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Village Files Lawsuit Against the FAA to Compel Review of Fly Quiet Alternatives

On October 9, 2023, the Village filed a petition against the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the U.S. Court of Appeals in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The purpose of this petition is to compel the FAA to analyze reasonable alternatives as required by law when completing its environmental review of the impacts of the proposed permanent Fly Quiet Program at O'Hare Airport.

For several years, the Village, through its efforts with the Suburban O'Hare Commission (SOC), has been trying to work with the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) to create a plan for a reasonable distribution of nighttime air traffic around the airport. The ONCC considered two viable options for the Fly Quiet runway rotation Alternatives B and H.

Aviation experts at JDA Aviation found that Alternative H has a more fair and equitable noise distribution around the airport when compared to Alternative B. However, the ONCC and Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) only submitted Alternative B for consideration to the FAA. Subsequently, the FAA denied the Village's request to analyze Alternative H in addition to the plan put forward by the ONCC and the CDA.

The Village is not seeking preferential treatment or trying to unfairly shift nighttime noise to its neighbors. The purpose of the lawsuit is simply to ensure that the FAA reviews all reasonable alternatives as it is required to by law.

For more information, please visit elkgrove.org/faa. ■

"Just as all the communities near O'Hare benefit from the airport, they should all share in the impact. We believe in equal benefit, equal burden."
- Mayor Craig Johnson

Village and Firefighters' Union Reach Record-Length Five-Year Contract Agreement

The Village of Elk Grove and the International Association of Firefighters Local 2340, the union representing the Village's 84 firefighters, have reached an agreement on a record length five-year contract extension.

This is a mature union contract and the negotiation process was amicable and thorough. Additionally, this contract is the first time the agreement has been extended for five years with the Firefighters' Union—signifying the continued strong relationship between the Firefighters' Union and Village.

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Representatives from the International Association of Firefighters Local 2340 and the Village held a brief signing ceremony to officially approve the contract at the September 26 Village Board Meeting.

Message from the Board

Thank you for attending the October 17 Town Hall Meeting!

We would like to thank all residents who attended and participated in the Town Hall Meeting on October 17.

Whether you participated in-person or online, your questions and participation are greatly appreciated! The event was well-attended and residents were able to receive responses to their questions and concerns.

Upcoming Community Blood Drive

Our last community blood drive of the year is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 11 at Village Hall Room E from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are highly recommended.

Please schedule an appointment by going to vitalant.org and using code ORD0GR98 or by calling 877-258-4825.

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.

Coffee with the Mayor & Board is held on a quarterly basis and provides an opportunity for residents to meet with Board members in a relaxed atmosphere and discuss any topics, issues, or questions that matter most to the community.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony - Save the Date

We would like to invite all residents to attend the 2023 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 24. Please join us in celebrating the start of the winter holiday season with live music, fireworks, and a special visit from Santa and his friends! More details are available on page 7.

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). ■



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.

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. ■

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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.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Residents are invited to attend a Neighborhood Watch Meeting on:

Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.
Village Hall Meeting Room E
(901 Wellington Avenue)

The Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will discuss current crime trends and other police-related information. If you have any questions, please contact Crime Prevention Officer Malek at 847- 357-4151 or tmalek@elkgrove.org. ■

Village and Firefighters' Union Reach Contract Agreement

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The new contract includes annual adjustments to firefighter wages that continue to mirror the increases of the Village's contract with the Police Officers' Union, Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter 141 (MAP), as they have in the past.

With the signing of this contract, there are now long-term contracts in place for all three unions representing Elk Grove Village employees. The contract between the Village and Police Officers is through 2028 and the contract between the Village and Public Works employees will run through 2026. The Village's new contract with the Firefighters' Union will continue through 2029. ■

"We're very pleased to reach this agreement with our dedicated firefighters' union. This agreement not only ensures the safety and well-being of our residents but also recognizes the invaluable service our firefighters provide day in and day out."

- Mayor Craig Johnson

Waste and Recycling Service Rate Increase Update

As a reminder, beginning November 1, 2023, the monthly fee for waste and recycling hauling services will increase for all residents. The monthly fee for single family homes will increase from \$21.10 to \$21.69. The monthly fee for townhomes will increase from \$17.00 to \$17.60. Residents who have registered for the senior discount will continue to receive a 10% discount on their bill.

The upcoming change in the monthly fee is a regularly scheduled increase already included as part of the Village's contract with Groot. Every two years, there is a nominal increase to the monthly service fee to account for inflation and other costs associated with service delivery. Fees for landscape waste stickers, special pickup services, or supplemental cart subscriptions will NOT increase for the duration of the current contract with Groot, which is scheduled to end on October 31, 2029.

Please be aware that there was an error on this topic printed in the September 2023 Villager. While the monthly rate increase for both single-family homes and townhomes remains just \$0.59/\$0.60, the actual rates published in the September 2023 Villager reflected only the hauling fees, rather than the combined hauling and disposal fees that appear on bills from Groot. We apologize for any confusion caused by the misprint. ■

Fire Hydrant Marking and Flow Testing

Last fall, the Village adopted the National Fire Protection Association's recommended standard for fire hydrant marking. This entails a color-coded system to visually identify the available flow capacity of each hydrant using reflective bands in different colors. Each Village-owned hydrant is flow-tested once every four years to determine the flow rate (gallons of water per minute) of each hydrant. The color of the band indicates the test results or flow rate, making it easy for firefighters to identify the flow rate of each hydrant in the event of a fire emergency.

