

Business Matters

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Introducing Sue Dees, Director of Business Development & Marketing for Elk Grove Village



We are pleased to introduce Sue Dees as the Village's new Director of Business Development and Marketing! As a resident of Elk Grove Village, Sue is passionate about serving the community and supporting local businesses.

Sue brings with her a wealth of experience in marketing, developing partnerships and acting as a liaison and advocate. Prior to joining our team, Sue worked in admissions and community engagement for a private school system. As part of this role, she served as an ambassador and Board member for the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce.

Sue is excited to be part of the Elk Grove Village team and looks forward to getting to know our diverse business community. Understanding the needs of our businesses will ensure the Village can act as a resource to help them grow and thrive.

As our Director of Business Development and Marketing, Sue will serve as the Village's liaison to our business community, helping to navigate regulations and processes. Sue will also take the lead on the Village's efforts to support businesses and provide value to our business community. Sue will be your primary contact for business and economic development concerns—please feel free to reach out to her for any matter, large or small.

We are excited to have Sue on board and look forward to the contributions she will make to our community. Please join us in welcoming her to the team!

Sue can be reached at sdees@elkgrove.org or 847-357-4005. ■

Envision Elk Grove and How We Can Support Your Business!

Envision Elk Grove, the Village's Community Revitalization Master Plan, is underway and we need input from our business community! The survey, which will take about 15 minutes to complete, will ask for information about your business that can help us design services to better meet your needs. Additionally, you will have an opportunity to provide input on the future of key redevelopment sites and corridors. The Envision Elk Grove Community Survey is now available on the project's website: www.envisionelkgrove.com/

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The survey is open now through June 12th and can be accessed along with other updates on the Envision Elk Grove plan on the project website: www.envisionelkgrove.com/. ■



Sign up for
**Envision Elk
Grove**
email updates and
stay informed!

Apply for the IMEC Manufacturing Reinvented Grant Program Today!

Last year, the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC) launched Manufacturing Reinvented, a five-million-dollar grant program that supports local, suburban manufacturers. The grant application portal is now open for any Elk Grove Village manufacturers with less than 500 employees who are interested in the program. The Elk Grove Village Business Development Team works closely with IMEC and other organizations to connect businesses to opportunities for grant funding, financial assistance, and business development resources.

Eligible businesses can receive reimbursements from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for projects in four key areas that include Accessing Customers and New Markets, Operational Improvements, Leadership Development, and Workforce Training Solutions. These four key areas may include projects such as cybersecurity, website development, lead generation, supervisory skills training, strategic planning, and talent acquisition.

Project awardees will be further prioritized based on business viability, potential economic impact, and total project investment.

Businesses can apply by visiting www.imec.org/ccmr. ■



Siemens is Redefining its Workspace to Help the Manufacturing Industry Adopt Digitalization

Siemens blends the traditional workshop floor with high-tech automation tools as a technology company that operates in electrification, automation, and digitalization, providing innovative solutions to a wide range of industries. It is a subsidiary of the multinational conglomerate Siemens AG, based in Munich, Germany. Its Elk Grove location plays a critical role in Siemens AG's global mission to shape the future of technology.

The Elk Grove facility is primarily used for service and training the SINUMERIK CNC control platform including the SINUMERIK 828D, SUNUMERIK ONE, and SINUMERIK MC systems.

Steve Fruehe, Pre-sales Solution Consultant at Siemens assists companies in their digitalization journey when they don't know what to do. When asked what companies are struggling with the most these days and how Siemens works to address these struggles Fruehe stated, "The biggest struggle right now is not knowing what you don't know," he said. "Right now, in this data-collection era, we're seeing a lot of money being left on the table. It's one thing to get companies to utilize this software, but it's another thing to get them to embrace this mindset of digitalization." ■



Showcase Your Business with a Visit from Elk Grove Village

Elk Grove Village trustees and staff are continuing Business Ambassador visits in 2023. We make it easy for you 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 Sue Dees, Director of Business Development and Marketing at 847-357-4005 or via email at businessdevelopment@elkgrove.org. We look forward to showing you how Elk Grove Village lives up to its Beyond Business Friendly brand. ■



Beyond BUSINESS FRIENDLY
ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL

Ecolab Celebrates Achieving VPP Star Status

On Tuesday, April 4, Village officials attended a celebration at Ecolab in honor of the business achieving VPP Star Status through the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA). The VPP Star Status is the highest designation of OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program and requires employee workplace injury/illness rates that are at least 50 percent below the national average. Ecolab's Elk Grove Village facility is currently maintaining a workplace incident rate that is 100% below the national average.



