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ELK GROVE VILLAGE BUSINESSES ARE HIRING

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The Village's Job Fair takes place on Friday, July 30 from noon to 4 p.m. at Elk Grove High School. The event is open to the public and all job seekers are welcome to attend.



Find the job you've been looking for with

the resources you need to land the position. You'll have the opportunity to meet with several of our employers and learn more about different industries, including metal fabrication, food manufacturing, catering, city government and more. The job fair will include opportunities for job seekers to participate in short seminars, led by workforce development professionals. These seminars will provide job seekers with useful tips on maximizing their job search experience and strategies for approaching prospective employers. Job seekers who pre-register to attend will also receive a free lunch.

The Village is proud of our reputation as a great place to live, work, and play. Here, you'll find that we put people first. And we support our companies because we understand that they help take care of our community.

Job seekers can find more information and pre-register for their free lunch at <u>www.</u> <u>elkgrove.org/jobfair</u>.

VILLAGE RECEIVES \$1.7 MILLION GRANT TO REPLACE CLEARMONT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The Village of Elk Grove has been awarded a \$1,667,205 grant through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) for the replacement of the Clearmont Pedestrian Bridge over Salt Creek.

The Village's Clearmont Pedestrian Bridge project is one of 99 projects in Illinois to receive such funding as part of the Rebuild Illinois program, which encourages safe travel across various modes of transportation at the local government level. State Representative Marty Moylan, State Representative Seth Lewis, State Senator Laura Murphy, and State Senator Thomas Cullerton were instrumental in helping the Village securing the \$1.7 million in funding which has made this project possible.

Message from the Board

As residents know, summer is the busiest time for Village activities. After a year with no special events, this year's festivities are back and better than ever! We enjoy the opportunity to bring family and friends together to share all that our community has to offer.

We enjoyed kicking off the Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series on July 4, and for the rest of the month welcome residents and visitors to our Village Green to enjoy concerts on Tuesday nights! Concert information can be found on page 4.

The Elk Grove Farmers Market continues all summer long! Come out on Saturday mornings to the Village Green at 901 Wellington Avenue from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. to purchase fresh produce, breads, jams, and so much more! Departments of the Village also take turns showcasing their programs and services at the Village's table each week. Make sure to visit the Community Development Department at the Farmers Market on August 14. Check out more details on page 7.

Summer may already have you thinking about getting out on your bike, and if you're an active cyclist in the Village, or are just interested in cycling, we want to hear from you! The Village's Bike Plan Task Force has put together the proposed 2021 Bike Plan Route Update, which is intended to better reflect existing, planned and future projects for our community. For additional details and information on how to provide feedback, see page 4.

This year we are looking forward to the return of the Citizens Fire Academy which is a six-week program that takes place Wednesday evenings starting September 1. Participants will tour the training tower, learn basic first aid skills, and use specialized tools and equipment to better understand the types of conditions encountered by firefighters. More information about this academy can be found on page 6.

While there are many events taking place during the summer, we're already planning for more events this fall! It's time to mark your calendars for the 2021 Oktoberfest & Hometown Parade! Oktoberfest will 2 | ELK GROVE VILLAGE



Pictured in front row from left to right are Trustee Christine Prochno, Mayor Craig Johnson, and Trustee Nancy Czarnik. Pictured in the second row from left to right are Trustee Stephen Schmidt, Trustee Jeffrey Franke, Trustee Patton Feichter, and Trustee Samuel Lissner.

take place Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18 at Rotary Green (164 Lions Drive). Held in conjunction with Oktoberfest, the Hometown Parade will be on September 18 at 2 p.m. Check out page 3 for more details about these events.

Not only is Elk Grove Village a great place to live and play, it is also a great place to work! On July 30, the Village is hosting its first ever Job Fair. Find the job you've been looking for with the resources you need to land the position. You'll have the opportunity to meet with several of our employers and learn more about different industries including metal fabrication, food manufacturing, catering, city government and more. See page 1 for details on the Job Fair and how to sign up to attend.

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

Prefer to share in person? Come to the Coffee with the Mayor & Board at Village Hall (901 Wellington Avenue) on August 14 at 9 a.m.



2021 Oktoberfest & Hometown Parade Save the Date!



Save the date for the Village's Annual Oktoberfest and Hometown Parade! The Village's Oktoberfest will take place on Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18. Enjoy live music, German food, beer, drinks, fun activities, and more!

