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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.

MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL SHINES SPOTLIGHT ON ELK GROVE VILLAGE

On Friday, December 21, Florida International University faced off against the University of Toledo in the 2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl. Elk Grove Village used its business slogan-Makers Wanted to sponsor the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl in Nassau, Bahamas.

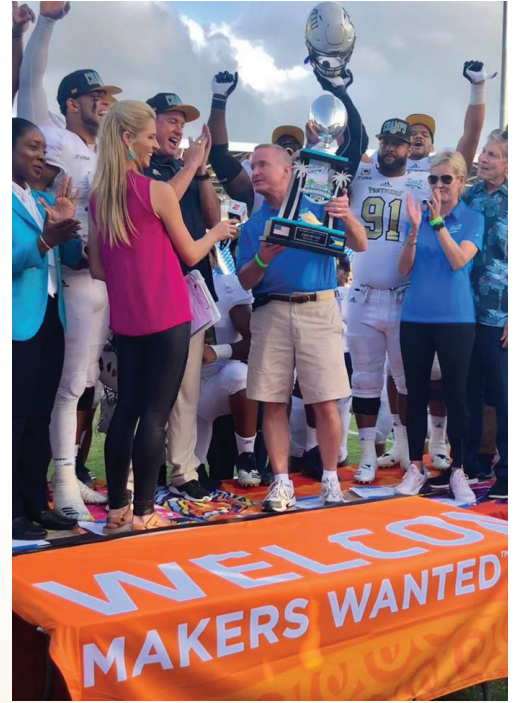
This unique sponsorship has continued to bring an incredible amount of news coverage and attention to Elk Grove Village as a destination for businesses.

In addition to the Makers Wanted commercials and on-air mentions broadcasted through the duration of the game on ESPN, the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl logo was displayed on centerfield, with Makers Wanted Elk Grove Village, Illinois logos on the 25-yard lines. There were also several marketing strategies used throughout the campaign, which began with the announcement in 2018, resulting in numerous articles and features in several major publications being published nationwide in print and online.

Back home in Elk Grove Village, a crowd gathered at Real Time Sports to enjoy a local viewing party for the game. Residents, business owners, and Village employees gathered to celebrate a truly unique experience. The hometown crowd cheered every time one of the Elk Grove Village “Makers Wanted” commercials aired on ESPN, giving national exposure to the community!

Pictured right is Mayor Craig Johnson handing off the trophy to the winning team, Florida International University.

More information about the results of the sponsorship will be shared as they become available with the community.



VILLAGE PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO REMAIN FLAT

Elk Grove Village is proud to announce there will be no increase to any portion of the Village’s property tax levy for 2018 (taxes payable in 2019). Property taxes collected by the Village are used to help fund three primary areas: General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Pensions/Social Security. On Tuesday, November 13, the Village Board approved a levy that holds the line on property taxes in all three of the respective areas.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

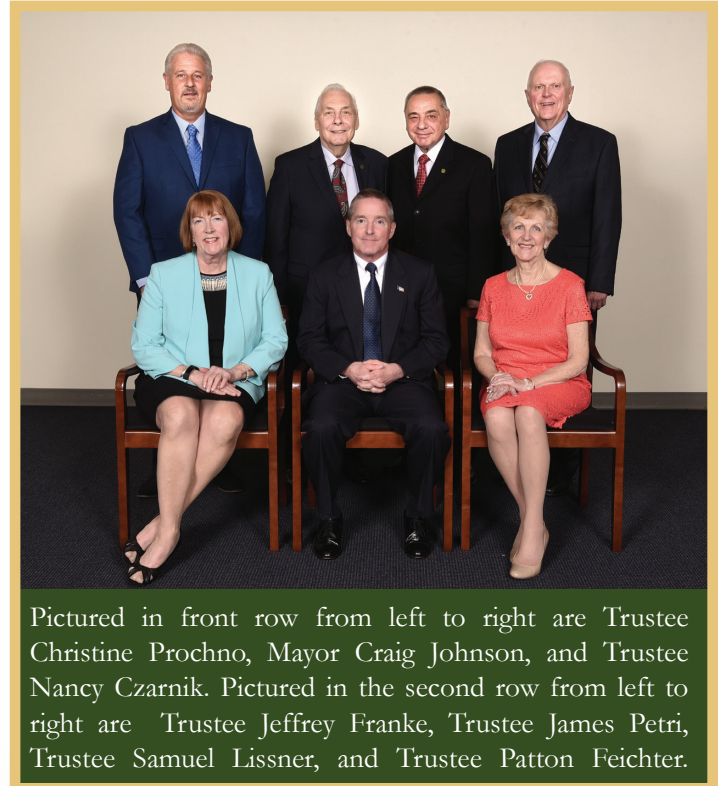
2018 has been an incredibly successful year for the Village, and in reflecting on the successes in the past year we want to express our gratitude for all of the community members who give their time to be involved in the community, whether on a committee or commission, helping out at an event, or assisting others in the community. We hope 2018 has been a great year for our residents, and we encourage you to take a look at a few of the highlights for the Village in the past year on pages 14-15.

