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## Village Launches Re-Tooled Shop Elk Grove Website As Local Economic Activity Picks Up Again

Elk Grove Village is pleased to announce the relaunch of our Shop Elk Grove website found online at [shop.elkgrove.org/](http://shop.elkgrove.org/).

As companies return to normal operations following a two-year downturn brought about by the global pandemic, the Shop Elk Grove website shifts its focus to highlight and celebrate local restaurants, retailers, and service providers that have been woven throughout the community that provide so much to Elk Grove residents and the surrounding communities.



The newly redesigned website is now live and maintains many of the previous version's features, such as allowing users to find local businesses through a category search or its interactive map. Also, business owners can still add their free listing to the directory. Now, the re-tooled website offers opportunities to become one of several "featured businesses" on the site.

"Many Elk Grove Village restaurants and small businesses are family-owned and are such a vital part of our local economy. That's why we are providing an opportunity for them to showcase their unique product offerings, menus or services on Shop Elk Grove," said Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson. "The website is just one more way we're helping Elk Grove businesses tell their stories and market their products."

Please visit Shop Elk Grove today and bookmark the site to return again in the future. ■

## Three Tips Any Company Can Borrow From an Elk Grove Village Hot Dog Stand

Andy Arnowitz gave this interview while he was also serving a customer in the background. There were jokes, smiles, laughs, and a Vienna Beef hot dog. It's very possible that interaction was the best part of the customer's day. And that's why Bubby's Beefs & Red Hots has become a staple of the Elk Grove Village community.

### In a World Where You Can Be Anything, Be Genuine.

Businesses like Bubby's aren't just located here—they're woven into the fabric that makes up the community. Whether sponsoring a local company softball team, donating coupons for free french fries to Elk Grove High School, attending a customer's wake, or donating hot dogs to the Harley Davidson ride, Bubby's has genuinely shown up for the residents and organizations who are also customers.

## Showcase Your Business With a Visit from the Village

Elk Grove Village Trustees and staff are continuing Business Ambassador Visits in 2022. We make it easy to connect with Village leadership by coming to your location for an introduction and tour. Pick a time that works for you and together we will discover new ways to support your business and help your team thrive! To schedule your visit, contact Josh Grodzin, Director of Business Development and Marketing at 847-357-4005, or by email at [jgrodzin@elkgrove.org](mailto:jgrodzin@elkgrove.org). ■



## New Business Licensing Year Effective June 1

A new licensing year is effective June 1, 2022, for businesses to renew licensing or register as a new applicant. Businesses conducting retail sales of any product or merchandise require a license. Other businesses requiring a business license include, but are not limited to; building contractors, day care centers and food caterers. In addition, all coin-operated devices must also display a valid 2022-2023 license.

Pre-printed license applications for businesses currently licensed will be mailed four weeks prior to the respective renewal date. Businesses can enter license renewal payment on our Customer Self-Service portal at [css.elkgrove.org/css](https://css.elkgrove.org/css). Register for an account, sign-in, and complete payment using a business ID number. This method is available for renewals only.

New businesses may complete a fillable application on our website, [www.elkgrove.org/businesslicense](https://www.elkgrove.org/businesslicense). Please note that a business may require more than one type of business license. A zoning application will also need to be completed for new businesses, contact the Community Development Department for more information. The annual fee for a business license covers the cost of making inspections necessary to safeguard public safety, health and welfare. Failure to obtain a license can result in fines of \$50 to \$500 per day.

For further information, or to determine if your business requires a license, please call the Finance Department at 847-357-4062 or stop by the Finance Counter in the Municipal Building. ■

# Three Tips Any Company Can Borrow From an Elk Grove Village Hot Dog Stand

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In September of this year, Bubby's will have been located in the same 1,100 square foot location at 1026 E. Higgins Road, in the middle of the largest industrial park in the country, for 20 years. That, while quite an achievement, is a double-edged sword.

The hot dog stand goes as the business park goes, since many of Bubby's regular customers work in Elk Grove, but don't live here. When the park is full, as it is now, business is good. But, Bubby's is only open from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM, creating increased demand in a shorter period of time. At the same time, many Elk Grove residents can't make it between those hours—in particular the stereotypical hot dog demographic which is instead stuck in Algebra or U.S. History class on weekdays.

