

ELK GROVE Villager

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Elk Grove Village Trustee Patton Feichter Announces Retirement from Village Board

Patton (Pat) L. Feichter, who served 27 years as an Elk Grove Village Trustee, as well as nearly seven years on the Elk Grove Village Plan Commission, has announced his retirement from public service.

"Serving as a Village Trustee for 27 years has been an absolute honor. I have genuinely enjoyed making a difference in the lives of those who live, work, and visit Elk Grove Village. I am grateful to have contributed in making the Village the exceptional community it is today," said Trustee Pat Feichter. "My wife and I have been exploring the option of moving to Florida for quite some time now, and I have decided to retire to focus on my health and family."



Prior to his tenure as Village Trustee, Pat was a long-time Political Science teacher at Maine South High School in Park Ridge, where he taught students about the U.S. Constitution. His passion for teaching led to the creation of a program supporting students competing on a state and national level in front of prestigious judges on their knowledge of issues concerning American constitutional rights.

Pat's introduction to public service began in 1989, when he was appointed a member of the Plan Commission during an extremely busy growth phase of the Village. He served on the Plan Commission for almost seven years until he was appointed Village Trustee in 1996 and went on to be elected for six consecutive 4-year terms.

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Villages Closes 2022 with All-Time Low Vacancy Rate

Earlier this year, Village officials announced that the amount of available 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 Business Park remains among the highest in the region. Elk Grove Village is currently home to over 5,600 businesses which represent a significant portion of the tax base.

According to a report issued by Colliers, a leading commercial real estate brokerage company, Elk Grove Village's industrial rate dropped to 1.5 percent at the end of 2022. Any rate below 5 percent is considered essentially full in the commercial real estate industry, taking in to account shifts in tenant preferences for newer and larger spaces or more amenities.

Village officials attribute the record-low vacancy rate to the great success of the Village's "Beyond Business Friendly" approach to attract and retain businesses, as well as engagement in unique opportunities to put the Makers Wanted brand on display for manufacturing and high-tech companies worldwide. ■

Message from the Board

Local Government Day

On March 2, representatives from different Village departments participated in the first Local Government Day at James B. Conant High School. Nearly 500 high school seniors had the opportunity to learn about various careers in local government, and ask staff members questions about their roles and responsibilities. Thank you to Township High School District 211 for allowing our staff to participate in this wonderful event!

Visit with Congresswoman Ramirez

On February 23, Mayor Johnson met with Congresswoman Delia C. Ramirez, who represents the Third District of Illinois. During the introductory meeting, Mayor Johnson and Congresswoman Ramirez discussed the Village's federal needs and discussed future opportunities for partnership and collaboration.

2023 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 to 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.

This year's improvements include the Roadway Maintenance Program (pages 6 and 7), Water and Sewer Systems Improvements (page 7), and Environmental and Aesthetic Improvements (page 8). Staff is ready to answer any questions that you may have.

As construction begins, the 2023 construction improvements will be posted on the Village's website at elkgrove.org/construction. You can also sign up for construction updates at elkgrove.org/stayconnected.



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 (retired 2/27/23).

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.

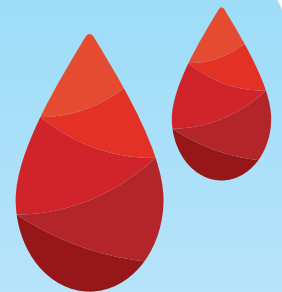
Village Board meetings are generally held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Community Blood Drive



Saturday, April 8
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Village Hall
(901 Wellington Ave.)

To make an appointment, scan the QR code to the left, call Vitalant at **877-258-4825**, or visit vitalant.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Elk Grove Village Trustee Patton Feichter Announces Retirement from Village Board

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During his tenure on the Village Board, Pat served as a member and chair of the Recycling & Waste Committee for over 13 years. He was a huge proponent in creating convenient recycling opportunities for the members of the community and spearheaded bringing the Village's Paint & Motor Oil Recycling event to fruition.

As an avid runner and cyclist, Pat served as a liaison with the Friends of Cycling in Elk Grove Village and championed the opening and extension of pedestrian use paths in the Village and neighboring areas. Most recently, Pat served as a member of the Elk Grove Village Bicycle Plan Task Force in 2021, supporting the addition of safe and efficient pathways for cyclists and creating an opportunity for new routes and cycling connectivity to the Village's bicycle network.

