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ELMHURST ROAD FULL INTERCHANGE

As part of the Elmhurst Road Interchange Project, a new, diverging diamond interchange is being constructed on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at Elmhurst Road.

The \$54 million Elmhurst Road Interchange Project will complete the existing partial interchange that currently only provides access to and from the east. Construction is scheduled to be completed in 2016, but full access should be allowed by the end of 2015.

Diverging diamond interchanges are designed to eliminate left turns in front of oncoming traffic, smooth traffic flow and reduce congestion. Although speeds are lower, traffic flow through the interchange is more efficient resulting in reduced travel times. Vehicles can enter the interstate highway through free-flow turns unimpeded by traffic from the opposite direction.



DRIVING THE DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGE

On Elmhurst Road

- Advance signage directs drivers approaching the interchange.
- Approaching the first traffic signal, drivers will curve slightly to the left. Drivers will notice traffic on the right.
- Traveling through the first traffic signal, drivers will cross in front of traffic stopped on the right. At this point, drivers will be on the left side of the bridge, with opposing traffic on the right separated by concrete barriers.
- Drivers entering I-90 will turn left from the outside lane using a free-flow ramp – there will be no need for the driver to stop or yield.
- Elmhurst Road drivers will proceed through the second traffic signal.
- Once through the second traffic signal on the opposite side of the bridge, drivers will shift back to the right side of Elmhurst Road.

Accessing Elmhurst Road from I-90

- Exiting I-90, left-turning vehicles will merge into the left lane of Elmhurst Road and right-turning vehicles will turn right at the traffic signal.

Bicycles/Pedestrians

- Bicycle/pedestrian enclosed shared-use path located in the median of the interchange. At each crossing, pedestrians will only need to check traffic coming from one direction at a time.



THE 2014 MADE IN ELK GROVE MANUFACTURING & TECHNOLOGY EXPO

On October 21, 2014, the Village will hold its second annual Made in Elk Grove Technology and Manufacturing Expo.

Exclusive to the manufacturing community, the Expo provides attending manufacturers from around the Midwest a unique opportunity to connect, collaborate, and cultivate relationships with local Elk Grove based companies. “Collaboration breaks down barriers, enhances communication, and serves to make Elk Grove Village, Beyond Business Friendly,” commented Mayor Craig B. Johnson.

There is no cost for exhibitors or attendees; however, in order to exhibit one must be an Elk Grove based manufacturing company. Additionally, attendees must be part of the manufacturing industry or supply chain. No solicitation is allowed.



The website www.madeinelkgroveexpo.com has more information on this year’s event as well as a recap on the 2013 Expo. Attendees can register at this site as well. Those interested in exhibiting should contact Josh Grodzin, Director of Business Development and Marketing at (847) 357-4005 or at jgrodzin@elkgrove.org.

THE 2014 MADE IN ELK GROVE MANUFACTURING & TECHNOLOGY EXPO BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Made in Elk Grove Manufacturing Expo Business Excellence Award recognizes Elk Grove based manufacturing companies that demonstrate leadership in the areas of Innovation, Sustainability, and Community Support.

ELIGIBILITY: Any Elk Grove based manufacturing company can enter any of the EGV Business Excellence Award contest categories by submitting an entry form. Multiple nominations may be submitted by a single manufacturing enterprise, but each must be for a different category. No single enterprise may win more than one EGV Business Excellence Award.

Winners will be announced at the Made in Elk Grove Manufacturing Expo to be held on October 21, 2014. A representative of the company must be in attendance at the Expo to receive their award.



Definition of Manufacturing: The Manufacturing sector comprises establishments engaged in the mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products. The assembling of component parts of manufactured products is considered manufacturing. Establishments in the Manufacturing sector are often described as plants, factories, or mills and characteristically use power-driven machines and materials-handling equipment. Manufacturing establishments may process materials or may contract with other establishments to process their materials for them. Both types of establishments are included in manufacturing. Source: United States Census Bureau.

For more information please visit www.madeinelkgroveexpo.com or contact Josh Grodzin at 847-357-4005 and jgrodzin@elkgrove.org.

