

ELK GROVE Villager

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Elk Grove Village Remembers Long-Time Serving Trustee Nancy J. Czarnik (October 25, 1941 to January 29, 2023)

It is with deep sadness that Elk Grove Village announces that former Village Trustee, Nancy J. Czarnik, passed away suddenly on January 29, 2023. She will always be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, travel enthusiast, committed benefactor, and a dedicated long-time serving elected official in Elk Grove Village.

Elected and reelected 8 times, Nancy J. Czarnik passionately served the residents and businesses of Elk Grove Village as a Village Trustee for 32 years.

Nancy Czarnik brought tremendous charm and grace, combined with a keen business sense to her public service career, achieving several noteworthy accomplishments throughout her 32 years as an elected official.

Nancy's husband, Frank Czarnik, for whom an annual college scholarship is named, was first involved in the community as a youth sports coach with the Elk Grove Park District. He later ran for an elected opening on the Park Board of Commissioners. At the time, Nancy was content on letting Frank work the political side as she held a full-time position as a loan officer with what is now Chase Bank.

After living in Elk Grove since 1968 and relocating to her second home in town on the west side of the Village, Nancy too immersed herself in Village affairs. Nancy first became involved in Elk Grove Village as an appointed member of the Plan Commission on April 25, 1989, during the high-growth phase of the Village. When the Village needed a west side resident with a business mindset, Nancy was asked by Mayor Charles J. Zettek to join the Village Board in November 1989.

During her tenure on the Village Board, Nancy was involved in just about every facet of the community. Most notably, Nancy was the Village Trustee representative for the Parade Committee since its inception in 1997 and served as the Parade Committee Chairperson through the Parade's 23rd anniversary in 2021. Nancy spearheaded the idea of a Hometown Parade to showcase the Village's community organizations and groups while bringing together families, neighbors, and friends.

Over the course of three decades, Nancy's passion for community events expanded as she served as a co-chair for several other festivities, including the 40th Anniversary Celebration, 50th Anniversary Celebration, and the Village's Camelot on the Green celebration.

On the governance side, Nancy was steadfast in becoming involved with almost every committee of the Village Board and even served as the Village's first Deputy Mayor from June of 2020 through November of 2021. Nancy retired as the chairperson of the Capital Improvements Committee as well as the Business Leaders Forum. Nancy also chaired the Judiciary, Planning, and Zoning Committee as well as the Personnel Committee and the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee.



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Message from the Board

Remembering Former Village Trustee Nancy J. Czarnik

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of former Village Trustee Nancy J. Czarnik. Nancy was a passionate servant leader and will forever leave a lasting legacy in this community. We would like to express our sincerest condolences to Nancy's family and loved ones.

Coffee with the Mayor & Board

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Coffee with the Mayor & Board event on February 4. We host these events on a quarterly basis in a casual setting to meet residents and discuss any concerns or questions.

Our next Coffee with the Mayor & Board will take place on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Village Hall (901 Wellington Avenue).

Community Blood Drive Results

On Saturday, January 14, the Village hosted a community blood drive and collected 49 donations, which will help save approximately 147 lives. Thank you to the residents who participated!

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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.

Our next Community Blood Drive will take place on Saturday, April 8 at Village Hall.

ADA Survey Reminder

The Village is in the process of creating an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan to help upgrade pedestrian facilities and public sidewalks. If you have feedback related to ADA issues, please complete the survey by visiting elkgrove.org/ADAsurvey or fill out a paper survey by visiting the Community Development counter at Village Hall. Survey responses are due by March 10.

Summer Help Wanted!

Are you looking for a fun and local job this summer? Whether you are about to graduate high school and are interested in a career in public works or looking to spend your summer working outdoors before heading off to school in the fall, there are many unique opportunities available with the Elk Grove Village Public Works Department!

Summer positions are now available and the hours can be scheduled to meet your needs. To learn more and to apply, please visit 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.

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). ■



A Friendly Reminder from the Elk Grove Village Police Department

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

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



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In this light, Nancy was an active Board and Committee member, immersing herself in every aspect of public service. Village Manager Matthew Roan fondly recalls how deeply Nancy cared about the Elk Grove community. “Nancy was the voice of reason,” said Village Manager Roan. “She was instinctively curious—always taking the time to ensure she had a thorough understanding of what was going on in the community. Nancy’s commitment to the services and programs set forth by the organization will always be remembered.”