Held on September 18 at 2 p.m., the 2021 Hometown Parade theme will be "My Favorite Things" featuring various community organizations and their floats created around the theme. The Hometown Parade route map and application to participate in the parade can be found online at <u>www.elkgrove.org/parade</u>. The

application deadline to participate in the Hometown Parade is August 15. For questions about the parade, please contact the Parade Committee at lsass@elkgrove.org.

Stay after the Hometown Parade for Oktoberfest which will include children's games and activities. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

VILLAGE RECEIVES \$1.7 MILLION GRANT TO REPLACE CLEARMONT Pedestrian Bridge Cont.

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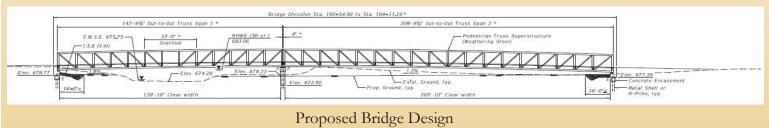
This project will include the replacement of the existing 8-foot wide structure with a new 14-foot wide bridge to allow easier access for both pedestrian and bicycle users.

The new long-span structure will be nearly twice the length of the existing bridge, and will touch down outside the existing floodplain limits. This provides for safer and uninterrupted pedestrian and bicycle access usage, even when Salt Creek floods. Currently, when water levels in Salt Creek are high, the water overtops the existing bridge, making the bridge and surrounding area unusable until the water recedes.

The new steel truss bridge will also include replacement of pathway lighting, aesthetic improvements, and installation of an overlook for pedestrians to view wildlife. The project is currently in the design phase, with construction scheduled for 2022.

The Clearmont pedestrian bridge serves the Village and surrounding communities by providing a necessary crossing over Salt Creek to connect to Salt Creek Trail, Busse Woods Forest Preserve, and Rainbow Falls Waterpark. Locally, the pedestrian bridge provides connectivity to Clearmont Elementary, Salt Creek Elementary, Grove Junior High, Elk Grove High School, and several parks and recreational fields.

The ITEP grant will provide funding for 80% of construction costs for the project, which total \$2.1 million. The Village is responsible the remaining 20% of construction costs, as well as the costs expended for preliminary and design engineering. The total project cost is estimated at \$2,404,110.



VILLAGE BIKE PLAN—ROUTE UPDATE

The Village is proposing a Route Update to the Village's Bike Plan and we want your input!

Since adopting our Bike Plan in 2015, the Village has completed several infrastructure projects with the help of grant funding, including new access points for Busse Woods and a new multi-use path along Biesterfield Road to provide safer crossing at Meacham Road. In order to continue to qualify for future grant funding to support improvements to the Village's bicycle network, the routes shown in the Village's Bike Plan must be kept up to date.

The Elk Grove Village Bike Plan Task Force met late last year to discuss updates to existing and proposed routes included in the 2015 Village Bike Plan. The proposed Route Update better reflects existing, planned, and future projects in our community. These proposed

changes will help the Village qualify for future grant funding which helps support continued improvements to the Village bicycle network.

Residents can provide comments on the proposed Route Update both online and in person. The Village has created an interactive online map which allows users to comment directly on areas of interest or concern. The map's commenting options enable residents to show support for proposed bike routes, identify gaps in planned routes, and comment on routes. Residents can provide comments on the map until August 20 at <u>www.elkgrove.org/bike</u>.

Residents are also invited to attend an open house on August 11 to learn more about the proposed Route Update and provide feedback.

Bike Plan Route Update Open House Wednesday, August 11, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Village Hall, Room E (901 Wellington Avenue)

MID-SUMMER CLASSICS CONCERT SERIES



The "Unity within the Community" Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series, hosted by the Village and the Elk Grove Park District continues through the month of July! Tuesday night concerts continue on July 20, and July 27 on the Village Green at 901 Wellington Avenue. The full concert lineup, information about parking, chair set up, bike valet, and frequently asked questions can be found online at <u>www.elkgrove.org/</u> concerts. We hope to see you there!

BE AWARE OF TEXT MESSAGE/EMAIL SCAMS

The Elk Grove Village Police Department would like to warn everyone to be on alert for unsolicited text messages and/or emails with containing fraudulent links claiming to be from official government organizations, such as the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Illinois Secretary of State's office (SOS). IDOT and SOS will never request personal information, such as Social Security Numbers or banking details, via text or email.

If you receive an unexpected text message or email from IDOT or SOS, do not click on any links provided, delete the message/email, block the sender, and report the sender to <u>www.reportfraud.ftc.gov</u>.



