# **ELK GROVE** Mage November 2021

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# Elk Grove Village Welcomes Trustee Tammy K. Miller

At the Village Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, Tammy Miller was sworn in as a new Village Trustee for an unexpired term.

Upon the annoucement of Trustee Czarnik's retirement, Mayor Johnson nominated Tammy Miller to the Board of Trustees, with the Village Board's concurrence, in order to maintain the governance of the Village during busy and challenging times.

Tammy is no stranger to local government in Elk Grove Village. Born and raised in Nebraska, Tammy and her family moved to Elk Grove Village in 2000 when her husband, Clark, an architect, relocated to Chicagoland for his company.

Tammy holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Prior to coming to Elk Grove, Tammy spent 18 years with the Omaha Public Schools as an educator, coach and administration extern.

During the year 2000 until her retirement in 2019, Tammy held various positions at the Elk Grove Park District, including Facility Manager of the Hattendorf Center, Farmhouse Museum,



Skate Park and Recreation Manager. Tammy was promoted to Director of Leisure Services in 2005.

Tammy has worked on several committees involving other governmental agencies including the Village, the Library, local School Districts, and other governmental organizations.

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# **Special Extended Leaf Collection Beginning Monday, November 29**

The Village is extending the Fall Leaf Collection Program for all Village residents to the week following Thanksgiving. Please see information on page 6 to participate in this special extended leaf collection.











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# Message from the Board

#### **Village Manager Retirement**

After servicing Elk Grove Village for 32 years, Village Manager Ray Rummel has announced his retirement from public service in March 2022.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Ray for all these years. We would like to congratulate Ray on a career spent servicing the people of Elk Grove Village. We wish him nothing but the best in his well-deserved retirement years.

We are pleased to announce that we will appoint current Deputy Village Manager Matthew Roan to become Elk Grove Village's fifth Village Manager in April 2022. Matt understands our vision because he has been here, working alongside Ray, our hardworking staff and our Board of Trustees for the past twenty-one years. We all are very confident he will continue to focus on delivering the exceptional level of service that our community has come to expect.

#### RunJumpThrow

On October 10, we welcomed Olympians Jackie Joyner-Kerssee and David Kendziera for a RunJumpThrow

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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. event in conjunction with our Makers Wanted partnership with USA Track & Field.

Participants ages 7-12 interacted with Olympians as they learned and practiced the foundational skills of all sports- running, jumping, and throwing.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the event!

#### National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The 21st National Drug Take-Back Day took place on October 23. This event provided residents an opportunity to dispose of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

The Elk Grove Village Police
Department took in 59 pounds of
unwanted drugs during Take Back
Day. The collected drugs have been
turned over to the Drug Enforcement
Agency for destruction.

Residents can safely dispose of unwanted and expired medication at any time through the 24-hour prescription drop-off box available at the Police Department Lobby (901 Wellington Ave).

#### **USA Wrestling Clinic**

We were proud to partner with USA Wrestling to bring World and Olympic medalists to Elk Grove High School for a special wrestling clinic



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.

on Saturday, October 30.

Thank you to Elk Grove High School and District 214 for being great hosts and helping provide this amazing opportunity to our local wrestling programs!

#### Coffee with the Mayor & Board

Thank you to the residents who attended our Coffee with the Board event on November 6. We host these events on a quarterly basis in a casual setting to meet residents and discuss any concerns and answer questions.

Our next coffee will take place on February 5, 2022 from 9-11 a.m. at Village Hall.

#### **Contact Us Any Time!**

Residents are always invited to share thoughts, concerns, or questions by clicking "Contact Us" on the Village website (<a href="www.elkgrove.org">www.elkgrove.org</a>). ■

# Overnight Parking Restrictions Waived for Thanksgiving

Overnight parking restrictions will be waived beginning Wednesday (11/24) at 2:00 am through Monday (11/29) at 5:00 am.

Please note that parking on streets is prohibited if there is more than 2 inches of snow on the ground or if the Village is expecting snow. ■



# Elk Grove Village Welcomes Trustee Tammy K. Miller

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She has been an active member of the Community Character Coalition since 2003.

Finally, Tammy has served as a Sunday School Teacher, Worship Committee member, Church Council member, and Chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee of the Prince of Peace United Methodist Church in Elk Grove Village.