As one of her deepest honors, Nancy truly relished serving those in need through the Community Service Office, where she supported the annual holiday gift program, respite programs, and mental health services for those in need. She served as chairperson of the Health & Community Services Advisory Committee and served as a member of the Community Service Board. Nancy was also instrumental in creating the position of Community

Health Nurse prior to Medicare supporting the medical needs of residents.

Nancy also served on the Board of Directors of the Joint Action Water Agency as well as the Board of Directors of the now defunct TRANSPART.

“Nancy Czarnik was an individual with tremendous accomplishments and wisdom who dedicated decades of her life to public service. Nancy was deeply cherished and will be missed by all of us. The Village Board looked to Nancy’s strong business acumen and charming personality that made her highly successful in all of her endeavors. The Elk Grove Village community has truly benefited from her work.”
-Mayor Craig Johnson

In addition to serving as chairperson on a variety of committees, Nancy was a member of the Liquor Commission, Gaming Commission, Labor Panel, and Cable Television Committee of the Village.

On her last day in public office, Elk Grove Village dedicated a plaque to Nancy Czarnik that reads: Nancy J. Czarnik has provided decades

of unparalleled ethical leadership, hard work, and great accomplishment for the community that she loves. Elk Grove Village shall be forever grateful for her service to the residents and businesses of the community. With deepest gratitude, respect, and appreciation of the 32 years of dedicated public service to the Village of Elk Grove. ■

Nancy J. Czarnik’s Decades of Regional Public Service:

Village Trustee 1989 - 2021		Deputy Mayor 2020 - 2021	
Personnel Committee 1989 - 1996	Plan Commission 1989	TRANSPART 1989 - 1995	False Alarm Hearing Board 1993 - 2003
Board of Health & Human Services 1993 - 2011	Judiciary, Planning & Zoning Committee 1993 - 2002	Parade Committee 1997 - 2021	Recycling & Waste Committee 1997 - 2021
Capital Improvements Committee 2001 - 2021	Labor Representative 2001 - 2021	Health & Community Services Advisory Committee 2011 - 2021	Business Leaders Forum 2017 - 2021
Liquor Review Commission Advisory Body 2017 - 2021	Gaming Commission Advisory Body 2017 - 2021	License Review Commission Advisory Board 2019 - 2021	Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency 2019 - 2021

"UNITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY" 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTED BY VILLAGE OF ELK GROVE AND ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT



KC AND THE SUNSHINE BAND

TUESDAY, JULY 4 AT 8pm - 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!

THE SPINNERS

TUESDAY, JULY 11 AT 7:30pm - VILLAGE GREEN

60 million albums sold...18 Top 40 Hits...8 Top 10's: "Then Came You", "Working My Way Back To You/Forgive Me, Girl", "Cupid / I've Loved You For A Long Time", "The Rubberband Man", "I'll Be Around", "Could It Be I'm Falling In Love", "One Of A Kind (Love Affair)", "It's A Shame" and more!



ALL-AMERICAN REJECTS

THURSDAY, JULY 20 AT 7:30pm - ROTARY GREEN

ALL ALCOHOL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ROTARY CLUB

AAR have sold 10 million albums worldwide. They are on the "Hot 100 Artists of the 2000s" list and on the "Billboard 200 Artists of the Decade". Hits include "Swing, Swing", "Dirty Little Secret", "Gives You Hell", "Move Along", "It Ends Tonight", "I Wanna". They have toured with everyone from Blink-182 to Bon Jovi.

THE OAK RIDGE BOYS

TUESDAY, JULY 25 AT 7:30pm - VILLAGE GREEN

Dozens of Country hits, a #1 Pop smash, earned Grammy, Dove, CMA, ACM awards and induction in the Country Music Hall of Fame, Gospel Music Hall of Fame, and Vocal Group Hall of Fame...26 top 10 hits and 15 #1 singles. "Wasted Years", "Bobbie Sue", "Thank God For Kids", "Leaving Louisiana In The Broad Daylight", "ELVIRA".



ANN WILSON OF HEART

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 AT 7:30pm - VILLAGE GREEN

Regarded as one of the greatest voices in the history of rock 'n' roll, Ann Wilson is a true icon, known far and wide as lead singer and songwriter of rock band, Heart...35 million album sold and induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2013... "Magic Man", "Crazy On You", "Love Alive", "Even It Up", "Barracuda", "Straight On"



Join the Public Works Citizen's Academy!

