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ELM GROVE SPRING NEWSLETTER 2008



**From Village President
Neil Palmer**

The winter of 2007 – 2008 provided wonderful weather to inaugurate our new Village Park sledding hill and ice rink. I heard many compliments on these features and I noticed that the Village Park pathway system also got a lot of use by walkers. The weather also required quite a bit of overtime work by the Department of Public Works staff to keep the roads open and safe. Thank you to all who worked so hard.

The new year again produced a comparison of community tax rates by the local newspaper and, unfortunately, the comparison was again incorrect. An accurate comparison of costs for community services actually places Elm Grove at 18th among Waukesha County communities. Elm Grove has a long history of providing quality services and being very conservative in the expenditure of public money.

The Village Board of Trustees recently reviewed the 2007 Elm Grove Police Department Annual Report. The report again demonstrates that we live in a very safe community. I did notice that Village police conducted fewer vacant home checks in 2007 than previous years. This unique service is not available in most communities and I encourage residents who plan to be out of town to call the Police Department at 786-4141 to request that officers check your home while you are gone.

The Village Board is studying proposals to install a new pathway along Juneau Boulevard from Highland to the Village Park. If you are interested in viewing alternative designs and expressing your views please visit Village Hall, the Village website or speak with a Village Board member.

On Tuesday, April 1st the Village will hold an important election for a number of offices. Three Village trustee seats are open and there are four candidates vying for those positions. Trustee Rick Fronberry is retiring from the Board after many years of dedicated service. I thank Rick for his service and invite you to do the same. The non-partisan volunteer service provided by trustees is one of the reasons we have such a wonderful community. Please remember to vote.

The Elmbrook School District is another great feature of living in Elm Grove. The April 1st election will offer an important high school remodeling referendum question for Village voters. Excellent public schools are one of the most important reasons some families choose to purchase a home in Elm Grove or Brookfield. The \$62 million school remodeling proposal was developed by a collaborative community effort following the defeat of the previous \$108 million referendum. The seven person study committee included four people who had opposed the previous effort and three who had voted yes.

Interestingly, a completely independent group of area residents also conducted a high school facility needs study at the same time as the District-sponsored committee. This independent group also proposed a plan which calls for planning for lower future enrollments and remodeling both schools. The cost of the independent group's plan was also in the low \$60 million range.

The volunteer members of these two study groups spent countless hours working to determine what our school system needs to maintain the necessary quality. I hope Village voters will study the recommendations

**From Village President
Neil Palmer (cont.)**

proposed by your neighbors. Quality school buildings and instruction are a critical factor in maintaining local property values.

The Elm Grove Beautification Committee will conduct the annual Perennial Plant sale on May 17, 2008 beginning at 8:00am at the Village Hall. Orders for disease resistant Elm tree whips will also be taken.

The Elm Grove Junior Guild will again sponsor our prized Memorial Day Parade. A pancake breakfast will be held at the Women's Club before the parade and the Elm Grove Business Association will provide food, drinks, entertainment and free ice cream for children will follow the parade in the Sendik's parking lot.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008

THE POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

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.

Village President.....	Neil Palmer	npalmer@elmgrovetri.org
Village Trustees	Andrew Azpell	aazpell@elmgrovetri.org
.....	Rick Fronberry	rfronberry@elmgrovetri.org
.....	George Haas	ghaas@elmgrovetri.org
.....	Jack Nelson	jnelson@elmgrovetri.org
.....	Jan Schoenecker	jschoenecker@elmgrovetri.org
.....	Christi Torkelson	ctorkelson@elmgrovetri.org

Village Manager.....	David De Angelis
Village Clerk	Mary Stredni
Zoning Administrator	Jessi Balcom
Village Assessor	Fred Matthes
Fire Chief	William Selzer
Police Chief	James Gage
Recreation Director.....	Amy Mitchell
Public Works Director	Mike Flaherty
Library Director.....	Robert Trunley
EMS Director.....	Jon Robinson