So, business is even better when customers with families and many who have retired come back to share their experience.

Andy's not in the hot dog business to get rich. He genuinely loves what he does. It's unmistakable.

Decades before opening Bubby's, Andy worked at Howie's Hot Dog Hut in Morton Grove. The owner got along so well with his customers that it made a lasting impression on the 16-year old. At the time, a hot dog and french fries cost only \$1.99. Some things, like the importance of creating a memorable experience, haven't changed.

## Be the Best Part of Your Customer's Day.

If you've been to Bubby's, Andy has probably cracked a joke with you or did something to make you smile. In fact, Andy sees his job similarly to a Las Vegas magician or a comedian, who performs live on stage every day.

"I like people to have a good time," Andy said. "Most people are working all the time and they don't really like their job. I love my job. I can't wait to get back to work on Monday. When people are having a bad day at work, I try to make them laugh

and brighten up their day."

And if the patented Andy Arnowitz sense of humor doesn't force a smile, the quality of the food surely will.

## Don't Sacrifice Quality

In July of 2021, Bubby's Beefs & Red Hots was inducted into the Vienna Beef Hot Dog Hall of Fame for its contribution to the Elk Grove Village community, philanthropic leadership, and overall commitment to the quality of its product and the satisfaction of its customers.

Vienna and Coca-Cola may be more expensive products, but they're also the top of the line. Out-of-towners who can't get Vienna beef back home and even visitors from other countries are drawn in by the recognizable Vienna sign.

Andy also doesn't sacrifice quality when it comes to Bubby's beloved fresh cut french fries. The open external kitchen allows Andy and his team to wash 600 pounds of potatoes every week and cut them in front of the customers.



## Visit Bubby's Today

Modest to his core, Andy gives the credit to the food and being in the right place at the right time. But, whether it's his genuine affection for his customers, the experience he creates, or the quality of the food he makes, one way or another, people go to Bubby's to see Andy. And he'll be there as long as the doors are open.

You can visit Bubby's online at [www.bubbys.net](http://www.bubbys.net), but visiting in person would taste a lot better. And you get free jokes with every order.

## Interested In Elk Grove Village?

If your company is looking to establish or upgrade its working space, we would love to speak with you!

Please email Nick Radcliffe at [nradcliffe@elkgrove.org](mailto:nradcliffe@elkgrove.org) to learn more about our business park and all the benefits that come from working here! ■

## Elk Grove Township Employment Resources

Employment services are open to any Township resident and include both career counseling and assistance with specific job search skills. Employment Counselors provide help with networking, cover letter and resume writing, and interviewing. Additionally, they offer access to job search resources and reference materials. Computers are also available for job seekers to conduct online job searches and to file applications.

The Employment Support Center is open weekly on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please call 224-222-0935 or email [jobhelp@elkgrovetownship.com](mailto:jobhelp@elkgrovetownship.com) for more information. ■

## Saturday Hours at Village Hall

The Finance or Community Development front counter is open for Saturday hours on the first Saturday of the month (excluding holidays) from May through August, 9 a.m. - Noon. These counters are located on the first floor of Village Hall at 901 Wellington Avenue.

During Saturday hours, residents and businesses may visit to pay a water bill, submit permit applications, pay for tickets, ask about our permitting process or stop by to recycle your batteries! ■

## Meet Your Elk Grove Economic Development Team!



**Josh Grodzin, CECD**

Director Business Development and Marketing

With over 20 years of experience in economic development, Josh Grodzin is Elk Grove's leader of business development and marketing. He works side-by-side with businesses looking to expand in, or relocate to, the Village.

Contact Josh at 847-357-4005 or [jgrodzin@elkgrove.org](mailto:jgrodzin@elkgrove.org).



**Nick Radcliffe**

Senior Management Analyst

Nick assists with coordinating all aspects of the Village's business retention and attraction program, including public relations, branding and marketing, coordination of business development resources, and working with other public sector agencies.