COOK COUNTY CLASS 6B TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Cook County offers tax abatement programs to encourage private enterprise to develop in the county and to maintain and increase job opportunities. Taxes for industrial properties are currently assessed by Cook County at 25% of the fair market value of the property. Property approved under a Class 6B and 6C abatement provides for a recalculation of the taxes at an assessment level of 10% instead of 25%, for a period of 10 years. While Class 6B's will not be allowed in the proposed TIF district, over 75% of the Business Park will allow Class 6B's under certain design criteria.

In order to be eligible for a Class 6B tax abatement, the property must be used for an industrial purpose, as well as one of the following criteria must be met:

- New construction;
- Buying a building that is currently vacant; or
- Substantial renovation to an existing building.

The Village does have an application process to determine Class 6B eligibility. As part of the process, applicants must complete all of the necessary work prior to the Village releasing the letter of support. Please allow at least 60 days to complete the application process. Additional time may be need to complete the agreed upon work. For more information on this program, please call Josh Grodzin, Director of Business Development and Marketing, at (847) 357-4005.

JOIN THE VILLAGE'S NEW WEBSITE FOR BUSINESSES

The Village has launched EGVBizHub.com, a business-only internet based portal. EGVBizHub.com is an online oasis for all things business related in Elk Grove. Whether you are a current Elk Grove business, a prospective business looking for a new location, or a real estate professional facilitating the relocation process, EGVBizHub.com offers you easy access to relevant, helpful tools and resources.



If you own or work for a business within Elk Grove Village (any company with an Elk Grove Village address), you are already qualified for a free membership and member profile. Individual [EGVBizHub](http://EGVBizHub.com) memberships include powerful features for the business community. Tools such as discussion boards, a business topic newsfeed, recruitment resources, work referrals & requests, polling, and “Ask the Village” functionality are available to each user through a simple dashboard.

Log onto www.EGVBizhub.com today to start promoting your company! If you experience any difficulty with the site, please contact Josh Grodzin, Director of Business Development and Marketing at (847) 357-4005 or jgrodzin@elkgrove.org.

EGVBIZHUB.COM WINS GOLD

Elk Grove Village's business focused website EGVBizHub.com wins gold. The Communicator Awards is the leading international awards program recognizing big ideas in marketing and communications. Founded two decades ago, The Communicator Awards receives over 6,000 entries from companies and agencies of all sizes, making it one of the largest awards of its kind in the world.

The Communicator Awards is sanctioned and judged by the Academy of Interactive & Visual Arts, an invitation-only group consisting of top-tier professionals from acclaimed media, communications, advertising, creative and marketing firms.





ONLINE PERMITTING

The Community Development Department offers an online permitting website as a convenient option for residents and business owners to apply for a construction permit for their next project.

Available permit applications online include applications for basement build-outs, garages, decks, fences, gazebos, pools, sheds, sump pump burial/connection to the storm sewer, as well as mechanical, electrical and plumbing installations and alterations, roof replacements, fence repairs and replacements, sign permits, zoning and occupancy permits, driveway and apron permits, exterior loading dock permits, parking lot repairs and resurfacing, including striping and signage, sidewalk repairs and replacements, and storm sewer repairs.

In addition to permit applications, property owners can track the status of their permit or inspections and even schedule an inspection 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Property owners may also upload information such as a plat of survey or site plan depicting the proposed work.

For a complete list of required permits and available permit applications visit www.elkgrovepermits.com.

ELK GROVE VILLAGE HUBZONE OFFERS BENEFITS TO SMALL BUSINESSES

The Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program was enacted into law as part of the Federal Small Business Reauthorization Act and falls under the auspices of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The program helps small businesses in urban communities gain preferential access to federal procurement opportunities. Portions of the Elk Grove Village Business Park fall within a HUBZone. To determine if your business is eligible visit the HUBZone website at www.sba.gov and type HUBZone into the search function. The HUBZone page of the SBA website contains a searchable map by address that you can use to determine if your business address qualifies. Benefits of the HUBZone program include:

- Competitive and sole source contracting;
- 10% price evaluation preference in full/open contract competitions, as well as subcontracting opportunities; and
- The federal government has a goal of awarding 3% of all dollars for federal prime contracts to HUBZone certified small business concerns.

