

# ELK GROVE Villager

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## Resident Saves Overdose Victim Using Medication Provided by the Village's New Narcan Dispensing Machine

Just weeks after Village officials installed a vending machine at Village Hall to dispense overdose-reversing medication free of charge to the public, a resident administered medication he obtained from the machine days earlier to save an overdose victim's life.

On July 14, Elk Grove Village police and fire personnel were dispatched to a residence in response to a 911 call of a possible overdose. The 911 caller relayed to dispatchers that he suspected the victim was overdosing and that he had administered Narcan, a medication applied via a nasal spray that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose.

Paramedics arrived to find a man unresponsive on the front steps of a residence. The victim regained consciousness as paramedics placed the victim on a stretcher

for transport. As he did, the caller, who is the brother of the victim, told paramedics that he wanted to have Narcan readily available given the victim's history with substance use. He went to Village Hall and got a free Narcan kit from the vending machine, which was installed in the Police Department lobby.

Village officials installed the dispenser in June of this year in partnership with the Kenneth Young Center as part of Elk Grove Village Cares, the Village's groundbreaking initiative to address the opioid epidemic.

The dispenser, which is very similar to a traditional vending

machine, is accessible to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It holds 54 units of Narcan and is maintained and restocked regularly.

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**"There's no doubt that making Narcan more accessible to the public saves lives. That's why we've taken steps to get the medication closer to those who are in a position to save a family member or loved one when they need help the most."**

**- Mayor Craig Johnson**

## Arlington Heights & Higgins Development Naming Contest!

Do you have an idea on what to name the new gateway to Elk Grove Village? Enter the Naming Contest to pitch your idea on what to name the redevelopment at the intersection of Arlington Heights Road and Higgins Road!

The contest is now open on the Village of Elk Grove website at [elkgrove.org/contest](http://elkgrove.org/contest)! This Naming Contest will remain open until Friday, September 15 at 5 p.m. Once the submission period closes, the Village Board will review all submissions and select their favorite suggestions. Residents who submit the top entries will receive a gift card!

Contest Rules:

- Participation is limited to Elk Grove Village residents.
- One submission is permitted per residential address.
- Entries must be submitted through the Village website form available at [elkgrove.org/contest](http://elkgrove.org/contest).
- The Village reserves the right to modify entries or not use an entry at its discretion. ■

# Message from the Board

## 2023 Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series Recap

The 2023 Concert Series drew record breaking crowds — the July 20 All-American Rejects concert drew the largest crowd since the Concert Series began in 2009!

A special thank-you goes out to all staff and volunteers for their work in keeping the beloved Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series a safe and enjoyable event for the community.

Thank you to all members of the Elk Grove Village community who attended this year's Concert Series. Let us continue to celebrate and come together as a community!



*Crowd at the July 20 All-American Rejects concert. Photo taken by EGHS alumnus Eddie Rodriguez.*

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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.

## Thank You from Those Guys Car Club

On Thursday, July 20, members from Those Guys Car Club presented Mayor Johnson and staff with a certificate of appreciation for the collaborative partnership that made the Elk Grove Village Cares event on June 4 possible.

Thank you again to all who attended the event, we hope you enjoyed!



## Pace Dial-A-Ride Reminder

As a reminder, all Pace Dial-A-Ride riders must register for the new Rider ID system by September 5, 2023.

Registration forms are available at Village Hall, the Elk Grove Public Library, the Sheila Ray Adult Center, and the Pavilion.

Completed registration forms must be returned to Village Hall by mail (Village Manager's Office, 901 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007), in-person, or by fax to 847-357-4022.



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

For more details about Rider ID registration, please visit [elkgrove.org/pace](http://elkgrove.org/pace) or call 847-357-4010.

## Coffee with the Mayor & Board

Thank you to all the residents who participated in the Coffee with the Mayor & Board on August 5. Join us for the last Coffee with the Mayor & Board of the year on November 4, 2023 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Village Hall.

## 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](http://www.elkgrove.org)). ■

## A Friendly Reminder from the Police Department

School is back in session, which means increased foot and bicycle traffic in neighborhoods and around schools.

Keep kids safe – don't speed, and always watch for pedestrians and cyclists.

In addition, we are reminding all motorists to be vigilant around school buses and students getting on and off buses.

