

ELK GROVE Villager

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Celebrate America's Day in America's Village!

Join us on Thursday, July 4 in commemorating the spirit of freedom and unity for yet another unforgettable Fourth of July celebration here in Elk Grove Village, brought to you by the Village of Elk Grove and the Lions Club. The celebration will feature live music, food, drinks, a special appearance, and a dazzling firework show!

NASCAR Driver Brad Keselowski will make a special appearance at the event, roaring into town in the Makers Wanted No. 6 Mustang stock car. Don't miss your chance to see him and the Makers Wanted car before the Chicago Street Race!

Sway to the iconic sounds of The Beach Boys as they take center stage for a live concert performance that will transport you back to the golden age of surf rock, beginning at 8:00 p.m. on the Rotary Green (164 Lions Drive).

A stunning firework show will follow the Beach Boys concert, providing the perfect finale to a day of fun and festivities.

No celebration is complete without delicious food and refreshing drinks, and we've got you covered! Classic Fourth of July fare will be sold, including hotdogs and hamburgers. Beer will also be available for purchase. Food and beverage sales will begin at 5 p.m. All proceeds from alcohol sales will benefit the Elk Grove Lions and Rotary Clubs.

For more information about this year's Fourth of July Celebration, please visit the Village website at elkgrove.org/july4th. ■



Message from the Board

Remembering John Glass, Plan Commission Chairman

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of John Glass, a cherished member of our community, dedicated



volunteer, and a strong leader who guided the long-term development of the community. John served as the Chairman of the Elk Grove Village Plan Commission for 40 years, leaving an indelible mark on our Village's development and future.

Throughout the many changes the Village experienced during his tenure, John demonstrated unwavering dedication to the betterment of our community. His leadership as the Chairman of the Plan Commission played a pivotal role in sharing the landscape and direction of our Village, ensuring a sustainable growth and thoughtful development.

"John was known for his wealth of knowledge and approached every decision with wisdom, foresight, and commitment to serving the best interests of Elk Grove Village and its residents and businesses. His spirit will remain in our community and continue to guide and inspire us as we build upon the foundation he laid for the future of the exceptional community." - Mayor Johnson

Coffee with the Board

Thank you to all the residents who participated in Coffee with the Board on May 4!

Join us for the next Coffee with the Board on Saturday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 75 Turner Avenue.

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 community matters.

Overnight Parking Waived for Memorial Day

Overnight parking restrictions will be waived from Saturday, May 25, at 2:00 a.m. to Tuesday, May 28, at 5:00 a.m. Enforcement will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29.



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.

A Friendly Reminder for Pet Owners

It is required by the Village code that all pets must be kept on a leash when in any public area in Elk Grove Village. Leashes may not exceed 8 feet in length. In parks only, leashes of up to 15 feet are permitted.

This ensures safety and comfort for everyone, including other dogs, children, and people who might not be as comfortable around pets.

It is also important to be mindful of pet waste and pick up after them. Please carry waste bags with you and use designated bins for disposal.

Thank you for your cooperation and for being responsible pet owners. ■

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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.

Be Aware & Park with Care!

Maintaining access to sidewalks throughout our community ensures that everyone can get around with ease. Sidewalks blocked by vehicles can present problems to pedestrians, strollers, bicyclists, and people who rely on wheelchairs or motorized vehicles to get around, especially during the warmer months.

Residents may find themselves forced from the sidewalk into the street due to vehicles parked across the sidewalk in driveways.

When possible, practice parking courtesy by keeping sidewalks open for your neighbors. Please remember to be aware and park with care! ■



Statement Regarding Munchie's Pizza Restaurant

Elk Grove Village officials and restaurant owner Marie Altobello have amicably reached an agreement providing Munchie's with funds to assist with a possible relocation within the Village. If the relocation effort is unsuccessful, the agreement provides a lesser amount to assist Munchie's with terminating its current restaurant operations by the beginning of October.

When the Village originally approached Ms. Altobello in December 2023 to discuss the then-pending purchase of the property at 25 Turner Avenue, she expressed interest in a buy-out that would allow her to close the restaurant comfortably.

In early April, following negotiations for lease terminations with other tenants, the Village proposed an offer of financial assistance to terminate operations. Ms. Altobello declined to accept prior to the April 23 deadline. This deadline was set with the intention to resolve the leases prior to purchasing the property.

