# ELKGROVE BUSINESS Matters November 2024

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## **Business Success Story - Qwackers**

Over a decade ago, Cheryl and Brian embarked on a journey that would turn a personal challenge into a thriving business. Their son had recently been diagnosed with Celiac disease, which made finding enjoyable gluten-free snacks a struggle, especially since he wanted the same cheese crackers his classmates enjoyed.

Determined to fill this gap, Cheryl set to work in their test kitchen, eventually crafting what would become a beloved treat—a gluten-free cheese cracker shaped like a duck, affectionately named "Qwackers." Seeing the potential, Cheryl and Brian took the leap, purchasing a small space in Elk Grove Village to transform their home-grown idea into a business.

Qwackers quickly gained popularity, catching the attention of major retailers like Whole Foods, Walmart, and Wegmans. Demand skyrocketed, with stores requesting more and more bags of Qwackers. As orders poured in, Brian realized he needed to scale production, but their current operations were at maximum capacity.

That's when Brian connected with Next Level Northwest, a business accelerator in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. Through the program, Brian acquired essential new equipment and followed NLNW's production and operation guidelines, increasing production by over 20%. With new metrics in place to measure cracker output by the hour and day, Qwackers is now a well-oiled operation, selling in stores nationwide.

Today, Brian and his family continue to grow Qwackers, sharing a little bit of their journey and their son's favorite snack with households across the U.S.

"Being a part of Next Level Northwest has been transformative for our business. The support and mentorship we received have boosted our confidence in achieving sustainable, long-term growth. We're grateful for the guidance and investment from the program—it has truly set us on a new path to success!" - Brian [Last Name], [Title]



## New Businesses: Welcome to Elk Grove Village!

American Furniture Rental Illy's Barbershop

Arrow Doors Inc.

ATH Holding Group LLC CTS Global Supply Chain

Solutions Chicago

Echelon Grow

**Innovative Transport Solutions** 

Inspire Yoga & Wellness

Milsped Air& Sea LLC

Milsped Freight LLC

Dr. Steven Keglar – Dentist Milsped Transport Brokerage LLC

Nan Transportation Inc.

PaliMex Distributors Inc.

Paniagua Group

**Phoenix Binding Corporation** 

Second Systems, Inc.

Tile Décor Inc.

Villano Interiors Inc.

### **Ribbon Cutting - Ideal Bakery**

On August 23, Village officials Trustee Prochno, Trustee Schmidt, Trustee Miller, Trustee Jarosch and others joined Ideal Bakery in celebrating the grand opening of its new 30,000-square-foot industrial facility in Elk Grove Village. This milestone brings together all three of its bakery locations under one roof.

Owner Chris Kowal shared the bakery's rich family history, expressing heartfelt gratitude to his parents, who founded the business in 1959 as a family-owned, European-style bakery. Ideal Bakery is renowned for its artisanal European breads, cakes, and pastries.

The new facility is expected to create significant job opportunities, support the local economy, and continue Ideal Bakery's legacy of quality and tradition. For more information, visit <u>idealbakery.net</u>.



#### **Business Ambassador Visit - KBC Tools**

In September, Village officials including Trustee Miller, Trustee Jarosch, and others visited KBC Tools & Machinery in Elk Grove Village as part of our Business Ambassador program. General Manager Michelle Wimmer gave a tour of the facility, showcasing its business operations, distribution center, and product showroom.

Founded in 1965, KBC Tools sells over 80,000 industrial metalworking tools, such as drill presses, metal grinders, and tool bits. Their tagline, "All Metal...All the Time," reflects their commitment to serving fabricators and machine shops. The Elk Grove branch opened in 2005 and features a one-stop shop offering shipping, customer service, and in-person assistance at the sales counter.

During the visit, Wimmer highlighted the company's recent shift from catalog sales to a robust online platform, alongside an increased focus on social media marketing. KBC has also partnered with local schools that supply tools for their shop programs to expose youth to the trades.

