

ELK GROVE Villager

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Happy Holidays from Elk Grove Village!

The Village of Elk Grove would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season! May the holiday season bring you special moments and happy memories as we look forward to a new year!

As a friendly reminder, Village Hall will be closed for regular business on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 in observance of the holidays.

Please note there will be service delays for curbside residential waste and recycling collection in observance of the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. Please see the recycling cart graphic on page 3 for further guidance. ■



Toys for Tots Donations

The 2022 holiday season marks the 75th anniversary of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program, which distributes toys to less fortunate children during the holidays. The Elk Grove Village Police Department serves as a proud drop-off location for Toys for Tots.

This year, the amount of toys collected for Toys for Tots was outstanding! Thank you to everyone who generously donated. Thanks to your kind efforts, countless children will receive a special gift to unwrap this holiday season. ■

Message from the Board

2022 Tree Lighting Ceremony

Last month, we had record attendance at our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony! The 2022 ceremony featured a performance by New Colony Six and a special fireworks show leading up to Santa's arrival in our very own Makers Wanted NASCAR stock car!

We are thrilled that so many residents joined us to get into the holiday spirit. A special thank you to Gatwood Crane Service, Inc., the Lions and Leo Clubs, members of the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments, and CERT members for their time and services to support this event!

Holiday Tree & Lights Display

The holiday lights display and holiday tree located on the Village Green (901 Wellington Ave.) will be up throughout the holiday season. We encourage you to come out with your family to enjoy the festive display!

"Stuff the Squad" Toy Drive

On November 26, the Elk Grove Village Police Department hosted a

"Stuff the Squad" toy drive at the Walmart in Elk Grove Village.

Together, our community raised over \$3,000 and collected thousands of toys for children in need this holiday season! We would like to thank those who participated in this wonderful event!

Annual Police and Seniors Together (PAST) Luncheon

On December 9, the Police Department hosted its annual PAST holiday luncheon at the Sheila Ray Adult Center. Approximately 90 seniors enjoyed a holiday meal with our officers.

PAST is a monthly meeting with senior citizens and police officers to discuss various safety topics.

Winter Weather Preparedness

As winter approaches, our Public Works Department stands ready to respond to winter storms. While Public Works has diligently prepared for winter weather, you can help our community achieve a successful snow removal season by learning about your role in snow and ice removal, which can be found on page 5 of this issue.



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.

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.

Overnight Parking Restrictions Waived for the Holidays

Overnight parking permissions will begin on Saturday, December 17 at 2:00 a.m. and will end on Monday, January 2 at 5:00 a.m.

Please note that residential street parking is prohibited if there are more than two inches of snow on the ground or if the Village is expecting snow. Vehicles must be cleared from the street until snow removal operations are finished. ■

Recycle Your Batteries at Village Hall



Did you know that lithium battery fires are a major concern in the solid waste and recycling industry? The composition of lithium batteries can cause them to explode if damaged or crushed, which may cause a fire to ignite. Properly disposing of batteries is critical in reducing the risk of fires.

Residents may drop off lithium or non-lithium batteries at the Community Development Department in Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave.) for proper disposal. The Community Development Department is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ■

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.

HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING 1/2/23 - 1/16/23

Groot will be collecting live holiday trees for recycling during the first two weeks of January.

Place your holiday tree on your curbside on your regular collection date.

Please do not put trees in plastic bags and make sure all decorations are removed. ■



Upcoming Community Blood Drive

The next upcoming community blood drive will be held on Saturday, January 14 at Village Hall (901 Wellington Avenue) from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may make an appointment to donate by scanning the QR code to the right, calling Vitalant at 877-258-4825, or by visiting [Vitalant.org](https://www.vitalant.org). Walk-ins are also welcome. ■



Green Grove: Winter Anti-Icing Program



In 2020, the Public Works Department began using a biodegradable anti-icing liquid derived from refined sugar beet molasses on key roadways before a snow storm begins. Biodegradable means that something can be reabsorbed into the environment without causing pollution. Sugar enhances the performance of the rock salt that is used to prevent snow and ice from accumulating on roads. As a result, less salt is needed to remove snow and ice during winter road maintenance operations.

