

ELK GROVE Villager

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Elk Grove Village Cares Expands to Strengthen Access to Opioid and Substance Abuse Treatment for Youth

Elk Grove Village Cares, a groundbreaking initiative launched five years ago to encourage those with substance abuse problems to seek and receive proper treatment, will now serve a broader audience. Village officials and Elk Grove Village Cares' treatment partners made the announcement at the Celebration of Community event on June 4.

The program will now be open and available to adolescents aged 12-17. The program has already helped make 173 connections to the road to recovery from addiction to opioids, narcotics, and alcohol.

Under the initiative, anyone seeking treatment for their addiction or substance abuse disorder can seek it through the Elk Grove Village Police Department. Individuals looking to get on the road to recovery can present themselves at the Police Department either in person or via phone. Those seeking help will not face arrest. Rather, police officers and counselors will connect individuals to treatment programs and assist in the first steps to recovery.

Under the new program guidelines, adolescents seeking substance abuse treatment via Elk Grove Village Cares must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian when they enter the program. If an unaccompanied adolescent arrives at the Police Department seeking treatment, that individual's parents or legal guardians will be contacted before further action is taken. In order for an adolescent to enter the program, a parent or legal guardian must authorize their participation.

Elk Grove Village Cares will partner with Rosecrance and the Kenneth Young Center for adolescent treatment services. Both specialize in mental health and substance abuse services.

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Multi-Use Sidepath Along Meacham Road Now Completed!

A new 8-foot wide sidepath along the eastern side of Meacham Road was completed this year. The new sidepath spans from Texas Street to I-390 and improves accessibility and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists while also bringing aesthetic improvements.

Meacham Road is a major community roadway, providing passage to various commercial locations on the western side of Elk Grove Village and connecting the community to neighboring areas. Improvements include enhanced crosswalks, new pedestrian signals and push buttons, ADA upgrades, driveway replacements, and landscape enhancements along the eastern parkway.

The Village received a \$500,000 grant from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways through the Invest in Cook grant program to support this project. Invest in Cook helps support transportation improvement projects consistent with the priorities of the County's *Connecting Cook County* long-range transportation plan.

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Message from the Board

Bulgarian Festival and Celebration

On Sunday, May 21, the Village of Elk Grove partnered with the Consulate General of Bulgaria in Chicago to host the second Bulgarian Festival and Celebration.



Trustees Sworn In

On Tuesday, May 23, Kathryn Jarosch and Joseph Bush were sworn in as new Village Trustees. They will both serve a four-year term.

Trustee Tammy Miller was sworn in for her first full four-year term. Trustee Stephen Schmidt was sworn in for his second four-year term.

Meacham Sidepath Ribbon Cutting

On Thursday, June 1, Village officials joined Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison and officials from

the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways to celebrate the completion of a new and improved sidepath along the eastern side of Meacham Road. For more information, see pages 1 and 5.

Recycling and Collection Events

Thank you to all our residents who participated in our Paint & Motor Oil event on May 6 and our Document and Electronic event on June 3 hosted by the Village in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC).

We also want to thank our CERT members and others who volunteered to assist with both events!

Celebration of Community Event

Thank you to all who attended our Celebration of Community event on Sunday, June 4! We hope you enjoyed the food and entertainment, and we hope all who attended learned more about our successful Elk Grove Village Cares program.

Community Blood Drive

The next Community Blood Drive will take place on Saturday, July 8 at Village Hall in Room E on the west side of the building, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Pictured in second row from left to right are Trustee Stephen Schmidt, Trustee Joseph Bush, Trustee Kathryn Jarosch, and Trustee Jeffrey Franke. Pictured in front row from left to right are Trustee Tammy Miller, Mayor Craig Johnson, and Trustee Christine Prochno.

Walk-ins are accepted, appointments are highly recommended. To schedule an appointment call 877-258-4825 or scan the QR code below.



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 Fourth of July Holiday

Overnight parking restrictions will be waived beginning Saturday, July 1 at 2:00 a.m. through Wednesday, July 5 at 5:00 a.m.

