



ELK GROVE Villager

DECEMBER 2019 ISSUE

IN THIS ISSUE:

- Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl Viewing Party
- Elk Grove Village Cares: 2019 Governor's Cup Finalist
- K-9 Mack Retirement
- Citizen's Police Academy Enrollment Now Open
- Holiday Lights Recycling
- Elk Grove Village VFW Elevator Installation Complete
- Water Meter Replacement Coming Soon!
- Winter Snow & Ice Control
- Holiday House Decorating Contest

This newsletter is published by the Village of Elk Grove Village
 901 Wellington Avenue
 Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
 Telephone 847.439.3900
 TDD 847.357.4088
 www.elkgrove.org

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.

NEW ELK GROVE VILLAGE FIRE STATION RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCOLADES



The Elk Grove Village Fire Department and FGM Architects have earned national recognition for fire station design. Elk Grove Fire Station 8, which opened last spring, won the silver award in the category of “satellite stations” in the sixth annual Firehouse Magazine Station Design Awards.

According to Firehouse Magazine the award recognizes “outstanding architecture and design from fire departments nationwide.”

The new Fire Station 8 at 700 Fargo Avenue is a 21,000 square foot facility with a 4-story, 11,000 square foot training tower located within the Elk Grove Village Business Park. A slightly smaller version of the same fire station design was built at 676 S. Meacham.

The two new fire stations were constructed to allow for enhanced operational efficiency and sufficient space for future growth. In addition to designing the station for operational needs, the Fire Department and architects also implemented proactive measures to ensure the safety of personnel to combat the incidence of cancer in firefighters due to exposure to carcinogens.

The new training tower at Fire Station 8 will provide Elk Grove Village firefighters with ample opportunity to hone their fire suppression and lifesaving skills and utilize new technology such as infrared imaging cameras to locate trapped victims in rooms filled with smoke.

“It is a genuine privilege to have our facilities recognized as being among the best in the nation. Credit to this award goes to FGM Architects and to our men and women, many of whom provided input to architects as the facility was being designed,” said Fire Chief Richard Mikel. “We are better equipped to keep our community safe when we have top-notch facilities where we can train and operate from. We’re grateful for the recognition, but more grateful that this Village places such a priority on public safety.”

Continued on page 3.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As we approach the end of the year and reflect back on 2019, it is difficult to believe how much has happened in the Village in so short a time. We're proud to say it has been another successful year for our community.

We recently announced that the Elk Grove Village Fire Department and FGM Architects have earned national recognition for fire station design. Elk Grove Fire Station 8, which opened last spring, won the silver award in the category of "satellite stations" in the sixth annual Firehouse Magazine Station Design Awards. Information about this award can be found on page 1.

The Elk Grove Village Cares program was awarded the Governor's Hometown Award and was one of four finalists for the Governor's Cup. The Governor's Hometown Award program gives formal recognition to those who contributed to a program that improved their community's quality of life. We are so proud our community-based strategy to tackle opioid addiction was recognized for this award. More information can be found on page 4.

In addition to the success of the community, this year has been an amazing year for special events. Residents and guests recently enjoyed the special Tree Lighting Ceremony that took place on November 29. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event a success!

We conclude 2019 with Elk Grove Village sponsoring the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl in Nassau, Bahamas. Makers Wanted serves as a call-to-action for the Village's thriving community and the thousands of businesses that are based here. The bowl game will take place on 12/20/19 on ESPN. For those who want to share in the excitement of the bowl game, join your fellow neighbors, businesses, and college football fans at the viewing party! See page 3 for details.

As winter begins in full force, our Public Works Department stands ready to respond to winter storms. Our equipment has been prepared and salt supply has been secured. To help achieve a successful snow removal season, please turn to page 9 and check out information and tips listed there.

Public Works may be preparing for the winter freeze but we know our residents are preparing for the season with holiday decorations and displays! If you come across non-working or old holiday lights you no longer need, please



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.

recycle them through the Holiday Light Recycling Program. Residents can drop off holiday lights and extension cords now thru March 31, 2020. Find out more information about this program on page 7.

With the new year approaching, we are excited to share that the newly installed elevator at Elk Grove Village VFW Post 9248 is now fully operational! Information regarding the elevator installation project can be found on page 5.

As 2020 approaches, we are looking forward to our new water meter replacement program to launch. The Village of Elk Grove will soon begin the process of installing new water meters in all residential, industrial and commercial buildings. Information about the water meter program can be found on page 5.

Another event we're preparing for with the new year is the 2020 Census. Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Learn more about the Census on page 8.

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



NEW ELK GROVE VILLAGE FIRE STATION RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCOLADES CONT.

Continued from page 1.

At the Village Board meeting on November 19, 2019, Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson congratulated the Elk Grove Village Fire Department, Chief Mikel and FGM Architects, which designed the facility in partnership with Village officials and staff.

“As our community continues to grow, our commitment to providing our residents and businesses with exceptional public safety services increases. We take a great deal of pride in our efforts to provide top-notch facilities to our firefighters and Paramedics,” said Mayor Johnson. “This national award is a validation of the priority we place on giving our first responders all the resources they need to keep Elk Grove Village safe.”



