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To: Elk Grove Mayor and Council

From: Laura S. Gill, City Manager *Laura S. Gill*

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for September 23, 2009**

This is a report by the City Manager to the Elk Grove City Council. This report provides information on issues affecting the City and the progress of City activities.

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#### Elk Grove Community Coloring Book Project Kicks Off

The Elk Grove Committee for the Arts, Elk Grove Unified School District and the Elk Grove Citizen are teaming up to create a community coloring book for Elk Grove children – and we need your help! The coloring book will be handed out to children free of charge at local community events. Middle or high school age youth are encouraged to submit original artwork design outlines for the coloring book. For more details and the full contest rules, visit the City's website at [www.elkgrovecity.org](http://www.elkgrovecity.org).

#### Web chat with City staff

Local media is changing, and so is the way our residents get their news and information. We have been introducing new tools to help keep our community informed and connected. With nearly 15,000 members and more than 1 million hits a month, Elk Grove Online is the online home for many of our residents. On October 6, we will be trying something new - a live Web chat with City staff. Based on suggestions from the community, the first discussion will include a discussion regarding economic development and stimulating the local economy. Assistant City Manager Patrick Blacklock and Senior Management Analyst Heather Ross will answer questions from the community in real time. Visit [www.elk-grove.com](http://www.elk-grove.com) to learn more.

#### Elk Grove Library Window

An outside window at the new Elk Grove library has been damaged due to a vehicle accident. The damaged window needs to be special ordered so there will be a delay in the window repair.

I remain available to answer any questions regarding this report.