Contact Nick at 847-357-4013 or [nradcliffe@elkgrove.org](mailto:nradcliffe@elkgrove.org). ■

## 2022-2023 Vehicle Stickers for Businesses due June 1

Preprinted Vehicle Sticker renewal forms were mailed to all Village businesses in April ahead of the new vehicle sticker licensing period effective June 1, 2022. In our ongoing effort to deliver exceptional customer service, the Village provides a fillable Vehicle Sticker application form found at [www.elkgrove.org/vehiclesticker](http://www.elkgrove.org/vehiclesticker).

Businesses are encouraged to renew by mail or utilize the 24-hour drop box located at Village Hall.

Please see below for the vehicle sticker fee schedule:

**Passenger Cars: \$25.00**

**Trucks: \$50.00 - \$155.00**

**Motorcycles: \$20.00 - \$25.00**

Stickers must be displayed in the lower right-hand corner of the windshield by June 1, 2022, for new vehicles there is a thirty day grace period. Vehicle stickers may be purchased in person at the Finance Department counter, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and the first Saturday of every month (May – August) from 9:00 a.m. until noon, excluding holiday weekends. ■

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## Town Hall Meeting - May 25, 2022

**Town Hall Meeting**  
**May 25 at 6:30 p.m.**  
901 Wellington Ave.

Residents are invited to a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss various matters of interest to the public. This is an opportunity for community members to ask questions about what is happening in the Village. The Mayor and Board will first take questions asked by those attending in-person,

followed by questions submitted online at [www.elkgrove.org/townhall](http://www.elkgrove.org/townhall).

The meeting will take place at Village Hall in the Council Chambers and will be streamed live on [egtv.viebit.com](http://egtv.viebit.com). For more information, please visit [www.elkgrove.org/townhall](http://www.elkgrove.org/townhall). ■

## Document Destruction & Electronics Recycling Event


Elk Grove Village, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is sponsoring a Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling Event.

**James Paul Petri Public Works Facility: 450 E. Devon Avenue**  
**Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

There is no cost to attend, but residents must live in one of SWANCC's member communities to participate. IDs will be checked for proof of residency. Materials from businesses, institutions, or schools will not be accepted.

**To help keep lines moving, all participants are asked to follow these guidelines:**

- IDs will be checked to verify residency
- Residents will unlock/open the trunk from inside the vehicle and allow staff to unload the items
- Paper documents should be contained in one area in the back of vehicle in paper bags or small boxes - not in plastic bags! Boxes and bags will be returned to the resident.

 Paper: Residents can bring up to three (3) file-sized boxes or paper bags of sensitive documents containing personal information, such as medical history forms, bank statements, personal files, and retired tax forms. Paper documents will be shredded on site.

Plastic spines/covers and metal clips/binders MUST BE removed from all documents. **DO NOT bring paper in plastic bags. DO NOT include photos, slides, negatives, books, store receipts, magazines, greeting cards, newspapers, or any non-paper item.**



Electronics: Please remove electronics from plastic packaging and boxes prior to the event.

Acceptable Materials: Cable receivers, cell phones, computer cables, computer monitors, computers (desktop, notebook, tablet), converter boxes, desktop fax machines and printers, keyboards, mice, MP3 players, portable digital assistants (PDAs), satellite receivers, scanners, televisions, video game consoles, video recorders/players, and zip drives.

If an item is not listed, it will not be accepted. You can check the SWANCC website to see how to recycle the item at [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org). For questions regarding the event, please call 847-357-4010. ■

# Message from the Board

## Coffee with Mayor & Board

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Coffee with the Mayor & Board event on May 7. We host these events on a quarterly basis in a casual setting to meet residents, discuss any concerns, and answer questions.

Our next Coffee with the Mayor & Board will take place on July 30, 2022 from 9-11 a.m. at Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Visit at Sheila Ray Adult Center

On April 26, Mayor Johnson visited the Sheila Ray Adult Center to discuss the Village's current events. The Mayor discussed development updates, COVID-19, upcoming Coffee with the Board events, and special events.

Thank you to those who attended and asked questions for the Mayor!

## Elk Grove Food Pantry and Clothing Ministry Visit

Last month, Village Officials toured

the Elk Grove Food Pantry and Clothing Ministry located at the Elk Grove Presbyterian Church. The pantry is designed for self-service for individuals in need.

