



# ELK GROVE Villager

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

## ELK GROVE VILLAGE CARES RECEIVES GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN AWARD AND IS FINALIST FOR GOVERNOR'S CUP

We are excited to announce that the Elk Grove Village Cares program has been awarded the 2019 Governor's Hometown award. The Governor's Hometown Awards program gives formal recognition to those who contributed to a program that improved their community's quality of life. Now, Elk Grove Village is one of the four finalists that has been selected to compete for the prestigious award, "The Governor's Cup".



Elk Grove Village Cares embodies the spirit of the Governor's Hometown Award—it is a program that has brought a community together to not only offer treatment to those suffering from the disease of addiction, but also to provide support to their loved ones, to offer support and a path for recovery, and to address the stigma of a disease that has turned into a national health crisis.

The Governor's Hometown Awards program gives formal recognition to communities that contributed to their community's quality of life via projects that had strong volunteer support, met a need, and made a definitive impact.

Elk Grove Village Cares was deemed a cup finalist going up against three other finalist, which makes it the best program in its population division. The commission will choose one of the Cup finalists as the overall winner. The winner will be announced at a reception in Springfield on November 14.

All projects honored will receive a plaque and a road sign honoring these achievements.

## ELK GROVE VILLAGE NAMED THE THIRD SAFEST CITY TO LIVE IN ILLINOIS



We are proud to announce that Elk Grove Village has been ranked as the 3rd safest city to live in Illinois through a study conducted by [backgroundchecks.org](http://backgroundchecks.org). The Elk Grove Village Police Department, in partnership with our community, is committed to ensuring public safety through law enforcement, education and exceptional service, while performing with the highest level of integrity and assuring all individuals dignity and respect.

The Village is proud to see its dedication and level of service directly reflected by this recent study, whose summary highlights that Elk Grove Village recorded a violent crime rate over ten times lower than the City of Chicago.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As we approach the fall season, we reflect back on the successful events that happened in our community thus far!

These first weeks of fall have been very exciting. Residents and guests enjoyed the Village's fourth annual Oktoberfest on September 20 & 21. A huge thank you goes out to the Elk Grove Rotary Club, who helped run the event, and to the volunteers who helped make the event very successful.

Held in conjunction for the first time with Oktoberfest, the Elk Grove Village Hometown Parade was celebrated by many visitors and residents on September 21. The Hometown Parade theme "Music Through the Ages" had the community singing and dancing to the musical parade.

Another special event to look forward to this year is the Village sponsoring the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl in Nassau, Bahamas. The bowl game will take place on December 20, 2019. The official Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl trophy is making its way through the community in efforts to spread the word about the benefits of the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl sponsorship and the Village's 6-square mile industrial park. Make sure to keep your eye out for the trophy!

This time of the year also means it is time for the 2019 Fall Leaf Collection Program. Please remember that it is important not to rake your leaves in the street too early, this can cause drainage issues for your entire subdivision. A list of program guidelines and a schedule for your leaf collection dates can be found on page 7.

The fall season also means October 31 is creeping up on us! Trick or Treating is permitted in the Village on October 31 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Before children haunt the neighborhoods, please check out some important safety tips that can be found on page 8 or on the Village website at [www.elkgrove.org/halloween](http://www.elkgrove.org/halloween).

Before we indulge in lots of Halloween treats at the end of the month, don't forget about the Fire Department Open House! The Fire Department will be hosting its annual open house on Saturday, October 12 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Fire Station 7, located at 101 Biesterfeld



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 Jeffrey Franke, Trustee Stephen Schmidt, Trustee Samuel Lissner, and Trustee Patton Feichter.

Road adjacent to the Municipal Complex. Visitors are invited to explore Fire and EMS apparatus and enjoy demonstrations given by the firefighters. Additional details can be found on page 8.

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With so many events and happenings in our community, we invite Village residents to join us for a cup of coffee at the upcoming Coffee with the Board and Mayor taking place on November 2, 2019. Coffee with the Mayor & Board will be held from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Village Hall located at 901 Wellington Avenue.

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 VILLAGE NAMED THE THIRD SAFEST CITY TO LIVE IN ILLINOIS CONT.

