

Business Matters

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Business Ambassador Visit: FPE Automation

In January, Village officials visited FPE Automation's three Elk Grove locations as part of the Business Ambassador program, touring their Training and Technology Center at 80 Gordon Street, Handshake Solutions facility at 350 Kent Avenue, and headquarters at 110 Gordon Street. FPE Automation is a full-service distributor of industrial automation components serving manufacturers.

Founded in 1963 as Fluid Power Engineering, the company rebranded to FPE Automation in 2015 to reflect its expanded focus on controls and advanced technologies. During the visit, officials observed live training sessions and saw firsthand how the Handshake Solutions team integrates and tests customized automation systems to ensure quality and efficiency. ■

"Elk Grove has fostered a community of innovators and pillars in various industries in the business community. As we have continued to grow our business, we have only looked in Elk Grove for expansion and to become an even larger part of this great area."
– Joey Bardos, President



2026 State of the Village Address

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 9 for the annual State of the Village Address where Mayor Johnson will recap the year and share future plans for Elk Grove Village!

The State of the Village Address will be presented at Belvedere Banquets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson's address will be broadcast live on EGTV and the recording will be available after the event.

This event is sponsored by Meet Chicago Northwest and in partnership with the GOA Regional Business Association, Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce, and Elk Grove Village.

In-person attendance comes with lunch, but requires advance payment of \$55 or \$60 at the door. GOA members receive a discounted rate. Advance registration to the GOA is preferred. ■

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ELK GROVE VILLAGE STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS

Sponsored by: MEET CHICAGO NORTHWEST Mayor Craig B. Johnson

Thursday, April 9th | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Belvedere Banquets | 1170 W Devon Ave

Register now: www.theGOA.com/events

Business Ambassador Visit: Tasty Catering

In February, Village officials visited Tasty Catering at its 1900 Touhy Avenue headquarters. Founded in 1989 by brothers Tom, Larry, and Kevin Walter, the company evolved from Tasty Dawg, a Chicago hot dog stand, into a full-service catering and event planning operation known for high-volume corporate and social events throughout Chicagoland.

Today, Tasty Catering serves over 7,500 catered events and deliveries annually, including clients such as Advocate Health Care, BIG10, Microsoft, Mitsubishi, CDW, and the University of Chicago, as well as weddings, galas, and community celebrations. Under CEO Kornel Grygo, who began as a delivery driver in 2007, the company continues to grow while championing people over profits philosophy. With more than 150 employees and national recognition for workplace culture, Tasty Catering remains a regional leader in hospitality and innovation. ■



"[Elk Grove Village] is a community that truly brings people together, and we're proud to call it home."
– Jamie Pritscher, Director of Communications



A Fresh Brew in Town: United Espresso Opens Its Doors



In February, Village officials celebrated the grand opening of United Espresso at 1539 Jarvis Avenue. The family-owned business sources premium coffee beans from around the world and roasts them in-house, offering customers a fresh, globally inspired selection. In addition to specialty coffee, United Espresso also sells high-quality espresso machines from Italy for home and professional use. ■



Ribbon Cutting: Rigali Packaging

Village officials recently attended a ribbon cutting celebrating Rigali Packaging's expansion into a larger facility at 2555 United Lane. Owner Don Rigali shared the company's history, founded by his father, and highlighted the passion of his team that makes Rigali Packaging a great place to work. Rigali Packaging's new facility supports its continued growth and commitment to serving its customers from Elk Grove Village. ■



New Businesses: Welcome to Elk Grove Village!

Acutrack Solutions
Print City
Sattvic Indian Thali
Restaurant
Sunrun Inc.
The Par Lounge
United Espresso

2026 Village Construction

The Village is pleased to announce the capital improvements that are planned for this year's construction season. The Public Works Department will be managing these projects and striving to minimize adverse construction impacts.

Updates will be posted on the Village's website at elkgrove.org/construction. You can also sign up for construction updates at elkgrove.org/stayconnected.

