



# ELK GROVE Villager

MARCH 2017 ISSUE



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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.

## LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT VETERANS



The Village would like to thank the following local businesses who made generous contributions in support of improving the accessibility for our local veterans at the VFW Hall:

- Northstar Foods
- Duratrack
- O’Hare Mechanical Contractors
- Comcast
- A.J.R Industries
- Action Electric
- Wintrust Bank
- Sonic Mfg Corporation
- Bella’s
- Southeast Construction & Masonry
- Performance Auto Center
- Johnson Insurance Agency
- Phoenix Binding Corp.
- Chicago Waterjet, Inc.
- Gerard Printing Company
- Hanover Displays
- Capitol Glass & Architectural Metals
- Medical Center Dental Associates

The Village truly appreciates the support of these businesses as we work as a community to take care of our local veterans. To contribute, please call the Village 847-357-4030 or drop a check off at the Administration counter on the 2nd floor of Village Hall.

## VILLAGE HOSTS FIRST EARTH DAY RECYCLING EVENT!



Elk Grove Village, in partnership with Elk Grove High School, is hosting its first Earth Day Recycling Event!

This event will focus on recycling opportunities for many materials that cannot be disposed of through residents’ curbside refuse and recycling program.

Items collected will include:

- Motor Oil
- Batteries
- Eyeglasses
- Anti-Freeze
- Clothing
- Fire Extinguishers
- Paint (Latex or Oil)
- Bicycles
- CFL Light Bulbs
- American Flags

**Earth Day Recycling Event**  
**Saturday, April 22, 8am - 11am**  
**Elk Grove High School Parking Lot**

This is a residential recycling event available to residents of SWANCC member communities; materials from businesses will not be accepted. The Village will continue hosting our annual Electronics Recycling and Document Destruction Event, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 3.

For more information, including details on accepted materials, who can participate, how to volunteer and an event map, please visit [www.elkgrove.org/earthday](http://www.elkgrove.org/earthday)

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As spring approaches, we are looking forward to hosting the Village's first Earth Day Recycling event this year! This event will be in addition to our annual electronics recycling and document destruction event in June. The Earth Day Recycling Event will offer the opportunity to recycle all sorts of odds and ends that can't be disposed of in the curbside waste and recycling program, such as motor oil, CFL bulbs and Fire Extinguishers. You can find a list of accepted items on Page 1. We hope you'll join us in celebrating earth day--if you're interested in volunteering, please visit [www.elkgrove.org/earthday](http://www.elkgrove.org/earthday) to find out more!

Spring means that road construction in the Village will be starting soon! In 2017 the Village will complete curb and sidewalk rehabilitation, pavement patching, and resurfacing along 7.8 miles of residential and business park streets. You can find a complete list on Page 6. Construction should begin in May and will be completed by September 2017.

Vehicle sticker season is also approaching. As part of our efforts to provide exceptional customer service, the Village has implemented a new software system for vehicle licensing, as well as an updated application. You can preview the new form on our website under the "Forms and Applications" link. As this is the first year with the new form and new system, we ask for your patience as our staff may need additional time to process your transaction and ensure its accuracy. You can find more information and tips for avoiding the line on Page 9.

Another of our customer service initiatives 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. As our staff and residents become accustomed to the system, we've identified a few tips that can help you enter your request quickly and receive a prompt response. Please check out these tips and learn more about the service request system on Page 12.



Pictured in front row from left to right are Trustee Nancy Czarnik, Mayor Craig Johnson, and Trustee Christine Prochno. Pictured in the second row from left to right are Trustee Samuel Lissner, Trustee Jeffrey Franke, Trustee Patton Feichter, and Trustee James Petri.

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. The Village would like to especially acknowledge those businesses (listed on Page 1) who made a donation in support of this cause. More information on the car raffle can be found on page 4.

As always, there are many exciting things going on in the Village this year! We hope you'll take a few minutes to browse through the newsletter to learn about some of the upcoming events and activities, such as spring cleaning assistance, blood drives, the Hometown Parade, college scholarships, early voting and much more, which may be of interest to you or your friends and neighbors.