On the personal side, Tammy and Clark have three grown children and four grandchildren. Currently Tammy works part time at That's Caring, a socially responsible gift basket company in Elk Grove Village.

# Village Manager Ray Rummel Announces His Retirement After 32 Years of Service to Elk Grove Village



Elk Grove Village Manager Ray Rummel, who played an essential role in guiding the community through periods of economic challenge, rebirth and transformation, has announced that he will retire from public service following a 32-year career with the Village.

Rummel's tenure in Elk Grove has coincided with the transition from a brick and mortar economy

to the digital age. He helped establish the Village's first website back in 1994—long before most people understood what the internet was. In recent years, his involvement in recruiting and attracting high tech businesses has helped Elk Grove Village become the second largest data center market in the world. He has embraced the potential of high-tech companies to bolster the local economy while always supporting and growing Elk Grove's manufacturing base.

After completing his Master's Degree in Public Administration,

Rummel began serving Elk Grove Village in 1989. He became Assistant Village Manager in 1992 and was appointed Village Manager in 2007.

As Village Manager, Ray worked every day to ensure that the community remained strong and vibrant despite persistent concerns that O'Hare expansion on the eastern part of Elk Grove would devastate the community. He helped guide the Village through era-defining economic challenges, including the Great Recession of 2007-2009 and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under his leadership, the Village created new community service programs like Elk Grove Village Cares and made substantial investments in infrastructure, including the construction of new fire stations, public works facilities, and the Village Hall/Public Safety Building, which earned the designation of "LEED Gold," for its environmentally-friendly attributes.

Rummel will continue to serve as Village Manager through March 31, 2022, and will shepherd the Village once more through its annual budgeting process.

# Village Attorney George Knickerbocker Celebrates 50 Years of Service

On October 26, Village Attorney, George B. Knickerbocker celebrated 50 years of service to the Elk Grove Village community. The Mayor & Board honored George with a plaque on the Village's Rotunda of Recognition in Village Hall.

George Knickerbocker was first introduced as an Associate Village Attorney on October 26, 1971, and later accepted the position of in-house counsel for the Village in 1997. During his half-century tenure, George was the author of 2,954 Village Ordinances; participated in 177 Annexations of real estate; developed the legal framework for many creative land development projects; and fashioned countless Zoning Variations, Rezonings, and Special Use Permits for the planned and orderly development of the Exceptional Community.

George embodies the spirit of legal professionalism and public service to benefit the Elk Grove Village community.



#### Letters to the North Pole!



On Saturday, November 27, Santa's elves will be installing a mailbox for letters addressed to the North Pole on the Village Green next to our Holiday Tree. Santa encourages little boys and girls in Elk Grove Village to write him a letter—he promises to write back!

Letters must be received by Sunday, December 12 in order for Santa to respond before Christmas.

Parents, please make sure to include your return address on your letter! ■

# **Holiday House Decorating Contest**

This year's Elk Grove Village Holiday House Decorating Contest is brought to you by the Elk Grove Leo & Lions Clubs and the Village of Elk Grove.



Residents can enter the contest by providing their full name, address, email address, and phone number to <a href="lionbarbara@comcast.net">lionbarbara@comcast.net</a> no later than Wednesday, December 8. The Lions and Leos will be looking for the best use of creativity, color, lights, originality, or theme. All entries will be judged for each category.

Best Overall Holiday Decorations on a House

Best Overall Holiday Decorations on a Condo or Apartment

Best Creative Use of Decorations

Best Theme Display

Judging will take place during the week of December 12 through December 18, 2021. Please make sure your display lights are on from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Winners will be recognized during an upcoming Village Board Meeting.

#### **Wreaths Across America**

Wreaths Across America is a National Day that honors fallen veterans and first responders with the laying of holiday remembrance wreaths and flags on the gravesites of veterans and first responders.

On Saturday, December 18 at 10 a.m., the Eli Skinner Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be holding a ceremony to honor fallen veterans and first responders at Elk Grove Cemetery. The ceremony will include laying of wreaths and flags, a presentation of colors, and flag folding demonstration.

Off-site parking will be available at the north side of Chase Bank, 100 E. Higgins, Elk Grove. Please plan to arrive early to allow for shuttle service to the cemetery.