Roadway Maintenance Programs

Business Park Street Resurfacing

The following 2.9 miles of roadways in the Business Park are scheduled to be resurfaced from May to September:

Brummel Avenue (from Lively Boulevard to Crossen Avenue)	Gullo Avenue (from Stanley Street to east end)
Fargo Avenue	Howard Street (from Perrie Drive to Lively Boulevard)
Greenleaf Avenue (from Tonne Road to Busse Road)	Stanley Street

Tonne Road Reconstruction

This project began in March and will continue through this fall and includes renovations to the Tonne Road/Elk Grove Boulevard and Tonne Road/Landmeier Road intersections. The changes will help reduce vehicular accidents and driver confusion, creating a safer roadway. Beyond the major intersection improvements, the project will include reconstruction of the existing asphalt pavement from Landmeier Road through the new Elk Grove Boulevard intersection, new roadway lighting, a new multi-use path along the median, storm sewer improvements, and new landscaping.

Pratt Boulevard Reconstruction

This spring, the concrete section of Pratt Boulevard from east of Busse Road to west of Elmhurst Road will undergo a full pavement reconstruction. The existing concrete pavement will be removed and replaced with full-depth asphalt pavement and the water main will be replaced. A multi-use path on the south side of Pratt Boulevard will be installed along with new landscaping and lighting upgrades. This work will welcome motorists arriving in Elk Grove from the upcoming Pratt interchange from I-490 that is under development.

Water and Sewer Systems Projects

Nicholas, Touhy, McCabe Water Main Project

Slated to begin in May, this project includes developing about 8,125 linear feet of water main with 340 feet of steel casing pipe though all 4 railroad crossings on Nicholas Boulevard and 1 on Touhy Avenue. The project also includes replacement of fire hydrants, valve vaults, valve boxes, and any other necessary water main appurtenances. Surface restoration will include pavement patching and removing and replacing concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk, and driveways. The landscape will be restored using salt-tolerant sod.

United Lane Water Main Replacement

In the fall of 2026, the aging United Lane water main is scheduled to be replaced from Devon Avenue and wrapping around to the Pan Am Boulevard/American Lane intersection. The water main will also be replaced on Eastern Avenue to the Village limits. Roughly 3,000 feet of new 12" water main, fire hydrants, valves, and service lines will be installed. The water main has reached the end of its useful life and replacing the water main will insure reliable service to our businesses.

Busse Sanitary Point Repair

A section of sanitary sewer along Busse Road has settled over time, causing a dip in the pipe that slows the normal flow of wastewater and could eventually lead to backups. This happened because the pipe has underlying soft peat soil, which naturally compresses and is not strong enough to support heavy underground infrastructure. To fix the problem, crews will remove the damaged section of pipe, strengthen the ground beneath it using deep foundation supports, and then reinstall the sewer pipe at the correct slope. This repair will restore proper flow and help ensure the system continues operating reliably for the community.

Construction Projects by Others

York Road Reconstruction

As part of the Illinois Tollway's I-490 project, work on York Road from Devon Avenue at the north end to Gateway Road in Bensenville at the south end will continue in 2026. An off-street 8-foot sidepath will be constructed on the west side of Elmhurst Road. Please visit illinoistollway.com/projects for more information.

Touhy Avenue and Elmhurst Road Improvements

As part of the Illinois Tollway's I-490 project, Touhy Avenue is being reconstructed from Elmhurst Road to Mount Prospect Road. This work is being constructed in coordination with the new I-490 partial interchange at Touhy Avenue. Work will include a temporary bypass road, a new overpass for the railroad tracks and a bridge over the proposed interstate. Old Higgins Road will be re-aligned at Elmhurst Road and reconstructed as part of the project. The project is being led by Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, and is anticipated to have ongoing construction until completion in 2028. Please visit cookcountyil.gov/service/highway-construction-projects for more information.

Higgins Road Resurfacing

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be resurfacing Higgins Road from E Frontage Road in Schaumburg to Oakton Street in Elk Grove Village.

Information about additional construction projects is available on page 5, 7, and 9. ■

From Caddies to Co-Founders: A Golf Simulator Lounge Tees Off

In February, Village officials celebrated the ribbon cutting of The Par Lounge at 954 S. Arlington Heights Road, marking the debut of a business rooted in friendship and a shared love of the game.