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

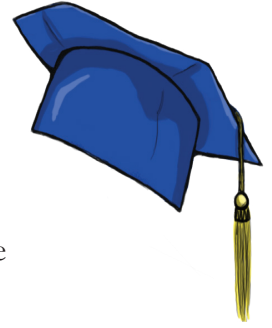


## ELK GROVE YOUTH COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Elk Grove Youth Committee, in partnership with the Village of Elk Grove and the Elk Grove Parks Foundation, will be issuing three (3) \$1,000 scholarship awards; two (2) by the Village and one (1) by the Parks Foundation to recognize High School Seniors for their outstanding leadership, community participation, and service in the community.

Applications are available in the high school College & Career Center offices and also on the Village website at [www.elkgrove.org/scholarships](http://www.elkgrove.org/scholarships).

Please see application for details. Completed applications must be submitted to Village Hall (Administration Counter) no later than May 5, 2017. Winners will be notified by May 31, 2017. Questions? Please call 847-357-4030.



## NEED ASSISTANCE WITH SPRING CLEANING? VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE!



Time to start thinking about yardwork that will need to be done to get ready for summer. Elk Grove High School is once again planning a “Clean Up” for seniors or disabled residents that are no longer able to handle the work themselves.

They are offering: flowerbed clean up, trimming of bushes, washing first floor windows and other small outside jobs. They will be working on Thursday, April 20th throughout the Village.

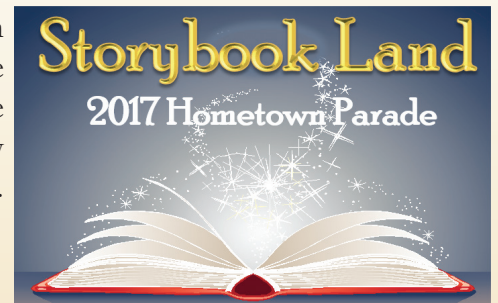
If you are interested please contact the Community Service Office at 847-357-4121 for a brief information gathering interview.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2017 HOMETOWN PARADE!

Please save the date and join us in celebrating the 2017 Hometown Parade! On Saturday, June 17, 2017. This year’s parade theme is “Storybook Land”. Come out and help us bring our favorite stories to life from classic tales such as Alice in Wonderland, Pinocchio, and Beauty and the Beast to today’s modern day classics such as Where the Wild Things Are, Charlotte’s Web, and Harry Potter.

**2017 Hometown Parade**

**Saturday, June 17, 2017**



Find out more about the parade, including how you can sign up to participate, online at [www.elkgrove.org/parade](http://www.elkgrove.org/parade).

## EARLY VOTING - MARCH 20 - APRIL 3

The local Consolidated Election is on April 4, 2017. The Consolidated Election will include elections for Village, Township, Park District, Library, Elementary and High School Districts and Community College District positions.

Early Voting will be conducted at the Elk Grove Village Hall from Monday, March 20, 2017 through Monday, April 3, 2017. Early Voting hours are Monday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Questions may be directed to the Village Clerk’s Office at 847-357-4040.



**WINA VETTE**



**To Support THE VETS**

**Raffle Grand Prize: 2017 Chevy Corvette**

**Donated By:**



*\$10 per ticket or 3 for \$20*

***Proceeds benefit building an elevator at the  
Elk Grove Village VFW Post #9284***

Drawing to be held at the Mid Summer Classic Concert  
July 25, 2017 at the Elk Grove Village Hall  
901 Wellington Avenue, Elk Grove Village

**Buy Tickets Online at  
[ccceg.org](http://ccceg.org)**





## PACE BUS ROUTES CONVERSION TO POSTED STOP ONLY

Pace is in the process of converting all of its bus routes to a posted-stops-only operation, in which riders will only be able to get on and off at posted bus stop signs. The conversion process involves selecting stops (maximizing safety, ease of access, and bus operational efficiency), installing signs with the updated Pace logo, and informing stakeholders about where boarding and alighting can take place. All routes will be converted by 2017.

Riders of every Pace route will be notified when the route you ride is being converted to a posted-stops-only operation, with an effective date of that change. When the conversion is announced, the printed and online version of bus schedules will contain a 'posted stops only' notation (pictured right). Furthermore, riders will receive an on-board handout, well in advance of the conversion date, to inform them of the date of the change, and the location of every bus stop along the route.



