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# Elk Grove Village Solidifies Its Position as the Premier Destination for Businesses

Elk Grove Village has been ranked the #1 Business Park in the United States for the second consecutive year by Business Facilities Magazine. This recognition highlights Elk Grove Village's leading position in the industrial and business landscape, showcasing the remarkable attributes that make it the ideal choice for companies looking to thrive.

Boasting an expansive size, comprehensive services, top-notch infrastructure, and logistical advantages, the Business Park sets itself apart from the competition. These advantages are amplified by the Village's commitment to



partnering with businesses and providing Beyond Business Friendly customer service, with proactive support for projects, as well as timely and consistent plan review.

Business Facilities Magazine's ranking takes into account several key factors, including the Business Park's size, proximity to markets, potential for growth, recent expansions, and unique assets such as abundant water resources, on-site utilities, residential developments, and a wide range of amenities. Based on Business Facilities Magazine's findings, Elk Grove Village excelled in all these aspects, solidifying its reputation as the go-to destination for businesses seeking to thrive in a dynamic and prosperous environment.

Mayor Craig B. Johnson expressed his pride in Elk Grove Village's achievements, stating: "It is extremely gratifying for us to earn this designation because it means our strategy to recruit and retain manufacturers and high-tech companies is paying off, which is good for our entire community. We'll keep working every day to ensure that companies considering a relocation know about all we have to offer while also providing top-notch service to the companies that already call Elk Grove Village home."

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# **Happy Manufacturing Day!**

October 6, 2023, is National Manufacturing Day, designed to celebrate modern manufacturing and inspire future manufacturers. Did you know Elk Grove Village has the second largest concentration of manufacturers in Illinois, only second to Chicago? Every year, manufacturers open their doors to local schools and communities to give students, educational leaders, and parents the opportunity to see what modern manufacturing looks like: creativity, teamwork, and discovery.

Happy Manufacturing Month in October!

# Looking to promote your manufacturing services?

Or are you seeking a manufacturer in Elk Grove Village?

The IMEC Supply Chain Center helps manufacturers connect in a variety of ways!

Plan. Implement. Excel.

## Business Ambassador Visit: IMPACT Printers & Lithographers

Our Business Ambassador Team recently had the opportunity to meet the staff at IMPACT Printers & Lithographers, located at 775 Touhy Avenue. They are a full-service commercial printing facility that prints direct mail, brochures, postcards, flyers, and everything in between.



Since 1980, their mission has been to provide customers

with the highest-quality products and services, in a timely fashion and for a competitive price. Sean Helton, originally started out as a truck driver for the company over 30 years ago and worked his way up over the years all the way to President of Sales in 2021.

IMPACT has operated out of several facilities in Elk Grove Village and chose to stay because of the number of opportunities available in the business community. Impact Printers helps clients navigate their way through print marketing projects and works with companies that have a specific goal for a print project but are unsure how to get there.



"Impact Printers has benefited greatly by calling Elk Grove Village its home for over 40 years. The support from the community and the surrounding businesses has made a huge difference," said Sean Helton. "I encourage any business looking for a location to explore all the possibilities the Elk Grove Business Park has to offer."

Our Ambassador Team enjoyed meeting with the staff at IMPACT Printers & Lithographers and checking out their sheet-fed and web printing presses, as well as their new digital printer, which allows them to provide print offerings for any sized company or organization.

# **Ribbon Cutting: Snap Canna Dispensary**

On Wednesday, August 30, Village officials attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Snap Canna to celebrate their grand opening and flagship store in Elk Grove Village. Snap Canna is a cannabis dispensary located at 840 E. Higgins Road, across from the Elk Grove Technology Park. Snap Canna specializes in providing a hightech, fast, and friendly customer experience, with an online ordering platform to quickly place orders and pay securely.

During the tour, officials learned about the measures Snap Canna uses to keep their facility secure. Snap Canna also showed officials the placement of Narcan, a medication for the reversal of opioid overdose, in vending cabinets both inside and outside the facility to provide easy access to the lifesaving medication.

