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What 'local' & 'thru traffic' signs mean & the penalties for ignoring them

By the Elm Grove Police Department

On Wednesday, September 27, Watertown Plank Road closed from 124th Street to Legion Drive.

There is state law which addresses this sign. State Statute 346.04(1) prohibits drivers from failing to obey a sign. The fine for that violation is \$98.80 with 3 points assessed to the driver's record.

"Local Traffic Only" means a vehicle may enter the construction zone only if it has business to conduct in that zone. This could include someone who lives on the street where construction is occurring or it could apply to a customer patronizing a local business within the construction zone. It doesn't mean that you are going to continue to travel "locally" or that you live in the city and can therefore be considered "a local". We've heard those responses.

"Road Closed to Thru Traffic" means vehicles can enter the zone to businesses or a residence; however, they cannot "pass through" the area, like they may when the road is open. There are signs posted around the detour route directing access to our local businesses. Look for these signs as they will guide you to the safest and most unobstructed access to the businesses.

Additionally, State Statute 346.42 prohibits individuals from intentionally moving or obstructing an official traffic sign or interfering with the effective operation of such sign or signal.

When you see a sign like the one shown in this post, do not drive past it or move it hoping the street is open or that you will be able to drive around other barricades. Please follow detour signs or look for an alternative route.



See Page 2 for details about the Watertown Plank Road closure and a map with detour routes in effect during the water main project.



Brian Naylor

A Message from Elm Grove's Fire Chief

By Brian Naylor

The Elm Grove Fire Department officially began May 1, 1956, when a group of 55 residents formed the Elm Grove Volunteer Fire Department in order to provide the Village cost-effective fire protection. Their legacy continues today, more than 67 years later. Today's 46 fire department members are paid on-call and maintain fire protection 24/7. The members' commitment to serve Elm Grove and surrounding communities remains strong.

I joined the fire department soon after being hired as an Elm Grove Public Works laborer. At that time, I did not realize that the Fire and EMS departments were staffed by volunteers.

The Public Works Department, along with a number of members that work or live in the Village, make up the "day time crew" responding M-F, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nighttime and weekends are covered by a duty company with members serving every third night.

(See FIRE DEPARTMENT - Page 9)

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for their **Sponsorship** of this edition.

NOTE: If you appreciate this newspaper and want to help support it, see **Friends of The News** – Page 11.



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Police Department

Jason Hennen is sworn in as Police Chief by Village Manager **Tom Harrigan**.

Elm Grove Appoints New Police Chief

Former Assistant Police Chief **Jason Hennen**, who retired from that position on January 6, 2022, was on September 25 sworn in as Police Chief during a ceremony at Village Hall. Hennen's appointment was approved during a September 6 meeting of the Police and Fire Commission. Hennen's predecessor, **Jason Kubiak**, had held the position of Police Lieutenant prior to serving as Elm Grove's Police Chief from January, 2022 through his retirement on August 14, 2023.



WATCH FOR SIGNAGE – Due to the construction / expansion of a water main from the City of Wauwatosa to the eastern part of Elm Grove, Watertown Plank Road closed on September 27 from 124th Street to Legion Drive. The detour route is shown above. Drive carefully and remember that the speed limit throughout the Village is 25 mph. The closure is expected to last through November, 2023.

News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Morgan Gourley

Hi, my name is **Lelo** and I am an adorable kitty in search of their forever home! I am an avid fan of birds, squirrels, and chipmunks since their antics can be so fun to watch! I also love to stretch out in a warm patch of sun and have been known to be quite the lap sitter at times. If you are interested in meeting me, fill out an application today! <https://ebhs.org>.

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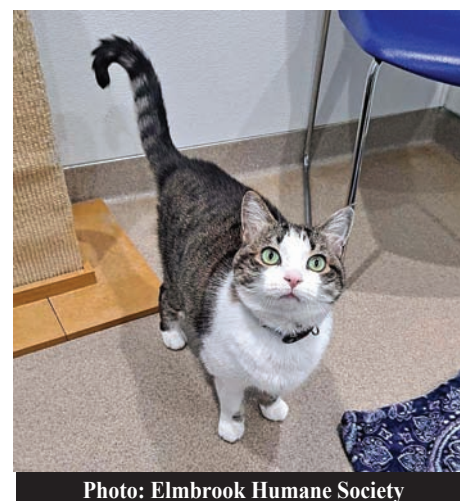


Photo: Elmbrook Humane Society

Lelo

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Village Update

By Jim Koleski, Village President / jkoleski@elmgrovewi.com

Fall is officially here. Take the time to walk the Village Park and enjoy the scenery and changes as October progresses. Be mindful as well to the possible slippery conditions wet leaves can create on pathways, streets and sidewalks.

***Welcome.** We have a new Elm Grove Police Chief. Please join me in welcoming back **Jason Hennen** to lead the department. After a short break, Jason will be rejoining the Village staff after previously serving over 20 years with the department. Jason was unanimously approved by the Fire and Police Commission and Village Board during special meetings in September. Jason was sworn in on the 25th of September. I would like to thank all committee members and staff for their timely efforts and commitment in this hiring process. Welcome to the Team Jason!

(See photo – Page 2)

***Watertown Plank Road Construction.**

To facilitate the installation of the water main to support the Caroline Heights (Mandel) project, detours have now been put in place. The project is estimated to be 8 to 10 weeks in duration. I appreciate your patience during this construction period, the first phase of the construction project. With the detours in place, we are hopeful that construction time will be reduced and road repairs can be completed before the end of November.

Additionally, we are working with the Elm Grove Business Association to place directions to their businesses during this closure. Alternative detours are being discussed to support the local businesses as construction progresses west down Watertown Plank. Please continue to support the very important businesses disrupted through this process. Please be extra careful in the construction zone as traffic will be challenging.

***Recycling Center Hours**

With the coming of fall and collection of leaves, please refer to the Village website (www.elmgrovewi.org) for branch collection dates in your zone as well as the hours of operation of the recycling center. (See Recycling Center Hours – Page 5)

Please support the safe operation of the Center as traffic this time of year can create bottlenecks.