Our Business Ambassador Team enjoyed visiting with the staff at KBC Tools and hearing about their role in the metalworking and machining industries.







"We love Elk Grove because we are in the heart of one of the largest industrial communities in the nation. We have a great visible location on Busse Road, and our showroom is open to the public."

- Michelle Wimmer, General Manager

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## **Grecian Delight Celebrates 50 Years**

Grecian Delight, an authentic Mediterranean food manufacturer located in Elk Grove, held a celebration on August 28, to commemorate its 50th anniversary.

The event was attended by Village officials who all participated in recognizing the manufacturer's contributions to culinary innovation and business success.

The celebration at the company's headquarters in Elk Grove showcased its evolution from a small startup to an industry leader. The celebration featured four food trucks, four inflatable attractions for employees' families, and a large tent area to accommodate the numerous attendees.

Today, Grecian Delight produces food products ranging from gyros and ready-to-eat meats to pitas, specialty flatbreads, falafel, hummus, and various dips and spreads. These products are now available in more than 30,000 independent and national chains, across 400 foodservice distributors, and available in more than 10 countries.

To learn more about Grecian Delight, visit gdkfoods.com.





## Ribbon Cutting - Ascension Alexian Brothers Neurology Dept.



On August 28, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Ascension Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village to inaugurate its new neurology department, part of a \$107 million expansion project.

The initiative, led by Walsh Construction, added over 70,000 square feet and modernized more than 200,000 square feet of existing space. Key features include 36 private inpatient rooms for neurological and spinal patients and 22,000 square feet of new operating rooms.

The event featured speeches from President Dan Doherty, Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, and Mayor Craig Johnson, emphasizing the enhancements to the neurosciences program and the project's community benefits, providing advanced medical care closer to home.

## Showcase Your Business with a Visit from Elk Grove Village

Elk Grove Village trustees and staff are continuing Business Ambassador visits in 2025. 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 <a href="mailto:businessdevelopment@elkgrove.org">businessdevelopment@elkgrove.org</a>.

We look forward to showing you how Elk Grove Village lives up to its Beyond Business Friendly brand! ■







### **Next Level Northwest Blueprint to Business Workshop**

Next Level Northwest will host another Blueprint to Business Workshop covering marketing strategy and actionable goals, in addition to networking opportunities.

This workshop is scheduled for Friday, January 24 from 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the Hoffman Estates Village Hall.

Next Level Northwest is a nonprofit business accelerator provideing free coaching to businesses in Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows, and Schaumburg.

Scan the QR code for more information.







#### **BLUEPRINT TO BUSINESS BRILLIANCE:**

Using S.M.A.R.T. goal setting to drive lasting success

8:00-8:30AM

Check-In, Networking, & Welcome



Elevate Your Marketing Strategy with Michael Francone



An interactive session on S.M.A.R.T. Goal setting, where you'll learn how to create clear, actionable, and measurable goals through hands-on activities designed to drive meaningful progress and lasting success with Gregg-Brooke Koleno of IA Business Advisors



Networking

## **Economic Manager Roundtable**

On September 13, Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison's office hosted an Economic Manager Roundtable in Hoffman Estates, bringing together economic development representatives from neighboring municipalities.

The event featured presentations on Cook County's grant programs by the Director of Economic Development and highlighted resources available through the Cook County Source program for small businesses with less than 20 employees. The gathering underscored the importance of regional cooperation in fostering economic growth and supporting small businesses across Cook County.



Scan the QR code for more about Cook County's Small Business Source no-cost, one-on-one business consulting and advising program. The Source matches business owners with an advisor who provides the expertise needed to help advance small business owners to the next level.

## **GCAMP Bags Tournament**

The Greater Chicago Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (GCAMP) hosted its inaugural Beer, Bags, and Bingo fundraiser at Mikerphone Brewery on September 30, helping to kickoff Manufacturing Month in October.

This event united manufacturing professionals and community supporters to raise funds for workforce development initiatives. Attendees enjoyed craft brews, BBQ, a corn hole tournament, and bingo games featuring fun gift basket prizes.