Department of Public Works

Driveway Replacement

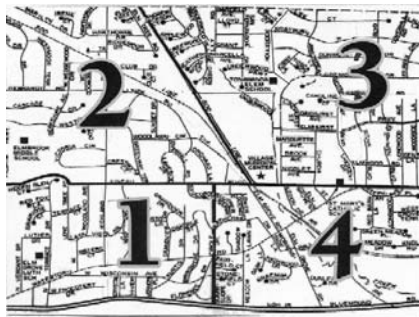
If you are planning to replace your driveway, please stop at the Village Hall to fill out a driveway permit. This will allow the Department of Public Works to inspect the driveway culvert for possible replacement, resetting or ditch cleaning before the driveway is replaced. A driveway permit is required, however there is no fee.

Brush Pickup

The Village Public Works Crew will pick up brush on a scheduled basis three times a year. Pick ups begin the week of April 13 and end the week of October 5.

Collection Reminders:

1. Don't put brush at roadside any earlier than the weekend preceding your scheduled pickup, or later than the Sunday night preceding your pickup week.
2. Don't pile brush on any boulevard areas. Brush must be placed at the roadside in front of your residence.
3. Once brush has been collected on your street, crews will not return for additional pickups until the next scheduled date.
4. Residents placing brush at the roadside after their last scheduled pickup date will be billed \$60.00 per load or fraction of a load for the Public Works Department to pick up this brush.
5. All branches must be cut to 6-foot lengths, maximum.
6. Brush must be piled with the cut ends pointed in one direction, parallel with the street. Logs must be stacked separately, apart from the brush. Brush piled incorrectly, or which is longer than the maximum of six feet, will not be picked up – nor will brush cut by contractors.
7. Brush and leaves may be brought to the Public Works yard Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. year round and on Saturdays between April and January 1, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Village resident identification is required. No contractor dumping will be allowed.
8. Special Brush pickups may be arranged by contacting the Village Hall at 1-262-782-6700. There is per load charge of \$60.00.



AREA	2008 PICKUP SCHEDULE		
	Week of . . .		
1	April 13	June 8	Sept 14
2	April 20	June 15	Sept 21
3	April 27	June 22	Sept 28
4	May 4	June 29	Oct 5

Department of Public Works (cont)

D.P.W. Yard Hours

The D.P.W. yard has been closed on Saturdays since the beginning of January. It will reopen on Saturday March 29, 2008 during the Hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m. The D.P.W. is open Monday through Friday all year round from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for residents to drop off their brush. The yard is open to **RESIDENTS ONLY, ABSOLUTELY NO CONTRACTORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THIS FACILITY.**

Dial-A-Dumper

The DPW will begin the Dial-A-Dumper service on March 31, 2008 and will continue through October 23, 2008 with a fee of \$40.00 per load which is payable at the time of scheduling at the Village Hall before pick up. This is for brush and logs only.

Street Sweeping

The Department of Public Works will begin street sweeping as soon as weather permits and will continue to sweep until finished. **We request that you refrain from blowing, sweeping, or raking sand into the road after the sweeper has swept your street as the street sweeper will not return once the street has been swept.**

Sanitary Sewer Problems

Should your sanitary sewer start backing up into your basement, **Notify the Village Immediately.** Police Dispatchers will answer the phones 24 hours a day and gather information while dispatching Public Works Employees to determine the location of the problem. Call **786-4141**

Street Maintenance

The streets that are proposed for Resurfacing in 2008 are as follows:

- Juneau Blvd. – Highland Dr. to Lone Tree Rd.
- Juneau Blvd. – Church St. to Crescent Dr.
- Church St. – Watertown Plank Rd. to Juneau Blvd.
- Park Ln. – Watertown Plank Rd. to Cul-de-sac
- Stephen Place – Longwood Ave. to Cul-de-sac
- *Highland Dr. – Juneau Blvd. to Westover Rd.
- *This is the final top coat

This work should take place sometime between June and August.

Mail Box Issues:

In order to avoid problems with your mailbox during the winter season, residents are encouraged to follow these guidelines:

Make sure your mailbox conforms to postal and Village standards. That means the bottom of the box is 41 to 48 inches above the street, and the mailbox is mounted so the door, when closed, is 12" from the back of the curb or edge of the road.