Please find the following updates on various projects:

***Gebhardt Road Reconstruction**

The project is wrapping up and various punch list items remain for the contractor to complete. The pathway south of Gebhardt is a nice addition to the Village and was a prioritized need by the Ad-hoc Pathway committee. Thanks to the Public Works Department for their efforts coordinating and supervising this project!

***Caroline Heights (Mandel) Construction**

Closing on the site occurred in September and the project has commenced. Currently demolition of most buildings (excluding two historic structures) will commence. Materials from the site will move east on Watertown Plank Road. Prior to demolition, the Fire and EMS departments will be conducting some training within the buildings. A formal ground breaking will occur in October. Mandel has committed to regular updates on project status and next activities to be completed on-site – hopefully weekly. These updates will be posted to the Village website for all residents to reference.

Visit: <https://www.elmgrovewi.org/777/Caroline-Heights-Construction-Updates>

EDITOR'S NOTE: Village Manager **Tom Harrigan** added, "These updates are provided by Catalyst Construction (the General Contractor for Caroline Heights). Also, any updates related to the traffic detour on Watertown Plank Road will be posted there as well."

As questions or concerns arise, please



reach out to the Village staff and any questions frequently asked will be updated in future website updates. If you would like e-mail updates, please share your contact details with the Village staff.

***Daylighting of the Underwood Creek**

The Board continues to work on finalizing appraisals on the railroad land and parking lot easements required to complete the projects. Closed-session discussions were held in September to advance this process forward. As a reminder to the community, Underwood Creek runs under the Park & Shop parking lot and Sendik's. Under prior agreements with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) dating back more than fifteen years, no repairs to the tunnel can occur. In the event of a collapse or other structural failure, the Village would have to react to the emergency situation. We are looking forward to completing the acquisition process in 2023, with the objective to commence construction in 2024. Please stay tuned for important updates and information leading up to the April, 2024 referendum to approve this project.

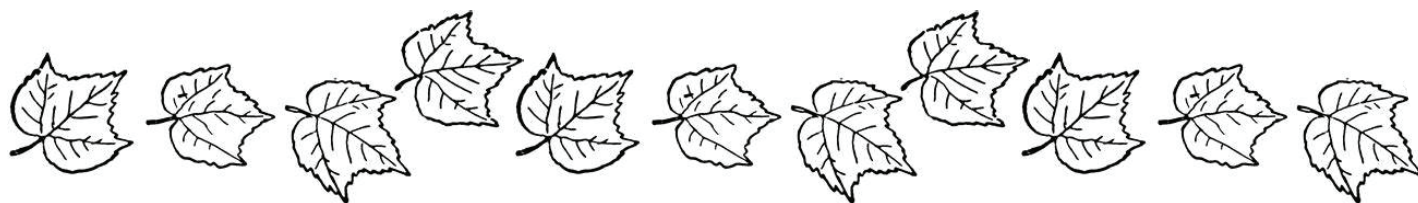
Letters to the Editor

*Letters regarding issues of concern to the Elm Grove / Elmbrook / Waukesha County community will be considered for publication on a space available basis.

*Submissions (200 words max) must include the writer's name, community & phone #.

*Mail to: EGNI, 14420 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122-2423.

*E-mail: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com (Subject line: Letters to the Editor)



MR. HUGH'S HISTORY by Drew Sternitzky asternitzky@wi.rr.com

BETWEEN THE BUBBLES AND WHIRLING WHITETIP REEF SHARKS, JACQUES COUSTEAU WOULD INTRODUCE HIMSELF TO AMERICA ON JANUARY 8, 1968. HIS FIRST TV EPISODE OF "THE UNDERSEA WORLD OF JACQUES COUSTEAU" WAS FOR MOST AMERICANS THEIR FIRST GLIMPSES INTO THE WORLD BENEATH THE WAVES.

ON JANUARY 10, 2019, THE JOURNAL SCIENCE REPORTED OCEAN'S WERE WARMING 40% FASTER THAN A 2014 UNITED NATIONS ESTIMATE.

COUSTEAU WAS AN EXPLORER, OCEANOGRAPHER, SCIENTIST, AUTHOR, AND AWARD WINNING FILMMAKER. HIS INNOVATIONS IN SCUBA EQUIPMENT AND UNDERWATER CAMERAS WOULD BE KEY IN GIVING VIEWERS ACCESS TO WORLDS ONCE HIDDEN.

THE OCEANS ARE CURRENTLY ACTING AS HEAT ABSORBERS—SLOWING CLIMATE CHANGE, BUT RISING TEMPERATURES ARE KILLING ECOSYSTEMS, INCLUDING CORAL REEFS.

ABOARD HIS RESEARCH VESSEL, THE CALYPSO, THE CHARISMATIC COUSTEAU AND HIS CREW WOULD EVOLVE INTO INFLUENTIAL OCEAN CONSERVATIONISTS. HIS LASTING IMPORTANCE MAY BE IN THE AWE AND WONDER HE EVOKED IN THOSE WHO WOULD BECOME STEWARDS OF THE OCEANS.

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* Community Organizations



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Our History: *Remembrances of Things Past*

WHATZZIT?

By Stephen K. Hauser

I am sure that many readers will still remember the stately cement and fieldstone silo that once stood on the northwest corner of Lilly and Burleigh roads in Brookfield. Today, the south end of the Lilly Preserve apartment complex occupies that spot. The venerable silo served the grain storage needs of the **George Ryan family** farm over several generations. It outlasted the barn, outbuildings and family home by more than three decades, becoming an unofficial local landmark in the process. It was torn down in the 2000s to clear the site for the construction of the new apartments. The Ryan family had farmed the land until the 1970s when **Brookfield East High School** expanded their campus to the south with new tennis courts and an addition to the school.