Ecolab is a global business that offers water, hygiene, and infection prevention solutions. Their Elk Grove Village location at 1060 Thorndale Ave, specializes in refurbishing commercial dish washing machines used at restaurants, hospitals, and other commercial kitchens. They accept used dishwashers from all over the country, disassemble them to their component parts for cleaning, polishing, and repair, then reassemble them to ship out for sale.

Congratulations to Ecolab on this incredible achievement! ■

Virginia Tile Ribbon Cutting

On Wednesday, April 12, Village officials attended a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the Grand Opening of Virginia Tile's relocation into Elk Grove Village at 1601 Estes Ave.

The company offers a wide selection of tile from a multitude of manufacturers and in a variety of materials such as porcelain, ceramic, stone, glass, and metal in addition to mosaic design solutions.

Virginia Tile began in rural Virginia in 1928. Today, the company operates 20 strategically located showrooms and distribution facilities throughout the Midwest. ■



Business Ambassador Visit: Air Products Equipment Company

Our Business Ambassador team recently had the opportunity to meet with the owners and employees of Air Products Equipment Company and tour their facility. Air Products Equipment Company is headquartered at 1555 Louis Avenue and celebrated their 75th anniversary last fall. They moved to Elk Grove Village in 1970 and they have continued to thrive and expand in our Business Park ever since.

Air Products represents a variety of manufacturers whose products are used in HVAC systems. They get involved in construction projects early and have a dedicated engineering team to provide specifications and products to help clients meet their needs. During our tour, they showcased a single heating and ventilation unit in their 15,000 square foot primary warehouse that can maintain temperatures within a few degrees of setpoint from floor to ceiling.

Construction is a fast-moving industry and the Air Products team told us they support customers with their last-minute needs by keeping a large selection of products on-hand and ready for immediate shipment. This approach also helps them ensure product availability even with longer lead-times caused by supply chain challenges.

Air Products is 100% employee-owned and operates as an ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan). They are proud of their culture and work to create a strong community among their nearly fifty employees. Our Ambassador Team experienced this firsthand, as we walked through their facility and were introduced to every employee and the integral role they play in the success of the company. ■



Business Ambassador Visit: Prime Stars Orthodontics

In April 2023, the Village's Business Ambassador Team visited Prime Stars Orthodontics, located in the Elk Grove Town Center, between the Jimmy Johns and Chipotle restaurants. Prime Stars Orthodontics is a family-owned orthodontic clinic which opened in August 2022.

Our team was impressed by the beautiful, calm interior of the Prime Stars Orthodontics clinic, which was designed to create a relaxing atmosphere. This approach extends beyond the layout and color scheme to include patient care. As a family practice, their motto is to "Do Things Right" by putting the patient and their needs first. They encourage prevention by starting observation (offered at no cost), from as young as 6 years old, because early observation and intervention helps reduce the need for future treatment.



The clinic is led by Dr. Hiroshi Ueno, an American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) certified orthodontist with more than 12 years of clinical experience. He is also an assistant professor / clinic instructor at Saint Louis University and earned the award for best instructor in 2018 and 2020. His wife, Agata Ueno, serves as Director for the clinic. Agata and Hiroshi also live in Elk Grove Village and are excited to be part of the Elk Grove community!

Our Ambassador Team enjoyed meeting the team at Prime Stars Orthodontics and learning about how orthodontic clinics use specialized equipment and software to help diagnose, prevent, and correct the positioning of teeth and bite. ■

Upcoming GOA Events



Business After Hours - Schaumburg Boomers
Thursday, May 25 5:00 p.m.
1999 S. Springinguth Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60193

Join the GOA for some relaxed networking with fellow members and guests. Make new connections while enjoying complimentary food & drinks. Appetizers and beverages provided by host. Advance reservations are appreciated.



Golf Classic - Presented by Ascension Alexian Brothers
Wednesday, June 7 8:30 a.m.
401 N. Roselle Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60194

Grab your clubs and join the GOA for a fun-filled day of golf, contests, games, and raffle prizes. Sign up as a foursome and entertain clients and friends. Don't have a foursome? They will pair you with other golfers. Sponsorships are available and a great way to promote your company. Sponsor a hole and greet golfers on the course. ■

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Join us to Celebrate the Five-Year Anniversary of Elk Grove Village Cares!

The Village will mark the five-year anniversary of Elk Grove Village Cares, an opioid and addiction treatment initiative that has helped scores of residents, with a “Celebration of Community” on June 4 starting at 3:00 p.m.

The celebratory event will include a car show, food trucks, and musical entertainment. The celebration, located in the areas surrounding the Village Green, will kick off with a cruise night auto show from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in a special partnership with Those Guys Car Club. Local artist and entertainer Tony Ocean will be providing entertainment from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for participants and spectators of the auto show.

