Village Police Department for their upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Thursday, July 1 at 7:00 pm at Village Hall, 901 Wellington Ave., in Meeting Room E. The Crime Prevention Unit will discuss current crime trends and other police related information.

To join the Neighborhood Watch meeting online, please contact Crime Prevention Officer Sloan at 847- 357-4151 or Msloan@elkgrove.org to request the meeting invite.

NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT YARD WASTE STICKERS

Waste Management is implementing a new yard waste sticker design for the Village's Yard Waste Collection Program. Please note that yard waste stickers with the old design will continue to be sold and accepted until the supply runs out. The Village's weekly yard waste collection program runs from April 1 - December 15 and takes place the same day as garbage collection. Waste Management Yard Waste stickers are required to participate in the program. For more information, please visit www.elkgrove.org/recycling.



FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED IN ELK GROVE VILLAGE

The Elk Grove Village Police Department would like to remind residents that setting off fireworks—especially large, commercial fireworks is extremely dangerous, and also illegal in both Illinois and Elk Grove Village.

No matter the size or type, there's an inherent danger in the use of any explosives, even novelty fireworks (snakes, party poppers, sparklers) which are allowed in Illinois. For instance, fire sparklers, burn at 1200°F (hot enough to melt glass), and account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries nationwide.



The Elk Grove Village Police Department thoroughly investigates all complaints of fireworks and proactively enforces fireworks laws, especially around the Fourth of July holiday. If someone is found to be in violation, the items in question will be confiscated and the individual will be cited, charged, and/or arrested, when appropriate. This enforcement applies to both adults and minors alike.

Fireworks should only be used by someone who has a permit and the proper training — let the professionals handle the fireworks show so you don't get hurt or get in trouble!