Co-founders Frank Stocco and Anthony Bacarella, lifelong friends and former caddies, drew on more than 25 years of combined experience to create a modern, 24/7 private golf self-serve simulator lounge.



Guests simply reserve an hour long timeslot online, then enjoy a fully automated, on demand experience. The space offers golfers and social groups a convenient, membership-free way to practice and play virtual courses. ■

Ditch Clearing Program Awards

The Village's innovative ditch clearing program in the Business Park earned regional recognition from the American Public Works Association Chicago Metro Chapter and Suburban Branch with a Management Innovation Award, and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois presented a Special Achievement Award for Public Involvement and Communications.

By removing woody vegetation along more than 12 miles of drainage corridors during the 2024–2026 winter seasons, we restored stormwater flow that helps protect roads, utilities, and nearby businesses from flooding. Our proactive infrastructure maintenance supports the long-term reliability and quality of the nation's largest industrial park. ■



Upcoming GOA Events

The Tasting Room

Thursday, April 30, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Belvedere Banquets - 1170 W. Devon Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Join the GOA for their annual wine & beer tasting event. Discover new flavors, connect with fellow enthusiasts, and enjoy a relaxed evening. There will also be a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$55 per person. ■

For more information about this event, please visit the GOA's website at thegoa.com.

Small Business Webinars

In February, the Business Development team hosted Brian Matson for the Data-Driven Campaigns on a Budget webinar, welcoming 18 local businesses and organizations.

This was the third session in an ongoing Business Development webinar series designed to help local businesses drive traffic and grow, covering website development, search engine optimization, and social media marketing strategies. ■

Permit Café

- Professional Advice for Construction Projects
- Coffee & Donuts

Tuesday, April 14

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Village Hall - 901 Wellington Avenue
Rooms A and B



Whether you can attend or not, we'd love to hear from you ahead of time! Scan the QR code to email your questions or drawings, and we'll be ready to assist you.



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2026 Village Construction Projects

The Village is pleased to announce the capital improvements that are planned for this year's construction season. These improvements have been prioritized and designed to meet the capital needs of the Village. The Public Works Department will be managing these projects and striving to minimize adverse construction impacts.

As construction begins, the 2026 construction improvements will be posted on the Village's website at elkgrove.org/construction. You can also sign up for construction updates at elkgrove.org/stayconnected.

Roadway Maintenance Programs Street Resurfacing Program

This year's Street Resurfacing Program consists of resurfacing 9.3 miles of streets, pavement patching, rehabilitation of curbs and sidewalks as needed, as well as improvements to accessible curb ramps.

The construction activities are generally broken down into four phases:

Phase I (Storm Sewer) – Necessary repairs and/or modifications are made to the drainage structures along these roadways.

Phase II (Concrete) – Replacement of deteriorated curbs and sidewalks throughout the project area takes place. This work is generally limited to one side of the street at a time.

Phase III (Pavement) – The final phase includes full depth pavement patching, milling of the existing pavement surface, paving the new asphalt surface and the painting of pavement markings. Friendly reminder: A tack-coat of fresh oil is applied prior to laying the new pavement layer as an adhesive or bonding agent between the asphalt layers. Fresh oil signage will be posted in advance to remind motorist to travel slowly on the tack-coat material.

Phase IV (Restoration) – Final restoration of all disturbed areas to be completed.

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1956 Food Drive APRIL 6 - APRIL 20

Help us support local families and celebrate 70 years by collecting **19,560 ITEMS!**



Drop off items
at Village Hall
901 Wellington
Avenue

Items in Need:

- Jams and spreads
- Cooking oils
- Rice and pasta
- Condiments
- Soap and toothpaste
- Diapers and toilet paper

Message from the Board

Calling All Original Homeowners!

Are you an original Elk Grove Village homeowner that still lives in the community? Let us know!

The Village Board is interested in shouting out original homeowners (i.e. you are the first and only owner of a home in town).

You can let us know by calling 847-357-4010 or writing a letter to the Village Manager's Office. Be sure to provide your name, address, and contact information!