In general, avoid installation of newspaper boxes, flower planters or other attachments beneath the mailbox. However, if you do install these items be sure they are set back at least 10 inches from the front of the mailbox. The Village will not be responsible for damage to these items from snow discharge.

Conduct regular inspections and perform routine maintenance on your mailbox, just as you would for other parts of your property.

Clear snow away from the mailbox area after each plowing. Snow that remains in front of mailboxes will get compacted by post office vehicles and make subsequent plowing less effective

Recreation Department

Summer is just around the corner and the Elm Grove Recreation Department is excited to be offering some great, new programs for all ages along with the popular classics of past summers! You can look forward to receiving the summer activity guide in mid April. Summer registration for residents of Elm Grove will be taking place on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Picnic and Pool Reservations

Two picnic areas are available to be reserved in the park by Village residents or businesses of Elm Grove. A non-refundable fee is required for each area being reserved. Area #1 is the gazebo area located by the pool which is \$105 for up to 75 people and \$165 for up to 150 people. Area #2 is the picnic area with a small gazebo located on the south end of the park across from the Police Department which is \$50 with a maximum capacity of 50 people. Both picnic areas include a barbecue grill.

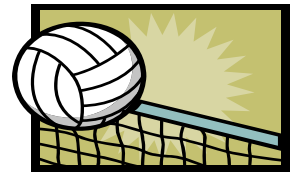
The pool is available for private pool parties Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. June 7th – August 23rd. The pool rental fee is \$225 with a maximum capacity of 150 people.

Reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis at Village Hall. An application for beer and wine cooler permits must be filled out if either will be consumed in the park or pool.

Summer Sports Leagues

To register, contact Amy Mitchell, Recreation Director at

(262) 782-6700 or amitchell@elmgrovetwi.org



Co-Ed Adult and Co-Ed High School Sand Volleyball Leagues

There are team openings in the new Co-Ed Adult Monday League and the Co-Ed High School Wednesday League. Games take place at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm from the week of June 16 through the second week of August. (8 weeks of regular play and a tournament) in the Village of Elm Grove Park on the newly renovated sand volleyball courts. The leagues are a purely recreational format. There is a \$100 team fee with a \$15 per player charge (8 player minimum). Residency in Elm Grove is not required.

A volleyball manager meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2008 in the Village Hall at 5:30 pm for all teams involved. Schedules, rosters, rules, and player contracts will be handed out to team captains.

IT IS REQUIRED THAT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE TEAM ATTENDS THE MEETING.

Co-Ed Adult Kickball League

There are team openings in the new Co-Ed Adult Friday League. Games take place at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm from June 2 through the last week of July. (8 weeks of regular play and a tournament) in the Village of Elm Grove Park on the newly renovated ball diamonds. The leagues are a purely recreational format. There is a \$100 team fee with a \$15 per player charge (8 player minimum). Residency in Elm Grove is not required. Registration deadline is April 7, 2008.

A volleyball manager meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2008 in the Village Hall at 6:30 pm for all teams involved. Schedules, rosters, rules, and player contracts will be handed out to team captains.

IT IS REQUIRED THAT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE TEAM ATTENDS THE MEETING.

Recreation Department (cont.)

Pathway Information

Proposed Juneau Pathway

A six foot paved off-road/on-road pathway has been proposed for Juneau Blvd. from the Village Park to Highland Drive. There are two different options for the pathway which are outlined below.

Option 1

The path would be entirely on the north side of the road and is an on-road and off-road path.

Option 2

The path starts on the north side of the road and then crosses to the south side of the road between Orchard Lane and St. George Ct, goes back to the north side, and then crosses back again to the south side of the road at San Jose Drive and continues to Highland Drive.

The plans are available for review on the Village website at www.elmgrovetwi.org

A Public Open House was held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. to review the proposed Juneau Pathway plans and to gain public input. If you could not attend the open house, you may send any written comments to the: Village of Elm Grove, Attn: James Gage, 13600 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove, WI 53122. The Public Safety Committee will meet on April 13, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. to receive public comment regarding the pathway plans and review any written comments received as a result of the public open house.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact, Jim Gage, at (262) 786-4141 or at jgage@elmgrovetwi.org

Village Park Pathways

The Village Paths map that includes the path mileage can be reviewed on the Village website at www.elmgrovetwi.org. The pathway regulations are listed here for reference.

