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A pathway along Highland Drive, between Gebhardt Road and North Avenue in Elm Grove neared completion in late-August 2024.

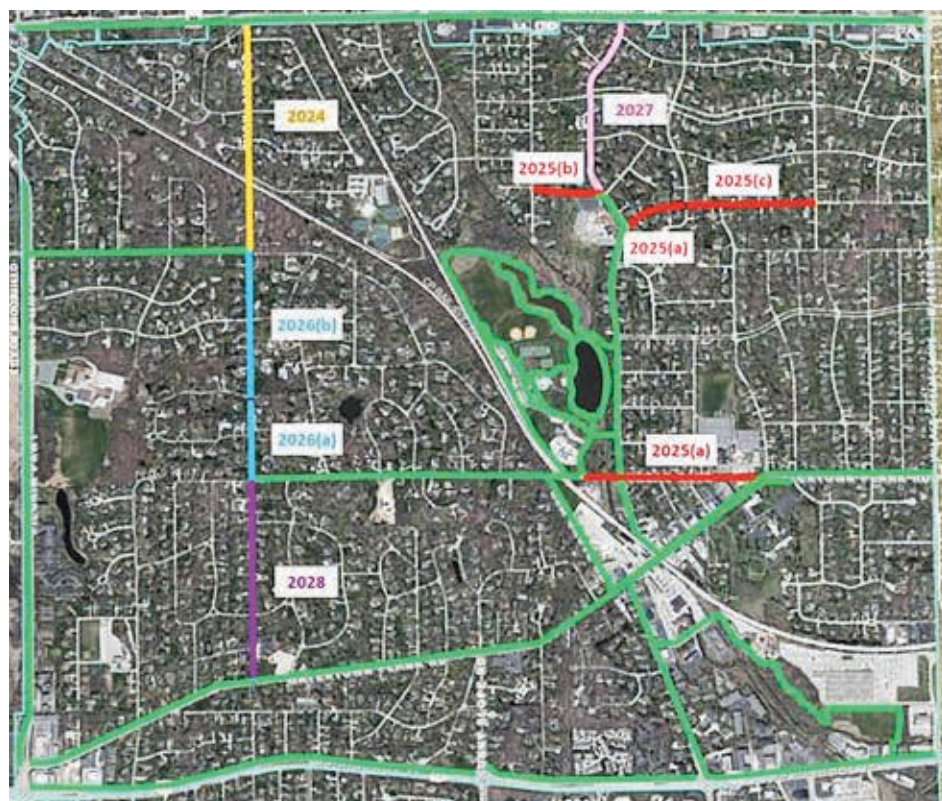
Elm Grove Moves Forward with 1989 Pathway Plan

By Stacy Barry Coffey

Elm Grove has made strides in realizing the long-awaited 1989 pedestrian and bike pathway proposal, with notable developments occurring over the past two years. In 2023, the south side of Gebhardt Road saw a pathway installed alongside road reconstruction and intersection improvements. In 2024, a new pathway was added to the northern section of Highland Drive, from Gebhardt to North Avenue, along with stormwater management enhancements. The final stage, pending railroad approval, will complete the northern section of Highland Pathway across the tracks.

Legacy-The Pathway Project continues to advocate for Pathway inclusion in the Village budget to enhance walkability and connectivity in the community. The 2025 ad hoc pathway committee recommendation includes pathways on Juneau, Gremoor, and Underwood Creek Parkway to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists on busy Village roadways. At the Board of Trustees meeting on August 19th, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engineering and Design Services for these future pathways was approved.

To support these efforts, "Pints for Pathways" will be held on Saturday, September 7, from 5-8 PM. LEGACY-The Pathway Project was selected as a Community Spotlight Night Partners at the 2024 Elm Grove Beer Garden by Third Space. 20% of beverage sales that evening will go to the Village Pathway Fund. Ian's Pizza will be available for purchase by the slice. LEGACY will also offer face painting,



A map showing current pathways in Elm Grove and those recommended for future development.

chalk for pathway art, spike ball, and regular park amenities will be available. A table with information about pathways, samples of Village Love apparel, and Village Love Swedish dishcloths for purchase will be set up. For more information, follow LEGACY on Facebook, Instagram, or visit their website. <https://www.elmgrovelegacy.org>



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Photo courtesy: Forward Scholars

A student receives academic help from Forward Scholars tutors.

MPS Students Benefit Significantly from Forward Scholars Program

How you can become a volunteer tutor / financial supporter

By Melissa Rios

Forward Scholars began in the fall of 2022 in 5 MPS schools and was wildly successful. The program was initiated by Common Ground, a 15-year-old community organizing group with a track record of success in a number of areas, including education. Common Ground's leaders listened to community members and took action.

The Impact of Tutoring on Students

After the first year of tutoring (the 2022-2023 school year), students gained an average of over 1.5 years of growth with reading accuracy and fluency.

For the 2023-2024 school year, we expanded our program to serve more than 180 MPS students in 7 schools and students made even more growth! Our tutored students gained an average of two grade levels in reading accuracy & fluency after eight months of tutoring.

Forward Scholars is making a real impact on the Opportunity Gap for students of color who make up 99% of the student population that we serve. Our program is flourishing and we will be in at least 9 schools in the 2024-2025 school year.

Our Mission: *Together we build brighter futures and stronger communities through reading.*

Volunteers Needed

The work we do at Forward Scholars would not be possible without the support of our volunteer tutors! Tutors make a difference in the lives of students during every session of the school year. Forward Scholars has a place for you whether you are looking to be a regular or substitute tutor.

If you are interested in becoming a tutor with Forward Scholars, you can visit www.forwardscholars.org and click on the "Become a Tutor" tab for more information. You could also contact Melissa Rios, Family and Community Relations Coordinator at melissa.r@forwardscholars.org

Financial Support Appreciated

As a non-profit organization, we are also looking for financial support. Support our program and ensure that more students in K-3rd grades who are not yet reading on grade level will be provided access to high-impact tutoring with individualized literacy lesson plans.

Why I'm a 'Forward Scholars' Volunteer

By Peter Bruce

My wife, the former **Joan McCabe**, and I grew up in Elm Grove, lived in Shorewood or City of Milwaukee proper, then returned to Elm Grove five years ago to a unit at The Park.