*Pictured: Trustee Stephen Schmidt (left) and Mayor Craig B. Johnson (right)* 







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Elk Grove Village continues to focus on reinvesting in critical infrastructure to support seamless business operations. The Village recently implemented a new data-driven approach to roadway maintenance, which uses ongoing pavement analysis to prioritize projects based on need. The Village's 2023 street resurfacing program will invest approximately \$5 Million to improve over 9 miles of roads. Additionally, the Village is investing over \$7 Million to construct a new water tower at the southwest corner of Busse Rd. and Oakton St. to service the Business Park. This new water tower is almost complete and will replace the existing water tower on Pratt Boulevard that has reached the end of its useful life.

With its unrivaled Business Park, strategic location, commitment to infrastructure, and Beyond Business Friendly approach, it's clear why Elk Grove Village remains the best place for businesses to thrive.

# Elk Grove Village has Everything a Manufacturing Company Needs, Including Other Manufacturing Companies

Wangen America is an independently-run subsidiary of Pumpenfabrik Wangen, a German pump manufacturer with a history spanning over 50 years. With more than 250 employees worldwide, Wangen America specializes in supplying industrial pumps for various applications, including food and beverage manufacturing, cosmetics production, and wastewater treatment.

In addition to their core offerings, Wangen America has witnessed significant growth in the biogas sector. This renewable energy source involves converting food waste, agricultural residues, and other organic materials into methane through anaerobic digestion. The captured methane can be further processed and utilized as renewable natural gas or compressed natural gas, contributing to sustainable energy solutions.



Wangen America benefits significantly from its strategic location in Elk Grove Village.

Being situated just two miles away from O'Hare International Airport, the company enjoys the advantage of quick and convenient access to international shipments. Instead of waiting for extended periods for deliveries from their German parent company, they can now receive products promptly and efficiently, allowing for faster assembly and shipping processes.

The proximity to a diverse range of businesses and suppliers in Elk Grove Village is another advantage for the company. This close-knit community fosters a cooperative atmosphere where neighboring companies readily help each other out. From finding local custom packaging solutions to accessing shipping companies and even buying supplies like screws, nuts, and bolts, they can conveniently source everything they need without the hassles of extensive searching or delays.



Andrew Wood, General Manager of the Elk Grove Village location, stated: "With all of the crating, test shipping, and supply companies that Elk Grove has, you're hard pressed not to find what you need right here in town."

The Village's responsive and supportive services further contribute to the company's smooth operations. Village support, along with a strong sense of camaraderie and mutual respect within Wangen America's team, fosters a positive work environment. Despite being a small group, they take great pride in their high-quality products that play a crucial role in various everyday applications. The company's passionate and dedicated team members enjoy their work, making it feel more like a close-knit family rather than a conventional workplace.

The Wangen America team showed this off recently during an Ambassador Visit organized by Elk Grove Village's business development team. This visit offered an excellent opportunity to showcase their products and raise awareness about Wangen America's offerings and highquality workplace within the local community. The engagement with Village officials and representatives opens doors to potential collaborations and support for business growth.

To learn more about Wangen America visit wangen.com/us.

# **Schedule a Business Ambassador Visit!**

Elk Grove Village Trustees and staff are committed to fostering strong connections with local businesses through our ongoing Business Ambassador Visits program. Our team will visit your business location to introduce themselves and take a guided tour of your facilities. Simply choose a convenient time for you, and during our visit, we will explore innovative ways to support your business and promote your team's success.

Each Business Ambassador Visit is featured in the Business Matters section of the Villager, highlighting your contributions to our vibrant local economy. To schedule your visit, contact Sue Dees, Director of Business Development and Marketing at 847-357-4005 or at sdees@elkgrove.org

# **Permit and Inspection Customer Satisfaction Survey**

The Elk Grove Village Community Development Department is thrilled to announce the launch of our latest survey designed exclusively for our valued stakeholders.

We believe in the power of feedback and are committed to ensuring that your voice is heard. This survey is an opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions so we can continue to enhance the customer service experience.

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Scan the QR code to view the survey!

# **Upcoming GOA Events**

Business at the Ballpark 2023 Business Expo Thursday, September 21, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Wintrust Field - 1999 S. Springinsguth Road Schaumburg, IL 60193

Build relationships face to face, promote your company to hundreds of attendees, boost brand awareness, generate customer interest and market new products and services. This event is free to attend.

