

ELK GROVE Villager

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2022 Village Construction

The Village is pleased to announce the capital improvements that are planned for this year's construction season. These improvements have been prioritized and designed to meet the capital needs of the Village and fulfill the objectives of the Elk Grove 2025 Capital Plan. The Public Works Department will be managing these projects and striving to minimize adverse construction impacts. Their staff are ready to answer any questions that you may have. This year's Village Improvements include the Roadway Maintenance Program (pages 6-7), Environmental and Aesthetic Improvements (page 7), and Water and Sewer Systems Improvements (page 8).



As construction begins, the 2022 construction improvements will be posted on the Village's website at www.elkgrove.org/construction. You can also sign up for construction updates at www.elkgrove.org/stayconnected.

Special Spring Leaf Collection Taking Place Monday, April 4

The Village is offering a special spring curbside leaf collection for ALL Village residents. The special spring leaf collection is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 4. It is anticipated that it will take several days to collect all of the leaves throughout the Village. Public Works will continue to collect properly placed leaves until one pass has been completed in all residential areas.



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New Overnight Parking Request Portal Now Live

All overnight parking requests must now be submitted using the new portal at Elkgrove.org/OvernightParking. The new portal does not require creating an account, allows multiple vehicle entry, and provides an immediate response to your request.

As a reminder, parking on all Village streets is prohibited between the hours of 2:00 am and 5:00 am to prevent the storage/abandonment of vehicles on public streets, assist us in overnight street patrols, and allow for safe and effective snow plowing and street cleaning.

If you have a temporary need to park your vehicle on the street overnight, please request overnight parking permissions through the new portal. Having trouble? Call the Police Information Center at (847) 357-4100.



Message from the Board

Visit at Sheila Ray Adult Center

On February 22, members of the Board visited the Sheila Ray Adult Center to discuss the various roles elected officials have in the Village. Attendees asked many questions about the Village and current events. Thank you to those who attended, we always enjoy visiting and getting to know the members of our community!

GCAMP Manufacturing Breakfast

Village officials attended a Manufacturing Breakfast on March 3 at Elk Grove High School. The Greater Chicago Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (GCAMP) and Elk Grove High School hosted the event, featuring student-led tours, discussions on workforce resources, and information about local and statewide initiatives.

As part of this event, we had the opportunity to tour the Advanced Manufacturing Lab, which provides students the ability to learn advanced manufacturing skills on

the machinery used in today's manufacturing sector.

The Village is supporting the EGHS manufacturing education program with a \$500,000 workforce development grant, providing funds over 5 years for the expansion of the school's advanced manufacturing lab.

Upcoming Community Blood Drive

The second Community Blood Drive of 2022 takes place on April 9 at Village Hall from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Blood banks are facing a national blood shortage and we encourage those who can, to consider donating.

Dexter Magnetic Technologies Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On March 9, Village and Cook County officials attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Dexter Magnetic Technologies to celebrate



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

the Grand Opening of their new facility in the Elk Grove Technology Park.

Dexter has been in the Village for over 50 years and we are pleased to welcome them to their new location!

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.

How to Donate to Ukraine

As the entire world watches the war in Ukraine from afar, we wonder how can we help. If you are looking to support, below are a few reputable and legitimate organizations that are currently accepting donations to directly assist Ukrainians affected by the crisis:

The Ukrainian Red Cross- assisting people inside the country by aiding evacuations and providing food, shelter, and necessities.

UNICEF- supporting health, nutrition, HIV prevention, safe drinking water, sanitation and protection for children and families.

CARE- raising money to provide immediate aid including food, water, hygiene kits, support services and direct assistance.

Voices of Children Foundation- providing psychological support to children affected by war.

Direct links to donate to the organizations listed above are posted on the Village website at www.elkgrove.org/ukraine.

Announcing Our New Community Development Director

The Village is excited to announce the promotion of Jared D. Polony to the position of Community Development Director of Elk Grove Village. Jared Polony began his work as Director on March 21 following the retirement of Mary Jo Pye, who served the Village for more than 30 years.

Jared Polony has been a dedicated employee of the Community Development Department of Elk Grove Village for the past 12 years. He brings both a technical and practical approach to the application of codes, standards and leadership. He has been involved in numerous Village wide initiatives, such as the development of the Elk Grove Technology Park, code adoptions to better enhance public and private facilities, and the implementation of text amendments to create a harmonious community.

