

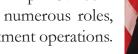
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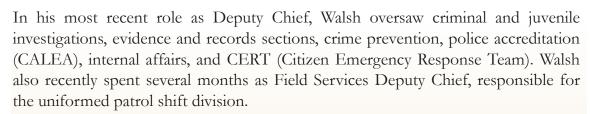
NEW POLICE CHIEF APPOINTED

On December 1, 2016, Elk Grove Mayor Craig B. Johnson announced the promotion of Charles Walsh from Deputy Chief to Chief of Police.

Walsh has served the Elk Grove Village community for over 25 years, starting as a patrol officer in April of 1991. Throughout his career he has served in numerous roles, learning every aspect of the Police Department operations.



Among his many contributions to the Police Department, Walsh was responsible for the successful implementation of the police in-car video system, and developed the Village adjudication system.



Among Chief Walsh's training experience, he graduated from the Chicago Police Academy; Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command; and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy at Quantico, Virginia.

Prior to joining the Village, Chief Walsh served in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged as a sergeant after serving stateside in Texas, Montana, and an overseas tour of duty in Korea. He is a member of Elk Grove VFW Post 9284.

To read about Chief Walsh, visit <u>www.elkgrove.org/newpolicechief</u>.

PACE DIAL-A-RIDE MEETING AT SHEILA RAY CENTER



Recently, some residents have reported issues about the Pace Dial-A-Ride bus service offered in the Village. To help address these concerns, representatives from Pace will host a meeting to give residents the opportunity to ask questions and report problems.

Tuesday, January 31 at 1:00 p.m. Sheila Ray Adult Center, 225 E Elk Grove Blvd.

Dial-A-Ride service is available Monday - Friday from 9am-6pm and Saturday, 9am-4pm. Fares are \$1.30 per person, \$0.65 for senior citizens (65 or older), disabled residents, and students. To schedule a pickup or for more information, please call (847) 299-6212.



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As the new year begins, we are very thankful for all of the community members who helped make 2016 such a great year. We have wonderful volunteers in this community who give their time to help make all of our special events and activities exceptional!

In fact, some of our 60th anniversary events, such as "Play, Picnic and Party" on the Village Green, and Oktoberfest at Rotary Green were so successful that we're working to bring them back again this year!

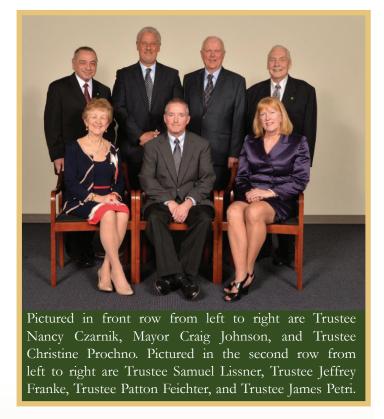
Another event that was very popular last year was the Community Character Coalition's Carnival of Exceptional Character, with free food, free games and tons of family fun. The Carnival of Exceptional Character is back on February 25, you can find more information on page 3.

You may have noticed that there is also another car raffle in the Village! Following the success of last year's 60th Anniversary Car Raffle, which raised funds for civic organizations, Castle Chevrolet generously donated a 2017 Chevy Corvette to be raffled off this year! Proceeds will support much needed improvements at the local VFW Hall. More information can be found on page 3.

We are also very pleased to announce the lineup for our biggest annual event, the 9th annual "Unity Within the Community" Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series! This year's line-up includes many great bands and a special Independence Day Concert at Rotary Green. Check out the complete lineup on page 5!

The Village's Private Participation Concrete Program will once again be open to property owners in the Village who wish to replace their existing driveway apron! You can find more information on page 4.