A variety of food trucks serving both sweet and savory treats will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for guests to enjoy during a special concert performance by The Grass Roots at 6:00 p.m.

Information regarding chair set up, parking, food truck menus and more can be found at www.elkgrove.org/celebration.



CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Sunday June 4

3:00-5:00pm

CRUISE NIGHT TONY OCEAN



4:00-7:30pm

FOOD TRUCKS



6:00pm

GRASS ROOTS CONCERT



Envision Elk Grove – Share Your Input!

www.envisionelkgrove.com



Envision Elk Grove, an effort to plan for the revitalization of our community, is underway! The Village is seeking community input on the future of key redevelopment sites and corridors. The Envision Elk Grove Community Survey is now available on the project’s website: www.envisionelkgrove.com. The survey will be open until June 12.

Residents will be asked to provide input on what makes Elk Grove Village a special place to live; suggestions for improvements to our roads, sidewalks, and infrastructure; and

ideas for transforming some of our aging commercial developments and corridors. There is also an interactive map where you can provide your thoughts and ideas on specific places in the Village.

The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. Paper surveys will also be available at Village Hall.



Sign up for Envision Elk Grove email updates and stay informed!

Message from the Board

Community Revitalization Master Plan Survey

The Village is seeking community input on the future of key redevelopment sites and corridors in Elk Grove Village.

We want to hear your input on what makes our community a special place to live, how to improve our community's infrastructure, and on transforming some aging commercial areas into something new.

More information on how you can submit your feedback is available on the front page.



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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.

Memorial Day Observation Ceremony

We invite residents to attend the annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony at the Park District Pavilion which will take place on Monday, May 29, at 10:45 a.m.

The event will include Placing of Wreaths, a flag-folding ceremony, and a gun salute.

Celebration of Community Event

We hope to see you at the special Celebration of Community Event taking place in the coming weeks, on June 4 starting at 3 p.m. in the areas surrounding the Village Green.

The event will feature a car show at 3 p.m., food trucks from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and musical entertainment from Tony Ocean at 3 p.m. and a concert from the Grass Roots at 6 p.m.

For more information about the Celebration of Community event, please see page 5 or visit www.elkgrove.org/celebration. ■



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 (retired 2/27/23).

Groot observes the following annual holidays:

- New Years Day - Sun. 1/1/23
- Memorial Day - Mon. 5/29/23
- Fourth of July - Tues. 7/4/23
- Labor Day - Mon. 9/4/23
- Thanksgiving - Thurs. 11/23/23
- Christmas Day - Mon. 12/25/23

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. ■

Overnight Parking Restrictions Waived for Memorial Day Holiday

Overnight parking will be waived beginning on Saturday, May 27, at 2:00 a.m. and end on Tuesday, May 30, at 5:00 a.m. Enforcement will resume at 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31. ■



Fire Chief Richard Mikel Appointed to Serve as Temporary Director of Police



Fire Chief Richard Mikel has accepted the appointment to temporarily serve as the temporary Director of the Elk Grove Village Police Department. Director Mikel is stepping in following last month's retirement of now former Chief of Police Chuck Walsh, who retired after a 32-year career with the Elk Grove Police Department.

As part of the assignment, Director Mikel will temporarily vacate his position as Fire Chief to serve as Director of Police in a full-time capacity. Current Deputy Fire Chief Nathan Gac will step in and serve as its Acting Fire Chief while Rich Mikel is on this assignment.

The Police Department's two Deputy Chiefs will continue to focus on the Department's day-to-day law enforcement operations. Mikel's primary role will be to identify opportunities to further develop and strengthen leadership within the ranks and help guide the agency on a course for longterm success until a permanent leader is identified.

Richard Mikel, who has served as Fire Chief since 2012 and was recognized as the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association's Fire Chief of the Year in 2018, is credited with modernizing the Elk Grove Village Fire Department. He recently shepherded the Fire Department through a rigorous, two-year process with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) that included a community risk assessment and a top-to-bottom review of its operations in order to join an elite list of public safety agencies that have achieved accreditation.

Mayor Craig Johnson, who made the appointment with the advice and consent of the full Elk Grove Village Board, said that he recommended Director Mikel based on his strong leadership qualities and his experience delivering critical

“Director Mikel has led our Fire Department with honor and distinction for more than a decade. He brings a wealth of leadership and management experience to his new duties. He has earned the respect of our Board, Village employees, and our community through his dedicated service, and he will do an outstanding job leading the Police Department during this period of transition.”