After the deadline passed, Ms. Altobello expressed interest in re-opening discussions with the Village about financial assistance and the possibility of relocation assistance for her business, which has operated in Elk Grove for 41 years. The termination assistance provided in the current agreement remains the same as what was originally offered by the Village in early April, with additional provisions to assist with a possible relocation. ■

Ribbon Cutting: Cefalù's First Anniversary

In April, Village officials attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Cefalù Seaside Sicilian Restaurant to celebrate the restaurant's one-year anniversary!

Located at 1180 W Devon Avenue, Cefalù specializes in authentic Sicilian cuisine, fresh pasta, seafood, and cocktails. The restaurant is open Tuesday – Sunday and features a modern interior, outdoor patio seating, and a private room for celebrations.

For more information, visit cefaluseaside.com. ■



Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling Event

The Village, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), will host a Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling Event. This event is limited to residents of SWANCC member communities. IDs will be checked, and materials from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted.

**Saturday, June 1, 2024
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

James Paul Petri Public Works Facility
450 E. Devon Avenue

Accepted Items:

- Cable Receivers
- Cell Phones
- Computer monitors
- Computers (Desktops, Notebooks, Tablets)
- Converter Boxes
- Fax Machines
- Keyboards
- Mice
- MP3 Players
- Portable Digital Assistants (PDAs)
- Printers (Multi-function Printers)
- Satellite Receivers
- Scanners
- Televisions (All Types)
- Video Game Consoles
- Video Recorders/Players
- Zip Drives

If the item is not listed, check the SWANCC website at swancc.org for information about how to recycle the item.

Guidelines for Document Destruction:

- Paper must be dry, clean, and loose
- Remove metal clips, plastic sleeves, folders, and binders (small staples are okay)
- Place paper in paper shopping bags or cardboard boxes - NO PLASTIC BAGS - please!
- Limited to six (6) bags or boxes

To help keep the line moving, all participants are asked to follow these guidelines:

- Have ID ready to verify residency.
- Unlock/open the trunk from inside the vehicle and allow staff to unload the items.
- Paper documents should be contained in one area in the back of vehicle in paper bags or small boxes – not in plastic bags! Boxes and bags will be returned to the resident.

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

Drones to Light the Sky in Elk Grove Village on July 18

The skies of Elk Grove Village are set to light up like never before as the Village hosts its first-ever community drone show! Scheduled to take place following the Neon Trees concert on July 18, the drone show will feature an array of choreographed illuminations in the night sky with bright colors and intricate formations. This event will be free to attend and is suitable for all ages.

The Neon Trees concert on Thursday, July 18 will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Rotary Green (164 Lions Drive) in conjunction with the Elk Grove Rotary Fest. The drone show will begin shortly after the concert, dependent on weather conditions.

For more information about the concert series and drone show, including updates and announcements, please visit the Village website at elkgrove.org/concerts. ■



Hiring Lateral Police Officers

If you are looking for a dynamic career with opportunities to grow, look no further! The Elk Grove Village Police Department invests in our officers' development. Through comprehensive training programs, specialized units, and opportunities for advancement, we provide a clear path to enhance your skills and expand your law enforcement career.

To embark on a rewarding career and qualify for a \$10,000 hiring bonus, apply now at elkgrove.org/jobs. ■

WE'RE HIRING LATERAL POLICE OFFICERS

- ✓ Salary: \$88,409.62-\$93,744.56
- ✓ Top Pay: \$116,754.56
- ✓ \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
- ✓ 12-hour Patrol Shift
- ✓ Yearly Firearms Bonus: \$2,250
- ✓ Health, Dental & Life Insurance
- ✓ Endless Training Opportunities
- ✓ Longevity Pay & More!



Receive a Water Bill Credit through the Tree Watering Program

The Tree Watering Program is a voluntary program available to all residents who had a parkway tree replaced in the last 5 years. Parkway trees planted in 2019 and later are eligible for the program. The program provides residents with a one-time \$25 water bill credit in exchange for assisting the Public Works Department in watering a parkway tree that meets this criteria. Public Works crews will place a tree bag on the parkway tree and then the participating resident will need to add water to the bag twice per week. This is roughly equivalent to 40 gallons of water over the course of the program. A \$25 credit will appear on a resident's water bill in November/December after the program has been completed.

