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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 and Community Development counters are open on the first Saturday of the month of May through September from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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

## VILLAGE HOSTS FIRST EVER JOB FAIR



On July 30, the Village hosted its first ever job fair at Elk Grove High School. The event was open to the public and job seekers from all over the Chicagoland area. Over 500 job seekers were able to connect with over 130 potential employers, including Elk Grove businesses from high tech, food service, entertainment, manufacturing and government sectors.

Job seekers had the opportunity to meet employers and attend breakout sessions from workforce development experts on perfecting your elevator speech and interviewing tips. These seminars also provided job seekers with useful tips on maximizing their job search experience and strategies for approaching prospective employers at the job fair.

The Village hosted the job fair in an effort to support Elk Grove Village businesses and jobseekers in a post COVID-19 economy. In Elk Grove Village we put people first and we support our companies because we understand that they help take care of our community.

## NEW RESIDENTIAL WASTE HAULER BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1. CHOOSE YOUR CART SIZE NOW!

Beginning November 1, 2021, Groot Industries will be the Village's new residential waste hauler. Following an extensive competitive proposal process, Groot was found to have an excellent reputation for service and to offer the most economical pricing. The new monthly fee for waste and recycling services will be \$21.10 for single-family detached homes and \$17 for townhomes. Single family/townhome service will include:

- Waste Cart (default 95 gal) and Recycling Cart (default 65 gal).
- Senior (65+) Discount for residents who pay their bills directly to Groot.
- Free curbside electronic recycling by appointment--2 items under 50lb per week.

Single family/townhome residents can choose between three sizes for their recycling and waste carts—35 gal, 65 gal, and 95 gal. To choose your cart size, call Groot at 847-734-6400 or email [elkgrove@groot.com](mailto:elkgrove@groot.com) to provide your name, address, phone number, and the requested cart sizes. Choices must be submitted by September 10, 2021. If you do not submit a choice, you will be provided with the default cart sizes of 95 gallon for waste and 65 gallon for recycling.

More details about the contract are available at [elkgrove.org/Groot](http://elkgrove.org/Groot). Residents will also receive a complete brochure in the mail in October.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As summer comes to an end, we are proud to say that we've had an unforgettable season of community events!

This year's Mid-Summer Classics Series, hosted by Elk Grove Village and the Elk Grove Park District, featured Daughtry, George Thorogood and The Destroyers, War, and The Beach Boys. A special thanks go to the Elk Grove Village Public Library, Elk Grove High School and our corporate supporters. Their partnership helps the Village set the standard for the highest quality in community entertainment. We would also like to thank all volunteers and staff for their efforts to keep these concerts safe and enjoyable for the community. We hope that everyone enjoyed the concerts!

In addition to the concert series, the Village, Park District and Library co-hosted the annual "Play, Picnic & Party" family-friendly celebration in July, which was attended and enjoyed by many residents and visitors.

While summer is coming to an end, we have more events planned this fall! The Village's annual Oktoberfest will take place on September 17 & 18. Online tickets are now available for purchase at a 20% discount. More information on Oktoberfest, including ticket pre-sales and event details can be found on page 4.

The weekend of Oktoberfest is full of fun! The "Your Favorite Things" Hometown Parade will take place on Saturday, September 18 at 2 p.m. See page 5 for more information.

Another event taking place in our community is the Free Dental Day for those in need offered by Dr. Brian Homann. The event will be hosted at Elk Grove Family Dental on September 10. For more information about Free Dental Day, see page 6.

Fall is just around the corner, and that means it will soon be time for our Fall Large Branch Collection program. A list of program guidelines and a schedule for branch collection weeks can be found on page 5.



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.

Speaking of branches, Elk Grove Village has been named a 2020 Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation. The program recognizes excellence in urban forestry management and environmental improvement. For more information about this designation, please see page 8.

We are excited to announce the new WaterSmart Customer Portal is now available! We have partnered with WaterSmart to provide customers the ability to review hourly consumption. Benefits of the portal and information on how to register can be found on page 6.

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Police Officer? The Elk Grove Village Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer - this includes both entry-level candidates and lateral transfers. For information on how to apply, see page 7.

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



## VILLAGE COMPLETES MULTI-USE PATH & PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS ON BIESTERFIELD ROAD

On July 29, the Village held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the multi-use path and pedestrian improvements along Biesterfield Road, from Michigan Lane to David Lane, which serve to further advance usability and safety for residents and visitors.

State Representative Michelle Mussman assisted the Village in securing a \$750,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for the bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Biesterfield Rd as part of the 2019 State Capital Bill.

