ELK GROVE Villager

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Village Board Approves Updated Zoning Code

For the last several years, the Village has worked to modernize and enhance the existing Zoning Ordinance for the Village. A new Zoning Ordinance was passed at the December 12, 2023 Village Board Meeting and replaced the former Zoning Ordinance in its entirety on January 1, 2024.

The Community Development Department, in collaboration with the Village Manager's Office, the Village Attorney, and the Village's zoning consultant, created a modernized Zoning Code to reflect the current best practices in zoning and development regulations which align with the vision and future of the community.

As part of this process, the Village completed initial assessments, hosted a community open house, undertook staff review workshops, held Steering Committee review and policy direction meetings, and conducted a legal review.

Following this assessment and public feedback period, the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals held a joint public hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance on November 7, 2023. Both committees unanimously recommended approval to the Village Board.

The updated Zoning Code simplifies the construction processes for residents and businesses, and offers clear and concise requirements with updated graphics, tables, and charts to make the process smoother and more understandable.

The updated Zoning Code, in addition to other codes and standards, is available on the Village website at elkgrove.org/codes.

"Our new Zoning Code is not just about rules, it is about envisioning a vibrant future for Elk Grove Village while respecting the history of our community. The Village is committed to ensuring that the community continues to grow and thrive for generations to come."
- Mayor Craig Johnson

Executive Order Passed to Prevent Unscheduled Bus Arrivals

On Tuesday, January 9, Mayor Johnson signed an Executive Order to create new regulations for the Village that will serve to discourage unscheduled bus arrivals. Owners, operators, or drivers of any bus that is not providing regularly scheduled service that would like to make a stop or drop off passengers in Elk Grove Village now must file an application with the Director of Police at least five calendar days prior to the proposed drop-off date. Any person violating the provisions within the Executive Order are subject to arrest and shall be fined upon conviction. Additionally, the bus shall be immediately seized and impounded.

The Village is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of individuals residing in and visiting Elk Grove Village. Dropping off passengers without prior provisions made for their proper housing and care is inhumane and can have deadly consequences in adverse weather conditions. Such drop-off incidents can increase demand on Village resources, which can threaten public safety and welfare.

Message from the Board

Happy New Year!

We hope that you all had a lovely and safe holiday season. 2023 was yet another remarkable year in the Exceptional Community, and we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure our community continues to thrive.

We have compiled some of the Village's highlights from last year in this newsletter on pages 4 and 5. We encourage you to take a look at some of what the Village accomplished last year. We look forward to another year of successful programs and events in 2024!

Holiday House Decorating Contest

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2023 Holiday House Decorating Contest hosted by the Elk Grove Village Leo and Lions Clubs and the Village. This year's holiday decorations were extremely creative and festive! Each year we enjoy viewing the entries and checking out the decorations.

The winning entries will be posted online this month. Check them out on Facebook at facebook.com/elkgrovevillage.

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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.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Thursday, January 25, at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall in Room E.

Join the Elk Grove Village Police Department to discuss crime trends and other police-related information.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Crime Prevention Unit at crimeprevention@elkgrove.org or call 847 357-4151.

Coffee with the Mayor & Board

Our next Coffee with the Mayor & Board will take place on Saturday, February 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Village Hall in 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.

Contact Us Any Time!

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

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.

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.

A Friendly Reminder from EGVPD

No one likes to get into a freezing car, but cold weather is a prime time for warm-up thefts. This is when thieves steal cars that have been left running to warm up while unlocked and unattended.

If you must warm up your car unattended, use a remote starter or lock your vehicle and use a spare key. It only takes seconds for a thief to strike anywhere, including residential areas, driveways, convenience stores, and gas stations.

Make sure to lock your car and take your keys every time!