By participating in the program, you can contribute to the health and growth of the urban forest and build a more sustainable community. If you would like to participate in the program, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 734-8800 or submit a request online at elkgrove.org/trees. ■

Help Keep Our Stormwater Clean!

Stormwater is rainwater that runs off rooftops, lawns, driveways, and streets into our stormwater system. As the stormwater flows, it picks up dirt, yard waste, pesticides and fertilizers, oil, and other harmful contaminants. These pollutants are carried into storm drains and into our local freshwater sources. Here are simple ways that you can help reduce pollution in our waterways.

- Do not dump motor oil, antifreeze, or other hazardous materials on the ground or into sewers. Recycling programs are available for these hazardous materials. Many service stations collect used motor oil.
- When cleaning a driveway or parking lot, use a broom instead of water and dispose of debris in the trash instead of in the street or storm sewer.
- Minimize the use of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers on your lawn and plant native plants when feasible to reduce the need for herbicides.
- Please pick up litter and place it into trash cans to prevent it from ending up in our waterways.
- Do not dump branches, leaves, or grass clippings along creek beds, in open ditches, or in the street.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch during landscaping projects and sweep up debris. Do not wash it into the street.

For more information on how you can help keep our stormwater clean, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800 or visit elkgrove.org/stormwater. ■



Summer Bucket List

- ☐ Take a selfie at the Heart Swing
- ☐ Check out Art & Culture in the Park
- ☐ Rock out at the Mid-Summer Concerts
- ☐ Spot a butterfly at a Monarch Garden
- ☐ Watch a Firework Show
- ☐ Spend the day at Play, Picnic & Party
- ☐ Enjoy the night at Rotary Fest
- ☐ View the Drone Show
- ☐ See a Movie in the Park at the Pavilion
- ☐ Spot the Library's traveling Book Bike
- ☐ Cool off at the Village's Splash Pad
- ☐ Join a Summer Reading Program at the Library
- ☐ Take a walk to your neighborhood park
- ☐ Visit the Veterans' Memorial Park
- ☐ Create at the Library's Elk Lab Makerspace
- ☐ Browse the Elk Grove Farmers Market

Visit qrco.de/egvsummer for more information or scan the QR code.



Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Adoption

The Village's new fiscal year started this month and the Village Board has approved a total budget of \$229,562,697 for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25). The General Fund budget, which provides for Village operations and contains most of the Village's traditional services such as Fire, Police, and Public Works, was approved at \$75,963,259. This represents a decrease of 4.6% from the previous fiscal year (with pension pass-throughs and transfers removed).

The industrial vacancy rate at the end of 2023 was 1.39%, which marks eight consecutive years that the Village has sustained a vacancy rate below 5%. As a result of this strong business climate, the Village continues to experience positive financial conditions and stability. In addition, a balanced budget has been established to maintain the rising costs of goods and services in 2024.

The FY25 adopted budget maintains the Village's commitment to maintaining exceptional standards and fiscal responsibility. The budget also provides for a continuation of our community events and public education outreach programs as we look forward to engage with the community once again. ■

Pedestrian Roadway Safety

Please pay close attention to the following motorist safety reminders to keep pedestrians safe, especially during the warmer months:

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.
- Be prepared to stop at all marked crosswalks. Stay alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.
- Come to a complete stop if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross.
- Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in before resuming travel.
- Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk. ■



Sidewalk Bicycle Rules

Riding a bicycle is a fun way to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. As part of National Bicycle Safety Month, the Police Department reminds bicyclists to obey the following rules when riding on sidewalks where it is permitted:

- When walking or riding your bicycle on a sidewalk or crosswalk, you must obey all pedestrian signs and signals.
- Bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrians on sidewalks or crosswalks.
- Slow down and go around pedestrians when possible.
- When approaching a pedestrian from behind, slow down and give an audible signal to alert them of your presence before passing them. ■



Chicagoland Cicada Emergence

This year, cicadas are expected to emerge in much higher numbers than you may be accustomed to seeing. This is due to the expected emergence of annual cicadas in addition to the emergence of periodical cicadas. Northern Illinois typically only sees annual cicadas beginning in July. This year, a brood of periodical cicadas called Brood XIII will also be present in the area. These cicadas have spent 17 years of their lives underground, only to come up for 20-25 days as adults.

Brood XIII and Brood XIX are both periodical cicadas anticipated to emerge simultaneously this year, but in different areas. Here in Elk Grove Village, residents will likely see Brood XIII cicadas. Brood XIX will be primarily found in central and southern Illinois.