Looking ahead to 2019, we are very pleased to announce the lineup for our biggest annual event, the 11th 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 11!

When we think of special events, we often remember the Hometown Parade which formally took place in the summer. This year, we want to remind residents that the Music Through the Ages Hometown Parade will take place on Saturday, September 21, the weekend of the Village’s Oktoberfest. Check out page 8 for more information!

As you await our summer activities, don’t miss out on the many other wonderful events held here in the Village. The Community Character of Coalition’s Carnival of Exceptional Character is taking place on Saturday, February 23. This fabulous family event includes free food, free games and tons of family fun! You can find more information on page 3.

With the holidays coming to an end and the lights being taken down from homes and displays, if you notice some non-working lights or have stands you no longer use, you can dispose of them through the Village’s Holiday Light Recycling Program offered now through March 31, 2019. Holiday string lights and extension cords can be dropped off at the Community Development Counter. For more information, please visit page 12.



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

Although we are excited for the beginning of a new year, there is still a chance for more snow this winter. Our newsletter is full of tips and information about safe snow removal, freezing pipes, winter driving tips and so much more. Flip to pages 5-7 to read about helpful tips and important information for winter in Elk Grove Village.

Speaking of winter, the indoor Elk Grove Winters Farmers Market offers fresh indoor veggies, meats, eggs, pastas, treats and so much more now through April. For a list of Winter Market dates, please see page 8.

The Elk Grove Youth Committee Scholarship is now available. See page 9 for more details and to learn how to apply.

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

Prefer to share in person? Come to the next Coffee with the Board at Village Hall (901 Wellington) on Saturday, February 2 at 9am.



CARNIVAL OF EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER

The Community Character Coalition of Elk Grove (CCC) is holding its third annual Carnival of Exceptional Character on February 23, 2019. This popular event is free to attend and includes free food, free games, prizes, and fun for the whole family!

As families travel through booths with carnival-style games and activities, they will learn about the wonderful community

service groups that help make Elk Grove Village an exceptional community with exceptional character!

Saturday, February 23, 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Elk Grove Park District Pavilion, 1000 Wellington Ave.

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.



VILLAGE REBATES TIF PROCEEDS TO LOCAL TAXING DISTRICTS

On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, the Village of Elk Grove announced a refund of \$600,000 to local taxing bodies at a meeting of the Joint Review Board. This refund will be provided equally from the Busse-Elmhurst and the Grove Mall TIF Districts. Over the past ten years, the Village has refunded a total of \$3.6 million in TIF funds back to local taxing bodies.

The purpose of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is for local taxing bodies to make a joint investment in the redevelopment of a blighted area. TIF Districts provide an opportunity to undertake critical investments in development and infrastructure to spur future development and financial gains. Such investments include addressing issues that discourage or prevent redevelopment, such as aging or insufficient infrastructure, and functionally obsolete properties not viable for modern business operations.

“The Village has refunded TIF revenue back to local taxing bodies every year for the past ten years. We know taxing bodies rely on consistent revenue streams to provide high quality services without raising taxes.” said Mayor Craig Johnson, “We believe part of our role as a responsible investment partner is to share short-term returns when they can be balanced with the need for long-term financial gains.”

Funds for TIF investment do not come from current revenues but from future tax revenues not otherwise expected to occur. These new revenues are generated by increased investment in underperforming areas to spur development. Most short-term TIF revenues are reinvested to leverage the opportunity for all taxing bodies to receive larger financial gains in the future.

