ELK GROVE Villager

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70th Anniversary Summer Activity Lineup!

In celebration of Elk Grove Village's 70th Anniversary, we've created a fun lineup of activities for the community to enjoy! Join us in creating new memories together, there's something for everyone in this special lineup.

Special 70th Anniversary Concert & Firework Show

Summertime in Elk Grove annually centers around one of our most anticipated traditions, the Mid-Summer Classics Concert Series. This year, we are adding a special birthday concert featuring the band Foreigner and ***the biggest fireworks show in Elk Grove history!*** The concert will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 17 at Rotary Green, followed by the fireworks show.

Community Scavenger Hunt

For those who love a little adventure, take part in our community-wide scavenger hunt! Explore local landmarks, solve clues, and connect with friends and neighbors along the way. Eligible participants will be entered into a raffle for a one-of-a-kind prize: a miniature replica of our beloved clock tower! This replica is a build-it-yourself set made from genuine LEGO® bricks — a true collector's item and a tribute to a local community icon. More information on how you can participate is on page 3.

Community Blood Drive

Our "Roll Up Your Sleeves and Save a Life" campaign to save 700 lives in honor of the 70th Anniversary is well on its way. Donations thus far have equaled 396 lives saved — we're halfway there, keep it up!

The campaign continues this summer on Saturday, August 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Village Hall. All donors will receive a Elk Grove Village-themed goodie bag. For more information or to register, visit the Village website at elkgrove.org/blooddrive.

Message from the Board

Thank You Elk Grove!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who participated in the 1956 Community Food Drive.

Thanks to your generosity and willingness to help neighbors in need, we were able to collect **20,280 items**, surpassing our goal of 19,560 items! **In fact, the donations from our 1956 Community Food Drive are the largest single-day donation to the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry ever!** Your donations will make a meaningful difference for our community.

We are proud and inspired to see our community come together in support of one another. Whether you donated a single item, organized collections, or helped spread the word, we sincerely thank you for your contribution!

We are pleased to continue celebrations for Elk Grove's 70th Anniversary throughout this year, including two more Community Blood Drives, a Community Scavenger Hunt, and a special birthday concert! We hope to see you celebrating with us!

Be Aware and Park with Care!

Maintaining access to sidewalks throughout our community ensures that everyone can get around with ease. Sidewalks blocked by vehicles can present problems to pedestrians, strollers, bicyclists, and people who rely on wheelchairs or motorized vehicles to get around, especially during the warmer months.

Residents may find themselves forced from the sidewalk into the street due to vehicles parked across the sidewalk in driveways.

When possible, practice parking courtesy by keeping sidewalks open for your neighbors. Please remember to be aware and park with care!

A Friendly Reminder for Pet Owners

All pets are required to be kept on a leash when in any public area in Elk Grove Village. Leashes may not exceed 8 feet in length. In parks only, leashes of up to 15 feet are permitted.

These rules ensure safety and comfort for everyone, including other dogs, children, and people who might not be as comfortable around pets.

It is also important to be mindful of pet waste and pick up after them. Please carry waste bags with you and use designated bins for disposal.

Thank you for your cooperation and for being responsible pet owners.

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

Groot observes the following annual holidays:

- ~~New Years Day - Thu. 1/1/26~~
- ~~Memorial Day - Mon. 5/25/26~~
- Fourth of July - Fri. 7/3/26
- Labor Day - Mon. 9/7/26
- Thanksgiving - Thu. 11/26/26
- Christmas Day - Fri. 12/25/26

If these holidays fall on a weekday on or before your scheduled collection, service will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the holiday week. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed on Monday.

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Village Hall is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for payment of water bills, local fines and general Village information.

Village Board meetings are generally held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Fourth of July Overnight Parking

Overnight parking restrictions will be temporarily lifted from 2 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, through 5 a.m. on Monday, July 6, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday and to accommodate holiday celebrations.

70th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt

Join the Village for a fun, community-wide scavenger hunt in honor of our 70th Anniversary! Visit 20 locations around town by following clues and collecting a code word at each stop.

How to participate:

- Tear out the following page and use it to write down the code words.
- Find clues for each location at elkgrove.org/70.
- Starting June 1, you can also pick up a paper "passport" with clues at the front counter of Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave).
- Turn in completed entries to the front counter at Village Hall during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).
- Bring proof of residency (e.g., photo ID or recent mail).