- **SLOW DOWN** in school zones and
- **STOP** when red lights are flashing and the stop signal arm is extended.

Let's all do our part to make it a safe school year! ■

# Resident Saves Overdose Victim Using Medication Provided by the Village's New Narcan Dispensing Machine

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Since the machine was installed in the lobby of the Elk Grove Village Police Department, 50 Narcan kits have been taken from the dispensing machine. Village and Kenneth Young Center personnel will ensure that the machine remains fully stocked.

Earlier this summer, the Village announced that it was expanding Elk Grove Village Cares so that adolescent youths are able to access the program. The installation of the Narcan dispensing machine was also part of that expansion.

**"We encourage everyone who knows someone that is vulnerable to an opioid overdose to have this lifesaving medication within an arm's reach at all times. By making Narcan easy to access and at no cost, I have no doubt additional lives will be saved."**

**- Mayor Craig Johnson**

The program's growth was bolstered this year thanks to \$500,000 in federal community project funding which Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi helped secure for Fiscal Year 2023. When this initiative launched five years ago, the U.S. Department of Justice called the approach revolutionary. Elk Grove Village Cares is funded almost completely with state and federal grants and is accessible to everyone regardless of their insurance status or their ability to pay for their treatment. ■

## Mayor Johnson Attends Grand Opening of Hindu Temple

On Sunday, July 23, Mayor Johnson attended a celebration to mark the grand opening of the Shree Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Temple and Cultural Center, located at 540 Martingale Road. During the celebration, Mayor Johnson expressed gratitude to the organization for acknowledging and honoring him and the Elk Grove Village community.

The celebration was part of a *Murti Pratishtha Mahotsav*, which can be translated as "Idol Consecration Festival". It involves a rite or ceremony by which a *murti*, a devotional image of a deity or saint, is declared sacred and placed in a Hindu temple. The event also featured visits from notable attendees, including Guruhari H.D.H. Premswaroop Swamiji (the temple community's spiritual leader), Hindu *sadhus* (monks) and nuns from India, and devotees from around the world. Various elected officials were also in attendance, including Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Representative Michelle Mussman, and a multitude of mayors and village presidents from neighboring communities.

Representatives from the Shree Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Temple expressed that they were honored by the participation of Mayor Craig Johnson in these ceremonies and they hope that these events will contribute to fostering strong friendships among the diverse faiths that coexist in this remarkable region. The temple is now open to the public for visits. ■



## 2023 Citizen's Police Academy Enrollment Now Open

The Police Department is excited to announce the return of the Citizen's Police Academy (CPA)! This 8-week program offers participants an opportunity to receive a firsthand look at the inner workings of the Police Department in areas such as patrol, investigations, K-9, and more!

The 2023 CPA will run every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. from September 6, 2023, through October 25, 2023.

Anyone who lives or works in Elk Grove Village and is over the age of 18 is welcome to participate.

Space is limited, and participants are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis! To apply for the 2023 Citizen's Police Academy, please visit [elkgrove.org/academies](http://elkgrove.org/academies).

Applications must be submitted to [CrimePrevention@elkgrove.org](mailto:CrimePrevention@elkgrove.org) by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 1. ■



# Oktoberfest Tickets On Sale August 28!



The 2023 Oktoberfest event is almost here! This year, Oktoberfest will take place on:

Friday, September 15 from 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Saturday, September 16 from 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Enjoy live music, German food, beer, drinks, fun activities, and more! Following the Hometown Parade on Saturday, September 16, Oktoberfest will feature free activities for children until 7 p.m. These activities include inflatables, interactive bubbles, and more!

Food and drink tickets can be purchased in advance online at a discounted rate beginning Monday, August 28 through Monday, September 11 by scanning the QR code or visiting [elkgrove.org/oktoberfest](http://elkgrove.org/oktoberfest).

Residents are encouraged to utilize ride-sharing services such as Uber or Lyft. A designated ride sharing drop-off area will be available on Lions Drive.

