

Village Hall Updates & Information

ELECTION NEWS

RECENT CHANGES TO WISCONSIN ELECTION LAWS

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Beginning in 2012, you cannot receive a ballot until you have met Photo ID requirements. You **must** show a Wisconsin Drivers License if you have one. If you do not have a Wisconsin Drivers License you must provide a Wisconsin DOT-issued photo ID card, US Passport, or Military ID card.

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are new to the Village or haven't voted for four years, please make sure you are registered to vote.

If you are not sure if you are registered to vote in Elm Grove, call us or you can look online at <http://gab.wi.gov>. Click on the quick link: Voter Public Access, then Voter Search. Type in your name and birth date. If you are registered to vote anywhere in the state, your voting information will show up.

If you are not registered to vote, you can download the Voter Registration Application from the Elm Grove website at www.elmgrovetownship.org or from <http://gab.wi.gov>. You can also come in to Village Hall to register during normal business hours up to the Friday before an Election. You will need to show proof of residency and know your Wisconsin Drivers License number, or if you do not have one, the last four digits of your Social Security number.

Please save yourself some time on Election Day and register beforehand.

ABSENTEE VOTING

For those of you who cannot come to the polls on Election Day you can vote by absentee ballot. You can come into Village Hall and vote in person or request that a ballot be mailed to you. To have an absentee ballot mailed to you, you must complete the Application for Absentee Ballot Request form, found at www.elmgrovetownship.org. Please complete the form and mail to Village Hall as soon as possible. The last day we can mail absentee ballots is the Thursday before an Election. Give yourself plenty of time and make the request as soon as possible. Please note the change in Wisconsin Law requires that proof of Identification is now required to vote absentee. If you vote by absentee ballot in the office, you must **show** your acceptable photo identification. If you vote absentee by mail you must **include a copy** of your acceptable photo identification with your request.

For further information, please check our website or the Government Accountability Board at <http://gab.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 262-782-6700. Normal hours are Monday . Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mary Stredni, Village Clerk

Challenge Your Family to Recycle More and Reduce Taxes

Did you know?

It costs about \$45 for every ton of trash that you throw away
If you recycle all you can, your community receives a larger rebate each year that lowers your taxes.

If each of us does our part, disposal costs will go down, revenues will go up, and there will be more material for manufacturers to use to make new products. More jobs and more value will be added to the economy.



We need your help! Talk to your school or organization and join the Challenge at www.ReduceYourWasteStream.org

Sponsored by Waukesha County www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION



NEW DPW HOURS

In 2011, the Village suffered a very costly expense when some unwanted scrap metal found its way into the brush pile. This scrap metal went undetected and made its way through the brush grinder, causing significant damage to the machine, and leaving small pieces of metal in the processed woodchips. These woodchips would have been available to our residents, but instead, had to be hauled to a landfill. This, along with many non-residents and contractors using our facility and the dumping of other illegal items, has forced the Village to staff the yard when open to the residents. In an effort to keep the yard open to our residents while maintaining control of the yard, the Village has decided to only open the yard three (3) days a week from March . October. During the leaf season, hours will be expanded to seven (7) days a week.

AFTER SATURDAY JANUARY 7TH, 2012 THE YARD WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION. WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY MARCH 27TH, 2012

THE NEW HOURS ARE:

MARCH - OCTOBER
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY – 1:00pm – 6:00pm
SATURDAY – 8:00am – 4:00pm

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER
MONDAY – FRIDAY - 9:00am – 5:00pm
SATURDAY – 8:00am – 4:00pm
SUNDAY – 12:00pm – 4:00pm



NEW!

CARTONS are now RECYCLABLE.

It's easy:

- 1 Empty and rinse your milk, juice & soup cartons.
- 2 Throw caps and straws away.
- 3 Place cartons in your blue bin with bottles & cans.

RECYCLE MORE

www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling



PLEASE FILL OUT THE ELM GROVE RECREATION DEPARTMENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Your opinion counts!

We want your feedback! Please fill out the Elm Grove Recreation Department Satisfaction Survey, on page 11, to let us know what you think of our programs. Your feedback, suggestions, and comments help us provide high quality programs for your community.

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SEWER PROBLEMS???