When the farm buildings were removed, the silo remained in place, not at all an uncommon practice. Usually, the sturdiest structure on old agricultural properties, silos were often left standing. The concrete silo at the old **Frederick Neu** farm on Capitol Drive, just east of Pilgrim Road, also remained in place for decades after the barn and, later, the Neu family home were removed.

Some silos remained for so long that enterprising suburban homeowners would occasionally incorporate them into their landscaping plans. Today, residential properties in Brookfield on Pilgrim Road and Calhoun Road are fine local examples of this. Those silos that have survived the bulldozer and the wrecking ball into the 21st century are now highly prized by homeowners and admired by onlookers as they blend a suburban ethos with a link to our shared agricultural past. A creative resident of Mequon converted the silo on his property into a private observatory by installing a telescope on the top, while another in Sussex added adornments to make his resemble a medieval castle

turret. (When the **Eble family** barn was demolished by Waukesha County in September of 2014 at the site of the **Eble Park Ice Arena** on Blue Mound Road, it was hoped by some local residents (including myself) that the nearby silo might be spared, but unfortunately it was not.

For those ex-urbanites who may not already know about silos, it should be noted that farmers constructed them on their properties to store grains or grasses, usually for winter livestock feed. Corn, oats, alfalfa or rye stored as feed enabled cows, horses and sheep to have an uninterrupted and steady diet throughout the winter months, even contributing to higher levels of milk production for dairy cows. Silage was originally stored underground in pits, but midwestern farmers began building tower-like structures for the silage in the mid-19th century. The earliest such structures were square, but fodder at the outer edges would often rot and spoil.

A Badger state connection saved the day and birthed the type of silo we see all around us. In 1882, Wisconsinite **Franklin Hiram King**, inventor, farmer and scientist, built a round silo, allowing for tighter packing of the stored grains inside, thus preventing or retarding spoilage and rotting which had previously occurred in the spring with the melting of snow and ice. Thereafter, round silos took hold with farmers throughout North America, and the rest is history. Because of this interesting and important Wisconsin connection to the silo's development, local residents should have an even greater sense of pride when they spot those few remaining silos still in our midst.

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



Photo by Betty Miller

For more than a century, this silo stood at the intersection of Lilly and Burleigh roads on the old Ryan family farmland.



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Elm Grove Community Foundation

www.elmgrovefoundation.org

NEW at the Community Foundation

Oktoberfest and Fun Run Raise Record Amount

This year's Oktoberfest and 0.5K Fun Run raised a record amount of proceeds, all of which will be used to enhance our community. We could not have achieved this record without the generous support of our sponsors. We want to thank the following organizations for their support of Oktoberfest and the 0.5K Fun Run.

- Honest Teeth Dentistry
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- Third Space Brewing

Thank You Oktoberfest Volunteers

A big reason for the success of Oktoberfest is the community members who step up and volunteer. Without your help, the event wouldn't be possible. Thank you!

Get Involved!

The EGCF is always looking for ways to further enhance life in the village. If you have an idea that will benefit Elm Grove and its residents, please let us know. Also, if you are interested in joining one of the committees to plan and execute Oktoberfest and the 0.5K Fund Run each year, please email us at elmgrovefoundation@gmail.org.

BOOK IT! Oktoberfest - September 20 & 21, 2024

In Memoriam

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Calendar of Events – October 2023

Sunday – OCTOBER 1

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. beautification@elmgrovewi.org for information and to volunteer.

Monday – OCTOBER 2

- **Elm Grove Plan Commission Meeting:** 6 p.m. at Village Hall
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org.

Tuesday – OCTOBER 3

- **Elm Grove Building Board Meeting:** 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall.
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org

Wednesday – OCTOBER 4

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Meeting:** 6:30 p.m., Village Hall Reinders Room.

Friday – OCTOBER 6

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **Amos Morris**, Executive Director Milwaukee County Zoo.
Amos.Morris@milwaukeecounty.gov
Topic: “What’s New at the Zoo”.
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – OCTOBER 8

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. beautification@elmgrovewi.org for information and to volunteer.

**Monday – OCTOBER 9
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY**

Wednesday – OCTOBER 11

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Winter Lecture Series – Speaker: August Hoppe**, President of Hoppe Tree Service; “Pruning smaller trees and shrubs with confidence.” 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the O’Neill Room - Village Hall. FREE.

Thursday – OCTOBER 12

- **Warren Wiegatz Jazz Night** at the Elm Grove Woman’s Club, 13885 Watertown Plank Road.
(See story / photo – Page 7)

Friday – OCTOBER 13

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **Chris Corkery**, CEO Hundred Acre Farm; (917) 446-9745
E-Mail: Charis@hundred-acre.org
Topic: “Urban Vertical Hydronic Farming”.
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Saturday – OCTOBER 14

- **Free Family Art Workshops** at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts. 10:00 to Noon, sponsored by the Elmbrook Rotary. Register in advance at www.wilson-center.com/free-family-art-workshops.

Sunday – OCTOBER 15

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Contact: beautification@elmgrovewi.org for information and to volunteer.

Tuesday – OCTOBER 17

- **Elm Grove Building Board Meeting:** 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall.
Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org

Thursday – OCTOBER 19

- **OWLS – Seniors’ Group Coach Trip to ?** This is the popular MYSTERY TRIP sponsored by Community United Methodist Church, Elm Grove. Guests are welcome.
<http://www.cumceg.org>

Friday – OCTOBER 20

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **Alec Smyczek**
alec.smyczek@milwaukeeatool.com
(262) 901-8500
“Explosive Growth at Milwaukee Tool”.
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Sunday – OCTOBER 22

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Contact: beautification@elmgrovewi.org for information and to volunteer.

Monday – OCTOBER 23

- **Birders of the Grove Meeting:** 9:00 a.m., Village Hall, Park View Room.