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The study formulated a safety index score by reviewing the most recent FBI crime statistics to create state rankings based on cities in Illinois with a population of 10,000 people or more. The study reviewed violent crime rates, property crime rates, and the number of law enforcement workers on a per capita basis. The study named Warrenville first, Deerfield second, Elk Grove Village third, Burr Ridge fourth, and Wood Dale fifth as the top 5 safest cities to live in Illinois. This accomplishment reflects not only the efforts of the Elk Grove Village Police Department, but also the commitment of the Village in providing essential training, resources and support.

## RECENT ROBOCALLS, NOT FROM THE VILLAGE

In the recent weeks, there have been numerous anonymous robocalls and mailers that have been distributed throughout the community. The Village of Elk Grove is in no way affiliated with these robocalls or mailers and has no control over them.

Several of the robocalls have addressed the issue of the Haymarket drug addiction treatment center planned for Itasca. The Village of Elk Grove has not been approached by Haymarket about opening a facility in our community, despite the robocall pronouncements.

The Village of Elk Grove does not involve itself in political activities, such as the kind included in the robocalls. If anyone has any questions or concerns about the robocalls or mailings, please call Mayor Craig Johnson directly at (847) 437-8226.

## ELK GROVE VILLAGE CARES PROGRAM: RUMOR VS. FACT

**RUMOR:** The Village of Elk Grove will spend \$500,000 of Village taxpayer money on treatment for addiction for out of town residents through the Elk Grove Village Cares (EGV Cares) program in 2019.

**FACT:** Elk Grove Village has made a commitment to address the disease of addiction in our community, and we stand by that commitment. Addressing this type of public health issue is not something that can be done just in one community—opioid addiction is a national public health crisis and there are grant funding opportunities available to support programs like EGV Cares.

In order to be eligible for such grants, which support the treatment of residents, the Village cannot discriminate against individuals based on where they live. The Village has so far received two grants from the State of Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority totaling \$78,584 to support treatment for individuals through the EGV Cares program. Treatment costs to date have totaled less than \$50,000.

**RUMOR:** The Elk Grove Village Cares Program was recently expanded to include treatment for individuals who are not residents, and as a result, individuals from across the U.S. will be flooding the Village to take advantage of the program.

**FACT:** The Elk Grove Village Cares Program is now over a year old, and has been open to any individual seeking treatment, without discrimination, since its inception. In that time, there have been 32 referrals to treatment through the program. Over 63% of these referrals have been for Village residents, and the remaining individuals have been from nearby communities—all living less than 20 miles from Elk Grove Village. Many of the participants from other communities are former Village residents or have immediate family members living in the Village. Some program participants have insurance coverage and simply need assistance connecting to treatment and support to continue with recovery. Grant funding has been used to pay for treatment for those without insurance, which has included both residents and non-residents.



## ELK GROVE VILLAGE CARES EARNS MAJOR FEDERAL GRANT TO PROVIDE RESOURCES AND TRAINING TO COMBAT OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSES

The Elk Grove Village Police Department is proud to announce that Elk Grove Village Cares, a comprehensive, community-based initiative to take on the opioid epidemic, will serve as a regional resource to area community groups and municipalities in northwest suburban Cook County seeking to utilize opioid-reversing medication thanks to a \$385,000 federal grant.



The grant, funded by the First Responders Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act and awarded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is renewable in the same amount for three additional years for a total grant amount of \$1,540,000.

Elk Grove Village Cares will partner with the Kenneth Young Center and Live4Lali to provide Narcan-related training and resources to law enforcement organizations and community groups.

Narcan, also known commercially as Naloxone, is a drug administered via a nasal spray or auto-injector, which can temporarily stop or reverse the effects of an opioid or heroin overdose. Narcan allows EMTs and police officers to take potentially life-saving action when they encounter an individual suffering an overdose. The grant will provide training for first responders and the public about how to administer Narcan and will also help equip first responders with the overdose reversing drug.

Training on safety around fentanyl, carfentanil, and other dangerous licit and illicit drugs is also funded by the grant. Further, the groups will work to develop strategies to connect overdose survivors with the right treatment program and recovery support services.

The partnership will provide training and resources in the following communities: Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, and Schaumburg.

