

# ELK GROVE Villager

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## Elk Grove Village Earns “Municipality of the Year” Distinction in Addition to Top Industrial Park Ranking

Elk Grove Village, home to the nation’s largest industrial park that has seen unprecedented growth and demand over the last several years, is the 2022 recipient of Illinois RE Journal’s “Municipality of the Year” Award.

A panel of judges from the real estate industry evaluated several municipalities based on the size and scope of significant development projects over the last year, key economic development accomplishments, and how each municipality provided grants and/or financial support for real estate projects.

The Village highlighted the creation of its new Technology and Innovation Zoning District located at Northwest Point, which is designed to attract high tech and manufacturing

development amid shrinking demand for office space in the region. The rezoning has already attracted interest

**“We’re thrilled to be ranked as the top location for manufacturers, innovators, and entrepreneurs. The distinction recognizes the hard work we do every day to live up to our Beyond Business Friendly approach.”**  
- Mayor Craig B. Johnson

from developers seeking to construct more than 200,000 square feet of speculative industrial space.

The Village also touted its

emerging status as a national hub for data centers.

In addition to this prestigious ranking, Business Facilities Magazine, a leading publication servicing the site selection marketplace, has ranked Elk Grove Village as the number one location in the U.S. for companies seeking to locate within industrial parks.

Elk Grove Village has experienced unprecedented growth over the last several years, especially in the high-tech sector. Earlier last month, the Village announced that the amount of 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. ■

## 28 Year Village Trustee Sam Lissner Announces Retirement

After 28 years as an Elk Grove Village Trustee and nine years on other local government boards, Sam Lissner will retire from public service at the end of his term in April. The announcement was made at the August 16 Village Board Meeting.

In 1966, Sam and his wife Dolores moved into the Village, where they raised their daughter. He and his wife now live in their third home in Elk Grove Village.

Lissner entered public service in 1986, when he served as a trustee on the William Rainey Harper College Board, prior to which he received two associates degrees from Harper.

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# Message from the Board

## Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series Wraps Up

As the summer season comes to an end, we would like to thank the residents, visitors, CERT, and other volunteers who have participated in our annual community traditions. We are so grateful to be able to hold these special events which bring the entire community together.

This year's Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series, hosted by Elk Grove Village and the Elk Grove Park District, featured performances from Little River Band, Rick Springfield, and Sheena Easton.

We would like to thank the Elk Grove Village Public Library, Elk Grove High School, and our corporate supporters. Their partnership helps the Village set the standard for providing first-class entertainment for the community.

## Play, Picnic & Party

In addition to the concert series, the Village, Park District, and Library co-hosted the annual "Play, Picnic & Party" event on Sunday, July 17. The event was well-attended by residents

and visitors who enjoyed a large variety of activities for the whole family.

## Coffee with the Mayor & Board

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Coffee with the Mayor & Board event on August 6. We host these events on a quarterly basis in a casual setting to meet residents, discuss any concerns, and answer questions.

Our next Coffee with the Mayor & Board will take place on November 5 from 9 - 11 a.m. at Village Hall.

## EGVPD is Hiring

Are you, or is someone you know interested in a career in law enforcement? The Elk Grove Village Police Department is now hiring for multiple positions. For more information regarding open positions within the Police Department, see page 5.

Don't forget to regularly check for open positions by visiting [www.elkgrove.org/jobs](http://www.elkgrove.org/jobs).



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.

## Free Dental Day

Elk Grove Family Dental is offering a Free Dental Day on Friday, September 9, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. for those in need of dental services. The event will be hosted by Elk Grove Family Dental, located at 8 Devon Avenue in Elk Grove Village.

Dental care will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information about the event, please visit [www.EGVdentist.com](http://www.EGVdentist.com).

## 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](http://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.

## 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

988, a national three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, is now live in Illinois. Individuals experiencing a crisis or any other kind of emotional distress — whether that is related to suicide, mental health, and/or substance abuse — can dial 988 for support. It is confidential, free, and available 24/7 with interpretation services in over 150 languages.

The Lifeline also provides information and support for concerned family, friends, and caregivers. It is a direct access point to compassionate care by trained professionals, providing greater access to life-saving services.

Learn more by visiting [www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988](http://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988). ■

# 28 Year Village Trustee Sam Lissner Announces Retirement

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In 1987, he then ran for and was elected to the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education. Lissner served as a Board member with CCSD59 until April 1995 and as Board President from November 1992 until November 1994.