The evening emphasized GCAMP's commitment to addressing the skills gap in the Greater Chicago Region. A special thank you to all sponsors of this year's event for their vital support in fostering the future of manufacturing talent. For more information about GCAMP, visit gcamp.org.

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#### **Ditch Maintenance - May Require Parking Lot Access**

Elk Grove Village is restoring the Business Park stormwater drainage areas, and has partnered with Hampton, Lenzini, and Renwick Inc. (HLR) for this project. Scope for this project includes clearing drainage ditches, removing invasive plants, managing native vegetation, and stabilizing ditch banks, which will improve stormwater flow. Work started in summer 2024 and is expected to wrap up by spring 2025.

Since May, environmental professionals have treated each ditch at least three times for invasive plants.

Starting in November, HLR will begin removing invasive trees, with this phase continuing through April 2025. HLR may need temporary access to some ditches through nearby business parking lots. If parking lot access is required, HLR will reach out to coordinate.

To make room for the work, your staff may be asked to temporarily park away from the maintenance area for a day or two. Trash and debris removal will also be conducted, and we appreciate your help in keeping the ditches clear of litter once cleaned.

To keep you in the loop, we've created a website where you can find project updates and view a map of the ditch locations. Please see <a href="mailto:elkgrove.org/ditchmaintenance">elkgrove.org/ditchmaintenance</a> for more day-to-day information. If you have any concerns or property access coordination requirements, please email <a href="mailto:elkgrove@hlreng.com">elkgrove@hlreng.com</a>.

### **National Manufacturing Day with Acme Industries**

On October 4, Acme Industries celebrated National Manufacturing Day by hosting tours of its facility for local officials and high school students.

Village officials including Trustee Prochno and Trustee Jarosch, along with Cook County Commissioner of the 15th District Kevin Morrison,





explored Acme's manufacturing capabilities in sectors like railroad, defense, and mining. John Kearney led the tour, highlighting initiatives aimed at engaging students in manufacturing careers through partnerships with District 214.

A standout success story featured Jose, a former intern who now works full-time in cleaning and inspection, illustrating Acme's commitment to workforce development. Chris Kocourek from the engineering design department presented the process of turning ideas into products using CNC machines. The event underscored Acme's dedication to inspiring the next generation of manufacturing professionals. For more information about Acme Industries, visit <a href="mailto:acmeind.com">acmeind.com</a>.

#### The GOA 45th & Elk Grove Chamber 25th Anniversary

The Studio 45 Anniversary Gala, celebrating the GOA Regional Business Association's 45th anniversary alongside the Elk Grove Chamber's 25th anniversary, took place on October 18, 2024, at the Westin Chicago Northwest in Itasca, Illinois. Attendees enjoyed an evening together to honor the achievements of both organizations.

This milestone event highlighted their contributions to the local business community and fostered networking opportunities among members and guests. The Gala was a vibrant celebration of collaboration and success in our region.

Want to get involved? Visit elkgrovechamber.org for more information.



## **Ribbon Cutting - Wingstop**

On Thursday, September 12, Village officials including Mayor Johnson, Trustee Prochno, Trustee Schmidt, and other staff gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of Wingstop at 648 Meacham Road.

The new restaurant specializes in made-toorder wings and fresh-cut fries, offering 14 unique flavors including original hot, sweet BBQ blaze, garlic parmesan, and lemon pepper.



## **Upcoming GOA Events**

Holiday & Volunteer Recognition Luncheon Friday, December 6, 2024, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Belvedere Banquets - 1170 W. Devon Ave. Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Join the GOA as they celebrate its volunteers and the holidays with an open bar and plated lunch. Please bring an unwrapped toy donation for Toys for Tots and help make the holidays brighter for a child in need.

Young Professionals Paint & Sip Holiday Party Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Pinot's Palette - 214 N. York St. Elmhurst, IL 60126

Join the Young Professionals of GOA at this year's annual Holiday Party. Celebrate the holiday season while enjoying food and beverages and networking with other members of GOA's Young Professionals Group.