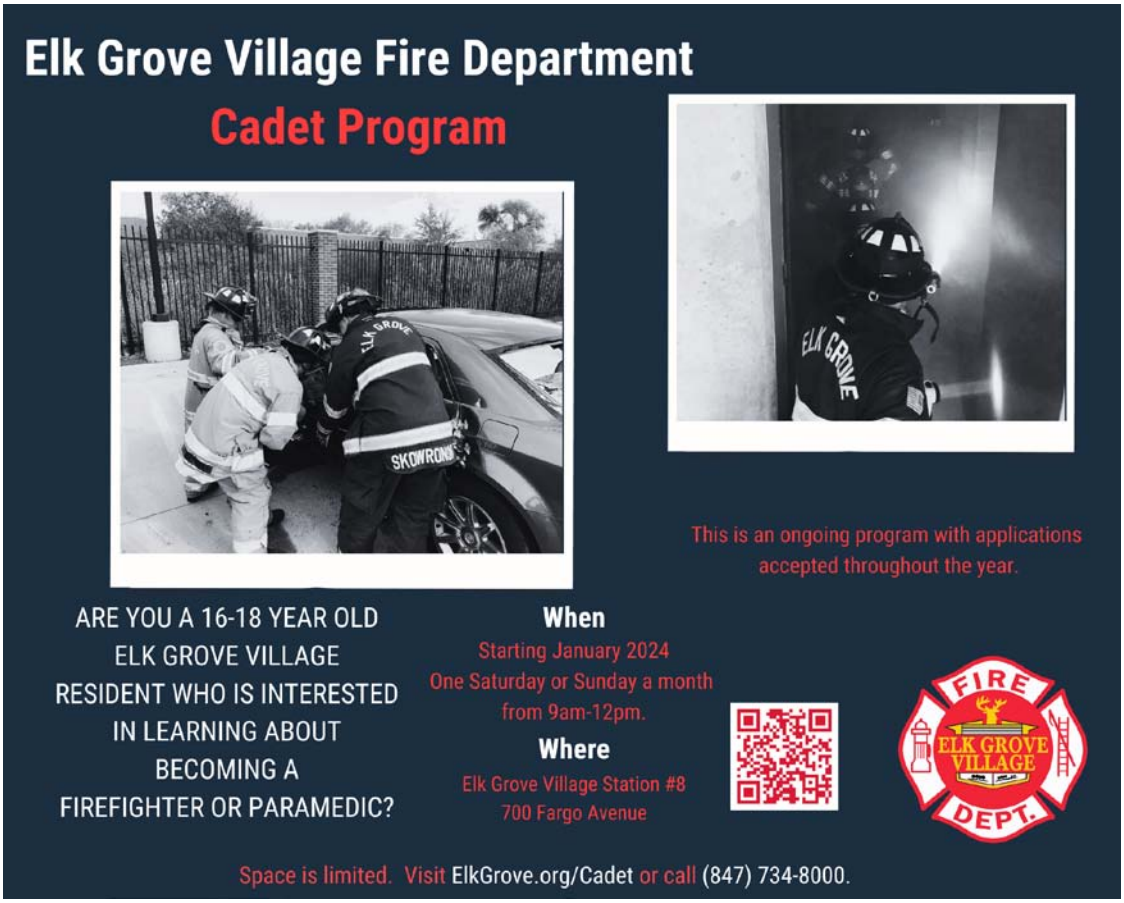
Join the Fire Department Cadet Program!

Discover what it is like to be a firefighter in our exclusive Fire Cadet Program!

Immerse yourself in hands-on training including search and rescue, extrication, EMS, truck operations, and so much more! Our current program is at full capacity, but spots are expected to open in the middle of the year!

This opportunity is available to Elk Grove Village residents aged 16-18. Don't miss your chance to be part of this elite program. Join the waitlist today for priority consideration when openings become available.

Visit elkgrove.org/Cadet or scan the QR code for more information and to complete your application.



Community Development at Your Service

As you begin planning for the construction and renovation season, take advantage of the resources provided by the Community Development Department to make your permitting experience smooth and hassle-free. Whether you're envisioning a kitchen overhaul, a cozy backyard deck, or an addition to your home, the Community Development team is ready to assist you with any questions about your upcoming project. You can complete the entire permitting process conveniently from your home or office by accessing it online at www.elkgrove.org/permits or scanning the QR code below.