For more details, scan the QR code or visit [elkgrove.org/oktoberfest](http://elkgrove.org/oktoberfest). ■



## Elk Grove Village 2023 Oktoberfest

Friday 9/15, 6 – 11 p.m. & Saturday 9/16, 3 – 11 p.m.  
Rotary Green – 164 Lions Drive

### Entertainment

Friday, 9/15, 6pm – 10:30pm: Live Music

Saturday, 9/16, 3pm – 7pm: Children's Games & Activities

Saturday, 9/16, 6pm – 10:30pm: Live Music

### Food

Large Pretzels, Bavarian White Bratwurst, Chicken Schnitzel,  
Hot Dog, Braised Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut, Mac & Cheese,  
German Potato Salad, Strudel & More!

### Beverages

Beer, wine, seltzers!

### Aug 28 – Sept 11 Buy Tickets Early & Save!

Online Price: 10 Tickets = \$8; Door Price: 10 Tickets = \$10

Purchase Tickets Online: [www.elkgrove.org/oktoberfest](http://www.elkgrove.org/oktoberfest)

# 2023 Hometown Parade - "Celebrating First Responders"

The 2023 Hometown Parade is fast approaching! This year's theme is "Celebrating First Responders". On Saturday, September 16 beginning at 2 p.m., giant helium balloons, Percheron Horses, your favorite popular movie characters, and creative musical entertainment will make their way down Elk Grove Boulevard! The Hometown Parade will end near Rotary Green, where Oktoberfest will be taking place. For more information, please visit [elkgrove.org/parade](http://elkgrove.org/parade). ■



## Water Safety Tips from the Fire Department

The month of August is known to be a hot month in the Midwest. Water activities are probably on your family's to-do list for the end of the summer. The Fire Department encourages everyone to remember the items on this checklist to make sure that your outing is safe and enjoyable:

**Sunscreen:** Remember to apply sunscreen 30 minutes before venturing outside and reapply every two hours, especially after swimming as it can wash off. Wearing sunscreen protects the skin from absorbing UV rays, reducing your chances of getting sunburn and/or skin cancer.

**Life Jacket:** Open waters are dangerous, even for the strongest swimmer. Wearing a life jacket can save your life! Everyone should wear a life jacket no matter how old you are and no matter what the activity is. Be an example to others and wear your life jacket!

**Hat:** Just like your skin, your head needs protection from the sun! Wearing a hat protects your face and head from sunburn, and protects your eyes from the brightness of the sun. Hats come in several shapes, styles, and colors. Pick one that fits your style and wear it proud!

**Sunglasses:** Let us not forget about our eyes! The UV rays from the sun can also cause damage to your eyes. Wearing sunglasses helps to protect your eyes from the elements and allows you to see better under the bright sun.

**Water:** Although you will be on the water, don't forget to drink your water! Staying hydrated, especially in the heat, is important. Some signs of dehydration include: dizziness, headache, tiredness, and light-headedness. If you encounter any of these symptoms, rehydrate by drinking water or fluids that contain electrolytes. If you continue to feel faint, dial 9-1-1.

**Snacks:** You cannot forget the snacks on a summertime outing! Foods such as fruits and vegetables are always a good choice as they contain a high water content, keeping you hydrated. In addition, trail mix and granola bars can keep you full and energized. ■



## Same-Day Permits

The Community Development Department strives to provide an efficient, seamless permit process by issuing same-day permits for residential projects such as roofs, fences, sheds, water heaters, A/C, furnaces, patios, sidewalks, driveways, and sewer repairs. Typical documentation needed for these permits include: a plat of survey indicating the location of the work, a contract or proposal and any applicable state or Village licenses. Permits will also require a plan review and inspections by the Community Development staff to verify your project complies with minimum code standards.

Prior to beginning any construction or renovation work, contact Community Development at 847-357-4220 to determine whether a permit is required. Apply for your permit online at [elkgrove.org/permits](http://elkgrove.org/permits) or scan the QR code below. We look forward to working with you! ■





**FREE FAMILY  
EVENT**

# CHARACTER ADVENTURES

Get ready for an adventure filled with crafts and service projects for the entire family, prizes, a bounce house and fun! Join the Community Character Coalition while we have fun and give back to local organizations and charities!

**Sunday, September 24 from 1-4pm**

**Pavilion, Multipurpose Gym**

**1000 Wellington Ave, Elk Grove Village, IL**



- TRUSTWORTHINESS WAY
- RESPECT AVENUE
- RESPONSIBILITY RD
- FAIRNESS BLVD
- CARING STREET
- CITIZENSHIP LANE

Questions? Email [treasurer@ccceg.org](mailto:treasurer@ccceg.org)

# Elk Grove Village Named 2022 Tree City USA

Elk Grove Village has been named a 2022 Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation for the 38th consecutive year!