Can cicadas cause harm to trees and shrubs?

According to the Morton Arboretum, cicadas are not particular and will use many kinds of trees and some shrubs as hosts. However, only very young trees or older trees that are unhealthy or stressed are at any risk.

How can I protect my trees and shrubs?

Residents may consider covering vulnerable trees and shrubs with mesh netting. The netting must have a fine mesh to keep out cicadas, with holes ¼ inch wide or smaller. Keep the netting on for about six weeks, until the insects have died. Netting can be found at stores that sell garden supplies. ■

Please DO NOT apply insecticides to Village parkway trees!

"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

PROCEEDS OF ALCOHOL SALES WILL BENEFIT ELK GROVE LIONS & ROTARY CLUBS

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

PROCEEDS OF ALCOHOL SALES WILL BENEFIT ELK GROVE ROTARY CLUB

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"



EGTV May Special Programming

May features special programming all month that you can see only on EGTV!

EGTV Sports – Elk Grove High School finishes up its sports schedule for the academic year with varsity Baseball, Softball, Boys' Volleyball, and both Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse, all on EGTV! Check out our schedule at eg-tv.org.

Elk Grove High School Graduation – We will cover the 2024 EGHS Commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 22.

Memorial Day Ceremony – Tune in on Monday, May 27 for live coverage of the 2024 Memorial Day ceremony.

On-demand coverage of the above events will be available online at elkgrove.org/egtvondemand. For more information, check out our website at eg-tv.org, send us an email at channel6@elkgrove.org, or call us at (847) 357-4260. ■



Tips on Hiring a Contractor

The success of your future home renovation projects may rely on hiring reliable contractors. Prior to hiring a contractor, check online resources and reviews or seek recommendations from trusted neighbors to find a reputable contractor.

Request at least three written quotes to compare prices and project scopes, while also asking for references to assess their work quality. Exercise caution if the price seems too good to be true, and carefully review all contracts and related documents.

Before finalizing any agreements, familiarize yourself with your rights as a consumer. Scan the QR code to access the "Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights" pamphlet provided by the Illinois Attorney General's office. ■



May is Building Safety Month!

Building Safety Month, sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC), is a global initiative to increase awareness regarding building safety and emphasizes the importance of implementing and upholding modern building codes. The Building Division, within the Community Development Department, adopts and enforces ICC codes to safeguard residents and businesses by reviewing construction documents, issuing permits, and conducting inspections.

Mayor Johnson signed a proclamation to recognize May as Building Safety Month in Elk Grove Village. To learn more about Building Safety Month, scan the QR code or call 847-357-4220. ■



Report Coyote Sightings

Spring is coyote pupping season, which means that you may spot more coyotes around. The Village has partnered with Scientific Wildlife Management, which reviews coyote sighting reports and performs investigations.

Residents are encouraged to report coyote sightings at scientificwildlifemanagement.com or scan the QR code to help us understand and manage the coyote population in the community. ■



Summer Saturday Hours

Visit us at the Finance or Community Development front counter once a month on Saturday this summer from 9 a.m. – noon, inside Village Hall at 901 Wellington Avenue. Pay your water bill, tickets, and inquire about our permitting process to apply for your permit online!

The Finance and Community Development Departments will be open on the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. – noon:

Saturday, June 1

Saturday, July 13

Saturday, August 3

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. ■

Business Matters

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Celebrating the Fusion of Beer and Pinball: Mikerphone Brewery and Stern Pinball's Collaboration

In the summer of 2022, Elk Grove Village witnessed the creation of a unique partnership that combined two beloved pastimes: beer and pinball. Mikerphone Brewery, known for its innovative brews, joined forces with Stern Pinball, a designer and manufacturer of arcade-quality pinball games, to create an experience like no other.

It all began when Mike Pallen, owner and founder of Mikerphone Brewery, saw a segment about Stern Pinball on EGTV, the local TV channel. Inspired by what he saw, Pallen saw an opportunity to merge his passion for craft beer with the allure of pinball. Thus, a collaboration was born.



Gary Stern, the founder of Stern Pinball, was equally enthralled by the prospect of partnering with a business in Elk Grove Village. The synergy between Mikerphone Brewery and Stern Pinball was evident from the outset, fueled by a shared commitment to innovation and quality.