During his tenure, Pat was involved in several Village Board Committees. He served as Chair of the Personnel Committee, Information Committee, and Capital Improvements Committee. Pat also was a member of the Youth Committee, Judiciary Planning & Zoning Committee and the False Alarm Hearing Board.

Feichter represented Elk Grove Village on a variety of local and regional Boards and Committees.

He was involved in the Community Character Coalition

for 11 years, a few of which he served as President of the Coalition representing the Village. Pat provided input on several special celebration and recognition events hosted by the CCC in line with their vision to create a quality of life for the Elk Grove community supported by core ethical values and good character practices.

Pat also represented the Village as a board member of Meet Chicago Northwest, a regional destination marketing organization that represents eight surrounding communities, including Elk Grove Village, and works to attract local tourism and enhance the local economy through visitor spending.

His efforts expanded internationally as he represented Elk Grove Village in Pernik,

Bulgaria. Pat was a strong supporter of the Village's Friendship City agreement with Pernik which began in 2018. The intention of the friendship agreement is to encourage the sharing of ideas and cultural exchanges between the two communities. Pat participated in two visits to Pernik where he met with Pernik officials, attended a variety of traditional Bulgarian activities, and gained a better understanding of the educational, cultural, and economic developments ongoing in the community.

In total, Pat Feichter served with 2 Mayors, 9 Village Trustees, and 3 Village Managers. He attended 519 Village Board meetings and voted on 1,220 Village Ordinances as well as 1,574 Village Resolutions. ■

**"For the past 33 years of his public service career, Pat served our community in a professional and distinguished manner. Pat has been a steady hand on our Village Board whose knowledge and leadership will be greatly missed. We wish Pat and his wife Anne all the best as they embark on their next adventure and a well-deserved retirement."
-Mayor Craig Johnson**

Avoid IRS Scams this Tax Season

Tax season is upon us! Here is what you need to know to avoid tax scams:

- The IRS will generally first contact people by mail, not by phone, about tax-related matters.
- If the IRS does contact you by phone, they will not insist on any prepayment using a prepaid debit card, money order, or wire transfer.
- The IRS will never request personal or financial information by email, text, letter, or social media.
- If you believe the IRS is trying to contact you, call their main number at 800-829-1040 to verify.

If you fall victim to tax scams, please report it to your local Police Department and to the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at www.tigta.gov. ■

"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"



Save the Date for “Celebration of Community” Event to Mark Five-Year Anniversary of Elk Grove Village Cares

The Village will mark the five-year anniversary of Elk Grove Village Cares, an opioid and addiction treatment initiative that has helped scores of residents, with a “Celebration of Community” on Sunday, June 4, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The celebratory event will include a car show, food trucks, and musical entertainment. The celebration, located in the areas surrounding the Village Green, will kick off with a cruise night auto show from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in a special partnership with Those Guys Car Club. Local artist and entertainer Tony Ocean will be providing entertainment from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for participants and spectators of the auto show. A variety of food trucks serving both sweet and savory treats will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for guests to enjoy during a special concert performance by The Grass Roots at 6:00 p.m.

In addition, special guest Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi will present a check for \$500,000 in recognition of federal funding he helped secure to offset treatment costs in support of the Village’s Elk Grove Village Cares program.

More information about the Celebration of Community event is available at elkgrove.org/celebration. ■



CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY Sunday June 4

3:00-5:00pm

CRUISE NIGHT TONY OCEAN



4:00-7:30pm

FOOD TRUCKS



6:00pm

GRASS ROOTS CONCERT



Special Spring Leaf Collection Taking Place April 3

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 3. 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.

Important Program Rules:

- Place your leaves on the street by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 3. 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.
- Please do not park on the street from 7:00 a.m. on April 3 until all leaves are removed. Please know it may take a few days to remove all of the leaves.
- 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. ■

2023 Roadway Construction Projects

Busse Road (IL Route 83) and Devon Avenue Intersection Resurfacing

The Village, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation, will be resurfacing the Busse Road and Devon Avenue intersection. The project will include resurfacing the east and west legs of the intersection along Devon Avenue, as well as installing accessible curb ramp upgrades, sidewalk widening along the northwest parkway, a new seven foot wide sidewalk along the southeast parkway and the replacement of a bus shelter. This project is anticipated to begin in late summer and to be completed by the end of the year.