***Background:** My career was at Northwestern Mutual, originally as a lawyer and later on the business side. I retired in 2007 after 37 wonderful years. At the close of 2022 I became concerned about being past my "Best By" date, and was looking for other volunteer opportunities. One of my former Northwestern Mutual workmates told me that she was volunteering as a tutor in MPS via a new program called Forward Scholars for K-5 through 3rd grade students who were behind grade level in reading. She said the results were very impressive and she was

enjoying the work. So, I decided to give it a try. And I am so glad that I did.

***Tutoring Experience:** I had never tutored before and was apprehensive. But the Forward Scholars program is so well designed that I soon became comfortable. It is a phonics-based program, which was how I learned to read. Each location has a professionally certified reading specialist identified as a "site coordinator" who develops an individualized program for each student and updates it weekly so when the volunteer tutor arrives, he/she knows exactly what needs to be done. And the site coordinator is available to reply to questions instantly and also to intervene with the student if the volunteer tutor needs help.

(See FORWARD SCHOLARS – Page 3)

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Village Update

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

September has arrived – however with the recent heat wave – who would know it. School is back in session and children are back walking and biking to school. The expanded use of electric scooters is a relatively new mode of travel. The scooters are quiet and very fast and present a new challenge. Please use extra care driving in the Village with road and building construction expanding in September.

Welcome! I would like to welcome **Peter Holmes** as a new Police Officer. Peter is joining the team after over 3 years working with the Waukesha Police department. (See story – Page 10)

Thank You! A huge thank you to **Ron Hill** for his over 28 years of service to the Village. Ron retired in August as the Village’s Forester. Enjoy Retirement Ron!

Community Event. The Elm Grove Community Foundation will once again host Octoberfest in the Village Park. The event will be on September 20th and 21st and include a fun run on Saturday. Please check out the full program of activities and food options on their website. (See ADs – Pages 4 & 8)

Planning Commission Activities: The Planning Commission Meeting focused on several key topics, including:

***Review of the Future Land Use Map** and recommendation to begin the process for an update to specific properties currently designated as Institutional. The Board of Trustees voted to begin the process, which will include a public hearing.

***Caroline Heights Storm Water Plan Amendment.** The developer asked for an amendment to the Development Agreement to allow a significant increase in storm water moving to the front of the future single-family lots. After extensive discussion, no action was taken. The Commission asked that the Developer come back with a revised plan, including visual diagrams of the front ditches proposed and examples of the level of water to be accumulated in various storm events. A revised proposal is expected at the September 4th Planning Commission Meeting for review and possible action.

***A broader request was made by the Developer to modify the Development Agreement** to allow future changes to the Storm Water Plan to be approved by the Village’s Engineer. The Commission took no action on this request and deems the review by the Commission and approval by the Board of Trustees a good process of checks and balances. The Commission offered to meet in special session if needed to act promptly on any needed amendments.

Underwood Creek Daylighting. The Public and Utilities Committee as well as the Board of Trustees has been heavily engaged in reviewing the project activities of Underwood Creek Daylighting.

The committee reviewed and proposed to pursue an option with the pedestrian pathway east of the water channel and include a



pedestrian bridge to promote access to the Village. These plans are available on the Villages website under the Public Works agenda. See www.elmgrovewi.org

Updated cost estimates have been received from the Project Engineer and have increased substantially, driven by concerns of soil contamination and costs to handle these soils properly. The increase from prior estimates was nearly \$2M. The total cost of the project, including a 10% construction contingency of \$650,000, now sits at \$8.5M.

Approved the Engineering Firm to perform soil testing to further identify and analyze any soil contamination issues and define actions needed during construction.

The Village Board reviewed the funding of this project and determined that the full cost of the project can be supported by existing TIF #2 revenue and storm water assessments.

The Board continues to identify and pursue grant funding that would reduce the overall cost of the project. These efforts will continue through project construction.

Finally, the Board approved a resolution to bring this project to a referendum vote in November. Stay tuned for further communication related to this exciting project over the next 60 days.

Public Works Update.

The Highland Drive pathway work is complete except for the Railroad crossing and final road crossing paving. Hearings continue in Madison and are near a positive and cost-effective resolution.

Paving will commence in earnest in September as evidenced by the many orange barrels throughout the Village.

A Committee of the Whole meeting will be held in September. Current topics include a review of presentation and communications materials related to the Underwood Creek Daylighting and an update on all the Village Projects underway.

Let’s enjoy the final days of summer and remember school is back in session!

Business & Club Directory

*** Community Organizations**



Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club

Come Join with Us, Men & Women, to serve the children of our community. We meet each Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Mary’s Senior Center in Elm Grove. We have stimulating speakers each week and offer socializing among all present.

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***FAZIO’S SWEET MOMENTS SWEET LIFE**, an Elm Grove family-run chocolate boutique, owned and operated by **Cindy** (a chocolatier) and her husband **Mark Karrels**, was awarded a first place in the Sweet Treats category of the professional food competition for the state’s small-business food producers and Best of Show award at the 2024 Wisconsin State Fair. Decade of Decadence, a confection (dark chocolate praline crunch layered with berry marmalade and cheesecake, all in a dark chocolate shell) was created to commemorate their 10-year business anniversary last fall. “Entering the Wisconsin State Fair competition has been on my bucket list for years,” Cindy said. “Winning is a dream come true.”

Forward Scholars (Continued from Page 2)

I was assigned to Bryant Elementary, near 87th and Silver Spring. My student was **Shawn**, a 3rd grader reading at the K5 level. We met twice a week for approximately an hour. The first semester Shawn progressed an entire grade level. The second semester there was some family turbulence and Shawn missed a bit of school but returned and got back on track. At the end, he was reading at the mid first grade level, a progression of one and a half grade levels, slightly less than the two-year average improvement for Forward Scholars last year.