Enforcement will resume at 2:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 6. ■



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Rosecrance offers inpatient services out of their Rockford location as well as outpatient services in Northbrook and Warrenville. Kenneth Young will offer outpatient services and programs.

“We all know that the disease of addiction can afflict anyone, regardless of age,” said Mayor Craig Johnson. “That’s why we are expanding Elk Grove Village Cares to include young people. Thanks to the partnerships we’ve established with Rosecrance and the Kenneth Young Center, we now have the capacity to offer assistance to get anyone the help they need at no charge to them.”

The expansion plans also include making Narcan more available at no cost to the public. Narcan is an overdose-reversing medication that is administered via a nasal spray. A Narcan dispensing machine is now located in the lobby of the Elk Grove Village Police Department. The dispenser, which is very similar to a traditional vending machine, is accessible to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It holds 54 Narcan kits, each kit containing

two units of the medication, and will be maintained and restocked on a regular basis by the Kenneth Young Center.

The expansion of Elk Grove Village Cares is made possible in part with \$500,000 in federal community project funding which Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi helped secure for Fiscal Year 2023. Elk Grove Village Cares is funded almost

completely with local, state, and federal grants, and is accessible to everyone regardless of their insurance status or their ability to pay for the treatment.

Elk Grove Village Cares goals include reducing the number of opioid-related deaths and overdoses in Elk Grove Village, providing more “points of entry” for people suffering from addiction and helping them access the resources they need to begin the very difficult work of recovery, establishing and strengthening community-

based resources for those in recovery and their family members, and educating residents about the disease of addiction. ■

“On behalf of our entire Board of Trustees, our staff and our community, I am thankful for the work we have done to address the opioid and addiction epidemic, one of the most serious public health challenges we have locally and nationally. Elk Grove Village Cares has saved lives and has changed lives for the better. As we head into the future, we will continue to find ways to tackle this problem with creativity, innovation and compassion.”

- Mayor Craig Johnson

Rotary Fest Begins July 19

Elk Grove Rotary Fest will take place Wednesday, July 19 through Sunday, July 23, at Rotary Green, adjacent to Elk Grove High School.

In conjunction with the Village’s Mid-Summer Classic Concert Series, the All-American Rejects will be performing on Thursday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. The fireworks display will occur on Saturday, July 22 at 9:30 p.m.

The Taste of Elk Grove Food Court will be open from Thursday, July 20 through Saturday, July 22.

For more information, please visit elkgroverotaryfest.com. ■



Support the Makers Wanted No. 6 Racecar on July 2!

Tune in to NBC Chicago (Channel 5) to cheer on the Makers Wanted No. 6 Racecar as it dashes through the streets of downtown Chicago on Sunday, July 2 beginning at 4:30 p.m.!

The Makers Wanted No. 6 Racecar, driven by Brad Keselowski, will compete in the Grant Park 220 NASCAR Cup Series race, a 220-mile, 100-lap race. This is part of a sponsorship initiative with RFK Racing and the Village.

Additionally, come check out the Makers Wanted stock car on Tuesday, July 4 at Rotary Green during the KC and the Sunshine Band concert! ■



"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

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 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", and more!



ALL-AMERICAN REJECTS

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

ALL ALCOHOL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ROTARY CLUB

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", 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"



Special Thanks to the supporters of this free concert series:



TastyCatering



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“I believe that investments in pathways for pedestrians and cyclists are investments in community safety. That’s why I am pleased to have helped make this project a reality,” said Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison. “*Connecting Cook County* allows us to support transportation infrastructure improvements in communities across Cook County.”

This project connects to the Biesterfield Road multi-use path that was completed in 2021. Improving sidepaths along major thoroughfares in the community increases safety and accessibility of pedestrian and bicyclist travel. Additionally, improvements to crosswalks such as pedestrian signals enhance the visibility of crossing pedestrians to motorists, minimizing the risk of accidents.