Fast forward to the present, and Mikerphone Brewery's Tasting Room boasts four iconic pinball machines: Mandalorian, Godzilla, Led Zeppelin, and James Bond.

"The minute you turn those lights on [the machines]...it's a new energy in here. We've seen an audience flocking here that wasn't here before."

- Mike Pallen, Owner and Founder of Mikerphone Brewery

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New Businesses: Welcome to Elk Grove Village!

Artvidar Cabinetry Inc.
Assembly Unlimited
Packaging LLC
JTE Electric
MW Technology
Logistics Inc.

R. Construction Solutions
REMAX Liberty
Repro Direct
Silk Road Distributors
Soccer Group Inc.

Thompson Safety
Vegan CoPacker
Woodoo Cabinetry Inc.
Yummy Kitchen Corp.

Celebrating the Fusion of Beer and Pinball

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These machines not only provide entertainment but also serve as a testament to the enduring popularity of pinball.

To complement this exciting venture, Mikerphone Brewery introduced a new beer named “Stern up the Volume.” With its bold flavor and nod to the pinball legacy, “Stern up the Volume” has become a must-try for everyone, from aficionados to novices.

Meanwhile, Stern Pinball, with roots dating back to the 1930s, continues to thrive as the oldest and largest designer and manufacturer of arcade-quality pinball games. Their success led to the need for expansion, prompting a relocation to 1001 Busse Road. This move represents a significant investment of \$5 million and has resulted in the creation of 50 new jobs, further solidifying Stern’s commitment to Elk Grove Village.



The collaboration between Mikerphone Brewery and Stern Pinball stands as a testament to the power of partnership and innovation. They have created a space where creativity flourishes, and memories are made for beer enthusiasts and pinball aficionados alike. ■

Business Ambassador Visit: Record-A-Hit Entertainment

The Business Ambassador Team had the opportunity to visit and take a tour with the team from Record-A-Hit Entertainment, located at 1380 Brummel Avenue. Record-A-Hit is a full-service special event company that offers entertainment and attractions for a wide range of clients, including businesses, colleges, corporations, trade shows, park districts, and special occasions.

Established in 1986 by Rob Brooms, who serves as the owner and president, Record-A-Hit began its journey as a modest karaoke venture located on the north side of Chicago. Rob’s initial role involved providing karaoke services and recording each performance, inspiring the company’s distinctive name.

Over the years, Record-A-Hit has evolved and grown significantly since its relocation to Elk Grove 18 years ago, primarily driven by high demand for experiences. They now boast over 350 attractions and services with some noteworthy additions, including mechanical bulls, arcade games, and photo booths. Record-A-Hit also has massage chairs and oxygen bars which are particularly popular among clients seeking wellness and relaxation activities.

As the company has grown from one person to 105 employees, one thing remains the same: good customer service. They take pride in their reliability, positive demeanor, and professionalism at every event they attend. Among their standout offerings are portable roller skating rinks and iceless skating rinks.

Our Ambassador Team enjoyed our visit with the staff at Record-A-Hit Entertainment and hearing about the joy they bring to others with their events. ■



“Elk Grove Village has provided a central location for our attractions nationwide.

It has also provided a wonderful talent pool of dedicated employees. We’re proud to be serving the public and businesses in Elk Grove Village.”

- Rob Brooms, Owner and President, Record-A-Hit Entertainment



Elk Grove High School Teacher Nominated for Outstanding Manufacturing Educator Award



Jon Pieper, a Career & Technical Education teacher at Elk Grove High School (EGHS), was nominated for the 2024 Greater Chicago Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (GCAMP) Outstanding Manufacturing Educator Award, which recognizes individuals who are instrumental in shaping the future of manufacturing. GCAMP is a workforce development non-profit with the goal of increasing the number of students going into the manufacturing field.

As a Manufacturing, Engineering, and Automotive Educator at EGHS, Jon embodies the qualities of an exemplary educator: passion, dedication, innovation, and a sincere commitment to student success. He has played a pivotal role in altering perceptions of the field, making manufacturing a compelling and viable career pathway for his students. He underscores his belief in providing students with opportunities to cultivate skills beyond the classroom.

Jon teaches introductory manufacturing classes and serves as the instructor in the Career Development Academy. He directly mentors students on job and career skills while establishing connections between EGHS and local businesses. Situated in the largest Business Park in North America, students at EGHS have unparalleled opportunities to pursue dynamic careers right at home.