Important dates:

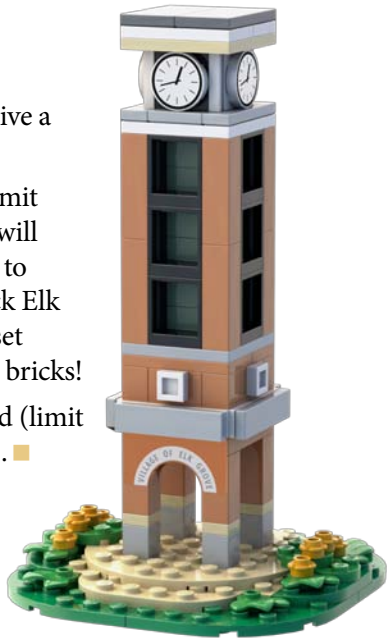
- Hunt runs: June 1 – July 31, 2026
- Turn in completed entries to Village Hall by 5 p.m. on July 31, 2026

Eligibility:

- Must be an Elk Grove Village resident.
- Proof of residency is required when submitting your entry (e.g., photo ID or recent mail).
- Find full rules and eligibility at elkgrove.org/70.

Prizes:

- All Village residents who complete the hunt will receive a small prize.
- Village residents who submit correctly completed codes will also be entered into a raffle to win a custom building block Elk Grove Village Clocktower set made with genuine LEGO® bricks!
- 30 winners will be selected (limit one winner per household).



BUILD Act Could Change Elk Grove Neighborhoods

A new state proposal would reshape single-family neighborhoods across Elk Grove Village. Under the Building Up Illinois Developments (BUILD) proposal, homes in Elk Grove could be replaced with 6–8-unit apartment buildings — **by right**, with no Village approval and no input from neighbors.

The BUILD proposal is intended to increase the housing supply, but in practice it replaces the local regulations that have shaped our neighborhoods with new one-size-fits-all rules from Springfield. Below are some examples of what you could see in your neighborhood if this legislation moves forward.

Single family home replaced by 8-unit condo building

Large addition to existing home to allow additional dwelling units

The BUILD proposal is still under review. If you have concerns, now is the time to contact your State Representative and Senator.

Elk Grove Village residents are represented by Representative Jennifer Sanalitro or Representative Michelle Mussman, and Senator Seth Lewis or Senator Laura M. Murphy, depending on your address—You can check who your State Representative and Senator by scanning the QR code or going to elections.il.gov and clicking "Find My Elected Officials". You can find their contact information below:

Rep. Jennifer Sanalitro (House District 48) - 630-349-0645 or repsanalitro.com/contact.

Rep. Michelle Mussman (House District 56) - 847-923-9104 or staterepmussman@gmail.com.

Senator Seth Lewis (Senate District 24) - 630-349-0645 or senatorlewis.com/contact.

Senator Laura M. Murphy (Senate District 28) - 847-718-1110 or senatorlauramurphy.com/contact-us.

Elk Grove Village believes the State needs to work WITH communities to address the root causes of the housing shortage, instead of proposing a unilateral plan that would fundamentally alter neighborhoods without allowing local communities to guide how and where growth occurs.

Join the scavenger hunt by following the clues found here

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At each location you will see a sign with a code. Read the sign to learn more about the location and write the code word below.

1: _____	11: _____
2: _____	12: _____
3: _____	13: _____
4: _____	14: _____
5: _____	15: _____
6: _____	16: _____
7: _____	17: _____
8: _____	18: _____
9: _____	19: _____
10: _____	20: _____

Once you have all the codes filled out, bring your completed page to Village Hall (901 Wellington Ave) during business hours with proof of Elk Grove Village residency for a small prize and to be entered into a raffle for a grand prize!

The deadline to submit completed entries is 5 p.m. on July 31, 2026. For complete rules and information, visit elkgrove.org/70.

First Name: _____ Address: _____

Last Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

THE VILLAGE OF ELK GROVE AND ELK GROVE PARK DISTRICT PRESENT

MID-SUMMER CLASSICS CONCERT SERIES

JULY 2026 | FREE ADMISSION

JAKE OWEN

JULY 4 | 8PM
ROTARY GREEN
FIREWORKS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONCERT

An award-winning country music artist known for "Barefoot Blue Jean Night", and "Beachin'".

FITZ AND THE TANTRUMS

JULY 16 | 7:30PM
ROTARY GREEN

Indie pop and neo-soul band known for "HandClap" and "Out of My League".

FOREIGNER

JULY 17 | 8PM
ROTARY GREEN
FIREWORKS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONCERT

SPECIAL 70TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Rock n' Roll Hall of Famers known for "Feels Like the First Time" and "Cold as Ice".

SMASH MOUTH

JULY 21 | 7:30PM
VILLAGE GREEN

Turn of the century alternative rock band known for "Walkin' On The Sun" and "All-Star".