Street Resurfacing Program

This year's Street Resurfacing Program consists of resurfacing 9.3 miles of streets, pavement patching, rehabilitation of curbs and sidewalks as needed, as well as improvements to accessible curb ramps.

The construction activities are generally broken down into four 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 will take 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, paving the new asphalt surface and the painting of pavement markings. Friendly reminder: A tack-coat of fresh oil is applied prior to laying the new pavement layer as an adhesive or bonding agent between the asphalt layers. Fresh oil signage will be posted in advance to remind motorist to travel slowly on the tack-coat material.

Phase IV (Restoration) – Final restoration of all disturbed areas to be completed.



Residential Street Resurfacing

The following 6.3 miles of residential roadways are anticipated to be resurfaced starting in May and to be completed by mid-October:

Banbury Lane, Wellington Avenue to Gateshead North
Bangor Lane, Maine Drive to Maine Drive
Beisner Road, Bristol Lane to Biesterfield Road
Berkenshire Lane, Banbury Avenue to Devon Avenue
Brighton Road, Berkenshire Lane to Kingsbridge Road
Clearmont Drive, Ridge Avenue to Tonne Road
Crest Avenue, Wildwood Road to Landmeier Road
Dorchester Lane, Trowbridge Road to Trowbridge Road
Dover Lane, Berkenshire Lane to Berkenshire Lane
Exmoor Road, Wellington Avenue to Cheltenham Road
Gateshead North, Banbury Avenue to Cheltenham Road
Gateshead South, Cheltenham Road to Banbury Avenue
Gloria Drive, Haar Lane to Roosa Lane
Gloucester Drive, Beisner Road to Leicester Road

Gregory Court, Roosa Lane to South End
Haar Lane, Meacham Road to East End
Hudson Court, West End to Biesterfield Road
Judy Drive, Roosa Lane to Haar Lane
Kingsbridge Road, Banbury Avenue to Wellington Avenue
Leicester Road, Wellington Avenue to Biesterfield Road
Lowestoft Lane, Cheltenham Road to Exmoor Road
Lynne Drive, Yarmouth Road to Banbury Avenue
Maine Drive, Baltimore Drive to Baltimore Drive
Patricia Court, West End to Roosa Lane
Roosa Lane, Von Braun Trail to Meacham Road
Susan Court, Gloria Drive to Northeast End
Trowbridge Road, Somerset Lane to Berkenshire Lane

The Village will also be resurfacing 3.0 miles of roadways in the Business Park. For more information, please see page 14. ■

2023 Roadway Construction Projects (continued)

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 7.4 miles of streets that were resurfaced during the 2022 Street Resurfacing Program (A full list of streets is available in the March 2022 issue of the Villager, which can be found on the Village website). 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.



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. ■

Water and Sewer System Improvements



Lunt Avenue Water Main Replacement

The Lunt Avenue Water Main is over 60 years old, has exceeded its useful service life, and is in need of replacement. The improvement project is slated to begin in the late summer of 2023. The work includes installation of approximately 5,200 feet of 12 water main and water service connections along Lunt Avenue, from IL Rte. 83/Busse Road to Elmhurst Road.

Lift Station Rehabilitation

This summer, 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.

Touhy and Pratt Sanitary Main Replacement

This spring, 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.

The Village will also be relocating the Village's east side water tower, located on Pratt Boulevard. For more information, please see page 14. ■



Environmental and Aesthetic Improvements

Clearmont Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

The Village will begin a \$2.8 million improvement to replace the Clearmont Pedestrian Bridge over Salt Creek. The Village was awarded a \$1,667,205 grant through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) for this project.

The existing bridge will be replaced with a new 400-foot span by 14-foot wide structure. With the new structure being twice the length of the existing bridge, it removes the structure from the floodplain, reducing flooding and eliminating closures of the bridge. The wider bridge deck will accommodate cyclists pulling trailers and will facilitate the shared use by pedestrians and cyclists. The new steel truss bridge will also include the replacement of pathway lighting, aesthetic improvements, and the installation of an overlook for pedestrians to view wildlife.

Construction will begin with the removal of trees in March. The bridge replacement is anticipated to begin in early fall, pending the offsite bridge fabrication and delivery.