Follow the Village on Social!

Stay connected and informed about Village updates, events, and initiatives by following us on Facebook and Instagram!

Scan the QR code to quickly visit all official Village social media pages.

You can also visit the Village Facebook page directly by visiting:

facebook.com/elkgrovevillage

instagram.com/elkgrovevillage_il.

Upcoming Community Blood Drive

Saturday, February 3
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave.)
To make an appointment, visit **vitalant.org**, call **877-258-4825**, or scan QR code. Walk-ins also welcome.

Year in Review
Elk Grove Village 2023

Building Division earned **full accreditation status**

IAS

ELK GROVE VILLAGE Community DEVELOPMENT

19,179 pounds of electronics

14,580 pounds of shredded paper

recycled at summer recycling event

Fire Department responded to **6,236** incidents

ELK GROVE VILLAGE Cares

COMMITMENT COMPASSION RECOVERY

5-year anniversary

Assisted with **93** connections to treatment

Awarded over **$650,000** in federal and state grant funding

Fire Department earned **ISO Class 1 rating**

ISO PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION CLASS 1

FIRE ELK GROVE VILLAGE DEPT.

Constructed **500,000** gallon water tower

MAKERS WANTED ELK GROVE VILLAGE

175 TV programs produced

1,926 bands placed on fire hydrants

Adopted new **Zoning Code**

1,894 building and engineering permits submitted online

Sponsored the “Makers Wanted” No. 6 Ford Mustang Race Car for **business attraction**

180 units of blood donated

540 lives saved

Introduced pay-by-phone for water bills

Installed Narcan dispensing machine at Village Hall

38 consecutive years as a Tree City USA

750 trees planted

1,958 trees trimmed

6,378 leak alerts sent to customers via WaterSmart

749 new accounts enrolled in electronic water billing

"UNITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY" 2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTED BY VILLAGE OF ELK GROVE AND ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT

THE BEACH BOYS

THURSDAY, JULY 4. 8:00PM - ROTARY GREEN

Back by popular demand, one of the most commercially successful bands has sold over 100 million records. They are #12 on Rolling Stone's greatest artists and inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Hear the sweet surfer sounds followed by the Village's gigantic fireworks display. "Surfin' U.S.A.", "Good Vibrations", "California Girls", "Wouldn't It Be Nice", "Fun, Fun, Fun"

MARTINA McBRIDE

TUESDAY, JULY 9. 7:30PM - VILLAGE GREEN

Enjoy the great soprano voice of her country pop material. Ten albums are RIAA Gold certified or higher. She won the Country Music Association Award for Female Vocalist of the Year four times, Academy of Country Music's "Top Female Vocalist" award three times, and is a 14-time Grammy nominee. "Independence Day", "A Broken Wing", "Concrete Angel", "This One's For The Girls", "My Baby Loves Me"

NEON TREES

THURSDAY, JULY 18. 7:30PM - ROTARY GREEN

They received nationwide exposure in 2008 opening several dates for The Killers. Not long after, the band was signed by Mercury Records. Their first single, "Animal", climbed to No. 13 on the Billboard Hot 100 and No. 1 on the Alternative Songs chart. The band has released eighteen singles. "Everybody Talks", "Animal", "Sleeping With A Friend", "1983", "Lessons In Love"

THE FOUR TOPS

TUESDAY, JULY 23. 7:30PM - VILLAGE GREEN

This vocal quartet defines the Motown sound. Their successful songwriting, using a mix of many sounds, crafted hits. The group is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame. In 2004, Rolling Stone ranked them #79 on its list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. "Reach Out I'll Be There", "Baby I Need Your Loving", "Ain't No Woman", "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)", "It's The Same Old Song"