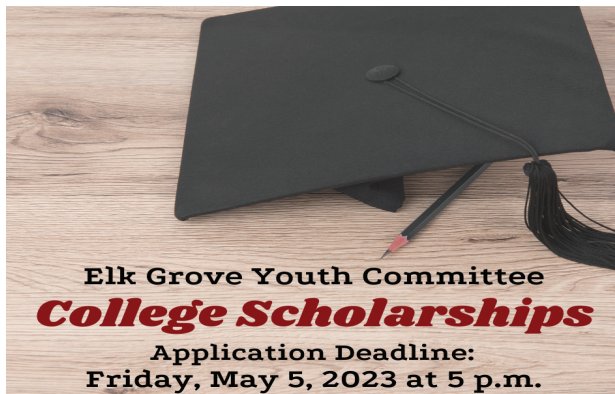
This spring, the Elk Grove Village Public Works Department will be holding its second Public Works Citizen's Academy for residents interested in learning more about the Public Works Department and its operations. This five-week academy will begin on April 19 and will take place on Wednesday evenings, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the James Paul Petri Public Works Facility located at 450 E. Devon Avenue.

Participants will learn about public works operations, tour various facilities, and get to see the heavy duty vehicles and equipment that crews use on a daily basis. Topics covered include: Introduction to Public Works; Engineering; General Operations; Fleet and Facility Services; and Water, Storm, and Sanitary Utilities.

If you are interested in participating in the Citizen's Academy, please visit elkgrove.org/citizenacademies and fill out the application and waiver found on the website. Completed applications and waivers should be emailed to bsouthey@elkgrove.org or mailed to the James Paul Petri Public Works facility no later than April 12, 2023. ■



Elk Grove Youth Committee Scholarships Now Available



The Elk Grove Youth Committee, in partnership with the Village and the Elk Grove Parks Foundation, will be issuing seven (7) \$1,000 scholarship awards to recognize high school seniors for their outstanding leadership, community participation, and service within the community.

Please visit elkgrove.org/scholarships to review the application. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 5 at 5:00 p.m. Completed applications must be submitted to the Administration Counter on the second level of Village Hall. Winners will be notified in early June. For any questions about this scholarship opportunity, please call 847-357-4030. ■

9-1-1: Call if You Can, Text if You Can't

Did you know that you can text 9-1-1 for emergency services if you live in or travel through the Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS) service area? This technology is especially helpful to those who are hard of hearing, deaf, or speech-impaired.

Remember, even with this advanced technology, the best way to contact 9-1-1 continues to be via voice communications whenever possible. Texting should only be used during an emergency when you cannot communicate verbally. ■



Green Grove: Green Building Features

Did you know that the Charles J. Zetek Municipal Complex (Village Hall) was the first LEED Gold Certified village hall in Illinois? When Fire Station 8, 10, and the new Public Works facility were constructed, the Village took the opportunity to incorporate some of the environmentally-friendly features used at Village Hall into the new buildings!

Each of the new buildings maximize the use of natural light by using as many windows as possible. As natural light increases, less electricity is needed to illuminate rooms, generating energy savings. Glass used for these windows has a thin, transparent coating that reflects heat (called “low emissivity” or “Low-E” glass). This coating helps to prevent heat from escaping in the winter and from entering in the summer, resulting in lower energy use related to heating and cooling.

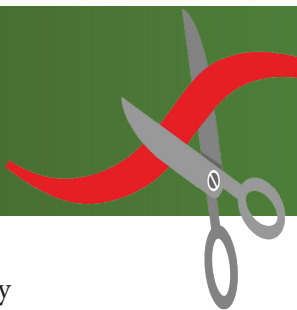
Energy is also conserved through the use of LED lighting instead of incandescent light bulbs. LED (light-emitting diode) products are 90% more efficient than traditional incandescent bulbs. This saves energy and money because less electricity is used to produce the same amount of light. Occupancy and vacancy sensors are also used throughout the municipal buildings. These are motion sensors that detect when a room is empty and automatically control lighting. The motion sensors conserve energy by making sure lights are off in rooms that are empty.

Water is conserved in these buildings through various features like low-flow and automatic faucets that use less water and turn off by themselves. There are also water bottle filling stations in each building that conveniently refill reusable water bottles.