The Village continues to use Busse-Elmhurst TIF funds to re-invest in critical infrastructure, attract competitive businesses, and spur development in underutilized property within the Business Park’s TIF District. Proceeds from the Grove Mall TIF fund were most recently committed to a redevelopment agreement that will bring new tenants to occupy the former Dominick’s space in the Elk Grove Town Center shopping center, located at the southwest corner of Biesterfield and Arlington Heights Road.

VILLAGE PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO REMAIN FLAT, CONT.

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The Village works hard to reduce the tax burden on our residents and businesses, while providing high quality services.

The Village levies its property tax based upon a dollar amount—and for the past 12 years the Village has maintained the same General Fund Property Tax Levy, which is used to fund operations of the Village, such as police and fire services, road maintenance, and snow removal.

This is the first time in over ten years the Village will not increase the pension portion of the property tax levy, which is used to provide retirement benefits including state mandated police & fire pension funds, social security taxes and non-union pension costs. The debt service portion of the property tax levy covers principle and interest payments on the Village's bonds.

The Village's 2018 combined property tax levy will be \$18,357,132.

Property tax bills are comprised of multiple government agencies, each of which establishes their own tax levy. Overall, the Village comprises approximately 9% of a typical resident's property tax bill, with 66-70% of the bill going toward school districts. The remainder of the property tax bill is made up by Cook County, townships and special taxing districts. Even with multiple, independent taxing districts, residents and businesses in Elk Grove Village once again experienced the lowest combined property tax rate in northwest Cook County for the most recent property tax bills.

32ND ANNUAL PAINT-A-THON



As winter comes and goes, you may notice your home could use a fresh coat of paint. If the exterior of your home needs painting, consider applying for the 32nd Annual Paint-A-Thon program. Contact Community Services for more information and to be added to the interest list. As soon as applications are available (usually in early May), The Community Paint-a-thon organization will contact you. Applicants must be over the age of sixty, have a permanent disability, or be a veteran. There are income and other qualifying criteria, but all are encouraged to apply. There is no cost to the homeowner and volunteer groups to complete all the work.

Call Community Services at 847-357-4120 for more information.

CLOUDY WATER?

At times, you may notice that your tap water appears cloudy or milky. If you let the water stand a moment, it will dissipate and clear up. The “problem” was just air in the water lines. You can even hear the water bubbles breaking if you listen.

Deposits can also cause unclear water. It is good practice to periodically check and clean your aerators (the small screens on most sink faucets). Mineral deposits can accumulate causing particles in the water or reduced flow.

If you experience further problems with your water, please call Public Works at (847) 734-8800.





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.

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:

- 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 in 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 freezes, use a hair dryer to help slowly thaw the pipe. Do not use torches or heat guns.



WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Plan Ahead. Before heading out, check the weather--If it's storming or icy, consider delaying or rescheduling your trip. If travel cannot be avoided, check your travel route for delays and road conditions. 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, with a cell phone charger, gloves, blankets, snacks, roadside emergency kit, jumper cables, water, and medication.

Drive Safe. Slow down--Slower speeds, slower acceleration, slower steering and slower braking all are required in winter driving conditions. Don't crowd the plow--a snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you. Watch out for black ice on roads that appear clear but can be treacherous.

A CARING PLACE - INTOUCH HOME CARE

A Caring Place is a respite care service which gives temporary relief to caregivers and families of adults with mild cognitive or physical impairments. The service offers fun, structured activities for participants, giving caregivers the opportunity to run errands, shop, or just relax.

A Caring Place has partnered with Intouch Home Care to offer a full day of care services at an affordable daily rate. Intouch Home Care can provide additional services to extend the time available to caregivers, including: Transportation to/from A Caring Place; Assistance in getting dressed and preparing for the day; Ensuring individuals are safe at home and settled in; and Preparing a warm dinner.



For more information, please contact A Caring Place at 847-437-2666 x24 or ACaringPlace@CVLutheran.org.

SAFE SNOW REMOVAL TIPS

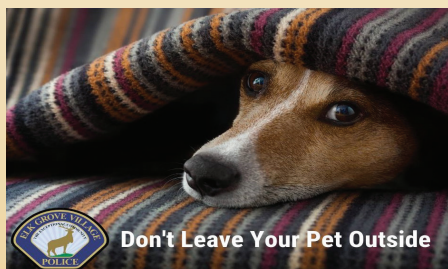
Take precautions when removing snow – snow blower and snow shoveling injuries are common this time of year. Snow blower injuries usually occur when someone places their hand in the machine while it is running. Snow blowers tend to get clogged with debris or wet snow. Even if the engine is off, when the clog is removed the torque propels the blades and serious injuries can occur.

