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FAA Confirms It Will Comply with NEPA and Review Comments from Village for Review of the Fly Quiet Program

In October, the Village filed a lawsuit to compel the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to follow its statutory requirements as part of the environmental review of the proposed permanent Fly Quiet Program at O'Hare Airport. In response, the FAA has confirmed it will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and review the Village's recommendation that Alternative H3 and a heading-sensitivity analysis be considered before making any final decisions related to the Fly Quiet Program.

Among other things, NEPA requires a formal public process so that all stakeholders can review and comment on major federal actions, like the permanent Fly Quiet Program. This will provide the Village, and all communities around the airport, the assurance of a fair process to demonstrate the most equitable alternative for the permanent Fly Quiet Program.

The Village believes that all surrounding communities should share equally in the benefit and the burden of O'Hare airport, including an equal distribution of nighttime noise to give all residents intermittent relief. As the Village has maintained for years, Alternative H3 accompanied by a heading-sensitivity analysis provides the most equitable distribution of nighttime noise for all communities affected by O'Hare.

Following the FAA's assurances, the Village has dismissed its lawsuit, but has reserved the right to pursue additional legal action if necessary. The Village will continue to monitor the review of the Fly Quiet Program closely until a final decision is made and an equitable Fly Quiet Program is established. ■

Mayor & Board Take Action to Prevent Long-Term Placement of Migrants in Elk Grove Village

In an effort to prevent long-term placement of migrants from staying in Elk Grove Village, the Village Board approved an ordinance that will require hotel and motels to verify that individuals who are not residents of the United States provide certified medical documentation to reserve overnight accommodations. The documentation must state that the individual has not been diagnosed or contracted any contagious diseases in the past 60 days and must be from a board-certified infectious disease specialist.

This requirement does not apply to individuals who have been living in the United States for at least one year.

The ordinance also prevents property owners of warehouses and other vacant spaces from turning their buildings into temporary housing. Per the new ordinance, property owners would need to obtain a Village license required for temporary housing. This means that the property would need to meet health, safety, and zoning requirements such as those imposed on hotels and motels.

The ordinance was approved on November 20, 2023 during a Special Village Board Meeting to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community. ■

Message from the Board

2023 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Last month, we had our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony! The 2023 ceremony featured a performance by the Cryan' Shames and a special firework show leading up to Santa's arrival in our very own Makers Wanted NASCAR stock car!

We are thrilled that so many residents joined us to get into the holiday spirit. A special thank you to the Lions Club and the Leo Club, members of the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments, and CERT members for their time.

Thank you to the Potratz Family for the donation of your Blue Spruce as our 2023 Holiday Tree. If you are interested in the Holiday Tree Donation Program, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800 and a staff member will be glad to discuss this program with you and answer any questions which you may have.

We hope you enjoyed the event and hope to see you again next year!

Holiday Tree & Light Display

Village Green is decked out in a dazzling holiday light display for all to enjoy! We encourage you to come visit Village Green (901 Wellington Avenue) and enjoy the festive display - there are plenty of photo opportunities!

Halloween House Decorating Contest Winners Recognized

At the November 14 Village Board meeting, winners from the 2023 Halloween House Decorating contest were presented with their awards.

- Outstanding Child-Friendly Display - 1197 Leicester Road
- Outstanding Scariest Display - 1582 Oregon Trail
- Outstanding Overall Halloween Theme - 365 Trowbridge Road

Thank you to everyone who participated!

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.

Holiday Tree Recycling January 2 - 12

Groot will be collecting live holiday trees for recycling during the first two weeks of January.

Place your holiday tree on your curb on your regular collection day.

Please do not put trees in plastic bags. All decorations should be removed.



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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 Restriction Waived for the Holidays

Overnight parking permission will begin on Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 2:00 a.m. and end on Monday, January 1, 2024 at 5:00 a.m.