Village Ordinance § 275-12. Play vehicle and motor vehicle operation prohibited on Village Park pedestrian pathways and bicycle ways.

No person may operate a play vehicle, as defined under § 340.01(43m), Wis. Stats., an all-terrain vehicle as defined in § 340.01(2g), Wis. Stats., an electric personal assistive mobility device as defined in § 340.01(15pm), Wis. Stats., a snowmobile as defined in § 340.01(58a), Wis. Stats., or motorized vehicle, as defined under § 340.01(35), Wis. Stats., or motor bicycle as defined under § 340.01(30), Wis. Stats., when the bicycle is propelled by motorized power, on any pedestrian pathway or bicycle way, as defined in Village Ordinance § 101-1, on any Village Park land. This provision does not apply to personal assistive mobility devices used by persons with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, as defined under § 340.01(43g), Wis. Stats. This provision does not apply to any Village-owned vehicles, employees, or subcontractors engaging in approved Village activities. This provision does not apply to in-line skates, as defined under § 340.01(24m), Wis. Stats., and non-motorized skateboards and scooters.

Village Ordinance § 101-2. Special rules applicable to bicycle operation.

A person propelling a bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto. No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the operator's placement of one hand on the handlebars at all times. No person may ride a motor-driven vehicle on a bicycle way. Every person operating a bicycle upon a Village pedestrian pathway shall yield right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall exercise due care and give an audible signal when passing a bicycle rider or pedestrian proceeding in the same direction. Every person shall operate a bicycle in single file only. No bicycles may be operated two or more abreast.

Recreation Department (cont.)

Boating in the Village Park Information

Village Ordinance 204-7

Application. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the manmade bodies of water located within Village Park to be known as “Village Park Waters”.

Enforcement. This chapter shall be enforced by Village of Elm Grove law enforcement officers.

Intent. The intent of this ordinance is to protect the public health and safety while at the same time allowing for public enjoyment of Village Park waters consistent with the capabilities and limitations of such waters.

State boating and safety laws adopted. State boating laws as found in § 30.50 to § 30.71, Wis. Stats., are hereby adopted by reference and made applicable to Village Park waters. In the event of any conflict between the state laws and this section, the provisions of this section shall control.

Motorboats prohibited. No person shall operate a boat equipped with propulsion machinery, regardless of whether such machinery is a source of propulsion, with the exception of emergency boats, maintenance boats, and boats which are used for Village of Elm Grove sponsored special events.

Certain toy boats prohibited. No person shall operate toy sail boats or toy boats unless powered by wind or battery.

Permitted boating hours. Boating not otherwise prohibited hereunder is permitted only between the following hours: sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Posting. The Village of Elm Grove shall place and maintain a synopsis of this ordinance within the jurisdiction of the Village Park.

Penalties. Forfeitures for violation of any provision of Ch. 30, Wis. Stats., adopted by reference in § 204-7D of this chapter, shall conform to forfeitures for violation of the comparable state offense, including any variations or increases for second (or subsequent) offenses. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this section for which a penalty is not otherwise specifically provided shall be subject to a penalty as provided in § 204-5 of this chapter.

SUMMER RECREATION SIGN-UP

In-Person Registration Procedures

Resident—Saturday, May 17, 2008, 8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Non-Resident—Monday, May 19, 2008, 8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Beginning on Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Residents and Non-residents may register at the Village Hall

Office hours are Monday—Friday from 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



Elm Grove Public Library

The Elm Grove Public Library will celebrate National Library Week on April 13-19, 2008. The theme for this year's event is "Join the circle of knowledge @ your library®." According to the American Library Association, "the theme illustrates how knowledge comes full circle at the library. The library is the place to go to dream, explore, learn, and grow."