# **Holiday Light Recycling**

The Village is accepting unused and non-working holiday string lights and extension cords as part of the SWANCC Holiday Lights Recycling Program.

SWANCC and participating communities have partnered with Elgin Recycling Inc. to recycle the lights and cords.

Community Development Department Village Hall, 901 Wellington Ave. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Residents can drop off holiday lights and extension cords now thru April 30, 2022. The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclable materials. Call 847-357-4220 for more information.

# Toys For Tots Campaign Runs Now Through 12/6

The Elk Grove Village Police Department is a proud drop-off location for Toys For Tots. This program, run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, distributes toys to less forunate children during the holidays. You can drop-off new, unwrapped toys in the Village Hall lobby (901 Wellington Ave.) now through December 6. ■



# Elk Grove Village Unveils Governor's Hometown Award at **Veterans Day Ceremony**

This year's Veterans Day ceremony at Elk Grove VFW Post 9284 began with a special unveiling of a Governor's Hometown Award for the Elk Grove VFW elevator project.

This award recognizes the community's effort to install an elevator at the VFW Hall, which has no ground floor entry and was previously only accessible by staircase. The idea for the elevator project began after a community member watched a disabled veteran be carried up the stairs by other veterans to attend an event at the Elk Grove VFW Hall. The new elevator allows elderly and disabled veterans to access the VFW Hall and its services, and makes the building more welcoming and accessible for all members of the community.

The Village kicked off fund-raising efforts for the construction of the much-needed elevator at VFW Post 9284 in 2016 with the "Win a Vette to Support the Vets" raffle. The Elk Grove community raised \$178,953 through raffle ticket sales for the chance to win a brand new Corvette, donated by Castle Chevrolet. Additionally, many members of the Elk Grove business community made generous donations to support the project. Construction of the elevator was completed in December 2019.

The Village installed the Governor's Hometown Award sign at the Elk Grove VFW Hall in recognition of the communitywide effort to support our veterans by making their home away from home truly accessible for veterans and guests.

The Governor's Hometown Award aims to formally recognize projects sponsored by local governments that improve their community's quality of life. To receive recognition, nominated projects must represent strong volunteer support, meet a need in the community, and make a definitive impact.



The grant will enable Elk Grove Village Cares to continue its partnerships with the Gateway Foundation, Leyden Family

Services, Symetria, and A Bridge Back to provide treatment

services to anyone who comes to the Elk Grove Village Police

# Village Earns Renewal of \$100,000 Grant to Help the Uninsured Access Substance Abuse Treatment via Elk Grove Village Cares

A program developed by Elk Grove Village to improve access to substance abuse treatment programs has received a \$100,000 renewal grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. The grant will allow Elk Grove Village Cares to continue its work that helps uninsured individuals seeking substance abuse treatment get the help they need.

The \$100,000 renewal award is the fourth ICJIA grant Elk

Grove Village Cares has been awarded since the program was

Cares program has been awarded over \$1.8 million in grant

launched by the Village in 2018. In total, the Elk Grove Village

Elk Grove Village Cares helps connect those suffering from the disease of addiction to treatment programs. While treatment may be covered by existing health insurance coverage of participants, the grant provides financial support for uninsured individuals who enter into a treatment program through Elk Grove Village

funding.

- Mayor Craig Johnson

way of people and families getting the treatment and support they need. This grant helps us continue to do just that."

"Elk Grove Village Cares is about removing the obstacles that stand in the

> Under the initiative, anyone seeking treatment for their addiction can seek it through the Elk Grove Village Police Department. Those seeking help will not face arrest. Rather, police officers and counselors will connect individuals to nearby treatment programs. Learn more about the program online at <u>elkgrove.org/egvcares</u>. ■

The goals of Elk Grove Village Cares include reducing the

Department seeking assistance.

number of opioid related deaths and overdoses in Elk Grove Village; providing more "points of entry" for people suffering from addiction; helping them access the resources they need to begin the very difficult work of recovery; establishing and strengthening community-based resources for those in recovery and their family members; and educating residents about the disease of addiction.

# **Special Extended Leaf Collection Beginning November 29**

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Please follow the program rules below to participate in this special extended leaf collection.