<u>Chamber Net - Networking Breakfast</u> Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. Garden Terrace Room - 1000 Wellington Ave. Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Networking activity can vary month to month but everyone will have 15 seconds to stand up and introduce themselves and their business to the room full of members and guests.

#### **Business After Hours**

Thursday, December 19, 2024, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Courtyard by Marriott- 900 N. Wood Dale Road Wood Dale, IL 60191

Join the GOA for some relaxed networking with fellow members and guests. Make new connections while enjoying complimentary food & drinks. Ugly sweaters encouraged! Appetizers and beverages provided by host. Advanced reservations to the GOA are appreciated. ■

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

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# EGHS Culinary Manufacturing Lab Opens with Support from Elk Grove Village

Elk Grove High School's Culinary Manufacturing Lab is now open! A grand opening celebration was held on Monday, October 14. The \$1.6 million project was funded in part through a \$750,000 grant from the Village of Elk Grove.

The new Culinary Manufacturing Lab showcases 2,309 square feet of state-of-the-art culinary equipment that rivals professional kitchens. Equipment includes six gas ranges, commercial-grade ovens, dishwashers, mixers, and other necessary equipment to operate a full-scale food-preparation facility.



This new facility enhances the school's career and technical education programs, preparing students for future careers in culinary arts and hospitality industries. The lab complements the school's existing career and technical education programs, including the manufacturing lab, auto lab, graphic design studio, and woodshop.

The Village is proud to support technical education and workforce training for local students, having previously provided a \$500,000 grant to EGHS to fund the renovation of the school's advanced manufacturing lab. ■



"We are proud to invest in our local youth and provide them with the opportunity to be competitive in the workforce. Our grant helps EGHS invest in its students while enriching the talent pool for local companies."

- Mayor Craig Johnson

## **Holiday Tree Lighting**

Don't forget to join us for a festive evening filled with music, treats, and new family-friendly activities at this year's Holiday Tree Lighting on Friday, November 29 at Village Green!

Brand new this year is Storytime with the Board where Village Trustees will read classic holiday favorites, sharing tales that capture the spirit of the season and warm hearts of all ages. The Elk Grove Express is another new addition, a whimsical train ride for kids.

Enjoy complimentary cookies, hot chocolate, and hot cider with your loved ones while enjoying live music from The Lovin' Spoonful.

Following the concert, Mayor Johnson will throw the switch to light up the Village's Holiday Tree and turn on over 250,000 lights all around Village Green. A special fireworks display will follow. Families are invited to stay after the ceremony and fireworks to take a free photo with Santa!



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

## Message from the Board

#### <u>Homeschool Student Group Visits</u> <u>Village Hall</u>

On Thursday, October 10, Mayor Johnson met with nine local homeschool students of a variety of grade levels. We're always happy to host students and teach them more about how their local government operates!



#### **Letters to the North Pole**

On Saturday, November 30, Santa's elves will be installing a mailbox for letters addressed to the North Pole on the Village Green next to our Holiday Tree. Santa encourages children in Elk Grove Village to write him a letter- he promises to write back!

Letters must be received by Tuesday, December 17, in order for Santa to respond before Christmas.

Parents, please make sure to include your return address!

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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. Halloween House Decorating Contest
At the November 19 Village Board
meeting, winners from the 2024
Halloween House Decorating

Halloween House Decorating contest were presented with their awards.

Outstanding Overall Halloween Theme —1234 Dover Lane Outstanding Scariest Display — 920/924 Cass Lane

Outstanding Use of Decorations on a Condo/Apartment — 419 Pierre Drive #301

Outstanding Child Friendly Display

— 925 Ridge Ave

Congratulations to all the winners, and we hope to see everyone participate again next year! Information about the upcoming Holiday House Decorating Contest is available on the next page.

# Coffee with the Mayor and Board Thank you to all who attended our

Coffee with the Mayor and Board event on November 2.