In addition to the materials and services offered by the library every day, there will be a special program for families on Saturday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m. called "The Illustrated Song." This program features David HB Drake performing folk songs that have been turned into picture books. It's a history lesson, sing-a-long, and multi-media show all rolled into one fun event!

Also, throughout the week there will once again be a coloring contest sponsored by Culver's. Children through age 11 may pick up an entry form at the Elm Grove Public Library during library week and return it by April 30 for a Culver's coupon and a chance at a larger prize.

The summer library program will begin on June 16 and the theme is "Catch the Reading Bug!" A complete list of library activities is available at the Elm Grove Public Library, in the Elm Grove Recreation Department summer guide, or on the library website at www.elmgrovelibrary.org

New at the Library:

Visit the library website at www.elmgrovelibrary.org and check out our newest premium web sites:

RECOMMENDED READING: Bestseller & Award List - NYT Fiction Bestsellers - Authors A to Z - Book of the Day – Sign up for email alerts of best sellers, romance, sci-fi, audiobooks, business, mysteries and many other topics.

SMALL ENGINE REPAIR REFERENCE CENTER: Lawnmowers, tractors, ATV's, personal watercraft, boat motors, motorcycles, snowmobiles.

REFERENCE USA: Nationwide white and yellow pages includes business size (employees and sales volume), key personnel, and demographics such as home value and income.

Recommended Reading from Library Staff:

Book Thief, by Markus Zusak is a haunting WWII tale, set in Germany, about a waif named Leisl who finds her solace in stolen books. Appearing as a character himself, Death narrates the story of this young girl and those she encounters in a memorable small town setting. Scenes of the horror of war are broken up by moments of tenderness and hope. An unforgettable read for teens and adults. (Paulette Brooks)

Service Included: Four-Star Secrets of an Eavesdropping Waiter, by Phoebe Damrosch, is the story of the author's experiences during her 18 months at Per Se restaurant in New York City. Per Se is the creation of Thomas Keller, the master chef of the French Laundry restaurant in California. The book is a behind-the-scenes look at the world of fine dining. Damrosch warns that it "is *not* a sepia-toned portrait of my grandmother in the kitchen making meatballs, samosas, congee, or empanadas." It *is* a satisfying, detailed memoir, and a guide to proper behavior in formal restaurants. Dining tips include: "There's no need to say that you are allergic when you don't like something. Not only are allergies very serious, but you have every right to your personal taste." However, "Control your limbs," and "Do not touch your waiter." (Sarah Muench)

Elm Grove Public Library (cont.)

Welcome to the Wisdom of the World and Its Meaning for You, by Joan Chittister. The author arranges her book around various life questions, such as *Why does my life feel so hectic?*, *What's important in life?* and *What is happiness?*. She devotes a chapter to each question and each chapter contains spiritual insights and wisdom from one of five religious traditions. These traditions are Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. This is the kind of book that can be read in small segments, but it is very powerful and thought provoking. If you would like to grow spiritually, it's a book for you.

(Susan Freitag)

Night of Flames, by Douglas W. Jacobson. As the Germans invade Poland in 1939, a young couple finds themselves swept into the Resistance and fighting to survive. The Elm Grove author of this fascinating novel drew inspiration from his own Belgian relatives and Polish ancestry to weave an exciting and highly informative story.

(Nancy Arevalo)

In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto, by Michael Pollan

"Eat Food. Not too much. Mostly Plants." This may be the take-away quote from Michael Pollan's latest book, but the book contains much information and many issues to consider. He takes issue with food scientists, marketers, and journalists, all disseminating information on food for their benefit. Food labels are false and misleading. What we are offered on our supermarket shelves is not "real food", but "food products", void of nutritional value. Pollan's suggestions include paying more for high quality food, and buying less of it. He offers that one might consider returning to a more traditional or regional diet of simple, well balanced meals consisting of food that one's "great-great grandmother would recognize." A great read. (Lori Kuban)