#### Young Professionals Workshop - Schaumburg Boomers Tuesday, October 10, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Wintrust Field - 1999 S. Springinsguth Road Schaumburg, IL 60193

Join the young professionals of GOA in hearing from Michael Larson, General Manager of the Schaumburg Boomers. Michael will share insight from his experience building and managing a championship winning professional baseball team.

Chamber Net - Networking Breakfast
Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Garden Terrace Room - 1000 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Enjoy pastries from Jarosch Bakery while networking with fellow GOA members and guests. Everyone will have 15 seconds to introduce themselves and their business to the room. Advance reservations to the GOA are appreciated.

Business After Hours - Church Street Brewing Company Thursday, October 26, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. 1480 Industrial Drive, Unit C Itasca IL, 60143 Join the GOA for some relaxed networking with fellow members and guests. Make new connections while enjoying complimentary food & drinks. Bring plenty of business cards. Advance reservations to the GOA are appreciated.

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# **Fall Leaf Collection Begins October 2**

During the months of October and November, the Public Works Department offers residents convenient disposal of their fall leaves on a weekly basis. Leaf collection this year will begin on Monday, October 2 and conclude on Friday, December 1.

Elk Grove Village is divided into nine (9) collection sections and each section receives nine (9) leaf collection dates. <u>The scheduled collection dates and a map depicting the section</u> <u>numbers are included on page 8.</u> During the week of Thanksgiving, the sections regularly scheduled for Thursday and Friday will be shifted to the first part of the week.

Important Program Rules:

• Leaves should be raked into the street after 3:00 p.m. the day before collection and before 7:00 a.m. the day of collection.

- Only rake leaves into the street. Grass, branches, and other yard waste are NOT permitted and will damage Village equipment.
- Place leaves in a continuous row on the pavement approximately 2 feet from the curb.
- Do not place leaves on state or county roadways, nor on the following Village streets: Tonne Road, Elk Grove Boulevard, Rev. Morrison Boulevard, J.F. Kennedy Boulevard, Biesterfield Road, and Wise Road. Residents along these streets are asked to place leaves in the parkway.
- In the event of rain, you should still place your leaves in the street. Leaves will be collected as soon as possible.
- Parking in the street will be prohibited on the day of collection from 7:00 a.m. until the leaves are removed.
- In the event of snow, leaf pickup will be rescheduled for another day. Additionally, any leaves that are placed on the street and not picked up by the initial collection will eventually be collected by crews at a later date.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works at (847) 734-8800 Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit <u>elkgrove.org/leaves</u>.

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# Town Hall Meeting - October 17, 2023

Residents are invited to a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 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. Questions may be submitted in advance online at <u>elkgrove.org/townhall</u>.

The Town Hall Meeting will take place at Village Hall in the Council Chambers and will be broadcast on EGTV Channel 6 and streamed live at <u>elkgrove.org/egtvondemand</u>. For more information, please visit <u>elkgrove.org/townhall</u>.

Town Hall Meeting October 17 at 6:30 p.m. 901 Wellington Ave.

# Message from the Board

#### Oktoberfest & Hometown Parade

We are thrilled to have hosted another successful Oktoberfest and Hometown Parade! Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make these annual traditions possible. We look forward to celebrating once again next year!

#### Free Dental Day

The dental office of Brian Homann DDS is offering a Free Dental Day for those in need on Friday, October 13, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The event will be hosted by Elk Grove Family Dental, located at 8 E. Devon Avenue in Elk Grove Village.

Dental care will be on a firstcome, first-served basis. For additional information, please visit EGVdentist.com/FreeDentalDay

#### **Community Blood Drive**

Thank you to the residents who participated in our July 8 blood drive! Our last blood drive of the year is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 11 at Village Hall Room E from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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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. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are highly recommended. Please schedule an appointment by going to <u>vitalant.org</u> and using code ORD0GR98 or by calling 877-258-4825.

#### **Elk Grove Farmers Market**

The Elk Grove Farmers Market is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. until October 28. The Farmers Market is located at the Village Hall parking lot, adjacent to the Elk Grove Public Library and across from the Park District Pavilion.

Come see all that the summer Farmers Market has to offer!

#### Coffee with the Mayor & Board

Our next Coffee with the Mayor & Board will take place on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in Village Hall Room E.

