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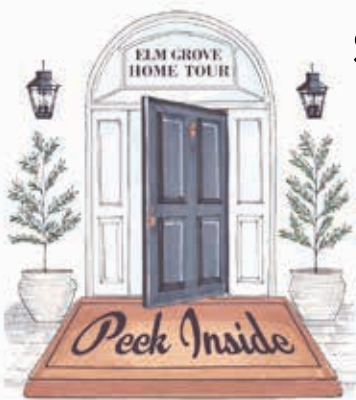
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Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

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Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club

This Harley-Davidson-themed quilt, designed with a variety of local, state, U.S. and international insignias, is the Grand Prize raffle item at the Cruisin' the Grove event.

## "Cruisin' the Grove" 2023 Hits the Street Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>!

By Larry De Longe

Once again, Main Street Elm Grove will be throbbing with classic Cars, Trucks and Cycles. The spectacular vehicles will line Watertown Plank Road (in the downtown area) for your admiration. See approximately 300 entries and mingle with the happy crowd!

As in the recent past, "Cruisin' the Grove" 2023 is being presented by the **Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club**. Donations and sponsorships from local businesses, club members and friends of Kiwanis combined with event proceeds enable the Golden K Kiwanis Club to "Help the Kids!"

The Kiwanis Club members are looking forward to your attendance again at the August 6<sup>th</sup> event. The Car Show opens at 10:00 a.m. for all to: view the cars, trucks and cycles; participate in a raffle for cash prizes and Harley Hog Quilt; offer contributions to "Help Us (Kiwanis) Help the Kids"; participate in youth judging of the cars being

exhibited; have a good time in downtown Elm Grove on a warm, sunny day.

Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club has provided: books to kids, scholarships to graduating high school seniors, funds to disabled kids to attend Camp Wawbeek, iPads to kids who have disabilities in the autistic spectrum, funds to Bay Cliff for disabled kids to attend a seven-week summer camp, funds to have bicycles modified for use by disabled kids, sponsoring two Kiwanis Key Clubs for high school students, two BSA Troops and one Cub Scout Pack.

Your attendance is encouraged again this year. There will be three raffle ticket drawings, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Two \$100.00 prizes will be drawn at each of the three drawings. A final Grand Prize drawing will be conducted at 2:50 p.m. for the Harley Hog Quilt shown.

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# Village Update

By Jim Koleski, President – Village of Elm Grove / [jkoleski@elmgrove.com](mailto:jkoleski@elmgrove.com)

Trust everyone is enjoying summer and the vibrant colors and wildlife around us!

**\*Congratulations.** The Fire Department is pleased to announce **Brian Naylor** as Fire Chief. Congratulations Brian on your promotion and thanks for your continued service!

**\*Recreation Activities.** The Great Elm Grove Campout will be July 29<sup>th</sup>. This fun family event will be hosted in the Village Park with advance sign-up required.

**\*Cruisin' the Grove Classic Car Show.** The 10<sup>th</sup> annual classic car show will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Please stop in and admire these classics from years gone by.

**\*Elm Grove Beer Garden.** Third Space Brewing is open for business Thursday thru Sunday in the Village Park through early September. Stop in and check out their offerings and enjoy the beauty of the Park.

**\*Resident Feedback.** During July, the Public Works and Utility Committee began discussing the Transportation Fund priorities for 2024. The Transportation Fund supports the investment in bridges, roadways and pathways. Resident communication has been focused on Pathways and the need for safe access for walkers and bikers throughout our Village. The ad-hoc Pathways committee has been actively reviewing and prioritizing the planned pathways with a recommendation to complete one pathway a year for the next 2 to 3 years.

**\*Committee of the Whole (COW) Meetings.** I want to thank the Village Staff and Trustees for committing their time to COW meeting preparation and attendance. These meetings are typically three hours long and feature impactful open dialogue setting the direction of Village Staff on key long-range projects.

At the July meeting discussions were held on:

**\*Municipal Water.** Extensive discussion related to the upcoming municipal water project associated with the Mandel water main installation and how to leverage the on-site contractor for the benefit of residents. Final decisions on who is eligible to "hook-up" during this phase and estimated costs for laterals to the curbside will be finalized in July. Letters will be sent to residents and commercial property owners impacted. Those residents opting to take advantage of leveraging the contractor installing the mains will need to make a commitment by the end of August, with payment to the Village by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Transportation Fund Priorities.** The Board is attempting to manage the critical needs for Pathways and address the deteriorating condition of our roadways, while being fiscally responsible. After extensive discussion, recommendations from Board were to prioritize the North Avenue to Gebhardt Road Pathway segment for 2024 (#1 priority of the ad-hoc committee and a \$550,000 commitment) and get cost estimates to extend this Pathway to possibly Victoria Circle North and further to Juneau Road.