Tuesday – OCTOBER 24

- **School District of Elmbrook Board of Education meeting:** 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 3555 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield. Live Stream: <https://www.youtube.com/user/elmbrookschoolsmedia>

• **Elm Grove Board of Trustees**

Public Meeting: 7 p.m. at Village Hall Court Room. Agenda and Live Stream: www.elmgrovewi.org. (262) 782-6700

Friday – OCTOBER 27

- **Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary’s Senior Center; Speaker: **James Kieselburg**, Director, Grohmann Museum
grohmannmuseum@MSOE.EDU
“400 years of men at work art history”.
kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Saturday – OCTOBER 28

- **“Trick or Treat”** throughout Village of Elm Grove, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: The Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) is sponsoring the purchase of glowsticks for Elm Grove’s Trick or Treat this year. Officers and EMS personnel plan to hand them out during the event. Additionally, glowsticks will be available for pick up in the Police Department lobby after 4:00 p.m.

Sunday – OCTOBER 29

- **Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force** meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Contact: beautification@elmgrovewi.org for information and to volunteer.

**Tuesday – OCTOBER 31
HALLOWEEN**



Elm Grove Recycling Center Hours

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OCTOBER

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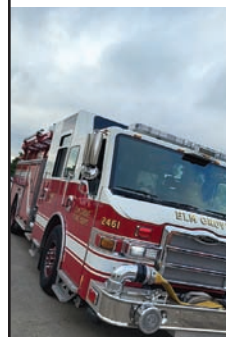
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- **Take a bucket ride in the ladder truck!**
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News Briefs

National Merit Semifinalists Named at BEHS, BCHS

(BROOKFIELD) The School District of Elmbrook has announced that 11 members of the senior class at Brookfield East High School and 15 members of the senior class at Brookfield Central High School have earned the distinction of National Merit Semifinalist for the 2023-2024 school year.

This year's semifinalists from Brookfield East are **Johnny Chen, Irene Li, Katelyn Kosfeld, Shiv Muthupandiyam, Anubhav Parida, Blake Peplinski, Benjamin Saudek, Cooper Schwartz, Kathy Sun, John Tsagalis, and Edward Zheng.**

Semifinalists from Brookfield Central include: **Sophia Ayer, Colin Brusky, Joseph Budithi, Gianna Caravella, Emme Dumbauld, Maggie Feng, Andrew Hou, Ronil Laad, Chole Lee, Ryan Logan, Gauri Menon, Saif Sajjad, Inzal Sharwani, Vendant Shukla & Aramis Zaiser.**

Recognition for this great achievement is based on a student's performance on the PSAT exam taken during their junior year. These students rank among the best in Wisconsin and the United States, with their PSAT exam scores in the top 16,000, representing less than 1% of United States high school seniors according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.



Photos courtesy: School District of Elmbrook

National Merit Semifinalists from Brookfield East include (Back row): **Blake Peplinski, Shiv Muthupandiyam, Edward Zheng, John Tsagalis, Irene Li, and Kathy Sun;** (Front row): **Benjamin Saudek, Katelyn Kosfeld, Cooper Schwartz, Johnny Chen, and Anubhav Parida**



National Merit Semifinalists from Brookfield Central include (Back row): **Andrew Hou, Colin Brusky, Ryan Logan, Joseph Budithi, Aramis Zaiser, Saif Sajjad, and Sophis Ayer;** (Front row) **Vedant Shukla, Ronil Laad, Maggie Feng, Emme Dumbauld, Chloe Lee, Gauri Menon and Gianna Caravella.** (Not pictured: **Inzal Sharwani**)

Car, Truck, Cycle Events Set for October

By Ray Shannon

As the cooler temps of autumn arrive, Elm Grove's SILVER SPUR BBQ is going to try something different during the first half of October.



On **Monday October 2 and Monday, October 9, from 4 p.m. until dark** (weather permitting), it will offer a CRUISIN' the SPUR opportunity for owners of antique, classic, modified and collector cars, trucks and cycles. They can display their vehicles in the lot behind Elm Grove's oldest building on Watertown Plank Road.

And similar to the periodic CRUISIN' the SPUR Monday evenings that take place during the summer months, there will be hot food, cold drinks and cool music for all to enjoy. So, stop by and check it out on those two Mondays in October.

Our Village



Photo by James L. W. Bain / News-Independent

A variety of trees in brilliant autumn colors grow in the front yard of an Elm Grove residence.



School is Back in Session, Slow Down / Stay Alert

The Elm Grove Public Safety Committee and the Elm Grove Police Department together want to remind all motorists to **SLOW DOWN** and watch for children as they are commuting to school.

Back to school means sharing the road since there will be extra traffic congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, and parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It is never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school. It is critical that our children get to and from school safely.



News Briefs

Warren Wiegatz Jazz Night to be Held at the Elm Grove Woman's Club

Elm Grove resident **Warren Wiegatz**, will be the featured performer at the new *Music in the Grove* series presented by the Elm Grove Woman's Club on Thursday, October 12 at the clubhouse, 13885 Watertown Plank Road. Warren is a multi-talented instrumentalist with eleven Wisconsin Area Music Industry awards. He currently leads the Milwaukee band, Streetlife—the house band for the Milwaukee Bucks, and was a member of Sweetbottom with **Daryl Stuermer** in the late 70s. He has performed at major jazz festivals across the United States, and recorded with countless renowned national and international artists.



Warren Wiegatz

Tickets are available at www.egwc.org.

Brookfield East Named National Blue Ribbon School

(BROOKFIELD) Brookfield East High School has been recognized as a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. National Blue Ribbon Schools are public and non-public elementary, middle, and high schools that are producing outstanding results for all students. East was nominated for its exemplary work in closing achievement gaps for all learners, one of only three high schools in the country to be recognized for that award category. Brookfield East is one of eight 2023 Wisconsin recipients, the only Wisconsin high school to receive this distinction this year, and the first high school in Waukesha County to receive the award since 2006.



Ribbon Schools Award have set a national example for what it means to Raise the Bar in education," said **U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona**. "The leaders, educators, and staff at our National Blue Ribbon Schools continually inspire me with their dedication to fostering academic excellence and building positive school cultures that support students of all backgrounds to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally."

