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Elk Grove Becomes Most Accredited Municipality in Illinois and One of Only Three Nationally

The Village is proud to announce that it is the first community in the State of Illinois to have earned accreditation for its Public Works, Police, Fire, and Building Departments. This achievement places the Village in elite company among the nation's top-tier, with just three municipalities nationwide having this prestigious status.

This was made possible by the Elk Grove Village Public Works Department, who recently earned full accreditation status from the American Public Works Association (APWA) after a comprehensive three-year evaluation of its operations, policies, and management practices. Elk Grove is one of just ten Illinois communities to have been accredited by the APWA.

"The Village of Elk Grove shines as a beacon of excellence, standing proud as one of three of the most accredited municipalities in the nation. Our multiple accreditations are a testament to our commitment to delivering the highest quality services to Elk Grove Village residents while maintaining the lowest municipal tax burden in the area."

- Mayor Craig Johnson

Full accreditation means that the Public Works Department complies with recommended management practices and is committed to ongoing improvement of how it delivers critical infrastructure maintenance services to the residents and businesses of Elk Grove Village.

The accreditation process evaluates an agency's effectiveness in managing different "practice areas" such as street maintenance, stormwater and flood management, traffic operations, finance, and fleet management. Accreditation status is valid for four years. After two years, the APWA will perform an evaluation to ensure that best practices are being followed. Village officials said they would be working to maintain accreditation status well into the future.

"We sought accreditation status because we knew that putting ourselves, our policies, and our operations under the close scrutiny of industry experts would help us identify areas where we can further strengthen our operations and serve our residents," said Public Works Department Director Colby Basham. "I salute the men and women of our Department of Public Works for all they do on behalf of the residents and businesses that call Elk Grove Village home." ■

Coffee with the Board: New Location!

Our next Coffee with the Board will take place on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at **75 Turner Avenue**.

This event provides an opportunity for residents to meet with members of the Village Board in a relaxed atmosphere and discuss any topics, issues, or questions that matter most to the community.

For any questions about this event, please contact the Mayor's Office at 847-357-4030. ■



Message from the Board

Provide Your Thoughts on the Future of the Community!

The Village invites residents and businesses to share their thoughts on draft concept plans for potential redevelopment areas and major corridors in our community.

You can submit comments online at EnvisionElkGrove.com until Friday, May 10.

Thank you to all residents who attended the Envision Elk Grove Open House, and we look forward to hearing from more of you online. We greatly appreciate any feedback and will consider your thoughts as we plan for the future of the community.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall Meeting Room E.

The Crime Prevention Unit will discuss current crime trends and other police-related information. Questions? Please contact our Crime Prevention Unit at CrimePrevention@elkgrove.org or (847) 357-4151.

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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.

Celebrate Arbor Day

Join the Public Works Department and the Elk Grove Park District for an Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony on Friday, April 26th. The ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the Al Hattendorf Center, located at 225 E. Elk Grove Boulevard.

Interfaith Council Prayer Luncheon

The Interfaith Council of Elk Grove is hosting a Spring Prayer Luncheon on Thursday, May 2 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Kenneth Young Center.

This event aims to bring together members of our diverse community to foster a sense of unity, mutual respect, and harmony.

Please scan the QR code to RSVP.



Mental Health Matters Event

Join Elk Grove Village Cares and other community advocates to learn about mental health resources and hear from various speakers on Thursday, May 2 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Elk Grove Village Public Library.

Please scan the QR code to register and to view more information.



Bulgarian Alphabet Enlightenment and Culture Parade & Celebration

The Village of Elk Grove and the Consulate General of Bulgaria in Chicago invite you to the Bulgarian Alphabet Enlightenment and Culture Parade & Celebration on May 19, 2024.

The Parade is for the Day of Bulgarian Alphabet Enlightenment and Culture will begin at 12 p.m. at Entrance 29 on the South side of the Elk Grove High School. The Bulgarian Festival will follow the parade on Rotary Green at 164 Lions Drive.



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.

Visit with Dawoodi Bohra Representatives

On Thursday, April 4, Mayor Johnson met with representatives from the Dawoodi Bohra Community of North Chicago (2030 Nerge Road). The Dawoodi Bohras are a branch of the Islamic faith.

The representatives made their visit during Ramadan to introduce themselves, share their culture, show kindness, and establish a connection with the Elk Grove community.

Pictured from left to right: Shk Mustafa Rasheed, Mayor Johnson, Adnan Adamji, and Taher Gheewala.



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). ■

O'Hare Fly Quiet Update

The permanent Fly Quiet runway rotation program at O'Hare Airport is currently awaiting environmental review by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The Village's lawsuit last fall compelled the FAA to acknowledge its obligation to review all feasible and reasonable options, including Alternative H3, which is the only submitted plan that satisfies every stated objective set forth by the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission for the runway rotation program. The FAA recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Chicago which provides for the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) to complete the required modeling and community engagement for the environmental review.