Please note that residential street parking is prohibited if there is more than 2 inches of snow on the ground or if the Village is expecting snow. Vehicles must be cleared from the street until snow removal operations are finished. ■



Elk Grove Village Remains the Most Affordable Community for Residents

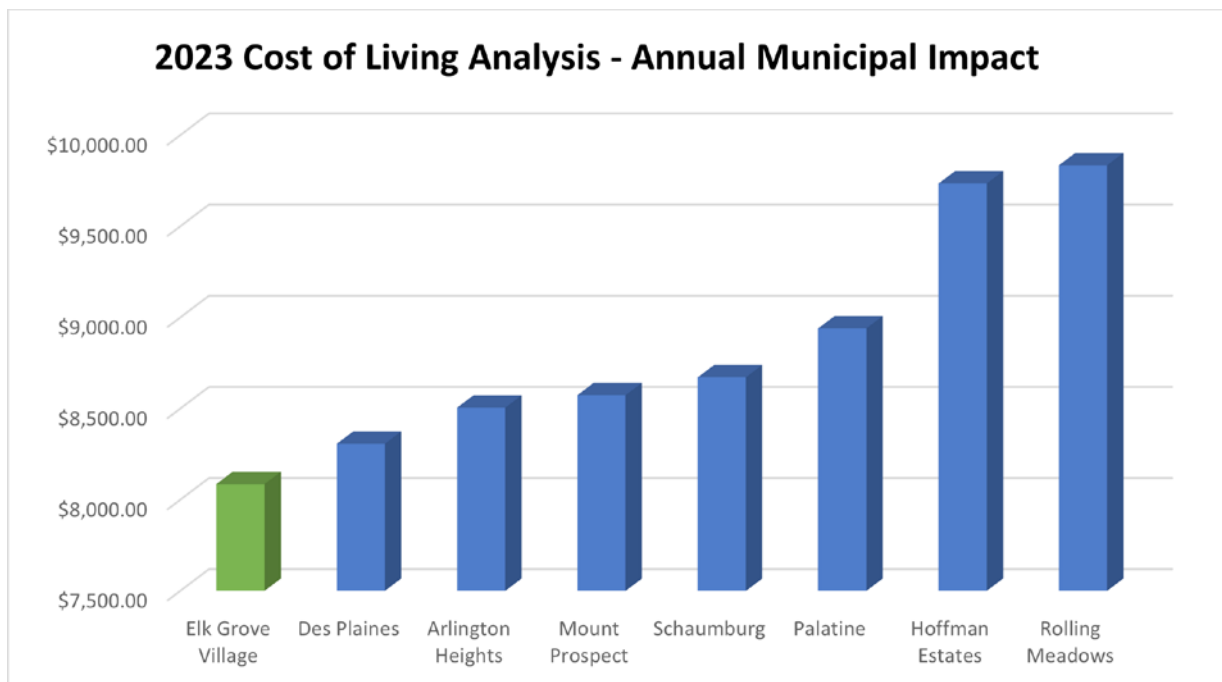
A 2023 survey of seven comparable communities shows that Elk Grove Village continues to provide the lowest cost of living for residents. The Village of Elk Grove routinely compares itself to neighboring municipalities and we are proud of our reputation of offering high quality services at affordable prices. Not only has Elk Grove Village maintained its place as the most affordable community since we began this survey over ten years ago, this also marks the 25th year that Elk Grove residents have had the lowest combined property tax rate in the area.

The annual cost-of-living survey is intended to account for the entire range of municipal taxes and fees that impact residents—this includes property tax, sales tax, natural gas tax, cable franchise fees, waste/recycling services, water/sewer rates, and various other costs. The graph below shows that Elk Grove Village has the lowest annual municipal impact for these taxes and fees, coming in at under \$8,500 per year.

The Village is able to maintain this low cost of living in large part to our robust business community. The Village works hard to cultivate relationships and provide value to our business community to help keep costs low for residents.

For more information, visit the Village website at elkgrove.org/affordable. ■

“We take great pride in offering high-quality government services to the Exceptional Community while keeping the cost of living low for our residents.”
- Mayor Craig Johnson



Envision Elk Grove Update

The Village has completed documents summarizing existing conditions for Envision Elk Grove, our community revitalization master plan. The existing condition summaries, as well as summaries of public input through the recent survey, are available on the Envision Elk Grove website at EnvisionElkGrove.com.

These documents are the first step toward planning for the future of the Elk Grove community for each plan area (Corridors, Redevelopment Sites, Business Services, and Business Park Enhancement Strategies). The Village is currently working on the next step—developing concepts for consideration.