Snow shoveling can also cause injuries. Here are some tips to remember when you go outside to begin shoveling:

- Shoveling is exercise, so treat it that way. Take a few minutes to stretch before, during and after shoveling.
- Bend your knees and use your legs as much as possible when lifting.
- Use a shovel with a bent handle to reduce forward bending and reduce stress on the back.
- If the snow is light, push it rather than scoop it.
- Wear good footwear to help avoid slips and falls.
- Take frequent breaks to stretch and rest.
- If the snow is wet and heavy, tackle it in layers.
- Start slowly and develop a steady pace.
- Remember to always stay hydrated.



It is always important to dress in layers and cover your head with a hat, your neck with a scarf and your hands with warm gloves. Finally, it is always worth remembering neighbors on your block who might not be able to remove the snow from their sidewalks. A few minutes of help can make the world of difference for your neighbor!



PET REMINDER

If it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet. Please do not leave your pet outside. If you see a cat, dog, or pet outside during cold weather, please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 so dispatch can send an officer to assess the situation.



Don't Leave Your Pet Outside



RESIDENTIAL KNOX BOX FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACCESS

The Residential Knox-Box® is a high security key safe designed for Single Family Homes that only local emergency responders can access. With a Residential Knox-Box® installed, emergency responders can respond quickly, without forcing entry. They simply remove your entrance key stored inside, provide medical assistance and re-lock your door when they leave.

Benefits of installing a Residential Knox-Box®:

- One-time purchase, no monthly monitoring fee.
- Key is locked in Knox-Box®; not hidden for burglar to find.
- Key is readily available to responders; no relying on a neighbor to be home to let responders inside.
- Door/windows not damaged by responders trying to access your home.
- Security is a top priority – Knox-Box® is UL listed against physical attack.

All of the Knox-boxes are keyed with the same key, allowing the Fire Department to access any box in the Village with a single key. The system employed by Elk Grove Village is through the Knox Company. The box is custom-made and keyed according to the contract between the Knox Company and the Village of Elk Grove. The Elk Grove Village Fire Department is the only agency that possesses any key for this box. This ensures the integrity of the system and maintains a highly secure process. Knox-boxes pricing starts at \$167.

If you are interested in receiving information, please visit www.elkgrove.org/KnoxBox or call 847-734-8000.



KEEPING OUR FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR OF ICE & SNOW

When winter is at its coldest, you may want to spend most of your time inside. However, it's important to keep an eye on what's happening outdoors too. Winter weather can create fire safety hazards, such as ice or heavy snowfall that can obstruct fire hydrants. You can help reduce the risk by keeping fire hydrants accessible and clear of ice and snow.

In an emergency, every second counts. Fire hydrants that are blocked, concealed, or difficult to access due to snow or ice can impede emergency fire response.

Fire engines carry a limited amount of water, so one of the first tasks upon arriving at a fire is to locate a water supply from the nearest hydrant. Hydrants covered in snow can be difficult to locate, and uncovering them can waste valuable time needed during the fire. Keeping them clear can mean easier access to water and more time doing what really matters - fighting the fire.



In addition to removing snow and debris covering the hydrant itself, Elk Grove Village Fire Department recommends clearing a 3 foot area around the hydrant for easier access. The Elk Grove Village Fire Department also suggests maintaining a shoveled path from the street, sidewalk or driveway to the fire hydrant so that it is visible from the road and firefighters can easily access it.

WINTER FARMERS MARKET

The Elk Grove Winter Market is dedicated to bringing residents and visitors alike a wonderful Saturday market with a tempting variety of fresh indoor grown veggies, meats, eggs, pasta, dog treats, breads, flavored nuts, sauces and so much more.

Elk Grove Winter Market
Select Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Jan 19; Feb 2 & 16; Mar 2 & 16; Apr 6 & 27



The Elk Grove Winter Market is located at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 1045 S. Arlington Heights Road. Find more information on Winter Market updates on the Farmers Market Facebook Page at Facebook.com/ElkGroveFarmersMarket.