As it relates to Roadways, current road conditions are ranked from 1 to 10, with ratings below 5 indicating a need to repair or replace before long-term costly damage occurs. The Board's recommendation was to address all level 4 and 4/5 roads in the Village at a cost up to \$800,000 in 2024. Additionally, the Board unanimously supports annual pathway investments going forward, utilizing the input from the Ad-Hoc pathway committee as a guide, while understanding the staff time required to supervise and manage these projects.

Speaking of Projects, let's review other projects underway, including:

**\*Gebhardt Road reconstruction.** The project will be under construction till



early September. Thank you to the residents impacted for their patience and understanding as this project is executed.

**\*Caroline Heights (Mandel) Construction.** Expectation is that construction will commence in the third quarter of 2023 after Mandel acquires the land. In recent discussions with Mandel, closing is expected in August. Updated financial information was provided to our third-party consultant and the Board has asked for financial due diligence to be performed and reviewed by the Finance Committee prior to closing. After the Project commences and the construction timeline is defined, more detailed updates will be provided. If interested in updates, please send your email to [kgehl@elmgrovewi.org](mailto:kgehl@elmgrovewi.org).

**\*Daylighting of the Underwood Creek.** The Village received appraisals for the railroad land and other easements in July. A closed session was held in July to develop our strategy for next steps to acquire these land rights. Plan is to have the project defined and on the April, 2024 ballot for referendum approval.

All the best for safe and enjoyable summer!

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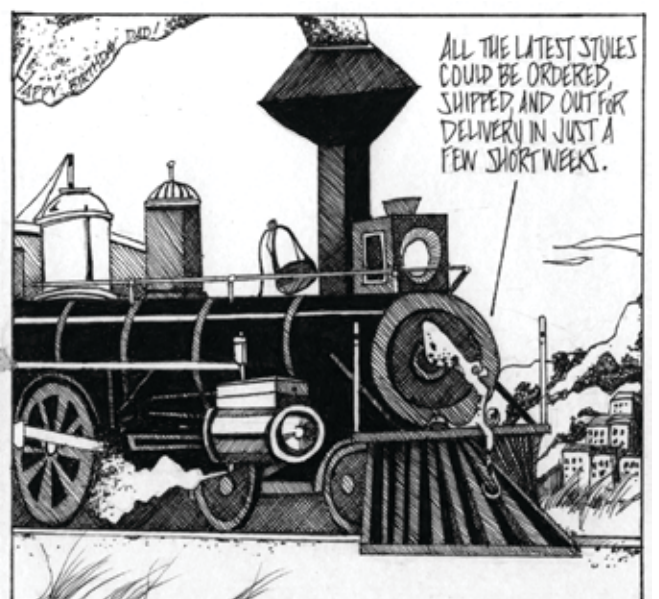
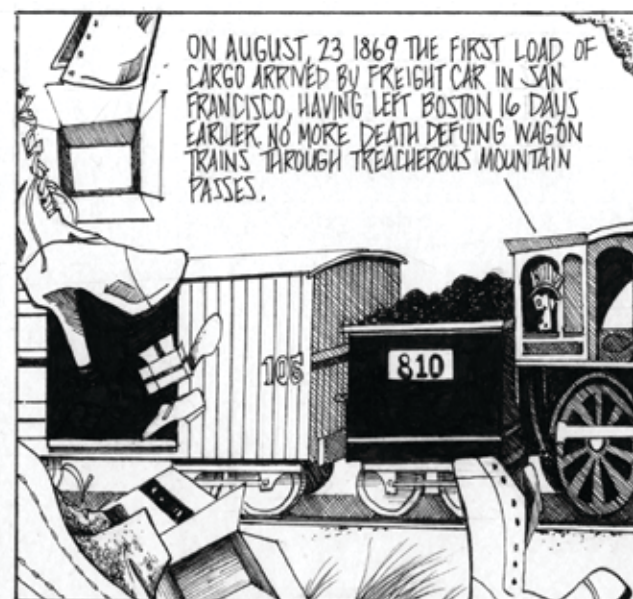
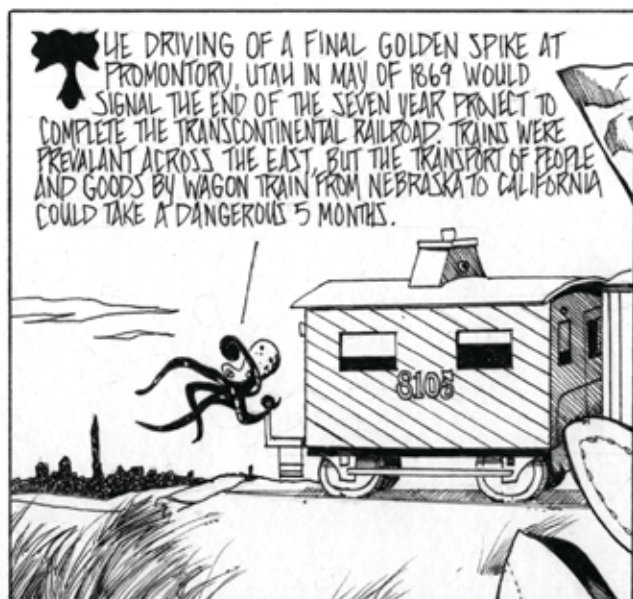
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## MR. HUGH'S HISTORY by Drew Sternitzky [asternitzky@wi.rr.com](mailto:asternitzky@wi.rr.com)



# Our History: *Remembrances of Things Past*



Photo by Karl A. Hauser

Looking weathered and worn, the old Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul depot in Brookfield, as it appeared in early 1968.