The Clothing Ministry is also located at the Presbyterian Church and provides a self-service store that contains new or gently used clothing, shoes, and other essentials. Both the Food Pantry and Clothing Ministry are always accepting donations.

## Veterans Memorial Park Improvements

Construction is currently underway at Veterans Memorial Park at the northeast corner of Wellington Avenue and Biesterfeld Road.

Renovations will feature a memorial wall, seating areas, and a redesigned garden. The new memorial wall, which includes waterfall and bubbler fountains, will proudly display bronze military seals from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Parking spaces will also be added to improve accessibility.



Pictured in front row from left to right are Trustee Tammy Miller, 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.

As part of the renovation, the Fallen Soldier Memorial Statue, dedicated in 2005, will be relocated from Village Green to a place of honor within Veterans Memorial Park. Renovations are expected to finish later this fall.

## 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](http://www.elkgrove.org)). ■

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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 and general Village information. In addition, the Finance and the Community Development counters are open on the first Saturday of the month of May through August 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 Food Pantry and Clothing Ministry

The Elk Grove Presbyterian Church houses a local Food Pantry and Clothing Ministry, which provides food, essential grocery items, and clothing to over forty households within the Village who are experiencing difficult financial times. The pantry accepts donations of non-perishable food items, as well as paper products and toiletries.

The Clothing Ministry is located on the second level of the church and provides a self-service store that contains new or gently used clothing, shoes, and essentials for individuals in need. The Clothing Ministry is always accepting donations as well. For more information, please visit [elkgrovepreschurch.org](http://elkgrovepreschurch.org). ■

## Elk Grove Farmers Market

The Elk Grove Farmers Market is dedicated to bringing residents and visitors a fresh Saturday market with a tempting variety of fruits, vegetables, spices, breads, drinks, and much more. The Farmers Market is open Saturdays, from 8 a.m. - 1p.m. from June 4-October 15.

The Market is located at the Charles J. Zettek Municipal Complex parking lot (901 Wellington Avenue), adjacent to the Elk Grove Public Library and across the street from the Park District Pavilion.

To find more information, please visit the Farmers Market Facebook page at [facebook.com/ElkGroveFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/ElkGroveFarmersMarket). ■



## Memorial Day Observance



On Monday, May 30, at 10:45 a.m., the Village of Elk Grove will be holding the annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony at the Park District Pavilion (1000 Wellington Avenue). This service is an important event and a necessary tradition to those that gave their lives for us to have the liberty and freedoms that we enjoy today.

Residents are invited to the Observance, which is hosted by the Village with the support of American Legion Post 216, VFW Post 9284 and its Ladies Auxiliary. The event will include Placing of Wreaths by community organizations, a flag-folding ceremony by the Police and Fire Honor Guard, as well as a gun salute and a performance by the Elk Grove Village Big Band. The event will also be broadcast live on EGTV Channel 6. ■

## First Parade of Bulgaria & Festival Celebration

On May 22, the Consulate General of Bulgaria in Chicago, in partnership with Elk Grove Village, is hosting an event to celebrate Bulgarian enlightenment and culture. The event honors a Bulgarian holiday known as the Day of the Bulgarian Alphabet, which marks the invention of the Cyrillic alphabet.

The celebration will kick off with a parade near the Elk Grove High School South Parking Lot at 11 a.m. followed by a picnic and festival at the Rotary Green (164 Lions Drive) at 12 p.m.

The picnic style festival will include Bulgarian Folk performances, children's activities, vendors, and traditional Bulgarian food. All are welcome to attend. ■

## Bulgarian Vereva Folk Festival

On April 30, Village officials attended the Bulgarian Vereva Folk Festival at the Elk Grove High School to celebrate Bulgarian heritage and tradition. The event featured approximately 400 dancers from over 30 performance troupes and drew in spectators from across the United States and Canada. ■



# "Unity within the Community"

## 2022 Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series

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



### **KC and The Sunshine Band** **Monday, July 4 at 8:00 p.m. - Rotary Green**

KC and The Sunshine Band sold in excess of 100 million records... "Get Down Tonight", "I'm Your Boogie Man", "That's The Way (I Like It)", "Shake Your Booty", "Keep It Comin' Love", "Boogie Shoes", "Please Don't Go". The #1 disco group of all time!