2019 BLOOD DRIVES AT VILLAGE HALL

The Village, in partnership with Vitalant, will be hosting several Community Blood Drives in 2019. The drives will be held at the Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave) between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

Saturday, April 6

Saturday, July 27

Saturday, November 2



OKTOBERFEST AND HOMETOWN PARADE SAVE THE DATE

Please join us in celebrating Oktoberfest and the Hometown Parade in 2019! This will be the first time that these events will be held together, and the first time that Oktoberfest will host kid-friendly activities. Be sure to mark your calendars so that you and your family don't miss this exceptional weekend of fun!

Elk Grove Village
Oktoberfest

Music Through the Ages

Grand Marshal
Kitty Vanderweel
Weiner

Friday 9/20, 6 PM - 11 PM
Saturday 9/21, 3 PM - 11 PM

Saturday 9/21 at 2 PM



COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR & BOARD

Residents and members of the community are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee at the upcoming Coffee with the Mayor & Board of 2019.

Discuss questions and concerns with the Mayor and Board at Village Hall, located at 901 Wellington Avenue.

If you are interested but unable to attend, the next Coffee with the Mayor & Board will be on Saturday, May 4.



Coffee with the Mayor & Board

February 2, 2019
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.



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 seven (7) \$1,000 scholarship awards; five (5) by Elk Grove Village and two (2) by the Elk Grove Village Parks Foundation to recognize High School Seniors for their outstanding leadership, community participation, and service in the community.

Application Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2019 at 5 p.m.

Applications will be available in the high school College & Career Center offices and also on the Village website at www.elkgrove.org/scholarships.

Please see application for details. Completed applications must be submitted to Village Hall (Administration Counter). Winners will be notified by May 31, 2019. Questions? Please call 847-357-4030.

SHOP WITH A COP 2018

On Saturday, December 7, the Elk Grove Village Police Department hosted their Annual Shop with a Cop event at Walmart. In partnering with School Districts 54 and 59, thirty-five deserving youths had the opportunity to go on a \$100 shopping spree with a police officer.

Afterwards, the children and officers enjoyed a luncheon in the Park District's Carousel Room sponsored by Fraternal Order of Police Lodge# 35.



D.A.R.E. GRADUATION

During December, the Elk Grove Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit hosted their Annual DARE Graduations at Link Elementary School and Queen of the Rosary School.

Over an 8-week period, the Crime Prevention Unit taught over 90 students at these schools the DARE curriculum, which highlights the importance of responsibility and good decision-making. Students learned about resisting drugs and alcohol, how to prevent bullying, and how to conduct themselves as good citizens. Through role-playing and critical thinking, the students learned about risk and consequences in the hopes that they can apply their learning to real life situations. Several students were recognized for their participation and embodiment of the DARE spirit both in and out the classroom.



ELK GROVE VILLAGE CARES FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

The Elk Grove Village Cares program, a community-based strategy to tackle opioid addiction, not only helps addicts with recovery options but provides support to families and loved ones that are impacted by an addicts struggle with addiction. Amita Healthcare and Elk Grove Village Social Worker Des Raftery encourage strong family and community support. As a community we must overcome the bias of addiction and treat addiction as a disease.



2nd & 4th Mondays of the Month

7:00 p.m. in Room E

Village Hall, 901 Wellington Avenue

For more information please contact Des Raftery, LCSW at 847-357-4124.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HELPS FEED FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

On December 20, the Elk Grove Village Fire Department joined with Jewel Osco and School District 59 to provide full holiday meals to all district families considered homeless. The families are supported by a program that provides housing so that students have adequate and stable schooling. Over 30 meals were donated, which will provide food for more than 200 people this holiday season.

The Village and Fire Department extend great thanks to Jewel Osco (Arlington Heights and Biesterfield) for their continued community support. They have provided hope and nourishment to more than 1,000 local residents in just the last 3 years of the program.



“Unity within the Community” 2019 Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series

Presented by the Village of Elk Grove & Elk Grove Park District



Melissa Etheridge
Thurs, July 4 at 7:30pm

Lions Club 4th of July Fireworks will follow the concert.

Concert details to be determined.

For updates, please visit:
www.elkgrove.org

Tues, July 9 at 7:30pm



The Commodores
Tues, July 16 at 7:30pm



Wynonna & The Big Noise

Tues, July 23 at 7:30pm



Night Ranger
Tues, July 30 at 7:30pm

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THIS FREE CONCERT SERIES:



TastyCatering



ELK GROVE VILLAGE
BANK & TRUST®
A branch of Schaumburg Bank & Trust Company, N.A.