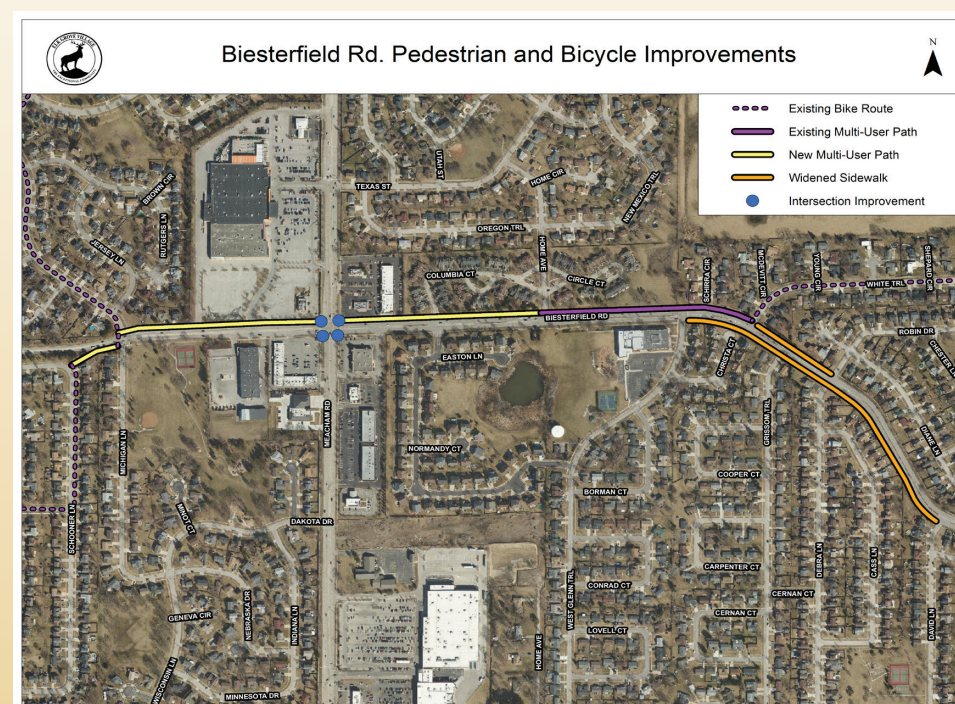
“Pedestrian and bicycle safety is a top priority for communities in Illinois, and part of my work in Springfield is to ensure the State budget supports that priority,” said State Representative Michelle Mussman. “These improvements will make it easier, and more importantly, safer for both local and regional residents traveling along Biesterfield Road.”



Photographed from left to right: Trustee Pat Feichter, Trustee Stephen Schmidt, Trustee Nancy Czarnik, State Representative Michelle Mussman, Mayor Craig Johnson, and Trustee Christine Prochno.

The Village was also awarded \$250,250 from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDOH) through the Invest in Cook grant program to support this project. Invest in Cook supports transportation improvements sponsored by local and regional governments which align with the Connecting Cook County Long Range Transportation Plan.

“I am a strong believer in making roadways more accessible for bicycles and pedestrians,” said Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison. “Cook County’s Long Range Transportation Plan is a tool that allows us to support these type of improvements in local communities.”



These improvements to Biesterfield Road have filled an important gap in the bicycle route network. The new 8-foot multi-use path provides a connection for cyclists west of Meacham to the overpass at Interstate 290/Illinois Route 53, also known as the Community Bridge. Improvements also include expanded 6-foot sidewalks to provide additional capacity for the heavily traveled area near Adolph Link Elementary School.

Additionally, signalized intersections along this section of Biesterfield Road have been improved to include count-down signal heads, push buttons, ADA ramps and crosswalks for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and children going to and from school.

## OKTOBERFEST TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Enjoy German food, live music, beer, fireworks (Saturday only) and more at this annual fall celebration!

**Friday, September 17 from 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 18 from 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.**



Following the Hometown Parade on Saturday, the Oktoberfest will feature children's games and activities and fireworks. Advanced food and drink tickets can be purchased online for 20% off through September 13, 2021 at [elkgrove.org/Oktoberfest](http://elkgrove.org/Oktoberfest). Residents are encouraged to utilize ride-sharing services such as Uber or Lyft. A designated ride sharing drop-off area will be located on Lions Drive.

## Elk Grove Village 2021 Oktoberfest

Friday 9/17, 6 - 11 p.m. & Saturday 9/18, 3 - 11 p.m.