For more information on this program and others please call Josh Grodzin, Director of Business Development and Marketing, at (847) 357-4005.

PACE OFFERS VAN SHARE PROGRAM

Pace offers a convenient way for coworkers to carpool to and from work. The Pace Vanpool service is designed to transport a group of 5-13 people to work in a Pace Van.

Employees that live and work near one another and share similar schedules can form a group that conveniently gets them between home and work. Each rider pays a low monthly fare based on distance and number of participants. This covers all costs of the vanpool including fuel, maintenance, insurance, tolls, roadside assistance, and van washes.



The program requires one of the participants to volunteer to be the primary driver. He or she does not pay a fare and also receives 300 personal miles a month! Backup drivers receive a \$10 per month discount. For more information please call (847) 593-7665 ext. 3 or email Pace at Vanpool@Pacebus.com. Businesses are encouraged to share this information with their employees!

BUSINESS EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

The Police Department would like to remind businesses to update their after hours emergency contact information, including an email address. This information is kept confidential and utilized in the event of an emergency.

The emergency contact person should be someone affiliated with the business or property that can make important decisions and respond to the property if necessary.

Emergency contact forms were sent to your business address last summer. However, emergency contact information should always be kept up to date to ensure appropriate personnel are notified if an event occurs. If you have any questions, call the Elk Grove Village Police Department at 847-357-4100.

COMED INCENTIVES TO LOWER ENERGY COSTS

In business it is all about the bottom line. Cutting costs on items such as energy allows you to reinvest funds into new machinery, inventory, and your workforce. Savvy business owners already know this. Did you know that ComEd has programs that can help you identify cost saving measures and provide incentives to implement those changes? These programs go beyond simple aggregation programs.

ComEd offers free online tools such as their Energy Insights website. The site allows you to monitor energy consumption via special recording meters and converts the data into simple to understand graphs and reports that can be sent to you via email. The data allows you to compare energy usage between facilities, identify and correct wasteful trends, and share best practices company wide. To enroll and demo the site, contact ComEd via email at energyinsightsonline@comed.com.

With the data gained from Energy Insights Online, ComEd can also assist with incentives to implement measures that can drive down your energy costs. The “Smart Ideas for Your Business” program offers incentives to implement installation of high efficiency bulbs and fixtures, installation of modern control units, variable speed drives, and variable frequency drives. Incentives are also available to install sensors that turn off equipment automatically when they are not in use. For more information on incentives call 888-806-2273 or visit <https://www.comed.com/businesssavings>.





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IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATED TO THE 2014 MID SUMMER CLASSICS CONCERT SERIES

Starting on Tuesday, July 1, the Village and Park District will kick-off the 6th annual Mid Summer Classics Concert Series. The 2014 concert series promises to be the biggest and best series held to date. The concert series will kick off on Tuesday, July 1 and run through July 29. The concert line-up can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Due to the additional equipment needs and set-up requirements, individuals will not be allowed to reserve seating in front of the stage prior to 2:00 p.m. Chairs can be set up further back on the Village Green prior to 2:00 p.m., but no chairs will be allowed within the work/set-up area in front of the stage.

This year for the concert series additional parking has been made available throughout the immediate area to accommodate concert attendees. The additional parking for this event is available at St Julian Church, Admiral Byrd School, Salt Creek School, and the Alexian Brothers Medical Center Eberle Parking Garage. On-street parking is also plentiful around the venue location. There will be limited handicapped parking behind the Biesterfield Fire Station, otherwise, handicap parking will be available in the Library parking lot. We also encourage those attendees who reside near the Village Green to walk to minimize vehicle traffic in the area.

VILLAGE RECEIVES 3RD HIGHEST RATING IN ILLINOIS FOR QUALITY OF LIFE

Citiesjournal.com, an international on-line website dedicated to quality of life issues in cities, recently published its list of Top Communities in Illinois.

The website specifically identified 13 municipalities that made the cut as the best cities in Illinois. Elk Grove Village ranked extremely well, coming in as the highest rated community in the northwest suburbs and as the #3 rated community in the entire State. There are currently around 1,300 municipalities (cities, towns, and villages) incorporated in the State of Illinois.