There are some new things going on in the Village as well. For one, we have appointed a new Police Chief, Charles Walsh, who was promoted from Deputy Chief. He has big shoes to fill with the retirement of well-respected and long-serving Police Chief Stephen Schmidt, but Chief Walsh has everything that we were looking for



in our future Chief: Walsh is highly educated, has strong moral integrity, tremendous experience in the law enforcement community, and he knows the Elk Grove community well from his 25 years of service in the Elk Grove Police Department.

We wish Chief Schmidt the best during his retirement and look forward to the future of the Police Department under the leadership of Chief Walsh.

Another new development is the new "My Elk Grove Village" service request system introduced late last year, which offers an enhanced service for requesting services and sending inquiries to the Village. Residents can use the "My Elk Grove Village" system through the Village website, Facebook page, or by downloading an application on their smartphone. You can find more information on this service request system and tips for how to submit requests on page 8.

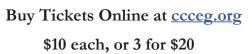
Residents are always invited to share thoughts, concerns, or questions by clicking "Contact Us" on the Village website (www.elkgrove.org).



WIN A 2017 CORVETTE, SUPPORT LOCAL VETS!

Following the success of last year's 60th Anniversary Car Raffle in raising money for local civic organizations, Castle Chevrolet was looking for another opportunity to partner with the community. They found a perfect fit

in this project to fund much needed upgrades to the VFW Hall on Devon Avenue to ensure continued accessibility by local veterans. Castle Chevrolet is donating a 2017 Chevy Corvette to be raffled off to raise funds for this project.





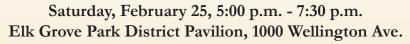
Tickets are on sale now to win a 2017 Chevy Corvette! Proceeds from the "Win a Vette to Support the Vets" Car Raffle will help fund the construction of an elevator at the Elk Grove VFW Hall. This is a much needed improvement for our Veterans, who consider this VFW Hall their home away from home.

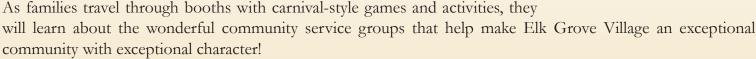
The Community Character Coalition is administering the raffle, and the winner will be announced at the final summer concert on July 25, 2017.

For more information on raffle rules and to buy your tickets online, please visit the Community Character Coalition at http://ccceg.org.

CARNIVAL OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER

The Community Character Coalition of Elk Grove (CCC) is holding its second annual Carnival of Exceptional Character on February 25. This popular event is free to attend and includes free food, free games & prizes, and fun for the whole family!





Free games and prizes include: Ring Toss, Bozo Buckets, Bounce House, Strike-A-Light, Bocce Ball, Dog Tags and more. Free food will be served while supplies last.





2017 BLOOD DRIVES AT VILLAGE HALL

The Village in partnership with Lifesource will be hosting four Comunity Blood Drives in 2017. The drives will be held at the Village Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

January 14, 2017

April 1, 2017

July 29, 2017

November 4, 2017

You can schedule an appointment at www.lifesource.org or by calling 877-543-3768.

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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION CONCRETE PROGRAM RETURNS!

This year, the Village's Private Participation Concrete Replacement Program (PPCRP) will once again be open to property owners in the Village who wish to replace their existing driveway apron and/or adjacent curb. The Village will competitively bid a Concrete Replacement Program and the awarded bid prices will be extended to Village

residents.

The Public Works Department will administer the contract, complete the permit application and inspect the work to ensure that the work is in compliance with Village Codes and Standards. There are no warranties or guarantees with this program.

Driveways, sidewalks, patios and other concrete work on private property are not included in the program. The program does not allow for colored, stamped, special finishes and/or widening of the existing driveway.

The Village's Public Works Department will post information and a Quotation Request Form on the Village's Website www.elkgrove.org/ppcrp beginning in early February of 2017.

How to Participate:

- Complete the request form online or call the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800. Request for quotes may be submitted until March 31, 2017.
- The Village will measure your existing driveway apron and/or adjacent curb.
- An estimate will be e-mailed and/or hand delivered to you. Once you have received the estimate, please call or e-mail the Public Works Department by April 7, 2017 if you wish to proceed.
- An invoice will be processed and sent to you.
- Full payment must be received no later than April 21, 2017.