This event provides an opportunity for residents to meet with Board members in a relaxed atmosphere and discuss any topics, issues, or questions that matter most to the community.



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.

#### Contact Us Any Time!

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



# If You See Something, Say Something!

September 25 is National "If You See Something, Say Something" Awareness Day! We all play an essential role in maintaining safe communities. If you see something suspicious, report it immediately to law enforcement by dialing 9-1-1. Remember to use the 5 Ws when reporting suspicious activity:

- WHO did you see?
  - WHERE did it occur?
  - WHAT did you see? WHEN did you see it?
- see? WHY is it suspicious?

You can protect your family, neighbors, and community by staying alert and reporting suspicious activity to your local law enforcement!

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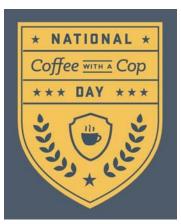
Scan the QR code to view the survey!

# National Coffee with a Cop Day on October 4

The Elk Grove Village Police Department invites you to National Coffee with a Cop Day on:

> Wednesday, October 4, 2023 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. McDonald's 947 Meacham Road

Enjoy a complimentary coffee and meet our officers!





# You're Invited to the Fire Department Annual Open House!

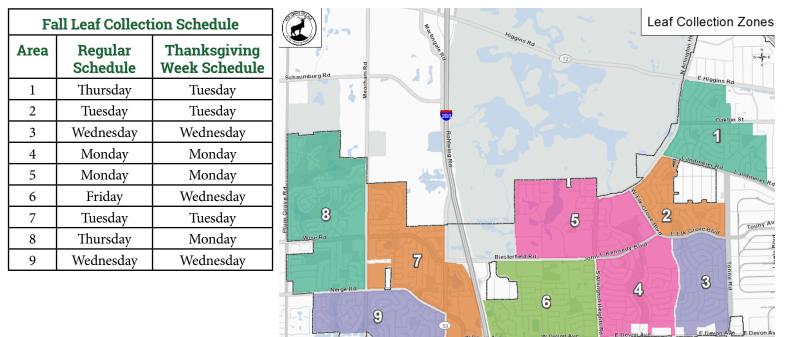
The Elk Grove Village Fire Department is holding their Annual Open House on Saturday, October 7 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Fire Station #7 (101 Biesterfield Road). Residents are invited to come and explore safety exhibits, fire apparatus and ambulances, demonstrations from the Fire Department's Special Teams, meet firefighters and paramedics, and so much more!



# **Fall Leaf Collection Schedule**

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Please refer to the map and schedule below to know when the Public Works Department will collect leaves in your neighborhood:



# Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours & Information

Halloween is fast approaching! The Village would like to remind all residents of our community trick-or-treating guidelines. Those interested in participating in trick-or-treating are asked to turn on porch or outdoor lights and place the green "Trick-or-Treaters Welcome" sign (page 5) on your front window or door. Those who are not interested are asked to keep outdoor lights off and place the red "No Trick-or-Treaters, Please" sign (page 6) on your front window or door.

#### Trick-or-treating will be permitted in Elk Grove Village on Tuesday, October 31 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trick-or-treaters are asked to only approach homes with a green sign indicating that they are participating this year. Please be respectful of others and their decisions to participate or not to participate in trick-or-treating.

Additional information about Halloween and trick-or-treating can be found online at <u>elkgrove.org/halloween</u>. Have a safe and spooky Halloween!

# **Halloween House Decorating Contest**

The Elk Grove Village Leo and Lions Club are holding a Halloween House Decorating Contest for residents during October. Decorated houses, townhouses, and condos will be judged in one of four categories:

- Outstanding Overall Halloween Theme,
- Outstanding Scariest Display,
- Outstanding Children's Display, and
- Outstanding Use of Decorations on a Condo/Apartment.

Judges will select the winner in each category. Judging will take place from October 13 - October 21, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For questions or to enter the Halloween Decorating Contest, please email your name, address, phone number, and category to <u>lionbarbara@comcast.net</u>. The deadline to enter is October 11.







# Waste and Recycling Service Scheduled Rate Increase

Beginning November 1, 2023, the monthly fee for regular waste and recycling hauling services will increase for all residents.

