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On April 9, the Mayor and Board of Trustees held a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new facility, where it was unveiled to the media and other elected officials. The Ribbon Cutting was followed by an Open House to the public on April 11.

The new facility, which was constructed on the site of the old Police Station, will house the Police Department, Health & Community Services, EGTv, and

Administration. Later this summer Engineering & Community Development will move into the first floor site currently held by Administration, and Fire Administration will move into the lower level site currently held by Engineering & Community Development.

The new facility will officially open its doors on Monday, April 20, when Health & Community Services and Administration open for business. On Monday, April 27, EGTv will begin operating their new office location, and on Saturday, May 2, the Police Department will go live at 6:00 a.m.

Village Green Rehabilitation

On March 24, the Village Board awarded the first of several contracts for the rehabilitation of the Village Green. The work, which began at the end of March, will be completed by the first of July, in time for the summer concert series.

Included in the work will be the rehabilitation of the Village Green fountains, expansion of the greenway, and the removal of the cut-through road between the fountain and greenway.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The 2009 calendar year has already been a busy year for the Village as the winter weather challenges the Village's day-to-day operations.

To date, the Department of Public Works has conducted a total of 34 plowing and salting operations. In addition, Public Works crews have driven a total of 36,765 miles and spread 5,296 tons of salt. During last year's winter season, Public Works crews conducted 38 operations, drove 35,016 miles, and spread 5,417 tons of salt.

The Village Board would once again like to thank all of the Village residents and members of the business community for their support regarding Option D for the Elgin O'Hare - West Bypass route. The Rally on March 11, was a huge success. To date, more than 35,689 comment cards were delivered to IDOT.

The Board would also like to thank Congressman Roskum for helping the Village receive a grant in the amount of \$475,000. This grant will fund the engineering and plan design for a pedestrian bridge over Higgins Road (IL 72) at IL Route 53. This bridge will be a great addition to Busse Woods, completing the loop and allowing pedestrians to safely cross Higgins Road without having to cross six lanes of traffic. This money will help Busse Woods continue the legacy of generating more visitors annually than Yellowstone National Park.

The Board is pleased with the progress being made with the Consultant team of Land Vision, Inc, Civil Tech Engineering, Economic Research Associates, Rocky Mountain Institute and Gary Weber Associates, Inc. working with the Industrial Commercial Revitalization Committee to update the 1998 ICRC Master Plan. When more information on the updated plan is available, the Village Board will present the Master Plan to residents and businesses owners.

We are also excited to announce that the 2009 Alexian Brothers Tour of Elk Grove is well into the planning stages. The 2009 Tour will run from Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 2.



Pictured in front row from left to right are Trustee Nancy Czarnik, Mayor Craig Johnson, and Trustee Chris Prochno. Pictured in the second row from left to right are Trustee Pat Feichter, Trustee Jeffrey Franke, Trustee Sam Lissner, and Trustee James Petri.

This year the entire race will be held within Elk Grove Village. This event will again feature two block parties on Friday and Saturday night featuring concerts and fireworks. Keep checking the website, www.tourofelkgrove.com, for updated information or see page 5 for details.

Businesses on streets that will be impacted by these races will be notified with specific instructions on when traffic will be interrupted. Village staff and volunteers will work with motorists to allow limited traffic in and out of the impacted neighborhoods while maintaining rider safety.

The Village Board enjoyed meeting members of the community and showing off the new Administration and Public Safety Complex at the Open House on Saturday, April 11. Residents and guests were invited to tour the new building.

The Village Board is eager for the construction of the Village Green to get underway. The Board is looking forward to enjoying the new fountains and greenway on Tuesday evenings in July during the Mid-Summer Classics concert series.

Finally, mark your calendars, the Elk Grove Farmers' Market will be held every Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Park District Pavilion located at Wellington and Biesterfield. This year's market will open on June 3 and run through September 30.

ELGIN O'HARE - WEST BYPASS STUDAY

A special THANK YOU is again extended to the Elk Grove Village community. With your support, we were able to collect 35,689 Letters of Support for the West Bypass North Connection Alternate 203 "Option D" proposal as part of the Elgin O'Hare - West Bypass Study.



Several hundred people attended the Rally prior to the Village presenting IDOT with the 35,689 Letters of Support.

The magnitude of the region's support was heard loud and clear on March 11. Illinois Department of Transportation officials have advised us that all 35,689 Letters of Support will be carried throughout the process and will be kept as part of the official record.

In addition to the Letters of Support, Elk Grove Village would like to thank everyone who attended IDOT's public meeting on March 11. More importantly, we would like to thank the several hundred who braved the bitter cold and joined us at our Rally. Your attendance made for an impressive showing to IDOT!