## WHATZZIT?

By Stephen K. Hauser

Anyone need a refill on their coffee? Hold that thought. Meanwhile, readers may pause to recognize the above photograph as a picture of the historic **Brookfield Junction passenger depot** at 2844 N. Brookfield Road. My father, **Karl Hauser**, took this picture in 1968 when the depot was 101 years old. (That's his 1962 Dodge Dart parked on the left.)

Built in 1867, the depot has been a landmark on Brookfield Road ever since. It served as the passenger station for the **Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway**. An earlier passenger depot, built in 1853, had served the **Milwaukee & Mississippi (a.k.a. Milwaukee & Waukesha) Railroad** and also housed the local stationmaster and his family. It was converted to a private residence when the 1867 depot was constructed.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul depot continued to serve passengers for the next century. By 1886, there were daily commuter

trains to and from Milwaukee, eventually evolving by the 1940s to the Milwaukee Road's well-remembered "Cannonball" commuter run, which was discontinued on July 31, 1972 due to declining ridership. After that time, the old depot was used by the railroad for storage and kept under lock and key. (Elm Grove's old depot had been leveled by a freight train derailment in April of 1958.)

The Brookfield depot became the property of the **Canadian Pacific Railroad** system when it absorbed the remnants of the old Milwaukee Road. Canadian Pacific determined that the building was in disrepair, had no further practical use and was too close to the railway right-of-way to safely remain. This spurred some residents of the Brookfield village area, including members of the **Elmbrook Historical Society**, to begin a drive to have the venerable structure moved to the west side of the street and restored. After a couple of "false starts", this effort caught the attention of the **Coffeerville Company**, which has operated a coffee shop and confectionary in Jackson since 2016. Saving the old depot

dovetailed nicely with the company's vision of historic preservation. The building was finally moved on November 4, 2021. Last month, a year-and-a-half of hard work, skill and patience finally paid off. Brookfield's Coffeerville held a Grand Opening celebration on July 24<sup>th</sup> and opened its doors for business. Elmbrook area residents now have another choice for a morning cup of coffee or an afternoon snack. Hopefully, those interested in the preservation of local history and appreciation of our shared heritage will give it a try.

Stephen K. Hauser is a retired college history professor and a longtime Elm Grove resident.

## "HISTORY" Reflections

*"To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?"*

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

*"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."*

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Photo from the collection of Tom Ramstack

The Charles Reusch family pose in front of The Elm Grove Hotel, along Watertown Plank Road in the mid-1800s.

## Images from Our Early Days

By Tom Ramstack

If you have enjoyed a delicious meal at the "Silver Spur" in the village of Elm Grove recently, you might recognize this photograph. In earlier days, the inn was owned by **Charles Reusch**, who brought his family from Prussia to Brookfield Township in the early 1850s and built "The Elm Grove Hotel" in 1855, making it the oldest commercial building still standing in the village. Looking at the photograph, you will see, posed, the Charles Reusch

family along with 2 harness makers working out if their shop at the east wing of the hotel. So, don't be surprised if you get a slight whiff of leather the next time you dine at the Silver Spur, it may simply be the lingering spirits of two harness makers, hard at work, practicing their trade.

Tom Ramstack, an area historian and author, is the descendant of early settlers of Elm Grove.

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Elm Grove Community Foundation

[www.elmgrovefoundation.org](http://www.elmgrovefoundation.org)

## NEW at the Community Foundation

### Save the Date!

## Oktoberfest Sept. 15 & 16

The 8th Annual Elm Grove Community Foundation Oktoberfest kicks off in Elm Grove Village Park (13600 Juneau Blvd.) on Friday, September 15 at 5:00 pm with German and local beers, lively music from the Tom Leahy Band, and food trucks.

The fun continues Saturday September 16 at 3:30 pm with a 0.5K Fun Run, followed at 4:00 pm by the traditional Oktoberfest celebration, with authentic German music from the Jeff Winard Band, festive food from food trucks, activities, and lots of local and German beer options. New games this year include log sawing, stein racing and keg rolling.

None of this would be possible without the support of our Oktoberfest sponsors: Honest Teeth, Molson Coors, Uptown Motors, O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, WaterStone Bank, Aerial Work Platforms, Riv/Crete, Weber Physical Therapy, and Doering & Co. Real Estate.

