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Village Awards \$750,000 Grant to Fund Expansion of EGHS Culinary Manufacturing Lab

The Village will provide Elk Grove High School with a \$750,000 grant to fund a major expansion of the school's Culinary Manufacturing Lab and create cross-curricular opportunities for students seeking career pathways in food production, restaurant and catering management. The grant will fund the complete modernization of the school's Culinary Manufacturing Lab and make the program accessible to more students.

Elk Grove High School's Culinary Arts program is part of their Career and Technical Education Program. The goal of the expansion, according to school officials, is to combine the business and entrepreneurship pathway with the culinary arts pathway to better acquaint students with all facets of operating a business in the food production industry.

Specifically, the grant will provide needed funds to build a state-of-the-art industrial kitchen equipped with six gas ranges, as well as commercial-grade ovens, mixers, dishwashers, griddles and all the necessary equipment to operate a full-scale food-preparation facility. The expansion will also include a classroom adjacent to the

kitchen that will be used for instruction, serving, catering and hosting events.

The Culinary Manufacturing Lab grant is just the latest initiative where the Village is supporting job training and workforce development through the school's Career and Technical Education Program. The Village recently provided the final installment of a five-year, \$500,000 grant to fund

the continued renovation of the school's advanced manufacturing lab in order to make manufacturing careers more accessible for young people. ■

"To succeed, Elk Grove High School students need to gain the competitive edge out there in the workforce. By providing this grant, we're investing in our youth while also providing local companies with a deeper talent pool to draw from."
- Mayor Craig Johnson

Elk Grove Woods Plaza Development Update

The Village is excited to share that there have been significant advancements in the development process for the new gateway development at the southeast corner of Arlington Heights Road and Higgins Road!

Village officials have ironed out and approved the final design of the development. The Village has also assumed responsibility of constructing a pedestrian bridge over Arlington Heights Road to permit safer pedestrian and bicyclist crossings.

More information, including visual renderings of the updated design for the gateway development and the pedestrian bridge, are included on pages 4 and 5. ■

Message from the Board

Coffee with the Board

Thank you to all the residents who participated in Coffee with the Board on February 3!

Join us for the next Coffee with the Board on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Village Hall.

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

Community Blood Drive

We extend our gratitude to the residents who generously participated in our blood drive on February 3. Thanks to your donations, up to 180 lives can be saved!

As the year progresses, we are excited to announce our next community blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at Village Hall. Join us anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to make a positive impact on our community!

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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.

Garbage & Recycling Reminder

A friendly reminder that garbage, recycling, and yard waste containers may only be stored on the side or rear of your property or within your garage.

The front area of your residential property, including areas such as your driveway, front porch, or in front of your garage, are not approved storage locations for garbage, recycling, or yard waste containers.

Containers may be placed at the curb of your residential property after 6:00 p.m. on the day prior to your area's scheduled pick-up day and must be removed by 7:00 p.m. on your pick-up day.

Daylight Savings Reminder

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 10.

Remember to turn your clocks forward by one hour. Spring will be here before you know it!

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 – Mon. 1/1/24
- Memorial Day - Mon. 5/27/24
- Fourth of July - Thurs. 7/4/24
- Labor Day - Mon. 9/2/24
- Thanksgiving - Thurs. 11/28/24
- Christmas Day - Wed. 12/25/24

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. ■

Call 911 If You Can, Text If You Can't

Did you know you can text 911 for emergency services if you live in or travel through the Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS) service area? This technology is especially helpful to those who are hard of hearing, deaf, or speech-impaired.

Remember, even with this advanced capability, the best way to contact 911 continues to be via voice communications. Texting should only be used during an emergency when you cannot communicate verbally. ■



Looking For A Way To Serve The Community? Join CERT!

The Elk Grove Village Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is looking for volunteers!

CERT assists the Village at several different events such as the summer concerts and other organized community events. There are also instances when CERT will be called upon to help after a critical incident.

Members of CERT receive training on disaster preparedness, light urban search and rescue, fire safety and suppression, disaster medical operations, and disaster survival.

If you would like to join CERT or for more information, please contact Sergeant Andrade at JAndrade@elkgrove.org. ■



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.