“This grant establishes Elk Grove Village as a regional resource to other communities and organizations seeking to take on the opioid epidemic in a smart, strategic and comprehensive way,” said Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson. “It’s a role we’re well-equipped to serve based on our ongoing commitment to face this challenge head on. Further, the grant really validates the approach we are taking to save lives, get more people into treatment and remove the stigma around opioid addiction.”

Earlier this year, Elk Grove Village Cares received a state grant aimed specifically at providing addiction treatment to more people, including the uninsured.

“These two grants complement one another very well because it means we can use state funds to support actual treatment for people suffering from the disease of addiction and federal funds on ensuring the availability of Narcan where it is needed and training for first responders and communities,” said Deputy Police Chief Mike Gaspari.

## HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST



The Elk Grove Village Leo and Lions Clubs are holding a Halloween house decorating contest for residents in the month of October. Decorated houses will be judged in one of four categories: Outstanding Overall Halloween Theme, Outstanding Use of Multi-media, Outstanding Scariest Display and Outstanding Child-Friendly Display. Judging will take place on Sunday, October 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For questions or to enter the Halloween Decorating Contest, please email your name, address, phone number and category entering to [RaymondMjr@AOL.com](mailto:RaymondMjr@AOL.com). The deadline to enter is October 22.



## MIKERPHONE BREWING PRESENTS DONATION TO COMMUNITY CHARACTER COALITION OF ELK GROVE



Mike Pallen, owner of Mikerphone Brewing, presented a check for \$18,500 to the Community Character Coalition (CCC) of Elk Grove at the Village Board Meeting on September 10. The check represented the proceeds from Mikerphone's annual festival, "Smells Like a Beer Fest", which was held outside the brewery on Garlisch Drive in April 2019.

Over the past three years, this event has raised over \$50,000 for community organizations. Mikerphone initially approached the Village about hosting a fundraising event on Garlisch Drive outside their brewery to raise money for local community organizations back in 2017, shortly after they opened for business. The Village

agreed to partner with Mikerphone Brewing to co-sponsor the annual fundraising event, and each year it has expanded to allow for a bigger crowd and raise more money for charity.

In 2017, Mikerphone Brewing's craft beer festival was limited to 500 attendees and raised \$10,000 to support the installation of the elevator at the Elk Grove Village VFW Hall. In 2018, Mikerphone expanded the festival to 750 attendees and raised over \$17,000 for the Elk Grove Youth Committee to use towards college scholarships. This year's event included 1,000 attendees and raised a total of \$26,000, which was split between the CCC, which received \$18,500, and ChildServ, which received \$7,500.

Due to the continued popularity of the event, Elk Grove Village and Mikerphone have agreed to move the 2020 festival to Rotary Green on Lions Drive to allow for additional capacity. Next year's event is set to take place on May 2, 2020, and will accommodate 2,500 people, with the goal of raising \$50,000 for the Kenneth Young Center and A Caring Place Respite program.

The Village is proud to partner with Mikerphone Brewing on this annual event, and is grateful for their continued support of the community.

## KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR THE MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL TRAVELING TROPHY & HELMET!

Now that football season is here, keep your eye out for the traveling Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl trophy and player's helmet coming to a location near you!

The official Makers Wanted trophy and player's helmet were first presented as a special kick-off to the Mid-Summer Concert Series, then made an appearance at the Elk Grove Farmers Market where residents and members of the community had the opportunity to view and photograph the trophy and helmet. The trophy and helmet will continue traveling through various local organizations, businesses, and events throughout the community in efforts to spread the word about the benefits of the sponsorship and the Village's 6-square mile industrial park.



*Pictured above is Mayor Johnson and residents visiting the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl tent at the Farmer's Market.*

Elk Grove Village is the title sponsor of the 2019 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl that is set to take place on December 20, 2019. Additional information about Makers Wanted can be found online at [www.makerswanted.org](http://www.makerswanted.org)

## ELK GROVE VILLAGE WATER METER UPGRADE

Elk Grove Village is embarking on a program that will replace about 10,600 water meters with new meters. The new meters will replace older, mechanical units with new technology that will help identify high water usage and potential leaks. The new meters will result in smarter water use for customers.



### WATER METER REPLACEMENT TEAM

The new meters and remote will automatically transmit data wirelessly and eliminate the need to manually read each meter. This allows the Village to be more efficient and save money by preventing recording errors and eliminating time-consuming manual meter reading.