Riders looking to stay informed should sign up for e-mail alerts or join Pace on Facebook and Twitter. You can find out more on the Pace website at [Pacebus.com](http://Pacebus.com).

## 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:

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|---|--|--|
| <p><b>1</b><br/>Recycle all my empty bottles, cans and paper.</p> | <p><b>2</b><br/>Keep food and liquids out of my recycling.</p> | <p><b>3</b><br/>Keep plastic bags out of my recycling.</p> |
|---|--|--|

## CALL OR CLICK BEFORE YOU DIG

Planting a tree? Planning a home improvement? Installing a fence or deck? Here's what you need to know first: Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling JULIE at 811 or visiting [illinois1call.com](http://illinois1call.com) before each job.

**Click Before You Dig.**

[illinois1call.com](http://illinois1call.com)

- Red** - Electric
- Yellow** - Gas, oil or petroleum
- Orange** - Communications
- Blue** - Potable water
- Purple** - Reclaimed water, irrigation
- Green** - Sewer
- White** - Proposed excavation
- Pink** - Temporary survey

JULIE is the Joint Utility

Locate Information Exchange which notifies utilities in the area where digging will be done. The utilities then locate any of their lines which may interfere with the digging. You must call at least two working days before you dig!

The chart on the left shows the colors used by these utilities which may help you determine whom to call for more information about the little flags in your yard.

## 2017 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The Village's 2017 Street Maintenance Program consists of curb and sidewalk rehabilitation, pavement patching, and resurfacing along 7.8 miles of residential and business park streets as noted below. Construction on the roadways listed below should begin in May and will be completed by September 2017.



### Residential Streets to be Resurfaced:

- Alabama Drive, Virginia to Florida
- Arkansas Drive, Nerge to Florida
- Carolina Drive, Wisconsin to Missouri
- Crest Avenue, E Elk Grove Blvd to Laurel
- Fairfield Circle, Ruskin to End of Street
- Florida Lane, Virginia to Virginia
- Fox Run Drive, University to University
- Georgia Drive, Virginia to Florida
- Hampshire Drive, Gibson to Vermont
- Jackson Circle, Mississippi to End of Street
- Joplin Circle, Missouri to End of Street
- Kentucky Lane, Tennessee to Arkansas
- Louisiana Drive, Tennessee to Tennessee
- Memphis Circle, Tennessee to End of Street
- Mississippi Lane, Arkansas to Arkansas
- Missouri Drive, Virginia to Wisconsin
- Mobile Circle, Alabama to End of Street
- Orleans Court, Louisiana to End of Street
- Potomac Lane, Hampshire to Gibson
- Red Fox Lane, Fox Run to Fox Run
- Richmond Court, Virginia to End of Street
- Stanford Circle, Ruskin to End of Street
- Tennessee Lane, Arkansas to Arkansas
- Verde Lane, Crest Ave to Love
- Virginia Drive, Florida to Meacham
- Winston Drive, Beisner Rd to Cosman
- Wisconsin Lane, Nerge Rd to Virginia

### Business Park Streets to be Resurfaced:

- American Lane, Pan Am Blvd to E Devon Ave
- Delta Lane, Pan Am Blvd to E Devon Ave
- Fargo Avenue, Tonne Rd to Lively Blvd
- Howard Street, Lively Blvd to End of Street
- Turner Avenue, S Arlington Heights Rd to E Devon Ave



Road construction takes place in several phases. The initial phase of the project replaces deteriorated curb, sidewalk, and storm sewer structures. The second phase involves milling the pavement surface and patching severe pavement cracks. The final phase is placing the new asphalt surface layer.

Just prior to laying this final asphalt layer, the street will be sprayed with a tack coat. Fresh oil signs will be posted during this phase so residents are reminded to travel slowly on the tack-coated surface.

To receive updated project information to your inbox, please sign up for construction updates on the Village website at [www.elkgrove.org/stayconnected](http://www.elkgrove.org/stayconnected).

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**

## PACE DIAL-A-RIDE ANSWERS FROM RECENT Q&A SESSION



Pace provides curb-to-curb Dial-A-Ride bus service to Elk Grove residents Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fares for a one-way trip are \$1.30 per person, with a discounted fare of \$.65 for senior citizens (ages 65 or older) and disabled residents. To schedule a pickup or for more information, please call (847) 299-6212.