-Mayor Craig Johnson

public safety services to Elk Grove residents and businesses. Furthermore, because Director Mikel already has a familiarity with the organization and staff, the transition will be much more streamlined than if the Village brought someone in on a temporary basis from the outside.

Mayor Johnson has also reinforced that the Village has no interest in moving to a combined public safety department, with Police and Fire combined under one leadership command structure. This assignment will be on a temporary basis until a permanent decision can be made on the future leadership of the Police Department.

“I am honored to be selected for this assignment and I thank Mayor Johnson and the Village Trustees for this incredible opportunity” said Director Mikel. “For years, our two departments have worked together to ensure that our residents and businesses are receiving the highest quality public safety services. I am looking forward to the opportunity to lead and support the highly professional law enforcement men and women who do so much to keep our community safe.” ■

Memorial Day Observation Ceremony

On Monday, May 29, 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 Ceremony, 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, and a gun salute. The event will also be broadcasted live on EGTV Channel 6. ■

"UNITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY" 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTED BY VILLAGE OF ELK GROVE AND ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT



KC AND THE SUNSHINE BAND

TUESDAY, JULY 4 AT 8pm - 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!

THE SPINNERS

TUESDAY, JULY 11 AT 7:30pm - VILLAGE GREEN

60 million albums sold...18 Top 40 Hits...8 Top 10's: "Then Came You", "Working My Way Back To You/Forgive Me, Girl", "Cupid / I've Loved You For A Long Time", "The Rubberband Man", "I'll Be Around", "Could It Be I'm Falling In Love", "One Of A Kind (Love Affair)", "It's A Shame" and more!



ALL-AMERICAN REJECTS

THURSDAY, JULY 20 AT 7:30pm - ROTARY GREEN

ALL ALCOHOL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ROTARY CLUB
AAR have sold 10 million albums worldwide. They are on the "Hot 100 Artists of the 2000s" list and on the "Billboard 200 Artists of the Decade". Hits include "Swing, Swing", "Dirty Little Secret", "Gives You Hell", "Move Along", "It Ends Tonight", "I Wanna". They have toured with everyone from Blink-182 to Bon Jovi.

THE OAK RIDGE BOYS

TUESDAY, JULY 25 AT 7:30pm - VILLAGE GREEN

Dozens of Country hits, a #1 Pop smash, earned Grammy, Dove, CMA, ACM awards and induction in the Country Music Hall of Fame, Gospel Music Hall of Fame, and Vocal Group Hall of Fame...26 top 10 hits and 15 #1 singles. "Wasted Years", "Bobbie Sue", "Thank God For Kids", "Leaving Louisiana In The Broad Daylight", "ELVIRA".



ANN WILSON OF HEART

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 AT 7:30pm - VILLAGE GREEN

Regarded as one of the greatest voices in the history of rock 'n' roll, Ann Wilson is a true icon, known far and wide as lead singer and songwriter of rock band, Heart...35 million album sold and induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2013... "Magic Man", "Crazy On You", "Love Alive", "Even It Up", "Barracuda", "Straight On"

ANN WILSON
OF *Heart*

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Adoption

The Mayor and Village Board have approved a total budget of \$194,794,932 for Fiscal Year 2024 (May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024). 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 \$70,676,769. This represents a decrease of 0.73% from the previous fiscal year (with pension pass-throughs and transfers removed).

The industrial vacancy rate closed out 2022 at 1.5%, which marks seven consecutive years that the Village has sustained a vacancy rate below 5%. In the first quarter of 2023, the rate lowered to a new all-time low of 1.04%. As a result of this strong business climate, the Village continues to experience positive financial conditions and stability. In addition, a balanced budget has been established to maintain the rising costs of goods and services in 2023.

The Fiscal Year 2024 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. ■



FISCAL YEAR 2024
BUDGET ADOPTION



GENERAL FUND

Approved for
\$70,676,769

BUDGET FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES



Summer Saturday Hours

Visit us at the Finance or Community Development front counter once a month on Saturdays this summer from 9 a.m. - noon, inside Village Hall at 901 Wellington Ave. Pay your water bill, permit applications, tickets, ask about our permitting process, or stop by to recycle your batteries! ■

The Finance and Community Development Departments will be open on the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon:

Saturday, June 3

Saturday, July 8

Saturday, August 5 ■

Report Coyote Sightings

Spring is coyote pupping season, which means that you may spot more coyotes around.

The Village has partnered with Scientific Wildlife Management, which reviews coyote sighting reports and performs investigations.