**If you are interested in becoming a sponsor (or volunteer!), please visit us at our fancy new website: [www.elmgrovefoundation.org](http://www.elmgrovefoundation.org)**

**Oktoberfest - September 15 & 16, 2023**

# Calendar of Events – August 2023

**Tuesday – AUGUST 1**

- **Elm Grove Building Board**  
Meeting: 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall  
Agenda: [www.elmgrovetwi.org](http://www.elmgrovetwi.org)
- **Tunes on Tuesday** at Elm Grove Village Park, 6:30 p.m., featuring “Kaleidoscope”. FREE

**Wednesday – AUGUST 2**

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee**  
Meeting: 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

**Friday – AUGUST 4**

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center. Club members only--- car show preparations.  
[kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)

**Sunday – AUGUST 6**

- **Cruisin’ the Grove- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage/Classic Car & Cycle Show**, along Watertown Plan Road, in downtown Elm Grove.  
(See AD – Page 1; Story – Page 2)



**Tuesday – AUGUST 8**

- **Elm Grove Sustainability Committee**  
Meeting: 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

**Wednesday – AUGUST 9**

- **Blood Drive** at Tonawanda Elementary School Gym, 13605 Underwood River Parkway, Elm Grove, 2 to 7 p.m., sponsored by the Elm Grove Junior Guild and Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin.  
Schedule an appointment at: [https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/256187](https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/256187)

**Friday – AUGUST 11**

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center. Speaker: Marco Quintero; Topic: “Soccer, a Great Sport”.  
[kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com)
- **Friday Flicks**, featuring “Mummies”; Film shown 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. at Elm Grove Village Park Pavilion.

**Monday – AUGUST 14**

- **“Cruisin’ the Spur” Vintage and Classic Car, Truck, and Cycle Show** in the back parking lot of Silver Spur BBQ, 13275 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove; 5 p.m. to dark. FREE



- **Elm Grove Building Board**  
Meeting: 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall  
Agenda: [www.elmgrovetwi.org](http://www.elmgrovetwi.org)
- **Tunes on Tuesday** at Elm Grove Village Park, 6:30 p.m., featuring “Hungry Williams Band”. FREE



**Thursday – AUGUST 17**

- **OWLS – Seniors’ Group**  
Sponsored by UMC, EG.  
Trip to Madison, Wisconsin: UW Weather Station, Babcock Hall Dairy and Olbrich Gardens. Guests are welcome. [www.cumceg.org](http://www.cumceg.org)

**Friday – AUGUST 18**

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center. Speaker & topic to be Determined.  
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**Tuesday – AUGUST 22**

- **Elm Grove Board of Trustees**  
Meeting – 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall Court Room. Open to the Public.  
Agenda & Live Stream: [www.elmgrovetwi.org](http://www.elmgrovetwi.org). (262) 782-6700

**Wednesday – AUGUST 23**

- **Elm Grove Committee of the Whole**  
Meeting: 5:00 p.m. at Village Hall.  
Agenda: [www.elmgrovetwi.org](http://www.elmgrovetwi.org)

**Friday – AUGUST 25**

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K**  
Meeting: 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center. Speaker: Chad Sorce; Topic: “Treasure Hunt”.  
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**Saturday – AUGUST 26**

- **Sustainability Fair” hosted by Waukesha County Green Team**, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Retzer Nature Center. (See AD – Page 12)



**Monday – AUGUST 28**

- **“Cruisin’ the Spur” Vintage and Classic Car, Truck, and Cycle Show** in the parking lot behind Silver Spur BBQ, 13275 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove; 5 p.m. to dark. FREE



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**Sorry We're CLOSED** **Upcoming Library Closure**  
The Elm Grove Library will be closed for a few days in August due to planned technology updates and training. The closing dates are as follows. Checked out items will not be due on those dates.

- Friday, August 18 (the library will close at 12:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, August 22 (closed all day)
- Wednesday, August 23 (closed all day)
- Thursday, August 24 (closed all day)


**Book Launch Event: My Neglected Gods, by Joanne Nelson**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 7:00 p.m.**  
We all have our rituals and talismans to protect us from the unknown, but will we admit what they are? Tarot cards, speeding cars, several saints, and old dogs make appearances in Joanne Nelson’s new collection of prose and poetry. Join us for a reading and discussion of a book praised as “a lyrical dance through sepia-colored memories that make us at once melancholy for what we’ve left behind, and joyful at how far we’ve come” (Martha Engber). Free to attend. No registration required. Books will be available for sale.

Joanne Nelson is the author of the previous memoir, *This Is How We Leave*. Her writing appears in numerous journals and anthologies. She won the Hal Prize in nonfiction, as well as other literary awards, and has contributed to *Lake Effect* on Milwaukee’s NPR station.





**AARP Wisconsin Retirement Planning: Strategies for Today and Tomorrow**  
**Wednesday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.**  
Retirement planning does not have to be daunting. Learn tips for determining if you are on track and learn practical strategies to help you achieve retirement peace of mind. It’s never too late to take charge of your financial future! This free workshop is presented by AARP Wisconsin. It is the fourth in a series of five bimonthly AARP WI programs hosted by the library in 2023. No registration required.