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in Village Hall Room E.

The Crime Prevention Unit will discuss current crime trends and other police-related information. Questions? Please contact our Crime Prevention Unit at CrimePrevention@elkgrove.org or 847-357-4151.

Coffee with the Board

Our next Coffee with the Board will take place on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at 75 Turner Avenue. This event provides an opportunity for residents to meet with Board members in a relaxed atmosphere and discuss any topics or questions.

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

Village Board meetings are generally held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Blood Drive

As we celebrate our 70th anniversary this year, we launched our "Roll Up Your Sleeves and Save a Life" campaign and have invited our community partners to join us in making a meaningful impact. Our next blood drive will take place on Saturday, May 9 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Village Hall.

Need more reasons to give? Donate blood and receive:

- Special 70th Anniversary Blood Drive Exclusive - Elk Grove Village candle
- \$20 gift card*
- Entry into a \$10,000 gift card raffle*

*Incentives are provided by Vitalant. For details, visit vitalant.org/PromoDetails.

Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are highly recommended. You can schedule by going to vitalant.org and using code ORD0GR98 or calling 877-258-4825

For more information, please visit elkgrove.org/blooddrive.



Pictured in the back row from left to right are Trustee Stephen Schmidt, Trustee Joseph Bush, Trustee Keith Lasken, and Trustee Jeffrey Franke. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Trustee Tammy Miller, Mayor Craig Johnson, and Trustee Kathy Jarosch.

Memorial Day Observation Ceremony

Save the date! Elk Grove Village's Memorial Day Observation Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 25 at 10:45 a.m. at the Elk Grove Pavilion. Stay tuned for more details.

Contact Us Any Time!

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



National Prescription Take-Back Day

The Elk Grove Village Police Department invites the public to participate in National Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 25, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Police Department lobby (901 Wellington Ave).

During this event, you can anonymously turn in expired, unused, and unwanted prescription medication at no cost. Needles, sharps, or liquids will not be accepted.

Additionally, prescription drugs can be dropped off at any time in the drug drop-off box in the Police Department lobby. ■

Spring Large Branch Collection - Monday, April 27

The Village appreciates residents' efforts to maintain their property and recognizes that disposing of tree debris from winter cleanup may be difficult. Therefore, the Public Works Department has a Spring Large Branch Collection Program to assist residents.

Public Works will make only one pass through all residential areas beginning Monday, April 27.

Important Branch Collection Rules: Large branches 3 ½ to 8 inches in diameter from all trees and bushes, except evergreens, are eligible for pick-up.

- **Residents MUST Contact Public Works at 847-734-8800 to have your address listed for pickup.** Calls can be made Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and must be received no later than Friday, April 24 at 4 p.m.
- Branches must be stacked in the parkway with cut ends pointing towards the curb.
- The following items are NOT part of the collection program: logs, lumber, paneling, bushes, stumps, and evergreens. These items damage Village equipment. Please contact Groot at 847-734-6400 for pickup guidelines regarding these items.
- Branches should be placed in the parkway no sooner than the weekend before the designated pickup week.

As a reminder, the Groot Yard Waste Program includes the removal of bagged yard waste and small branch pickup. This program operates from April 1 through December 15. Bundled branches up to 3 ½ inches in diameter, and no more than 4 feet in length, will be picked up by Groot free of charge. Please note that yard waste bag collection requires purchase of a yard waste sticker per bag. ■

2026 Village Construction Projects

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Residential Street Resurfacing

This is a street rehabilitation project which consists of curb and gutter removal and replacement, sidewalk removal and replacement, hot-mix asphalt surface removal, hot-mix asphalt pavement patching with sub-grade repairs, bituminous tack coat placement, hot-mix asphalt surface course, restoration with topsoil and seed, base reclamation at 2 locations, and all incidental and collateral work necessary to complete the project.

The following 6.4 miles of residential roadways are anticipated to be resurfaced starting in spring of 2026 and completed by the end of the summer.