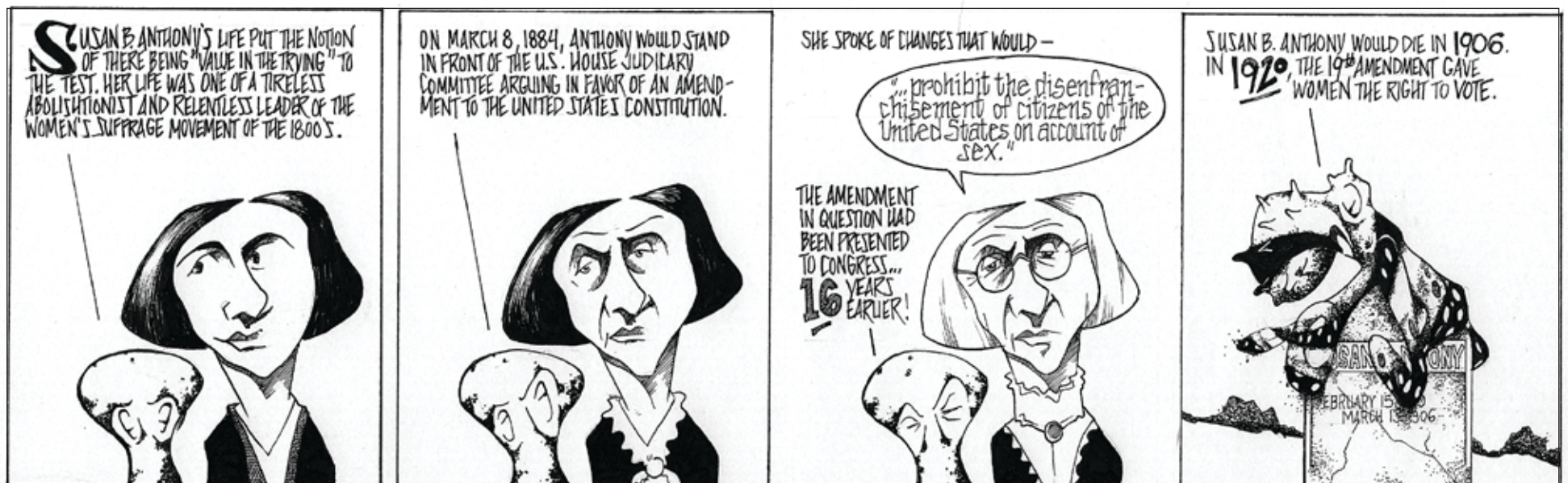
***Rewards:** On the last day of class, the students are given a goody bag and a certificate outlining their progress. Also, a stack of index cards with all the “sight words” that they had learned throughout the year. My Shawn said: “Old Pete, (which is my grandfather and also my tutoring name) my mom is going to be so proud of me that

she is going to cry.”

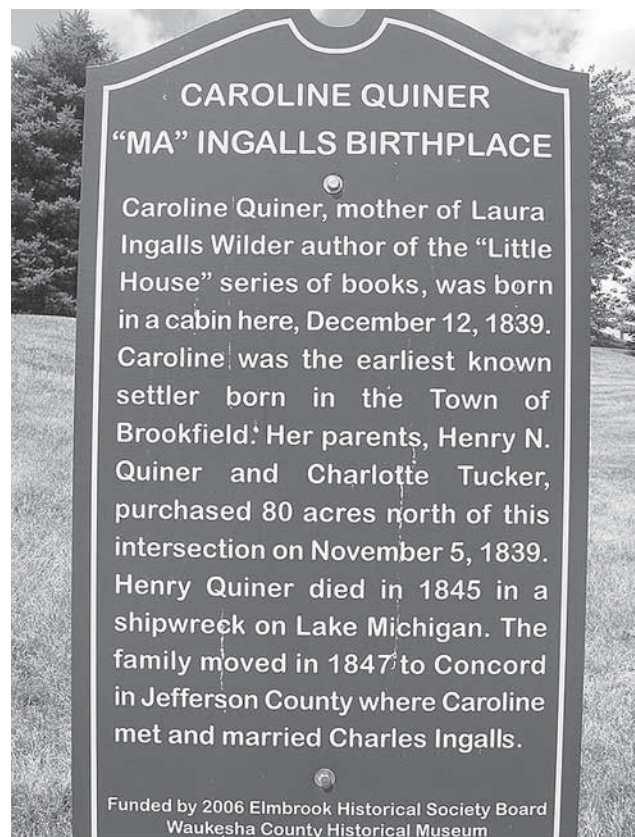
***Substitute tutors:** In addition to the instructional excellence, the program is well thought out for the volunteers. Joan and I are at a time of life where we like to do some travelling. Forward Scholars has a bank of substitute volunteer tutors. So, when we were away, a volunteer substitute filled in. In my case, it was always the same person so that Shawn had continuity.

***Next year:** At the close of the school year, Forward Scholars hosted a thank you lunch for the volunteer tutors. The tutors were invited to tell stories about their experience. One after another had lovely, poignant reports to make akin to Shawn’s comment about his mom crying with pride. And some were very, very humorous as well. It was apparent that all the tutors had valued their experience. That is certainly so in my case. I am planning on volunteering again next school year.

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



Our History: *Remembrances of Things Past*



An historical marker, located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Brookfield Road and West Davidson Road in the Town of Brookfield, Wisconsin, on the land where a young **Caroline Quiner** lived with her family.

Happy Here!



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Poems about small town life

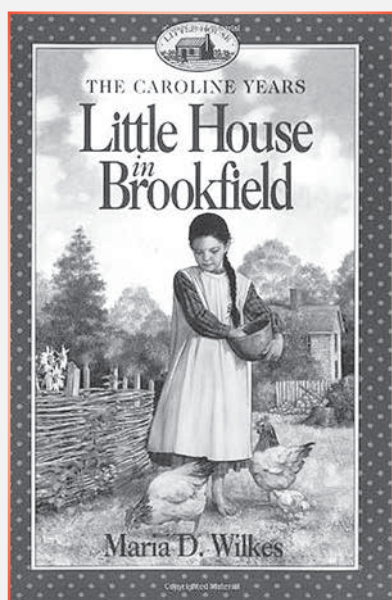
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Who came here first,
Times best and worst,
What got us to today.*



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If you would like to get involved, we would love to have you! Here are the types of positions we're looking to fill:

- **Event Set-up**
- **Ticket Sellers**
- **Pretzel Sellers**
- **Beer Tent Volunteers**
- Restroom Supplies Checker
- Raise Your Pint Volunteers
- Event Clean-up

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If you could give us a hand for a couple of hours during Oktoberfest weekend, we would greatly appreciate you.

To see opportunities, visit the Oktoberfest page at www.elmgrovefoundation.org and click the Volunteer button, or scan this QR code with your smartphone camera.