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From July 26 through August 6, the Village's contractors, Duke's Root Control and Engineering Enterprises Inc., will be conducting smoke testing of the Village's sanitary sewer system in the area of Devon Ave. to Howard St. and Busse Rd. to Ridge Ave. The dates of the smoke testing are tentative because testing is dependent on weather conditions and project impacts. The testing is required by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) for the area of the Village with the highest amount of rain water entering the Village's sanitary sewer system. This area includes a mix of residential and business properties, which are highlighted on the map in yellow.



Testing will occur between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., during which time crews will blow a harmless, non-toxic smoke into the sanitary sewer system to detect faulty pipes that allow rainfall or groundwater to enter the



SCAN ME

Village's sanitary sewer system. Crews will move throughout the area on a section by section basis documenting smoke coming from vent stacks, manholes, and holes in the ground. The public should not be alarmed as the smoke is harmless, nontoxic, non-staining, has no odor, does not create a fire hazard, and will dissipate in a few minutes. This process identifies where there are defects in the sanitary sewer system, and this information will make the sanitary sewer system more effective, efficient, and reduce pollution.

The Village and our contractors remain committed to assisting and providing project updates to residents and businesses. For more information, please scan the QR code or call the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800.

ELK GROVE YOUTH COMMITTEE AWARDS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Last month, the Elk Grove Youth Committee, in partnership with the Village of Elk Grove and the Elk Grove Parks Foundation, issued seven \$1,000 college scholarship awards this year—five by the Village of Elk Grove and two by the Elk Grove Parks Foundation. These scholarships recognize High School Seniors for their outstanding leadership, community participation, and service within the community.



The Village is able to offer three additional scholarship awards thanks to the generosity of Mikerphone Brewing, who donated proceeds from their 2018 craft beer festival to support youth scholarships in the community.

Congratulations to Lillianne Devereux, Jessica Malecki, Kshitij Vyas, Ashley Cyr, and Teagan Whiteside from Conant High School and Stephanie Hultgren-Tagliere and Alexander Olson from Elk Grove High School. These graduated high school seniors are beginning their college studies in the Fall of 2021.

The Village of Elk Grove and the Elk Grove Parks Foundation congratulate all seven scholarship award recipients and wish them the best of luck in their college endeavors!

POOL SAFETY

As the summer season continues, the Community Development Department would like to remind you of some important pool safety tips:

- Assign an adult who won't be distracted by talking with friends or cooking on a grill to watch the pool when children are present.
- Keep a phone within easy reach of the pool area for emergency calls.
- At least one adult supervising should have CPR training.
- Clean water is essential for safe pool use.



• Only electrical devices that have been installed and inspected by qualified professionals should be in the pool. If you plan to install a pool this summer, please call the Community Development Department at (847) 357-4220 for assistance.



2021 CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

The Fire Department will be hosting its Citizen's Fire Academy for Village residents and employees of Elk Grove businesses interested in learning more about the Fire Department and its operations. This six-week program will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 9pm at Fire Station #8 located at 700 Fargo Ave. Topics covered include: Calling 911, Special Teams Operations, Fire Extinguisher Training, Auto Extrication, Hose Evolutions, Emergency Medical Services/CPR, and Disaster Preparedness.

Participants will tour the training tower, learn basic first aid skills, and use specialized tools and equipment to better understand the types of conditions encountered by firefighters. All students will also be fitted with a set of protective clothing to use

during the course of the academy. The first session will be held on September 1 and the program will culminate with an evening of hands-on simulations on October 6.

All participants must complete an application form and will need to provide a release of liability prior to the start of the academy. Class size is very limited. To apply, contact the Fire Department Public Education Team at 847-734-8027 or send an email request to <u>FireDepartment@elkgrove.org</u>.

VILLAGE MAINTAINS AA+ BOND RATING!

The Village was recently affirmed with a bond rating of AA+ indicating a very strong capacity to meet its long-term financial commitments. The Village receives periodic credit ratings as a means to invest back into the community, fund water-sewer infrastructure, street projects, and other large capital items.

Highlights from the report, published by Standard & Poor (S&P) Global Ratings, include the Village's healthy general fund reserve level, improved market values due to large-scale developments in the Business Park, and effective financial management policies and practices. The outlook for the Village moving forward is stable.

The report demonstrates the Village has experienced a strong economy, high budgetary performance and steady management policies, while also being impacted by long-term debt and significant pension liabilities.



VILLAGE WISHES U.S. ATHLETES GOOD LUCK IN TOKYO!