Rotary Green - 164 Lions Drive

### Entertainment

Friday, 9/17, 6pm - 10:30pm: Paloma

Saturday, 9/18, 3pm - 7pm: Children's Games & Activities

Saturday, 9/18, 8pm: Fireworks

Saturday, 9/18, 6pm - 10:30pm: Alpine Thunder

### Food

Large Pretzels, Bavarian White Bratwurst, Chicken Schnitzel, Hot Dog, Braised Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut, Mac & Cheese, German Potato Salad, Strudel & More!

### Beverages



### Buy Tickets Early & Save!

Online Price: 10 Tickets = \$8; Door Price: 10 Tickets = \$10

Purchase Tickets Online through 9/13: [www.elkgrove.org/oktoberfest](http://www.elkgrove.org/oktoberfest)



## 2021 HOMETOWN PARADE - "YOUR FAVORITE THINGS"

The Annual 2021 Hometown Parade is right around the corner! This year's Parade theme, "Your Favorite Things", features a collection of all your treasured things, whether it be sports, memories, food, music, books, the list goes on and on!

Stay after the Parade for the Annual Oktoberfest which will include children's games and activities. More information can be found at [elkgrove.org/parade](http://elkgrove.org/parade). We look forward to seeing everyone there!

If you have any questions, please contact the Parade Committee via email at [lsass@elkgrove.org](mailto:lsass@elkgrove.org).

## FALL LARGE BRANCH COLLECTION

The Village appreciates our residents' efforts to maintain their property and recognizes that disposing of tree debris from fall cleanup may be difficult. Therefore, the Public Works Department operates a Large Branch Collection Program to assist residents.

Important Large Branch Collection Program Rules:

- Large branches 3 ½ to 8 inches in diameter from all trees and bushes, except evergreens are eligible for pickup (not bundled with twine).
- Residents MUST Contact Public Works at (847) 734-8800 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to get your address listed for pickup. Calls must be received no later than Friday 4:30 p.m. of the week prior to the scheduled pickup in your section of the community.
- Branches must be stacked in the parkway with cut ends pointing towards the curb.
- Branches should be placed in the parkway no sooner than the weekend before the designated pickup week.



The following items are NOT part of the collection program: logs, lumber, paneling, bushes, stumps, and evergreens as these items damage Village equipment. Please contact Waste Management at (800) 796-9696 for pickup guidelines regarding these items.

### Large Branch Collection Pickup Weeks:

Residential Community East of IL Route 53: September 20 – September 24

Residential Community West of IL Route 53: September 27 – October 1

Homeowners are reminded that the Waste Management Yard Waste Program includes the removal of bagged yard waste as well as free small branch pickup April 1 through December 15. Branches must be bundled with biodegradable twine or string. Branches up to 3 ½ inches in diameter and no more than 4 feet in length or over 50 pounds in weight will be picked up by Waste Management FREE of charge. Please note that using yard waste bags require the purchase of a yard waste sticker.



## BE PART OF ELK GROVE VILLAGE'S FIRST CITIZEN'S PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY!

This fall, the Elk Grove Village Public Works Department will be holding their first Citizen's Public Works Academy for residents interested in learning more about the Public Works Department and its operations. This five-week academy begins on October 21st and will take place on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the James Paul Petri Public Works Facility located at 450 E. Devon Ave.

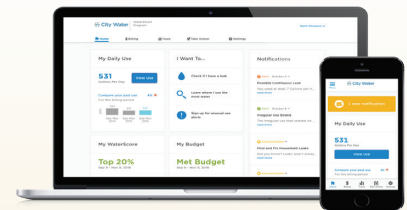
Participants will learn about public works operations, tour various facilities, and get to see the heavy duty vehicles and equipment that crews use on a daily basis. Topics covered include an Introduction to Public Works, Engineering, General Operations, Fleet and Building Services, and Water, Storm, and Sanitary Utilities.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the application and waiver form that can be found at [elkgrove.org/citizenacademies](http://elkgrove.org/citizenacademies). Applications and waivers should be completed and emailed to [Bsouthey@elkgrove.org](mailto:Bsouthey@elkgrove.org) or delivered to the Public Works Facility by October 14, 2021.

## NEW ONLINE WATERSMART CUSTOMER PORTAL NOW AVAILABLE!

The Village has partnered with WaterSmart to provide customers the ability to review hourly water consumption. The benefits of using Watersmart include:

- Customizable leak and consumption-related alerts;
- Utility bill forecasts based on consumption trends;
- Compare water usage to similar households; and
- Water-saving tips



This service is part of our commitment to provide you with the best tools to manage your water use and bill. Register today at [elkgrove.org/watersmart](http://elkgrove.org/watersmart) with your water billing account number.