Oktoberfest - Village Park - September 20 & 21, 2024

Calendar of Events – September 2024

Sunday – SEPTEMBER 1

- Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force Meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrovewi.org

Monday – SEPTEMBER 2

LABOR DAY - Village Hall Closed

Friday – SEPTEMBER 6

- Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Private Club Meeting kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – SEPTEMBER 8

- Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force Meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrovewi.org

Monday – SEPTEMBER 9

- American Heritage Girls Troop WI0356 Meeting at Brookside Baptist Church, Brookfield. AHGWI0356@brooksidebc.org (See AD – this page)

- Cruisin' the Spur – Vintage & Classic Car, Truck & Cycle Show Located in the parking lot behind Silver Spur BBQ, 13275 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove – 5 p.m. to dark. FREE to exhibit & attend.

Wednesday – SEPTEMBER 11

PATRIOT DAY – National Day of Service & Remembrance



Friday – SEPTEMBER 13

- Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Senior Center; Speaker: **Dr. Peter Jacobsohn** Topic: "Brother Joseph Dutton: Soldier, Sinner, Saint". kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – SEPTEMBER 15

- Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force Meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrovewi.org

Thursday - SEPTEMBER 19

- OWLS – Seniors' Group Luncheon & Program "Julia Child" portrayed by **Leslie Goddard**; Sponsored by Community UMC. Guests are welcome. <http://www.cumceg.org/owl>

Friday – SEPTEMBER 20

- Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Meeting – 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Senior Center; Speakers: **Debra Baesemann & Molly Salinas**; Topic: "Elm Grove Waste Audit". kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – SEPTEMBER 22

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- Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force Meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrovewi.org

Monday – SEPTEMBER 23

- Cruisin' the Spur – Vintage & Classic Car, Truck & Cycle Show Located in the parking lot behind Silver Spur BBQ, 13275 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove – 5 p.m. to dark. FREE to exhibit & attend.

Tuesday – SEPTEMBER 24

- Elm Grove Board of Trustees Meeting – 7 p.m. at Village Hall Courtroom. (262) 782-6700 Agenda: www.elmgrovewi.org

Friday – SEPTEMBER 27

- Elm Grove Kiwanis Club – Golden K Private Club Meeting / Officer and Director Installation / Club Reception kiwaniselmgrove@gmail.com

Sunday – SEPTEMBER 29

- Elm Grove Beautification Committee Invasive Species Task Force Meets at 11 a.m. at Elm Grove Village Park. Volunteers welcome. beautification@elmgrovewi.org

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Friday, September 6th

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A 1958 Edsel is displayed during a past Cruisin' the SPUR event.

Cruisin' the SPUR September Events Announced

(ELM GROVE) Cars, Trucks, Hot Rods, Rat Rods, Sports Cars, Cycles and Scooters. Antique, classic, vintage, collectible, modified, customized, foreign, domestic, rare, unusual, old and even new. You name it! If it has wheels, it is welcome at... "Cruisin' the SPUR".

These informal gatherings are located behind the Silver Spur BBQ, on Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, starting at 5 p.m.

on alternate Mondays this summer. The September dates are Monday the 9th and Monday the 23rd.

There have definitely been some interesting vehicles on hand so far this summer. And weather permitting, September should be no exception.

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A View of a Room Painted by Vermeer Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.

Completing little more than two paintings per year, the Vermeer oeuvre is unusually small compared to the great masters, and yet how magnificent this small collection of small paintings is! Join us as we survey the life and works of one of the true Dutch masters, Johannes Vermeer. Presented by Professor Karri Fritz-Klaus of Cornerstone History Symposium.



You Have Pictures in Your Camera...Now What? / Tuesday, September 17, 1:00 p.m.

We have hundreds – if not thousands – of pictures in our cameras, smartphones and computers. Now what...? This seminar teaches techniques to save pictures from cameras and smartphones to a computer, to external devices and to "the Cloud." using Windows PCs. Presented by photo educator C.T. Kruger.



A Cup of Health: The Importance of Laughter in Health Tuesday, September 24, 1:30 p.m. O'Neill Room

It has been said that laughter is the best medicine. Actually, in most cases medicine is the best medicine, but laughter can be good for your health. Come learn how laughter reduces stress, boosts our immune system, aids in protecting our heart, and even burns calories. Also learn fun simple ways to add more laughter into your life.



This "Cup of Health" program is presented by a community health educator with the Waukesha County Public Health Department. Advance registration is appreciated at elmgrovelibrary.org.

Nature Heals: How Nature Interactions Enhance Well-Being Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.

The power of nature to heal and grow the human spirit is substantiated through an increasing body of behavioral research. Philip Chard, a thought leader in the field of ecopsychology and an award-winning newspaper columnist, illustrates how interacting with nature helps to overcome debilitating feelings, heal emotional wounds, promote self-understanding, nurture creativity, and further spiritual growth.



This is the first program in the 2024-25 Elm Grove Beautification Committee Winter Lecture Series, with partner support from the Elm Grove Library.

Fall Story Times @ The Library

Bright Beginnings Story Time and Play Group / Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

This story time meets in the lower level for 15-20 minutes of interactive stories, rhymes and songs followed by playtime with special toys. Ages 1-3 years with a caregiver.

- September 10, 17, 24, October 8, 15, 22, November 5, 12, 19

Morning Break Story Time / Fridays, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

This story time meets in the story room at the library for 30 minutes of stories, songs, and other early literacy activities. Ages 3-5 years.

- September 13, 20, 27, October 11, 18, 25, November 8, 15, 22

Bedtime Story Time with Kathy Luck / Mondays, 6:00 p.m.

Join Kathy for a lively mixture of stories, puppets, and music in this family story time. Recommended for ages 3-7.

- October 14, November 11



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News Briefs



Photo courtesy: Sarah Wynia-Smith

Members of the Medical College of Wisconsin Orchestra gather for a group photo.

Elm Grove and Brookfield Residents Perform with MCW Orchestra, Jazz Band

By Sarah Wynia-Smith

Most local residents know the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) as a world-class academic medical center that trains physicians, pharmacists, and scientists, provides medical care, and boasts numerous laboratory research programs and clinical trials. What most do not realize is that MCW is also home to a full symphony orchestra and a jazz band whose instrumentalists draw from the MCW medical and science community.