- Place your leaves on the street by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, November 29. This deadline applies to all households throughout the Village (regardless of your leaf zone). Leaves placed after the deadline will not be collected.
- Only rake leaves into the street. Grass, branches, and other yard waste are NOT permitted and will damage Village equipment.
- Place leaves in a continuous row on the pavement approximately 2 feet from the curb.
- Do not place leaves on state or county roadways, nor on the following Village streets: Tonne Road, Elk Grove Boulevard, Rev. Morrison Boulevard, J.F. Kennedy Boulevard, Biesterfield Road, and Wise Road. Residents along these streets are asked to place leaves in the parkway.
- Parking in the street will be prohibited from 7:00 a.m. on November 29 until all leaves are removed.
- In the event of rain, you should still place your leaves in the street. Leaves will be collected as soon as possible.
- In the event of snow, leaf collection will be rescheduled for another day.

Please note that your leaves may not be collected on Monday, November 29. The Public Works Department will make one pass down all streets in the Village and it may take several days for all the leaves to be collected depending on the volume of leaves

The regular scheduled leaf collection takes place through November 24.

If you still have leaves after November 29, you can bring them to the leaf dumpster locations below by December 12:

James P. Petri - Public Works Facility 450 E. Devon Avenue

#### Public Works Biesterfield Facility 1635 Biesterfield Road

The dumpsters are for leaves only, yard waste and garbage is not permitted. Leaves should be placed in paper yard waste bags. Yard waste stickers are not required and no plastic bags will be accepted. For more information, please visit <a href="elkgrove.org/leaves">elkgrove.org/leaves</a> or call Public Works at (847) 734-8800 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



# **Elk Grove Village Concert Band**



The Elk Grove Village Concert Band made its debut in the community during the 2021 Hometown Parade on September 18. Previously performing as the Northwest Concert Band, the band consists of 55 amateur and professional musicians.

The band originated in 1981 and has featured celebrities, well-known soloists, and has played throughout the region and internationally. Concerts include a wide variety of music genres, such as classical, symphonic band, musicals, movie soundtracks, marches, jazz, and swing.

The Elk Grove Concert Band welcomes new players to rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at St. Colette Parish Hall (3900 Meadow Dr., Rolling Meadows). The group will be performing a holiday concert on December 12 at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. Admission at the door is \$7; children 12 and under are free.

For more information, contact the band at <u>elkgrovevillageconcertband.org</u>, follow "Elk Grove Village Concert Band" on Facebook, or call Conductor Bob Silverstein at 708-951-6300. ■

# **Groot Transition Update**



On November 1, Groot began providing waste and recycling services to Village residents. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

#### First Groot Bills Due November 30

The first quarterly billing statements from Groot incorrectly state that they are due upon receipt. These statements are due on 11/30/21. All future Groot bills will list the correct due date.

#### Yardwaste Sticker Exchange Ends November 28

The Village is offering a yardwaste sticker exchange program until 11/28/21, which allows residents to exchange their Waste Management (WM) yardwaste stickers for Groot yardwaste stickers. Please visit one of the following locations by November 28 to exchange unused WM yardwaste stickers:

- Village Hall Finance Counter- 901 Wellington (Mon-Fri, 8:30 am 5 pm)
- Police Department Information Center- 901 Wellington (24 hours a day)
- Jewel-Osco- 20 Biesterfield Rd.

Additionally, residents can use their old Waste Management (WM) yardwaste stickers until the end of this year's yardwaste collection on December 15.

#### Request Free Cart Size Exchange by December 31

Residents can request a free, one-time change to their waste cart and recycling cart sizes by December 31, 2021. To request a change, contact Groot at 847-734-6400 or <a href="mailto:elkgrove@groot.com">elkgrove@groot.com</a>. Please note that cart size exchanges may not take place until early January, depending on availability.

If you made a cart selection via phone or email before 9/10/21 and received the wrong size carts, please contact Groot at 847-734-6400 or <a href="mailto:elkgrove@groot.com">elkgrove@groot.com</a> to report the error. Groot will correct this issue as quickly as possible.

#### Collection Day Reminders- Place carts out by 7AM!

In preparation for collection day, residents can place garbage and recycling carts on the parkway beginning at 6 pm on the evening before collection. On collection day, residents must place carts on the parkway by 7 am to ensure they are serviced. Please note that Groot may be using different routes than WM, and the time your street is serviced may have changed.