As Director of Community Development, Jared oversees the development of the community while working in partnership with residents, businesses and contractors. He is enthusiastic about cultivating a Department which excels in providing the highest quality customer experience. ■



2022 Citizen's Police Academy Enrollment Open Now



The Elk Grove Village Police Department is excited to announce the return of Citizen's Police Academy (CPA)! This 8-week program offers participants an opportunity to receive a firsthand look at the inner workings of the Police Department in areas such as patrol, investigations, K-9, and more!

The 2022 CPA will run every Wednesday evening from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm from April 6, 2022 through May 25, 2022. It is open to anyone who lives or works in Elk Grove Village and is over the age of 18.

Space is limited, and participants are accepted on a first come first serve basis! To apply for the 2022 Citizen's Police Academy, please visit www.Elkgrove.org/Academies. All applications must be submitted to CrimePrevention@elkgrove.org by Friday, April 1, 2022 by 5:00 pm. ■

Yard Waste Pickup Begins April 1

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

Yardwaste Sticker Program : \$3 Per Sticker

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 Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave), Jewel Osco (20 W. Biesterfield Rd), Miller Industrial Hardware Store (621 E. Devon Ave), and 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 only. ■



"Unity within the Community" **2022 Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series**

Presented by the Village of Elk Grove & Elk Grove Park District



KC and The Sunshine Band **Monday, July 4 at 8:00 p.m. - Rotary Green**

KC and The Sunshine Band sold in excess of 100 million records... "Get Down Tonight", "I'm Your Boogie Man", "That's The Way (I Like It)", "Shake Your Booty", "Keep It Comin' Love", "Boogie Shoes", "Please Don't Go". The #1 disco group of all time!

Lions Club Fourth of July Fireworks will follow the concert.

Little River Band

Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. - Village Green

Chart topping hits... "Reminiscing", "Lady", "Cool Change", "Lonesome Loser", "The Night Owls", "Take It Easy On Me", "Help Is On Its Way", "Happy Anniversary", "We Two", "Man On Your Mind", "The Other Guy", and "It's A Long Way There"



Rick Springfield

Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. - Rotary Green

Grammy winner, Hollywood Walk of Fame honoree, actor and best-selling author... Mega smashes include "Jessie's Girl", "Affair Of The Heart", "Love Somebody", "Don't Talk To Strangers", "Human Touch", "Bop 'til You Drop", "I've Done Everything For You"



Sheena Easton

Tuesday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. - Village Green

20 top 40 singles... "Morning Train" (9 to 5), "For Your Eyes Only" (from the movie "For Your Eyes Only" 007), "U Got The Look" (with Prince), "Strut" (with Prince), "We've Got Tonight" (with Kenny Rogers), "Telefone" (Long Distance Love Affair), "Almost Over You"



July 4 & 21 at Rotary Green, 164 Lions Dr., east of Lions Park
July 12 & 26 on the Village Green, 901 Wellington Ave

Special Spring Leaf Collection Taking Place Monday, April 4

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Important Program Rules:

- Place your leaves on the street by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 4. 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 April 4 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ■

Spring Large Branch Collection

Large Branch Collection Weeks

Residential Community East of IL Route 53: April 18 – April 22

Residential Community West of IL Route 53: April 25– April 29

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

Important Program Rules:

- Large branches 3 ½ to 8 inches in diameter from all trees and bushes, except evergreens are eligible for pick-up.
- 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 your scheduled pickup in your section of the community.
- Branches must be stacked in the parkway with cut ends pointing towards the curb.
- 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 Groot at 847-734-6400 for pickup guidelines regarding these items.
- Branches should be placed in the parkway no sooner than the weekend before the designated pickup week.

Homeowners are reminded that the Groot Yard Waste Program includes the removal of bagged yard waste as well as small branch pickup April 1 through December 15. Bundled branches up to 3 ½ inches in diameter, and no more than 4 feet in length will be picked up by Groot FREE of charge. Please note that yard waste bags require the purchase of a yard waste sticker. ■

Save the Date! Paint & Motor Oil Collection Event Saturday, May 7, 2022

Elk Grove Village is hosting a Paint & Motor Oil Collection Event on Saturday, May 7. This event is limited to Elk Grove residents. IDs will be checked and business items will not be accepted.