BRET MICHAELS

TUESDAY, JULY 30. 7:30PM - VILLAGE GREEN

You asked and Bret is back! With Poison he sold over 50 million albums. They charted 10 singles to the Top 40 of the Billboard Hot 100. Besides a frontman he has solo albums, soundtracks, and TV shows. In 2006, Hit Parader ranked him #40 on their list of greatest heavy metal singers. "Nothin' But A Good Time", "Talk Dirty To Me", "Something To Believe In", "Every Rose Has Its Thorn", "Unskinny Bop"

Clearmont Pedestrian Bridge Closed Until Late Spring

The Clearmont Pedestrian Bridge is now closed until the completion of the new bridge in May or June. The new bridge will be 400 feet long, twice as long as the old bridge, which will remove the structure from the floodplain, reducing flooding, and eliminating closures of the bridge.

The new bridge will be 14 feet wide to accommodate cyclists pulling trailers and create better shared space for both cyclists and pedestrians. The new steel truss bridge will include new pathway lighting, aesthetic improvements, and an overlook for pedestrians to view wildlife.

Artist rendering of the new Clearmont Pedestrian Bridge to be constructed.

Keep Windshields Clear This Winter!

Remember to always clear snow and fully defrost your car windows (windshield, back and side windows) before you start driving for full visibility of the roads! This important action can help keep you and your family safe this winter.

Also, remember to:

- Keep your windshield washer full of de-icing fluid to easily clear dirt, salt and slush while driving during the winter months.
- Replace wipers when needed – if your windshield isn't getting clean, it may be time for new wipers.

Elk Grove Village's Snow and Ice Control

Winter is here and the Village is ready to provide safe and clear streets. To help achieve our goal, please keep in mind the following:

Priority Plowing and Salting

During snow/ice events, Public Works crews focus on major streets first to provide access for emergency vehicles and heavier traffic, then begin working on all other streets. Crews will continue this process for the duration of the storm and come back to clean up side streets after the snowfall has ended.

Your Role in Clearing Snow

Snow removal equipment is designed to push snow onto the right-of-way which may result in snow being pushed onto driveway aprons, mailboxes, sidewalks, and hydrants. Residents and businesses are encouraged to clear:

- **Driveway aprons and mailboxes** – Place the snow onto your property or the adjacent parkway;
- **Sidewalks** – Place the snow onto your property as the Village does not provide this service;
- **Hydrants** – Clear the snow and ice three feet around all sides of hydrants to provide access in the case of an emergency.

Keep in mind that shoveling, blowing, or plowing snow into the street creates hazardous driving conditions, negates the effort of our snowplowing operations, and is prohibited by law. Please be careful when moving heavy snow.

Winter Weather Parking Restrictions

Parking on all Village streets is prohibited when 2 or more inches of snow has fallen or is predicted to fall. Parking is also prohibited on both sides of the street for 24 hours after the snowfall stops or until the clearing operation is complete.

Drive Safely and Remember to Yield

Remember to drive cautiously and yield to snow removal equipment and emergency vehicles.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Public Works at 847-734-8800.

Don't Let Your Pipes Freeze This Winter!

During the winter season, please be aware of the potential for water pipes to freeze during extremely cold weather. The tips below can help decrease the potential of your pipes freezing, water damage, and costly repairs.

- Shut outside vents in crawl spaces. Many homes, especially older ones, have water pipes that pass right next to outside vents, which increases the risk of freezing.
- When the weather outside is consistently below freezing, open cabinet doors and closet doors where there are pipes. This allows the heat in your home to get to the pipes and reduces the risk of freezing.
- In extremely cold weather, allow a trickle of water to run from your faucets to maintain flow through pipes near exterior walls.
- Know the locations of the "shut-off" valves in your home. Many fixtures including toilets, sinks, and hot water heaters have an individual shut-off valve.
- If a leak occurs, turn off the water at the main shut-off.
- If a pipe freezes, use a hair dryer to help thaw the pipe. Do not use torches or heat guns in any circumstance.