Village staff have completed the installation of these reflective bands on each Village-owned hydrant to correspond with the results of the hydrant flow tests. The presence of a band on a hydrant also indicates that the Village owns the hydrant. The Village does not flow test private hydrants. ■



Fire Department Open House - Thank You!

The Fire Department would like to thank everyone that made an appearance at the Fire Department Open House on October 7.

Your enthusiastic participation made the event an outstanding success and a true celebration of community spirit. From exploring safety exhibits to interacting with our dedicated family of firefighters, your participation underscored the importance of fostering a strong community bond.

The Fire Department greatly appreciates the ongoing support of all Elk Grove Village residents and hopes to see you next year! ■



Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours

Halloween is right around the corner! Please keep the following trick-or-treating guidelines in mind when celebrating Halloween this year.

Those interested in participating in trick-or-treating are asked to turn on porch or outdoor lights and place the green “Trick-or-Treaters Welcome” sign (page 5) on your front window or door. Those who are not interested are asked to keep outdoor lights off and place the red “No Trick-or-Treaters, Please” sign (page 6) on your front window or door.

Trick-or-treating will be permitted in Elk Grove Village on Tuesday, October 31 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trick-or-treaters are asked to only approach homes with a green sign indicating that they are participating this year. Please be respectful of others and their decisions to participate or not to participate in trick-or-treating.

Additional information about Halloween and trick-or-treating can be found online at elkgrove.org/halloween. Have a safe and spooky Halloween! ■



Farmers Market Open Until October 28!

Open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Village Hall parking lot (901 Wellington Avenue)

Don't miss out on the final opportunity to savor the harvest and connect with your neighbors at the Farmers Market. We'll see you there!

Halloween Safety Tips



Be sure to know and practice these safety tips to ensure everyone has a safe and happy Halloween!

Before Trick-or-Treating:

- Plan a route in familiar neighborhoods.
- Make sure children know their home phone number and address, in case you get separated.
- Discuss basic pedestrian safety rules when walking to and from houses.
- Wear light-colored clothing to ensure visibility and check that the clothing is properly fitted to prevent your child from tripping.

During Trick-or-Treating:

- Have an adult accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on or a “Trick-or-treaters Welcome” sign.
- Children should never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Only properly packaged or wrapped candy or treats should be accepted.

After Trick-or-Treating:

- Parents should inspect candy before allowing their children to consume it.
- Throw out any open candy that has torn packaging, an unusual appearance, or pinholes.
- Toss any homemade items made by people you don't know. ■

TRICK -OR- TREATERS WELCOME!



NO



TRICK

-OR-

TREATERS

please!

**HAVE A SAFE &
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**



Community Development is Here for You!

The Community Development Department's front counter staff are different than most municipalities in that they are all permit technicians equipped with technical code-related knowledge to assist residents and businesses by issuing same day, small scale permits such as signs, fences, sheds, driveways, and more. They can answer questions about plan reviews for minor engineering and building permits as well as which documents are required for permits.



Additionally, they help applicants apply for permits on our online permitting portal. The online permitting portal can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by visiting elkgrove.org/permits.

Their knowledge and expertise about Village code not only expedites the permitting process but also contributes significantly to Community Development Department operations and to the community! ■



National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Do you have prescription drugs to get rid of? The Police Department invites you to the 25th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day:

Saturday, October 28, 2023

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Police Department Lobby (901 Wellington Avenue)



As part of this event, anyone can bring in expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for disposal at no cost. Needles, sharps, or liquids will not be accepted.

If you cannot attend this event, prescription drugs are also accepted 24/7 through the drug drop-off box located in the Police Department lobby. If you have any questions about the Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, please contact the Police Department at (847) 357-4100. ■

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
VILLAGE GREEN

4:00 P.M. - REFRESHMENTS

4:30 P.M. - LIVE MUSIC
THE CRYAN' SHAMES

5:30 P.M. - TREE LIGHTING,
FIREWORKS,
AND A VISIT FROM
SANTA & FRIENDS



Fall Leaf Collection Program

During the months of October and November, the Public Works Department offers residents convenient disposal of their fall leaves on a weekly basis. The 2023 Fall Leaf Collection program began on Monday, October 2 and will conclude on Friday, December 1.

Elk Grove Village is divided into nine (9) collection sections and each section receives nine (9) leaf collection dates. The scheduled collection dates and a map depicting the section numbers are shown below.

During the week of the Thanksgiving, the sections regularly scheduled for Thursday and Friday will be shifted to the first part of the week. Please see the map below for the adjusted schedule.

Important Program Rules:

- Leaves should be raked into the street after 3:00 p.m. the day before collection and before 7:00 a.m. the day of collection.
- 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.
- In the event of rain, you should still place your leaves in the street. Leaves will be collected as soon as possible.
- Parking in the street will be prohibited on the day of collection from 7:00 a.m. until the leaves are removed.
- In the event of snow, leaf pickup will be rescheduled for another day. Additionally, any leaves that are placed on the street and not picked up by the initial collection will eventually be collected by crews at a later date.

If you have any questions about the program, please call Public Works at (847) 734-8800 Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit elkgrove.org/leaves.

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule		
Area	Regular Schedule	Thanksgiving Week Schedule
1	Thursday	Tuesday
2	Tuesday	Tuesday
3	Wednesday	Wednesday
4	Monday	Monday
5	Monday	Monday
6	Friday	Wednesday
7	Tuesday	Tuesday
8	Thursday	Monday
9	Wednesday	Wednesday