AIR SUPPLY

JULY 28 | 7:30PM
VILLAGE GREEN

Worldwide soft rock group hits include "Lost in Love" and "All Out of Love".

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WWW.ELKGROVE.ORG/CONCERTS

PROCEEDS OF ALCOHOL SALES FROM JULY 16 & JULY 17 CONCERTS WILL BENEFIT ELK GROVE ROTARY CLUB

As part of the 70th Anniversary celebrations, we are sharing the history of our beloved community.

THE ELK GROVE CEMETERY

Sign honoring the Revolutionary War veterans buried at the Elk Grove Cemetery.

The Elk Grove Cemetery was formally established by a cemetery association in 1866, although many burials preceded this. The cemetery is located on property originally owned by Frederick W. Miner according to the 1861 plat map of Elk Grove Township.

The first burials at this cemetery were two very young children of Joel Draper and Sarah Cooley in 1837 and 1839. The primary family names found on the gravestones prior to 1866 include Field, Skinner, Draper, Cooley, Barnes, Clough, Kingsley and Wheeler. All these families migrated to Elk Grove from the New England States of Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut as well as from New York.

There are two Revolutionary War soldiers buried in the cemetery – Aaron Miner and Eli Skinner. Miner was Born in 1757. In 1775, he enlisted to fight in the Revolutionary War. At the age of 92, he passed away in 1849 and was buried in Elk Grove Village. Skinner was born in 1760 in Connecticut and enlisted first with the Massachusetts state troops when he was 14 years old. After being discharged, he enlisted a second time in 1776, where he served for a few months. He moved to Elk Grove Township when he was 88 years old and then died two years later.

Additionally, there are several Civil War soldiers buried at the Elk Grove Cemetery including: Samuel A. Clough, Eugene Skinner, John Foust, Marinus Mogensen, and George Fredericks.

With the migration of German families to Elk Grove beginning in the mid-1840s, these families began burying their families at the Elk Grove Cemetery. One of these burials was Henry Heimsoth, about three years old, buried in 1859. He died from yellow fever. He was the son of Herman Heimsoth and Maria Scharringhausen. The primary German family names found on the gravestones include Heimsoth, Scharringhausen, Schnell, Bleile, Everding, Goebbert, Cosman, Busse, Schwanz, Wiebe, Rodewald, Reikhoff.

Elk Grove Village is currently leading the restoration of the historic Elk Grove Cemetery with the assistance of many generous supporters. Ongoing improvements include headstone restoration, new fencing, updated signage, and stormwater management. The cemetery will be rededicated later this year in conjunction with the celebration of America's 250th anniversary and Elk Grove Village's 70th anniversary.

New fence and gate for the Elk Grove Cemetery, 2026.

Article written with assistance from Cliff Schultz, Elk Grove Historical Society.

play, picnic & party

SUNDAY, JULY 12

12 pm – 4 pm

elkgrove.org/play

VILLAGE GREEN
BALLOON ARTISTS
K9 DEMO / MEET & GREET
PETTING ZOO
POT - A - PLANT
TOUCH - A - TRUCK
AND MORE!

PAVILION FIELD
ATTRACTIONS
ELK GROVE IDOL
LIVE MUSIC
WATER FUN
FOOD TRUCKS
AND MORE!

LIBRARY
BUMPER CARS
KIDS RACETRACK
FOAM PARTY*
LIVE MUSIC*
ICE CREAM TRUCK
AND MORE!

FREE FAMILY EVENT

Door-to-Door Solicitors

Anyone seeking to solicit within the Village, other than religious or political organizations that are protected under the First Amendment, must apply for a Certificate of Registration with the Village. This does not include people who are exclusively distributing fliers. **Although the Village registers solicitors, it does not endorse or support the company or product being solicited.**

Village Ordinance requires the individual to apply with the Village Clerk's Office prior to doing any door-to-door business in Elk Grove. The Village reviews the application and conducts a background check for each individual. Upon approval, the applicant is issued a Solicitor Identification Card, which must be visibly displayed at all times while soliciting in the Village. Identification cards include a photo of the solicitor, their name and permit expiration date.

Uninvited solicitors or suspicious individuals who cannot provide proof of solicitor registration should be reported immediately by calling 9-1-1. Current solicitors can be viewed on the Village website at elkgrove.org/solicitor.

No solicitor, whether registered with the Village or not, is permitted to engage in soliciting prior to 9 a.m. or after 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Soliciting is not permitted on Sundays or on state or national holidays.

Scan Here for Approved Solicitors

or go to elkgrove.org/solicitor

Uninvited or unregistered solicitors, or suspicious individuals who cannot provide proof of solicitor registration should be reported immediately by calling 911.