Visit elkgrove.org/sustain for more information about the Village’s sustainable actions and to learn more about green building features. ■



Ribbon Cutting: Louisville Tile Pro Shop

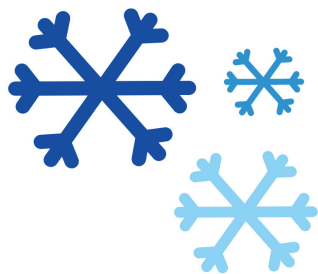


Last month, Village officials attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Louisville Tile Pro Shop to celebrate the grand opening of their new Chicago branch, located at 1659 Howard Street in Elk Grove Village. Louisville Tile is a family-owned company and has provided industry-leading state of the art tile and setting material solutions for over 65 years. ■



Winter Car Safety Tips

With winter in full swing, the Elk Grove Village Police Department would like to remind you to please practice these safety tips to keep you and your family safe this winter:



- Always remember to clear snow and fully defrost your car windows (windshield, back, and side windows) before you start driving for complete visibility of the roads.
- Keep your windshield washer full of de-icing fluid to easily clear dirt, salt, and slush while driving during the winter months.
- Replace wipers when needed - if your windshield isn't getting clean, it may be time for new wipers. ■

Tips for Hiring a Contractor

1. Do your Due Diligence:

- Research contractors on Yelp, Google, and the Better Business Bureau to see others' experiences with the contractor.
- Request referrals from recent local customers.
- Be wary of contractors with negative reviews.

2. Seek Multiple Bids:

- Get at least three (3) bids in writing to ensure that you are paying a fair price and are comfortable with the contractor.
- Be sure the scope of work is the same when comparing each contractor.

3. Get a Written Contract:

- Before any payments are made and work begins, have the scope of work, materials, cost estimates, completion dates, payment schedules, and any warranties or guarantees of the work in a written contract.
- Do not sign anything until you have read it carefully and understand it.

4. Insurance, Bonding, Licensing, and Registration:

- Ensure your contractor is fully insured and bonded for the work being performed.
- Ask for a certificate of insurance indicating you as the additional insured and request a copy of the contractor's bond, as well as their license. If they will not comply, this is a warning sign.

5. Permitting:

- The Village requires permits for most home improvement projects.
- Be cautious of contractors who refuse to get permits.

6. Paying for Home Repairs:

- Negotiate a payment schedule based on the completion of stages of work completed.
- Down payments should be as minimal as possible. Make subsequent payments after the portion of work is completed to your expectations and as stipulated in the contract.

7. Request a Sworn Statement:

Illinois law states that an owner can require the contractor to provide a sworn statement of persons furnishing materials and labor before any payments are made to the contractor.

- Sworn statements are a list of names and addresses and amount to be paid to contractors and their subcontractors performing the work on your home.
- Lien Waivers should be provided from all contractors and subcontractors at the time of payment.

The Community Development Department is available for contractor, permit, and inspection questions. Please contact 847-357-4220 for more information. ■

Does Your Tap Water Appear to be Cloudy?

This time of year, you may notice that your tap water appears to be cloudy or milky; this is typically associated with a decrease in outside temperatures. If you let the water stand for a moment, it will dissipate and clear up. The cloudy appearance is simply due to an increase in air in the water lines. If you listen, you can even hear the air bubbles breaking apart.

Issues like calcium and mineral deposits can also cause the water to appear unclear. It is a good practice to periodically check and clean the aerators, which are the small screens on most faucets. Mineral deposits can accumulate, causing particles in the water or reduced flow. If you experience further problems with your water, please call the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800. ■



Early Voting Information

Early Voting for the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election will begin on March 20 and will continue through April 3, 2023. Early voting will take place Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Elk Grove Village Hall (901 Wellington Avenue) is an Early Voting location. Anyone living in suburban Cook County can vote at Village Hall during the Early Voting period.

Residents must vote at their designated polling place on Election Day (April 4, 2023). Please keep in mind that Village Hall is not a designated polling place on Election Day. For more information regarding the upcoming election, please visit elkgrove.org/election or contact the Village Clerk's Office at 847-357-4042. ■



Groot observes the following annual holidays:

- New Year's Day -- Sun. 1/1/23
- Memorial Day - Mon. 5/29/23
- Fourth of July - Tues. 7/4/23
- Labor Day - Mon. 9/4/23
- Thanksgiving - Thurs. 11/23/23
- Christmas Day - Mon. 12/25/23

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. ■