This well deserved ranking comes as no surprise being that Elk Grove Village offers an unparalleled quality of life for our residents. Elk Grove Village offers tremendous schools, parks, library, streets, entertainment, Busse Woods Forest Preserve, and numerous recreational opportunities. Elk Grove truly is a great place to live, work, and play.

This recognition follows a long line of awards that the Village has previously received and includes: One of 50 Fabulous Places to Raise a Family, One of the Top 100 Places to Relocate by RelocateAmerica.com, Best Hometown by Chicago Magazine, and Best Hometown Readers Choice by the Daily Herald Readers.

The 13 Highest Rated Municipalities In Illinois:

1. St. Charles
2. Winnetka
3. Elk Grove Village
4. Oak Park
5. Park Ridge
6. Buffalo Grove
7. Naperville
8. Bartlett
9. Mount Carroll
10. Wheaton
11. Mount Prospect
12. Arlington Heights
13. Elmhurst

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Summer in Elk Grove Village is finally here and the Mayor and Board of Trustees are excited for another season of special events!

The Village will again host the Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings during the month of July, beginning on July 1, on the Village Green.

The 2014 event titled “Unity Within The Community” is being cosponsored with the Elk Grove Park District. Joining the Village and Park District in helping to put on this great event are as follows: Meet Chicago Northwest, Comcast, Hamilton Partners, Waste Management, Elk Grove Village Bank & Trust, Tasty Catering, AXA, Rocco Vino’s and Focus Financial - The Griseta Group.

Residents and guests are encouraged to bring a folding chair or a blanket and enjoy the free entertainment. Please visit the front page for important information related to parking and page 3 for this year’s concert line-up.

As a reminder, the Fourth of July fireworks will take place at Lions Park on Friday, July 4 at approximately 9:00 p.m.

The Mayor and Board of Trustees are excited for the return of the Farmers Market. The Elk Grove Farmers Market runs every Saturday through October 12 at the Village Green and promises to be one of the premier markets in the northwest suburbs. Over 5 farmers and 15 vendors will be present. Visit www.elkgrovefarmersmarket.com for additional details.

In addition to the summer fun, the warmer weather also brings summer construction. This year is no different. There are two significant road projects taking place this year - the reconstruction of the Devon Avenue bridge and the construction of the full interchange at Elmhurst and I-90. Both projects are progressing nicely.

The Tollway has indicated that they should have the Devon bridge deck poured by mid-July, and it is anticipated that traffic will be shifted over to the east bound lanes by the beginning of August. This project is still scheduled to be completed by December 2014.

The \$54 million Elmhurst Road Interchange Project will



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

complete the existing partial interchange that currently only provides access to and from the east. Full access to and from I-90 at Elmhurst Road should be allowed by the end of 2015.

In other news, the Village received some positive recognition from Citiesjournal.com, an international on-line website dedicated to quality of life issues in cities. They recently published their list of Top Communities in Illinois, with Elk Grove Village ranking extremely well. Citiesjournal.com ranked Elk Grove Village as the highest rated community in the northwest suburbs and as the #3 rated community in the entire State out of approximately 1,300 municipalities throughout the State.

Additionally, Elk Grove Village was advised by the American Public Works Association (APWA) that the Busse Woods Pedestrian Overpass at Higgins Road and I-290 (IL 53) was selected as one of the APWA’s 2014 Small City & Rural Community Public Works Projects of the Year.

And finally, Elk Grove Village’s business focused website EGVBizHub.com received gold medal recognition from the Academy of Interactive & Visual Arts.



The Village of Elk Grove & Elk Grove Park District Proudly Present
“UNITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY”
MID-SUMMER CLASSICS CONCERT SERIES

JULY 1 AMERICA

America’s albums--six certified gold and/or platinum, with their first greatest hits collection, “History”, hitting four+million in sales, showcase their material encompassing an ambitious artistic swath; from effects-laden rockers to oddball medleys to soul-bearing ballads.



JULY 8 SURVIVOR

In 1982 Survivor’s breakthrough arrived when actor Sylvester Stallone asked them to provide the theme song for “Rocky III”. They released “Eye of the Tiger” which peaked at #1 and remaining there for a total of six weeks, was in the Top 40 for 18 weeks, topped the British charts, and was Australia’s #1 single for four weeks. It won the band a Grammy Award, was voted “Best New Song” by the People’s Choice Awards, and received an Academy Award nomination.