In April of 1995, Lissner was elected to be an Elk Grove Village Trustee and went on to serve seven consecutive 4-year terms. He will officially step down in April 2023, at the conclusion of the current term.

During his service to the Village, Sam served on just about every Board committee. He currently serves as Deputy Mayor, chair of the Cable Television Committee, and member of the Capital Improvement Committee.

Lissner cites his work in 2006 to enact a ban on indoor smoking at public places as one of his proudest accomplishments. The ban was enacted when he was serving as chair of the Judiciary, Planning & Zoning Committee. Following Elk Grove Village's lead, the Illinois General Assembly passed a statewide indoor smoking ban shortly thereafter.

As chair of the Information Committee, Sam led the Committee's work with Village staff last year to re-design and modernize the Village website and the monthly Village newsletter.

Sam also served as co-chair of the Industrial Commercial Revitalization Committee, which has now evolved into the Business Leaders Forum. Business leaders often saw Sam representing the Board at the scores of "ambassador visits" that he and other board members

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**"It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Elk Grove Village community. I have been blessed with outstanding and devoted Board members both past and present. "- Trustee Sam Lissner**

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conducted with the Village's economic development team. The visits are a way for elected officials and staff to become better acquainted with the needs of local manufacturers, distributors, and high-tech companies.

On his service to the community, Sam said: "The leadership and creative vision of our Mayor makes the Board exceptional. Over the years, it was my pleasure to meet with many residents and businesses whose feedback has been priceless. And, of course, our employees who provide the outstanding services that make our village second to none. I must also thank my wife and family for giving me up for so many hours and missing family events."



Regarding the retirement of Trustee Sam Lissner, Mayor Craig B. Johnson commented: "Oh behalf of every resident, Village staff member, and elected official with the Village, I would like to salute Sam Lissner for serving our community with distinction, honor, and integrity over the years. Sam gave so much of his time, energy, and passion to our community. Elk Grove Village is a better, stronger, and healthier community because of his leadership. We wish Sam and his wife Dolores nothing but the best as they embark on their next journey together."

In total, Sam Lissner served with 2 Mayors, 10 Village Trustees, and 3 Village Managers. He attended 550 Village Board meetings and adopted 1,360 Village Ordinances as well as 1,650 Village Resolutions. ■

## Register for the 2022 Citizen's Fire Academy

### Elk Grove Village Fire Department 2022 Citizen's Fire Academy



Space is limited. To register, visit [www.elkgrove.org/CFA](http://www.elkgrove.org/CFA) or contact Fire Administration at (847) 734-8000.

This fall, the Elk Grove Village Fire Department will be hosting the 2022 Citizen's Fire Academy for residents interested in learning more about the Fire Department and its operations.

This six-week academy takes place Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. beginning September 7 through October 12.

The Citizen's Fire Academy will be held at Fire Station 8, located at 700 Fargo Avenue.

Topics covered will include EMS/CPR, hose evolutions, auto extrication, and forcible entry. Please note that this is a hands-on academy. Be prepared to experience firefighter working conditions.

If you are interested, please register online at [www.elkgrove.org/CFA](http://www.elkgrove.org/CFA) or contact Fire Administration at 847-734-8000. ■

# Oktoberfest Tickets on Sale Now!

Enjoy German food, beer, live music, children's activities, and more!



Friday, September 16 from 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Saturday, September 17 from 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Following the Hometown Parade on Saturday, Oktoberfest will feature children's games and activities. Food and drink tickets can be purchased in advance online for 20% off through Monday, September 12 at [www.elkgrove.org/Oktoberfest](http://www.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. For more information, please visit [elkgrove.org/Oktoberfest](http://elkgrove.org/Oktoberfest).

## Elk Grove Village Oktoberfest

Friday 9/16, 6 - 11 p.m. & Saturday 9/17, 3 - 11 p.m.

Rotary Green - 164 Lions Drive

### Entertainment

Friday, 9/16, 6pm - 11pm: Paloma

Saturday, 9/17, 3pm - 7pm: Children's Games & Activities

Saturday, 9/17, 5pm - 10:30pm: Die Musikmeisters

### 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 9/12: [www.elkgrove.org/oktoberfest](http://www.elkgrove.org/oktoberfest)

## 2022 Hometown Parade “Falling into Oktoberfest”

The Annual Hometown Parade is right around the corner! Held on Saturday, September 17 at 2 p.m., this year’s parade will include former Village Trustee Nancy Czarnik as Grand Marshal.