A WINTRUST COMMUNITY BANK

July 4 at Rotary Green, 164 Lions Dr, east of Lions Park
July 9, 16, 23 & 30 on the Village Green, 901 Wellington Ave

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

As the Holiday season ends, don't throw out broken string lights; recycle them! The Village is currently accepting used and non-working Holiday string lights as part of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) Holiday Lights Recycling Program.

The Village's Community Development Department accepts holiday string lights and extension cords at their front counter located at the Elk Grove Village Municipal Complex. This service is offered free of charge to Elk Grove residents Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through March 31, 2019.



EGV 2025 UPDATE

EGV 2025 is the Village's long-range infrastructure plan which began in 2017. Over the course of this eight year plan, the Village will reinvest over \$135 million dollars into the community, and create thousands of skilled labor jobs.

Several major projects have now been completed including the Public Works Biesterfeld Facility and the James Paul Petri Public Works Facility. Meacham Fire Station #10 and Fire Station #8 developments are currently underway and expected to be finished in May of 2019. An interactive map is available online as a tool to learn about the schedule, location, and details of ongoing projects.

This actively updated map can be viewed online at www.elkgrove.org/2025.



PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY RELOCATES

On Monday, January 14, the Public Works Department officially relocated from 600 Landmeier Road to 450 E Devon Avenue. Public Works was located at the Landmeier Road facility for over 50 years. The Landmeier Road facility also previously served as Village Hall and home to both the Police & Fire Departments. Staff is excited to call the new facility home for years to come!

Effective January 14, 2019

We're Moving



**Village of Elk Grove
James Paul Petri Public Works Facility
450 East Devon Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007**





JANUARY 2019 ISSUE

ELK GROVE BusinessMatters



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ENCLAVE HONORS LUMINARY LEADERS FROM ELK GROVE VILLAGE



On Thursday, December 13, ENCLAVE for Entrepreneurs hosted an event honoring individuals from Elk Grove Village who earned prestigious awards and recognition in their fields.

At the event John Dallas, CEO of ENCLAVE, unveiled, the new “Luminary Leader of the Year” award, as a way for ENCLAVE to recognize and celebrate exceptional leadership in the community.

The first “Luminary Leader of the Year” was awarded to Mayor Craig B. Johnson, for his continued pursuit of innovation. Just this year, Mayor Johnson has led the Village in launching Elk Grove Village Cares, a first of its kind community-based program to address the disease of opioid addiction; and sponsoring the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl, a marketing campaign which has elevated the Village’s presence on the national and international stage.

The event also honored the many luminary leaders who have been recognized in their fields, including Illinois Principal of the Year Paul Kelly and Illinois Teacher of the Year Ricky Castro of Elk Grove High School; National Superintendent of the Year David Schuler of Township High School District 214; and Fire Chief of the Year Richard Mikel of Elk Grove Village. Attendees heard thoughtful and inspiring reflections from the honorees about what it is like to be on the receiving end of such recognition and accolades.

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ELK GROVE VILLAGE

YEAR IN REVIEW

CELEBRATING
THE PEOPLE AND
BUSINESSES
WHO MADE 2018
A GREAT YEAR!



↑ 98%
**BUSINESS
OCCUPANCY
RATE**



**INTRODUCING THE ELK GROVE
TECHNOLOGY PARK**
A 1.2 MILLION SQ.FT.
STATE-OF-THE-ART
INDUSTRIAL CAMPUS.



**OVER 50
BLF BUSINESS
AMBASSADOR VISITS
IN 2018**

THE 6TH ANNUAL MADE IN ELK GROVE MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY EXPO

90+
EXHIBITORS



1000+
ATTENDEES



**DEPUTY
GOVERNOR
LESLIE MUNGER
ATTENDS**



OTHER NOTABLE INITIATIVES



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ELK GROVE AWARD WINNERS

The people and businesses showcasing excellence in the community.



During this year's Expo luncheon, Elk Grove High School senior, Kacper Migacz, was recognized for excellence in manufacturing education. Migacz and his team are SkillsUSA state champions.

Congratulations to Mayor Craig B. Johnson who received the Luminary Leader of the Year award presented by ENCLAVE for Entrepreneurs! ENCLAVE celebrated its first year in Elk Grove Village.