**Getting Started with a Plant-Based Diet / Tuesday, August 29, 7:00 p.m.**  
Certified plant-based health coach and physical therapist Michele Stamm will share the whys and hows behind her own transition to a plant-based diet. Michele will detail tips and tricks for making this healthy way of eating fun, easy, and delicious. Free to attend. No registration required.



**Library Game Night / Wednesday, August 30, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
Come enjoy Game Night at the library! Whether you’re solving word puzzles, building towers, or unraveling mysteries, the library has something for you. From simple to complex, from lighthearted to more moody affairs, we have games for every level of interest and complexity available to play. Attendees can also feel free to bring their own games from home Great for teens and adults, drop in anytime!



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**New Elm Grove Village Hall Hours Announced**

Village Hall will now close to the public at 12:30 p.m. on Fridays in an effort to work through staffing needs, as well as shortages. The Village Hall staff will continue to serve local residents during the following hours:

**Monday – Thursday:**  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Friday:**  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This change will not affect any Recreation programming or the Library.

For additional information, call (262) 782-6700. [www.elmgrovetwi.org](http://www.elmgrovetwi.org)

# News Briefs



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Beautification Committee

Local residents: (back row, left to right) **Pat Westen, Sally Cashin, Debbie VanderHeiden, Kristin Walters**; (front row, left to right) **Molly Salinas and Grace Walters** are among those who gather at Elm Grove Village Park every Sunday to help remove invasive plants.



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Beautification Committee

Invasive Species Task Force volunteers (back row, left to right) **Linda Schulz, Olivia Webb, Bev Mamayek, Pat Westen**; (front row, left to right) **Tara Webb, Deb Baesemann, and Katie Forecki** at Elm Grove Village Park.

## Beautification Committee Serves Community, Seeks New Members

By Nicci Sternitzky

Your Elm Grove Beautification Committee is looking for more village residents that want to work together on our mission. We welcome any new village residents interested in joining us! You can fill out an application for committee membership via the village website: [www.elmgrovi.org](http://www.elmgrovi.org) or join us at an upcoming meeting (first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall) to check things out. Reach out to [beautification@elmgrovi.org](mailto:beautification@elmgrovi.org) with any questions!

The committee has most recently been working on:

- Spreading the word on our **National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Community Habitat** certification by encouraging other Wisconsin communities to accept our “Tag! You’re It!” challenge.
- Meet every Sunday at 11 a.m. within the village to work on invasive species to keep our community’s ecosystem strong, resilient, and beautiful. Reach out to join the weekly **Invasive Species Task Force** email that lets you know where we are meeting each Sunday.

- Attaining the necessary requirements to maintain our **Bird City Wisconsin High Flyer** status through the Birders of the Grove group that meets monthly.
- Monarch conservation as outlined in the **Mayors’ Monarch Pledge**—Are you on the Monarch Milkweed map for Elm Grove? All you need to do is grow milkweed and you earn a dot on our map! Our goal is to attain 200 dots by the end of this summer—We still need to identify another 28 homes. Please reach out if you’d like to get more involved in monarch conservation.

- Our **annual tree sale** is going on now! We have 12 species of pre-settlement trees for you to choose from. Help Elm Grove continue to lead the way in urban tree cover canopy within the state. It’s good for the birds, the bees, the butterflies, and us to have as many native species present while removing as much of the invasive species we can. Go to the village website and search 2023 Elm Grove Beautification Committee Tree Sale to find the online order form.



## Horticulture Helpline

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- Call or email yard and garden questions such as:
- Why are there spots on the leaves of my tomatoes?
  - How do I select the right tree for my yard?
  - When should I fertilize my lawn?

Questions are answered by trained Master Gardener volunteers.  
Summer hours are commonly Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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## Adaptive Athlete Takes on Participants at the Blue Mound Variety Golf Classic Hosted by Variety – the Children’s Charity of Wisconsin

(ELM GROVE) - **Gianni Quintero**, an elite adaptive athlete at Marquette High School, will compete against golf participants in wheelchair basketball at the Blue Mound Variety Golf Classic during registration, hours 10 AM-12PM, on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Gianni is a state track record holder and wheelchair basketball athlete. Gianni has been granted an adaptive bike through Variety of Wisconsin’s Freedom Program, which provides life enriching services and equipment to children with special needs. He is scheduled to receive a customized basketball wheelchair this summer that will keep up with his growing talent on the court.

Variety of Wisconsin’s Executive Director, **Kate Kenney**, said, “Donors have expressed their excitement at seeing a Variety Kid in action, something that makes their connection to Variety even stronger. There is no better way to understand the importance of our Freedom Program than to see the joy our kids experience when doing what they love.”

This is Variety of Wisconsin’s 3rd annual golf outing at Blue Mound Golf & Country Club in Wauwatosa. The event has received immense support from Blue Mound members and guests, with last year’s outing raising over \$200,000 for Variety Families.



All those who are interested in supporting Wisconsin children with special needs are invited to donate at <https://tinyurl.com/varietywi>.