**Lions Club Fourth of July Fireworks will follow the concert.**

### **Little River Band**

**Tuesday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. - Village Green**

Chart topping hits... "Reminiscing", "Lady", "Cool Change", "Lonesome Loser", "The Night Owls", "Take It Easy On Me", "Help Is On Its Way", "Happy Anniversary", "We Two", "Man On Your Mind", "The Other Guy", and "It's A Long Way There"



### **Rick Springfield** **Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. - Rotary Green**

Grammy winner, Hollywood Walk of Fame honoree, actor and best-selling author... Mega smashes include "Jessie's Girl", "Affair Of The Heart", "Love Somebody", "Don't Talk To Strangers", "Human Touch", "Bop 'til You Drop", "I've Done Everything For You"

**All alcohol proceeds benefit Rotary Club**

### **Sheena Easton**

**Tuesday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. - Village Green**

20 top 40 singles... "Morning Train" (9 to 5), "For Your Eyes Only" (from the movie "For Your Eyes Only" 007), "U Got The Look" (with Prince), "Strut" (with Prince), "We've Got Tonight" (with Kenny Rogers), "Telefone" (Long Distance Love Affair), "Almost Over You"



**July 4 & 21 at Rotary Green, 164 Lions Dr., east of Lions Park**  
**July 12 & 26 on the Village Green, 901 Wellington Ave**



# Voluntary Village-Wide Cross-Connection Control Survey

The Village will be conducting a voluntary cross-connection survey of all water customers in June. As a water supplier, the Village of Elk Grove is required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to conduct this survey every three years as part of a cross-connection control program.

A cross-connection is simply a plumbing connection between a drinking supply and a non-drinking water source (e.g. fire sprinkler system, irrigation system, boiler) where contaminants could potentially enter the water supply. Wherever a potential cross-connection exists, the IEPA requires a device to prevent a connection between a drinking supply and a non-drinking water source. This cross-connection program is designed to protect our drinking water.

The Village has contracted with Aqua Backflow to assist with the cross-connection program, including the upcoming survey. Residents and businesses will receive a postcard survey in the mail within the next few weeks. The survey is voluntary and only takes a few moments to complete. We ask that you follow directions on the postcard and complete the survey within 30 days. If you currently have or require a backflow protection

device, the IEPA requires that you have your backflow device tested annually at your own expense. As part of this voluntary survey, Aqua Backflow will request that respondents who report backflow devices provide results from their annual backflow device test.



If you report a cross connection on the voluntary survey, you may be required to complete testing or plumbing repairs at your own expense. If you have questions or concerns about cross-connections or backflow testing, please contact Aqua Backflow by telephone at 847-742-2296 or via email at [info@AquaBackflow.com](mailto:info@AquaBackflow.com) with any questions or concerns.

This program is designed to safeguard our drinking water and to protect public health. The survey is optional, but we ask for your assistance with our cross connection program and any requests for information that come from Aqua Backflow or Village staff. ■

## Be Aware & Park with Care - Sidewalk Parking Courtesy

Maintaining access to sidewalks throughout our community ensures that everyone can get around with ease. Sidewalks blocked by vehicles can present problems to pedestrians, strollers, bicyclists, and people who rely on wheelchairs or motorized vehicles to get around, especially during the warmer months. Residents may find themselves forced from the sidewalk into the street due to vehicles parked across the sidewalk in driveways.

When possible, practice parking courtesy by keeping sidewalks open for your neighbors. Please remember to be aware and park with care! ■

## Receive a Credit for Watering Your Parkway Tree

The Tree Watering Program is a voluntary program available to all residents who had a parkway tree replaced during the previous year. For example, trees planted in the spring or fall of 2021 are eligible for the program. The program provides residents with a \$25 water bill credit in exchange for assisting the Public Works Department in watering a parkway tree that was planted in the fall or spring of the previous year. Public Works crews will place a tree bag on the parkway tree and then the participating resident will need to add water to the bag twice per week. This is roughly equivalent to 40 gallons of water over the course of the program. A \$25 credit will appear on a resident's water bill on October/November, after the program has been completed.