RADA AUTO WINS NEXT LEVEL NORTHWEST



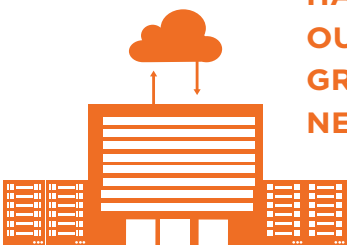
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TOP READ BLOCK PARTY ARTICLE

HAAS FACTORY OUTLET EXPANDS IN ELK GROVE VILLAGE WITH A NEW TECH CENTER



Beyond BUSINESS FRIENDLY
ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL

TOP PLAYED STRICTLY BUSINESS PODCAST EPISODE

EP: 24 - WHAT'S FUELING THE INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET?

On this episode of Strictly Business, Josh Grodzin invites top local real estate brokers, Chris Lydon, Jack Brennan, and Kevin Brennan to talk about the many factors that are fueling the industrial real estate market from changes in e-commerce to the need for more data centers.

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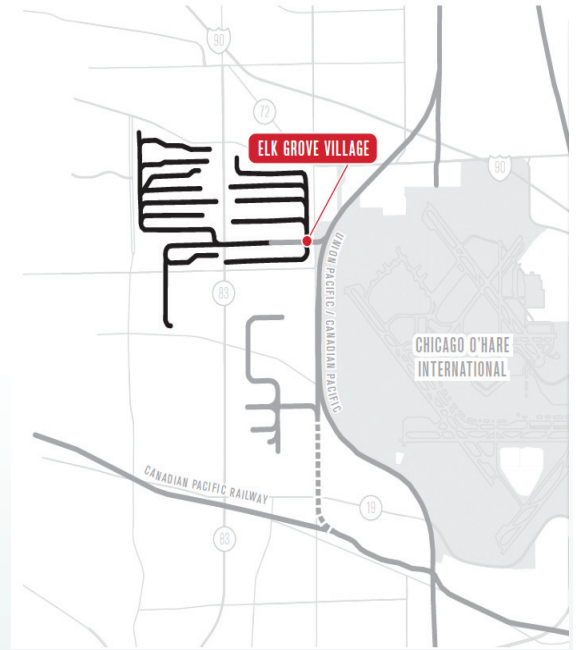
ELK GROVE BUSINESS IS SERVED BY FREIGHT RAIL

Elk Grove Village is home to the largest consolidated industrial park in North America, and efficient transportation is a high priority item.

Chicago Junction Railway is now operated by Progressive Rail Incorporated and is made up of several shortline railroads throughout the industrial park. All of the shortline railroads connect to the Union Pacific Railway, which is the largest freight transportation system in the US. The Union Pacific can transport materials all the way down to New Orleans, or go as far west as California. The Chicago Junction Railway ties into the national freight rail network servicing all around the country.

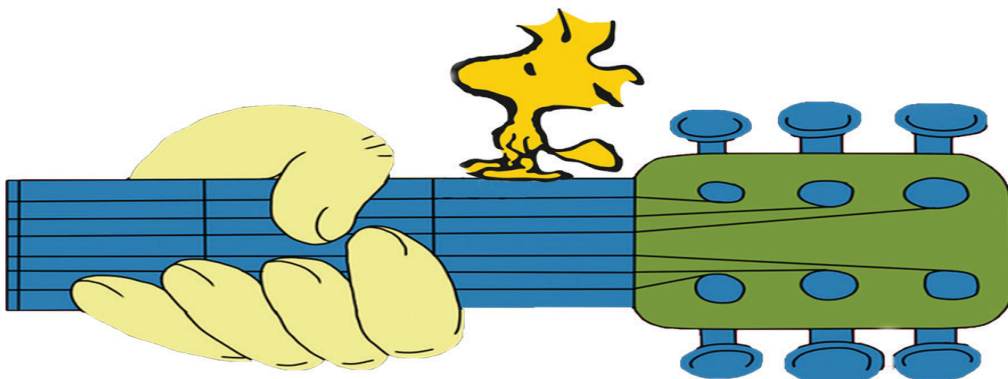
The Chicago Junction Railway has over 2,850 arrivals and departures per day from O'Hare International Airport, 7 Class One regional and short line railroads all at service and 20 miles of railroad track and yards providing unprecedented rail capacity.

If you are looking for additional information in regards to the Chicago Junction Railway, please contact Josh Grodzin at 847-357-4005.



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