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Village Adopts Update to Bicycle Plan to Expand Opportunities for Future Cycling Connectivity

At their meeting on January 25, the Village Board formally adopted an update to the Village's Bicycle Plan that proposes the addition of approximately 13 miles of new routes to the Village's expanding bicycle network. The new proposed routes focus on providing safe and efficient pathways for cyclists to key destinations in and around Elk Grove. These proposed routes will provide for more seamless access to primary recreational, commercial and commuter locations.

The route update is the outcome of work performed by the Elk Grove Village Bicycle Plan Task Force, a working group comprised of representatives from the Village of Elk Grove, the Elk Grove Village Park District and Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove, an organization

of cycling advocates whose mission is to promote, support, and improve cycling in Elk Grove.

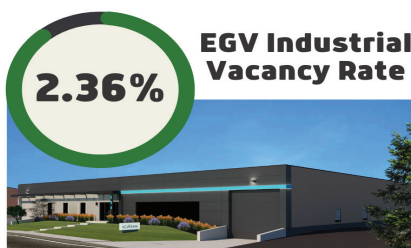
"As a community, we want to embrace bicycling as a safe, healthy and fun way to get around town," said Craig Johnson. "We know this goal can only be achieved through smart planning, ample community input and funding to pay for improvements. Adopting this Route Update will help the Village continue to become even more bike-friendly."

Because the updated plan reflects the Village's vision for implementing sidepaths to provide for a more complete cycling network, the Village is better positioned to apply for and receive county, state and federal funding to support future projects.



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Vacancy Rate for Industrial Properties in Elk Grove Village Reaches All-Time Low



The amount of available industrial space in Elk Grove Village has reached an all-time low, a reflection of a very healthy local economy and an indication that demand for industrial property in the suburb remains among the highest in the region.

According to a report issued by Colliers, a leading commercial real estate brokerage company, Elk Grove Village's industrial vacancy rate dipped down to a mere 2.36 percent at the end of 2021.

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Message from the Board

Coffee with Mayor & Board

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Coffee with the Mayor & Board event on February 5. 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 with the Mayor & Board will take place on May 7, 2022 from 9-11 a.m. at Village Hall.

2022 Roadway Maintenance Program

Last month, the Capital Improvements Committee approved the Village's 2022 Roadway Maintenance Program. The program consists of five separate projects and programs: the Arlington Heights Road Rehabilitation Project, the Biesterfeld Road Resurfacing Project, the Residential Street Resurfacing Program, the Business Park Street Resurfacing Program, and the Preventative Roadway Maintenance Program.

The Arlington Heights Road Rehabilitation Project will include a new bi-directional turn lane on

Arlington Heights Road from Newport Avenue to Brantwood Avenue. This project will also include the replacement and widening of the existing sidewalk on both sides of Arlington Heights Road and enhancements to median landscaping, ADA ramps, and pedestrian signals.

More details about the 2022 Roadway Maintenance Program will be shared in next month's Villager newsletter.

Zoning Board of Appeals Swearing In

At the Village Board meeting on February 8, Steve Rawleigh was sworn in as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Steve lives in Elk Grove Village and is looking forward to giving back to the community.

Community Blood Drive Totals

Thank you to the residents who participated in the first Community Blood Drive of 2022.



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

We collected 40 units that day, enough to save 120 people!

The next Community Blood Drive will be on April 9, 2022 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 (www.elkgrove.org). ■

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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.

Did you know?

Groot accepts empty, depressurized aerosol cans for curbside recycling.

These cans should not spray anything when the nozzle is pressed, and no "shhhh" noise should be heard. Please do not attempt to puncture aerosol cans! Product should be emptied only by using the can over time.

Aerosol cans that still contain product must be recycled at a household hazardous waste (HHW) facility. The nearest HHW facility is the Naperville Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at 156 Fort Hill Drive in Naperville. This facility is open for drop-off on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., except for holidays. ■



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For example, the Village will begin construction this year of a sidepath (a path that runs next to a road which has the capacity to support both pedestrian and bicycle users) along Meacham Road from I-390 to Texas Street. The project is slated to begin this year thanks to a \$500,000 Invest in Cook grant from Cook County. The project was eligible for grant funding because it was identified in the Village's existing Bicycle Plan.

With the help of grant funding, the Village has completed several of the infrastructure projects proposed within the Village's 2015 Bicycle Plan, including:

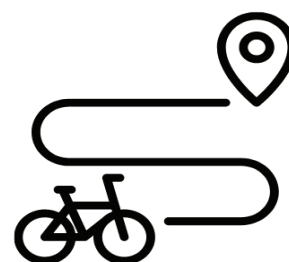
- Two new bicycle/pedestrian connections into Busse Woods along Arlington Heights Road at Oakton Street and Northwest Point Boulevard;
- New multi-use path along Biesterfeld Road from Michigan Lane to Home Avenue, which provides a safer crossing of Meacham Road;
- Installation of a bicycle detector for the traffic signal on Ridge Avenue for northbound and southbound cyclists using the Salt Creek Greenway.