"Brookfield East is a strong learning community led by teachers and educators who truly see the best within every student and help them to reach their full potential," reflected **Brookfield East Principal Andy Farley**, who was named AWSA's 2023 Wisconsin Secondary Principal of the Year in April. "Our teachers and staff create exceptional learning environments and experiences to ensure every student feels safe, appropriately challenged and supported throughout the learning process. Our staff and students model the importance of a commitment to learning and growing every day. We are so honored to have Brookfield East High School and the Elmbrook School District recognized with the prestigious recognition of a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School."

Now in its 40th cohort, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed approximately 10,000 awards to more than 9,700 schools. The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms and validates the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in striving for – and attaining – exemplary achievement. National Blue Ribbon Schools represent the full diversity of American schools and serve students of every background. For more information about award criteria and eligibility, please visit the U.S. Department of Education Eligibility and Criteria website.

A formal awards ceremony will be held this November in Washington, D.C. for school representatives. "The honorees for our 2023 National Blue



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Elm Grove Library Announces New Hours

Beginning Thursday, August 31st, the Elm Grove Public Library's hours of operation will be reduced on a temporary basis due to staff shortages.

- The new hours are as follows:
- **Mondays: 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.**
 - **Tuesdays: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.**
 - **Wednesdays: Noon - 8:30 p.m.**
 - **Thursdays: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
 - **Fridays: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
 - **Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
 - **Sundays: Closed**

The library is located at 13600 Juneau Blvd., near Elm Grove Village Park. For more information, call (262) 782-6717.



Looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity?

Help those in need of basic household items by joining the **Gesu Church St. Vincent de Paul group.**

Dedicate as much or as little time as is comfortable for you. You need not be Catholic or a parish member to volunteer.

Call Bob at (414) 628-1095 or email him at bobtgif@att.net

Young Writers & Reporters

YOU CAN BE SUCCESSFUL

By Parvana Prakas Varier

6th Grade, Pilgrim Park Middle School

Today's the day we have to be thoughtful
 No matter what it's not about being beautiful
 It's also about being kind
 And then you might find the key to success
 And you always have to try your best even in the bad times
 You still have to be happy and kind
 But sometimes you might get disappointed
 But whatever happens
 You can still be successful
 If you get B's and C's in Math
 You can still learn and get A's
 You can never fail but you can always improve, you just have
 To be your true self and then
 You can be successful,
 Successful doesn't mean to get straight A's in every subject
 It means you're getting better at something
 Be happy and not sad.
 You might feel mad about your score but if you try and never give up
 no matter what, anyone in the world can be successful.
 Apples grow on trees but success doesn't grow on trees
 it comes through your mind and gives you a cold breeze
 you might freeze, and in the hot sun you might sweat but that doesn't
 mean you can't pass a test
 So, you can be successful, anyone can be successful

Connecting with the Community

By Janavi Wagle

9th Grade, Brookfield East High School

The school year has started and I continue to get opportunities to be a part of important community activities. Here, I share some of the important events that I have volunteered for recently.

***Sewa Fun Fair:** On Sunday, August 27th 2023, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh and Sewa USA Volunteers collaborated to host their annual funfair. This funfair took place at Wirth Park in Brookfield. The event featured a cultural talent show followed with several games, fun activities and food. The funfair was a fundraiser to support underprivileged students' education at Glendale Hills Middle School. I am grateful that I was able to participate and plan out this event again this year.

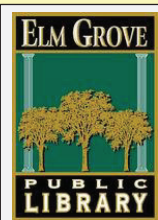
***Blue Lotus Camp:** On September 2, the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin had hosted a camp event at the Blue Lotus Farm and Retreat Center in West Bend, Wisconsin. This event included several outdoor recreation activities such as hiking, fishing, swimming and a variety of sports at this 64-acre Blue Lotus facility. This camp was the first Blue Lotus gathering after the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, volunteers and guests had enjoyed themselves in the beautiful facility. As a sibling of a kid with autism, I felt great about supporting an organization that stands for the noble purpose. I would encourage more people to support the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin in their efforts.



Janavi Wagle

***5K Walk/Run event:** This event was organized by organizations like Samabhavana and Sewa Milwaukee on September 16 at Lapham Peak Unit in Delafield. The day was filled with fun activities that included music, dance, a 5k run or walk, yoga and free food. The charity event was a fundraiser to support eye surgeries and medical care at lower cost for underprivileged individuals in India.

In the near future, I hope to continue giving back to the community through volunteer work. If you are interested in any of these organization's events, please feel free to contact the organizers as they are always looking for helping hands.



Library News and Programs

October 2023

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John Singleton Copley: Translator of Historical Story and Heroic Character into Pictorial Form / Tuesday, October 3, 6:30 p.m.

John Singleton Copley was 'the' portrait painter of the American Revolution. He captured the shrewdness of character of our iconic American forefathers and foremothers in pairing the grand portraiture of English style with the exacting authentic detail of his Dutch contemporaries. His portraits conveyed "the plain, exulted vision" of the young Republic in search of a style in which antiquity was American's destiny.



This program will survey the life and works of the American painter of portraits and historical subjects, widely considered the finest artist of colonial America. Presented by Professor Karri Fritz-Klaus of Cornerstone History Symposium.

Join us for the first lecture in a five part series, "The Great Awakening: Painters of America." Mark your calendars for all five presentations from October through February (10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6).

Social Security: Understanding Your Benefits / Wednesday, October 11, 10:30 a.m.



Do you understand how Social Security works? Have you wondered what the difference between full, early, and delayed benefits are? Join AARP's free Social Security workshop. This workshop focuses on building an understanding of the implications of Social Security

claiming decisions. You will discover what Social Security is, how to secure your benefits, as well as the future of Social Security. Build confidence in making a decision that is right for you! This workshop is more beneficial for those participants who have not yet started collecting their Social Security benefits. Presented by AARP Wisconsin.

