

ELK GROVE Villager

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RFP Open House for Elk Grove Woods Plaza Redevelopment

Last month, the Village issued a request for proposals (RFP) seeking a development partner to transform the aging Elk Grove Woods Plaza shopping center into a vibrant, mixed-use development. The newly-imagined development would drive the Village's vision for reinventing the area into a re-invigorated gateway into the community. The RFP outlines a detailed proposal submission process for respondents to outline their ideas.

Residents have an opportunity to weigh in on the top proposals at an Open House taking place on Wednesday, November 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Park District Pavilion (1000 Wellington Ave.).

The Open House event will provide residents with an opportunity to review, evaluate, and voice their feedback on the top proposals for a modernized and re-envisioned gateway into the community.

For more information, please visit elkgrove.org/gateway. ■

Own a Piece of Elk Grove Village History!

Elk Grove Bowl has served as an iconic local landmark for nearly six decades. Since its opening in 1962, Elk Grove Bowl has served as a community staple and a source of nostalgia for residents and visitors alike.

In April, Elk Grove Bowl permanently closed to allow the third-generation owner to enjoy retirement. The bowling alley was purchased by the Village last spring and the building

was demolished earlier this fall as part of an ongoing vision to create a re-envisioned gateway into Elk Grove Village.

While Elk Grove Bowl has been deeply missed by the community, it is not too late to own a piece of its history! Prior to the demolition, the Village saved several bricks from the original building, which are now available for purchase to commemorate Elk Grove Bowl's lasting legacy.

Those interested in purchasing bricks from Elk Grove Bowl may purchase them at Village Hall (901 Wellington Avenue) at the Finance Department Front Counter for \$5 a piece. Proceeds from the brick purchases will be directly allocated to Elk Grove Village Cares, a community-based approach which helps connect those suffering from opioid addiction to treatment programs. Bricks will be sold until they run out.

To learn more about the Elk Grove Village Cares program, please visit elkgrove.org/EGVCares. ■



Message from the Board

Coffee with the Mayor & Board

Our next coffee with the Mayor & Board will take place on Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Village Hall in Meeting Room E.

This event provides an opportunity for residents to meet with Board members in a relaxed atmosphere and discuss any topics, issues, or questions that matter most to the community.

Coffee with the Mayor & Board is held on a quarterly basis.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours

We hope that everyone has a fun and safe Halloween! Halloween will take place on Monday, October 31. Please see page 4 for trick-or-treating information and safety tips.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Held on Friday, November 25 at 4:30 p.m., the tree lighting ceremony will include a holiday concert, refreshments, and fireworks show! We can't wait to see you there!

Upcoming Community Blood Drive

The next community blood drive will take place on Saturday, November 12,

from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Village Hall in Room E.

Walk-ins will be accepted, but we recommend that those who wish to donate make an appointment by visiting vitalant.org and using code ORD0GR98.

Upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Residents are invited to attend a Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Friday, October 28 at 7 p.m. at Village Hall (901 Wellington Avenue) in Rooms A & B.

The Crime Prevention Unit will discuss current trends and other police-related information. If you have any questions, please contact Crime Prevention Officer Malek at 847-357-4151.

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). ■



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.

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 — 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.

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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.

Early Voting Information

Elk Grove Village Hall is an Early Voting site for the November 8 Gubernatorial General Election. Early Voting will take place at 901 Wellington Avenue in Room E from October 24 through November 7. The hours are as follows:

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mail ballot applications are available on the Cook County Clerk's website, or you may contact the Village Clerk's Office at 847-357-4040 to have one mailed to you.

For more information, please visit elkgrove.org/election. ■

Village and Police Union Reach Four-Year Contract Agreement

Elk Grove Village and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter 141 (MAP), the union representing the Village's 70 police officers, have reached an agreement on a four-year contract extension that provides annual 3 percent pay raises to officers as well as the move to 12-hour shifts, a measure officers requested during a thorough and amicable negotiation process.

"We're very pleased to reach this agreement with the union that represents the officers who do so much to keep our community safe. It's always our goal to reach an agreement that is fair and equitable while also providing measures that make working conditions more favorable for the men and women who place their own safety on the line for the benefit of our residents and our community," said Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson.



"Further, because our relationship with MAP is based on trust, communication, and ongoing dialogue, we're able to reach these agreements without the need to bring in teams of lawyers and mediators."

The most notable change in the new contract is that officers will now be working 12-hour shifts instead of 8.5 hour shifts. Officers sought the change because longer shifts mean they work fewer consecutive days and have more time off to spend with family.

Other highlights of the contract include incentives to attract experienced, well-qualified officers from other jurisdictions seeking positions with the Elk Grove Police Department and a streamlined grievance process. And finally, officers looking to

grow beards or mustaches will be pleased to learn that the new contract revises grooming standards by lifting the years-long ban on facial hair for officers. ■

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony - Save the Date!