We are highly confident that the Illinois Department of Transportation will continue to listen to the voice of the people and do what is in the best interest of our region by constructing the West Bypass North Connection Alternate 203 "Option D" Proposal. Moreover, by listening to the voice of this region, Illinois Department of Transportation officials will preserve the IL Route 83 (Busse Road) corridor, save hundreds of businesses, preserve thousands of jobs, and save millions in tax dollars.

Elk Grove Village remains committed to doing everything in our power to protect and preserve this community. In addition, we will remain vigilant in our efforts to review any and all Elgin O'Hare - West Bypass plans, foster public discussion and debate concerning those plans.

Should you wish to stay apprised of the happenings of the Elgin O'Hare - West Bypass study, please check their website at: www.elginohare-westbypass.org.

In addition, as important information pertaining to Elk Grove Village becomes available, we will post new information on our website, EGTV, and in upcoming newsletters.



Pictured with nearly 36,000 signed Letters of Support are Mayor Craig Johnson, Trustee Chris Prochno, Trustee Pat Feichter, Trustee Nancy Czarnik, Trustee Jeff Franke, Trustee Sam Lissner, and Trustee Jim Petri.

ICRC Master Plan

The continued success of the Business Park is dependent on the Village's ability to meet the changing needs of the business community.

The Consultant team of Land Vision, Inc, Civil Tech Engineering, Economic Research Associates, Rocky Mountain Institute and Gary Weber Associates, Inc. is working with the Industrial Commercial Revitalization Committee to update the 1998 ICRC Master Plan.

This team has examined land use and urban design, infrastructure improvements, and financing options. The group is helping the Village develop a Comprehensive Master Plan Update and establishing a framework for the continuation of the Industrial Revitalization program for the next ten years.

The study will attempt to anticipate future needs of the Business Park, which will help build a guideline s for future project recommendations. Guidelines and standards will also be set for the redevelopment of properties including major building renovations and teardowns. Future transportation needs will also be analyzed to help prioritize future projects.

RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY...

1. Is your business license up to date?
2. Does your business have a Zoning Permit?
3. Do you have your emergency contact on file with the Police Department?

If you answered “no” to any of these questions, please read below.

NEW BUSINESS LICENSING YEAR - JUNE 1, 2009

A new licensing year is effective on June 1, 2009 for all businesses, occupations, and activities that require a license under the Elk Grove Village Municipal Code.

DOES YOUR BUSINESS NEED A BUSINESS LICENSE?

Businesses conducting retail sales of any product or merchandise require a license. All food, beverage, and vending machines as well as coin-operated amusement/musical devices must also display a valid 2009-2010 license. Other activities requiring a business license include day care centers, food caterers, and most contractors.

Companies are responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses. Pre-printed license applications for businesses currently licensed will be mailed by the end of April. For further information, or to determine if your business requires a license, please call the Finance Department at (847) 357-4062 or stop by the Finance Counter in the Municipal Building.

The annual fee for a business license covers the cost of making inspections necessary to safeguard public safety, health, and welfare. **Failure to obtain a license can result in fines of \$25 to \$500 per day.**



BE A RESPONSIBLE LANDLORD

Occasionally Village inspectors find businesses in the Business park that are not in compliance with the Village Code. This situation arises when a business occupies a building or tenant space without first obtaining a Zoning Permit from the Department of Engineering and Community Development. The resulting consequences can range anywhere from fines to lengthy procedures for compliance and, in some cases, evacuation of the building.

Please take the necessary precaution to prevent this situation by simply advising potential tenants to submit a Zoning Permit application to the Department of Engineering and Community Development. There is no fee associated with this permit and the application is processed within ten working days.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Your business is important to the Elk Grove Village Police Department. The Police Department is requesting each business to update the official emergency contact information. Notifications to business officials may become necessary for burglar/fire alarms, suspicious activity, employee verification, water main breaks or any other instance where an official is needed to respond to the business.

This database will ensure prompt and accurate communication with the appropriate company official when necessary. The Police Department's Information Center officers will be more efficient and effective with a current list on file. Please contact the Police Department's Records Section at 847-357-4136 to update your information.



SPRING 2009 NEW BUSINESSES

The Village of Elk Grove welcomes all new businesses that have entered the Village since our last newsletter.