The parade will feature various community organizations and the floats that they have created surrounding the parade’s theme, “Falling into Oktoberfest”. Don’t forget to stay after for Oktoberfest!

The Hometown Parade route map and more details can be found at [elkgrove.org/parade](http://elkgrove.org/parade).

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

### Elk Grove Village Hometown Parade



#### OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, September 17, 2022  
2:00 PM along Elk Grove Blvd.

Grand Marshal - Nancy Czarnik

Stay for Oktoberfest!

## Join the Elk Grove Village Police Department

The Elk Grove Village Police Department is currently accepting applications for entry-level and lateral Police Officers to join the team!

- The application deadline for an entry-level position is Tuesday, September 6 at 4:00 p.m.
- Applications for lateral transfers are accepted on a continuing basis.
- To apply or for additional information, please visit [elkgrove.org/jobs](http://elkgrove.org/jobs).

Other opportunities with the Elk Grove Village Police Department, including part-time Crossing Guard positions, are posted on the Village’s website when positions become available. To stay up-to-date with open positions with the Elk Grove Village Police Department, please visit [elkgrove.org/jobs](http://elkgrove.org/jobs). ■



## Groot Service Reminder

Tossing a large item? An old appliance? A scheduled pick-up is necessary for these items because a special truck and additional personnel may be required for safe collection.

### Electronic

- Limit 2 items
- No charge for items 50 pounds or less



### Bulk Item (Non-Electronic)

- Limit 1 item
- No charge
- Must be 50 pounds or less
- One person can lift without assistance



### Oversized/Overweight Item

- Per-item fee



### Appliances/White Goods

- \$50 per-item fee



To schedule a pick-up, call Groot at 847-734-6400. Visit [elkgrove.org/recycling](http://elkgrove.org/recycling) for more information.

# Elk Grove Village's Beloved Rose Garden Café Will Relocate

The Rose Garden Café, a favorite of Elk Grove Village residents for decades, will relocate to a building across the street from its current location to make way for a new “gateway” development at the property located at Arlington Heights and Higgins Roads.

Last month, the Village announced that it had purchased the building once occupied by Sweet Baby Ray's, a barbecue restaurant that had operated out of the building located at 800 East Higgins Road since 2006. The purchase, along with the purchase of the adjacent Shell gas station, clears the way for a full redevelopment of the Elk Grove Woods Plaza shopping center, which the Village also purchased.

“When we announced a new vision for Elk Grove Woods, residents immediately became concerned about the future of the Rose Garden, which is an iconic business here in Elk Grove,” said Mayor Craig B. Johnson. “So we did what we could to ensure that the Rose Garden is able to stay open for business.”

The Village owns the current building that is leased and occupied by the Rose Garden. The redevelopment agreement approved in mid-August provides for the Village to transfer ownership of the property at 800 East Higgins Road to the Rose Garden in exchange for early termination of the lease at the Rose Garden's current location. The agreement also provides for renovations and improvements to the existing building at 800 East Higgins Road.

Restaurant ownership says it will begin renovations at the new location in September with an eye toward closing the original restaurant and making the move in the spring of 2023.

Village officials say they will issue a request for proposals this fall to give developers an opportunity to provide their ideas on how to develop the ten acre property, which is a gateway to Elk Grove Village. ■

## Elk Grove Village Cares Upcoming Events

CDC provisional data reported an estimated 100,306 drug overdose deaths in the U.S. during a 12-month period ending in April 2021, which is an increase of 28.5% from the previous year. Now, more than ever, our community must come together with compassion and commitment to prevent more lives from being lost to the overdose crisis and opioid addiction.

If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, EGV Cares is here to help. EGV Cares aims to make it easier for those suffering from addiction to access and remain in treatment, to strengthen the community support network, and to eradicate the stigma of opioid addiction.

The Elk Grove Village Police Department invites you to join Elk Grove Village Cares and the Kenneth Young Center at the following free events:

### **International Overdose Awareness Day**

An evening of remembrance, speakers, resources, and community connection. The gathering will include a candle-light vigil honoring those we have lost, as well as music and quiet reflection.

Wednesday, August 31 - 5:00 p.m.