Welcome the holiday season at our annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony! This year's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will feature a holiday performance by New Colony Six!



Friday, November 25

Village Green (901 Wellington Avenue)

4:00 p.m. Refreshments

4:30 p.m. Holiday Concert with New Colony Six

5:30 p.m. Tree Lighting



Following the concert, Mayor Johnson will throw the switch to light up the Village's holiday tree and turn on over 250,000 lights around the Municipal Complex, Elk Grove Public Library, and the Elk Grove Park District Pavilion.

A special fireworks display will follow the tree lighting, announcing the entrance of Santa and his elves. Hot chocolate and treats will be provided. For questions regarding the event, please contact the Mayor & Board's Office at 847-357-4041. ■

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day October 29



The Elk Grove Village Police Department is inviting the public to participate in the 23rd National Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, October 29 in the Elk Grove Village Police Department lobby (901 Wellington Avenue) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

As part of this event, participants can anonymously turn in their expired, used, and unwanted prescription drugs at no cost. Needles, sharps, or liquids will not be accepted.

Please note that prescription drugs are also accepted anytime through the drug drop-off box located in the Police Department lobby. If you have questions about the Take-Back Day, please contact the Police Department at 847-357-4100. ■

Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours & Information

The Village wishes to ensure the safety and tradition of a Happy Halloween. We understand that not everyone may feel comfortable with trick-or-treating. Similar to years past, the Village has created green and red signs for residents to place in their windows or visible areas for trick-or-treaters to identify whether you are welcoming them or not.

Green = Yes, Red = No

You determine whether trick-or-treating is a go!

Those interested in participating in trick-or-treating are asked to turn on porch or outdoor lights and place the green "Trick-or-Treaters Welcome" sign on your window or door. Those who are not interested are asked to keep outdoor lights off and place the red "No Trick-or-Treaters, Please" sign on your window or door.

Trick-or-treating will be permitted in the Village on Monday, October 31 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trick-or-treaters are asked to please take note of the green and red signs posted in the Village and to only approach houses with a green sign indicating those houses are participating this year. Please be respectful of others and their decisions to participate or not to participate in trick-or-treating this year.

Please see pages 5 and 6 for the green and red signs available for residents to post in a visible location in their homes.

Additional information about Halloween and trick-or-treating can be found online at elkgrove.org/Halloween.

Have a safe & spooky Halloween! ■

Safety Tips for Kia and Hyundai Owners

Recently, there has been an up-tick in car thefts across the country, specifically for Kia and Hyundai models made from 2015 to 2022, which have certain vulnerabilities that allow thieves to bypass the ignition.

Here are some tips to prevent theft:

- Install a vehicle immobilizer system, such as a lock for your steering wheel.
- Install an alarm system and anti-theft device, and/or a tracking system.
- Always lock the doors and take your keys with you.
- Don't leave a spare key in the vehicle.
- Close all windows when you get out of your vehicle.
- Park in well-lit areas or in a garage, if possible. ■



Halloween Safety Tips



Trick-or-treating in Elk Grove Village takes place on Monday, October 31 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Be sure to know and practice the safety tips below in order to ensure that everyone has a safe and happy Halloween.

BEFORE TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- ✓ Plan a route in familiar neighborhoods.
- ✓ Make sure children know their home phone number and address, in case you get separated.
- ✓ Wear light-colored clothing that is properly fitted to avoid tripping.
- ✓ Discuss basic pedestrian safety rules when walking to and from houses.

DURING TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- ✓ Have an adult accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- ✓ Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- ✓ Only go to homes with a porch light on or a "Trick-or-Treaters Welcome" sign.
- ✓ Never enter a home or car for a treat.

AFTER TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- ✓ Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.
- ✓ Let the candy sit for 24 hours, or sanitize the wrappers before eating.
- ✓ Throw out any candy that's open, has torn packaging, an unusual appearance, or pinholes.
- ✓ Toss any homemade items made by people you don't know. ■

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-OR-
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HAVE A SAFE &

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Fall Leaf Collection

This fall, the Village is pleased to announce an expanded leaf collection program, offering additional pickup dates for each leaf section. The primary objective of expanding the program is to increase the level of leaf collection services for Village residents.