If you experience sewer problems or backup at your residence, notify the Village immediately so we can have the Department of Public Works check the street sewer. The telephone number is **(262) 786-4141**. This is the non-emergency phone number for the Elm Grove Police Department.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Once again the Department of Public Works will be picking up Christmas trees through February 10, 2012. We ask that all lights be removed from the trees. Please place the trees at the end of your driveway, **TREES IN BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**



SNOW REMOVAL

As in past winters, the Department of Public Works will do its best to give the resident and the driving public the safest driving conditions possible. The Department of Public Works is asking your cooperation in removal of driveway snow. Please do not blow snow into the street and if a private contractor must plow snow out of your driveway, they must clean up the street.



SNOW EMERGENCY

Remember there is **NO PARKING** on any Village street during snow emergencies. For information on snow emergencies, tune your radio to one of the local stations.

FIRE HYDRANTS

If you have a fire hydrant in front of your property, it would be to your advantage to keep a path cleared to the hydrant.

Mailbox Replacement Policy

When a mailbox or post is damaged during our snow removal operations, the following will occur:

- Inspection of mailbox and post to determine cause of damage.
- Inspector will determine who is at fault (improper installation of mailbox, plow operator error, or non contact (snow rolling off plow).
- Following investigation, the mailbox or post will be repaired or replaced if the plow operator is at fault.
- Decorator mailboxes and posts that receive direct contact from snow removal equipment will be replaced with a **standard mailbox and post.**



***The majority of mailbox and post damage is the result of improper installation or maintenance. A properly installed and maintained mailbox should withstand the snow removal operations that occur during the winter months.**

*It is very uncommon that a mailbox is directly contacted with snow removal equipment. The average number of mailboxes that receive direct contact from snow removal equipment during a snow storm is less than one percent.

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ELM GROVE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY 2 012

The Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy is a community relations based program designed for the citizen to do two things. First, to meet the men and women who serve them, and secondly, to be educated about the how and why of law enforcement. The primary objectives of the Citizen Police Academy are:

- To increase citizen awareness of a police officer's job responsibilities.
- To improve communications with citizens and create an understanding between police department employees and residents of the community.
- To educate citizens of the community who can assist in the dissemination of information to the public concerning operations of the department.
- To allow citizens an opportunity to ask questions about services and express their views or other concerns.

The students who participate in this program are very much encouraged to be involved in the instruction by promoting a two way lecture. We encourage input from citizens.

The participants are given a realistic view of the department. A wide variety of topics are discussed, from an introduction to the police department to understanding patrol procedures, state statutes and traffic law, the judicial system, court room procedures, officer survival and use of force, criminal investigation, evidence collection, crime prevention, and police officer requirements, to mention a few.



The Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy will meet once a week from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Elm Grove Police Department, 13600 Juneau Blvd. The course consists of 10 sessions with the final session serving as the graduation. During the Citizen Academy, students may participate in a ride-a-long with an officer and observe in the communication center. Students who successfully complete the Citizen Police Academy will be invited to participate in the graduation ceremony and banquet.

For additional information contact Sgt. Jason Kubiak at (262)786-4141 or email at jkubiak@elmgrovetwi.org.

The Police Department is accepting applications for those interested in the Spring 2012 CPA class, scheduled to begin in April. Deadline to submit your application is March 11th, 2012. An application is available at the police department or Village Hall.

SEEDS OF WISDOM FROM THE FORESTER

With spring ahead of us, our thoughts can once again go outdoors to our yards and what needs to be done. Spring division of perennials will not only increase the amount of plant material in your gardens but can also reduce fungal pathogens from invading. Spring is also a favorite time for homeowners to prune trees and shrubs. Temper this need to prune by keeping in mind the habit and biology of the trees or shrubs being pruned. If the plant is spring flowering, pruning will remove the flowers for that season, or some trees will flow large amounts of sap in the spring if pruned to late in the spring season. Planting is also very popular this time of year but, remember, planting holes should be large enough for new roots to flourish. For helpful hints for planting and care please visit the Forestry page of the Village's website. The Forestry Dept. will again be planting trees on the Right of Way, so watch for a letter and a stake indicating where in your front yard a new tree might go.



Emerald Ash Borer is a continuing issue all of us will need to deal with. Take an inventory of your property and, if large amounts of ash are present, removing some of the ash, planting other species where possible, and possibly chemically treating others, will keep our yards healthy and diverse to keep Elm Grove a beautiful place to live.

We are now a member of Bird City. Watch for our Migratory Bird Day coming this spring, when we will walk through the park scouting for birds and handing out birding information for your back yard bird habitat.