Pace representatives recently came out for a Q & A session at the Sheila Ray Center. Check out these list of questions answered at the January meeting:

### **How long does it take for a Pace Dial-A-Ride bus to arrive?**

Pace Dial-A-Ride delivers rides within one-hour of a call from residents with a 95% success rate.

### **How do I report an issue with service or staff for the Pace Dial-A-Ride Program?**

Please report any issues to Pace Passenger Services at 847-364-7223 or [passenger.services@pacebus.com](mailto:passenger.services@pacebus.com) so that the issue can be looked into and addressed promptly.

### **Does the Dial-A-Ride service area for Elk Grove Village include the west side?**

YES. Pace Dial-A-Ride service is offered throughout the Village, except to the industrial park.

### **What if I'm trying to get somewhere outside of the Village?**

Riders can use Pace Dial-A-Ride to connect to a standard Pace bus stop. If you are trying to figure out how to reach a certain destination, Pace Passenger Services (847-364-7223) can help you identify the best connections and transfers to get there.

### **Do dispatchers use an electronic routing program?**

Yes, dispatchers for Pace Dial-A-Ride use an electronic dispatch system.

### **How many Dial-A-Ride buses are supposed to be out in Elk Grove Village?**

The Village contracts with Pace for Dial-A-Ride services based on the requirement that rides are available within one hour of a request and not based on the number of buses operating at any time.

### **Will the fare price be changing in the future?**

Elk Grove Village supports the Pace Dial-A-Ride program and has no intention of raising the price for this service.

### **Can I use Ventra on Pace Dial-A-Ride?**

No, it is not yet possible to use Ventra for Dial-a-Ride service.

### **I heard Pace Dial-a-Ride is changing providers—will there be a new number or any other changes to the service?**

Beginning April 1, 2016, there will be a change to the vendor providing Pace Dial-A-Ride services based on a recent public bid of the contract. The service itself will operate exactly the same, using the same phone numbers and the same service expectations.

### **Will the new service provider mean a change to my driver or dispatcher too?**

Pace does not control whether a service provider chooses to retain existing employees, or whether employees choose to apply to work for the new provider. If you want to support a driver or dispatcher during this transition, you can call Pace at 847-364-7223 to give a commendation.





## 2017 – 2018 VEHICLE STICKERS DUE JUNE 1

Vehicle stickers will be available for purchase on Monday, April 10, 2017. In our ongoing effort to provide exceptional customer service, the Village has implemented a new Vehicle License software system with an updated application. To preview the new form, please visit our website, [www.elkgrove.org](http://www.elkgrove.org), and click on Forms and Applications to preview the new Vehicle License Application.

During our first year of implementation, we anticipate needing additional time to process your transaction and ensure it is processed accurately. We kindly request your patience during your visit to renew your Vehicle License. To avoid waiting in line, residents and businesses are highly encouraged to renew by mail, or utilize the 24-hour drop box, located at Village Hall.

The fee schedule for vehicle stickers remains the same as last year:

|                      |        |                              |                |             |               |
|----------------------|--------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Passenger Cars       | - \$25 | Trucks                       | - \$50 – \$155 | Motorcycles | - \$20 – \$25 |
| Recreational Vehicle | - \$30 | Senior, Handicap, or Antique | - \$3          |             |               |

Senior citizens 65 years and older, handicapped persons with a handicap plate or permanent placard registered to the vehicle owner, and disabled veterans can purchase vehicle stickers at the reduced rate of \$3.00 with proof of ownership of vehicle and age/disability (limit of two qualifying discounts per household per year). Stickers must be displayed in the lower right-hand corner of the windshield before June 1. Vehicles that do not have a sticker displayed by June 1, or within thirty days of purchase, and are registered or housed within Elk Grove Village are subject to citations and fines per Village Code 6-2-2.

Vehicle stickers can also be purchased in person at the Finance Department counter, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and the first Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. until noon, excluding holiday weekends.

As a reminder, the Village no longer requires Pet Tags, as most animals have microchips and/or personal tags with their name, address and phone number.

## CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY

The Fire Department will be hosting its Citizen's Fire Academy for Elk Grove Village residents and Elk Grove business employees interested in learning more about the Fire Department and its operations.

This six-week program will take place on Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9pm at Fire Station #8, 1000 Oakton Street.