Oakton Street Multi-Use Path Construction

The proposed project will construct an 8-foot wide multi-use path along Oakton Street, from Bonnie Lane to Crossen Avenue, closing a 1,000 foot gap between two recently constructed off-street path projects. The project will also improve accessible pedestrian crossings at the intersecting streets and will create a continuous pedestrian route from Busse Road (IL Route 83) all the way to the Busse Woods Forest Preserve. This project is part of a larger plan to provide a continuous multi-use path throughout the corridor. ■

Yard Waste Pickup Begins April 1

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

Yard Waste 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 yard waste 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. ■



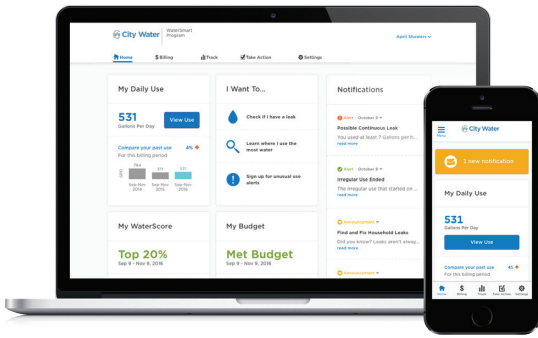
Green Grove: Water Consumption Monitoring



March 20 through 26 is the Environmental Protection Agency's "Fix a Leak Week" that encourages individuals to save water by catching any household leaks. In early 2020, the Village began replacing manual read meters with radio read meters that automatically transmit data to the Village so staff can identify abnormally high water usage and inform residents

of any potential leaks. A year later, the Village went a step further and introduced WaterSmart, an online water consumption customer portal that allows residents to monitor their own water consumption and automatically receive notifications of potential leaks.

Minor water leaks waste nearly 1 trillion gallons of water each year nationwide. This wasted water cannot be recycled or reused, diminishing the nation's overall water supply. The new radio read meters and WaterSmart portal prevent these leaks from becoming a significant problem, helping the Village conserve water while saving residents money! Visit elkgrove.org/watersmart to sign up for the WaterSmart portal and elkgrove.org/sustain to learn more about the Village's sustainable actions or to submit your ideas for a Sustainability Action Plan. ■



Save the Date! Paint & Motor Oil Collection Event Saturday, May 6, 2023

Elk Grove Village is hosting a Paint & Motor Oil Collection Event on Saturday, May 6. 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 elkgrove.org/recycling.

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

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. ■



Spring Large Branch Collection

The Village appreciates our residents' 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.

Large Branch Collection Weeks

Residential Community East of IL Route 53: April 17 – April 21

Residential Community West of IL Route 53: April 24– April 28

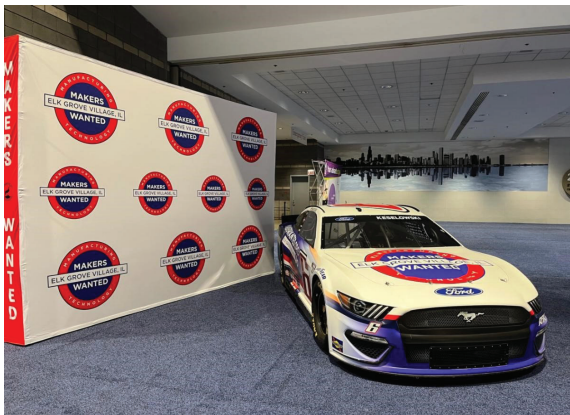
Important Program Rules:

- 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. and 4:30 p.m. to have your address listed for pickup. Calls must be received no later than Friday at 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. ■



Makers Wanted Stock Car Makes Debut at 2023 Chicago Auto Show



Last month, visitors of the Chicago Auto Show got an up close and personal look at one of the Makers Wanted stock cars that will be roaring down Chicago streets this summer as part of the NASCAR Chicago Street Race Weekend. The Village participated in the Auto Show's Family Day, which was sponsored by the Daily Herald, in partnership with Meet Chicago Northwest. Families and visitors alike learned more about the Village's unique partnership with RFK Racing and had the opportunity to spin a wheel to win unique prizes.