The concrete driveway apron and/or curb replacement work will take place between May 1 and July 1. You will be notified 48-hours in advance of the contractor preforming the work. Your driveway apron cannot be driven on for 5-7 days after the new concrete is poured. Construction operations are weather dependent and special date requests cannot be accommodated.

RECYCLE OFTEN, RECYCLE RIGHT

You may be filling your recycling toter every week--but have you considered whether you're recycling the right things? Village recycling is collected in a single stream container, which means all recyclables go into one bin, whether they are paper, glass, plastic or aluminum. With so many types of plastics, containers, and other materials, it can be difficult to know what belongs in the recycling bin, and when people guess, they aren't always guessing right. Currently the Village's recycling contamination rate is 25%, which means that we're guessing wrong a lot!

In order to have a successful recycling program it's important to get the right things into the recycling bin. To do that, there are three basic rules to make sure you Recycle Often, Recycle Right:







The Village of Elk Grove & Elk Grove Park District Proudly Present "UNITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY" MID-SUMMER CLASSICS CONCERT SERIES

FOUR ON THE 4TH - TUES, JULY 4, 5:30 PM AT ROTARY GREEN

...over 50 million records sold worldwide...over 30 Billboard hits...over 3 hours of Classic chart toppers

THE GUESS WHO, APPROX 7:45PM- "Shakin' All Over", "These Eyes", "Laughing", "Undun", "No Time", "American Woman", "Hand Me Down World", "Share The Land", and more

MITCH RYDER, APPROX 7:00PM - "Devil With A Blue Dress" On", "Good Golly Miss Molly", "Sock It To Me-Baby", "CC Rider"

ORLEANS, APPROX 6:15PM - "Dancin' In The Moonlight", "Dance With Me", "Still The One", "Love Takes Time", "Time Passes On"

AMBROSIA, APPROX 5:30PM - "How Much I Feel", "Biggest Part Of Me", "I Just Can't Let Go", "You're The Only Woman" (You & I)



CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVISITED - TUES, JULY 11, 7:30 P.M.

Creedence Clearwater Revival founding members, Stu Cook and Doug "Cosmo" Clifford have been on quite a ride. Over 47 years ago, Creedence Clearwater Revival headlined at the Woodstock Music Festival. That year, 3 of their albums were top 10 on the rock music charts and the group had 4 top 3 singles. Following their induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Cosmo and Stu launched their Creedence Clearwater Revisited project in 1995, to again perform live in concert the touchstones of a generation.



RODNEY ATKINS - TUESDAY, JULY 18, 7:30 P.M.

Atkins' first album included the #4 hit "Honesty (Write Me a List)". The first two singles off his second album, "If You're Going Through Hell (Before The Devil Even Knows)" and "Watching You" were ranked as the top country songs of 2006 and 2007. The album produced two more #1 singles in "These Are My People" and "Cleaning This Gun (Come On In Boy)". It's America (2009) included the # 1 single "It's America" and the top 5 hit "Farmer's Daughter". Take a Back Road (2011) produced his sixth # 1 in its title track.



KOOL & THE GANG - TUESDAY, JULY 25, 7:30 P.M.

Kool & The Gang has sold over 70 million albums and influenced the music of three generations. Songs like "Celebration", "Cherish', "Get Down On it", "Jungle Boogie", "Ladies Night", "Summer Madness", and "Fresh",

earned them 2 Grammy Awards, 7 American Music Awards, 25 Top Ten R&B hits, 9 Top Ten Pop hits, and 31 gold and platinum albums. Kool & The Gang has performed for the past 45 years and their bulletproof funk and jazzy arrangements have made them the most sampled band of all time.