Topics to be covered include: Calling 911, Special Teams Operations, Fire Extinguisher Training, Auto Extrication, Hose Evolutions, Emergency Medical Services/CPR, and Disaster Preparedness. Participants will tour the training tower, learn basic first aid skills, and use specialized tools and equipment to better understand the types of conditions encountered by firefighters. All students will also be fitted with a set of protective clothing to use during the course of the academy. The program will culminate with an evening of hands-on simulations.

The first session will be held on April 6. All participants must complete an application form and provide a release of liability prior to the start of class. Class size is very limited. To apply, contact the Fire Department Public Education Team at [FireDepartment@elkgrove.org](mailto:FireDepartment@elkgrove.org) or call 847-734-8027.



## DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITORS

All persons seeking to solicit within our Village, other than religious or political organizations that are protected under the First Amendment, are required to apply for a Certificate of Registration with the Village. This does not include people who are exclusively distributing flyers. Although the Village registers solicitors it does not endorse or support the company or product being solicited.

Village Ordinance requires the individual to apply with the Village Clerk's Office prior to doing any door-to-door business in the Village. The Village reviews the application and conducts a background check of each individual. Upon approval, the applicant is issued a Solicitor Identification Card, which must be visibly displayed at all times while soliciting in the Village. Identification cards include a photo of the solicitor, their name and permit expiration date. Additionally, picture ID cards for the current solicitors can be viewed on the Village website under the "Residents" tab and with the My Elk Grove Village mobile app (see page 12 for details). Uninvited solicitors or suspicious individuals should be reported immediately by calling 9-1-1.

No solicitor, whether registered with the Village or not, is permitted to engage in "soliciting" prior to 9 a.m. or after 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, or at any time on Sundays or on a state or national holidays.

Residents may display a "No Solicitor Invited" sign upon or near the main entrance door of their residence as notice to any solicitor that the occupant does not wish to interact with the solicitor. "NO SOLICITORS INVITED" decals are available at the Village Clerk's Office. Please contact the Village Clerk at 847-357-4040 for further information.

# STAYCONNECTED



### E-NOTIFICATIONS

Get the most complete and up-to-date news from the Village with notifications right to your inbox. You can choose to receive notifications on construction updates, community news, special events and our e-newsletter, which features a monthly round-up of the latest news!



### EMERGENCY ALERTS

Get the most complete and up-to-date news from the Village with notifications when information is posted to our website. Sign up and choose to receive emails on construction, community news, special events or other categories.



### FACEBOOK

Connect and interact with the Village on Facebook! Like our page to view pictures, news, events and more in your Facebook news feed.



**CONNECT WITH THE VILLAGE AT:**  
[www.elkgrove.org/stayconnected](http://www.elkgrove.org/stayconnected)



## BE SAFE, STAY SEEN--TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS & CYCLISTS AT NIGHT



We've been experiencing some unseasonably warm weather, which is very inviting for both walking and cycling. While enjoying the warm weather, it is easy to forget that it still gets dark very early this time of year! Please consider these safety tips as you walk or cycle in the evening hours:

- **Use Reflective Gear** - Wear reflective gear when out at night, this will help drivers see you and keep you safe. Reflective gear should be worn in as many places as possible--consider using tape on your shoes, hat or helmet and wearing a reflective vest or armband. If you are cycling, add reflective tape to your bike pedals to help draw attention to your movement.

- **Use Lights** - Carry a flashlight, wear a blinking light, if you are biking use a bright white light on the front of your bike and a red light in the back.

- **Know Your Route** - Stay on well-lit, low-traffic streets as much as possible while you are out. Plan your route before you head out so that you do not get stuck on a dark and potentially dangerous road.