Elk Grove Village is the official dream-making partner of USA Track and Field, USA Triathlon, and USA Wrestling. We're proud to support these American athletes as they compete on sport's biggest stage, just as we support our local businesses working to achieve the American dream.

Good luck to the athletes of USA Track and Field, USA Triathlon, and USA Wrestling as they prepare for competition in Tokyo! We will be cheering you on!



OFFICIAL PARTNERS



INTERNET PURCHASE EXCHANGE LOCATION

The Elk Grove Village Police Department lobby and the parking lot are designated Internet Purchase Exchange Locations. The purpose of these spots is to provide a safe space for buyers and sellers to exchange their goods and money.

Next time you need to sell or buy stuff, please feel free to use either of these designated spots for safe exchanges!

VISIT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AT THE ELK GROVE FARMERS MARKET!

On Saturday, August 14 from 9 a.m. - Noon, representatives from the Department of Community Development's Building, Engineering and Environmental Health divisions will be available to answer your questions! Learn about permitting, our new online permit portal, food safety, recycling and more.

Take a "selfie" with a Village Inspector and learn about their tools of the trade and play our Village Trivia game or Bozo's Buckets to win a Popsicle and beat the heat! The Elk Grove Farmers Market is located at 901 Wellington Avenue near the Clock Tower each Saturday from June through October.

BE AWARE & PARK WITH CARE - SIDEWALK PARKING COURTESY



Maintaining access to sidewalks throughout the our community ensures that everyone can get around with ease.

Sidewalks blocked by a vehicle can present problems to 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!

ELK GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Elk Grove Village Fire Department is now accepting applications for the position of firefighter/paramedic. If you or someone you know is interested, apply online at <u>www.</u> applytoserve.com. Application deadline is August 6th, 2021.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT IS HERE FOR YOU!

New to the Village? Curious about our services? The Finance Department offers a variety of essential services to our resident and business customers, including:

- Upgraded smart water meters provide accurate digital readings down to the gallon;
- Water leak detection troubleshooting assistance;
- Convenient online bill payment options using our Customer Self Service portal; and
- High quality staff support. Call 847-357-4060 during regular business hours from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Messages are returned within one business day.

For more information regarding seasonal Saturday hours, payment options, and other services visit www.elkgrove.org

My Elk Grove Village Service Request System



REPORT ISSUES QUICKLY

See an issue? Snap a photo, report it to the Village, and receive updates from staff.

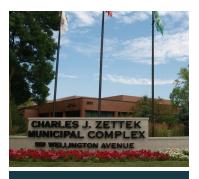


COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY

Comment on reported issues to request and provide any additional information.

My EGV offers a simple way to submit issues, request services, comment to and receive updates from the Village. **Get in touch with the Village today:**

- Download the "My Elk Grove Village" Smartphone App (Apple or Android)
- Visit the Village Website and click "Contact Us" (<u>www.elkgrove.org/contactus</u>)
- Click "Contact Us" on our Facebook Page (facebook.com/elkgrovevillage)



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ELK GROVE Business Matters

VILLAGE TO HOST FIRST EVER JOB FAIR TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES AND JOB-SEEKERS DURING POST-COVID ECONOMIC RECOVERY

As the post-COVID economy revs up and America gets back to work, the Village will host its first-ever job fair on July 30 to provide Elk Grove businesses with an advantage as they look to fill a wide variety of personnel needs. The event comes at a time when many Chicago-area job seekers are ready to re-enter the workforce after having suffered from the economic downturn brought on by the virus.



There have been more and more "help wanted" and "now hiring" signs posted throughout the industrial park and in storefronts all over town—always a great indicator that the economy is growing and that there are ample opportunities for people to land well-paying jobs. Additionally, a steady stream of skilled and well-qualified workers tops the wish list of companies looking to grow and thrive.

The Elk Grove Village Job Fair will take place on Friday, July 30th from noon to 4 pm at Elk Grove High School. The event is open to the public and all job seekers are welcome to attend. The job fair will be advertised throughout Chicagoland to ensure high job seeker attendance.

Mayor Johnson said that the event was planned for a time when unemployment benefits many people have received since the onset of the pandemic will be expiring and people will be re-entering the workforce.

Any Elk Grove Village business seeking talented people to round out their team can reserve a booth at no cost by contacting Josh Grodzin (847-357-4005 or JGrodzin@ elkgrove.org) or Nick Radcliffe (847-357-4013 or NRadcliffe@elkgrove.org).