We host these events on a quarterly basis to meet residents, discuss any concerns, and answer questions over a cup of coffee. The next Coffee with the Mayor and Board is scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at 75 Turner Avenue.

#### Village Hall Closed Nov. 28 & 29

Please be aware that Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



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

#### **Community Blood Drive**

Our last blood drive of the year is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 at Village Hall in Room E from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are highly recommended. Please schedule an appointment by going to <a href="https://www.vitalant.org">vitalant.org</a> and using code ORD0GR98 or calling 877-258-4825.

#### **Toys For Tots**

The Elk Grove Village Police Department is a proud drop-off location for Toys for Tots. This program, run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, distributes toys to less fortunate children during the holidays.

You can now drop off new, unwrapped toys in the Village Hall lobby (901 Wellington Ave.) through December 13.

# Overnight Parking Restrictions Waived for Thanksgiving

The overnight parking restrictions will be waived beginning Wednesday (11/27) at 2 a.m. through Monday (12/2) at 5 a.m.

Please note that parking on streets is prohibited if there is more than 2 inches of snow on the ground or if the Village is expecting snow. ■



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## Village Honored with D214 Partner Award

At the October 22 Village Board Meeting, Mayor Johnson was presented with the D214 Board of Education Partner Recognition Award. D214 Board President Alva Kreutzer honored Mayor Johnson with this award to thank the Village of Elk Grove for its continued support, most notably the \$750,000 grant for the new Culinary Manufacturing Lab and the \$500,000 grant for improvements to the Advanced Manufacturing Lab at Elk Grove High School.



## Leaf Drop-Off Dumpsters Available

In addition to the curbside leaf collection program, the Village offers two dumpsters for residents to drop off leaves. You can bring your leaves to one of the leaf dumpster locations below by December 15:

James P. Petri - Public Works Facility 450 E. Devon Avenue Public Works Biesterfield Facility 1635 Biesterfield Road

The dumpsters are for leaves only, yard waste and garbage is not permitted. Leaves should be placed in yard waste bags, yard waste stickers are not required, and no plastic bags will be accepted. For more information, please visit elkgrove.org/leaves or call Public Works at (847) 734-8800 Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



## **Holiday House Decorating Contest**

The Elk Grove Village Leo and Lions Clubs are holding a Holiday House Decorating Contest for residents in the month of December. Decorated houses, apartments, and condos will be judged in one of four categories:

- Best Creative Use of Decorations
- Best Theme Display
- Best Overall Holiday Decorations Used on an Apartment/Condo
- Best Overall Holiday Decorations Used on a House

For questions or to enter the Holiday Decorating Contest, please email your name, address, and phone number to <a href="mailto:lionbarbara@comcast.net">lionbarbara@comcast.net</a>. All entries must be received by Saturday, December 7, 2024. The judges will select a winner in each category.

#### **Fall Home Maintenance Checklist**

It's time to prepare your home for the cold weather! Here's a quick checklist to help you keep your home safe this winter.

#### **Protect Your Pipes**

- Disconnect all garden hoses to prevent freezing and flooding.
- $\bullet$  Keep your home's temperature above 55°F and seal basement windows against cold drafts.

#### Maintain Your Address Visibility

- Clear away any leaves or snow blocking your address number.
- Make sure it's visible from the street—emergency responders and postal workers will thank you!

#### **Check Your Fireplace**

- Clean out soot and debris before using your fireplace for the first time this season.
- Look for critters or nests in the exhaust and rinse the floor and walls to ensure it's ready for use.

#### **Check Your Furnace**

- Schedule and perform routine maintenance of the furnace to ensure it is operating properly.
- Ensure your furnace chimney is properly installed to avoid leaks.
- Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed outside sleeping areas and on all floors.
- Remember, a permit is needed for new furnace installations. Call the Community Development Department at 847-357-4220 for information or scan the QR code to apply for a permit online.