Every Thursday evening, orchestra and jazz band members hang up their scrubs and lab coats and pick up their instruments to rehearse musical pieces that range from well-known classical symphonic works to big

band jazz. The MCW orchestra is conducted by **Dr. Alexander Mandl** and typically hosts five concerts annually. There is never an admission fee, but a freewill donation is taken, split between the orchestra and a charity of the orchestra members' choosing. Since the MCW orchestra's founding in 2019, more than \$12,500 has been raised and donated to local charity partners such as Milwaukee Street Angels, Allies for Teens in Foster Care, The Women's Center, and more.

The MCW Jazz Band is led by **Lynn Lewandowski** and recently played at the Elm Grove Beer Garden by Third Space. Participating in the orchestra and/or jazz

band is always a highlight of each member's week. Playing together not only results in beautiful music to share with the community, but also builds important relationships across departments that might not otherwise naturally interact.

Several Elm Grove and Brookfield residents have recently performed with either the MCW Orchestra or Jazz band, including **Alice Ching** (violin and piano), **Hannah Edens** (flute), **Alexis Ganos** (viola), **Kathleen Koth** (saxophone), **Emma Morrison** (French horn), **Brian Smith** (cello), **Jackson Smith** (viola), **Michelle Streit** (viola), and **Sarah Wynia-Smith** (trumpet).

The MCW Orchestra and Jazz Band's next performance is Saturday, September 14th at 4:00 pm at the outdoor Hart Park Rotary Stage in Wauwatosa, featuring many exciting movie music selections from films including *Star Wars*, *Star Trek*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *The Jungle Book*, and more.

For more information, including future concert dates and updates, search for our page on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram @mcworchestra.



Photo courtesy: Sarah Wynia-Smith

Members of the Medical College of Wisconsin Jazz Band

Shred Day to be Held in September

(ELM GROVE) the Elm Grove Business Association will hold its annual Shred Day on Saturday, September 14th, from 9 a.m. to Noon in the parking lot of the Park & Shop in the downtown area of the village. Please enter off Wall Street.

***Acceptable items** include: white and colored paper; glossy, carbonless envelopes (window and kraft); Post-it notes; file folders, spiral notebooks and note pads, books and brochures, staples, paper clips, rubber bands and metal clips.

***NOT acceptable:** any non-paper items, food waste, hanging file folders, glass, plastic, aluminum, metal, tin, Styrofoam, label backing, 3-ring binders, x-rays, and negatives.

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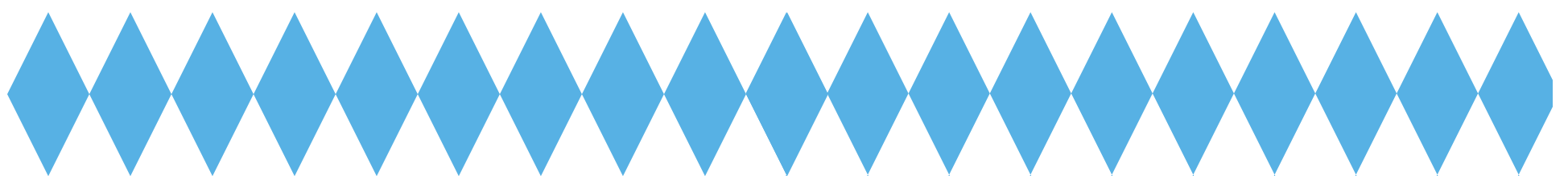
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Young Writers & Reporters



Photo courtesy: Jaskiran Sandhu-Bal

Armaan and Aarza Bal at the Ronald McDonald House in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Goodbye Summer!

By Armaan Bal, Level 5 – Brookfield Academy

Another summer comes to an end,
I remember when it started and all the free time I had to spend.
From golf to swimming and Tae Kwon Do, too,
We started new tennis lessons --- that was something to do!
On July 2nd, my twin sister and I celebrated a special day.
That was none other than our 10th birthday, Hooray!
Instead of presents this year, we collected small donations.
We supported the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
and the Ronald McDonald House organizations!
It was a decision that made me feel great!
It also put me in my happy state.

This Summer, I grew an inch, because I had so much to eat.
From food trucks at the Corners to some delicious Bar-B-Que treats!
Can’t forget the ice cream and popsicles galore,
Pizzas and video games made me love this summer even more.
Going to my Nani’s house was another highlight.
Loved jumping in their pool to have a water gun fight!
Now it’s time to go back to the place of learning.
We all call it school, now my stomach is churning.
No more late nights, or movies in bed,
Now it’s time to go to sleep, there’s a BIG day ahead!
I look forward to starting this new year...
Let 5th grade begin with a cheer!



Making a Difference

By Aarza Bal
Level 5 – Brookfield Academy

On July 2nd, my twin brother and I turned 10. Instead of gifts this year, we collected small donations and thought of donating to places we could make a difference. We chose the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin and the Ronald McDonald House. We chose the C.H.O.W. because 2 years ago, I was admitted there for a bad stomach infection. Everyone there was so kind and caring. I thought of giving back! I also wanted to help the other sick kids in need. So, we also donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The house is run by volunteers who help support families with sick children. They allow families free food and a place to stay. I thought this was amazing. I am thankful to my friends and family for an amazing experience.

The Five Little Astronauts

By Emma Hint, 4th Grade - Tonawanda

Once upon a (real) time at 5:00 a.m., Joey, Marshal, Lily, Sahra and Bob woke up. They were a group of astronauts. Today was the big launch. They had to be prepared.