Swimwear Color Safety & Summer Preparedness

As summer approaches and families spend more time around pools, lakes, and other bodies of water, safety should remain a top priority. One often overlooked factor is swimwear color. Bright, high-visibility colors—such as neon orange, yellow, and pink—are much easier to see in the water, while darker colors and blues can quickly blend in and become difficult to detect. Please refer to the attached chart when selecting swimwear for yourself and your children.

In addition to choosing visible swimwear, residents are encouraged to follow a few key summer safety practices:

- Always provide active supervision when children are in or near water
- Ensure young or inexperienced swimmers wear properly fitted life jackets
- Stay hydrated and take breaks to avoid heat-related illness
- Apply and reapply sunscreen regularly to prevent sunburn
- Never swim alone, and be aware of changing weather conditions

Taking these simple precautions can help ensure a safe and enjoyable summer for everyone.

Add Emergency Contacts to Your Driver's License

The Illinois Secretary of State provides a free Emergency Contact Database, allowing you to add emergency contacts to your driver's license record. If you're ever involved in a crash or medical emergency and unable to communicate, law enforcement can quickly notify your designated contacts.

It's voluntary, free, and secure. Only law enforcement can access this information to ensure your family is notified when it matters most. We encourage all residents to take a few minutes to register, because preparation today can make all the difference tomorrow.

Sign up on apps.ilsos.gov/eci to:

- Add up to two emergency contacts
- Include important medical or special needs information
- Update or remove information anytime

Receive a Water Bill Credit in the Tree Watering Program

The Tree Watering Program is a voluntary program available to all residents who had a parkway tree replaced during the previous 5 years. For example, trees planted in the spring or fall of 2021 or later are eligible for the program.

The program provides residents with a one-time $25 water bill credit in exchange for assisting the Public Works Department in watering a parkway tree that meets this criteria. Public Works crews will place a tree bag on the parkway tree and then the participating resident will need to add water to the bag twice per week. This is roughly equivalent to 40 gallons of water over the course of the program. A $25 credit will appear on a resident's water bill in November/December after the program has been completed.

Please note residents are only eligible for the program one time. If you have already received a credit for watering your tree in the past, you are ineligible to receive another credit.

By participating in the program, you can contribute to the health and growth of the urban forest and build a more sustainable community. If you would like to participate in the program, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 734-8800 or submit a request online at elkgrove.org/trees.

NotifyEGV

Register to receive important community notices via phone call, text message, and/or email!

Visit elkgrove.org/stayconnected or call 847-357-4010 to register.

RECYCLE / RECICLAR

Thank you for recycling these items Gracias por reciclar estos artículos

METAL

Steel & aluminum containers and foil
Envases de acero/aluminio y papel de aluminio

CARTONS/ ENVASES DE CARTÓN

Empty & replace cap
Vacíe y reemplace la tapa

GLASS/ VIDRIO

Bottles and glass jars only
Botellas y frascos solamente

PAPER/PAPEL

Cardboard (flattened), paper cups, office paper, newspaper, magazines
Cartón (aplanado), vasos de papel, papel de oficina, periódico, revistas

PLASTIC/ PLÁSTICO

Bottles, tubs, & jugs only
Botellas, jarras y recipientes de plástico solamente

DO NOT RECYCLE: NO RECICLAR:

Do Not Bag Recyclables (No Garbage)
No coloque los reciclables en bolsas (No es basura)

No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap
No bolsas, ni envolturas de plástico

No Tanglers, Cords, Hoses or Chains
No coloque artículos que se enredan como cuerdas, mangueras o cadenas

No Bulky Items
No artículos voluminosos

No Foam
No espuma/ poliestireno

ELK GROVE Business Matters

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Cutting with Micron Precision: Inside an Elk Grove Manufacturer

In March, Village officials visited Seibu America Corporation's North American headquarters located at 1550 Louis Avenue as part of the Business Ambassador program. Originally established in Japan, Seibu America serves as a key hub for the company's operations across North America.

During the visit, officials learned about Seibu's pioneering role in electrical discharge machining technology, including the development of the world's first CNC Wire EDM in 1972. This advanced technology uses an electrically charged wire to cut metal with extreme precision, down to one micron, or approximately 1/70th the width of a human hair. These capabilities support critical applications in aerospace, medical device manufacturing, and high-precision automotive components. As the company approaches its 100th anniversary in 2027, Seibu continues to drive innovation and deliver cutting-edge solutions that strengthen global manufacturing.