Free Concert Series July 4 at Rotary Green, 164 Lions Dr, east of Lions Park July 11, 18 & 25 on the Village Green, 901 Wellington Ave



PLOWING & MAINTENANCE ON STATE & COUNTY ROADS

Please be aware that the Village does not maintain all the roadways within the Village limits. Cook County and the State of Illinois have the responsibility of plowing and maintaining the following roads:

Cook County

- Arlington Heights Road, south of Higgins
- Devon Avenue
- · Landmeier Road
- Meacham Road
- Nerge Road, west of Rohlwing
- Plum Grove Road

If you experience hazardous conditions on these roads, including any type of road damage, please call Cook County at (847) 397-4145.

State of Illinois

- · Arlington Heights Road, north of Higgins
- Biesterfield Road, Rohlwing to Martha
- Busse Road
- Elmhurst Road
- Higgins Road (Route 72)
- · Rohlwing Road, south of Biesterfield

If you experience hazardous conditions on these roads, including any type of road damage, please call the State at (847) 705-4171 or (847) 705-4162.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Over 1 million vehicle crashes occur in the U.S. each year due to adverse weather conditions, and snow and sleet can create hazardous driving conditions. The tips below can help make sure you and your family stay safe on the road this winter!

Plan Ahead:

- Before heading out, check the local weather forecast. If it's storming or icy, consider delaying or rescheduling your trip.
- If travel cannot be avoided, check your travel route for delays or road closures.
- Let others know your route and your estimated arrival time.

Keep Your Car Prepared:

- Make sure your windshield washer fluid is topped off with a fluid rated for cold temperatures.
- Always make sure you have a full tank of gas.
- Keep a winter survival bag in your car, which should include a cell phone, a cell phone charger, gloves, blankets, snacks, roadside emergency kit, water, and medication you must have.

Drive Safe:

- Make sure to clear snow from your windows, mirrors, wiper blades, roof, headlamps, tail lamps, turn signals, tailpipe and license plate before you start driving.
- Never use cruise control while driving in snow or icy conditions.
- Drive slower than the recommended speed limit
- Maintain a greater stopping distance between vehicles in front of you. It takes longer to slow down on a snowy/icy road, so drive slower and be prepared to brake.
- When braking, put your heel on the floor and use the ball of your foot on the brake pedal and slowly push the brake. Any stomping on the brake can cause the vehicle to slide out of control.

On behalf of the Elk Grove Village Police Department, buckle-up, drive safe, and be patient this winter!





FREEZING PIPES

During the winter season, please be aware of the potential for water pipes to freeze during extremely cold weather. These few simple ideas can decrease the potential for frozen pipes, water damage and costly repairs.

To prevent frozen pipes and reduce damage if pipes do freeze, follow these tips:

- Shut outside vents in crawl spaces. Many homes, especially the older ones, have water pipes that pass right next to outside vents which increases the risk of freezing.
- When the weather outside is extremely cold, open cabinet doors and closet doors where there are pipes. This allows the heat inside your home to get to the pipes and reduce the risk of freezing.
- In severe weather, allow a trickle of water to run from your faucets to maintain flow through pipes near exterior walls.
- Know where the "shut-off" valves are in your home. Many fixtures (including toilets, sinks, and hot water heaters) have an individual shut-off valve.
- If a leak occurs, turn off the water at the main shut-off.
- If a pipe should freeze, use a hair dryer to help slowly thaw the pipe. Do not use torches or heat guns.

Following these tips should help ensure a good winter season for you and your pipes!



HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

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 Counter Village Hall, 901 Wellington Ave. Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Residents can drop off holiday lights and extension cords now thru March 31, 2016. The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclable materials. Call 847-357-4220 for more information.

New State License Plate Replacement Program

Late last year, the Illinois Secretary of State's Office announced the start of a new license plate replacement program. The purpose of this innovative program is to replace older passenger license plates with more reflective plates that are easier for law enforcement officials to spot and read. This program is a long-term solution that gradually replaces older plates in a cost-efficient manner.