## 2017 BLOOD DRIVES AT VILLAGE HALL

The Village in partnership with Lifesource will be hosting several blood drives in 2017. Schedule an appointment at [www.lifesource.org](http://www.lifesource.org) or by calling 877-543-3768. The drives will be held at Village Hall between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. on the following dates:

April 1, 2017

July 29, 2017

November 4, 2017

## RECYCLING CFL BULBS, BATTERIES & HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT VILLAGE HALL

The Community Development counter accepts CFL light bulbs, batteries, and holiday lights for recycling. Recently we have had items coming in damaged or not properly prepared, which can pose a hazard to residents and staff, as well as impact the efficiency of the recycling process. Please keep in mind the following guidelines when bringing in items:

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFL's):

- Place bulbs in a zip-lock-type bag
- Please do not bring in broken bulbs. Broken bulbs cannot be accepted and should be disposed of in your household trash. For safety steps on cleaning up a broken CFL bulb, visit [epa.gov/cflcleanup](http://epa.gov/cflcleanup).
- LED light bulbs (commonly sold now) and incandescent bulbs are not accepted



Household alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) and rechargeable (NiCd, NiMh, lithium ion, lithium polymer) batteries:

- Separate alkaline from rechargeable
- Tape contact points only on rechargeable batteries
- Do not place batteries in individual bags
- Please do not bring in batteries leaking acid
- Only residential batteries are accepted, not large quantities from businesses/institutions
- Car, marine or other liquid batteries are not accepted



Holiday Lights:

- Remove any clips, attachments, or decorations from the string of lights
- Garland, greens, etc. are not accepted
- Holiday lights are only collected seasonally (November – March)



Please separate recyclables prior to drop off. For more information about recycling these or other items, please contact the Environmental Health Division at 847-357-4240 or visit the SWANCC website at [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org).

## STAY IN TOUCH WITH “MY ELK GROVE VILLAGE” SERVICE REQUEST SYSTEM



My Elk Grove Village is your tool to stay in touch with the Village. This new system offers a simple way to submit issues, request services, comment to 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 request submitted, such as “Street Light Out” or “Construction Concern”. Village staff then respond and you can track the progress of requests on the Village website or mobile app, as well as receive e-mail updates.

### Accessing the System

- **Smartphone App** - Download the “My Elk Grove Village” app from the App Store or Google Play Store. The smartphone app also offers additional tools, such as quick access to bill payment, construction updates, e-notifications, and answers to frequently asked questions on Village programs and services.
- **Village Website** - Visit [www.elkgrove.org](http://www.elkgrove.org) and click the “Contact Us” button.
- **Facebook** - Click “Contact Us” on Village Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/elkgrovevillage](http://www.facebook.com/elkgrovevillage)).



### Submitting a Request

- **Select a category for your request.** Selecting a category helps us make sure the request gets to the right staff member. If you choose a general category, it may slow staff response time.
- **Enter a location (if necessary).** Enter an address or use a pin on the map to identify location, if needed. If 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.
- **Describe your request** and fill in any additional fields, attach a photo if desired.
- **Click Submit.**



### Tips:

- **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 and receive updates.
- **Enable Location Services** on your mobile device, and the app will automatically fill in your current address for reporting an issue.



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# ELK GROVE BusinessMatters



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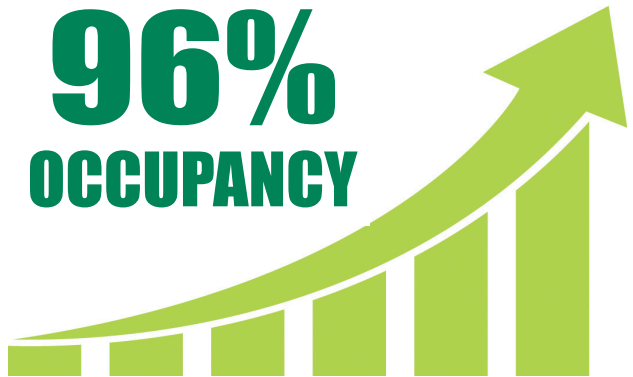
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## ELK GROVE VILLAGE EXPERIENCING SURGE IN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

With the largest consolidated Business Park in North America at nearly 6 square miles, Elk Grove Village was not satisfied with resting on its reputation as a business leader. Instead, over the past decade, Village elected officials chose to invest heavily to ensure the community thrives now and decades into the future. Today, the Village is reaping the benefits of that investment.



Overall, the Village is experiencing a surge of business development activity. The 2016 industrial vacancy rate stands at a mere 3.98%, down by over 65% from a high of 12.49% in 2010. In fact, of all the Cook County municipalities located in the O'Hare Industrial Market, Elk Grove Village has the lowest industrial vacancy rate at only 3.98%. Moreover, the Village also has the highest absorption rate of over 275,000 square feet for 2016.