Residents are encouraged to report coyote sightings at www.scientificwildlifemanagement.com or scan the QR code to help us understand, monitor and manage the coyote population within the community. ■



Be Aware and Park with Care

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 and 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! ■



Document Destruction & Electronics Recycling Event

The Village of Elk Grove, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is sponsoring a Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, June 4.

James Paul Petri Public Works Facility
450 E. Devon Avenue
Saturday, June 4
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE— If you are using a mapping tool to find the event location, you must enter the full address: 450 E Devon Ave, Elk Grove Village, IL. The James Paul Petri Public Works Facility is located on Devon Avenue, just west of Tonne Road.

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.

Please note that if an item is not listed below, you can check the SWANCC website (www.swancc.org) to see how to recycle the item.

To help keep the line 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.

Accepted Electronic Materials:

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| • Cable Receivers | • Converter Boxes | • Satellite Receivers |
| • Cell Phones | • Fax Machines | • Scanners |
| • Computer mouse/mice | • Keyboards | • Televisions (All Types) |
| • Computer monitors | • MP3 Players | • Video Game Consoles |
| • Computers (Desktops, Notebooks, Tablets) | • Portable Digital Assistants (PDAs) | • Video Recorders/Players |
| | • Printers (Multi-function Printers) | • Zip Drives |

How to prepare for the Document Destruction event:

- Paper must be dry, clean, and loose
- Remove metal clips, plastic sleeves, folders, and binders (small staples are okay)
- Place paper in paper shopping bags or cardboard boxes - NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE!
- Limited to six (6) bags or boxes. ■

Water Bill Credits for Participating in the Tree Watering Program

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 in 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. ■

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 like Lake Michigan. However, there are a few simple ways that residents and businesses can 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, deck, 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 to lessen the need for herbicides.
- Please 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 (do 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 www.elkgrove.org/stormwater. ■

Green Grove: Monarch Butterfly Gardens

Did you know that the monarch butterfly is Illinois' state insect? Over the past 20 years, there has been a significant decline in the population of monarch butterflies, culminating in their classification as an endangered species in July 2022.

Monarch butterflies are critical pollinators for our region. In 2021, the Village contributed to conservation efforts to help the monarch butterfly population by planting 12 butterfly gardens throughout the community. These dedicated gardens consist of native nectar plants, garden plants, and milkweed that the monarch butterflies rely on to lay their eggs. The Public Works Department is also working to increase the amount of native nectar plants used in plantings throughout the Village.

The butterfly garden located at Village Green, next to the splash pad, is the most easily accessible garden for residents to visit and features an informational sign that explains the purpose of the garden. We encourage you to stop by the butterfly gardens this summer and be on the lookout for monarchs before they migrate to Mexico for the winter!

Visit www.elkgrove.org/monarch to learn more about the Monarch Butterfly Initiative and www.elkgrove.org/sustain to learn more about the Village's sustainable actions or to submit your ideas for a Sustainability Action Plan. ■



Left: The monarch butterfly garden at Village Green in Summer 2022.

Middle: A monarch butterfly atop a milkweed plant.



Right: A monarch butterfly on a purple coneflower plant, a native nectar plant included in the Village butterfly gardens.

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May is Building Safety Month

Building Safety Month is an international campaign sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC) to raise awareness about building safety and reinforce the importance of adopting and enforcing modern building codes.

The Building Division within the Village's Community Development Department adopts and enforces ICC codes to protect residents and businesses through the review of construction documents, issuance of permits and onsite inspections.

Mayor Craig B. Johnson signed a proclamation recognizing May as Building Safety Month in Elk Grove Village.

For more information about Building Safety Month, scan the QR code or contact the Community Development Department at (847) 357-4220. ■



Fire Hydrant Flow Testing

Last fall, the Village adopted the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) recommended standard for fire hydrant marking. This entails a color-coded system to visually identify the available fire flow capacity of each hydrant. To assist in fighting fires, a firefighter must know how many gallons of water per minute can be produced from a hydrant. Each Village-owned hydrant is flow-tested once every four years. The results of each test determine the flow rate of each hydrant. The color of the band indicates the test results or flow rate.

Village staff are currently installing reflective bands on each Village-owned hydrant to correspond with the flow data results of the hydrant flow tests. A hydrant that has a band will also indicate that the Village owns the hydrant. We do not flow test private hydrants. This effort is anticipated to be completed by this fall. ■



Unsure if you can recycle something? Check the packaging for a How2Recycle label!

These labels are standardized to clearly communicate on how packaging should be recycled.

For more information, visit www.how2recycle.info/labels



- ← How to prep the item for recycling
- ← If the item can be recycled
- ← Material the item is made from
- ← Part of packaging the label refers to



Multi-labels like this one are used for packaging with multiple pieces.