Baltimore Drive	Debra Lane	Newberry Drive	Smethwick Lane	Wellington Avenue
Beisner Road (from Gloucester Drive to Biesterfield Road)	Delaware Lane	(from Julie Drive to Baltimore Drive)	Vernon Circle	(from Leicester Road, at intersection north of Biesterfield, to Somerset Lane)
Bristol Lane	Delmar Court	Parker Place (north of Nerge Road)	Vine Lane	
Bradley Lane	Dupont Court	Shelley Court	W. Brantwood Avenue (from Chelmsford Lane to Arlington Heights Road)	Yarmouth Road
Cass Lane	Hastings Avenue	Shelley Road (from Versailles Court to Arlington Heights Road)		
Cernan Court	Maryland Drive			
Cheltenham Road	Michigan Lane			
	Mitchell Trail (north of Nerge Road)			

Preventative Street Maintenance Program

In an effort to proactively extend the useful life of the roadways, the Village will apply a preservative seal known as Reclamite to 9.2 miles of streets that were resurfaced during the 2025 Street Resurfacing Program (a full list of streets is in the March 2025 issue of the Villager, available at elkgrove.org/newsletter). The preservative sealant helps to reduce pavement deterioration, which usually begins due to a combination of traffic loads and the effects of moisture penetrating the pavement. As the pavement ages and cracking develops, more moisture can enter the pavement and accelerate the rate of deterioration. Reclamite is an emulsion of specific petroleum oils and resins designed to restore the asphalt's original flexibility and aid in sealing out moisture.

Sidewalk and Curb Concrete Rehabilitation Program

This program will include the replacement of Village-owned sidewalk at various locations that are fragmented, heaved, or sunken. The program also replaces curb that is affecting drainage within the roadway. The rehabilitation program work is broken into a spring, summer, and fall phase.

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THE VILLAGE OF ELK GROVE AND ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT PRESENT

MID-SUMMER CLASSICS CONCERT SERIES

JULY 2026 | FREE ADMISSION

JAKE OWEN

JULY 4 | 8PM
ROTARY GREEN

FIREWORKS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONCERT

An award-winning country music artist known for "Barefoot Blue Jean Night", and "Beachin".

FITZ AND THE TANTRUMS

JULY 16 | 7:30PM
ROTARY GREEN

Indie pop and neo-soul band known for "HandClap" and "Out of My League".

FOREIGNER

JULY 17 | 8PM
ROTARY GREEN

FIREWORKS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONCERT

SPECIAL 70TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Rock n' Roll Hall of Famers known for "Feels Like the First Time" and "Cold as Ice".

SMASH MOUTH

JULY 21 | 7:30PM
VILLAGE GREEN

Turn of the century alternative rock band known for "Walkin' On The Sun" and "All-Star".

AIR SUPPLY

JULY 28 | 7:30PM
VILLAGE GREEN

Worldwide soft rock group hits include "Lost in Love" and "All Out of Love".

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WWW.ELKGROVE.ORG/CONCERTS

PROCEEDS OF ALCOHOL SALES FROM JULY 16 & JULY 17 CONCERTS WILL BENEFIT ELK GROVE ROTARY CLUB



2026 Village Construction Projects

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Tonne Road Reconstruction

Tonne Road Reconstruction began in March and will continue through the fall of 2026. This highly anticipated project will include renovations to the intersection of Tonne Road and Elk Grove Boulevard and Tonne Road and Landmeier Road. The changes will help reduce vehicular accidents and driver confusion, creating a safer roadway. Beyond the major intersection improvements, the project will include reconstruction of the existing asphalt pavement from Landmeier Road through the new Elk Grove Boulevard intersection, new roadway lighting, a new multi-use path along the median, storm sewer improvements and new landscaping.

Water and Sewer Systems Projects

Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation

In order to prevent rainwater intrusion into the Village's sanitary sewer system, and reduce sanitary backups during heavy rain events, the Public Works Department intends to rehabilitate roughly 100 sanitary manholes this year located in the central portion of town.