Earlier this month, Mayor Johnson wrote a letter to the CDA Commissioner Jamie Rhee reminding the CDA of its obligation to conduct an environmental review of Fly Quiet alternatives in accordance with federal law. The letter urges the CDA to complete the required environmental review by analyzing the impacts of both Alternative B3 and Alternative H3. The latter option for runway rotation, according to a detailed data analysis, will more fairly distribute nighttime airplane noise, create fewer environmental impacts, and mitigate environmental justice concerns. The letter also expresses the Village's desire for a public comment period in accordance with federal requirements and urges the CDA to be transparent in its evaluation process so that all communities that will be impacted by the outcome of this major federal action can be informed and involved.

The Village will continue to advocate for a fair environmental review process that includes Alternative H3, in addition to transparency and public comment opportunities, to ensure a fair distribution of nighttime noise across all affected communities. ■

Food Pantry Information

The Community Services Division, in partnership with local organizations, seeks to address the human and social service needs of our community, including access to local food pantries. Below is information for five local food pantries open to our residents.

Food Pantry	Address	Phone Number	Hours	Requirements	Frequency
Elk Grove Township	600 Landmeier Road	224-265-6111 <i>By appointment only</i>	Tues.: 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wed. - Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Must live in Elk Grove Township	Once a month (Twice a month for households of 4 or more)
Schaumburg Township	1 Illinois Boulevard (Hoffman Estates)	847-285-4503 <i>By appointment only</i>	Mon. 10 a.m. - 3p.m. Tues. - Wed.: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thurs.: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri.: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Must live in Schaumburg Township	Once a month (Twice a month for households of 3 or more)
Christus Victor Lutheran Church	1045 S. Arlington Heights Road	847-437-2666	Wed.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sat.: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Available to all	Once a week
Living Hope Church	777 Meacham Road	847-985-6446	Thurs.: 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Available to all	Once a week
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church	1072 Ridge Avenue	847-439-2067	1st & 3rd Wed.: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Available to all	As often as needed

Please contact Elk Grove Village Community Services at 847-357-4120 for additional food pantry locations and information. ■

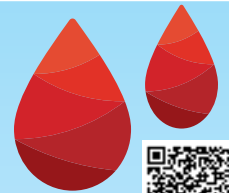
Memorial Day Ceremony

On Monday, May 27, at 10:45 a.m., the Village of Elk Grove will hold the annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony at the Park District Pavilion, with the support of VFW Post 9284 and its Ladies Auxiliary.

This is an important event and a necessary tradition to those that gave their lives for us to have the liberty and freedoms that we enjoy today.

Residents are invited to the ceremony. The event will include Placing of Wreaths, a flag-folding ceremony by the Police and Fire Honor Guard, and a gun salute. The event will be broadcast live on EGTV Channel 6. ■

Upcoming Community Blood Drive



Saturday, May 11, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave.)

To make an appointment, call Vitalant at **877-258-4825** or visit **vitalant.org**.

Walk-ins are also welcome.



ELK GROVE VILLAGE



PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE



450 E. DEVON AVENUE

Saturday, May 18, 2024
9am - 1pm



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Interactive Exhibits
- Touch-A-Truck
- Street Sweeper Rides
- Tool Cat Rides
- Street Sign Raffle

- Balloon Artist
- Face Painter
- Hot Dogs
- Popcorn
- Snow Cones



For more information, please call 847-734-8800

Paint and Motor Oil Collection Event

Elk Grove Village is hosting a Paint & Motor Oil Collection Event on Saturday, May 4. This event is limited to Elk Grove residents. IDs will be checked, and business items will not be accepted.

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

James Paul Petri Public Works Facility
450 E. Devon Avenue

Accepted Items:

- **Motor Oil**
- **Anti-Freeze**
- **Paint and Stains** – Latex, Acrylic, or Oil-based only

Paint must be in labeled, non-leaking cans or containers that are 5 gallons or less.

Dried-up paint can be disposed of in curbside waste bins and will not be accepted at this event.

Paint thinner and remover will not be accepted at this event.

If you do not see an item listed above, it will not be accepted at this event. Items such as adhesives, aerosol cans, cleaning products, pesticides, roofing compounds, sealers/sealants, solvents, and spray paint are household hazard waste (HHW) items and must be disposed of at an HHW facility. For more information, please visit elkgrove.org/recycling.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847-357-4028. ■

Spring Property Maintenance Reminders

Spring is a good time to enhance the exterior of your property. The Community Development Department has several helpful tips to help you maintain your property:

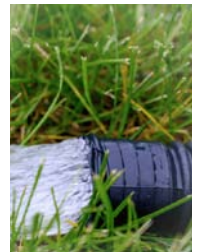
- Address numbers should be easily visible as this helps emergency responders and visitors find you quickly and easily.
- Check the roof for missing shingles or any signs of problems regularly.
- Keep gutters clean and clear to avoid any water buildup and protect your home's foundation from potential damage.
- Trim your bushes regularly to prevent them from hanging over onto public sidewalks.
- Check driveways and walkways regularly for any cracks or signs of wear that could be a safety hazard.