Abbate's Pizza & Pasta - 1081 Nerge Road
Allstate Printing - 620 Bennett Road
Alpha Omega Profile - 1900 Estes Avenue
American Builders & Development - 2654 American Lane
American Eagle Garage Doors - 1005 Oakton Street
Applied Biomedical - 1481 Mark Street
Arcadia Industries - 2660 American Lane
Bell Fuels - 2451 Landmeier Road
Benchmark Imaging - 221 Lively Boulevard
Binex Signs Corp. - 1505 Carmen Drive
Bio Safe Production Labs - 1400 Chase Avenue
Busse Aurora - 401 S. Busse Road
Cloud Packaging - 2001 Lunt Avenue
Comet Express - 83 Gordon Street
Complementary Coating - 2250 Arthur Avenue
Crystal Threads 7 Supply - 690 Lunt Avenue
Custom Carpet Holdings - 1001 Arthur Avenue
Dashmesh Hospitality - 2550 Landmeier Road
DSV Air 7 Sea - 2500 Brickvale Drive
Dynamic Rubber - 131 Garlich Drive
E P Tech - 40 Joey Lane
Euro Club of Illinois - 2511 Pan Am Boulevard
Extra Wide Sock - 720 Bonnie Lane
Flash Global - 1280 Kirk Street
Fluitemcnik - 1591 Elmhurst Road
Foresight Transport Group - 2195 Arthur Avenue
GasStation/CarWash - 1805 E. Higgins Road
Gemstone - 1225 Greenleaf Avenue
Globe Resource - 2662 American Lane
Grad Flowers - 2479 E. Devon Avenue
Gravel Corp - 2971 E. Higgins Road

Grind Rite Grinding - 2301 Greenleaf Avenue
Heidolph Brinkmann - 1241 Jarvis Avenue
Honor Guard - 409 Busse Road
J D Imports, Inc - 1540 Jarvis Avenue
Kondraros - 125 Randall Street
LBC Mundial - 2427 E. Devon
Lighten the Load - 2440 Greenleaf Avenue
Love Express - 141 Crossen Avenue
MEI Systems - 46 N. Lively Boulevard
Mueller Streamline - 2021 Lunt
Omlat USA - 2911 E. Higgins Road
Phoebus Company - 381 Crossen Avenue
Premier Distribution - 2681 Coyle Lane
Pricise Digital Printing - 1702 Carmen Drive
RD Construction - 945 Criss Circle
Red Star Trucking - 401 Busse Road
Richelieu Foods - 1325 Chase Avenue
S M I - 2287 E. Devon Avenue
SAACHIU - 2395 Delta Lane
Sigma Tek - 1710 Carmen Drive
Stanton Mechanical - 170 Gaylord Street
Synchem, Inc. - 1400 Chase Avenue
The Orsini Group - 1111 Nicholas Boulevard
Transexports, Inc - 2941 E. Higgins Road
Vision Assessment Corp - 2675 Coyle Lane
White Stripe Laundry Corp - 675 Greenleaf Avenue

If you are new to Elk Grove and we have not listed your company, please call the Economic Development Coordinator at (847) 357 4005 to have your name printed in the next newsletter.

Would You Like to Showcase Your Business on Television?

"Strictly Business" is a half-hour program on the Village's Municipal Access Channel. EGVTV goes on location to conduct taped interviews for the program. Each program highlights two businesses. The goal of "Strictly Business" is to inform and educate residents about the many businesses in Elk Grove.

There is no charge to have your business highlighted on the show. If you would like to showcase your company on "Strictly Business," call the Economic Development Coordinator at (847) 357-4005.

Coffee with the Village Board

The Village Board will be available to meet with residents over coffee on the first Saturday in May. All residents will have the opportunity to meet with the Mayor and Trustees to discuss any concerns or ask questions. The Coffee will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Complex from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the following dates:

May 2, 2009
November 7, 2009



Promote Your Business On the Village's Virtual Business Directory

We hope that you have had an opportunity to visit our updated website at www.elkgrove.com. One of the features on this website is the Virtual Business Directory. This directory allows anyone visiting our website to "click" on the name of your company and immediately be connected to your website.

This is another free service provided by the Village to help promote businesses within our community. For more information on how you can take advantage of this service, call our Economic Development Coordinator at (847) 357-4005.

COOK COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Cook County offers tax abatement programs to encourage private enterprises to develop in the county. The goal of this program is to maintain and increase job opportunities, resulting in an increased tax base for the entire county. Currently, the property taxes for industrial properties are assessed at 36% of the fair market value of the property. Property approved under these abatement programs allow the owner a property assessment of 16% for a period of twelve years, a sizeable reduction of property tax due on the property.

In order to be eligible for Class 6B Abatement, the property must be used for an industrial purpose and, meet one of the following qualifications:

- New Construction
- Buying a building that has been vacant for one year or more
- Substantial renovation to an existing building

In order to be eligible for Class C Abatement, the property must be used for an industrial purpose and meet of the following qualifications:

- Because of contamination, said real estate must undergo environmental testing and remediation and receive a "No Further Remediation" letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- The remediation costs total at least \$100,000

Since these programs are offered by Cook County, the applications are made to the County. However, the application must be accompanied by a resolution adopted by Elk Grove Village supporting the application. The Village has supported over three hundred such applications since the inception of these programs in 1984.