“Investing in infrastructure that supports safety and accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists supports the well-being and quality of life for everyone in our community,” said Mayor Johnson. “This project builds on the improvements completed on Biesterfield Road last year and shows how we are working to create a more walkable and bike-friendly community. We thank Commissioner Kevin Morrison for his continued support of the Village’s efforts to enhance our community’s transportation infrastructure.” ■



Elk Grove’s Water System Meets All Water Quality Standards

We are pleased to announce that the Village’s water system has met all water quality standards and is in compliance with federal and state regulations. The 2022 Elk Grove Village Consumer Confidence Report highlights the results of those tests.

As the Village provides water to approximately 33,000 residents and 5,600 businesses, the Village is required each year to publish a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR contains information regarding the Village’s water sources, any detected contaminants, test results, and educational information. The report emphasizes that the water supplied from Lake Michigan is safe and there have been no major contaminants found in the Village’s water system. The Village has met all water quality standards in part by complying with federal and state regulations pertaining to the storage and distribution of drinking water. The Village is able to provide adequate and safe drinking water thanks to the Public Works Department continually performing maintenance and water quality testing. The CCR indicates the efforts of the Public Works Department and shows continued positive results for our community.

The 2022 Consumer Confidence Report can be viewed by going to elkgrove.org/2022waterreport. To obtain a copy of the report by mail, contact the Public Works Department at (847) 734-8800. The report is also available to be picked up in-person at Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave) and the James P. Petri Public Works Facility (450 E. Devon Ave). ■

Summer Season Property Maintenance Reminders

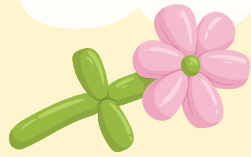
The Village prides itself on maintaining a high level of overall appearance and cleanliness throughout the community. The following reminders from the Community Development Department will help us meet that goal and ensure an enjoyable summer season for you and your neighbors:

- All properties are responsible for keeping grass and weeds below six (6”) inches in height. Village staff enforce this requirement to deter potential nuisances caused by tall grass and weeds.
- Refrain from feeding or enticing wildlife onto or near your property. Feeding wildlife can increase the potential risk for unsafe conditions throughout our neighborhoods.
- Garbage and debris containers shall be properly sized, maintained, and sealed. Containers shall be placed at the curb the night before your scheduled pickup and removed on the day of pickup.



If you have any questions or would like to make a formal request, scan the QR code or visit elkgrove.org/contactus to access our MyEGV Service Request System. ■

**FREE
EVENT**



fold me!
I am an airplane



play, picnic & party

Sunday, July 16 • 12-4pm

Pavilion Grounds • Village Green • Elk Grove Library

Parking

On-Site parking will be available at the Library, Park District, and District 59 lots. Overflow parking will be located at the Admiral Byrd School on Wellington Ave.

Food

Bring a picnic lunch or buy food at Family-Friendly Prices

Hamburger \$1.50

Hot Dog \$1

Chips \$0.50

Soda / Water \$0.50

Popcorn \$1

My Funnel Truck \$3

Cotton Candy \$1 (cash only)

An ATM is located inside the Police Station

Live Music at Village Green • 12:30-4pm

Scheduled Activities • 12:30-3pm

Animal Show • Magic Show

K9 Demo • Bingo

Activities 12-4pm • Village

Balloon Artists • Touch A Truck

CPR in the Park • Pot - A - Plant

Petting Zoo (with breaks for Animal Show)

Library

Friends of Library Book Sale

Child/Adult Make & Take Craft

Decorate Your Own Free Baseball Cap

Kids Science Experiment

Park District

Fantasy Ferris Wheel • Pirate's Revenge Ride

Chair Swing Ride • Frog Hopper

Walt's Flying Elephant Ride • Tropical Water Slide

Inflatable Slip & Slide

Park District Welcome Table

Parks Foundation \$1 Water



LEARN MORE

Scan the QR code for the event map and details.

Green Grove: Turtle Crossing Accommodations



Did you know that painted turtles are the most common turtles in North America? Painted turtles can be found in fresh waters from southern Canada to northern Mexico, with many having found a home here in Elk Grove!