The Village expects to be ready to share concepts for public input in the spring of 2024. You can sign up to receive updates on future public input opportunities on EnvisionElkGrove.com. ■



Happy Holidays from Elk Grove Village!

The Village of Elk Grove would like to wish everyone a joyful and safe holiday season!

May the holiday season bring you all moments of happiness, laughter, and cherished memories with your loved ones.

As a friendly reminder, Village Hall will be closed for regular business on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1. Please note that there will be service delays for curbside waste and recycling collection in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

Happy holidays and best wishes for a prosperous New Year ahead! ■



Toys For Tots Campaign

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program at Village Hall or at the Police Department's Stuff the Squad event!

Thanks to your generous donations, countless children in need will receive a special gift to unwrap this holiday season.



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.

Drop-off is located at:
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 April 30, 2024. The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclable materials. Call 847-357-4220 for more information.

The More You Know With Public Works: Elevated Water Storage Tank

The Village is proud to unveil its new 155-foot-tall elevated water storage tank! Located at the intersection of Higgins Road and Busse Road, the new tank will replace the 121-foot-tall tank on Pratt Boulevard that was built in 1964.

This new elevated water storage tank can hold up to 500,000 gallons of water and plays a crucial role in maintaining water system pressure to ensure a steady water supply to homes and businesses.

Construction on the new elevated tank began in 2022 and is scheduled to be brought online to the water distribution system this December.

The Public Works Department has created a video to give residents a bird's eye view of how tall the tank stands! Take a closer look into our community's infrastructure by visiting elkgrove.org/themoreyouknow or scan the QR code. Stay tuned for the next installment of The More You Know With Public Works! ■



Winter Property Maintenance Reminders

Help keep our community clean and beautiful and ensure a pleasant winter for both you and your neighbors by remembering the following:

- 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 containers shall be placed at the curb the night before your scheduled pickup and removed on the day of pickup. All garbage and recycling containers should be kept in your garage, rear yard, or side yard except on collection days.
- Remove all holiday lights and decorations by March 1, 2024. Bring any unwanted holiday lights to the Village Hall, which has collaborated with Elgin Recycling this year to provide complimentary recycling services for holiday lights until April 30, 2024. ■



2023 Community Blood Drive Results

Thank you to all residents who participated in our Community Blood Drives this year!

Community members generously donated an astonishing 180 units of blood this year, which will save up to 540 lives!

Community Blood Drives are held quarterly at Village Hall, on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The 2024 Community Blood Drives are scheduled for the following dates:

- February 3
- May 11
- September 14
- December 14

Stay tuned for appointment information for upcoming Community Blood Drives. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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

**2023
COMMUNITY
BLOOD
DRIVE
RECAP**

**540
LIVES
SAVED**

**180
UNITS OF
BLOOD
DONATED**



Home Winterization Tips

Now that winter weather is upon us, it is important to protect the interior and exterior of your property. The following tips can help you prepare your home for the winter season:

Prevent Freezing Pipes:

- Seal or caulk any cracks that might let cold air in, especially places where pipes run from the inside to the outside of your home, such as dryer vents or water pipes.
- Disconnect all garden hoses and check that any outdoor faucets with shutoff valves are drained and closed.

Fireplace Maintenance

- Remove soot, debris, and/or leaves from the chimney and the firebox before igniting.
- Check the flue damper to make sure it opens and closes properly.
- Only burn seasoned firewood or gas logs per manufacturer's regulations.
- Consult with a licensed chimney sweep or fireplace service technician for repair or maintenance.

Furnace Maintenance

- Change the air filter regularly to keep your furnace running efficiently.
- Consult with an HVAC professional annually to test and service your furnace to ensure it is functioning properly.

Please contact the Community Development Department at 847-357-4220 with any questions. ■



Avoid Warm-Up Theft this Winter

No one likes to get into an ice-cold car, but leaving your car unattended while it warms up increases your vulnerability to theft! Warm-up theft occurs when thieves steal cars that have been left running to warm up while unlocked and unattended - an open invitation for thieves.