YARD WASTE COLLECTION ENDS DECEMBER 15

As a friendly reminder, yard waste collections end on December 15. Yard waste collection takes place the same day as homeowner's garbage collection date. Through December 13, residents can dispose of leaves at the James P. Petri Public Works Facility at 450 E. Devon Avenue, or at the Public Works Biesterfield Facility at 1635 Biesterfield Road leaf dumpster locations. Please visit www.elkgrove.org/leaves for details and additional information.

MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL VIEWING PARTY

The Village is partnering with Real Time Sports to host the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl Viewing Party on Friday, December 20. The viewing party activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. for the 1:00 p.m. kick-off. Stay tuned to see which two teams will be competing against one another!

Elk Grove Village invites local residents, businesses, and college sports fans who want to share in the excitement of the bowl game to a local viewing party. In addition to a \$6.95 lunch buffet special, attendees will have a chance to win a limited edition Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl Yeti!



Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl Viewing Party

\$6.95 Lunch Buffet Special

Real Time Sports, 1120 W. Devon Avenue

Kick Off: 1:00 p.m.



Additional information will be posted on the website as it becomes available at www.elkgrove.org.

ELK GROVE VILLAGE CARES: 2019 GOVERNOR'S CUP FINALIST

In September, the Elk Grove Village Cares program was awarded the 2019 Governor's Hometown Award. The Governor's Hometown Award program gives formal recognition to those who contributed to a program that improved their community's quality of life. Four statewide finalists are selected for The Governor's Cup, one from each population category. Elk Grove Village Cares was the Cup Finalist for the population division of 25,000-75,000.



On November 14, Elk Grove Village Deputy Police Chief Mike Gaspari represented the Elk Grove Village Cares program at the 2019 Governor's Hometown Award Reception in Springfield. As one of the finalists, Elk Grove Village received a road sign for its community and plaque recognizing its efforts which were presented to the Village Board at the November Board Meeting.

The Village is grateful for the opportunity to be part of this great program which recognizes volunteerism and community service. A complete list of winners and their projects can be found at www.serveillinois.gov.



K-9 MACK RETIREMENT

On November 1, K-9 Mack retired from the Elk Grove Village Police Department after serving 3.5 years as one of Elk Grove's finest. In May of 2016, K-9 Mack was welcomed to the police department and partnered with Officer Rick Meyers. In Mack's first 6 months, he located approximately \$200,000 worth of drug money concealed in a vehicle. K-9 Mack also tracked and located many offenders who have tried to flee crime scenes.

During his time as an Elk Grove Village K-9, Mack participated in the International K-9 Olympics winning first place in an open area narcotics search competition and the narcotic exterior vehicles search. He also participated in many community events over the years as well as a 1.5 mile obstacle course similar to the "Tough Mudder" called the "Muddy Buddy".

His handler Officer Meyers stated, "I enjoyed working with him because our personalities matched very well together". Officer Meyers will be adopting K-9 Mack so he can enjoy his retirement with his best friend and family. One of K-9 Mack's favorite hobbies is to play with his giant red ball and he looks forward to doing a lot more of that in retirement. On behalf of the Village of Elk Grove, Mack is wished a happy and healthy retirement!

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

The Elk Grove Village Police Department regularly conducts a Citizen's Police Academy for residents interested in learning more about the Police Department and its operations. The eight-week program begins on February 6 and takes place at the Village Police Department located at 901 Wellington Avenue.

Enrollment for the 2020 Citizen's Police Academy is now available, but space is limited and seats are filling up fast! More information and details on how to apply can be found at www.elkgrove.org/CFACPA.





ELK GROVE VILLAGE VFW ELEVATOR INSTALLATION COMPLETE!



We are pleased to report that the elevator at VFW Post 9248 located at 400 E. Devon Avenue is now complete and fully operational. Prior to this project, the VFW Hall had no ground floor entry and the only point of entrance into the VFW Hall was by staircase. The installation of this elevator is the culmination of community efforts to support out veterans by making the VFW Hall, our Veteran’s home away from home, truly accessible for veterans and guests.

This entire process would not be possible without the initiative and dedication of the Community Character Coalition, the generosity of Castle Chevrolet North, donations from numerous local businesses, and the commitment of Keeley Construction.

WATER METER REPLACEMENT COMING SOON!

The Village of Elk Grove will soon begin the process of installing new water meters in all residential, industrial and commercial buildings. The majority of the Village’s existing water meters are beyond the American Water Works Association’s recommended lifecycle of 20 years.



The Village has contracted with Siemens for this water meter replacement project. Water meters will be replaced between approximately February 2020 and June 2020. Residents will receive a notification postcard via mail from Siemens prior to meter installation. This notification will include a phone number to call and a website where residents can schedule an appointment to have their meter replaced.

Please visit us online for updates during the project and to learn more at elkgrove.org/watermeter or call (866) 931-2199 if you have additional questions.