JULY 15 PAT BENATAR AND NEIL GIRALDO

Pat Benatar is a certified rock’n’roll superstar. She is a four-time Grammy winner with six platinum and four gold albums to her credit, 19 Top 40 singles, and was the first female artist on MTV. Benatar and her husband Neil Giraldo have been a working couple since Neil penned the song, “We Live For Love” from her debut album “In The Heat of the Night”.



JULY 22 JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY

JMM has sold 18 million albums, has 36 hit singles including 15 #1’s, 18 top 10’s, and 2 Billboard country singles of the year. He has won 4 Academy of Country Music Awards, 2 Country Music Association Awards, 1 American Music Award, and 3 Grammy nods.

JULY 29 KENNY LOGGINS

Kenny Loggins’ remarkable four-decade-plus career has brought him from the top of the charts to the toast of the Grammys. He’s had smash hits on Hollywood soundtracks, rocked worldwide stages, and found his way into children’s hearts while bringing his soulful, beautiful voice to platinum albums of a stunning variety of genres. He has 12 platinum albums, a pair of Grammys, and hits on almost all the Billboard charts under his belt.



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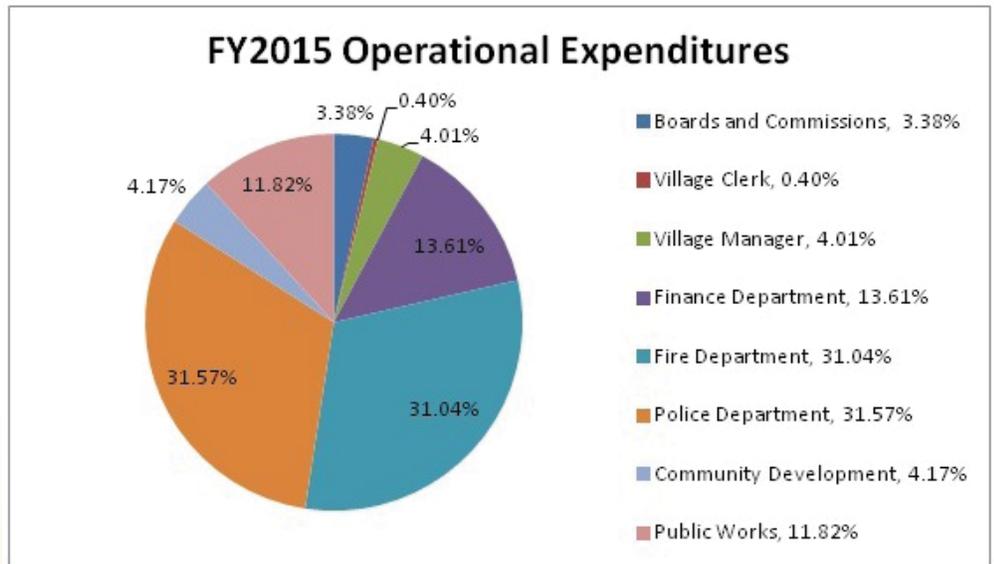
Free Concert Series Located at the Village Green
 901 Wellington Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Every Tuesday in July

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET

On April 22, 2014, the Mayor and Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget in the total amount of \$109,952,878. Mainly due to capital projects, the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget reflects a decrease of approximately 25% from Fiscal Year 2014.

The General Fund budget, which contains most of the Village’s traditional services such as Fire, Police and Public Works, was approved at \$57,219,352. Over the past several years, the Village has worked to right-size the Village workforce while simultaneously pursuing enhanced technologies, more extensive cross-training of personnel and implementing process improvements to ensure that service levels remain at a high and consistent standard.

In keeping with the Village’s commitment to high and consistent standards, the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget was guided by the goal of enhancing customer service for both residents and the Village’s business park. Begun in Fiscal Year 2014 as an initiative to become “The Exceptional Community for Business: The Most Business Friendly Community in America,” the campaign has demonstrated early successes as evidenced by declining vacancy rates in the business park, numerous industry awards, and re-developments within the business park. This initiative will continue in the upcoming fiscal year with the “Beyond Business Friendly” campaign as the Village further builds upon these early successes to bring additional occupancies to vacant buildings as well as tear-down and re-builds of aging facilities.