State of the Village 2026

On Thursday April 9, the Village hosted its annual State of the Village Address at Belvedere Banquets. The event brought together 250 attendees, including community members and local businesses alike, for lunch, networking, and a look at the Village's progress. Mayor Craig Johnson highlighted 2025 accomplishments including over $566 million in private sector investment and being named a top 10 industrial park for the fourth year in a row.

Additionally, he shared exciting plans for 2026 including a new Elk Grove Ice Arena, and new food and drink options with Culver's and Dutch Bros. Coffee coming soon!

Thank you to all who joined us as we celebrated Elk Grove Village's accomplishments and looked ahead to the future! To see all event photos, please scan the QR code.

Façade Improvement Program is Now Live!

We've launched two Facade Improvement Programs offering 50% reimbursement, up to $150,000, for exterior building upgrades.

One program is available for industrial and commercial properties in eligible TIF districts, and the other is designed specifically for retail buildings located in Elk Grove Village.

Funding is limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more and see if your project qualifies, please scan the corresponding QR code.

Retail

TIF District

A Corner Reimagined, A Legacy Continued

On April 16, Village officials celebrated a ribbon cutting for two newly completed retail buildings at The Vue, located at the corner of Arlington Heights Road and Higgins Road. The event marked both a construction milestone and a return for four businesses with deep roots in the Village.

Jarosch Bakery, Tensuke Market, Vini's Pizza, and 7 Mile Cycles reopened their doors in newly built spaces, continuing their long-standing presence in Elk Grove Village while embracing a modernized setting.

The Vue is a 10-acre mixed-use redevelopment transforming a former shopping center into a vibrant destination for dining, retail, and residential living. The project reflects continued investment in a key Village corridor, bringing new life to the area while supporting businesses that have been part of the community for years.

A Tradition of Flavor Arrives in Elk Grove Village

In February, Village officials celebrated the ribbon cutting of Sattvic Indian Thali Restaurant, introducing a new dining experience rooted in culture and tradition.

Founded by Shweta Bharwad, the restaurant is inspired by her upbringing in Gujarat, India, where meals were a daily expression of family and connection.

Sattvic Thali brings that tradition to life through vibrant vegetarian thalis, featuring fresh vegetables, handcrafted breads, and flavorful curries prepared daily using time-honored recipes.

The restaurant is located at 633 Meacham Road, at the northeast corner of the intersection of Meacham Road and Biesterfield Road.

From London to Elk Grove: A New Take on a Classic Pie

In March, Village officials celebrated the ribbon cutting of Pies of London, introducing a business inspired by tradition and a passion for baking.

Founder Dedun Sonaike drew on her early experience working in her father's bakery and her travels to England to bring authentic English meat pies to the Chicagoland area.

The shop, located at 1071 Rohlwing Road, features traditional British comfort food made with fresh ingredients and classic recipes, offering customers a taste of England's beloved savory pie tradition.

70 Years of Elk Grove Village

Elk Grove Village marks 70 years since its incorporation in 1956, when a bold vision transformed farmland into a planned community. Over the decades, its story has been defined by standout moments, from becoming home to the largest business park in North America to national marketing campaigns including the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl and a NASCAR partnership with Brad Keselowski.

Scan the QR code to watch a fast-paced video that brings these historic milestones to life.

Building Connections at Permit Café

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Permit Café! We appreciate the opportunity to connect with local businesses, residents, and contractors to answer questions on permits, codes, and upcoming projects.

Events like this help make the permitting and construction process more accessible and we're glad you were part of the conversation!

Upcoming GOA Events

Summer Kickoff Luncheon
Wednesday, June 10, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
The Biergarten by BarleyHaus - 500 Park Boulevard Level 100
Itasca, IL 60143
Kick off summer with a fresh-air networking experience at the Biergarten by BarleyHaus! This casual yet engaging luncheon is the perfect opportunity to build new connections, catch up with colleagues, and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere that makes summer networking so special.

Networking Breakfast
Wednesday, June 17, 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Garden Terrace Room - 1000 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Networking activity can vary month to month but everyone will have 15 seconds to stand up and introduce themselves and their business to the room full of members and guests.

Business After Hours - BHHS American Heritage Real Estate, American Family Insurance, & CrossCountry Mortgage
Thursday, June 25, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices - 1010 Rohlwing Road
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Join the GOA for some relaxed networking with fellow members and guests. Make new connections while enjoying complimentary food & drinks.

Young Professionals Group - Schaumburg Boomers Outing
Tuesday, June 30, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Wintrust Field - 1999 S. Springinsguth Road
Schaumburg, IL 60193
Network and connect with fellow YPG members while enjoying the beautiful summer weather, professional networking, and a baseball game in the wonderful ambiance of Wintrust Field.

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