- Intersection improvements at Arlington Heights Road and Elk Grove Boulevard to support safer and more convenient bicycle crossing.

The Village has also worked to incorporate bicycle improvements into other local, state and regional projects, where possible.

The Elk Grove Village Bicycle Plan Task Force was originally formed in 2014 to work on the creation of the Village's first Bicycle Plan. The Task Force, which includes representatives from the Village, Park District, and bicycling advocates, was reconvened last spring in order to update existing and proposed routes in the plan. The Village solicited public input on the proposed Route Update through an interactive online map, as well as an open house held in August.

For more information about the Village's updated Bike Plan and to view the current and proposed routes, visit www.elkgrove.org/bike. ■



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Any rate beneath 5 percent is considered “essentially full” in the commercial real estate industry, taking into account shifts in tenant preferences for newer and larger spaces or more amenities.

“This is great news for Elk Grove residents, who benefit directly from the presence of more than 5,600 businesses here in town. These businesses represent a major part of our tax base, meaning that we can keep taxes and fees for residents very reasonable

while also delivering top-notch services to enhance their quality of life,” said Mayor Craig Johnson.

For a sense of perspective, during the great recession of 2009, the Village's vacancy rate rose to 12 percent. It fell steadily as the economy recovered in the years that followed, but rose to 4.3 percent in 2019 with the addition of 1.2 million square feet of new, unleased space at the new Elk Grove Technology Park. The rate fell once again as space at the new park was leased by data center operators and other high-tech companies. ■

“The fact that 97.6 percent of available industrial space is occupied is a sign that our local economy continues to thrive”
- Mayor Craig B. Johnson

Connect With Us!

Elk Grove Village uses social media as another resource for communicating with residents about recent news and upcoming events. Please visit our social media pages and connect with us to receive updates and information.

We are excited to announce that the Village has recently joined Instagram!



Follow us on Instagram!

Elk Grove Village: [@elkgrovevillage_il](https://www.instagram.com/elkgrovevillage_il)
([instagram.com/elkgrovevillage_il](https://www.instagram.com/elkgrovevillage_il))



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Scan the QR code above for quick access to all of the Village's social media platforms!

Nextdoor

The Village posts information on Nextdoor, a social networking service for neighborhoods. Nextdoor requires users to create an account with their name and address to receive notifications and updates (www.nextdoor.com). ■

New Overnight Parking Request Portal Launching March 1



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We are excited to announce the launch of our new Overnight Parking Request Portal on March 1, 2022. The new portal does not require creating an account, allows you to enter multiple vehicles at one time, and provides an immediate response to your request.

Beginning March 1, all online overnight parking requests must be submitted using the new portal at www.elkgrove.org/overnightparking. Until that time, you can continue to submit overnight parking requests using the Village's service request system at www.elkgrove.org/contactus. ■



Friendly Reminder from the Elk Grove Village Police Department

Never leave your car running while unlocked and unattended — it's an open invitation for thieves. Always lock your car and take the keys with you!

If you need to warm up your car while unattended, consider using a remote starter or lock your vehicle and use a spare key. ■



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. ■

Elk Grove Village's Snow and Ice Control

Winter is here and the Village is ready to provide safe and clear streets. To help achieve our goal, please keep in mind the following:

Priority Plowing and Salting

During snow/icing events, Public Works crews focus on major streets first to provide access for emergency vehicles and heavier traffic, then begin working on all other streets. Crews will continue this process for the duration of the storm and come back to clean up side streets after the snowfall has ended.



Your Role in Clearing Snow

Snow removal equipment is designed to push snow onto the right-of-way which may result in snow being pushed onto driveway aprons, mailboxes, sidewalks, and hydrants. Residents and businesses are encouraged to clear:



- **Driveway aprons and mailboxes** – Place the snow onto your property or the adjacent parkway;
- **Sidewalks** – Place the snow onto your property as the Village does not provide this service;
- **Hydrants** – Clear the snow and ice three feet around all sides of hydrants to provide access in the case of an emergency.

Keep in mind that shoveling, blowing, or plowing snow into the street creates hazardous driving conditions, negates the effort of our snowplowing operations, and is prohibited by law. Please be careful when moving heavy snow.

Winter Weather Parking Restrictions

Parking on all Village streets is prohibited when 2 or more inches of snow has fallen or is predicted to fall. Parking is also prohibited on both sides of the street for 24 hours after the snowfall stops or until the clearing operation is complete.



Drive Safely and Remember to Yield

Remember to drive cautiously and yield to snow removal equipment and emergency vehicles.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at 847-734-8800.

Does Your Tap Water Appear to be Cloudy?

This time of year, you may notice that your tap water appears to be cloudy or milky, this is typically associated with a decrease in outside temperatures. If you let the water stand for a moment, it will dissipate and clear up. The cloudy appearance is simply due to an increase in air in the water lines. If you listen, you can even hear the air bubbles breaking apart. Issues, like calcium and mineral deposits, can also cause the water to appear unclear. It is a good practice to periodically check and clean the aerators, which are the small screens on most faucets. Mineral deposits can accumulate causing particles in the water or reduced flow.