Finance Department staff will be available to help residents register at the Elk Grove Farmer's Market at 901 Wellington Ave from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates:

August 21, 2021      September 4, 2021

September 25, 2021      October 16, 2021

Questions? Concerns? Call us at 847-357-4000 and we'll be happy to assist you with online portal registration. Staff are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and messages are returned within one business day.

## FREE DENTAL DAY

Elk Grove Family Dental is offering a Free Dental Day on Friday September 10, 2021 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for those in need of dental services. The event will be hosted at the office of Dr. Brian Homann, general dentist in Elk Grove Village with Dr. Mark Spinazze, oral surgeon in Elk Grove Village, Dr. Jennifer Silc, periodontist in Schaumburg, with the assistance of staff members and volunteers from participating offices.

Dental care will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Patients will be asked to wait in their car or outside until a dental chair is ready. For additional information about the event, please visit [www.EGVdentist.com/FreeDentalDay](http://www.EGVdentist.com/FreeDentalDay)



## ELK GROVE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOW HIRING POLICE OFFICERS

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Police Officer? The Elk Grove Village Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer – this includes both entry-level candidates and lateral transfers. The starting salary is \$75,642 and the Village is offering a \$10,000 hiring bonus to qualified lateral police officer applicants.

Application deadline is August 31, 2021 at 4:00 pm. For more information and to apply, visit [Applytoserve.com](https://www.applytoserve.com).



## ELK GROVE VILLAGE CARES PROGRAM EVALUATION SURVEY

The Village is seeking feedback on Elk Grove Village Cares (EGV Cares), our community-based strategy to tackle the disease of addiction, help those in need and make the Elk Grove Village community stronger, healthier, and safer. EGV Cares was launched in 2018, and has helped more than 70 people get into treatment for addiction.

Residents are asked to complete a program evaluation survey to provide feedback about the program. The survey will assess the awareness and attitudes of the community relating to the program. You can access the survey by scanning the QR code to the right or visiting [elkgrove.org/egvcare](https://elkgrove.org/egvcare).



The program and survey is being administered by resident Rebecca Barron. Rebecca is completing her Doctorate of Nursing Practice with Duquesne University and will be evaluating the Elk Grove Village Cares program as her doctoral project.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or any personal experience you would like to share regarding the program, please contact Rebecca at [RLB.projectfeedback@gmail.com](mailto:RLB.projectfeedback@gmail.com).

## CURBSIDE TEXTILE RECYCLING PROGRAM - SIMPLE RECYCLING



The Village's Simple Recycling program offers a convenient and environmentally friendly way for Village residents to recycle old and used textile materials. To participate in this program, residents who receive curbside refuse and recycling services can fill up a simple recycling bag with unwanted and old textile items and place it at their curb on their regular collection day by 7 a.m. Simple Recycling trucks will collect the bags at the curb and will leave replacement bags in their place. For more information about the textile recycling program please visit [elkgrove.org/recycling](https://elkgrove.org/recycling).

## ELK GROVE VILLAGE NAMED 2020 TREE CITY USA



Elk Grove Village has been named a 2020 Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program recognizes excellence in urban forestry management and environmental improvement. A city only achieves this designation if they have a tree board or department, establishes a community tree ordinance, spends at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrates Arbor Day.

The Village has continually gone above and beyond by not only meeting these criteria, but by offering tree evaluations, planting trees, and providing outstanding care. Since 2017, Elk Grove Village has planted approximately 2,650 trees throughout the community and over the next three years the village is planning on planting an additional 1,250 trees.

This is the 36th consecutive year that Elk Grove Village has received the Tree City USA designation. Over the years, the Village has continually demonstrated an exceptional commitment to maintaining a robust urban forest, which has contributed to environmental health as well as the aesthetic pride of the community.

## DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITORS

All solicitors, except for a religious or political organization that is protected under the First Amendment, must apply for a solicitor permit in the Village Clerk's Office. A background investigation is conducted and a solicitor photo identification badge is provided to those that qualify. The Village does not support any company and does not endorse the character, method or product of the solicitor. Photos of all active solicitor permits can be found on the Village website at [elkgrove.org](http://elkgrove.org).

Soliciting door-to-door is permitted in the Village of Elk Grove between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No soliciting is permitted on Sundays or on legal holidays.

Any suspicious individuals who cannot provide proof of solicitor identification from the Village should be reported immediately to the Police by calling 9-1-1.

Residents may display a "No Solicitors Invited" sign near the main entrance door if they are not interested in interacting with a solicitor. "No Solicitors Invited" decals are available in the Village Clerk's Office. For additional information, residents may contact the Village Clerk at 847-357-4040.