The Haunted Page: Tricks and Tales / Monday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a horror-themed show of performance and storytelling with magician William Pack. In an interactive evening of spooky fun and magic, Edgar Allan Poe, Mary Shelley, Bram Stoker, M.R. James, and Shirley Jackson jump off the page and provide inspiration for 60 minutes of spine-tingling magic and spellbinding stories. Experience thrilling action that will leave you amazed...that is, after you stop screaming and laughing.



Maximize Your Medicare Benefits / Wednesday, October 25, 1:00 p.m.



Medicare's annual open enrollment period (Oct. 15 – Dec. 7) is approaching! Learn about your Medicare options. This presentation will provide an overview of Medicare Parts A, B, C and D as well as supplemental insurance and an explanation of how they fit together.

Presented in conjunction with the ADRC of Waukesha County and GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.). Advance registration appreciated at elmgrovelibrary.org.

"Green" is Good!

Simple, Year-Round Composting for 50 cents/Day

By Jennifer Studebaker

Did you know Elm Grove pays by the pound to dispose of our trash, and that nearly 20% of our trash is food waste? We can keep food waste out of the landfill and save ourselves money by composting food waste instead.

Composting with a home pick-up service is simple, hygienic, year-round, and inexpensive. Your Elm Grove Green Team endorses three choices for composting services that pick up in Elm Grove:

Waste Not, LLC <http://www.wastenotcompost.org/>

Compost Crusader <https://www.compostcrusader.com/>

Brew City Compost <https://www.brewcitycompost.com/>

Their costs are pretty comparable and as low as \$3.50 per week! There are slight differences in pick-up schedule, size of container, and what is accepted. Sign up for one today, or check out this chart at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/547595469299363/> to compare services. You can also email elmgrovegreenteam@gmail.com for more information!

There are SO many good reasons to compost:

*Reduce cost – Our April 2023 Trash Audit indicated 20% of our trash by weight is food waste. Keeping food waste from the landfill = saving money.

*Reduce greenhouse gas – Breakdown of food waste in landfills creates methane – an unwanted greenhouse gas.



Photo courtesy: Jennifer Studebaker

Elm Grove Green Team Chair and Sustainability Committee Co-Chair **Deb Baesemann** spreads the word about composting home pick-up services at Oktoberfest.

*Improve soil for gardens and farms – Compost is an incredible soil amendment that helps food grow without chemical fertilizers. Compost returns nutrients to the soil, increases water-holding capacity so food grows with less water, and improves soil composition.

If you are one of the many Elm Grove neighbors who compost – kudos! Drop your Green Team an email to let us know as we are keeping statistics for our community. If you don't compost, why not try it for a month? For about 50¢/day, you can do your part to make our community better.

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Young Writers & Reporters

Trick or Treating Time

By Abigail Davidson
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Prancing 'round the crowded streets,
Witches, Goblins, what a Treat!
Pumpkins glowing here, and there,
Creepy spirits in the air,
Bobbing for apples is lots of fun
But soon this party will be done,
Midnight strikes, it's November 1st,
All that candy almost made me burst.

The Meltdown

By Trenton, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

Greg Heffley is a lazy person who loves the winter. He loves it for the wrong reason. He likes to play video games in the winter. But when it gets a little warmer in the winter, he gets frustrated. "Everyone is saying this is wacky weather, but I think it should be hot in the summer, and cold in the winter."

Greg Heffley is a lazy person because no matter what season it is he loves to play video games, "Grown ups are always saying too much technology is bad for us kids, but I say the more the better!"

Another reason he is lazy is because whenever he's playing too many video games in the **SUMMER** he gets kicked outside by his Dad. He goes over to his best friend Rowley's house and disobeys his Dad and plays video games!

Now as I think about it, I can be lazy and get kicked out of my house just like Greg Heffley does. I learned from the MELTDOWN that being lazy can create very bad habits, and put you in very bad shape.

Halloween

By Samira Macar, 4th Grade-Tonawanda

Halloween is an amazing time of the year. You get to trick or treat or dress up. Some things you can be for Halloween are a wizard, dog, princess, knight, or cat. But you don't just dress up or trick or treat-you have fun.

Halloween

By Lilly R.
4th Grade - Tonawanda

When Halloween comes
witches & wizards & zombies galore
come knocking
on every single door.

Geocaching

By Sara Asad and Nandana Pramod
6th grade, Pilgrim Park Middle School

WHO ARE WE?

We are Team Alpha Geek, an FLL (First Lego League) Challenge team. (PPMS 6th grade students **Lincoln, Nandana, Liam, Sara, Hugo and Akshaya**, PPMS 7th grade student **Owen**, and Burleigh Elementary 5th graders **Vibha and Zynab**.)

We are a group that designs and codes robots. Every year for the season, we are given a theme that we need to use to develop a project. The theme for this year is "how can we spread a hobby that we love to do using art and technology?" Our topic that we decided on is geocaching.

WHAT IS GEOCACHING?

Geocaching is a hobby where people solve clues to find locations of outdoor caches. That is the most popular form of geocaching. Geocaching is very similar to a scavenger hunt, so if you would like to take part in it, there are geocaching apps that you can download, like Geocaching.

WHAT IS OUR SOLUTION?

Our team had to identify a problem and a solution. We decided that our solution would be to make geocaching more immersive and family friendly. We plan to create an app that makes it seem as if you are on a magical journey. The caches will be story based and there will be special music and sound effects when you get near the cache. We hope more people will try geocaching after reading this article. Thank you.

The Six Kingdoms

By Misheeta Bhattacharya
6th Grade, Pilgrim Park Middle School

Once upon a time there were six kingdoms who all lived in peace. Each kingdom was unique and had their own specialties. There was Cloud Kingdom, Plant Kingdom, Water Kingdom, Fire Kingdom, Light Kingdom, and Shadow Kingdom. So now, for the fairytale that this is all directed to.

Queen Anastasia of Cloud Kingdom was getting very jealous of the Shadow Kingdom. Shadow had recently won the war, which means the gods above had been sending Shadow gifts like better crops and helping them find more gold. Anastasia did not like this and so she gathered the Queens and Kings from all the other Kingdoms and poisoned their minds telling them how Shadow did not deserve all of this, and how they cheated through the war. One night, they launched an attack and Shadow was outnumbered.