Every water customer with the older style meters will receive a new water meter at no charge. It will take about one year to replace all the meters in the Village.

The Village has awarded a contract to Siemens Industry, Inc. to perform this meter upgrade. The installer will need to access your home to replace the meter. Siemens will reach out and work with residents and businesses to arrange a convenient appointment time to complete this task.

#### When will the Village begin installing new meters?

Installation will begin in December of 2019, beginning with residential meters, followed by commercial and industrial meters. The installations will be staggered throughout the community over several months. The Village will provide further communications in the coming months regarding scheduling appointments for your new meter.

#### Why is Elk Grove Village installing and upgrading water meters?

Water meters across the Village are approaching or exceeding the American Water Works Association's recommended lifecycle. As the current mechanical water meters age, they may slow down and their accuracy in registering water consumption decreases. The planned water meter upgrade will replace all water meters in the Village to achieve both technological and customer service benefits.

#### Do you have to enter my home/business to change my water meter?

Yes. Due to freezing temperatures in the winter, all meters are installed within the home or business. Most homes have a device for remote reading access on the outside of the home that will also be changed as part of this project.

#### Will my water bill increase?

The water rate you pay will not change as part of this project. The new water meters will allow customers to be billed for actual water used. Depending on the accuracy of their existing meter, a customer may see a variance when they receive an accurate meter. The new meters will provide instant leak alerts and so customers will not have a leak that has been ongoing and unnoticed, thus increasing their water bill.

Please visit us online for projects updates and to learn more at [elkgrove.org/watermeter](http://elkgrove.org/watermeter) or call (866) 931-2199 if you have additional questions.

## BLOOD DRIVE AT VILLAGE HALL



The Village, in partnership with Vitalant has hosted three Community Blood Drives in 2019. The last blood drive of 2019 will be held at the Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave.) on the following Saturday:

**Saturday, November 2, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**





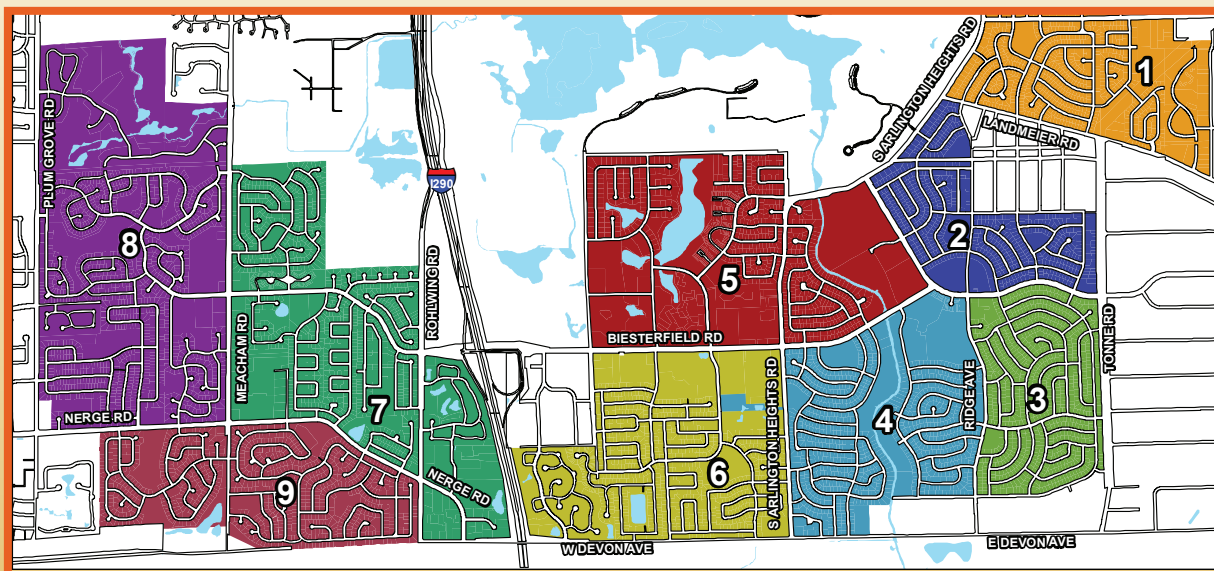
## 2019 FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

During the months of October and November, the Village offers residents convenient disposal of their Fall leaves through the Public Works Department. The Village is divided into sections, and each section receives four (4) leaf collection dates. The scheduled collection dates and a map depicting the Village sections are shown below. If you choose to bag your leaves, the normal rules for yard waste disposal will apply. Only paper yard waste bags or refuse cans may be used; no plastic bags will be accepted. One yard waste sticker is required for each bag or can.