### About Variety – the Children’s Charity of Wisconsin

Since 1935, Variety – the Children’s Charity of Wisconsin has been transforming the lives of Wisconsin children in need. The organization’s mission is “Enriching the lives of children with physical or developmental special needs and their families.” Through its Freedom, Discover, Care and Chatter Matters programs, Variety and its supporters serve thousands of children and families in Wisconsin each year by supporting adaptive equipment purchases to improve mobility, coordinating events and activities to build community, partnering with other agencies to enrich children’s lives and by providing an overnight camp for families of children with special needs who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication devices to improve their communication skills.

# News Briefs



Photo courtesy School District of Elmbrook

**Dr. Michael Wolff** speaks about space exploration during an Elmbrook Library Services event in July.

## NASA Scientist Speaks at Summer School Event

(BROOKFIELD) On July 14, **Dr. Michael Wolff**, a Senior NASA Scientist and Senior Research Scientist for the Space Science Institute, spoke to more than 450 students at the Brookfield Central Library in a Summer School event hosted by Elmbrook Library Services. Over the course of three morning sessions with the use of fascinating visual aids, Dr. Wolff discussed Mars and Space Exploration, the atmosphere of Mars, and more. Dr. Wolff's work began with the 1996 Mars

Global Surveyor, and he has contributed to numerous projects since, including the 2020 Mars Perseverance Rover.

"This was a truly unique and amazing opportunity for our summer school students," said **Kay Koepsel-Benning**, Director of Library Services. "We are very fortunate to have Dr. Wolff in our community and thankful to have him speak to our summer school students. His visit fueled strong interest in both reading and Mars exploration."

## Elm Grove Woman's Club to Present 'Peek Inside Elm Grove' Home Tour, September 23

By Kim Irwin

Are you contemplating a home remodeling project, looking for decorating inspiration or do you simply enjoy keeping up on home trends? If so, you won't want to miss the inaugural Peek Inside Elm Grove home tour hosted by the Elm Grove Woman's Club on Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Peek Inside Elm Grove will showcase six exquisite homes, all with different styles and features. While each home is unique, they are all sure to wow you! Peek Inside is your chance to explore them, ask decorating/remodeling questions of the individuals and companies who did the work and get inspired for your own home projects.

To ensure a positive experience for all, tickets sales will be limited to 200. Attendees will arrive at the Elm Grove Woman's Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Road, and, from there, board shuttle buses that will take them on the home tour route. Sponsor exhibitors will also be at the clubhouse showcasing many of the products and services that you will see on the tour.



Tickets for Peek Inside Elm Grove are \$40/pp for general admission or \$75/pp for our VIP ticket experience that includes private shuttle and gift bags. Tickets can be purchased directly through the Elm Grove Woman's Club website, [www.egwc.org](http://www.egwc.org).

Peek Inside Elm Grove is a fundraiser for the Elm Grove Woman's Club, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization comprised of 200+ women committed to giving back to the Elm Grove community and beyond.

## Blood Drive



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## Cruisin' the Spur is Back!

By Ray Shannon

Elm Grove's Silver Spur BBQ, 13275 Watertown Plank Road in downtown Elm Grove, will again be hosting a series of **FREE** and informal vintage and classic car, truck and cycle shows on alternate Monday evenings this year.

Upcoming dates include:

**August 14**

**August 28**

**September 11**

**September 25**

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# Young Writers & Reporters

## Arabelle

By Colette Schrubbe  
Tonawanda, entering 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

- Amazing
- Rad sister
- Adorable
- Being kind
- Enthusiastic
- Loving
- Love her forever
- Excited to be with her big sister

## Three Little Capybaras

By Elliot Dworak  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Tonawanda Elementary

Once upon a time there were 3 capybaras who lived in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. One capybara built his burrow in the park. Another one built his burrow in a backyard, and the last one built his burrow on a soccer field.

One day a moose came and stomped on the first capybara's burrow. Then, the moose ate that capybara for lunch. The next day the moose heard a capybara from the backyard and he ate him right up. A few days later the moose saw the last capybara and tried to eat him up but he couldn't get into the capybara's burrow. He decided to spit a poison dart frog at the moose. The moose died instantly. The rest of the capybaras lived happily ever after.

## WANTED: Young Writers

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Send items to:  
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Janavi Wagle (3<sup>rd</sup> row from bottom, far right) poses for a photo with fellow Pilgrim Park Middle School students and chaperones in New York City.

## My Trip to New York City

By Janavi Wagle, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade graduate – Pilgrim Park Middle School

To wrap up my middle school journey, I decided to sign up for the school trip to New York with the School Tours of America. Going to the place where "dreams come true" also known as "the big apple" was a good idea.