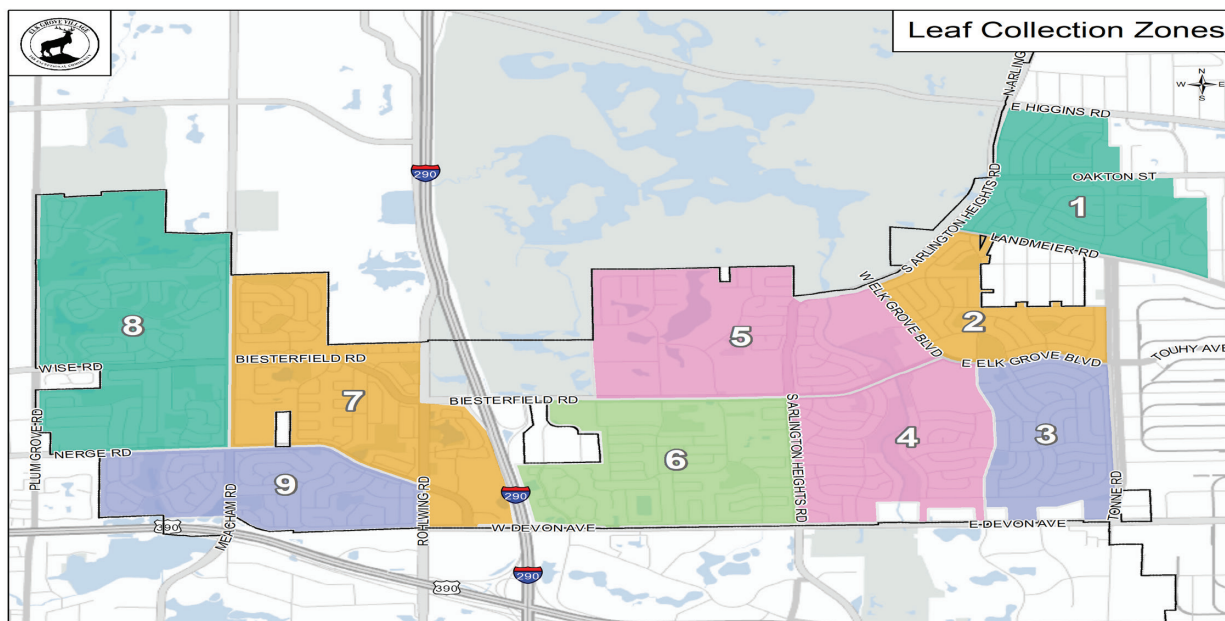
The Public Works Department will offer residents weekly disposal of their fall leaves over the course of nine weeks, beginning Monday, October 3 and concluding Friday, December 2. See below for a section map and corresponding collection schedule.

Important Program Rules:

- Leaves should be raked into the street after 3:00 p.m. the day before collection and before 7:00 a.m. the day of collection.
- 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. In the event of rain, you should still place your leaves in the street. Leaves will be collected as soon as possible.
- Parking in the street will be prohibited on the day of collection from 7:00 a.m. until the leaves are removed.
- In the event of snow, leaf pickup will be rescheduled for another day. Additionally, any leaves that are placed on the street and not picked up by the initial collection will eventually be collected by crews at a later date.

If you have any questions about the program, please call Public Works at 847-734-8800 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit elkgrove.org/leaves. ■

Section Number	Leaf Collection Day <i>Excluding Week of Thanksgiving</i>	Thanksgiving Week Collection Day <i>Week of November 21 Only</i>
Section 1	Thursday	Tuesday
Section 2	Tuesday	Tuesday
Section 3	Wednesday	Wednesday
Section 4	Monday	Monday
Section 5	Monday	Monday
Section 6	Friday	Wednesday
Section 7	Tuesday	Tuesday
Section 8	Thursday	Monday
Section 9	Wednesday	Wednesday



Help Keep Our Stormwater Clean!

Stormwater runoff is rainwater that runs off rooftops, lawns, driveways, and streets. As it flows, it picks up dirt, leaves, grass clippings, pesticides, fertilizers, oil, litter, and other harmful contaminants. All of these pollutants are carried by stormwater into storm drains and ultimately into our waterways. However, there are simple ways that residents and businesses can help to reduce the amount of pollutants that enter our water sources. Here are some tips to help keep our stormwater clean:

In Your Home:

- Do not dump used motor oil, antifreeze, or other hazardous materials on the ground or into sewers. Recycling programs for these hazardous materials are available and many service stations accept used motor oil for recycling. To learn more about disposing of hazardous materials, please visit elkgrove.org/recycling.
- Check your car and other motor vehicles for oil leaks. If you see a leak, clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material such as cat litter or sand. Do not spray the leak with water — this causes stormwater pollution to occur because the fluids get washed into the storm drains.

Outside:

- When cleaning your driveway, dock, or parking lots, use a broom instead of water and dispose of debris in the trash, not in the street or storm sewer.
- Do not dump branches, leaves, or glass clippings along creek beds, in open ditches, or in the street.
- Minimize the use of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers on your lawn and plant native plants whenever feasible to lessen the need for herbicides.
- Please pick up litter and place in trash cans. This will prevent litter from getting washed into the storm sewers and eventually into our waterways.
- Cover piles of dirt and wood mulch while working on landscaping projects and sweep up debris; do not wash it into the street.

For more information on how you can help keep our stormwater clean, contact the Public Works Department at 847-357-8800. ■