Water and Sewer Generator Project

This summer and fall, the Village will begin a project to improve the reliability of our water and sewer systems. The project includes replacing an older backup generator at one of the Village's water pumping stations and installing a new generator at a sanitary lift station. Backup generators are important because they keep these facilities running if there is a power outage. This ensures the Village can continue to provide water to residents and remove wastewater from the sewer system. These upgrades will help maintain dependable service for the community and protect essential infrastructure.

Environmental and Aesthetic Improvements

Arlington Heights Road Pedestrian Bridge

The Village is constructing a new pedestrian bridge spanning Arlington Heights Road, south of Higgins Road, which will connect the Vue development directly to the Busse Woods Forest Preserve's bicycle trail. The bridge will function as a gateway feature for the Village, while providing safe passage to Busse Woods. The bridge will have unique aesthetic features, such as custom fencing that will connect to Village architecture, such as our clock tower, supporting structures within the forest preserve that mimic trees, and a scenic overlook.

In 2024, the Arlington Heights Pedestrian Bridge Project moved from concept level to final design. The permitting process required approvals from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and an intergovernmental agreement with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. Coordination with the Vue development was critical to project success, as well as communication with ComEd to facilitate the relocation of overhead electric lines running along the roadway.

The construction has been underway since the spring of 2025, with construction completion anticipated in spring of 2026.

Higgins Road Resurfacing

The Illinois Department of Transportation will be resurfacing Higgins Road from E Frontage Road in Schaumburg to Oakton Street in Elk Grove Village.

Information about additional construction projects is available on page 3. ■

Salt Creek Cleanup

The Salt Creek Watershed Network and Friends of Critters and Salt Creek is holding a Salt Creek Clean Up on Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help restore Salt Creek to its natural state and keep this precious natural resource clean and attractive.

Over the past 32 years, this program has cleaned up more than 86 cubic yards of garbage from the creek, including bicycle and car parts, construction material and other debris. Volunteers can meet at the Elk Grove High School parking lot at 9 a.m. For information, please contact Nick Nikola by email at creekguy@att.net or by phone at 847-828-1141.



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF ELK GROVE

As part of the 70th Anniversary celebrations, we are sharing the history of our beloved community.

DEVELOPMENT OF ELK GROVE VILLAGE

As America's postwar suburban development was hitting its peak, a Texas land developer saw opportunity in the farmland just to the northwest of the new O'Hare Airport. Centex Corporation, based in Dallas, began buying land under the name Great Northern Development Company, eventually totaling 1,200 acres. To aid them in this acquisition, Centex selected Des Plaines realtor Charles "Chic" Hodlmair, who implemented his vision of a town which was "one-third residential, one-third industrial, and one-third parks," beginning Chic's long relationship with Elk Grove as its first President and the man who dreamed of the "exceptional community". Elk Grove Village was incorporated on July 17, 1956, granting the self-governing powers needed to realize Centex's vision for a planned community.



View of Alexian Brothers Hospital (top left) from the former Grove Shopping Center on Biesterfeld Road looking northwest, 1966.

Although Edward and Emma Youngquist are unquestionably the first to buy a home in Elk Grove, their choice of home delayed their occupancy and so Francis and Barbara Walsh along with their 4 young children became the first to move into the new community in October 1957. Houses built by Centex during this time were priced at \$15,000-\$20,000. Three firms had already built plants in the Industrial Park by that time.

The Elk Grove Village Police Department was established on May 13, 1957. The Volunteer Fire Department became the Elk Grove Village Fire Department on February 21, 1960.

The Park and Shop opened in 1959 on the southeast corner of Higgins and Arlington Heights Roads to provide shopping to residents. It would later become the Elk Grove Woods Plaza, and is now being redeveloped into The Vue.

After those first four years, development and change in Elk Grove Village happened quickly and throughout the 1960s. The Business Park contained 90 companies in 1962—today, there are over 5,600. The former Elk Grove Bowl opened in 1963. The Dairy Queen, located at Arlington Heights Road and Devon Avenue, was built in 1965. The following year, Alexian Brothers Hospital and the Elk Grove Park District were both established.