About a few days after the last day of Middle School, 47 students from Pilgrim Park Middle School boarded the plane to New York on June 19<sup>th</sup> to spend a few days in the big city. During this trip, we were able to experience brand new things, learn, explore, make new friends and create a long-lasting memory. I had an

opportunity to learn about diverse cultures, history of this unique city and the famous New York lifestyle. Some examples were visiting historical places, trying new foods, taking a subway, navigating Chinatown, getting away from scams, and spending money wisely. Visiting historical places and monuments helped me understand the social studies lessons on immigration and US history.

My three favorite places were the Statue of Liberty in Ellis Island, Ground Zero, and Central Park. But everyone in the group was looking forward to the

phenomenal Broadway shows such as Wicked, and Harry Potter. I was impressed by the acting and the stunts performed in these plays. Other highlights from this trip were exploring Time Square, interacting with one another and learning important life skills needed to survive in a huge city.

I want to thank School Tours of America and my teachers for making the New York trip so memorable. If you're a parent reading this, I will encourage you to register for this program next year because the money you spend is worth the experience and the memories.

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## Calling 911 from a Cell Phone vs. a Land-line

*Elm Grove Emergency Services Recommendations*

When you call 911 from your cell phone, the call is sent to a centralized dispatch center in either Waukesha County or Milwaukee County, depending on what cell tower picks up your call. Before the call taker can transfer your call, they need to determine your location for transfer to the proper dispatch center.

In most cases, the county dispatcher will not be familiar with landmarks and business locations by name, and they will need an exact address before they can transfer the call to our Elm Grove Dispatch Center.

**We strongly suggest that you program our direct emergency line, 262-786-4141, into your cell phone to avoid delays in service for emergencies happening in Elm Grove.**

Our dispatchers have intimate knowledge of our geography and are capable of discerning your location quickly, with limited information. When it is your emergency, you will want to be speaking to the person who is talking directly to the responding fire, ambulance, or police unit that is coming to your aid.

**There are no changes to your current land-line 911 service. All land-line 911 calls continue to be answered by Elm Grove dispatch personnel.**

# Legal Issues

## The Importance of Preparing Healthcare & Financial Power of Attorney Documents

By Attorney Elisa Ruer, Praktess LLC / 262.269.9140 / [eruer@praktesslaw.com](mailto:eruer@praktesslaw.com)

**Estate Planning.** No one likes to think about it, but not thinking about it doesn't eliminate sickness or death. I received a call last week at 3:39am from a client whose father was admitted to the hospital the evening before – massive stroke. His father was unconscious and it was believed he would not regain consciousness. His father had a girlfriend and 3 sons (eldest one at the hospital, middle one in jail, and youngest one in rehab). For years his eldest son had been telling his father to, at a minimum, have a Healthcare Power of Attorney and a Financial Power of Attorney prepared. The father never wanted to pay an attorney to have the documents prepared. This meant that no one had the authority to make healthcare decisions on behalf of the father. He sadly passed four days later. None of the family members had the money to pay for a cremation (there was no

life insurance either), and since there was no Financial Power of Attorney, no one had the authority to access the funds in his bank account to pay for a cremation.....so, the father's ashes will not be given to the family. Very, very sad.

**Reminder:** If you have "children" age 18 and older, you no longer have legal authority to act on their behalf .....so you should have a Healthcare Power of Attorney and Financial Power of Attorney prepared for your children when they reach the age of 18 so that you may make decisions on their behalf should they ever be unable to make decisions on their own.....at least until they have a significant other to name. It's a matter of being able to protect your adult children.

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# Report from Madison

By Tom Michalski, Wisconsin State Assemblyman – District 13  
[Rep.michalski@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Rep.michalski@legis.wisconsin.gov) / (608) 237-9113

The legislature is currently in recess for all of July and part of August. I will regularly be going to Madison during the break, but more of my time will be spent in the area. If you'd like to meet with me, I'm happy to discuss anything you wish. We can grab a cup of coffee at a place of your convenience. Call my office at (608) 237-9113 to arrange it.

on gun ownership; 54% would like to see people's rights to own guns protected.

The two questions about whether critical race theory or gender identity should be taught in our schools produced very similar results. About 65% of the respondents want both subjects out of our schools, and only 28% think the two topics should be part of the school curriculum. The remaining 7% didn't have an opinion.

## Household Questionnaire

In early May, I sent a questionnaire to every Brookfield and Elm Grove household. You may remember seeing it; many of you took the time to respond, and I thank you for that. Your responses have been entered and tabulated, and I thought you would like to get a summary of the results, with more details available on my website. (<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/13/michalski/>)

Thank you again for taking the time to respond to my survey. This helps me understand your opinions; the knowledge will allow me to respectfully represent you in Madison.

## State Budget

Roughly a week after the Legislative bodies passed a budget, Governor Evers signed the budget into law with several impactful line-item vetoes.

The first question was to determine constituents' priorities for legislative attention. Fix roads & bridges received the largest support at 22%. This was followed by funding to encourage economic development at 19%. Cutting taxes at 17% was third, and funding for K-12 Schools at 16% was fourth.