The monthly fee for single family homes will increase from \$15.85 to \$16.44. The monthly fee for townhomes will increase from \$12.50 to \$13.10.

The upcoming change in the monthly fee is a regularly scheduled increase already included as part of the Village's contract with Groot. Every two years, there is a nominal increase to the monthly service fee to account for inflation and other costs associated with service delivery. Fees for landscape waste stickers, special pickup services, or supplemental cart subscriptions will NOT increase for the duration of the current contract with Groot, which is scheduled to end on October 31, 2029.

The Village selected Groot through a Request for Proposals process to secure waste and recycling hauling services at the most affordable rate possible for residents.

Groot offered the best rate for residents, while the Village's former waste hauler, Waste Management, proposed rates that would have significantly increased costs to residents. The annual cost for the Groot contract was negotiated to \$2,504,622 which is a savings of \$1,127,825 when compared to the proposed Waste Management contract.

# Cut me out and add me to your refrigerator!



# 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.

Elk Grove Village Curbside Recycling	
<b>Accepted</b>	🞘 <u>NOT</u> Accepted
Office / Copy / School Paper	Bagged Recyclables
Newspaper (including inserts)	Soiled Paper / Cardboard
Magazines / Catalogs	Bathroom / Facial Tissue
Junk Mail / Advertisements	Styrofoam
Cardboard / Paperboard	Batteries
Brown Paper Bags	Bubble Wrap
Milk / Juice / Broth Cartons	Plastic Wrap / Film / Bags
Plastic Bottles / Jugs / Tubs*	Wood
Aluminum Cans	Ceramics
Aluminum Foil / Baking Trays	Mirrors / Window Glass
Steel / Tin Cans	Lightbulbs
Glass Bottles / Jars	Electronics^

\*Plastics numbered 1-5 accepted

^Residents can schedule free collection of electronics <50 lbs. by calling Groot

#### How To Recycle

- Do not bag recyclables. Place them loose in the recycling cart.
- Replace cap on plastic containers. Do not flatten/crush.
- Empty containers of their contents.
- Rinse items of residue (food, detergent, etc.)
- Sorting is not necessary.
- Place all recyclables in the designated container(s).
- Do not mix garbage with recyclables.

For more information, visit elkgrove.org/recycling or call the Village at (847) 357-4010 or Groot at (847) 734-6400

# Finance Department Awarded Certificate of Achievement for the 39th Consecutive Year!

The Government Finance Officers Association recently awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Village for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022, which ended April 30, 2022.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report fulfills local and state laws requiring the Village to issue an annual report on its financial position and activity. This report must be presented according to generally accepted accounting principles and audited by an independent firm of certified public accountants.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. This is the thirty-ninth consecutive year the Village has received this prestigious award!



# **Clearmont Pedestrian Bridge Construction Update**

Installation of the new Clearmont Pedestrian Bridge has been rescheduled to the beginning of 2024. The Village's improvement project to replace the Clearmont Pedestrian Bridge over Salt Creek has been temporarily postponed due to the delay in material delivery required to construct the bridge.

The new bridge is now anticipated to be fabricated and prepared for delivery this winter. As a result, the contractor will wait to remove the existing bridge until early 2024. The existing bridge and adjacent pathways will remain open through the remainder of 2023. Upon delivery of the new bridge structure, the current bridge and adjacent pathways are scheduled to be closed sometime in January or February of 2024 to allow for the removal of the existing bridge structure and preparation for the installation of the new bridge. A definitive closure date will be announced on the Village's communication channels.

The Public Works Department anticipates the re-opening of the Clearmont Bridge and adjacent pathways to occur in the Spring of 2024. To keep up to date with the Clearmont Pedestrian Bridge improvement project, please visit <u>elkgrove.org/construction</u>.

# **PADS Shelter Seeking Volunteers for Re-Opening**

Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) is still seeking volunteers to assist with providing food and shelter to people in need.

This volunteer opportunity is located at Christus Victor Lutheran Church and is now scheduled to take place on Sunday evenings from November through April, should there be sufficient volunteers.

Opportunities include 3 site manager positions and many general assistance positions. For more information, please contact Ann DeBartolo at <u>ann.debartolo@cvlutheran.org</u> or at 847-437-2666.