The Village's comprehensive investment in a multitude of infrastructure improvements, administrative efforts to streamline permits and be business friendly, and the launch of the award winning "Makers Wanted" marketing campaign has elevated Elk Grove Village as the first choice for business investment in 2016.

### Investment in Business: Laying the Foundation

Over the past 10 years, the Village has invested nearly \$60 million in business park improvements. Those improvements include new street lights, street rehabilitation, water main replacements, sanitary sewer lining, storm sewer improvements, as well as new signage.

The Village made significant Business Park infrastructure improvements in 2016 including:

- Improvements to 2 miles of mainline and 7 miles of secondary drainage channels in the business park to alleviate flooding;
- Over 4,500 feet of culvert replacements throughout the Village;
- 19.5 miles of sanitary sewer lining;
- Over 4 miles of Village road rehabilitation;
- 11 rail road spur crossing replacements;
- Acquisition of a detention pond in the Business Park and implementation of measures to reduce flooding;

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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.

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## VILLAGE CONSIDERS CHANGES TO MINIMUM WAGE AND SICK LEAVE REQUIREMENTS

Cook County recently passed legislation affecting the minimum wage and sick leave requirements for employers in the county. Many businesses in the community reached out to the Village with concerns regarding the potential impact of these ordinances on their operations. The Village has the opportunity to choose among several options to address those concerns before the ordinances go into effect on July 1, 2017.

To better understand the full perspective on this important topic, Mayor Johnson hosted a public roundtable discussion on Thursday, February 16 to discuss the recently passed Cook County Minimum Wage and Sick Leave Ordinances.

This round-table, which included local business owners as well as a representative from the Cook County Board President's Office, provided the first opportunity for the Village to truly understand the issue in greater depth. The roundtable discussion was a respectful sharing of views and concerns. The entire discussion can be viewed online at [egtv.viebit.com](http://egtv.viebit.com).

After holding the Round Table discussion and receiving comments from several other businesses, the Village has concluded that the current Illinois State minimum wage is too low, since it has not been indexed to the cost of living. Additionally, the Cook County mandatory sick leave ordinance is acceptable to businesses if done in a manner that does not impose a regulatory burden.

In light of these conclusions, the Village Board is considering adopting its own minimum wage/sick leave ordinance, rather than allowing Cook County's minimum wage and sick leave ordinances to go into effect for all businesses in Elk Grove on July 1.

The proposed minimum wage pay rates in Elk Grove would be as follows:

- July 1, 2017: Standard minimum wage rises from \$8.25/hour to \$8.75/hour;
- January 1, 2018: Standard minimum wage becomes \$9.50/hour;
- Each subsequent January 1, the minimum wage will be increased at the lesser of 2.5% or the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).
- The minimum wage would be reviewed every 5 years to ensure that it is fair.
- The minimum wage for those under age 18 would be 50 cents less per hour than the standard minimum wage.

As for the Cook County sick leave ordinance requirement, the Village would impose a simple change to the County requirement, which many business owners found acceptable. The change is to have the sick leave go into effect on a calendar year basis which makes it much easier for small businesses to track sick leave utilization by employee.

The Village will be holding a public conversation on this topic at the March 28 Village Board meeting, where members of the public will be invited to provide input. Village businesses are encouraged to attend and provide input into this important community decision:

**Public Conversation on Proposed Changes to Sick Leave and Minimum Wage Requirements**  
**Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Village Hall, 901 Wellington Ave**





## SURGE IN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, CONT.

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- Construction of a full interchange at I-90 and Elmhurst Road; and,
- Busse Dam modification aimed at mitigating storm water flow throughout the Village.

### **Business Developments in Elk Grove for 2016 -- A Strong Year:**

- 121 businesses either moved or expanded within Elk Grove in 2016.
- Approximately 2.4 million square feet of new industrial space was occupied in 2016.
- Private sector construction investment totaled nearly \$145 million in 2016.
- MC Machinery, the machine building division of the Japan based Mitsubishi Corporation, is building a state-of-the-art 124,000 square foot corporate office and showroom visible from Interstate 90 and relocating approximately 200 employees;
- The relocation of Creative Werks headquarters, a leader in innovative food packaging and package design, occupying over 245,000 square feet of space for their corporate offices and production operations and relocating up to 600 employees; and,
- The continued development of precision manufacturing and data centers totaling nearly 2 million square feet.