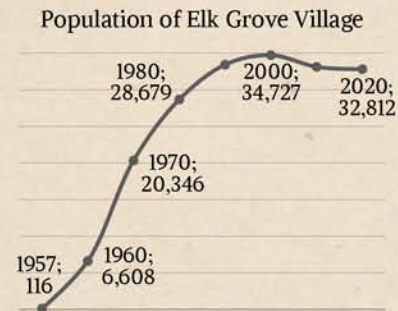
By the 1970s, Elk Grove had changed even further. The I-90 tollway interchange was constructed at Arlington Heights Road in 1970. Alexian Brothers Hospital expanded in 1971, having seen the increased need due to the growing population. At nearly the same time, the Elk Grove-Schaumburg Township Mental Health Center was under development and opened in 1972, now known as the Kenneth Young Center. The Village's Public Works Department was created in 1973, serving the community with street maintenance, water distribution, sewer collection, and landscape maintenance.

The Elk Grove we see today took shape during the 1990s and 2000s with the Village's large-scale beautification efforts. Brick paved sidewalks, retro-themed street lights, and the clock tower at Village Green were installed.

Elk Grove Village is proud of its reputation as a great place to live, work, and play while having the lowest combined property tax rate among comparable Cook County municipalities.



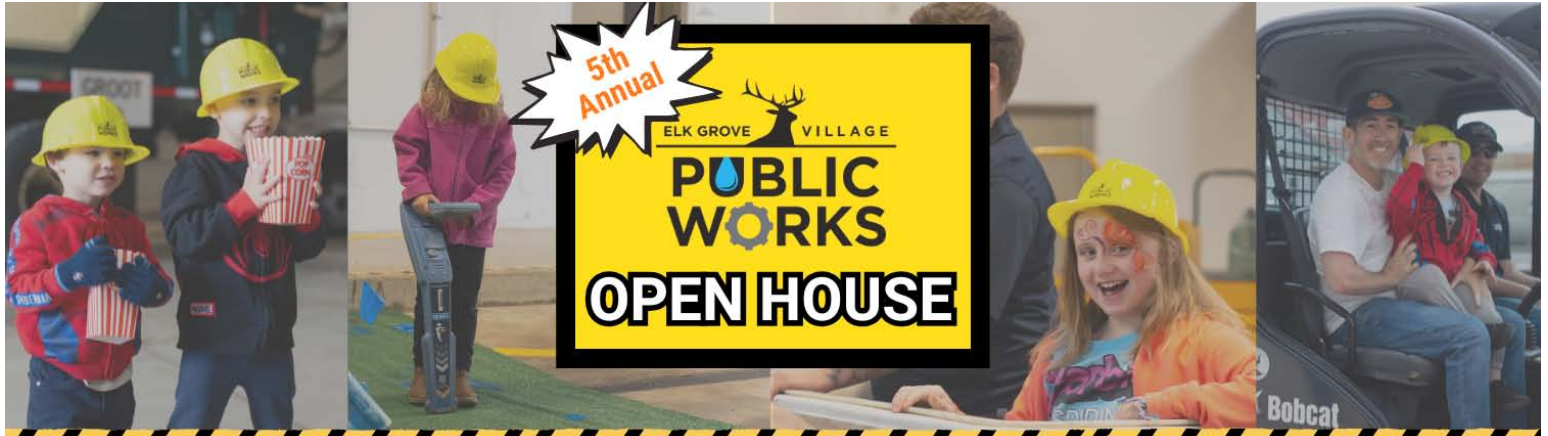
Village President Charles Hodlmair presents a golden key to the Walsh family, the first to move into a Centex model home, 72 Forest Lane, 1957.



Elk Grove Village, as a leading, innovative, exceptional community, was among the first to achieve a number of modernizations:

- First in Illinois and the nation to have electric and phone utility lines placed underground.
- Opened one of the first police canine units in the region (1961) and was among the first statewide to assign a police officer at a high school (1966).
- The Village began a curbside recycling program in 1988, one of the first in the state.
- One of the first municipalities in Illinois to ban smoking, back in 2006.
- In 2024, the Village became the only community in Illinois and third nationwide to have earned full accreditation for its Public Works, Police, Fire, and Building Departments.