If you must warm up your car and leave it unattended, use a remote starter or lock your vehicle and use a spare key. It only takes a few seconds for a thief to strike and it can happen anywhere, including residential areas, private driveways, retail parking lots, gas stations, etc.

Always remember to lock your car and take your keys with you every time! ■



Pace Dial-A-Ride

Pace provides curb-to-curb Dial-A-Ride bus service within the Village of Elk Grove, excluding the industrial park area, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fares for a one-way trip are \$1.30 per person, with a discounted fare of \$0.65 for seniors (ages 65 and older), children under 11 accompanied by an adult, persons with disabilities, and students traveling to or from school.

To schedule a ride, please call the Elk Grove Dial-A-Ride reservation line at 847-299-6212 or the regional reservation line at 800-299-0765. Residents are encouraged to call one hour in advance of their desired pickup time beginning at 8:30 a.m.

All Dial-A-Ride riders must register for the Rider ID system prior to scheduling their first ride.

Registration information is available online at elkgrove.org/pace or by calling the Village Manager's Office at 847-357-4010. ■



Friendly Reminder from the Police Department

Keep your holidays merry and bright — please do not drive impaired! If you plan to use impairing substances, always plan for an alternative mode of transportation before you drive, such as designating a sober driver or using a ridesharing app. ■



Elk Grove Village's Snow and Ice Control

Winter is here and the Village is ready to provide safe and clear streets. To help achieve our goal, please keep in mind the following:

► Priority Plowing and Salting

During snow/icing events, Public Works crews focus on major streets first to provide access for emergency vehicles and heavier traffic, then begin working on all other streets. Crews will continue this process for the duration of the storm and come back to clean up side streets after the snowfall has ended.

► Your Role in Clearing Snow

Snow removal equipment is designed to push snow onto the right-of-way which may result in snow being pushed onto driveway aprons, mailboxes, sidewalks, and hydrants. Residents and businesses are encouraged to clear:

- **Driveway aprons and mailboxes** – Place the snow onto your property or the adjacent parkway;
- **Sidewalks** – Place the snow onto your property as the Village does not provide this service;
- **Hydrants** – Clear the snow and ice three feet around all sides of hydrants to provide access in the case of an emergency.

Keep in mind that shoveling, blowing, or plowing snow into the street creates hazardous driving conditions, negates the effort of our snowplowing operations, and is prohibited by law. Please be careful when moving heavy snow.

► Winter Weather Parking Restrictions

Parking on all Village streets is prohibited when 2 or more inches of snow has fallen or is predicted to fall. Parking is also prohibited on both sides of the street for 24 hours after the snowfall stops or until the clearing operation is complete.

► Drive Safely and Remember to Yield

Remember to drive cautiously and yield to snow removal equipment and emergency vehicles.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at 847-734-8800. ■

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Early Voting

Early Voting for the Presidential Primary Election will begin on March 4, 2024 and will continue through March 18, 2024.

Early Voting will be open:

Monday - Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Anyone living in Suburban Cook County can vote early at Village Hall (901 Wellington Avenue) during the Early Voting period.

On Election Day (March 19, 2024), all voters must vote at their designated polling place. Please be aware that Village Hall is NOT a designated polling place on Election Day.

If you are not yet registered to vote, you can do so in advance online at ova.elections.il.gov. You can also register to vote in-person at Village Hall, or at your designated polling place on Election Day.

For more information regarding the upcoming elections, please visit elkgrove.org/election or contact the Village Clerk's Office at 847-357-4040. ■

**2024
ELECTION DAYS**

MARCH 19, 2024
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 2024
PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL
ELECTION

Cook County Clerk Vote by Mail Signature Verification Underway

If you are registered to Vote by Mail, please be aware that the Cook County Clerk is mailing out signature cards to voters who have no signature on file or whose signature on file is over 25 years old. Voters are asked to provide a new signature or verify their existing signature on file.

The purpose of these signature cards is to help the Cook County Clerk's Office verify signatures during the Vote by Mail process in upcoming elections.

There has been no change to voter registration status, this process is only for verification and efficiency purposes.

If you have any questions, you may call the Elk Grove Village Clerk's Office at 847-357-4040 or call the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-5656. ■

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. ■