Applicants must be a resident of Elk Grove Village and must be a high school senior attending a college, university, or trade school this fall. Applicants must also have provided service to the school and community, including demonstration of positive leadership qualities.

Please visit elkgrove.org/scholarships to review the application. The deadline to apply is Monday, April 8 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 May. For any questions about this scholarship opportunity, please call 847-357-4010. ■



**Scholarship Applications
due Monday, April 8!**

Summer Internships And Seasonal Positions Available!

Looking for a fun and local job for the summer? Apply for a summer internship or seasonal position with the Village!

There are many unique opportunities available with the Village of Elk Grove. Various departments are hiring for summer internships or seasonal positions in career fields such as engineering, communications, public works, and more!

Summer positions are available for work Monday through Friday, and 24-40 hours per week are available, depending on the position. To view job descriptions and applications, please visit the Village website at elkgrove.org/jobs. ■



Elk Grove Woods Plaza Development Update

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Last month, the Village Board approved an agreement with Wingspan Development Group for the redevelopment of the properties on the southeast corner of Arlington Heights Road and Higgins Road. This was the final approval needed from the Village to move forward with plans for the new mixed-use development and is the culmination of a process that began with a request for proposals from developers in the fall of 2022.

The Village shared the proposals with the community at an open house in November of 2022 and chose to move forward with Wingspan based on support in the community for their proposal. Following the open house, the Village worked closely with Wingspan Development Group to update the design for the development, incorporating community feedback from the open house and online comments to better match visual character of the community. In April of 2023, the Village held a second open house, inviting residents to view the updated design for the gateway development. Over 200 residents attended this Open House event and additional residents submitted feedback online. Feedback on the updated designs for the development was overwhelmingly positive.

Wingspan Development presented the final redevelopment plans, along with petitions to resubdivide the land into two lots—one for residential and one for commercial as part of a planned development—were presented to the Plan Commission at a public hearing in November of 2023. The Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of these petitions, which were then approved at the Village Board Meeting on December 12, 2023.

Construction of the new commercial space for the development is anticipated to begin in late 2024. Businesses located at the existing commercial shopping center will remain open during the construction process. Visual renderings of the final design are included below and on the following page.



Above: An aerial view of the gateway development. Buildings on the left and bottom of the image will be for commercial use. The large building is an apartment building with some retail space on the first floor along the north side. Rowhomes will be placed behind the apartment building to act as a buffer between the apartments and the existing single-family homes.

Left: A closer view of the apartment building.



Top: A closer view of the rowhomes.

Bottom: One of the commercial buildings. Please note that the business names listed on the rendering are not reflective of final locations of the businesses.



Above: The phased construction plan. Commercial buildings will be built first, allowing the existing tenants to remain open until the new commercial space is ready for move-in. The apartments and rowhomes will be built in the second phase.

Pedestrian Bridge

Feedback from the November 9, 2022 Development Open House was overwhelmingly positive regarding the proposed pedestrian bridge over Arlington Heights Road. Due to the positive reception from residents, the Village decided to assume responsibility of the design and construction of a pedestrian bridge over Arlington Heights Road.

The pedestrian bridge, which was recently approved by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County will connect an improved sidepath on the east side of Arlington Heights Road to the Busse Woods trail on the other side. The bridge also features a lookout facing Busse Woods, two switchback ramps for ADA accessibility, and will be wide enough for two-way pedestrian and bicyclist traffic. ■



"UNITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY" 2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTED BY VILLAGE OF ELK GROVE AND ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT

THE BEACH BOYS

THURSDAY, JULY 4. 8:00PM - ROTARY GREEN

Back by popular demand, one of the most commercially successful bands has sold over 100 million records. They are #12 on Rolling Stone's greatest artists and inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Hear the sweet surfer sounds followed by the Village's gigantic fireworks display. "Surfin' U.S.A.", "Good Vibrations", "California Girls", "Wouldn't It Be Nice", "Fun, Fun, Fun"