Elk Grove's close proximity to the Busse Woods Forest Preserve has made the Village home to many painted and snapping turtles who live in the marsh wetland area of the forest preserve. Every year these turtles migrate from the marsh to the east side of Beisner Road in search of food, water, or nesting locations. Over time, the Cook County Forest Preserve noticed turtles getting stuck on the side of Beisner Road during their migration, struggling to get over the curb.

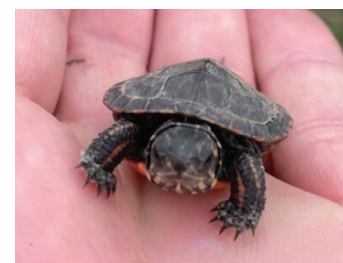
In hopes to protect the wildlife in Elk Grove, the Village created a dedicated crossing area for these turtles on Beisner Road between Gloucester and Winston Drive in 2021. This crossing area includes depressed (flattened) curbs to reduce barriers for crossing turtles and signs warning motorists.

Please use caution when driving through the turtle crossing area.

If you see a turtle in trouble and feel inclined to assist, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides guidance on how to safely assist turtles in crossing a road:

- Always prioritize your own safety. Watch out for oncoming vehicles and be very careful if moving the turtle.
- Do not pick the turtle up by the tail. Move the turtle to the other side of the road in the same direction it was going.

Visit elkgrove.org/sustain to learn more about the Village's sustainable actions or to submit your ideas on how the Village can expand its sustainability efforts. ■



Top: Turtle crossing on Beisner Road.

Bottom: A young painted turtle found at the turtle crossing.

Pet Safety During the Fourth of July Holiday

With the Fourth of July holiday just around the corner, it is essential to prioritize the safety and well-being of our furry friends. The holiday festivities, particularly fireworks, can be stressful and frightening for many pets. To help keep your pets safe and secure, here are some important tips to remember.

- Keep your pets secured inside your home. Being present and staying home with your pets can help them stay calm.
- Give them a safe and comfortable place to hide and give them distractions, such as toys and treats.
- Make sure your pet is wearing a tag with up-to-date information. Contact your local animal control and surrounding shelters if your pets go missing. ■

Elk Grove Farmer's Market

The Elk Grove Farmers Market is now open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. until October 28. The Market is located in the Village Hall parking lot (901 Wellington Avenue), adjacent to the Elk Grove Public Library and across from the Park District Pavilion. Come see all that the summer Farmer's Market has to offer! ■

Fireworks Are Prohibited In Elk Grove

The Elk Grove Village Police Department is reminding everyone that setting off fireworks, especially large, commercial fireworks, is extremely dangerous and illegal in both Illinois and Elk Grove Village. Fireworks should only be used by someone who has a permit and the proper training – the only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show!

Please call 911 if you need an immediate police response to investigate firework activities. You can also call our Police Information Center at 847-357-4100 for non-emergency services. ■



The Police Department is Hiring!

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

Entry-level Police Officers:

- Apply through [ApplyToServe.com](https://www.applytoserve.com)
- Deadline to apply: Friday, July 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
- Starting salary: \$72,441.82 (during academy), \$79,941.89 (upon completion of academy)

Lateral Police Officers:

- Apply on our website: elkgrove.org/jobs (open until filled)
- Salary/Pay Rate: \$77,613 - \$109,076
- Hiring incentive: \$10,000 hiring bonus to certified police officer applicants

If you possess a high level of integrity, treat others with respect, have excellent communication skills, and are in good physical condition, you may be a perfect fit for this rewarding career. If hired, all on-the-job training and equipment will be provided at no cost. In addition, a competitive benefits package is available to new employees, which includes health and dental insurance options, as well as paid vacation and sick leave. ■



The Elk Grove Village Fire Department is Hiring!



Open Position: Firefighter/Paramedic

Salary: \$77,053.60 - \$112,179.34 plus \$5,100 Paramedic stipend

Application Deadline: July 14, 2023. There is a \$45.00 non-refundable application processing fee. Visit www.applytoserve.com to apply.

All applicants **must** possess a valid Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) or National Registry EMT-Paramedic License (EMT-P) issued **by the date of hire**. A **mandatory** on-line written examination will be available to applicants between Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM and Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 4:00 PM.



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. ■