Last fall, the Village announced a sponsorship initiative with RFK Racing that gives Elk Grove Village team naming rights, meaning that its Makers Wanted logo and brand will appear prominently on Brad Keselowski's #6 stock car during the NASCAR Chicago Street Race events beginning in 2023. The logo will also appear on the uniforms of the driver and pit crew, in addition to signage in the pit area.

The Village's Makers Wanted brand showcases its "Beyond Business Friendly" approach to attract and retain manufacturing and high-tech companies. ■

Wildlife Tips for Skunks and Coyotes

Skunk and coyote mating season is upon us, which means these animals may be more active in the community. The Community Development Environmental Health Division recommends residents be aware of their surroundings and take action to deter these animals.

Here are some helpful tips to keeps in mind:

- Keep garbage properly contained and sealed.
- Secure and seal openings under sheds and decks.
- Leave outdoor lights on or purchase a motion-activated light.
- Keep bird and pet food contained indoors.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed and clean up brushy areas.

To address coyote concerns, the Village has partnered with Scientific Wildlife Management, which reviews coyote sighting reports and performs investigations. To complete a coyote sighting report, please scan the QR code to the right or fill it out online by visiting the Village website.

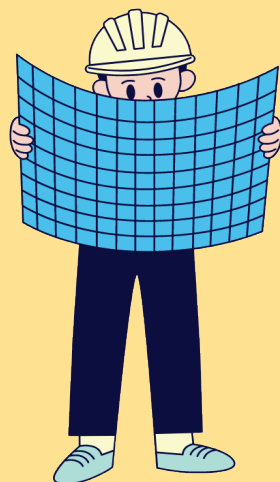
Contact a licensed wildlife removal company if you have skunks living on your property.

For questions regarding other suburban wildlife, or for a list of licensed wildlife removal companies, please contact the Environmental Health Division at 847-357-4240. ■



Community Development Services

Before you get too far ahead in planning a construction or home renovation project, the Community Development Department can assist with general questions and, in some cases, offer a cursory review of conceptual plans. This allows all parties involved to better understand the scope of prospective projects and to be proactive on collaborating solutions to potential design alterations needed to meet minimum standards. Contact the Community Development Department at 847-357-4220 for more information related to your future projects. ■



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 Sunday, April 30, 2023. The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclable materials. Call 847-357-4220 for more information. ■

Upgraded Customer Self-Service Portal

Earlier this month, the Customer Self-Service (CSS) portal was updated. The update provided log-in improvements and added security to access your account in the comfort of your own home.

If accessing the upgraded CSS for the first time, the portal requires you to reset your password. The transition will not interrupt automatic payments for the March due date or e-bill enrollments. All of our popular services are available.

Save a stamp or a trip by enrolling in Auto Pay! Auto Pay is our most convenient payment method, allowing payments to post automatically without delay. You may also submit a one-time payment by using e-check, it is free and easy to use your bank information. Access your account today by visiting elkgrove.org/css.

Call our Utility Billing staff at 847-357-4060 with any questions or concerns about the CSS upgrade. Staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and voicemail messages are returned within one business day. ■

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. ■

Groot observes the following annual holidays:

- New Years 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. ■

“Battle of Chicago” Martial Arts Tournament

Kennedy’s Martial Arts Academy is hosting a martial arts tournament at the Elk Grove Park District Pavilion Gym on April 30 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The event will feature the tae kwon do, tang soo do, and hapkido forms of martial arts. There

is a \$10 per person spectator fee, cash only!

Children under 5 and seniors over 65 are free.

If you are interested in registering or have any questions, contact Master Marie Kennedy at 847-891-8731 or info@tangsoodo.com. ■



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Showcase Your Business with a Visit from Elk Grove Village

Elk Grove Village trustees and staff are continuing Business Ambassador visits in 2023. We make it easy for you 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 Maggie Jablonski, Deputy Village Manager at 847-357-4006 or via email at businessdevelopment@elkgrove.org. We look forward to showing you how Elk Grove Village lives up to its Beyond Business Friendly brand. ■



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Find Out How One Business in Elk Grove Village is Leading the Way in Talent Acquisition



Talent acquisition continues to be top of mind for manufacturers nationwide as difficulty hiring limits many companies' ability to grow or even serve existing customers. As the workforce has changed significantly in the last several years, these companies have to find creative ways to fill open roles and to connect with the employees of the future. One company, in particular, has had early success with a few innovative programs that could inspire others across the county.