James Paul Petri Public Works Facility



450 E. Devon Avenue

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.



The following items will be collected:

- Motor Oil
- Anti-Freeze
- Paint or Stains (Latex, Acrylic, Water-based and Oil-based). Below are the restrictions for paint collection:
 - Must be in labeled, non-leaking cans or containers that are 5 gallons or less.
 - Dried up paint will not be accepted, but can be disposed of in your curbside waste bins.

If you do not see an item listed above, it will not be accepted at this event. Items such as adhesives, aerosol cans, cleaning products, pesticides, roofing compounds, sealers/sealants, solvents, and spray paint are household hazard waste (HHW) items, and must be disposed of at an HHW facility. For more information, please visit www.elkgrove.org/recycling.

For questions regarding the recycling event, please call the Village at 847-357-4010. ■

Roadway Maintenance Program

Arlington Heights Road (Newport Avenue to Brantwood Avenue) Rehabilitation Project

Beginning this May, the Village will begin an approximately \$6 million construction improvement to rehabilitate Arlington Heights Rd. The Village is spearheading this project and working in cooperation with the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, which has jurisdiction over Arlington Heights Road.

Cook County is providing \$5.1 million in funding, which will cover approximately 80% of the total project cost. This project will include the following improvements along Arlington Heights Road from Newport Avenue to Brantwood Avenue to address existing traffic back-ups and increase safety on this 1.2 mile stretch of road:

- New bi-directional left turn lanes on Arlington Heights Rd. at the drives along the street and the following intersections:
 - Brantwood Avenue
 - Boardwalk Street
 - Parkchester Road
 - Shelley Road
 - Village Grove Drive
 - Clearmont Drive
 - Brandywine Avenue
 - Buckingham Court
 - Newport Avenue
- Pavement rehabilitation including curb replacement on Arlington Heights Rd.
- Replacement and widening of the existing sidewalk on both sides of Arlington Heights Road.
- Pedestrian signal modifications at Biesterfield Rd/ JF Kennedy Blvd. intersection.
- Enhancements to median landscaping and retaining walls.
- ADA ramp improvements and pedestrian signal replacement.



This project will benefit our community and the tens of thousands of vehicles that travel along Arlington Heights Road daily. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year. To stay up to date on this project, please visit elkgrove.org/construction and sign up for construction updates.

Biesterfield Road Resurfacing Project

Late this summer, the Village will be rehabilitating Biesterfield Road from Meacham Road to the Village's western limits. The project will include pavement patching and resurfacing, replacement of deteriorated curb and sidewalk, drainage structure improvements, and improvements to ADA ramps and pedestrian signals at the Biesterfield Rd./ Wise Rd./ Michigan Ln. intersection. This project is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.

Street Resurfacing Program

This year's Street Resurfacing Program consists of resurfacing 8.5 miles of streets, pavement patching, rehabilitation of curb and sidewalk, and improvements to ADA curb ramps.

The construction activities are generally broken down into three phases:

Phase I (Storm Sewer) – Necessary repairs and/or modifications are made to the drainage structures along these roadways.

Phase II (Concrete) – Replacement of deteriorated curbs and sidewalks throughout the project area takes place. This work is generally limited to one side of the street at a time.

Phase III (Pavement) – The final phase includes full depth pavement patching, milling of the existing pavement surface, the placement of a new pavement surface layer, and then final pavement markings are placed. A tack-coat of fresh oil is applied prior to laying the new pavement layer as an adhesive or bonding between the asphalt layers. Fresh oil signage will be posted in advance to remind motorists to travel slowly on the tack-coat material.

Residential Street Resurfacing

The following 5.6 miles of residential roadways are anticipated to be resurfaced starting in May and completed by mid-October.

Chester Lane, Robin Dr. to Helen Ln.
Clearmont Drive, Ridge Ave. to Tonne Rd.
Cottonwood Drive, Redwood Ave. to Fleetwood Ln.
Crest Avenue, Wildwood Rd. to Landmeier Rd.
David Lane, Biesterfield Rd. to Timber Dr.
Deepwood Court, Old Mill Ln. to North End
Diane Lane, Southeast End to Northwest End
Fleetwood Lane, Redwood Ave. to Landmeier Rd.
Helen Lane, Diane Ln. to Rohlwing Rd
Home Avenue, Nerge Rd. to North End
Lincoln Street, Martha St. to Village Limits
Little Falls Court, Talbots Ln. to West End
Martha Street, Biesterfield Rd. to Lincoln St.
Mayfair Court, Park Blvd. to Park Blvd.