“ELK ON THE SHELF” HOLIDAY SOCIAL MEDIA FEATURE



The Village is excited to introduce “Elk on the Shelf”, the Village’s spin on the popular “Elf on the Shelf” holiday tradition.

Elk on the Shelf is going to be an educational and engaging feature that offers 31 days of Facebook fun during the holiday season!

Who: Elfie the Elf & his pet, Elkie the Elk as seen on the photo to the left.

What: Elfie & Elkie are going to explore all things Elk Grove Village. Keep up with Elfie & Elkie as they apply for permits, learn about the Police Information Center, donate items to the local Food Pantry, and so much more-- you won’t want to miss out on this!

When: Elfie & Elkie will begin their adventures on December 1 through December 31.

Where: The “Elk on the Shelf” feature will be shared daily through the Village Facebook page at www.facebook.com/elkgrovevillage.

WINTER SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

Public Works stands ready to respond to this winter's freeze in a timely and expeditious manner. Our equipment has been readied and salt supply has been secured. Residents and businesses play an important role in ensuring our streets are maintained in a clean and safe condition. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their cooperation, patience and understanding during the unpredictable winter season.



To help achieve a successful snow removal season please keep in mind these tips:

Parking Restrictions

When 2 or more inches of snow have fallen or are predicted to fall, do not park on any public street. Parked vehicles slow the progress of our snow removal fleet and often result in a section of roadway left unplowed. Parking is prohibited on both sides of a public street for 24 hours after the snowfall stops or until the clearing operation is complete.

Be Considerate of Pedestrians and Seniors

Residents and businesses are asked to shovel their sidewalks, clearing a path for pedestrians. In addition, please assist your neighbors who may be unable to clear their walks.

Plowed-In Driveway Aprons

Snow removal equipment is designed to push snow to the parkway and unfortunately, pushing snow onto driveway aprons is unavoidable. Property owners can minimize the amount of snow pushed onto driveways by placing snow on their side of the sidewalk, as well as placing driveway apron snow in the parkway away from the flow of traffic to help our plows to push snow away from your driveway rather than onto it.

Do Not Push Snow Into Streets

Driveways and sidewalks should be cleared by placing the snow on your property or adjacent parkway. Pushing snow into the street creates hazardous driving conditions and negates the effort of our snow operation. It is unlawful to move snow from driveways or private parking lots onto Village streets or the right-of-way.

Drive Cautiously

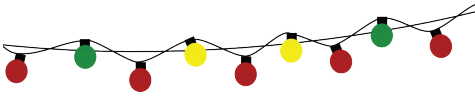
Whenever practical, please stay off the roads during a heavy snowfall. If you must travel, drive slowly and cautiously. Please yield to snow removal equipment.

For more information on snow removal activities or to report a concern, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800 or visit www.elkgrove.org. For information on plowing on state and county roads, please see page 7.

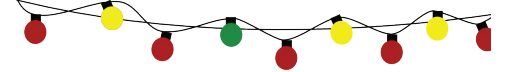


HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

The Village is accepting unused and non-working holiday string lights and extension cords as part of the SWANCC Holiday Lights Recycling Program. SWANCC and participating communities have partnered with Elgin Recycling Inc. to recycle the lights and cords.



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



Residents can drop off holiday lights and extension cords now thru March 31, 2020. The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclable materials. Call 847-357-4220 for more information.



OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS WAIVED FOR HOLIDAYS

From December 21 through January 5, residents and visitors can park on residential streets overnight. Please remember that residential street parking is prohibited if there is more than 2 inches of snow on the ground or if the Village is expecting snow.

Have a safe and Happy Holidays!

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. Below 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 snow.
- 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 as well as make you a good neighbor!

Presorted STD Mail
U.S. Postage
PAID
Palatine P&DC, IL
Permit No. 11

United States Census 2020

THE 2020 CENSUS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics—they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to the U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.

Responding to the census helps communities get the funding they need and helps businesses make data-driven decisions that grow the economy. Census data impact our daily lives, informing important decisions about funding for services and infrastructure in your community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, political representation, roads, schools, and businesses. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year based on census data.



ATTENTION PET OWNERS

The Village has many residents, including those with four legs! Please keep these courtesy tips in mind when it comes to taking care of your pets:

- Keep your pet on a leash: Pets must be secured on a leash no longer than 8 feet. Walking your pet on a leash protects your pet from traffic, unrestrained animals and provides a way for your pet to be properly introduced to people or children you may encounter.
- Maintain Supervision: It is neither safe nor appropriate to allow your dog to roam free. We ask pet owners to respect their neighbors and be cautious of their pets' whereabouts.
- Pick up after your pet: Be a responsible pet owner and do your part to clean up after your pet.



HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST



This year's Elk Grove Village Holiday House Decorating Contest is brought to you by the Elk Grove Leo & Lions Clubs and the Village of Elk Grove.

Residents can enter the contest by submitting their full name, address and phone number to Raymondmjr@aol.com no later than Thursday, December 19. Judging will take place on Sunday, December 22 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Four winners will be recognized during an upcoming Village Board meeting.