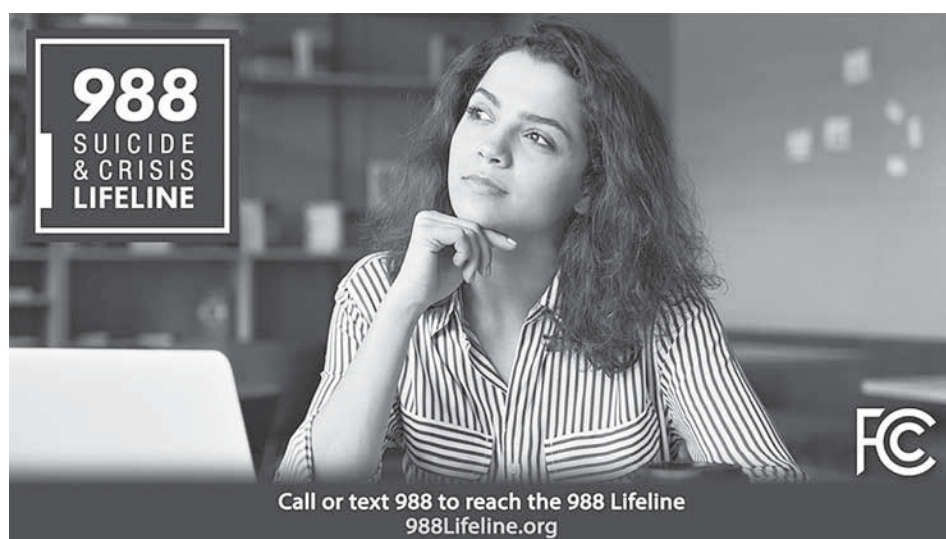
When they arrived at NASA, they got into their spacesuits and got in their rocket.....10, 9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1 **BOOM! LIFT OFF!**

“We made it out of Orbit”, Lily cheers!
“Next stop the moon”, Bob says. After a loooooong flight Joey said, “The Moon” (Dramatically) acting like he is the concierge of the moon! Ha Boom, Ha Boom their steps go. After they collect rocks and take pictures (mentally and physically) they head home. Whoosh, Boom! They land back on Earth and wobble. “I forgot,” Sahra chuckles. “Gravity”. **THE END**

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There is Help. There is Hope.

By Janavi Wagle, 10th Grade - Brookfield East High School

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, and September 10th is Suicide Prevention Day. According to the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention, this month is a time to check on our loved ones, reduce the stigma around suicide, and raise awareness in our community.

In 2022, the National Institutes of Health reported that suicide was the 11th leading cause of death in the United States and was responsible for over 48,100 lives, with a higher prevalence among individuals aged 10-34. Common methods include firearms, suffocation, poisoning, and drowning. Mental and physical health issues, along with substance use disorders, are often linked to suicide. Stigma surrounding mental health and suicidal deaths persists in the community, leading to feelings of shame among the families and friends of those affected.

To combat this, we need to increase awareness and develop strategic action plans. The new federal action plan focuses on improving mental health care by establishing mobile crisis lines and enhancing resource access. This year’s theme for National Suicide Prevention Month is “Changing the Narrative on Suicide.” It is critical for our community to support suicide prevention efforts and work to break the stigma.

One of my favorite quotes on this occasion is “There is help. There is hope.”

Resource:

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides free and confidential support for anyone experiencing a suicidal, mental health, and/or substance use crisis.

Coloring for Kids (of ALL ages!)



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 (**about 200 words max**) must include the writer's name, community of residence & phone #.
- Mail to: EGNI, 14420 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122-2423.
- E-mail: elmgrovenews@yahoo.com (Subject line: Letters to the Editor)

Vote Yes for the Downtown Daylighting Project

Rather than walk or bike with your kids through a dilapidated parking lot while dodging traffic, imagine instead, walking or biking with them on your own dedicated pathway that winds parallel to the revitalized Underwood Creek, featuring terraced stone embankments accented by native flowers, shrubs, and trees.

The Underwood Creek Downtown Daylighting Project represents a significant step toward raising property values, environmental restoration, and critical flood control improvements. By uncovering and restoring the natural flow of Underwood Creek, originally enclosed by the existing culvert in the 1960s, the project will transform the parking lot east of Sendik's from Watertown Plank Rd to Wall St into our own little downtown river walk.

Daylighting buried or otherwise enclosed waterways is a common infrastructure strategy to enhance land around the previously restricted stream or creek, while also significantly increasing its capacity to manage stormwater. Average annual precipitation in Elm Grove has increased about 18 percent since Underwood Creek was buried. During preliminary engineering for the village Flood Management Project in 2008, experts determined that this segment could lead to flooding if not removed. And since the culvert was never permitted, it is not eligible for repairs according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Investments in stormwater management protects local infrastructure and properties by ensuring the community is better equipped to handle severe weather events.

Residents and businesses benefit from aesthetic and safety enhancements as well.

A dedicated pathway separate from vehicle traffic in the parking lot will better serve both pedestrians and drivers. It also helps connect the downtown area to the village's ongoing pathway construction efforts and an extensive network of local and state trails residents can access by the Recycling Center. An open creek flowing through landscaped green space will enrich downtown Elm Grove by creating a more attractive and inviting space for residents and visitors. This is an exciting opportunity to showcase how we can blend environmental stewardship with economic development.

Partial grants for this project have been made available through the state, and there will be no increase in property taxes to homeowners due to this project. Further deferring maintenance on this project could mean spending exorbitant amounts when the culvert collapses or fails to adequately redirect stormwater, flooding downtown properties.

Elm Grove residents should take this opportunity to approve the Underwood Creek Downtown Daylighting, a common sense project that provides broad community benefits, from enhanced safety and environmental health to economic growth and quality of life. We are not just uncovering a creek, we are uncovering new possibilities for the Village of Elm Grove. Vote Yes for the Downtown Daylighting Project.

For more information, visit elmgrovewi.org/573/Underwood-Creek-Daylighting. You can also learn more about Elm Grove Pathways at elmgrovelegacy.org.

Keegan Mager

Legacy - Elm Grove Pathway Project

Public Safety Reports

From the files of the Elm Grove Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Depts.



Photo courtesy: EGPD

On August 5, 2024, Officer **Peter Holmes** (at left -- with **Chief of Police Jason Hennen**) was sworn in as the Elm Grove Police Department's newest member. Officer Holmes most recently worked in the private sector. Prior to that, he served as an officer with the City of Waukesha Police Department for more than 3 years. Officer Holmes also served in the United States Army for more than 14 years.

Elm Grove Citizen Police Academy Alumni in Action

By Stacy Barry Coffey

In August, the CPAA board approved the purchase of glow sticks for police and EMS to distribute during Elm Grove Trick-or-Treat. These glow sticks will help ensure children remain visible and safe during the Halloween festivities.

Over the summer, EG officers handed out 125 ice cream scoop cards to children thanks to a partnership between the CPAA and RJ's Ice Cream. The free scoop initiative rewards kids for wearing helmets and following bike safety rules.