Under the Legislative passed budget, the average income tax bill would have been reduced by about \$573. Thanks to Gov. Evers' vetoes, middle-income wage earners will receive a paltry \$36 income tax reduction. Gov. Evers' claimed that the Republican tax cut was for the upper class. That claim just rings hollow. Anyone making over \$27,630 a year would have seen a dramatic decrease. I wouldn't consider an annual income of \$28,000 to be upper-class.

Your responses to the question about abortion availability was enlightening. The two extremes of "never" and "allowed up to birth" were nearly tied at 17% and 16%, respectively. Allowing abortion for the first 12 weeks (the standard in Europe) received the largest share of responses at 38%. That was followed by 29% of the respondents wishing to keep abortion illegal except in cases of rape, incest, or saving the mother's life.

You'll also be seeing a school tax increase on your property tax bill. The Legislative budget raised the per-pupil revenue limits by \$325 and also balanced that additional tax burden with a property tax credit. Through some tricky line-item vetoing, Evers managed to make this increase happen every year for the next 402 years, and he did it without including the balancing property tax credit! So, you will see this annual increase in your property taxes. The power of that line-item veto is shocking.

The yes/no question regarding mandatory minimum sentencing of convicted criminals was a resounding YES, with 75% in favor. In contrast, the gun ownership question was more divided. 46% would like to see more restrictions

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**Who do I call with questions about my collection service?**

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# News Briefs



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Some of the guidebooks and maps available through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

## Gov. Evers Announces New Rustic Roads Guide

Print and online guides now also feature Wisconsin's Scenic Byways and more

(MADISON) — Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), on July 14 announced that the new 2023 Rustic Roads Guide is now available in print and online and offers 124 backroad trips, including the state's latest Rustic Road, Rustic Road-124, which passes rock outcroppings and a trout stream in western Dane County.

Also new for 2023, the Rustic Roads Guide devotes 14 pages to Wisconsin's Scenic Byways, which are composed of five non-interstate highway routes that explore Door County, the Mississippi River, the lower Wisconsin River, the Wolf River, and Lake Superior.

"These roadways offer visitors and locals alike the opportunity to explore all our state has to offer, from the natural beauty along the roads to the communities they pass through," said Gov. Evers. "We're proud of our commitment to invest in our local roads, bridges, and infrastructure and to continue supporting these programs that bolster our state's travel and tourism industry, which continues to be a major economic driver for our state. Wisconsin has countless hidden gems to explore and enjoy, and this guide will help you find the next one."

The Rustic Road program began in Taylor County in 1975. With the addition of Rustic Road 124, the program now highlights approximately 750 miles of

scenic, lightly traveled country roads through 61 counties. Unique brown and yellow signs mark the routes of all officially designated Rustic Roads. The Scenic Byways Program began in 2005 to highlight non-interstate highways that offer outstanding scenic views, recreation, and cultural or historic amenities.

For a free copy of the new edition of Wisconsin Rustic Roads, visit the Travel Wisconsin website: <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/order-guide> or contact the Wisconsin Department of Tourism at 1-800-432-8747.

EDITOR'S NOTE: These additional items are also available free of charge:

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- 2023 Wisconsin State Park Visitor Guide
- Native Wisconsin Guide (re: Native American communities / 11 sovereign tribes)



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A pair of Monarch butterflies observed atop Coneflowers in an Elm Grove garden.

# News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

## Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Morgan Gourley

My name is Jill. Do you think we could be friends? Yes? Wonderful!

I first came to EBHS in 2021, loooong ago when I had kittens! My babies were adopted, and so was I, but I found myself without a home earlier this year, and I am now looking for my forever!

I have been in foster care for a little while now, and I have made a lot of progress with the help of my foster mom! She says I love treats and playing with toys. I was a bit cautious with



Photo: Elmbrook Humane Society

Jill

her at first, but now I rub up against her and ask for lots of pets.

I would love to find a home that is okay with me taking my time to warm up, and can provide a quiet space for me to adjust to all the new things. I have lived with another cat, and have briefly interacted with my foster mom's cat. I am curious about kitty friends, so I could make a good buddy for another kitty with proper introductions!

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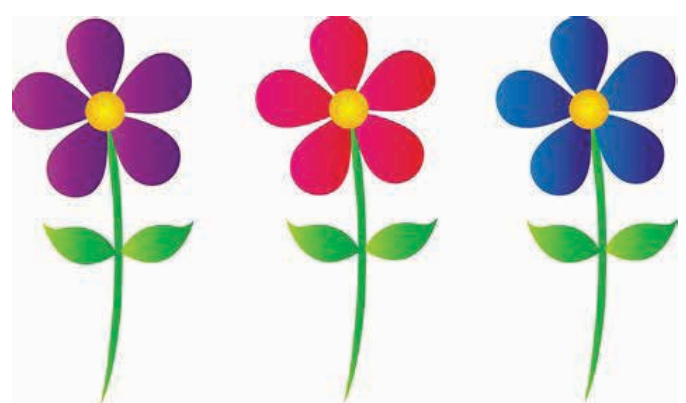
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