MARTINA MCBRIDE

TUESDAY, JULY 9. 7:30PM - VILLAGE GREEN

Enjoy the great soprano voice of her country pop material. Ten albums are RIAA Gold certified or higher. She won the Country Music Association Award for Female Vocalist of the Year four times, Academy of Country Music's "Top Female Vocalist" award three times, and is a 14-time Grammy nominee. "Independence Day", "A Broken Wing", "Concrete Angel", "This One's For The Girls", "My Baby Loves Me"

NEON TREES

THURSDAY, JULY 18. 7:30PM - ROTARY GREEN

They received nationwide exposure in 2008 opening several dates for The Killers. Not long after, the band was signed by Mercury Records. Their first single, "Animal", climbed to No. 13 on the Billboard Hot 100 and No. 1 on the Alternative Songs chart. The band has released eighteen singles. "Everybody Talks", "Animal", "Sleeping With A Friend", "1983", "Lessons In Love"



THE FOUR TOPS

TUESDAY, JULY 23. 7:30PM - VILLAGE GREEN

This vocal quartet defines the Motown sound. Their successful songwriting, using a mix of many sounds, crafted hits. The group is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame. In 2004, Rolling Stone ranked them #79 on its list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. "Reach Out I'll Be There", "Baby I Need Your Loving", "Ain't No Woman", "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)", "It's The Same Old Song"

BRET MICHAELS

TUESDAY, JULY 30. 7:30PM - VILLAGE GREEN

You asked and Bret is back! With Poison he sold over 50 million albums. They charted 10 singles to the Top 40 of the Billboard Hot 100. Besides a frontman he has solo albums, soundtracks, and TV shows. In 2006, Hit Parader ranked him #40 on their list of greatest heavy metal singers. "Nothin' But A Good Time", "Talk Dirty To Me", "Something To Believe In", "Every Rose Has Its Thorn", "Unskinny Bop"



All Permit Technicians Certified By International Code Council

The Community Development Department is proud to have all three of its Permit Technicians certified by the International Code Council (ICC). These certifications affirm that the Village's Permit Technicians are knowledgeable of code requirements, are technically sound in their judgement, and provide a high degree and understanding of customer service. These skills assist residents by ensuring a smooth and streamlined permit process. If you are embarking on an upcoming home improvement project, Community Development's Permit Technicians can provide expert guidance and support to your specific project's needs and requirements.

Contact Community Development at 847-357-4220 or stop by Village Hall Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to discuss your project with one of our knowledgeable ICC certified permit technicians and ask any questions you may have. ■



Does Your Tap Water Appear Cloudy?

This time of year, you may notice that your tap water appears to be cloudy or milky. This is typically associated with a decrease in outside temperatures. If you let the water stand for a moment, it will dissipate and clear up. The cloudy appearance is simply due to an increase in air in the water lines. If you listen, you can even hear the air bubbles breaking apart.

Calcium and mineral deposits can also cause the water to appear cloudy. It is a good practice to periodically check and clean the aerators, which are the small screens on most faucets. Mineral deposits can accumulate in faucets, causing excess particles in the water or reduced flow.

If you experience further problems with your tap water, please call the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800. ■



The More You Know With Public Works: The Truth About Flushable Wipes

Did you know that flushable wipes aren't so flushable after all! Unlike toilet paper, flushable wipes do not break down and constantly cause clogs that lead to sewer backups.

"Flushable" wipes get stuck in bends in the pipes, cling to grease buildup, and get stuck on tree roots. These wipes also clog the lift station pumps that are used to move wastewater out of the Village.

For more information and to watch Public Works employees give a demonstration of how flushable wipes and toilet paper break down, scan the QR code or visit elkgrove.org/themoreyouknow ! ■



Early Voting Information

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. ■



Chicago Northwest Restaurant Week

Join us for Chicago Northwest Restaurant Week during March 1-10!

Diners can expect featured menus at special prices, including at some restaurants right here in Elk Grove! This is your chance to discover hidden culinary gems and revisit beloved favorites.

From cozy neighborhood gems to chic hotspots, there's something for every palate during this fantastic 10-day celebration of gastronomy. Scan the QR code to see what restaurants are participating! ■



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 April 30, 2024. The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclable materials. Call **847-357-4220** for more information.