Old Creek Court, Talbots Ln. to South End
Old Mill Lane, Park Blvd. to Talbots Ln.
Park Boulevard, Devon Ave. to North End
Redwood Avenue, Fleetwood Ln. to East End
Robin Drive, Debra Ln. to East End
Rockwood Drive, Shadywood Ln. to Redwood Ave.
Savoy Court, Park Blvd. to Park Blvd.
Spring Creek Court, North End to Talbots Ln.
Stonebrook Court, Old Mill Ln. to Southeast End
Talbots Lane, Park Blvd. to Park Blvd.
Timber Drive, David Ln. to Rohlwing Rd.
Walnut Lane, West End to Ridge Ave.
Wilma Lane, Timber Dr. to David Ln.

Business Park Street Resurfacing

The following 2.9 miles of roadways in the Business Park are anticipated to be resurfaced starting in May and completed by mid-September.

Brummel Avenue, Busse Rd. to Lively Blvd.
Carmen Drive, Coyle Ln. to Old Higgins Rd.
Criss Circle, Bond St. to Lee St.
Coyle Lane, Elmhurst Rd. to Carmen Dr.
Greenleaf Avenue, Nicholas Blvd. to 1000' East of Busse Rd.

Greenleaf Avenue, Elmhurst Rd. to Nicholas Blvd.
Greenleaf Avenue, Carmen Dr. to Elmhurst Rd.
Lee Street, Criss Cir. to King St.
Scott Street, Lee St. to E. Higgins Rd.

Preventative Maintenance Program

In an effort to proactively extend the useful life of the roadways, the Village will apply a preservative seal known as Reclamite to 6.8 miles of streets that were resurfaced during the 2021 Street Resurfacing Program (a full list of streets is available on the Village's website in the newsletter publications section).

The preservative sealant helps to reduce pavement deterioration, which usually begins due to a combination of traffic loads and the effects of moisture penetrating the pavement. As the pavement ages and cracking develops, more moisture can enter the pavement and accelerate the rate of deterioration. Reclamite is an emulsion of specific petroleum oils and resins designed to restore the asphalt's original flexibility and aid in sealing out moisture. This application helps to extend the life of the roadway by years.



Village-Wide Concrete Rehabilitation Program (Sidewalk and Curb)

This program will include the replacement of Village-owned sidewalk at various locations that are fragmented, heaved, or sunken. The program also replaces curb that is affecting drainage within the roadway. The rehabilitation program work is broken into a spring and fall phase. ■

Environmental and Aesthetic Improvements

Water Facility Beautification at Virginia Drive and Wisconsin Lane

This spring, the Village plans to beautify pump house 11 located at Virginia Drive and Wisconsin Lane. The project will include the removal of plant material and dead trees. Our contractor is expected to plant new flowers and install mulch beds towards the end of May.

Hydrant Painting

This year, the Village will be sandblasting and painting 2,000 fire hydrants. This work is being performed to meet the National Fire Protection Association's required color coating system and each hydrant's cap will be painted to reflect the flow rate of each hydrant. ■

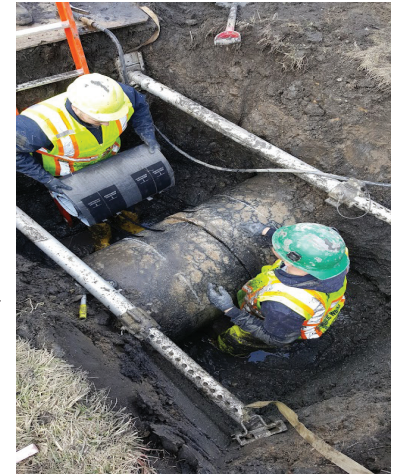
Water and Sewer Systems Improvements

Lift Station Rehabilitation

This spring, the Touhy Avenue, Route 83, and Shenandoah lift stations are scheduled for full rehabilitation. The rehabilitation will include new piping, pumps, control panels, force main lining, and wet well lining. This project will improve the reliability of sanitary service and decrease maintenance costs related to operating the infrastructure.