Starting this January, the oldest passenger plates that were manufactured in 2000 and 2001 will be replaced. Each year, the State will replace older plates with the newly redesigned plate until the program

is completed and restarts again in 2027.

Upon registration renewal, vehicle owners will receive mail notification if they qualify for a new plate. If a vehicle owner qualifies, they will be sent a temporary registration sticker following a new plate with an affixed registration sticker approximately 60 days later. Vehicle owners that don't qualify for a new plate, but would like the newly redesigned plate can make requests starting in January for a replacement fee of \$29.



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MY ELK GROVE VILLAGE SERVICE REQUEST SYSTEM

My Elk Grove Village is your tool to stay in touch with the Village. This system offers a simple way to submit issues, request services, and receive updates from the Village. This service request system is for non-emergency requests and is only monitored during normal business hours.

Service requests are routed to the appropriate department for action based on the type of request submitted, such as "Street Light Out" or "Construction Concern". Village staff then respond and you can track the progress of your requests.

How to access the system:

- Village Website -Visit www.elkgrove.org and click the "Contact Us" button,
- Facebook Visit the Village Facebook page (<u>www.facebook.com/elkgrovevillage</u>). Click "Contact Us".
- Smartphone App Download the "My Elk Grove Village" app from the App Store or Google Play Store.

Tips for submitting a request:

- Use the pin to select a location on the map. If you are reporting an issue without an exact address (such as an intersection), move the pin on the map to identify the correct location, the system will automatically fill in the closest address.
- Attach a photo of the issue if possible, it can speed the time to process your request.
- Do not put personal contact information into the request field, as it may be published on the Village website, instead, create an account to keep track of your requests.

VILLAGE HONORS RETIRING POLICE CHIEF STEPHEN SCHMIDT

It is with deep respect that Elk Grove Village announces the retirement of long-standing Chief of Police, Stephen F. Schmidt. Chief Schmidt has been a pillar of our community for many years. His legacy will be one of ethics and high moral integrity in police operations.

Stephen Schmidt served as Chief for the past 17 years. Among his many accomplishments, Schmidt worked to make Elk Grove Village a fully Accredited Law Enforcement Agency beginning in 1993 and continuing to the current status of an Advanced Meritorious Accredited Agency today.



Chief Schmidt is a friendly man with a strong work ethic who is dedicated to supporting fellow citizens. Steve will be missed, but not forgotten. He was made Elk Grove's "First 4 Star Chief" as a testament to his positive influence and leadership in the Village. We wish him the best during his retirement.

To read about Chief Schmidt's many accomplishments and dedication to law enforcement and the community, please visit www.elkgrove.org/chiefschmidt





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Village Hall is open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for payment of water bills, local fines, vehicle stickers and general Village information.

In addition, the Finance counter is open on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and the Community Development counter is open on the first Saturday of the month of May through September 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.

PACE I-90 MARKET EXPANSION PROGRAM - EXPRESS BUS SERVICE



In December of 2016, Pace launched the I-90 Market Expansion Program, which includes twenty-five new 40' express buses along I-90. The

Illinois Tollway will be introducing the new I-90 SmartRoad which will enable Pace buses to bypass traffic by traveling in a transit-only Flex Lane.

Pace's I-90 Market Expansion Program is a comprehensive solution to the growing congestion and air quality concerns in the region. This program works in concert with the Illinois Tollway's Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project, which invests over \$240 million in transit infrastructure along the corridor.

Elk Grove Village, will be served by the new express bus lane, and there is an existing PACE 'Park-n-Ride' express bus-stop at Northwest Point.

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STEINER ELECTRIC NAMED ILLINOIS LARGE FAMILY BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Electrical, industrial, and generator distributor Steiner Electric was recognized by Loyola University of Chicago's Quinlan School of Business as the Illinois Large Family Business of the Year.