Through his transformative efforts, Jon continues to raise the bar for excellence in education, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of his students and the communities they serve.

To learn more about GCAMP or give a manufacturing tour, scan the QR code. ■



“Working together, educators, manufacturers, and students can create opportunities to improve students’ lives while impacting the community.”

- Jon Pieper, Career & Technical Education Instructor

Business Vehicle Sticker Renewals Due June 1

Preprinted Vehicle Sticker renewal forms were mailed to all Village businesses in April ahead of the new vehicle sticker licensing period effective June 1, 2024. A digital Vehicle Sticker application form is also available at elkgrove.org/vehiclesticker.

Businesses are encouraged to renew by mail or use the 24-hour drop box located at Village Hall. Vehicle stickers may be purchased in person at the Finance Department counter, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and on the first Saturday of every month (May – August) from 9:00 a.m. until noon, excluding holiday weekends.

The business vehicle sticker fee schedule is as follows:

Passenger Cars	\$25.00
Trucks	\$50.00 - \$155.00
Motorcycles	\$20.00 - \$25.00

Stickers must be displayed in the lower right windshield corner by June 1, 2024. New vehicles have a 30-day grace period. ■

Business Financial Seminar

Next Level Northwest will host a special Financial Seminar for small businesses. This seminar will discuss loan programs to assist with new money or refinancing for equipment, real estate, inventory, and working capital.

The seminar is scheduled for Thursday, June 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 201 Schaumburg Ct. This event is free to attend. RSVP at bit.ly/nextlevelfinanceevent. ■



Free to Attend



Next Level Northwest Presents

CREATIVE BUSINESS FINANCING SOLUTIONS

Small businesses can learn about loan programs to assist with new money or refinancing for equipment, real estate, inventory, and working capital.

JOIN US

Thursday, June 13
8:30-10 am
201 Schaumburg Ct

Presented By:



NextLevelNorthwest.com

Business License Renewals Due June 1

A new licensing year is effective June 1, 2024, for businesses to renew their license(s) or register as a new applicant. Businesses conducting retail sales of any product or merchandise require a license. Other businesses requiring a business license include, but are not limited to: building contractors, day care centers, and food caterers. In addition, all coin-operated devices must also display a valid 2024-2025 license. For further information, or to determine if your business requires a license, please call the Finance Department at 847-357-4062 or stop by the Finance Counter at Village Hall.



Applying for a New Business License:

New businesses may complete a fillable application on our website at elkgrove.org/businesslicense. Please note that a business may require more than one type of business license. New businesses must also complete a zoning application. For more information about zoning applications, please contact Community Development at 847-357-4220. The annual fee for a business license covers the cost of making inspections necessary to safeguard public safety, health, and welfare. Failure to obtain a license can result in fines of \$50 to \$500 per day.

Renewing a Business License:

Pre-printed license applications for businesses currently licensed will be mailed four weeks prior to the respective renewal date. Businesses can enter license renewal payment on the Village's Customer Self-Service portal at css.elkgrove.org/css. On this portal, businesses must register for an account, sign-in, and complete payment using a business ID number. This method is available for renewals only. ■

Upcoming GOA Events

Annual Golf Classic

Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Schaumburg Golf Club - 401 N. Roselle Road
Schaumburg, IL 60194

Grab your clubs and join us for a fun filled day of golf, contests, games and raffle prizes. Sign up as a foursome and entertain clients and friends. Sponsorships are available and a great way to promote your company.

Chamber Net - Networking Breakfast

Wednesday, June 19, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Garden Terrace Room - 1000 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Everyone will have 15 seconds to stand up and introduce themselves and their business to the room full of members and guests. Pastries provided by Jarosch Bakery.

Business After Hours

Thursday, June 27, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sierra Pacific Windows - 2445 E. Higgins Road, Suite B
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Join the GOA for some relaxed networking with fellow members and guests. Make new connections while enjoying complimentary food & drinks. Advance reservations to the GOA are appreciated.

Business After Hours

Thursday, July 25, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Forward Space - 650 N. Wood Dale Road
Wood Dale, IL 60191

Come network with the GOA in a laid-back setting alongside other members and guests. This is a great chance to meet new people! Complimentary food & drinks provided by the host. Advance reservations to the GOA are appreciated. ■

For more information about these events, please visit the GOA's website at thegoa.com.