Additionally, the CPAA approved purchasing a gas griddle for officers to use for cooking meals while on duty and during

training days. The griddle will also be used by the Elm Grove Fire Department.

The CPAA's general member meeting is scheduled for October, with more details to be shared via email and Facebook.

The 25th Citizen Police Academy class is scheduled to begin April 9, 2025 and meet on Wednesday nights through June 11, 2025. This program offers residents a chance to gain valuable insights into law enforcement while fostering a deeper appreciation of police work.

For more information and applications, visit <https://elmgrovewi.org/206/Citizen-Police-Academy>.

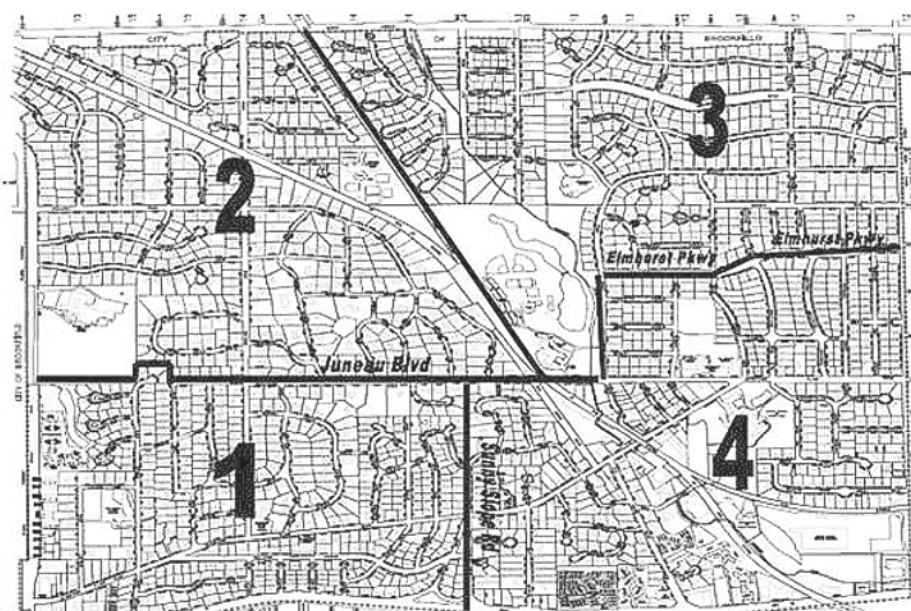
News Briefs

Elmbrook Board Approves Fairview South School Renovation

(BROOKFIELD) The School District of Elmbrook's Board of Education, during its meeting on August 13, approved the Administration's recommendation to renovate a portion of Fairview South School, 3525 Bermuda Blvd., Brookfield, in support of the Waukesha County Special Education Cooperative program. This renovation will begin in June 2025, and will be completed before September 1, 2025, in time to begin the 2025-26 school year.

The renovation has a budget of \$3,468,046, which is a significant investment in both the WCSEC and the Fairview South Facility and utilizes funds from the District's 10-year capital plan. The renovation includes remodeling of the public entry space including the public restrooms, a new gym floor, the current classrooms and learning spaces in the East wing of the building, and exterior repairs to the facility's support beams, among other needs. The scope of work does not include renovation of the West wing or North section of the facility.

The district expressed thanks to **Angie McGuire** for being a critical part of the design process and the staff and families that provided feedback on student and program needs along the way. "We look forward to creating an amazing space for our current and future students of the Cooperative program!"



Fall Projects: Brush Pick-Up, Buckthorn Removal

By James G. Lange

Fall is around the corner and that means Elm Grove's last brush pick up for 2024 is here, too starting on Monday, September 9th for Area 1. This is a valuable service that Elm Grove provides its residents, but for smooth DPW operations and efficiency, please follow the Brush Pickup Guidelines listed below. If you ever get to see DPW crew pick up your brush with their motorized claw that lifts the brush into the truck, the guidelines make perfect sense.

This time of year, is a great time to take down buckthorn, an invasive shrub that can turn into a tree quickly. You should treat the

stump with shrub with brush killer, otherwise it will come back next year. If you would like to learn more about buckthorn removal, please email the Elm Grove Beautification Committee at EGBeautificaiton@gmail.com and join the Beautification email list and the Invasive Species Task Force (ISTF) email list. The ISTF meets on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. around Elm Grove to eradicate invasive species, including buckthorn, garlic mustard in the spring, Canada thistle and Queen Anne's Lace. Be sure to get the location from our emails so you know where ISTF is meeting on Sunday mornings.

2024 FALL PICK-UP SCHEDULE

- AREA 1 – September 9
- AREA 2 – September 16
- AREA 3 – September 23
- AREA 4 – September 30

Brush Pickup Guidelines

*Brush may not be piled at roadside any earlier than the weekend preceding your scheduled pickup, or later than Sunday night preceding your pickup week.

*Brush must be placed at the roadside in front of your residence, not in boulevard areas.

*Once brush has been collected on your street, crews will not return for additional pickups until the next scheduled date.

*Residents placing brush at the roadside after their last scheduled pickup date will be billed \$60.00 per load or fraction of load for the Public Works Department to pick up this brush.

*Brush piles must be in lengths of 6' or less, **not one continuous pile**.

*Brush must be piled parallel with the road, all cut ends pointed in one direction. Brush piled incorrectly, or which is longer than the maximum of six feet, will not be picked up.

*Brush must be cut by residents, **not by contractors**.

*Brush must be piled separate from logs, with logs no longer than 3'.

*Brush cannot be piled: Next to telephone poles, trees, fences, rocks, mailboxes, or any other objects; Under wires or branches; On tarps; In garbage cans or bags; or With trash or yard waste (grass clippings, garden waste, leaves, paper, plastic, etc.)

News Briefs



Tracy Albers

Dr. Mark Bullio

Shelly Sullivan

Photos courtesy: Brookfield Academy

Leadership Transitions Noted at Brookfield Academy

By Melissa Eriksen

Heads of Upper School, Middle School

After an impressive 43 years of dedicated service, more than 30 of which were spent as head of the Upper School at Brookfield Academy (BA), **Dr. Dan Davis** is retiring from that position. He will remain at the school and serve in the role of Director of Special Projects.

“Dr. Davis’ commitment and contributions to BA have been invaluable,” said **Mr. Doug Ricci**, Head of School. “His help was crucial as we began the transition last year and he’ll continue to make an impact as he leverages his experiences in new ways.”