Queen Lilith of Shadow Kingdom shouted, "How dare you!"

Queen Anastasia simply said, "We are getting justice."

Lilith yelled back, "This is no justice! Please, leave us alone."

But Shadow did not win and so they were driven out, and anyone left was executed. This is the sad story of how Shadow ceased to exist and no one ever spoke of it again. Except...

Picking Pumpkins

By Willow S.

4th Grade - Tonawanda

Crunch, crunch
Walking through the pumpkin field
The pumpkin was found
We bought it
We carved it
It was ...awesome
It looked creepy and cool
Best pumpkin!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Continued from Page 1)

The department is always looking for additional members to join in this worthwhile effort.

The requirements are:

- **Must be at least 18 years old and pass a background check.**
- **Reside within the fire response boundaries.**
- **Able to successfully complete the state of Wisconsin Fire Fighter 1 Certification course, offered at WCTC / MATC.**

While the sense of community service is strong in Elm Grove, there are challenges in recruiting new members. Like myself, a lot of residents do not know that the Fire/EMS departments are paid on-call. Many of the people think that they would not be able to be a firefighter. Our department is a blend of all types of women and men. We do have career fire fighters that are residents who want to use their skills to give back to the community, but other members backgrounds range from business, health care, industrial, sales, government, service industry and college students. The Fire Department currently has two high school students participating in the dual enrollment program with WCTC. In addition, we have had husbands and wives join together.

The initial time investment and scheduling of family, work and school 2-3 times a week can be challenging. Once schooling is complete you will be put on a duty company where scheduling time can be more flexible with duty company shift trades and coverages.

Currently, the average service time with the department is 15 years, with a range of service experience between 1 and 67 years.

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a member please contact me at:
egfdchief@elmgrovewi.org.

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A GIGANTIC skeleton is displayed in the front yard of an Elm Grove residence in late September, 2023.

News Briefs

StoryCorps Oral History Project Welcomes Participants

(WAUKESHA, WI) – The Bridges Library System is pleased to announce newly scheduled recording sessions for the *StoryCorps Oral History Project*. This initiative allows local library staff to record and preserve meaningful conversations, stories, and memories of residents in partnership with StoryCorps, a national oral history project.

“We are honored to be part of this special project in our library system,” said Angela Meyers, Inclusive Services Coordinator at the Bridges Library System. “Everyone has a unique story to share, and these conversations are a great way to connect with others and preserve special memories or important events. They are a truly powerful experience.”

The StoryCorps sessions are open to anyone who wishes to share a conversation with a family member, friend or coworker. All topics are welcome; personal adventures, cherished moments, lessons learned, or reminiscing on daily life. All stories are recorded with a trained facilitator and can be

kept private or be added to the StoryCorps Archive and at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

The newly scheduled sessions are available at Waukesha Public Library in Waukesha on a first-come, first-served basis. Other recording times and locations may be available upon request. Waukesha Public Library: 321 W. Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha Third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Interested individuals are encouraged to fill out the sign-up form online at bridgeslibrarysystem.org/storycorps. Library staff will follow up to confirm your appointment or will provide additional information about the recording process.

The Bridges Library System received a grant from Bader Philanthropies, Inc. to support the “Gathering and Sharing Stories” oral history initiative in partnership with StoryCorps. StoryCorps’ mission is to help us believe in each other by illuminating the humanity and possibility in us all — one story at a time.

Local Student Achieves Top ACT Score

Sophia M. Ayer, daughter of **Dr. Christina Spofford** and **Mr. Jason Ayer** and a senior at Brookfield Central High School, earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36.

About one-quarter of 1% of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2022, only 3,376 out of 1.34 million students who took the ACT earned a top composite score of 36.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each

scored on a scale of 1–36. A student’s composite score is the average of the four test scores. The score for ACT’s optional writing test is reported separately and is not included within the ACT composite score.

“Earning a top score on the ACT is a remarkable achievement,” said ACT CEO **Janet Godwin**. “A student’s exceptional score of 36 will provide any college or university with ample evidence of their readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead.”

Legal Issues

Estate Planning: Choosing Your Representatives

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

Choosing someone to be your financial power of attorney, personal representative, or the successor trustee for your trust is one of the most difficult aspects of estate planning. Often you end up choosing the same person for each role.

Other times there might not be a good choice and a trust company is most appropriate. These are highly personal decisions and there is no right or wrong way to go about it. There are, however, some qualities that you should keep in mind:

Integrity: These should be people in whom you have complete trust and confidence as they will have access to your finances, and control over your assets after your death.

Experience: While they do not have to be experts themselves, some solid financial experience is necessary. Your agents will be making significant financial decisions for you or your beneficiaries. Also, they have to have the experience to know when and how to hire the right professionals, such as accountants, attorneys or realtors.

Impartiality: If possible, choose someone who will be viewed by family or beneficiaries as impartial and fair. This will help if disagreements arise and the person you name has to step in to settle the matter. Depending on family dynamics, your best choice may be a trusted friend, or an outside person or entity, to act in this role to maintain impartiality.

Patience: The agents you name will have to act during some of the most stressful times in your family’s life. Because they are in a position of authority, your agent may become the most obvious target when emotions run high. Consider naming someone who understands this and can remain calm.

After choosing someone for each role, you should also try to designate a successor to serve in the place of your first choice if your first choice is unavailable for one reason or another.

Local Sports



Linda Lied (at left) and **Erick Martinez** (2nd from right) receive tennis awards at an event in Cleveland, Ohio.

Local Tennis Coaches Receive Top Awards

By Sara Sinense

Linda Lied, Brookfield East High School Boys and Girls tennis coach, was named the 2022 USPTA Wisconsin High School Coach of the Year, and Western Racquet Club Pro **Erick Martinez** received the USPTA 2022 Touring Coach of the Year award.