If you would like more information about these programs and the necessary procedures and paperwork involved, please call the Economic Development Coordinator at (847) 357-4005.



DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY



MBA Program in Elk Grove

Dominican University's Brennan School of Business is now offering classes for students that wish to obtain a Master of Business Administration Degree at Alexian Brothers Medical Center. Classes are being held at Alexian Brothers Elk Grove Campus. Classes will be offered on weekday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in 10-week sessions. For more information call the Brennan School of Business at (708) 524-6810 or visit their website at www.business.dom.edu/alexian.



THE 2009 ALEXIAN BROTHERS TOUR OF ELK GROVE

The fourth annual Alexian Brothers Tour of Elk Grove will be held Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 2.

The total prize money for this year's Tour will again be the largest purse in the world for a three-day professional cycling event reaching nearly \$200,000.

The first stage of the men's three-stage Pro Race will begin on Friday, July 31 with a 4.5 mile Time Trial. The Pro Men's competition will also feature a 100 mile Road Race on Saturday. The third stage will be a criterium race on Sunday, August 2. This year, the Road Race will be held entirely in Elk Grove Village. Residents and businesses on streets that will be impacted by these races will be notified with specific instructions on when traffic will be interrupted. Village staff and volunteers will work with motorists to allow limited traffic in and out of the impacted neighborhoods while maintaining rider safety.



Due to the closed course, events cannot be run simultaneously and the highly-anticipated Mayor's Challenge will be reduced to only one event on Sunday, August 2. Consistent with years past, the Trustee's Fun Ride will again be open for guests of all ages to ride the course.

The 2009 event will also feature two nights (Friday and Saturday) of live concerts and fireworks. Back by popular demand, the Hat Guys will again entertain at the Saturday night Block Party. An announcement will be posted on the website, www.tourofelkgrove.com when the Friday night band is confirmed.

The Village is again donating a portion of the race entry fees to the Soldiers Memorial Fund which provides scholarships for graduating high school students and financial assistance to the Heart of A Marine Foundation, which serves all branches of military personnel who are currently serving and need special services.

Registration information is available at the website, www.tourofelkgrove.com. As a reminder, all participants must wear an approved helmet and have a completed waiver (signed by a parent or guardian if under the age of 18). Children who are participating can bring their own Big Wheel or borrow one from Special Events Management (on a first come first serve basis).

Additional information is readily available on the "Tour of Elk Grove" website: www.tourofelkgrove.com. If you have any additional questions regarding the race itself, you can contact Special Events Management at (773) 868-3010 x233. Should you have questions regarding sponsorships, please call the Mayor's Office at (847) 357-4030.

The 2009 Farmers' Market

The Elk Grove Farmers' Market is held every Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Park District Pavilion located at Wellington and Biesterfield. This year's market will open on June 3 and run through September 30. Some of this year's vendors will be selling meat, kettle corn, honey, jewelry, and healthy items for our animal lovers. For details about vendors or market events, visit the website at:

www.elkgroveparks.org/farmersmarket.asp





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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, pet licenses, vehicle stickers, and general Village information. In addition, the Finance counter is open on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. through noon, and the Engineering & Community Development counter is open on the first Saturday of the months of May through September from 9:00 a.m. through noon.

Village Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The floor is opened to the public at 8:00 p.m. for comments and questions.

Automatic Bill Payment

The automatic bill payment program eliminates the need to remember a due date, write a check, purchase stamps, and mail envelopes. To participate in the **free** automatic bill payment program, please fill out the authorization form below, attach a voided check or savings deposit slip, and return to Elk Grove Village, Attn: Water Billing, 901 Wellington Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Please note that it may take up to two (2) billing cycles before the automatic deduction becomes active. Your bi-monthly bill will indicate if a payment is due or if your payment is scheduled for an automatic payment on the due date.

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I authorize the Village of Elk Grove to instruct my financial institution to automatically deduct my water/sewer payments on the dates due from the account identified below. This authority remains in effect until I provide the Village of Elk Grove or financial institution written notification of termination in sufficient time to reasonably act upon, or until the Village of Elk Grove has sent me written notice of termination. I understand that I must contact the Village within five (5) working days prior to the payment due date if I dispute the amount due.

 Name Daytime Phone Number

 Address Water/Sewer Account Number

 Financial Institution Name Financial Institution Phone Number

 Account Number Checking Savings (select one)

 Signature Date