If you experience further problems with your water, please call the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800. ■



Be Wary of Catalytic Converter Theft

Theft of catalytic converters continues to increase in Elk Grove Village and surrounding neighborhoods. If you see a theft in progress, do not confront the offender(s) and call 9-1-1 immediately. Please remember the following tips to avoid being a victim:

- Park in well-lit areas and close to building entrances that others can easily see.
- If you have a garage, park your car inside and keep the garage door shut.
- Catalytic converters are typically removed using power saws—be aware if you hear a power saw in the middle of the night.
- Consider installing a catalytic converter protection device. ■

Home Renovations? We Can Help.

Considering a home remodel or addition project? The Community Development Department is here to assist you in making the permit and inspection process a positive experience.

Step 1 - Make a list! Write down all your renovation ideas and goals for your home.

Step 2 - Hire your contractor! Hiring a proficient contractor is essential to ensure peace of mind and safeguard your renovation. Obtain at least three proposals so you can compare prices and the scope of work. Be cautious when deals sound too good to be true, and always ask questions.

The Illinois Attorney General's office provides a pamphlet on consumer rights, which can be found at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov.

Step 3 - Get permits! Construction may begin after all applicable building and/or engineering permits are approved and issued by the Village. Inspections are performed by Village staff to ensure all renovations are compliant with current codes, standards and restoration practices. At the end of your project, be sure to obtain a Waiver of Lien from the contractor as proof of payment in full.

Have Questions? Contact the Community Development Department at 847-357-4220.

Online permitting is available at www.elk-grove.org/permits.

Happy Renovating! ■



Elk Grove Youth Committee Scholarships

The Elk Grove Youth Committee, in partnership with the Elk Grove Village and the Elk Grove Parks Foundation, will be issuing seven (7) \$1,000 college scholarship awards; five (5) by Elk Grove Village and two (2) by the Elk Grove Parks Foundation to recognize High School Seniors for their outstanding leadership, community participation, and service in the community.

Application Deadline: Friday, May 6, 2022

Applications are available in high school College & Career Center offices and on the Village website at www.elkgrove.org/scholarships. Completed applications must be submitted to Village Hall (2nd Floor Administration Counter).

Winners will be notified the week of June 6, 2022. Questions? Please call 847-357-4030. ■



Recycle Clothing & Household Items with Simple Recycling



The Village, in partnership with Simple Recycling, offers a convenient and environmentally friendly way to recycle unwanted textiles and household items. This program helps divert thousands of pounds of clothing and textiles from ending up in a landfill. This free initiative is available to residents with curbside waste services. To participate, residents can fill up orange simple recycling bags with old clothing or household items and place it at their curb on their normal refuse and recycling day. Bags are collected by a simple recycling vehicle. Once collected, items are sorted for quality and are either donated or broken down for raw materials.

Accepted Items include:

- Used or New Clothing (men's, women's, children's)
- Bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters)
- Fashion Accessories (jewelry, belts, ties)
- Handbags, Purses & Backpacks
- Hats & Gloves
- Shoes, sandals, & socks
- Books
- Kitchenware (silverware, pots, pans, dishes, towels)
- Toys & stuffed animals
- Tools

For more information, please visit the Village website at www.elkgrove.org/recycling or www.simplerecycling.com. ■

Free Curbside Electronics Recycling

Groot offers free curbside electronic recycling by appointment. Residents can recycle up to two electronic waste items weighing less than 50 pounds each week.

To schedule a pick-up, residents must contact Groot at 847-734-6400. Please note that items that exceed 50 pounds will require a fee. ■



Village Honors Veteran Resident on His 100th Birthday

At the February 8 Village Board meeting, the Village Board presented World War II veteran and Elk Grove Village resident John Tokarewich with a proclamation honoring his 100th Birthday. John was born February 10, 1922 and joined the United States Army in February of 1943 during World War II. John served with the 86th Division (Blackhawk Division) in Germany, Austria, and the Philippines. John and his wife Agnes moved their family to Elk Grove Village in August 1967.

John is a founding member of VFW Post 9284 in Elk Grove Village and has represented the Post at numerous Annual National VFW conventions, helped run Bingo nights, and held a number of leadership positions including Color Guard Commander and a three-time Post Commander. John served and lead within the VFW, organizing support for Village parades, Memorial Day ceremonies, and Veterans Day commemorations at local schools.

The Village wishes John a very happy 100th Birthday! ■



A Caring Place - Respite Care

A Caring Place is a respite care service that provides temporary relief for caregivers and families who are caring for adults with mild cognitive or physical impairments. This low-cost socialization program offers fun, structured activities for participants, giving caregivers the opportunity to run errands, shop, or just relax.

Where: Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 1045 S. Arlington Heights Road, Elk Grove Village

When: Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per 1/2 day. \$30 for full day.

For more information, please contact A Caring Place at 847-437-2666 x24 or visit ACaringPlace@CVLutheran.org. ■