Saturday, May 16 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
450 E. Devon Avenue
FREE ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



Tree Care Tips

In honor of Arbor Day, the Public Works Forestry Division would like to share the following tree care tips with residents.

Observe: Trees are living things and should be looked after as so. Inspect trees while looking for:

- Hollowing of trunks, which can indicate a dead or dying tree.
- Small holes, decay, cracks, or crumbling bark as this can be a sign of disease or bug infestation.
- Yellow leaves, as this could occur from too much water, not enough water, or soil damage.
- Sparse leaves, as this is usually a sign of stress, which can be caused by insects, disease, drought, or soil compaction.

Watering: Watering is very important to the growth and health of any tree. Most established trees do not need additional watering during the summer months except if the tree is less than 4 years old or temperatures are consistently above average.

- If the tree is less than 4 years old or temperatures are consistently above average, the rule of thumb is 10 gallons of water per week for every inch of the tree trunk's diameter.

- If you see puddling under the tree after watering or rain events, this could indicate drainage problems or could be a sign of over watering.

- Keep in mind that you can over water trees, which can cause the tree to decline.

Pruning: Pruning is important because it is critical to preserving the tree's health, the tree's appearance, and the community's safety. While pruning usually occurs in the fall, winter, and spring, pruning can be done in the summer if necessary. When pruning trees on your property, it is important to:

- Prune dead branches to remove any decayed wood.
- Prune fruit trees in late winter or early spring to avoid tree stress.
- Prune trees that flower in the spring after they finish blooming.

Please keep in mind that parkway trees, trees located between the sidewalk and street, are pruned by Public Works. Please submit a service request or call 847-734-8800 if you believe that your parkway tree needs to be trimmed.

Mulching: Mulching is important because it helps retain moisture, controls soil temperature, and cuts down on weeds and fungi.

- Create a donut around the base while leaving at least 6 inches of soil directly around the trunk.
- Disperse mulch so that the depth is approximately 3 inches deep and no deeper than 4 inches.
- Pull mulch away from the base of the tree trunk, so it does not pile up against the trunk.

Fertilizing: Trees and shrubs do not require fertilizer, but it does help to support tree health and growth.

- Fertilize prior to the growth season.
- Use slow release fertilizers as they are better for the environment.
- Avoid fertilizing trees stressed by drought during the summer. ■

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Permit No. 11

Online Scheduling for Permit Inspections Now Available

Scheduling inspections for your permit projects is now more convenient — you can schedule an inspection through the Village’s online permitting portal. Same-day inspections are not available online.

The permit portal is accessible through the Village website at elkgrove.org/permits or by scanning the QR code.

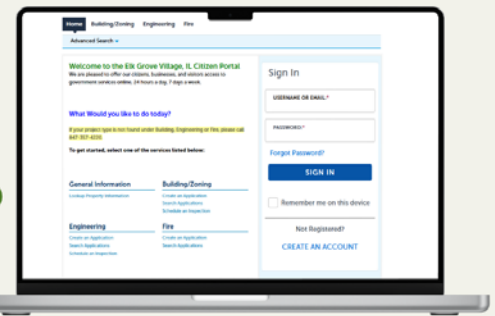
Simply log in to your account, find your permit, and click “Schedule Inspections”. Inspections can be scheduled up to two weeks in advance and require at least a 24-hour notice. You will also receive an email reminder about your inspection.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Community Development Department at 847-357-4220 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ■



ONLINE INSPECTION SCHEDULING NOW AVAILABLE

- Driveways
- Patios
- Sump Pump
- and more!



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Save the Date:
Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling Event
Saturday, June 6
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 James Paul Petri Public Works Facility
 450 E. Devon Avenue
Information on accepted items to come.

Groot observes the following annual holidays:

- New Years Day – Thu. 1/1/26
- Memorial Day - Mon. 5/25/26
- Fourth of July - Fri. 7/3/26
- Labor Day - Mon. 9/7/26
- Thanksgiving - Thu. 11/26/26
- Christmas Day - Fri. 12/25/26

If these holidays fall on a weekday on or before your scheduled collection, service will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the holiday week. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed on Monday. ■