The Fiscal Year 2015 Budget also includes numerous capital project initiatives as the Village works to continue repairing and improving infrastructure systems. Notable projects taking place in the coming months include storm sewer enhancements and rehabilitations, street resurfacing, and concrete curb replacement.

Other projects of note include the installation of LED illuminated street name signs at points along Higgins Road and Arlington Heights Road, the construction of a pedestrian path connecting Northwest Point Blvd. to the Busse Woods Trail, and a continuation of the EAB tree replacement program with 600 trees scheduled for planting throughout the Village.

The Fiscal Year 2015 Budget also includes another year of free community events including fireworks and fun through the Mid Summer Classics Concert Series and Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony.

ONLINE PAYMENT NOW AVAILABLE

The Finance Department implemented a virtual “Finance Counter” to facilitate water/sewer payments, as well as business license renewals, and Police P&C tickets. Customers can now pay their Village water/sewer bill online at their convenience. Residents and businesses can visit the Elk Grove Village website home page at www.elkgrove.org and click on the “Pay My Bill” tab on the right side of the screen. This online payment method is run by the State Treasury Office. No personal information or credit card information will be stored in the system. For questions, please contact the Finance Department at 847-357-4065.



ELK GROVE FARMERS MARKET

The Elk Grove Farmers Market continues! The Farmers Market will continue to be held every Saturday through October 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Market is located at the Charles J. Zettek Municipal Complex parking lot, adjacent to the Park District Pavilion, and the Elk Grove Public Library. The Elk Grove Farmers Market is dedicated to bringing residents and visitors alike to the best Market in the suburbs. Visit www.elkgrovefarmersmarket.com for additional details.



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Receive alerts about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for the Northwest Central Dispatch System Emergency Alert Program. This emergency notification system enables the Village to provide you with critical information regarding severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. There is no cost to sign up!



Residents can sign up online at <http://www.elkgrove.org/index.aspx?page=639>. For individuals without internet access, applications are also available at the Elk Grove Public Library.

COMMUNITY RESPITE PROGRAM

"A Caring Place" is a community founded respite program, held at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, that provides temporary relief for caregivers and families who are caring for adults with mild cognitive or physical impairments. A caring place allows you to bring your loved one to the program while the caregiver runs errands, shops, has appointments, etc. The program offers fun, structured activity where participants enjoy the company of others while participating in games, exercise, crafts, etc. The program is staffed with trained and caring team members. A Caring Place is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the cost is \$20 per day. Call (847) 890-5334 for more information.

ELK GROVE RECYCLES!

Homeowners are reminded that the Waste Management yard waste program includes the removal of bagged yard waste as well as small branch pickup. Bundled branches up to 3 ½ inches in diameter, and no more than four (4) feet in length will be picked up by Waste Management from April 1 through December 15. Yard waste bags require the purchase of a yard waste sticker; however, small branch pickup is free of charge.



Contact Waste Management at 800-796-9696 for pickup guidelines on items such as logs, lumber, paneling, bushes, stumps and evergreens. Refuse sent to a landfill costs residents approximately \$60 per ton. Remember, recycling saves money! The Village receives a rebate of \$9.80 per ton for recyclables. Tossing recyclables into the trash costs the Village, and you, approximately \$60 a ton in disposal costs and lost revenue.

The Village also collects a number of materials for recycling. For example, the Village accepts household compact fluorescent bulbs from residents. Unfortunately, the Village is unable to collect two or four foot fluorescent lights. The Village also recycles mercury thermometers, old cell phones, and even household batteries!

Please visit www.elkgrove.org for a complete list of items collected by the Village. The Village is a proud partner of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County who provides invaluable information on disposal of electronics, motor oil, paint, or other materials. Please visit www.swancc.org for more information.

2013 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Please go to <http://elkgrove.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=2247> to view your 2013 Annual Water Quality Report and learn about your drinking water. This is also referred to as the Consumer Confidence Report and this report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during the calendar year 2013. If you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home or business, please call the Public Works Department at 847-734-8800.

TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM EMERALD ASH BORER-UPDATE

The Village continues to remove and replace trees impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer in accordance with the following policies and procedures:

Tree Removals

- All Green Ash Trees will be removed by February 2015, dependent upon weather.
- Remaining Ash Trees are of a species more resistant to the borer and will be removed as needed.
- Removed trees will have the stump removed either in Fall 2014 or Spring 2015, dependent on the removal date.
- Stump grindings will be removed within 1-2 weeks following grinding and the area will then be filled with topsoil.



Tree infected with the emerald ash borer.

Parkway Restoration

- Within approximately 4-6 weeks of the stumping operations, the parkway area will be squared off and final graded.
- Shortly after grading (1-2 weeks) we will return to hydro-seed the restoration area.
- The hydro-seeded lawn will germinate within several weeks. Seeding provides a stronger and healthier parkway grass than sod.
- The Village will water the hydro-seeded area for approximately three weeks at which time the maintenance of the seeded parkway will become the responsibility of the homeowner.

Tree Planting

- Trees are planted in early Spring and late Fall, with approximately 600 trees planted annually.
- Unfortunately, due to a quicker than anticipated die-off rate, it may take several years to replace your parkway tree.
- Tree replanting will be given the highest priority in devastated neighborhoods and at properties which do not have a mature tree on their front lawn.

Tree Care

- The Village will place two watering bags on the new trees planted in Spring 2014. Public Works crews will fill the bags weekly dependent upon the weather. Please do not water these trees as too much water may be harmful to the growth and development of the tree.
- The Village encourages residents with trees planted in Spring 2013 or Fall 2013 to participate in our Tree Watering Program.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to cope with the tree disaster brought on by the Emerald Ash Borer. If you have any questions please give our Public Works department a call at (847) 734-8800 or visit www.elkgrove.org.



DEVON AVENUE BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Since the end of February the Tollway has been working on the reconstruction of the Devon Avenue bridge at I-290 as one of the first major components of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access.



Depending upon the weather, the Tollway has indicated that the steel support beams for the east bound bridge will be set and the bridge deck will be poured by the middle of July. During the second half of July, they will be pouring the side parapet walls for the bridge deck. It is anticipated that traffic will be shifted over to the east bound lanes by the beginning of August. It is still anticipated that all of this work will be completed by December 2014.

BUSSE WOODS PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS AT IL RT 72 RECEIVES APWA PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Elk Grove Village has been advised by the American Public Works Association (APWA) that the Busse Woods Pedestrian Overpass has been selected as one of the APWA's 2014 Small City & Rural Community Public Works Projects of the Year – Transportation.



The Busse Woods Trail System has long been recognized by the Village as a key asset to our residential and business community for recreational and commuter use. Additionally, the trail system draws more than 2.5 million visitors a year.



The Busse Woods Pedestrian Overpass at Higgins and I-290 connects the north and south sections of the Busse Woods 11.2 mile bike path. The previous bike path crossed six lanes of traffic at the intersection of Higgins Road and the Interstate 290/Route 53 Frontage Road. The relocated path and new overpass carries patrons of the Busse Woods Trail System over Higgins Road; avoiding the roughly 50,000 motorists a day that travel this busy stretch of roadway.

During the mid-1990's the Village was instrumental in the construction of the first trail overpass of Higgins Road west of Arlington Heights Road. In 2002, the Village constructed an overpass at Interstate 290/Illinois Route 53 north of Biesterfield Road (the "Community Bridge").

These improvements significantly benefited the safety of cyclists and pedestrians utilizing the Trail System and provided a more efficient link to the Elk Grove Village community.

In 2009, the Village secured \$444,600 in Federal funding with the help of Congressman Peter Roskam to initiate design engineering to construct a third overpass along the Busse Woods Trail System. After years of diligent work and with the cooperation of numerous governmental agencies including the Cook County Forest Preserve District and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the construction of the Busse Woods Trail Overpass at Higgins Road has become a reality.

On November 22, 2013, Village officials, as well as Federal and State guests, cut the ribbon to officially open the Busse Woods Pedestrian Overpass at Higgins and I-290.