Should you have any questions or experience any problems with the program, please call the Public Works Department at (847) 734-8800, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or check the Village website at [www.elkgrove.org/leaves](http://www.elkgrove.org/leaves) for more information. Please make sure to comply with these important program regulations:

- Only rake leaves into the street. Grass, branches and yard waste can damage equipment.
- Leaves should be raked into the street after 3 p.m. the day before collection and before 7 a.m. the day of collection.
- Leaves should be placed in a continuous row on the pavement 2 feet from the curb.
- Parking in the street will be prohibited on the day of collection from 7 a.m. until the leaves are removed.
- No leaves are to be placed on State or County roadways, nor on the following Village streets: Tonne Road, Elk Grove Boulevard, Oakton Street, Rev. Morrison Boulevard, J.F. Kennedy Boulevard, Biesterfield Road, and Wise Road. Residents along these streets should place their leaves in the parkway on collection day.
- In the event of rain, you should still place your leaves in the street on your scheduled date. Leaves will be collected as soon as possible after the scheduled date.
- In the event of snow, leaf pickup will be rescheduled for another day.

| Section | Day of the Week | Collection Dates |         |         |               |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| 1       | Wednesday       | Oct. 16          | Oct. 30 | Nov. 13 | Nov. 27       |
| 2       | Thursday        | Oct. 17          | Oct. 31 | Nov. 14 | Nov. 27 (Wed) |
| 3       | Tuesday         | Oct. 15          | Oct. 29 | Nov. 12 | Nov. 26       |
| 4       | Monday          | Oct. 14          | Oct. 28 | Nov. 11 | Nov. 25       |
| 5       | Tuesday         | Oct. 8           | Oct. 22 | Nov. 5  | Nov. 19       |
| 6       | Monday          | Oct. 7           | Oct. 21 | Nov. 4  | Nov. 18       |
| 7       | Wednesday       | Oct. 9           | Oct. 23 | Nov. 6  | Nov. 20       |
| 8       | Thursday        | Oct. 10          | Oct. 24 | Nov. 7  | Nov. 21       |
| 9       | Friday          | Oct. 11          | Oct. 25 | Nov. 8  | Nov. 22       |



Local Postal Customer

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Trick or Treating in Elk Grove begins on Thursday, October 31 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Be sure to know and practice the safety tips below in order to ensure that everyone has a safe and happy Halloween.

1. Bring all treats home for inspection before eating. Parents should examine all treats carefully before allowing children to eat them.
2. Accompany children or send a significantly older sibling.
3. Plan a trick-or-treating route in familiar neighborhoods with well-lit streets.
4. Make sure kids cross only at designated crossings or intersections and look in all directions first. Remind them to use sidewalks or walk facing traffic so approaching cars can see them.
5. For those that do go out after dark, reflective tape on the costumes will make them more visible. You should also have children carry flashlights and a cell phone if available.
6. Halloween costumes should be light in color and short in length so they do not restrict or interfere with movement. Masks can restrict vision, so try to use make-up instead.
7. Make sure children know their home phone number and address in case you get separated and know how to call 911 in an emergency.



Additional Halloween information can be found on the Village website at [www.elkgrove.org/halloween](http://www.elkgrove.org/halloween).

# ELK GROVE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

KIDS' FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE • SLIDE DOWN A FIRE  
POLE • MEET SPARKY THE FIRE DOG • TOUR THE INSIDE  
OF A FIRE ENGINE AND AMBULANCE • POLICE K-9 UNIT •  
WATCH HIGH ANGLE RAPPELLING • FIRE SPRINKLER  
DEMONSTRATION • AND MORE!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**  
**NOON UNTIL 3 P.M.**



**FIRE STATION #7**  
**101 BIESTERFIELD ROAD**