Water Tower Relocation

The Village's east side water tower, located on Pratt Boulevard, has reached the end of its useful life. The water tower will be decommissioned and a new cell tower will be constructed at the site. The construction of a new water tower will occur at the southwest corner of Busse Road and Oakton Street and take approximately one and half years to complete. This relocation will improve water service in the Business Park. The Pratt Boulevard water tower will remain operational until the new tank's construction is completed and placed in service.



Touhy and Pratt Sanitary Main Replacement

This summer, the Touhy and Pratt sanitary force mains will be replaced as they are towards the end of their useful life. They are over 45 years old and have experienced significant and costly repairs in the last few years. This project will improve the reliability of sanitary service in the area and decrease maintenance costs related to the aging infrastructure. ■

Simple Recycling Textile Program Discontinued

Effective March 8, Simple Recycling discontinued their curbside textile recycling program and no longer provides curbside pickup services in the Village.

Residents are still encouraged to divert textiles from waste landfills. There are many local donation centers and charitable organizations that collect donations, used textiles, and small household items.

Options for free donation pick-ups:

Illinois AMVETS: www.ilamvets.org/schedule-a-pick-up

Epilepsy Foundation: www.donateillinois.org

Options for donation drop-offs:

WINGS Resale: wingsprogram.com

The Salvation Army: satruck.org

Goodwill: www.amazinggoodwill.com/donating

Please note, residents may also schedule a pickup through Simple Recycling by appointment only. ■

Elk Grove Youth Committee Scholarships

The Elk Grove Youth Committee, in partnership with the Village of Elk Grove 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. ■

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Showcase Your Business With a Visit From the Village

Elk Grove Village Trustees and staff are continuing Business Ambassador Visits in 2022. We make it easy to connect with Village leadership by coming to your location for an introduction and tour. Pick a time that works for you and together we will discover new ways to support your business and help your team thrive! To schedule your visit, contact Josh Grodzin, Director of Business Development and Marketing at 847-357-4005 or by email at jgrodzin@elkgrove.org. ■



Next Level Northwest (NLNW) Is Now Accepting Applications

This is your opportunity to engage with a professional business coach to accelerate your business. NLNW is a business accelerator for businesses that have moved beyond the startup phase but have not yet reached their full potential. NLNW is the premier organization in suburban Cook County for businesses that want to grow profits, engage their employees, and innovate.

Next Level Northwest (NLNW) Is Now Accepting Applications

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Since its inception NLNW has graduated seven companies. Each company has reported significant increases in revenues, have hired additional staff, and in some cases expanded their spaces.

“It was literally like clearing through the clouds. I see far more clearly where we can go with this strategy than I ever have.” stated Peter Jackson, CEO, Miller Industrial, Elk Grove Village.

Qualifying business must have been in business for at least

three years and reached some financial milestones.

NLNW is a not-for-profit collaboration between the Villages of Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows and Schaumburg.

For more information, please visit www.nextlevelnorthwest.org or contact Josh Grodzin, Director of Business Development and Marketing at 847-357-4005 or jgrodzin@elkgrove.org. ■

New Owners Build on NuWay's Reputation for Connecting Customers with Solutions

The company has best been known for a service in which it puts electrical components onto tape and reel so contract manufacturers with surface mount equipment can automatically place them onto circuit boards.

The team at NuWay Electronics loves solving problems for contract manufacturers with surface mount equipment and making customers' lives easier through its tape and reel service. In fact, the company's motto is Connecting customers with solutions. As new owner and President Doug Hamilton recently said, he wants NuWay to be the kind of company that is easy to do business with—much like Elk Grove Village strives to be Beyond Business Friendly.

“We've got our hands full supporting our customers and manufacturing our products,” Hamilton said. “One of the things we like about Elk Grove is that the bureaucracy is low and we're given a great opportunity to operate a business here.

“No business owner wants their village to be a roadblock, we all want to be supported,” he added. “And none of the other communities I've seen support businesses the way Elk Grove does with job fairs, manufacturing lunches, leadership discussions, and vital networking within the community.”