The Illinois Family Business of the Year Awards recognize companies with a strong commitment to both business and family.



Winners are recognized for their strong commitment to both business and family, positive family/business linkage, multi-generational family business involvement, contributions to industry and community, and innovate business practices and strategies.

Headquartered in Elk Grove Village, Steiner celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2016.

Steiner is a fourth generation company that takes great pride in its legacy and supports the Elk Grove Village community through philanthropy and business.

Happy Holidays from Elk Grove Village!

Last year was an exciting time for the Village and we want to celebrate our accomplishments with our business community! Here's a look back at 2016:



Thank you to all of the businesses in the Village for contributing to Elk Grove's success. We look forward to working together to make 2017 another fantastic year!

Join our community at

EGVbizhub.com



PACE I-90 MARKET EXPANSION PROGRAM, CONT.

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Starting in December 2016, Route 616, which stops at Northwest Point has been given a new name, Rosemont-Itasca Limited, and began offering additional connections. This route also has a new lost and found number: (847) 931-6745. Connections to O-Hare and Chicago are available via the CTA Blue Line at the Rosemont Transit Center.



The new 40' express buses will have free Wi-Fi, USB charging ports, comfortable high-back seating, and interior overhead storage. Routes will have a regular fare of \$1.75 (\$2 with cash).

These new services allow you to relax and make the most of your commute--watch a movie using free Pace Wi-Fi on Pace Express buses and take advantage of the USB charging ports. In summer of 2017, Pace will be able to use the Tollway's new Flex Lanes to bypass traffic and save even more time!

I-90 SmartRoad and Flex Lanes

As part of the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project, the entire I-90 corridor has been reconstructed to include flexible infrastructure to enable the Tollway to add new "smart" features as needed or as they become available. The new gantries will not be used for toll collection or violation enforcement.

The new I-90 SmartRoad will create the option for Pace buses to travel in the new transit-only Flex Lanes when congestion is present. When the I-90 Flex Lanes are ready for Pace buses to use in the summer of 2017, schedules may be adjusted to reflect the faster trip times.



For a complete list of service changes, including new routes, updated facilities, schedules and more, please visit the Pace website at pacebus.com and look for "I-90 Market Expansion Program".

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PREVENTING RANSOMWARE ATTACKS

Ransomware is a type of malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid. Ransomware holds your PC or files for "ransom" with no guarantee that paying the ransom or doing what the ransomware tells you will give access to your PC or files again.

Ransomeware can target any PC users, whether on a home computer or sophisticated business network Attackers often enter the organization by tricking a user to disclose a password or click on an attachment.

Ransomware, like other malware and viruses, can infect your PC from many sources, such as visiting suspicious websites; opening emails and attachments from people you don't know, or weren't expecting; and clicking on malicious links in emails, Facebook, and other social media.



The best solution to ransomware is to be safe on the Internet and with emails and online chat:

- Don't click on a link on a webpage or in an email unless you absolutely trust the page or sender.
- Instead of clicking on links in an e-mail, type in the url yourself.
- Always ensure your software is up-to-date
- Backup important data
- If your ever unsure don't click it!

For more information on learning to stay safe when you're online, visit the Federal Trade Commission website at onguardonline.gov or the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team website at www.us-cert.gov.

STRICTLY BUSINESS PODCAST

The Village's new Strictly Business Podcast explores the business community in Elk Grove Village through interviews with business owners and industry experts.

Episodes focus on themes including business profiles, workforce development, innovation, leadership, culture, entrepreneurship, infrastructure, regional economics, and others.

Topics are discussed in a lively conversational style with industry experts, business owners, and public sector leaders. There are two ways to listen.

- 1. You can visit <u>www.egvbizhub.com</u> to hear the latest release and archived editions.
- 2. You can also download the podcast from the Apple iTunes store, search for Elk Grove Village.

If you have comments or feedback, please email us at strictlybizpodcast@gmail.com.

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