## Behind the Village's Holiday Tree Tradition

Curious to know how the Village's Holiday Tree makes its way to the heart of Village Green each year? We've answered some FAQs about the Holiday Tree tradition below!

#### Q: Where does the Village get its Holiday Tree?

A: Since the late 1990s, the Village's Holiday Tree has come from the generous donations of our very own residents! Each year, residents with towering, majestic trees in their yards contact the Village, offering to share their trees with the community. In late summer, our Public Works Department carefully inspects each tree, and once all candidates have been reviewed Village officials select the perfect one to bring holiday cheer to our Village Green.

## Q: What does the Village look for when selecting the Holiday Tree?

A: We're always on the lookout for a tree that's just right for the heart of our holiday celebrations! The ideal tree should be:

- Tall: Our recent Holiday Trees have been over 25 feet high, standing proudly as the centerpiece of the Village's festivities.
- Full and Lush: We seek a tree that has a beautiful, symmetrical shape with plenty of branches to twinkle under the holiday lights.
- Strong and Sturdy: The tree must have a single, solid trunk. Trees with "double leaders" (two main growing stems) aren't suitable, as they don't provide the strength and shape needed.
- Easily Accessible: We love all the wonderful trees offered by our residents, but some are in locations that make them difficult to remove in one piece. Ideally, the tree should be in a spot that allows for easy transport.

## Q: How does the Village transport the tree to the Village Green?

A: Moving such a grand tree is no small feat! Since 2019, the Village has used a crane and flatbed truck to safely transport our Holiday Tree. The process is similar to putting up a live tree in your home, but on a much larger scale! First, the tree is secured with a crane before it's cut. Then, the crane carefully lifts it onto a flatbed truck, which carries the tree from its original location to the Village Green—where it stands tall to spread holiday joy! Visit our website to view a video of the process at <a href="elkgrove.org/treedonation">elkgrove.org/treedonation</a>.

#### Q: How can I offer my tree for donation?

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A: If you have a tree that you think could be the Village's next Holiday Tree, we'd love to hear from you! Simply contact the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800. We're always on the lookout for the perfect tree to light up our Village Green for the holidays.











Residents can drop off holiday lights and extension cords for recycling from **November 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025**.

The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclable materials.

#### **Drop-off is located at:**

Community Development Department Village Hall, 901 Wellington Avenue Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Village accepts holiday string lights and extension cords as part of the SWANCC Holiday Lights Recycling Program. SWANCC and participating communities have partnered with Elgin Recycling Inc. to recycle the lights and cords. Call 847-357-4220 for more information.

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### **Village Adopts Updated Codes**

The Village has officially adopted the 2024 edition of the International Codes which regulate construction standards and codes for private development throughout the community. The adoption of the current codes allows the Village to provide exceptional service by applying current construction practices and standards as they relate to public health and safety, energy efficiency and life safety. These standards help to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents, businesses, property owners, and customers. Scan the QR code below to view the complete list of the Village's adopted Building Codes.

## **Thanksgiving Fire Safety Tips**

As the holiday season approaches, the Fire Department is excited to share tips and updates to keep the community safe and informed. Below, you will find essential Thanksgiving safety tips to help you and your loved ones enjoy a safe and joyful holiday.

#### **Kitchen Safety**

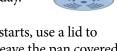
- Stay in the Kitchen Never leave the kitchen unattended while cooking, especially if frying, grilling, or broiling. If you need to leave, turn off the stove.
- Watch Kids Around Cooking Areas Keep children at least 3 feet away from the stove, hot food, and liquids to avoid burns.
- Keep Flammable Items Away Keep oven mitts, wooden utensils, towels, etc. away from the stovetop.
- Use a Timer Set timers to remind you of cooking times, and check food regularly. Avoid cooking when tired or distracted.

#### **Turkey Fryer Safety**

- Use Outdoors Only Turkey fryers should only be used outside, away from buildings and combustible materials.
- Thaw Turkey Completely Make sure the turkey is fully thawed before frying to prevent oil splatters that can cause burns or fires.
- Keep a Fire Extinguisher Nearby Have a multipurpose, dry-powder fire extinguisher within reach. Never use water to put out a grease fire.