Hamilton pointed to the high density of electronics OEMs and electronics support activity in Elk Grove as being very attractive, compared to other areas in Illinois. Most of NuWay's customers are located within a 50-mile radius, and many can even be found within the same business park off of East Higgins Road and Martin Lane.

Late last year, Hamilton's financial group (which includes co-owner John DiNardi) purchased NuWay from former president and owner, Bill Aldeen, who bought the company in 1991.



Thanks, in part to a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, NuWay was able to keep all of its employees during the Covid-19 pandemic and even thrived as an essential business.

As part of the purchase agreement, Hamilton asked Aldeen to stay on during a key three-month transition period. In the first month of that transition, they both visited the company's top 10 customers and suppliers. The response was very supportive and encouraging.

Being from the Northwest Suburbs (now living in Arlington Heights), Hamilton knew of NuWay, but he didn't know the company's people. In fact, as is often the case, the new owners could view the company's full financials, but weren't allowed to meet the NuWay employees until after they closed the deal. Hamilton relied on an analysis of the company's low turnover rate to gauge the strength of its culture. Fortunately, that data has been validated by his experience so far.

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“We could tell [Aldeen] established a culture built on respect here,” Hamilton said. “Some people have been here for 15 or 30 years. That means they’re being treated right.

“These people care about each other and enjoy working together,” Hamilton added. “I couldn’t be happier with the company culture here and how everyone is embracing the next generation of ownership.”

NuWay’s revenue is evenly split between its service side, its cable assembly and circuit board manufacturing for OEMs, and its sales and distribution of specialty components. The company has best been known for a service in which it puts electrical components onto tape and reel so contract manufacturers with surface mount equipment can automatically place them onto circuit boards.

With a recent shortage in semiconductors and components, companies are buying them any way they can—and they aren’t usually coming on the tape and reel they need, so that service is extremely important right now.

Hamilton hopes NuWay will soon become known for cable and harness assembly and sub-component assembly as an OEM supplier.

Most people think of cable assemblies as very high labor projects. Although there’s always a touch involved, NuWay’s elite equipment—like its ARTOS automated wire cutting and stripping machine puts them ahead of the game by allowing them to cut, strip, and terminate thousands of wires per hour. With four to six crimping machines running, NuWay has already won an opportunity to support 10,000 cable

assemblies per week.

Since its change in ownership, NuWay has been focused on increasing operating profits and throughput by bringing in lean processes, eliminating wasteful steps and introducing new technologies like 3D printing and soon a new ERP system to replace antiquated financial and manufacturing planning systems.

With him, Hamilton also brings NuWay the knowledge required to pre-program chips and put them on tape and reel as a new offering that saves customers steps and adds value by bundling services.

That service exemplifies the company’s goal to connect customers with solutions. By making it easy for its large customer base, which includes companies like Honeywell and Rockwell, to do business, NuWay is also showing what it means to be Beyond Business Friendly in Elk Grove Village.

As NuWay continues to grow, the company is searching for help in light electronics assembly labor with skills in cable assembly, in particular. Interested candidates can email info@nuway.net, call (847) 437-7120, or walk-into 165 Martin Lane in Elk Grove Village.

Interested In Elk Grove Village?

If your company is looking to establish or upgrade its working space, we would love to speak with you!

Please email Nick Radcliffe at nradcliffe@elkgrove.org to learn more about our business park and all the benefits that come from working here! ■

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 53: Unprecedented Demand Creates Unique Building Opportunities

With 41 million square feet and 43% of all the building inventory in the O’Hare area, Elk Grove Village is leading its unprecedented vacancy rates. Once 13% a decade ago, vacancy rates are now under 2%. Find out why when Josh Grodzin sits down with Chad Buch, Brian Carroll, and George Cutro of Jones Lang LaSalle in the first Strictly Business podcast episode of 2022. To listen, please visit www.egvbizhub.com or find us on Soundcloud or Apple iTunes. ■



Meet Your Elk Grove 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. ■

Business at the Ballpark 2022 Business Expo

Register for the 2022 Greater O'Hare Association (GOA) Regional Business Association 2022 Expo! Build relationships face to face, promote your company to attendees, boost brand awareness and so much more.

Thursday, April 28

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wintrust Field

1999 S. Springinguth Road

Schaumburg, IL 60193

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