Kenneth Young Center - 1001 Rohlwing Road, Elk Grove Village, IL

### **Remember. Recover. Discover.**

A community awareness event to reduce stigma, increase knowledge, and provide recovery support for substance misuse, adverse mental health, co-occurring trauma and addictive behaviors.

Saturday, September 10, 2022

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Kenneth Young Center - 1001 Rohlwing Road, Elk Grove Village, IL

Register at no cost by visiting [www.kennethyoung.org](http://www.kennethyoung.org). ■



# Village Construction Updates

With the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 and Chicago Area Aggregate Producers Association coming to an agreement on July 26, thus ending a 7-week strike, the Village would like to provide an update on construction projects impacted by the labor strike.

## **Arlington Heights Road Improvements (Newport Avenue to Brantwood Avenue) Rehabilitation Project**

Beginning in May, the Village began an approximately \$6 million construction project to rehabilitate Arlington Heights Road. The Village is spearheading the project and working in cooperation with the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, which has jurisdiction over Arlington Heights Road. This project includes the addition of a new bi-directional left turn lane, pavement rehabilitation, widening of the existing sidewalk, ADA ramp improvements, and other pedestrian improvements. This project is proceeding as scheduled and is anticipated to be completed by the end of November.



## **Residential Street Resurfacing**

This project began in May before the strike went into effect, thus, the contractor was able to complete full curb and sidewalk rehabilitation work in Area #1, which includes David Lane, Wilma Lane, Timber Drive, Diane Lane, Robin Drive, Helen Lane, and Chester Lane. The contractor will resume operations in mid-August. The work will include resurfacing the roadways in Area #1 and concrete removal and replacement in Area #2 and subsequent areas. In an effort not to interfere with the upcoming school year and to provide the safest environment surrounding the elementary schools, two streets in Area #3, Crest Avenue and Clearmont Drive, will be rescheduled for the summer of 2023. All other remaining streets scheduled for the 2022 season are anticipated to be completed by the end of November. Please visit [www.elkgrove.org/construction](http://www.elkgrove.org/construction) for a map of the Residential Street Resurfacing Areas.

## **Business Park Street Resurfacing**

The Business Park Street Resurfacing Project, in which 2.9 miles of roadways in the Business Park are anticipated to be resurfaced, was scheduled to begin on July 5. The contractor has informed the Village that they will begin operations in late August. The work will start on Criss Circle, Lee Street, and Scott Street. All streets scheduled for this year's program are anticipated to be completed by the end of November.

## **Biesterfield Road Resurfacing (Meacham Road to Village's Western Limits)**

This project will include pavement patching, resurfacing, replacement of deteriorated curb and sidewalk, drainage structure improvements, and ADA and pedestrian improvements. It is anticipated that this project will begin in early September and will be completed by the end of November.

## **Village-Wide Concrete Replacement Program**

This program will include the replacement of Village-owned sidewalk at various locations that are fragmented, heaved, or sunken, and curb that is affecting drainage within the roadway. The contractor has started work and the program is expected to be completed by the end of November.



## **New Elevated Water Storage Tank**

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 the construction of a new water storage tank will occur at the southwest corner of Busse Road and Oakton Street. While the labor strike caused a slight delay in progress, the contractor has made accommodations so that the project reaches its target completion date of September 2023.

The Public Works Department would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation during these vital infrastructure improvements. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Village construction projects, you may contact our Public Works Engineering

Division at 847-734-8800 or visit the Village's website at [elkgrove.org/construction](http://elkgrove.org/construction).

Don't forget to "Stay Connected" and sign up for e-notifications for construction updates by visiting [elkgrove.org/stayconnected](http://elkgrove.org/stayconnected). ■

## 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 who 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.

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. ■

## Finance Department Awarded Certificate of Achievement for the 38th Consecutive Year

The Government Finance Officers Association recently awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Village for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2021.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report fulfills local and state laws requiring the Village to issue an annual report on its financial position and activity presented in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by an independent firm of certified public accountants.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. This is the thirty-eighth consecutive year the Village has received this prestigious award! ■



### Groot observes the following annual holidays:

- New Years Day - 1/1/22
- Memorial Day - 5/30/22
- Fourth of July - 7/4/22
- Labor Day - Mon. 9/5/22
- Thanksgiving - Thurs. 11/24/22
- Christmas Day - Sun. 12/25/22

If these holidays fall on a weekday on or before your scheduled collection, service will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the holiday week.

If the holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed on Monday.