Chimney Fire Safety

There is nothing quite as nice as a cozy evening by the fireplace when it's cold outside. But how much have you thought about the importance of your chimney? A chimney carries dangerous smoke and gases from your fireplace, wood stove or furnace safely out of your home.

If not properly used or maintained, fireplace and chimney systems can cause a serious safety hazard. Follow these preventive measures to help ensure your home is safe from chimney fires this winter:

- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected professionally every year.
- Do not overload the fire box in the fireplace with wood.
- Burn only dry, well-seasoned firewood, which limits the build-up of creosote, a highly combustible by-product of wood burning.

Groot Service Reminder

Tossing a large item? An old appliance?
A scheduled pick-up is necessary for these items because a special truck and additional personnel may be required for safe collection.

Electronic
- Limit 2 items per week
- No charge for items 50 pounds or less

Bulk Item (Non-Electronic)
- Limit 1 item per week
- No charge
- Must be 50 pounds or less
- One person can lift without assistance

Oversized/Overweight Item
- Per-item fee

Appliances/White Goods
- $50 per-item fee

To schedule a pick-up, call Groot at 847-734-6400.
Visit elkgrove.org/recycling for more information.

The Village is accepting unused and non-working 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.

Community Development Department
Village Hall, 901 Wellington Ave.
Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Residents can drop off holiday lights and extension cords now through April 30, 2024. The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclable materials. Call **847-357-4220** for more information.

ELK GROVE Business Matters

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New Water Tower at Higgins/Busse

The Village is proud to unveil its new 155-foot-tall, elevated water storage tank, also known as a water tower. Located at the intersection of Higgins Road and Busse Road, the new Higgins/Busse Water Tower will replace the 121-foot tall water tower on Pratt Boulevard that was built in 1964.

This modern facility plays a crucial role in maintaining water system pressure. The increased height provides more pressure in the system and its 500,000 gallon capacity will help manage peak demand, thus improving water service to our local businesses.

Additionally, the new water tower proudly features the Makers Wanted logo, a distinctive element that will promote the Elk Grove Village Business Park to the over 140,000 vehicles that drive down I-90 every day.

Scan the QR code to watch a one-minute video about the construction process and gain insights into how the EGV Public Works Department oversees our water system.

New Businesses: Welcome to Elk Grove Village!

3 J Auto Body
Adecco USA Inc.
Associated Couriers LLC
Away Staffing Services
Fresita Cakes Café
Minuteman Press
Netko Corp.
R. A. Peterson, Inc.
Regent Logistics
Safeway Transportation Services Corp.
Shummi US
Stone Fireplaces LLC
Techevon LLC

Business Ambassador Visit: Cross Country Mortgage

The Business Ambassador Team visited Cross Country Mortgage, located at 1041 Bonaventure Lane. Since 2003, Cross Country Mortgage has been a nationwide lender of residential mortgages with over 600 branches in the U.S. Rich Kimball, Branch Manager, takes pride in emphasizing efficiency in the home-buying process with a commitment to closing deals within 30 days.

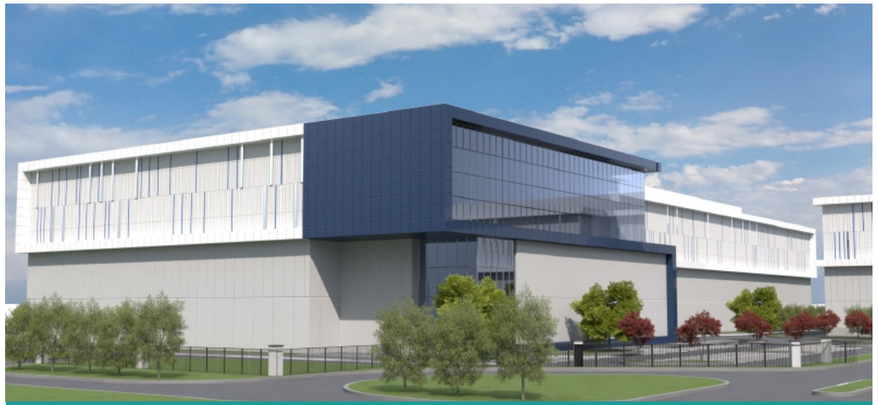
One aspect of Cross Country Mortgage's commitment to community service is its proactive approach to supporting first-time homebuyers. The company has established a program to assess eligibility for various grant opportunities, enabling prospective homeowners to apply these grants towards their loans and help make the dream of home ownership more accessible.