Blink, by Malcolm Gladwell "Drawing on cutting-edge neuroscience and psychology, the author shows how the difference between good and bad decision-making has nothing to do with how much information can be processed quickly, but on the few particular details on which people focus." Gladwell covers a fascinating array of topics including art fakes; office chairs; cola taste tests; predicting divorce; presidents; doctors and patients, and much more. I listened to the book on CD in my car and many times found myself just sitting in my driveway listening because I was so engaged and provoked. (Robert Trunley)

Forester

Seeds of Wisdom

The last years have been very dry during the summer months and our trees are heavily stressed. Twolined Chestnut borer attacks stressed oaks and many oaks in the Village have been affected. Watering one inch per week during dry spells can literally save your oak trees. A web connections to read more about this insect is available at www.uwex.edu. Go to the publications, then to the lawn and garden publications, which will bring you to trees and shrubs, which will guide you to insect pests and then to oak disorders and Twolined Chestnut borer.

If you have any plant related problems call the Forestry Dept. at 782-6700 or e-mail me at forester@elmgrovewi.org

Police Department

2008 Citizen Police Academy

The Elm Grove Police Department will be hosting its tenth Citizen Police Academy (CPA) beginning Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Any adult (at least 18 years of age) that is an Elm Grove resident or is employed in Elm Grove may apply to attend the CPA. Applicants must complete an application, have a clear criminal record, and a minimal driving violation record. Selection of applicants will be made to have a cross-section of citizenry in each class to maximize perspectives, observations and personal experience. You may obtain an application and information packet at the Police Department lobby or Village Hall. If you have any further questions, please contact Sgt. Kubiak via email at jkubiak@elmgrovetwi.org or by phone at 262-786-4141.

Hey Kids, What's for Dinner?

...YOU
DECIDE !

Attention kids in preschool through 8th grade:

Send in your favorite recipes and instructions for:

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Dessert

Craft Projects

Holiday Ideas

Birthday Ideas

Email them with your name, age and city to:

monicabbarnes@hotmail.com

Attach your personal, digital photo and it may appear
in the Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Children's Cookbook:

"Celebrating Kids in the Kitchen"

Recipes may be mailed to: CPAAA Cookbook

PO Box 414

Elm Grove WI 53122

(please do not send photos to PO Box - email only)

Submissions will be published at the discretion of the Cookbook Committee.
Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will fund local community programs that benefit children.
Submission deadline is August 1, 2008
Anticipated publish date is November 2008.
Contact Monica Barnes at (262) 786-2989 with questions



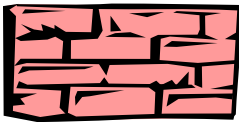
New Gazebo Brick Order Form

"Cement your own personal brick surrounding the **New Gazebo** to the east of The Elm Grove Village Police Station!

"Take a Walk in the Park"...along the Brick Path that you are helping to create by donating one or more bricks to commemorate a birthday, Father's Day, a wedding, anniversary, graduation, grandchildren, memory of a loved one, beloved pet or celebration of someone special.

These are high quality bricks. they are imprinted with a black infill and then coated with an epoxy finish to clarify and protect the lettering. In addition, they have a lifetime warranty. Bricks are ordered in groups, so placement time is not guaranteed. You will be notified when it is placed in the pathway.

Sincerely,
Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association



4" x 8" Imprinted
\$75
(3 lines of text/14 characters per line)

8" x 8" Imprinted
\$100
(6 lines of text/14 characters per line)

8" x 16" Imprinted
\$300
(6 lines of text/28 characters per line)

Purchaser's name _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(H) _____ (W) _____

If you would like a donation letter sent to the person being honored, please fill in the following information:

Person(s) being honored _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Please make checks payable to:
Citizen Police Academy

Send to:
Citizen Police Academy
P.O. Box 414
Elm Grove, WI 53122

Questions? Contact Sandi or Chuck Long (262)784-3555

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Comprehensive Planning Efforts Complete

In November of 2007 the Board of Trustees adopted, by ordinance, the Village's first comprehensive plan. In 1999 the Wisconsin State Legislature enacted what is commonly recognized as Wisconsin's "Smart Growth" legislation. This law requires any program or action of a town, village, city or regional planning commission after January 1, 2010, that affects land use to be guided by, and consistent with, an adopted comprehensive plan. This document identifies current community conditions, evaluates those conditions and makes suggestions as to how best address those conditions in the future.