The Tree City USA program recognizes excellence in urban forestry management and environmental improvement. A city only achieves this designation if they:

- Have a tree board or department,
- Establish a community tree ordinance,
- Spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and
- Celebrate Arbor Day.

The Village has continually gone above and beyond by not only meeting these criteria, but by offering tree evaluations, planting trees, and providing outstanding tree care. Since 2017, Elk Grove Village has planted approximately 2,650 trees throughout the community and over the next three years, the Village is planning on planting an additional 1,250 trees.

Over the years, the Village has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to maintaining a robust urban forest, which has positively contributed to the health of the local environment as well as the aesthetic quality of the community. ■



## Green Grove: Water Quality Reports



The Public Works Department is dedicated to providing Elk Grove Village residents and businesses with a dependable supply of safe drinking water, working around the clock to ensure that the Village-owned water distribution system continues to deliver safe tap water to the community.

Every year, the Public Works Department publishes a Consumer Confidence Report, also called a Water Quality Report, which provides residents and businesses with the information necessary to make informed decisions about their tap water. This report summarizes the results from regular water quality tests of the community water supply conducted over the course of the year. The report also explains where the water supply comes from, what it is made of, and how it compares to standards established by regulatory agencies. According to the Water Quality Reports, the Elk Grove Village public water supply consistently meets all water quality standards, indicating that it is safe from all harmful contaminants (e.g. lead, copper, and disease-causing organisms).

Providing a dependable supply of safe drinking water and reporting the water supply's quality ensures that all residents and businesses have access to this vital, healthy resource. It can also encourage residents to use tap water instead of bottled water. Choosing tap water over bottled water is more cost-effective and produces less waste, which is better for the environment!

To read the 2022 Water Quality Report, please visit [elkgrove.org/2022waterreport](http://elkgrove.org/2022waterreport).

Visit [elkgrove.org/sustain](http://elkgrove.org/sustain) to learn more about the Village's sustainable actions or to submit your ideas on how the Village can expand its environmentally-friendly efforts. ■



*Pumps, motors, and piping in one of the Village's pumping stations. These pumping stations help deliver water to the community.*

## Join EGV Cares at Remember. Recover. Discover.

The Police Department invites you to join Elk Grove Village Cares and the Kenneth Young Center for "Remember. Recover. Discover.", a free community awareness event to reduce stigma, increase knowledge, and provide recovery support for substance misuse, adverse mental health, co-occurring trauma and addictive behaviors. The event will take place on:



Saturday, September 23, 2023  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Kenneth Young Center  
1001 Rohlwing Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007 ■

## Fall Large Branch Collection

The Village appreciates resident's efforts to maintain their property and recognizes that disposing of tree debris from winter cleanup may be difficult. Therefore, the Public Works Department runs an annual Fall Large Branch Collection Program to assist residents.

Important Fall Large Branch Collection Program Rules:

- Large branches 3.5 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 to add your address to the pickup schedule.
  - Public Works is open to accept phone calls Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
  - Calls must be received no later than Friday at 4:30 p.m. on 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.
- Branches should NOT be bundled with twine.
- Branches should be placed in the parkway no sooner than the weekend before your designated pickup week.

Large Branch Collection Pickup Weeks:

**Residential Community East of IL Route 53: September 18 – September 22**

**Residential Community West of IL Route 53: September 25 – September 29**

The following items are NOT part of the collection program:

- Logs
- Lumber
- Paneling
- Bushes
- Stumps
- Evergreens

These items damage Village equipment. Please contact Groot at (847) 734-6400 for pickup guidelines regarding these items. ■

## Groot Yard Waste Program

Homeowners are reminded that the Groot Yard Waste Program includes the removal of bagged yard waste April 1 through December 15.

- Branches must be bundled with biodegradable twine or string.
- Branches up to 3.5 inches in diameter and no more than 4 feet in length or over 50 pounds in weight will be picked up by Groot free of charge.

Please note that using yard waste bags require the purchase of a yard waste sticker. ■

### 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. ■