For more information on residential waste and recycling services with Groot, please visit elkgrove.org/groot.

# Sign Up for Your Senior Discount by November 30!

A 10% senior discount is available for seniors aged 65 and older residing in single-family or townhomes who pay their bill directly to Groot. Eligible seniors can sign up for the discount by emailing a copy of their ID to <a href="mailto:elkgrove@groot.com">elkgrove@groot.com</a> or bringing their ID to Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave).

Through November 30, residents can sign up for the discount at the Finance Counter (Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5pm) or the Police Department Information Center (24 hours a day). Seniors who sign up for the senior discount by 11/30/21 will recieve a credit for the discount from the entire first billing period on their next bill.



# **Yard Waste Pickup Ends December 15**

Groot's seasonal yard waste collection runs from April 1 through December 15 each year. This includes:

#### Yardwaste Sticker Program

Yard waste prepared in paper bags or 33-gallon rigid containers (less than 50lb) are collected curbside on the same day as garbage collection. For collection, affix a yardwaste sticker to each bag or container and face the sticker on the street side of the container. Stickers are currently available for purchase at the following locations:

Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave )

Jewel Food Store (20 W. Biesterfield Rd)

Miller Industrial Hardware Store (621 E. Devon Ave)

Ace Hardware (821 Nerge Rd)

#### Yard Waste/Food Scrap Subscription Cart: \$175.00/annually

Residents can pay for a seasonal subscription to receive a 65 or 95 gallon cart designated for weekly yard waste and food scrap pickups. To sign up for a yard waste/food scrap subscription cart, please contact Groot at 847-734-6400.

#### Free Small Branch Pick-Up

Groot will pick up properly prepared bundles of small brush or tree trimmings at no additional charge. Branches must be less than 3.5" in diameter; cut and tied into bundles of no more than four (4) feet long and two (2) feet in diameter and weighing no more than fifty (50) pounds per bundle. Please do not bind the bundle with wire or nylon cord.

# 2021 Hometown Parade Winners Recognized

At the Village Board Meeting on October 26, winners from the 2021 Hometown Parade "Your Favorite Things" were presented with their awards. Thank you to everyone who participated for your creativity and enthusiasm!

**Most Creative:** Elk Grove Village Public Library





**Spirit Award:** Elk Grove Village Italian Sister Cities





**Best Theme:** Cub Scout Pack 190





# ELKGROVE BUSINESS November 2021 BUSINESS Matters

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# Village Supports Growth of Elk Grove High School's Manufacturing Programs with \$100,000 Grant

On Friday, November 5, the Village of Elk Grove presented a \$100,000 grant to officials from High School District 214 and Elk Grove High School (EGHS). This is the third of five annual \$100,000 grants to the District 214 Education Foundation to assist in the modernization and expansion of the EGHS fabrication lab. The lab is the focal point of an initiative to introduce students to rewarding and challenging career

opportunities within the manufacturing sector.

The grants provided to the school in 2019 and 2020 jumpstarted efforts to modernize the EGHS advanced manufacturing lab. Modernization efforts included the purchase of high-tech manufacturing equipment, such as lathes and mills, which students use to learn how to work with metal, wood, and other materials.

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# Village Hosts Fall Job Fair

On Friday, November 5, the Village hosted its second job fair at the Elk Grove Park District Pavilion. The event was open to the public and job seekers from all over the Chicagoland area. Over 300 job seekers connected with over 100 potential employers, including Elk Grove businesses from high tech, food service, entertainment, manufacturing, and government sectors. All Elk Grove Village employers and job seekers received a free lunch and swag bag.

# 8th Annual Manufacturing & Technology Expo

The Village hosted its eighth annual Made in Elk Grove Manufacturing & Technology Expo on Monday, October 11, 2021 at Elk Grove High School. Over 500 people attended this year's Expo and had the opportunity to interact with more than fifty exhibitors representing industries such as; precision machining, plastics, electronics, food manufacturing, aerospace, and industrial services.

Each year Elk Grove Village recognizes business leaders for excellence in Sustainability, Innovation, Community Support, and Industrial Development. At the Expo Mayor Johnson was joined by Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee for the awards presentation.