The Village would like to thank all those who contributed to the drafting and revision of the comprehensive plan document, especially the Ad Hoc Comprehensive Planning Committee, Plan Commission, Board of Trustees and citizens. Your efforts produced a valuable summary of the Village's rich history and character as well as a useful outline of what the Village hopes to look like 20 years from now. The comprehensive plan addresses issues and opportunities facing our community, housing, economic development, natural and cultural resources, land use, transportation, utilities and community facilities and intergovernmental cooperation in addition to a summary of studies previously performed by or for the Village.

The comprehensive plan document is available at the Elm Grove Library and on the Village website at www.elmgrovi.org.

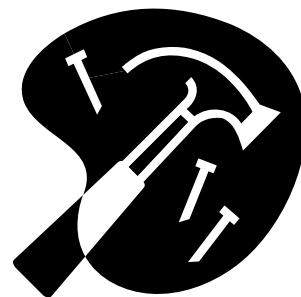
Floodplain Mitigation Efforts Continue

The Village of Elm Grove has been aggressively working on the flood management plan and project over the past several years. To date, the stormwater diversion tunnel has been installed and the pond within Village Park has been reconstructed to act as a retention area during large rain events.

A primary component of the flood management project is the projected reduction in the 100-year floodplain boundary along Underwood Creek. In addition to the project, remapping efforts spearheaded by Waukesha County and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) will assist in reducing the 100-year floodplain in the western area of the Village. It is anticipated at this time that a revised map reflecting a reduced 100-year floodplain area for the western area of Elm Grove will be adopted by the Village this summer. Concerning the floodplain boundary adjacent to Underwood Creek, the Village anticipates adopting a map with a reduced floodplain area sometime between late 2008 and spring of 2009. It is important to note that these dates are tentative and subject to change based upon FEMA's (Federal Emergency Management Agency) review and approval of the revised boundaries.

Building Project Reminders

Are you planning to do a building project this summer? If so, please remember that most projects, such as home additions/alterations, new sheds/accessory structures, fences and retaining walls (and many others) require permitting and/or Building Board approval. Submittal checklists for most types of projects are available on the Village website at www.elmgrovi.org/building_planning_and_zoning_services.htm. If you have questions regarding a proposed project, please contact the Zoning and Planning Department at 872-6700.



ELM GROVE FOUNDATION



Get a piece of the rock!

The coming of spring will bring the addition of two more completed rocks that are part of the Elm Grove Foundation's "A Walk in Time." Rocks that were excavated from the Village Park as part of the flood control project have been placed around the village pond and are being affixed with plaques detailing the history

of Elm Grove. The first plaque that told the story of Mother Caroline Freiss who founded the Notre Dame convent in Elm Grove was dedicated last July 4th. The two plaques planned for installation this spring detail the village's early settlers and transportation.

So far the foundation has raised more than \$23,000 toward a goal of \$30,000 for completion of the project. Contributors who make a donation of \$250 or more will be permanently memorialized on one of the rocks. Residents and business owners who haven't yet purchased 'a piece of the rock' are encouraged to do so. Tax deductible contributions in any amount may be made to the Elm Grove Community Foundation in care of the Village of Elm Grove.

JUST TURNING 18? STUDENT AWAY AT COLLEGE? MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE

To cast a vote in Wisconsin you must first be registered. If you are not registered to vote, you can come to Village Hall Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and complete an application. Please bring your Wisconsin Drivers License or Wisconsin ID number. If you have neither of those the last four digits of your social security number and acceptable proof of residency will be acceptable.

If you cannot make it into Village Hall you can register to vote by mail. The application is on our web site at www.elmgrovewi.org Simply return the completed application with a copy of proof of residency.

Parents, please remind your college students to register early if they wish to vote in the November Election!! They can register by mail or stop in this summer while they are home.

Any questions, please give us a call at 262-782-6700.

Election Dates for 2008.

April 1, 2008 Spring Election – September 9, 2008 Fall Primary -- November 4, 2008 President Election



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