By participating in the program, you can contribute to the health and growth of the urban forest and build a more sustainable community. If you would like to participate in the program, please contact the Public Works Department at (847)-734-8800 or submit a request online at [www.elkgrove.org/trees](http://www.elkgrove.org/trees). ■

# Village Board Approves Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Last month, the Mayor and Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget in the amount of \$173,143,527. The General Fund budget, which provides for Village operations and contains most of the Village's traditional services such as Fire, Police, and Public Works, was approved at \$65,879,707. This represents an increase of 1.17% from the previous fiscal year (with pension pass-throughs and transfers removed).

The industrial vacancy rate today is at 1.85% - an all-time low, which marks six consecutive years that the Village has sustained a vacancy rate below 5%. As a result of



this strong business climate, positive General Fund revenues were able to help offset revenues negatively impacted by the pandemic, such as the food and beverage industry and hospitality. In addition, a balanced budget has been established to maintain the rising costs of goods and services in 2022.

The FY2023 adopted budget continues a commitment to maintaining exceptional standards and fiscal responsibility. The budget also includes a continuation of our community events and public education outreach programs as we look forward to engage with the community once again. ■

## Bicycle and Motorcycle Safety Tips

May is safety awareness month for bicyclists and motorcyclists! With the increasing temperatures, more members of our community are getting outside to ride their bicycles and motorcycles. To keep everyone safe, the Elk Grove Village Police Department is urging motorists to be mindful of them on the roads.



### For safe cycling, bicyclists should always:

- Wear a properly-fitted helmet for safety that meets the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards. The CPSC standards are available at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).
- Obey the same traffic laws, signs and signals that apply to motorists. Illinois bicycle rules of the road can be found on the Illinois Secretary of State website at [www.ilsos.gov](http://www.ilsos.gov).
- Ride in the same direction as other traffic, not against traffic.
- Be visible by wearing bright colors, reflective materials and lights on your bicycle, especially at night and in low light conditions.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times and do not use electronic devices.
- Never cycle distracted or impaired.

### Bicyclists must also obey the following rules when riding on sidewalks, where it is permitted:

- When walking or riding your bicycle on a sidewalk or along a crosswalk, you must obey all pedestrian signs and signals.
- Bicyclists must yield the right of way to pedestrians on sidewalks or crosswalks.
- Slowdown and go around pedestrians when possible.
- When approaching a pedestrian from behind, slow down and give an audible signal to alert of your presence before passing them.

### For safe riding, motorcyclists should always:

- Conduct a motorcycle safety-check to make sure it is in a proper running condition.
- Wear personal protective gear on every ride, including eye protection, gloves, jackets, pants, boots and a U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) approved helmet.
- Wear high-visibility clothing.
- Never ride distracted or impaired.
- Take advantage of the free motorcycle training classes throughout the state. Visit the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) website at [idot.illinois.gov](http://idot.illinois.gov) for more information. ■

## State of the Village

Mayor Craig Johnson will deliver the 2022 State of the Village Address on Thursday, June 9, 2022. The State of the Village Address will be presented to members of the community and business leaders at the Greater O'Hare Association (GOA) Regional Business Association luncheon at Belvedere Banquets, 1170 W. Devon Avenue in Elk Grove Village from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Registration is required.

If you are interested in attending, please call the GOA at 630-773-2944 or visit [www.theGOA.com](http://www.theGOA.com). ■

## Sign Up for Auto Pay

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve customer service and provide convenient payment options, water billing customers can sign up for automatic water bill payments using WaterSmart.

Auto Pay is a convenient and safe payment option for your water bills. This service reduces the chance of late fees, posts to your account faster, and saves you time. Customers also have the option to sign up to receive electronic bills (e-bill) using WaterSmart and reduce paper waste. With e-bill, you receive your monthly bill up to five days sooner directly to your e-mail address of choice.