Builders Chicago Corp Brings its 96-Year History to Elk Grove Village

Builders Chicago Corp specializes in the installation and maintenance of overhead doors, dock equipment, warehouse solutions, perimeter security, and airport services. The company has a large presence at O'Hare International Airport, Midway International Airport, and the City of Chicago, along with other state and local municipalities.

Builders Chicago employs union iron workers, carpenters, and electricians, along with an experienced sales department, operations, and office staff. They have dedicated teams serving the Chicagoland area, along with 24/7 response for any emergency situation.

Matt Crandall, Chief Operating Officer has worked at Builders Chicago since 2015, but has had an inside view of the company his entire life. Matt represents the fifth generation of family members to run the business since it was founded by Emanuel Langhamer in 1927.

Throughout the years, Builders Chicago has contributed to many historical projects, such as the Art Institute of Chicago, Hawthorne Park Racetrack, and Medinah Temple.

Builders Chicago continues to grow by increasing its customer base and expanding into additional markets along with acquisitions like AcrossTown Door Service acquired in December 2022.

Builders Chicago aims to continue its growth by adding technicians and other industry professionals. Crandall said the company focuses on candidates interested in growing with the company and who align with its core values (Safety; Passion; Reliability; Innovation; Professionalism).

"We continue to grow and expand our business by holding on to our core values, making safety our top priority and meeting and exceeding the needs and expectations of our customers," Crandall said.

To learn more about Builders Chicago Corp, visit builderschicago.com. ■



2023 Village Construction

Business Park Resurfacing

The following 3.0 miles of roadways in the Business Park are anticipated to be resurfaced starting in May and completed by mid-September:

Bennett Road, North Arlington Heights Road to King Street

Bond Street, Higgins Road to Lee Street

Gaylord Street, Higgins Road to Bennett Road

Gordon Street, Higgins Road to Bennett Road

Joey Drive, Higgins Road to Pauly Drive

Kelly Street, Higgins Road to Bennett Road

King Street, Higgins Road to Northwest Point Boulevard

Landmeier Road, Higgins Road to Elmhurst Road

Martin Lane, Higgins Road to Pauly Drive

Pauly Drive, Joey Drive to Martin Lane

Randall Street, Higgins Road to Bennett Road

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. Construction of the new cell tower is scheduled to begin this spring. The construction of a new water tower was completed in December of 2022 at the southwest corner of Busse Road and Oakton Street. Additional site improvements, like decorative fencing and the installation of a new access road, are scheduled to begin this spring. The final stage of the project is painting of the new water tower, which will begin late spring. 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 this fall. ■



Find Out How One Business in Elk Grove Village is Leading the Way in Talent Acquisition

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Innovating the Way Manufacturers Grow from Within

ACME manufactures complex CNC (Computer Numerical Control) machined parts, assemblies, and components for a number of leading OEMs in the Aerospace and Defense, Energy, Mining, and Transportation industries. Because of that complexity, ACME historically required its machinists to bring many years of experience to roles at every level of the company.

More recently, however, candidates with the amount of experience ACME required were not applying for its open positions.

Instead of waiting for applicants to come to ACME, Elders tried a more creative and proactive method of getting in front of them.

Last summer, ACME decided to develop a Junior CNC program and hired outside consultant, Steve Gilbert, to provide the supplemental on-site classroom training during work hours. The program has been an instant success. In 2022, the company saw twice as many applicants as in previous years because of how the role was positioned and advertised, highlighting on-site paid training which includes classroom training.

Working with Local High Schools

Even before the Junior CNC program, ACME began thinking outside the box for ways to mold the next generation of manufacturers.

At the end of 2020, the Greater Chicago Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (GCAMP) asked ACME to create a six-week video series for local high school students in Elk Grove Village and Rolling Meadows in place of the on-site visits and internships that were canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The series, detailing the process from quote to production, inspired District 214 manufacturing career and technical educator, Jon Pieper, to introduce ACME to Jose Cervantes, one of his star pupils.

“Recruitment is really tough right now, so we’ve decided that we have to train our own people and build them up from the ground level,” Elders said. “We’ve had a lot of success with high schools in this area, so we’re really thankful to the community for promoting manufacturing careers.