### **2017 Business Development is shaping up to exceed 2016**

As of February 2017, the Village has already issued permits for \$110 million in value for new construction coming in the spring. Redevelopment of industrial buildings was strong in 2016 and will be stronger in 2017. Over 175,982 square feet of industrial space is currently under construction with another 1.5 million square feet planned for construction starting in the spring of 2017. Modernization continues with the tear down and rebuild of five industrial buildings and the greenfield development of three new modern state-of-the-art facilities.

### **Village Reaps Return on Investment**

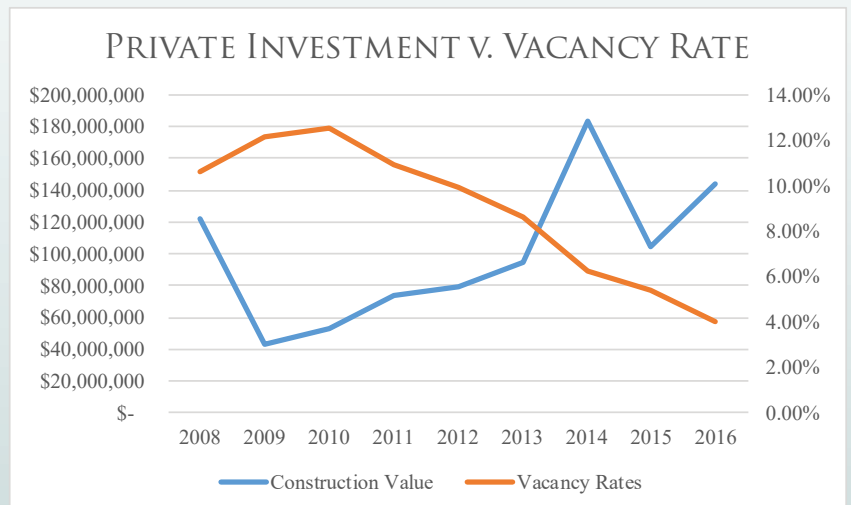
The Village has taken bold steps over the last several years to invest in our community. We invested financially in our infrastructure, worked hard to become a business friendly destination, and marketed ourselves to precision manufacturing firms. Overall, we have worked diligently to become a national destination for business activity.

We made this long-term investment to create a win-win scenario for business and the Village. Businesses have a great home with low taxes and the Village benefits from the tax revenues generated by the business community.

Our recipe for success was simple: During the Great Recession, while other communities were content to ride out market trends with little investment, Elk Grove chose to do much more and go beyond what was expected. We were willing to

spend now for future investment. Now the private sector has taken notice and responded with a wave of expansions, relocations, and new developments. It's evidenced in the abundant business activity taking place in Elk Grove Village.

The financial data speaks volumes. While the Village invested \$60 million in the business community over the past decade, that investment has been returned heavily. The private sector invested nearly \$145 million in 2016 alone. The Village's investment has been recognized and rewarded by the business community many times over.



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## VILLAGE LAUNCHES BUSINESS LEADERS FORUM

The Village is excited to announce the launch of the Business Leaders Forum (BLF). The BLF is a collaboration between the Village and the business community to leverage the collective business expertise and resources present in the community.



With business occupancies at all-time high, the Village developed the BLF concept to ensure that business owners and operators have the tools they need to accelerate the growth of their companies. The BLF creates a safe environment where professionals at all levels of their development can learn from one another and from outside experts on current trends in business. The BLF is unique in that it is a public private partnership where knowledge is transformed into action.

The BLF Strives to:

- Foster collaboration and alignment between the Village and the business community
- Enhance communication between the Village and business community
- Grow local ventures by adding value and supporting a culture of innovation and learning

The BLF has a full schedule of networking and knowledge sharing events planned for 2017.

If you are a current business owner or an aspiring local entrepreneur and are interested in participating, contact Josh Grodzin, Director of Business Development and Marketing at 847-357-4005 or [jgrodzin@elkgrove.org](mailto:jgrodzin@elkgrove.org).

## 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 [www.egvbizhub.com](http://www.egvbizhub.com) 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](mailto:strictlybizpodcast@gmail.com).

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