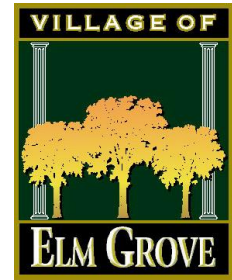


VILLAGE OF ELM GROVE

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Dear Neighbor:

This edition of the newsletter provides an opportunity to reflect on the year nearly past. The Memorial Day weekend train accident forced the cancellation of the annual parade but put heroism on display. Village Police Officer John Krahn continues the hard work of recovery.

The international economic slump continues to take its toll on individuals, businesses and local government yet shows some signs of improvement. The Village Board approved a 2010 budget which reflects the large reduction in state tax revenue sent back to the Village and a 15% increase in health insurance costs. The 2010 budget calls for a small decrease in the tax levy (total amount of revenue collected from Village taxpayers) which was accomplished with a change in office staffing and very tight budgeting on all other expenses.

Commitment letters to property owners along the proposed municipal water system route will be mailed in early January. These letters seek to determine the number of property owners willing to commit to joining the proposed water system. The Village Board has indicated that if enough property owners sign commitment letters to cover the cost of the proposed system then a final vote to consider approval of the system will be scheduled. If you have questions about the proposal please contact a Village Board member, a member of the ad hoc water committee or the Village manager's office.

The Public Works Committee of the Village Board is considering design proposals to modify the Juneau Boulevard railroad crossing. Failure to adopt new crossing controls will cause the Village to lose our "no whistle" designation from the Federal Railroad Administration. If you are interested in this matter please contact a committee member or check the Village website for proposal information.

The remodeled Children's Area at the Elm Grove Library is open and ready to delight youngsters and adults. The library is a wonderful local resource I invite you to take advantage of.

Park use continued to grow in 2009 and restoration plantings are thriving. The Elm Grove Foundation has made a generous donation to provide a drinking fountain near the path on the west side of the pond near the playground. If you would like to donate to provide park facilities please check the park area of the website.

The Christmas holiday is a time when the beauty of our community shows through decorations, donations and remembrance of those we lost during the year. Elm Grove continues to be a special place to live.

The Palmer family wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Village Officials

Do you have a question to ask your Village Trustees?

or

Do you have something that you would like to share with them?

Well your elected officials are only a few keystrokes away. They are now available by e-mail. Write and express your questions or concerns. Your Village Officials are here to serve you.

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Public Works Director.....	Mike Flaherty
Library Director	Robert Trunley
EMS Director	Jon Robinson
Forester	Ron Hill

Planning and Zoning Department

Dumpster Enclosures

Village of Elm Grove Code of Ordinances section 220-10 describes the minimum standards for garbage and refuse containers. Recently, the Code was amended by the Board of Trustees of any ambiguous language previously written into the code. The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure the beauty of the Village is maintained by screening all garbage containers from casual view. Screening of containers can be done in a number of ways, for example, planting of foliage or building a fence around the container. Currently, the Village is working towards full compliance of this ordinance by all commercial properties in the Village of Elm Grove. Plans for screening must be submitted to the Village no later than June 2010 and the screening must be built by December 2010. By working together with commercial property owners we will be able to ensure that the integrity of the vision of Elm Grove is maintained.

Department of Public Works



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Once again the Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees through February 5, 2010. We ask that all lights be removed from the trees. Please place the trees at the end of your driveway

SNOW REMOVAL

As in past winters the Public Works department will do its best to give the residents 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.

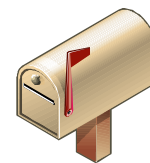
DPW WINTER HOURS

The DPW yard will be closed on Saturdays beginning January 09, 2010. We will reopen on Saturday, March 27, 2010. The DPW yard will however continue to be open to residents for brush Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SEWER PROBLEMS???

If you experience sewer problems or backup at you 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.

Mailbox Replacement Policy



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

1. Inspection of mailbox and post to determine cause of damage.
2. Inspector will determine who is at fault (improper installation of mailbox, plow operator error, or non contact (snow rolling off plow).
3. 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.

Elm Grove Public Library



An Evening of Christmas Cheer for the Whole Family! Thursday, December 10 at 5:45-8:00 p.m.

Join us at the Elm Grove Library for a cozy evening of sweet treats, Christmas crafts and family films on the big screen. Enjoy a delicious dessert and cup of hot chocolate while you work on Christmas **crafts beginning at 5:45 p.m.** Then at **6:30**, gather for **%A Charlie Brown Christmas+** and **%Dr Seuss+How the Grinch Stole Christmas+(the original)** on the big screen without commercials!

Feel free to bring your own hot chocolate mug if you prefer, and something comfy to sit on for the movie. For more information or to make reservations for this event, call the Elm Grove Library at **262-782-6717**.

The library wishes to thank the Friends of Elm Grove Library for the newly remodeled Children's Area of the library. Parents and grandparents love the inviting and comfortable surroundings, and children all agree the new area is **%AWESOME+!** Thank you Friends, and all in Elm Grove who have donated their time, talents, and treasure to make this a reality.

Forester

Once again I must start with Emerald Ash Borer News. The insect has been found in New Burg, Oak Creek, Franklin and Kenosha. The insect is probably being moved by firewood, so please buy firewood from a reputable provider and inquire where the wood comes from. Homeowners with a heavy population of ash should be formulating a tree plan for their property. This insect will be attracted to all ash species healthy or not. The Foresters web site can direct you to many good sites for further information.

With winter approaching evergreens need water up until the ground freezes. Good water management will help in reducing winter burn on those plants.

Any problems with trees or shrubs, please contact the Forestry Department at 782-6700 or forester@elmgrovi.org.



Police Department



All of us at the Elm Grove Police Department hope that you and your family have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. Please take advantage of the following tips to protect your family and property through out the New Year. Remember, drink responsibly and drive safely.

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips While Shopping:

- ✦ **STAY ALERT!** Be tuned-in to your surroundings; don't be taken by surprise. Be aware and prepared, even in your own neighborhood.
 - ✦ **STAND TALL!** Walk confidently, don't show fear, and don't look like a victim.
- TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!** If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave right away and get help if necessary.
- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
 - Shop with a friend, there is safety in numbers.
 - Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
 - Pay for purchases with a check, credit or debit card.
 - If possible, carry only your driver's license, personal checks, or necessary credit or debit cards.
 - If you must carry a purse, do not wrap the straps around your arms or shoulders. Carry a clutch purse tightly under your arm or wear a fanny pack.
 - Do not carry a wallet in a back pocket. It should be placed in a front pocket of your pants for safety.
 - Be alert that crooks look for the high dollar shopping bags with your purchases. When possible, slip bags/purchases in a plain nondescript bag.
 - Watch purchases while eating in mall food courts; bags can easily be switched or taken.
 - Educate your children about what to do if they are lost as well as "Stranger Danger".
 - Don't overburden yourself with too many packages. Use store package pick-up.
 - Have your car keys ready in hand before leaving the store.
 - If you do return to your vehicle to unload purchases, place them in the trunk of the vehicle.
 - Try not to shop until the store closes. Remember, fewer people are present at this time.

As Winter approaches, the Village is currently seeking sites to host the Village's deer sharpshooting program. If you are interested in having your property safety inspected, as a potential sharpshooting site, please contact Chief Gage at jgage@elmgrovewi.org to arrange for an on-site inspection. In addition to site safety criteria, all neighbors within a 300 foot range of the shooting platform must consent to the sharpshooting program. We suggest that you check with your neighbors prior to offering your property as a potential site.