“These high school students have a good work ethic and they enjoy figuring things out and creating something with their hands,” Elders said. “They’re coming from really good schools with strong manufacturing programs and great teachers.

Cervantes represents a new generation of manufacturers that wants a stable career with good benefits, realistic pay scales and opportunities for growth instead of struggling to make ends meet as a waitress or a clerk like many other 17 and 18-year olds.

The manufacturing employees of the future still have to have the math skills and critical thinking skills taught in school, but Elders recognizes that college may not be for everybody. By offering tuition reimbursement and paid on-site training through the Junior CNC program, ACME employees get the best of both worlds.

“[Cervantes] set the bar high for the kind of people we want to hire. He doesn’t have his own transportation, yet he has never missed a day and he’s always on time,” Elders said. “Some people in their 20s and 30s are just taking any job while still trying to figure out what they want to do with their lives. If they’re not sure, those aren’t the people you want.”

Even though Cervantes started before the Junior CNC program was implemented, ACME recently offered an opportunity for him and five other young employees to go through the program together. ACME has also hired two more high school students from Rolling Meadows who have shown real potential, according to Elders.

Working with Elk Grove Village

By recognizing ACME for the innovative way in which it works with the local community, Elk Grove Village continued its commitment to being Beyond Business Friendly.

“Elk Grove Village does a lot for businesses,” Elders said. “Not every village holds events like Expo and free job fairs for employers, so that says a lot.”

The Elk Grove Village Business Development team also introduced Elders and ACME to the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC) as well as the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Employee Training Grant Program.

ACME is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2023 and has been located in Elk Grove Village since 2008. Today, the company has 140 employees distributed across two buildings in which machinists operate 20 hours per day in two shifts.

To learn more about career opportunities at ACME, visit acmeind.com/careers or contact April Elders directly at 224-612-8040. ■



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An Important Message from the Fire Department

The Elk Grove Village Fire Department partners with our local businesses to help make Elk Grove Village an exceptionally fire-safe community. Our adopted fire code includes important provisions for businesses to assist us in accomplishing this goal.

KnoxBoxes

A KnoxBox is a key safe that allows Fire Department personnel immediate and secure access to your building in the event of an emergency incident. KnoxBoxes can only be accessed by first responders. This program eliminates the cost of property damage due to forced entry and prevents the need for a business representative to respond with building keys after-hours for a false alarm.

The Elk Grove Village Fire Department requires that a KnoxBox be installed on all buildings having an automatic fire alarm or fire suppression system. We suggest that all businesses install a KnoxBox. The key safe should be located at the front entrance and be installed 5 feet from finished ground. KnoxBoxes can be ordered directly from knoxbox.com.

Emergency Contacts

The Fire Department requires all businesses to submit a list of two (2) emergency contacts that we can reach in the event of an after-hours incident at your property. Please scan the QR code to the right to be directed to the contact form. If you cannot access the form, you can send an email to ISD@elkgrove.org with the required information. Remember to include the property address.

For additional information contact the Inspectional Services Division at (847) 734-8020.



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Upcoming GOA Events

The Tasting Room - A Social Experience

Thursday, May 4 5:00 p.m.

1170 W. Devon Ave. Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Join us at The Tasting Room to indulge in a sensory adventure. Immerse yourself in the local flavors and aromas of some of the finest cuisine and drink offerings in our area. Browse items from our silent auction and participate in our 50/50 raffle.

Golf Classic - Presented by Ascension Alexian Brothers

Wednesday, June 7 8:30 a.m.

401 N. Roselle Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60194

Grab your clubs and join us for a fun-filled day of golf, contests, games, and raffle prizes. Sign up as a foursome and entertain clients and friends. Don't have a foursome? We'll pair you with other golfers. Sponsorships are available and a great way to promote your company. Sponsor a hole and greet golfers on the course. ■

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Sponsored By:
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DATE: May 4th 2023
TIME: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Belvedere Banquets
1170 W. Devon Ave.
Elk Grove Village

GOA REGIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

2023 GOLF CLASSIC

Presented By:
Ascension Alexian Brothers

Save THE DATE

This way to golf!

DATE: June 7th 2023
TIME: Shotgun Start 8:30 AM
LOCATION: Schaumburg Golf Club
401 N. Roselle Rd. Schaumburg, IL