Excess salt on roadways can have corrosive effects on vehicles and roads over time and is harmful to waterways,

roadside plants, and wildlife. By using this anti-icing liquid on Village roads, the Public Works Department reduces the amount of rock salt needed, thereby protecting our infrastructure and environment.

Visit elkgrove.org/sustain for more information about the Village's sustainable actions or to submit your ideas for a Sustainability Action Plan. ■



New Smoke Alarm Regulations in Effect Jan. 1, 2023

Since 1988, smoke alarms have been required in all residential dwellings in Illinois, including single-family homes, multi-family homes, hotels, rental properties, dormitories, etc. In 2017, the Illinois Smoke Detector Act was revised to reflect advances in alarm technology. As part of that revision, effective January 1, 2023, any new smoke alarm being installed in a single or multi-family home must feature a 10-year sealed (non-removable) battery. A sealed battery alarm ensures that the power source cannot be removed from the unit and, if properly maintained, will last the life of the device.

Existing non-hardwired battery-powered smoke alarms must be replaced with a 10-year, sealed battery smoke alarm when it meets **any** of the following criteria:

- The unit is 10 years older than the date of manufacture (or there is no manufacture date on the device);
- The unit is no longer operational or fails to respond to operability tests; or
- A new device is being installed.

As a reminder, make sure to install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. There should be an alarm within 15 feet of every sleeping area and preferably inside all bedrooms. Choose installation locations away from the path of steam from bathrooms and cooking vapors from the kitchen, which can result in false or nuisance alarms. Smoke alarms should be installed away from windows, doors, or ducts, where drafts might interfere with their operation.

Working smoke alarms double your chance of survival and provide inexpensive protection for you and your family. Since most fatal home fires happen at night when you are asleep and are least able to respond quickly, early warning of a fire is critical. Make sure everyone in your household knows the sound of the smoke alarm and knows what to do if they hear the sound.

We thank all of our residents for practicing fire safety and for helping to make Elk Grove Village a fire-safe community. If you have questions about smoke alarm installation or placement, please call the Elk Grove Village Public Education Division at 847-734-8027. ■





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, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Residents can drop off holiday lights and extension cords now through April 30, 2023. The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclable materials. Call 847-357-4220 for more information. ■

Friendly Reminder from the Elk Grove Village Police Department

Keep your holidays merry and bright — please do not drive impaired! If you plan to use impairing substances, always plan for an alternative mode of transportation before you drive, such as designating a sober driver or using a ridesharing app. ■



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. ■

Arlington Heights Road Rehabilitation Update

We are thrilled to share that the Arlington Heights Road Rehabilitation Project has been substantially completed. We are fortunate to have the main stretch of roadway and sidewalks fully re-opened for motorists and pedestrians before the winter season. The project has yielded a widened sidewalk, improved ADA curb ramps, bi-directional turn lanes, and 1.2 miles of newly-paved roadway. The final touches will take place when the weather warms up next year.

Here's the work you can expect to see in the spring of 2023:

- Additional landscaping on the west parkway, including ornamental trees and grasses, shrubs, and perennial flowers will be added. Sod will also be placed in the parkway on the west side of Arlington Heights Road.
- New, dark red decorative stamped thermoplastic will be placed at the Biesterfield Road intersection, as well as the side streets off of Arlington Heights Road, along the project area.
- The medians that are currently asphalted will also be receiving the same dark red decorative stamped thermoplastic upgrades as the crosswalks.
- Sidewalk replacement on the west side of Arlington Heights Road, from Boardwalk Street to Brantwood Avenue will be completed.
- A parapet railing will be installed on the top of the retaining wall located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Arlington Heights Road and John F. Kennedy Boulevard.



The project was substantially completed in November, even while construction across the Chicagoland area faced numerous challenges in the past year. This past summer, several setbacks occurred outside the Village's control, with the biggest impact being the strike by workers at local quarries, which created a shortage of sand, gravel, and crushed stone. Without these raw materials, concrete and asphalt were not being produced from those aggregates for a majority of the summer season. Additionally, a cement shortage in September limited and delayed production on items that directly affected the project's finish date.