**Excellence in Sustainability** 

The award for Excellence in Sustainability was presented to Technical Machinery Solutions (TMS) located at 855 Morse Avenue. TMS designed and manufactures a fully biodegradable mailing envelope used exclusively by Amazon.



**Excellence in Innovation** 

The Excellence in Innovation award was presented to FPE Automation, located at 110 Gordon Street. FPE provides solutions that allow manufacturers to increase production and profitability. Their Elk Grove training facility trains employees and customers to effectively work with and understand robotic technology.



**Industrial Development of the Year** 

The Industrial Development of the Year Award was presented to Duke Realty. Duke demolished an abandoned industrial building at 901 Chase Avenue and built in its place a start-of-the-art Class A 154,000 square foot building. As of 2021 the building is fully leased.

#### **Excellence in Community Support**

The Excellence in Community Support was awarded to multiple recipients for their support shown during the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Many of these companies donated supplies to first responders, retooled to create PPE products, and donated to social service agencies to help support people who suffered economically and emotionally. Thank you to the following for your support:



Creative Werks



International Label and Printing



Mikerphone Brewing



O&M Enterprises



Pulver Packaging



Wright Technologies

*Not Pictured: FPM Heat Treating* 

# Village Supports Growth of Elk Grove High School's Manufacturing Programs with \$100,000 Grant

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This year's grant will increase opportunities for students to develop skills in fabrication and sheet metal work. The funding will go toward the purchase of new welding equipment, metal formers, sheers, a press brake, and roll benders.

In addition to giving students opportunities to become proficient in the use of modern manufacturing equipment, the grant supports the school's "manufacturing career pathway." The pathway is a broader effort to teach students how to plan, manage, and process materials into intermediate or

final products through production planning and control, maintenance and manufacturing/process engineering. The pathway also offers a variety of certification opportunities, internships with Elk Grove Village manufacturers, and advanced courses where students can earn college credits.

Village officials say the grant demonstrates the Village's commitment to partnering with Elk Grove High School to strengthen the local workforce through technical and vocational education.

# Village Hosts Fall Job Fair

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The event is the second job fair hosted by the Village this year, which comes at a time when companies throughout the region are eager to hire additional workers as the economy picks up after the 18-month economic slowdown brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before the job fair, employers exhibiting attended a breakfast and keynote address regarding "Attracting Top Talent at Job Fairs and Beyond" from Kathleen Canfield, Director of Job Placement Resource Center, Harper College.







# **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 <a href="mailto:nradcliffe@elkgrove.org">nradcliffe@elkgrove.org</a>.

# **ELKGROVE** Business Matters

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## Elk Grove Village Approves Major Deal to Solidify its Position as Midwest Data Center Hub

The Village Board approved a redevelopment agreement in September, 2021 that will bring \$1 billion in data center investment to Elk Grove Village in the coming years.

The Village has been in negotiations with Prime Data Centers LLC, a wholesale data center real estate developer, to sell four parcels of land. Following the approval of land sales and zoning changes, the agreement calls for Prime Data Centers to construct a 150 megawatt data center campus with three, three-story buildings totaling over 750,000 square feet.



When complete, it will be one of the largest data center campuses in Elk Grove Village and the Chicago O'Hare market.

The Village has been proactive in pursuing this development, which has been made possible through a complex assemblage of parcels as part of an overall strategy to attract investment and revitalize the Busse Road Corridor. Village Officials are enthused with the prospect of bringing significant investment to the area because it will deliver tangible benefits to the community, including: long-term tax revenues for the Village, local school districts, and other taxing bodies; high-quality site aesthetics; and temporary construction jobs.

Elk Grove Village—currently home to 11 data center companies comprising nearly 3.5 million square feet of facility space—is a proven, winning location for data center operators.

## **GOA Business After Hours - Hosted by ENTERRIUM**



Join the Greater O'Hare Association (GOA) Regional Business Association for some relaxed networking with fellow members and guests. Make new connections while enjoying complimentary food and drinks. Bring plenty of business cards for the GOA's very own Business Card Blitz.

Thursday, November 18, 2021 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ENTERRIUM 2 Woodfield Mall, Unit A Main Entrance Next to Sears

To register for the event, visit <u>www.thegoa.com</u>.

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