Linda’s love for tennis and children is second to none. She began playing tennis at Western Racquet Club at the age of 12 and never looked back. In high school, she played for Pius and went to the state tournament 3 times. Later, she went on to play at UW Eau Claire where she was one match away from going to nationals.

Linda started her coaching career as BEHS’s Assistant Woman’s Tennis coach back in 2000. After 5 seasons, she was asked to take on both the Head Boys and Girls Tennis Coach roles. Over the past 18 seasons, she has never cut a single player and has coached 2 State Championship teams, 3 Individual State Champions. The new tennis facility at Brookfield East is thanks to her fundraising efforts.

In 2002, Linda started what is now known as AdvantageTennis Camp - a three-week camp with 10 kids/week. Campers sign up for all different reasons but keep coming back because of Coach Lied.

PPMS First Cross Country Meet a HUGE Success

(ELM GROVE) Pilgrim Park Middle School students in grades 6th through 8th participated in their first cross country competition at the school on Wednesday, September 20. The 6th and 7th grade boys took 1st place as a team with 11 teams competing. Both the 6th/7th and 8th grade teams took first place overall.

For the boys: **Conrad Schmidt** paced the Panthers with a first overall finish with more than 200 runners in the race. **Colton Evenson** ran an outstanding race and finished in 2nd place. **Nicasio Fink** was 6th, **George Mattson** was in 7th, **Luke Enright** was in 11th, and **Brendan Braley** finished in 25th.

The 8th graders were led by **Landon Drew** with a 4th place overall finish. **Chris Kosfeld** was in 8th, **David Anderson** 13th, **Charlie Dworak** 20th, **Mirron DeLuca** 34th, and **Jake Fair** finished in 56th.



The results for the girls: In the 6th/7th grade race, 6th grader **Genevieve Welch** took 6th place overall. **Brooklyn Haugen** came in 12th, **Olivia Bern** 19th, **Sopis Lutz** 21st, **Sophia Shorts** 24th and **Chloe Kazaks** 27th.

In the 8th grade race **Dylan Szesterniak** came in first place overall. **Isa Kolbe** finished 4th, **Elaina Majewski** 7th, **Hailey Gaeth** 16th, **Pietja Dusek** 18th, and **Sophia Gaeth** 22nd.

Brookfield East High School Girls Golf

(BROOKFIELD) On Wednesday, September 20, the BEHS Varsity girls golf team traveled to Naga-Waukee Golf Course for the Greater Metro Conference Championship. The girls took second on the day and locked up second overall for the regular season by shooting a 327. Winning the event and securing back-to-back Conference Player of the Year

was Sophomore **Payton Haugen**. Senior **Madison Haugen** finished second on the day and was named to the GMC 1st-Team All-Conference for her fourth time. Junior **Macy Clegg** was named to the 3rd Team All-Conference, as well. Freshman **Elizabeth Zuniga-Meyer** carded a 94 on the day which is her new personal best for the season.

Freshman Football --- BEHS vs. West Allis

(BROOKFIELD) The Brookfield East High School freshmen football team scored a convincing 44-6 victory over West Allis Central on Thursday, September 21. The win improves the frosh record to 4-0 on the season.

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Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K

The Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K was chartered 40 years ago. During a meeting in September, members celebrated their accomplishments with cake, fellowship, and the sharing of stories about the club and its mission of supporting children in our area. The club’s major annual fundraiser: Cruisin’ the Grove, held each year in August, was “for the Kids”.

(See Pages 3 and 5 for Kiwanis contact information.)




 Village of Elm Grove
Co-Existing with Coyotes

The Village of Elm Grove understands there is an increase in coyote sightings and encounters in the area which has caused concern by some residents. Although coyotes are less common than some of their furry counterparts- raccoons, skunks, opossum etc., they remain the top predator in the local wildlife food chain. This fact alone sometimes inspires fear and uneasiness in people. However, research into the nature of this creature indicates we can rest somewhat easy. It is well-documented that most coyotes co-exist quite peacefully with residents, but problems do sometimes arise. On rare occasions, coyotes have been known to attack small pet dogs and cats. Documented coyote attacks on humans in Wisconsin are extremely rare.

The Village's policy is to respond to wildlife complaints when there is a specific animal that, through it's actions, is endangering the life or safety of someone or if the wildlife is injured. Dangers from coyotes are often misinterpreted by individuals. There are easy and practical steps people can take to be and feel safe and coexist with coyotes and all wildlife present in the Village.

Every resident can help both people and coyotes by taking action to re-instill in the coyotes with a healthy and natural fear of people.

If you encounter a coyote, follow the rules below:

- Do whatever you can to startle a coyote into fleeing. Don't run but rather yell, stand up straight, stomp your feet and wave your arms. The goal is to make yourself appear larger.
- When you walk your dog, carry noisemakers such as a can with coins in it, a whistle, or clap your hands to scare coyotes away. Pets should be walked on a short leash. If possible, pick up your pet when coyotes are visible.
- Throw objects toward the coyote. If you're at home, use a garden hose to spray it with water while you yell.
- If you run across a pack of coyotes, try to identify the leader of the pack and direct your attention toward it. The pack will follow its leader.
- Watch to see that the coyote leaves the area, do not let them settle in your yard, and stay alert even after it has left.

Here is a checklist of steps residents can take to be safer:

- Residents should limit the availability of unintentional food sources such as pet food, bird food, fruit from backyard trees, and trash. Never intentionally attempt to feed or leave water outside for a coyote or other animals. Make sure garbage containers have tight-fitting lids.
- Never leave your pet unattended
- Practice situational awareness whenever you are outside—be aware of your surroundings at all times
- Do not provide shelter for coyotes or other wildlife. Remove any brush or woodpiles from your property. Check underneath backyard sheds for any evidence of burrowing.

Nuisance activity by a coyote is considered as a reported and verifiable pet attack(s) and/or a pattern of threatening interactions towards humans.

If a coyote is participating in this type of nuisance activity please contact the Elm Grove Police Department at 262.786.4141.

For more information, please visit the Village of Elm Grove website: www.elmgrovetwi.org/106/Wildlife-Management

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