Auto Pay and E-Bill options are free to all residential and commercial customers and are available 24/7. WaterSmart is mobile friendly and available on all mobile platforms. Residents and businesses can register at [www.elkgrove.org/autopay](http://www.elkgrove.org/autopay). ■



## Groot Service Reminders

As Groot continues to provide waste and recycling services to residents, keep in mind the following reminders when it comes to additional services that are provided to residents:

### Free Curbside Electronics Recycling:



Groot offers free curbside electronic recycling by appointment. Residents can recycle up to two electronic waste items weighing less than 50 pounds each week. To schedule a pick-up, residents must contact Groot at 847-734-6400 at least 24 hours before their collection day. Please note that items that exceed 50 pounds will require a fee.

### Free Bulk Item Pick-up:

Residents may dispose of one bulk item (under 50 pounds) per week on their regular collection day at no additional cost. Bulk items are items too large to fit inside a waste cart that weighs 50 pounds or less and can be lifted by one driver without assistance. Examples of bulk items include barrels, crates, furniture, and mattresses.



### Oversized/ Overweight Item Pick-up:

For oversized or extra heavy items (exceeding 50 pounds), residents are required to schedule a special pick-up because they require two or more people to lift. A per-item fee will apply for each oversized item. To schedule a pick-up in advance, please contact Groot at 847-734-6400.

### White Goods/ Appliances:

Residents must call to schedule a special collection for white goods or appliance pick-up. Please call Groot in advance of your regular collection day at 847-734-6400 to schedule a pick-up at \$50.00 per item. After scheduling a pick-up, please note that white goods or appliances should not be placed at the curb until the evening before the scheduled collection. For a list of accepted white good appliances, please visit [elkgrove.org/recycling](http://elkgrove.org/recycling). ■



## Overnight Parking Restrictions Waived for Memorial Day

Overnight parking permissions will begin on Saturday, May 28 at 2:00 a.m. and end on Tuesday, May 31 at 5:00 a.m. Enforcement will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1. ■



## Catalytic Converter Theft

Catalytic converter theft is still on the rise around the nation. It is an essential part of your vehicle, designed to reduce the pollutants and toxic gas that your emissions system produces. Thieves steal catalytic converters to sell the precious metals found inside. Please remember the following tips to avoid being a victim:

- Catalytic converters are typically removed using power saws—be aware if you hear a power saw. If you see a theft in progress, do not confront the offender(s) and call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Park in well-lit areas and close to building entrances that others can easily see.
- If you have a garage, park your car inside and keep the garage door shut.
- Consider installing motion-sensitive lights and cameras that cover your parking area.
- Consider installing an anti-theft device on your catalytic converter, available online or in-store for self-installation, or contact your preferred automotive service provider for inquiries.
- Mark your catalytic converter with a brightly colored, high-temperature spray paint which can reduce its resale value.
- Etching your license plate or VIN into your catalytic converter may also help deter thieves.
- Make sure your vehicle is insured against catalytic converter theft as the replacement can be costly.

If you're a victim of catalytic converter theft, please call your local law enforcement to file a report and contact your insurance company to file a claim. ■

## Help Keep Our Stormwater Clean!

Stormwater is rainwater that runs off rooftops, lawns, driveways, and streets into our stormwater system. As the stormwater flows over surfaces, it picks up dirt, leaves, grass clippings, pesticides and fertilizers, oil, and other harmful contaminants. All of these pollutants are carried by stormwater into storm drains and ultimately into our creeks, rivers, and in large bodies of water such as Lake Michigan. However, there are a few simple ways that residents and businesses can all help reduce the amount of pollutants that enter our waterways.



- Do not dump motor oil, antifreeze, or other hazardous materials on the ground or into sewers. Recycling programs are available for these hazardous materials, and many service stations accept used motor oil for recycling.
- When cleaning your driveway, dock, or parking lots, use a broom instead of water and dispose of debris in the trash; not in the street or storm sewer.
- Do not dump branches, leaves, or grass clippings along creek beds, in open ditches, or in the street.
- Minimize the use of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers on your lawn and plant native plants whenever feasible.
- Pick up litter and place it into trash cans. This will prevent it from getting washed into the storm sewers and eventually into our waterways.
- Cover piles of dirt and wood mulch while doing landscaping projects, and sweep up debris (no not wash it into the street).

For more information on how you can help keep our stormwater clean, please contact the Public Works Department at (847)-734-8800 or visit [elkgrove.org/stormwater](http://elkgrove.org/stormwater). ■