The new Head of the Upper School will be **Dr. Mark Bullio**, who has held many positions at Brookfield Academy including coach, teacher, Upper School Dean of Students, and, most recently Head of the Middle School. **Mrs. Jessee Tomchek** and **Mr. Nick Spaeth** will continue to support Dr. Bullio in their roles as Assistant Head of

the Upper School and Dean of College and Academic Advising, respectively.

Middle School Head and Dean of Students

Stepping into the role of Head of the Middle School is **Mrs. Shelly Sullivan**. Mrs. Sullivan has been an instrumental part of the school, serving as a science teacher and Dean of Students in the Middle School. With a decade of service to BA, she has been key in fostering academic excellence in a caring environment. She will be accompanied by the new Middle School Dean of Students, **Mrs. Tracy Albers**. During her seven years at the school, she has become known for her engaging teaching style and understanding of student development.

Mr. Ricci concluded, “Although transition often brings change, each of these individuals is highly respected and well-known. Our community is eager to see these leaders apply their expertise to new opportunities.”

Elmbrook Education Foundation Announces New Board Members

(BROOKFIELD) – The Elmbrook Education Foundation welcomes five new members to join their Board of Directors. These members will continue the mission of enriching our school district and community by investing in our students and educators through grants, scholarships, and other major initiatives.

“As our foundation grows, we are pleased to welcome outstanding members who will make an impact on the students and staff of Elmbrook! I am so grateful for the continued support and enthusiasm of our Board of Directors,” said **Beth Dobrzynski**, EEF Executive Director.

Joining the EEF board for a three-year term are **Katrina Hergott**, **Kelli Kauzlarich**, **Brian Kawa**, **Lynn Olberding**, and **Jennifer Prom**. All bring various talents to help the foundation continue to grow.

EEF was organized in 1958 to award scholarships to select Brookfield High School graduates. In 1999, the Foundation’s mission expanded to include teacher grants for innovative projects that benefit all students and raise money to support and strengthen outstanding learning ideas that improve the overall educational quality of our public schools. EEF has awarded over \$1,700,000 in scholarships and over \$845,000 in grants which enhance and extend the established curriculum and support projects that are beyond the district’s budget.

For more information, please contact **Beth Dobrzynski**, Executive Director, at elmbrookeducationfoundation@gmail.com.

www.elmbrookschoools.org/elmbrook-education-foundation.

Green is Good!



Photo courtesy: Elm Grove Green Team

Village of Elm Grove Trustees, Staff, and Sustainability Committee members learn about Milwaukee’s Deep Tunnel System where, 300 feet below ground, it’s helping keep storm- and wastewater from 29 communities from reaching Lake Michigan.

Milwaukee’s Deep Tunnel Exceeds National Goal for Clean Water

By the Elm Grove Green Team

It’s been 30 years since Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District’s (MMSD) Deep Tunnel System began capturing stormwater and wastewater, and the investment continues to pay off: The system has prevented more than 151.4 billion gallons of pollution from getting into Lake Michigan. What’s more, since 1994 MMSD has captured and cleaned 98.6% of the stormwater and wastewater from 29 communities in six watersheds. That’s well above the national goal of 85%.

“Polluted runoff is the biggest remaining threat to clean water in the U.S.,” says **Bill Graffin**, Public Information Manager at MMSD. “We’re at the mercy of everybody who discharges into our sewer system.”

That includes the Village of Elm Grove, and recently a group of Village Trustees, staff and Sustainability Committee members visited the Deep Tunnel’s pump room 300 feet below ground to learn how our storm- and wastewater is managed. The 28.5-mile Deep Tunnel stores up to 521 million gallons of water at times when rainfall exceeds MMSD’s capacity to clean the water in system. The water is then pumped up to MMSD’s reclamation facilities for cleaning as soon as there is capacity. With the Deep Tunnels, the average number of overflows polluting the Lake Michigan has dropped from 50-60/year to 2.2/year.

What can we do to help manage our storm- and wastewater? MMSD suggests only flushing the 3 Ps (pee, poo, toilet paper), and keeping household chemicals, medicine, and cooking grease from going down the drain. Rain barrels and rain gardens can help reduce runoff going into the system. You can also sign up for Water Drop Alert™ reminders to reduce your water use during heavy rain events by texting WATERDROP to 414-296-4422. Reducing your water use during storms can help reduce the risk of overflows. Take a virtual tour and learn more at <https://www.mmsd.com/what-we-do/wastewater-treatment/deep-tunnel>.

Waste Warriors Hit Recycling Homeruns

By doing lots of recycling, cleaning recycling items, and breaking down cardboard boxes, our neighbors at 545 Meadow Lane, 13995 Lloyd Street, and 13125 Dunwoody Drive have become Waste Warriors! Each month, our JOHNS Elm Grove-dedicated waste management professionals identify households that are doing an outstanding job of recycling using the blue bins. Extra effort made these neighbors stand out.

Hit your recycling out of the park by visiting <https://www.johnsdisposal.com/municipalities/elm-grove-village/>

News’ Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Morgan Gourley

Well hello! My name is **Graffiti**. This may not come as a shock to you, but in one of my nine lives, I was a model. In another one, I was a queen. Therefore, I am what some would call, a “diva”. See, I am kind of a big deal here and there is not a person here that cannot stop and stare at my beauty. I have a gorgeous face with striking eyes - people get pretty enchanted by my good looks, so they have no choice but to come and visit me. Not all commoners get to be part of my entourage. It takes a lot of pets and snackies to achieve such a milestone.

Atop my castle in my kingdom, I have seen many cats come and go, but for some reason, people don’t seem too interested in meeting me. I have Feline Leukemia (FeLV). FeLV is not a type of cancer. It’s a virus that causes a weaker immune system and often a shorter life-span. For the most part, ‘FeLVies’ like me are just like any other cat. In a home, I can only live with other FeLV+ cats, but dogs and other animals are just fine! My commoners here at EBHS can also answer more questions about me and FeLV. If I sound like the queen for you, fill out an application today. I shall be waiting!

The EBHS is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, (off Barker Road) Brookfield. (262) 782-9261.



Photo courtesy: Elmbrook Humane Society

Graffiti

Help for anyone who has a loved one living with a mental health condition.

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions.

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