By adhering to these exterior maintenance guidelines, residents can contribute to the overall safety and attractiveness of their neighborhood. ■

Sump Pump Discharge

When heavy rainfalls occur, your sump pump may need to work more frequently to discharge excess water. Every home equipped with a sump pump should include a discharge pipe that directs water outside the home and away from the foundation. The end of the discharge line shall be located at least ten feet (10') away from both the rear and side property lines.



If there is a storm sewer inlet located in your rear yard easement, you could potentially connect the sump pump to the Village's storm sewer system. This work requires a permit from the Village. Under no circumstances should a sump pump be connected to the sanitary sewer system.

For additional information, scan the QR code to view the sump pump discharge checklist and permit application.



If you have any questions regarding your sump pump, please contact the Community Development Department at 847-357-4220. ■

Save the Date: Document and Electronics Recycling

Saturday, June 1, 2024

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

James Paul Petri Public Works Facility
450 E. Devon Avenue

"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"

NEON TREES



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"



Tree Care Tips from Public Works

In honor of Arbor Day, the Public Works Forestry Division would like to share the following tree care tips with residents.

Observe: Trees are living things and should be looked after as so. Inspect trees from the bottom to the top while looking for:

- Hollowing of trunks, which can indicate a dead or dying tree.
- Small holes, decay, cracks, or crumbling bark as this can be a sign of disease or bug infestation.
- Yellow leaves, as this could occur from too much water, not enough water, or soil damage.
- Sparse leaves, as this is usually as a sign of stress, which can be caused by insects, disease, drought, or soil compaction.

Watering: Watering is very important to the growth and health of any tree. Most established trees do not need additional watering during the summer months except if the tree is less than 4 years old or temperatures are consistently above average.

- If the tree is less than 4 years old or temperatures are consistently above average, the rule of thumb is 10 gallons of water per week for every inch of the tree trunk's diameter.
- If you see puddling under the tree after watering or rain events, this could indicate drainage problems or could be a sign of over watering.
- Keep in mind that you can over water trees, which can cause the tree to decline.

Pruning: Pruning is important because it is critical to preserving the tree's health, the tree's appearance, and the community's safety. While pruning usually occurs in the fall, winter, and spring, pruning can be done in the summer if necessary. When pruning trees on your property, it is important to:

- Prune dead branches to remove any dead and decaying wood.
- Prune fruit trees in late winter or early spring to avoid tree stress.
- Prune trees that flower in the spring after they finish blooming.

Please keep in mind that parkway trees, trees located between the sidewalk and street, are pruned by the Elk Grove Village Public Works Department. Please submit a service request or call 847-734-8800 if you believe that your parkway tree needs to be trimmed.

Mulching: Mulching is important because it helps retain moisture, controls soil temperature, and cuts down on weeds and fungi.

- Create a donut around the base while leaving at least 6 inches of soil directly around the trunk.
- Disperse mulch so that the depth is approximately 3 inches deep and no deeper than 4 inches.
- Pull mulch away from the base of the tree trunk, so it does not pile up against the trunk.

Fertilizing: Trees and shrubs do not require fertilizer, but it does help to support tree health and growth.

- Fertilize prior to the growth season.
- Use slow release fertilizers as they are better for the environment.
- Avoid fertilizing trees stressed by drought during the summer months. ■



Salt Creek Cleanup Event

The Salt Creek Watershed Network and the Friends of Critters and Salt Creek is holding a Salt Creek Clean Up on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help restore Salt Creek to its natural state and keep this precious natural resource clean and attractive.

Over the past 30 years, this program has cleaned up more than 84 cubic yards of garbage from the creek, including bicycle and car parts, construction material and other debris.

Volunteers can meet at the Elk Grove High School parking lot at 9:00 a.m. For information, please contact Nick Nikola by email at creekguy@att.net or by phone at 847-828-1141. ■



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Online Public Feedback
Open Now Until May 10!

Share your thoughts on:

- Potential redevelopment areas
- Infrastructure and streetscaping for major corridors

by Friday, May 10!

EnvisionElkGrove.com

National Drug Take-Back Day

The Police Department invites the public to participate in the 26th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Police Department lobby.



As part of this event, the public can anonymously turn in expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs at no cost. Needles, sharps, or liquids will not be accepted.

Please note that prescription drugs are also accepted anytime through the drug drop-off box in the Police Department lobby. ■

Cop on a Rooftop

Join the Police Department on Friday, May 17, for the annual Cop on a Rooftop fundraiser to benefit Special Olympics Illinois at Dunkin' Donuts (50 Biesterfield Road) between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Please stop by to support an awesome  **Special Olympics Illinois** cause! ■

Chalk It Up to Character!

The Community Character Coalition of Elk Grove invites all schools, businesses, governmental organizations, churches, scouts, and all residents to participate in designing and displaying positive messages using sidewalk chalk!



When you are finished with your artwork, please take a picture and send it to treasurer@cceg.org. The CCC will post your pictures on their website and social media from May 12 - 18. If you have questions, contact Trustee Miller at tmiller@elkgrove.org. ■

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. ■