

BIRDS, BEES, AND BLOOMS

Quarterly Newsletter

Book Club

Looking for something to do? Join our wine and cheese book club! RSVP to the email below for details.

Feb 22nd- *What the Robin Knows* by Jon Young

Mar 22nd-*Buzz, Sting, Bite* by Anne Sverdrup-Thygeson

April 19th-*Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson

Winter Lecture Series

Feb 15th-Chuck Hagner, director of Bird City Wisconsin on Limiting Threats to Birds

March 15th-Barb Agnew, president of the Monarch Trail on monarch conservation

April 12th-John Harrigan, head gardener at local restaurant, Parkside 23, on organic vegetable and fruit gardening

***All lectures at 6:30pm in the O’Neill Room.



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Way to Go Elm Grove!

As of Jan 27, 2023, our village was officially certified as the FIRST community in the state of Wisconsin to earn the National Wildlife Federation’s Community Habitat designation. So many thanks to every trustee, homeowner, school administrator, HOA president, and business owner that took the time to help Elm Grove achieve this very notable accomplishment! We have already shifted our thoughts to the annual recertification process and look forward to continuing our efforts within the village. Our hopes are that other neighboring communities see the many benefits of this certification process and emulate our efforts.

Earth and Arbor Day celebration

The 3rd annual Earth and Arbor Day celebration is being held on **Saturday, April 29th from 11am to 2pm** at our village park (inside village hall if inclement weather). There will be over 25 vendors including two food trucks. Mark your calendars now—you don’t want to miss everything this free, village wide event has to offer our community!



Underwood Creek and village clean up

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 22nd. In conjunction with Milwaukee Riverkeeper and the Elm Grove Sustainability Committee we are organizing a village wide clean up!

- Registration and sign up details coming soon!

Did you know that there are over 11,800 feet of the Underwood Creek that course thru our village from North Avenue to Bluemound Road as a part of the larger Menomonee River watershed? It is one part of 3 watersheds that discharge into Lake Michigan via the Milwaukee River and Harbor Estuary. Our Great Lakes make up 20% of the **world's** freshwater supply! In a study done by the Southeastern Wisconsin Watershed Trust, nearly 71 miles of streams do not meet water quality standards.

We all have the ability to positively affect improvements around us. What may seem as little as a few hours picking up litter is so much more than that—it's an act of community service that beautifies our spaces, creates beneficial partnerships, and improves the quality of our lives.

Upcoming and ongoing native plant sales

Native bare root shrub sale—visit the Beautification Committee's village website to place your order today or click on this [link](#). We have a limited number of 6 varieties of shrubs to choose from for \$7.50 each. Pick-up will be at our Earth and Arbor Day celebration on April 29th at the Village Park.

Early woodland spring ephemeral sale—we are doing a trial sale of early native woodland spring ephemerals this year, sold by the flat. Order form can be found [here](#), or e-mail us for the link. Pick up on May 6th.

Annual plant sale—Saturday, June 3rd. We will once again have over 150 varieties of native plants (and herbs!) for you to choose from—sun, shade, wet, dry. In an effort to help populate our village's Monarch Map, we will be giving away a free milkweed with purchase. Start your wishlist today!

Join us the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in the Park View Room for our monthly meeting!