Business Matters

Alexian Brothers' Fountain Fully Restored and Rededicated

On Wednesday, June 23, Village and Amita Health Officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the restoration and rededication of the Alexian Brothers' Fountain located at Leicester Rd. and Biesterfield Rd. Through this publicprivate partnership, crews replaced pumpage and electrical components as well as completed painting and grouting.

The Public Works Department's Pumpage Foreman and crew of Utility System Operators completed the full rehabilitation of this fountain after being inoperable for 10 years. The



Village would like to thank these dedicated staff for their hard work and for bringing this magnificent fountain back into top condition for the community!

MEET YOUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM!



Josh Grodzin, CEcD - Director Business Development and Marketing

With over 20 years of experience in economic development, Josh Grodzin is Elk Grove's leader of business development and marketing. He works side-by-side with businesses looking to expand in, or relocate to, the Village.

Contact Josh at 847-357-4005 or jgrodzin@elkgrove.org



Nick Radcliffe - Senior Management Analyst

Nick assists with coordinating all aspects of the Village's business retention and attraction program, including public relations, branding and marketing, coordination of business development resources, and working with other public sector agencies.

Contact Nick at 847-357-4013 or nradcliffe@elkgrove.org

GOA BUSINESS AFTER HOURS - HOSTED BY THE SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS

Join the GOA for some relaxed networking with fellow members and guests. Make new connections while enjoying complimentary food and drinks, make sure to bring plenty of business cards!

Thursday, July 22, 2021

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Schaumburg Boomers

1999 S. Springinsguth Road, Schaumburg, IL

Business AfterHours

Additional information on how to register for the event can be found online at www.thegoa.com

STRICTLY BUSINESS PODCAST

The Village's Strictly Business Podcast is the official podcast of the nation's largest industrial park. Hosted by Josh Grodzin, the podcast shares news and information about the Village's diverse business community, highlighting the people and companies that make, invest and live in Elk Grove Village.



EP 49: Working Past Doubt: Termico's Journey to a Life-Saving Invention

In this episode of "Strictly Business," learn how an accident during a snowstorm led Termico Technologies, specialists in highly versatile heating technology, to discover a lifesaving solution. And how a chance encounter with Elk Grove Village made it possible to test out their idea in real life.

EP 50: Two-Time Olympic Medalist Joins The Strictly Business Podcast

In partnership with USA Track and Field, two-time Olympic medalist Mike Conley, widely considered one of the best combination jumpers in history, joined the Strictly Business Podcast. Mr. Conley is also a three-time World champion, 12-time USATF champion, and nine-time NCAA champion during his track & field career.

Today, Mr. Conley is the CEO of MMG a Sports Management Group, as well as CEO of HTWO a hydrogen infused water company, and is a registered NBA agent. From an Olympic athlete to a business owner, Mike joined Josh Grodzin, Director of Business Development and Marketing, and Nick Radcliffe, Senior Management Analyst, as they dug into Conley's Olympic success and how it has impacted his perspective as a leader and business owner. Mike shared some of his experiences with local businesses, including:

- As CEO of MMG Sports Management Group, Conley negotiated the signing of the largest individual-player contract in NBA history. Mike shared his insights and negotiation tactics. His son, Mike Conley Jr., now plays for the Utah Jazz.
- Conley serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors & Chair of High Performance, in addition to Interim President of USA Track & Field. It's not the only organization he supports. Mike shared his insight on how he transformed his passion into action.
- Conley has managed to balance work time and family time, and passed down some of his success to those around him.

A recording of the podcast is scheduled to be released later this month.

Olympian to CEO, Tips on Going for the Gold

MIKE CONLEY, 12-time USATF champion 9-time NCAA champion

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GOA ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ

Join the Elk Grove Chamber's signature event-the 5th Annual Summer BBQ! This event is fine tuned to the tones of summer, equipped with music, full BBQ buffet, beer, pop, water, games, and split-the-pot. Bring a lawn chair and your hottest pair shades cause you're going to want to shut the office down early and bring your whole staff and co-workers for an afternoon of relaxing fun in the sun.

ANNUAL SUMMER BE THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH Ticket Price Includes 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM FOOD - BEER - WINE NETWORKING & GAMES **S**30 \$25 Walk-ins Pay in Advance **GOA OFFICE PATIO** ELEGANTÉCUISINE 1200 N. Arlington Heights Rd Daily Herald Itasca, IL 630.773.2944 TheGOA.com

Additional information on how to register for the event can be found online at www.thegoa.com