Beyond the workplace, Rich and his team are invested in giving back to the community through the Elk Grove Township Angel Tree and Food Pantry, among other organizations.

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

BEYOND BUSINESS FRIENDLY HIGHLIGHTS

CONTINUED BUSINESS GROWTH



The Village approved two annexations, adding over 130 acres for commercial and industrial use, including two data center campuses.

1.39%
OUR CURRENT VACANCY RATE

$379M
SPENT ON PRIVATE-SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

130+
ACRES ADDED FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USE

FACILITATING PROGRESS

We helped EGV businesses secure over $650,000 in grants.

$650,000+

We hired a new Director of Business Development & Marketing, **Sue Dees**.

The most read **Block Party article** was Builder's Chicago Corp.

The Business Development team conducted **8 Ambassador visits**.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

The Village constructed a new water tower, which will improve water service to the Business Park.

2.3 MILES
OF ROADWAY WERE REPAIRED IN THE BUSINESS PARK

ENVISION ELK GROVE

We launched **Envision Elk Grove**, a comprehensive master plan aimed at revitalizing and enhancing Elk Grove Village's industrial and commercial areas through infrastructure improvements, redevelopment, and business support services.

The NASCAR Chicago Street Race showcased our **Makers Wanted brand** on a national stage through the Village's sponsorship of RFK Racing.
(Photo credit: Journal&Topics)

AWARD-WINNING COMMUNITY

IAS ACCREDITED

The Community Development Department is now among the **top 1%** in the country after IAS accreditation.

2023 BUSINESS FACILITIES TOP RANKED LOCATION

Business Facilities Magazine ranked EGV the **#1 Business Park** in the nation for the second consecutive year.

Presorted STD Mail
U.S. Postage
PAID
Palatine P&DC, IL
Permit No. 11

Business Ambassador Visit: Elk Grove Veterinary Specialty & Emergency

The Business Ambassador Team had the opportunity to meet the staff at Elk Grove Veterinary Specialty & Emergency, located at 1050 Bonaventure Drive. They are a pet hospital that provides emergency care and planned surgeries for cats and dogs and are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

When a pet has an urgent need and a family's regular veterinarian is unavailable, their team is ready to help. Accidents occur with pets, and some of the typical conditions they treat include vomiting and diarrhea, toxic or foreign body ingestion, seizures, and traumatic injuries.

Their hospital has everything necessary to assist dogs and cats in need of immediate care, including in-house blood work, x-rays, ultrasound, and other diagnostic tools to help identify the problem, develop a treatment plan, and provide care or hospitalization. They have over 40 team members on staff, including seven emergency-trained doctors, a Board-Certified Criticalist, a Board-Certified Surgeon, and 15 certified veterinary technicians.

The Ambassador Team enjoyed meeting with the Elk Grove Veterinary Specialty & Emergency team and learning about this great resource for pet owners available in our own backyard. ■

Upcoming GOA Events

Progressive Networking Luncheon
Wednesday, February 14, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Belvedere Banquets - 1170 W. Devon Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Join the GOA for a networking luncheon where you will move to a new table for each course. Every guest will have two minutes at each table to introduce themselves and their company. RSVP to the GOA is required.

Pitchers, Puzzles and Pizza
Thursday, February 29, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Morettis Unique Events - 2525 W. Higgins Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
Grab a team of 4 and get ready to move fast in this team building activity! RSVP to the GOA is required.

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