Despite these challenges, we are pleased that the project was nearly completed this year, and we look forward to the finishing touches in the spring. ■

Winter Months are a Prime Time for Warm-Up Thefts

Warm-up theft occurs when thieves steal cars that have been left running to warm up while unlocked and unattended — it is an open invitation for thieves! If you must warm up your car unattended, use a remote starter or lock your vehicle and use a spare key. It only takes a few seconds for a thief to strike anywhere, including residential areas, private driveways, convenience stores, or gas stations.

Never leave your car running while unlocked and unattended. Make sure you lock up your car and take your keys anytime, anywhere! ■



KDS Beauty Salon Grand Opening



On December 8, Village Officials attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for KDS Beauty Salon, located at 650 Meacham Road. KDS is a full service salon with licensed and highly-skilled professionals offering various beauty services. We wish KDS Beauty the best of luck in their new venture! ■



Pace Dial-A-Ride

Pace provides curb-to-curb Dial-A-Ride bus service to Elk Grove Village residents Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fares for a one-way trip are \$1.30 per person, with a discounted fare of \$0.65 for senior citizens (ages 65 or older) and disabled residents.

Residents are encouraged to call one hour in advance of their desired pickup time.

To make a Dial-A-Ride Reservation, please call:

Elk Grove Village Reservation Line

847-299-6212

If experiencing connection issues, please call:

Regional Reservation Line

800-229-0765

To report Pace service issues please submit comments, complaints, and information to: passenger.services@pacebus.com or call 847-364-7223. ■

Home Winterization Tips

Now that winter weather is upon us, it is important to protect the interior and exterior of your property. The following tips can help you prepare your home for the winter season:

Prevent Freezing Pipes:

- Seal or caulk any cracks that might let cold air in, especially places where pipes run from the inside to the outside of your home, such as dryer vents or water pipes.
- Disconnect all garden hoses and check that any outdoor faucets with shutoff valves are drained and closed.

Fireplace Maintenance

- Remove soot, debris, and/or leaves from the chimney and the firebox before igniting.
- Check the flue damper to make sure it opens and closes properly.
- Only burn seasoned firewood or gas logs per manufacturer's regulations.
- Consult with a licensed chimney sweep or fireplace service technician for repair or maintenance.

Furnace Maintenance

- Change the air filter regularly to keep your furnace running efficiently.
- Consult with an HVAC professional annually to test and service your furnace to ensure it is functioning properly.

Please contact the Community Development Department at 847-357-4220 with any questions. ■



Door-to-Door Solicitors

All persons seeking to solicit within the Village, other than religious or political organizations that are protected under the First Amendment, are required to apply for a Certificate of Registration within the Village. This does not include people who are exclusively distributing fliers. Although the Village registers solicitors, it does not endorse or support the company or product being solicited.

Village Ordinance requires the individual to apply within the Village Clerk's Office prior to doing any door-to-door business in the Village. The Village reviews the application and conducts a background check for each individual. Upon approval, the applicant is issued a Solicitor Identification Card, which must be visibly displayed at all times while soliciting in the Village. Identification cards include a photo of the solicitor, their name and permit expiration date. Uninvited solicitors or suspicious individuals who cannot provide proof of solicitor registration should be reported immediately by calling 9-1-1. Current solicitors can be viewed on the Village website.

No solicitor, whether registered with the Village or not, is permitted to engage in soliciting prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Soliciting is not permitted on Sundays or on state or national holidays. ■



Groot Online Services

Did you know that Groot offers multiple ways to contact them online?

Groot's website (groot.com) offers a Virtual Assistant to schedule special pickup services, report services, and more! Additionally, Groot has a mobile app which can be used to pay your bill, get pickup reminders, report service issues, check the proper way to dispose of an item, and contact customer service.

The Groot App is available for download from the Apple App Store or on the Google Play Store. Find the app by searching "Groot". ■