#### **Fire Prevention**

• Test Smoke Alarms – Ensure all smoke alarms are working by testing them before the holiday. Replace batteries if needed.



- Keep a Lid Nearby If a small grease fire starts, use a lid to smother the flames. Turn off the heat, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- Avoid Overloading Outlets If using multiple kitchen appliances, do not overload electrical outlets to avoid electrical fires.

#### **General Tips**

- Use Candles Safely Keep candles away from children, pets, and flammable objects. Never leave them unattended, and consider using battery-operated candles instead.
- Have an Escape Plan Make sure your family has a fire escape plan and practice it together, including where to meet outside the home if there's a fire.
- Stay Alert Avoid drinking alcohol while cooking to remain alert and focused on safety.

## **Holiday Shopping Safety Tips**

With the holiday season just around the corner, it is essential to stay vigilant and informed when it comes to shopping, whether inperson or online. Here are some valuable safety tips to help you have an enjoyable and secure holiday shopping experience!

#### Black Friday Shopping Safety Tips:

- Do not carry large amounts of cash. If you must, keep cash secure and out of plain sight.
- Never leave personal valuables in plain sight in your vehicle; store them in the trunk instead.
- If shopping with children, select a central location to meet in case you are separated. Teach kids to ask a security guard or employee for help if lost.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for no apparent reason. Con artists may try to distract you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- Park your vehicle in well-lit areas and immediately report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.

#### **Cyber Monday Online Shopping Safety Tips:**

- Compare products and read the reviews before purchasing.
- Check out the seller to confirm legitimacy.
- Pay by credit card whenever possible you can dispute unauthorized charges.
- Use websites that start with "https" address for secure checkouts. The "s" stands for secure.
- Keep records of online transactions until you receive your purchases and confirm you received what you ordered.
- Make sure your electronic device has the latest antivirus software updated.
- Read the terms and conditions of the purchase, like refund policies and delivery dates.



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## **Parkway Tree Trimming Upcoming Schedule**

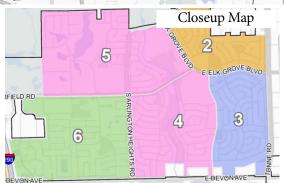
Throughout the year, the Public Works Department trims low hanging branches or branches that present other issues. Each winter, the Village's contractor conducts maintenance tree trimming on a 3-year cycle.

This is the current schedule for contracted work over the next three seasons:

Winter 2024-2025	Zones 4, 5, and 6
Winter 2025-2026	Zones 7, 8, and 9
Winter 2026-2027	Zones 1, 2, and 3

If at any time a branch is blocking a sign, hitting cars, or preventing mowing, please call Public Works at (847) 734-8800 or report the branch on the MyEGV app. ■

# Full Zone Map



#### **Now Hiring: Public Service Officer**

The Village is seeking qualified individuals for the position of Public Service Officer with the Elk Grove Village Police Department.

The Public Service Officer performs work of moderate difficulty on various police service functions such as information center operator, parking enforcement, identification of safety hazards, directing vehicular and pedestrian traffic, assisting with animal control duties, performing licensing officer duties and related work, as assigned.

For more information and to apply, please visit <a href="mailto:elkgrove.org/jobs">elkgrove.org/jobs</a>.

## Internet Purchase Exchange Location

The Police Department lobby and parking lot are designated Internet Purchase Exchange Locations.

Next time you need to sell or buy goods, please feel free to use either of these designated exchange spots for safe exchanges! ■



# Groot observes the following annual holidays:

- New Years Day Mon. 1/1/24
- Memorial Day Mon. 5/27/24
- Fourth of July Thurs. 7/4/24
- Labor Day Mon. 9/2/24
- Thanksgiving Thurs. 11/28/24
- Christmas Day Wed. 12/25/24

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.

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