



Police Department Transition Taking Shape

More than 100 community leaders and public safety officers converged on City Hall last month as Elk Grove's first independent police chief and assistant chief were sworn in, and the transition to a locally-controlled police department began taking shape. Flanked by family and friends, Chief Robert Simmons and Assistant Chief Ed Kelly were pinned with new badges reflecting their change in status from leaders of the contract police agency to the City's first two sworn officers.



Both are familiar faces in Elk Grove because of their prior service with the contracted police department – and both are proud longtime residents of our community.

Meet Robert John Simmons

Robert "Bob" Simmons is a fourth generation Sacramentan. Born on May 13, 1946, Bob entered the Sacramento County Sheriff's Academy at the age of 25. On October 9, 1971, Bob embarked on his career of law enforcement, and was hired as a Sheriff's Deputy. In his 34 years of service, Simmons held the positions of Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. He worked the Main Jail, Patrol, Burglary, Bomb Squad and most recently in the Elk Grove Police Department. Over the years Bob received numerous letters of commendation, 5 unit citations and a bronze star for bravery. Thirty-four years later his service is being recognized by his promotion and title of Police Chief for the City of Elk Grove's independent Police Department. Simmons shares this honor with his proud wife Jennifer and his 5 children Shannon, Bob, Holly, Heather and Mike. Bob and his wife reside in Elk Grove.

Meet Edward J. Kelly

Edward "Ed" Kelly was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on November 10, 1958. Kelly's family moved to Sacramento when he was 2 years old. Ed earned his Bachelor's Degree in Human Relations from Golden Gate University in 1990. At the age of 23, he began his police career as a Deputy Sheriff for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. In Kelly's 24 years with the Sheriff's Department, he held the positions of Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant and Lieutenant. Kelly worked Patrol, the Main Jail, as the Academic Coordinator for the Sheriff's Training Academy and most recently in the Elk Grove Police Department. Over the years Ed has earned several letters of commendation and two unit citations. Ed Kelly shares this honor and achievement with his supportive wife Annette of 19 years and their two children Shea and Braden. The Kellys have been residents of Elk Grove for 17 years.

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Message From Bob Simmons – Chief Of Police



Running a municipal police department affords the City opportunities to implement programs and services tailored to the needs of our residents today, tomorrow and into the future. The City will have direct control over geographic dispatch areas, programs and services, working conditions and all other facets of police services.

The contract between the City and the County comes to a close in 18 months, so the clock is ticking as we move toward October 2006. Starting a new department is no easy task, and we have a lot to do in a short amount of time. Already the City is developing competitive compensation and benefit packages for all rank-and-file officers within the department, looking at state-of-the-art technologies for officers in the field and in the office, analyzing the latest innovations in fleet management, working toward establishing interagency data connections between state and federal agencies, evaluating what other public safety services we may want to contract for, identifying and managing real and perceived risks, as well as looking to improve facilities that house our officers.

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T-Shirt Aims to Prevent Drug Use by Youth



The key to drug abuse prevention is early intervention. For the Elk Grove Police Department, that means reaching out to the young people in our community — and discussing alternatives to a life of addiction.

It also means youth talking to their peers and younger friends about the dangers of drugs.

Fueled by drug asset seizure revenue, the City of Elk Grove sponsored a design contest encouraging young artists to create an exciting t-shirt for youth — one that would stress alternatives to drug use, and the repercussions of abuse.

Susan Burtner, Junior High 7th Grader, crafted the winning design, which incorporates Elk Grove Police Department themes along with a powerful message not only to potential abusers, but to their friends as well.

Thanks in large part to the drug seizure funds, the design will be printed on t-shirts that will be given to elementary school students in Elk Grove during the first few months of the school year.



Winning design by 7th Grader Susan Burtner

Calendar at a Glance

August

4 Old Town Annual Open Air Faire, On the sidewalks of Old Town Elk Grove, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Planning Commission, City Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

6 Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center, 8830 Sharkey Avenue, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Elk Grove Hotel and Stage Shop
Museum tours,
North End of Elk Grove Park,
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

9 Public Workshop on Library Services, City Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

10 City Council, City Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.
Disability Advisory Committee, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

13 Elk Grove Community Garden Work Day

18 Committee for the Arts, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission, City Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

23 Public Workshop on Library Services, City Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

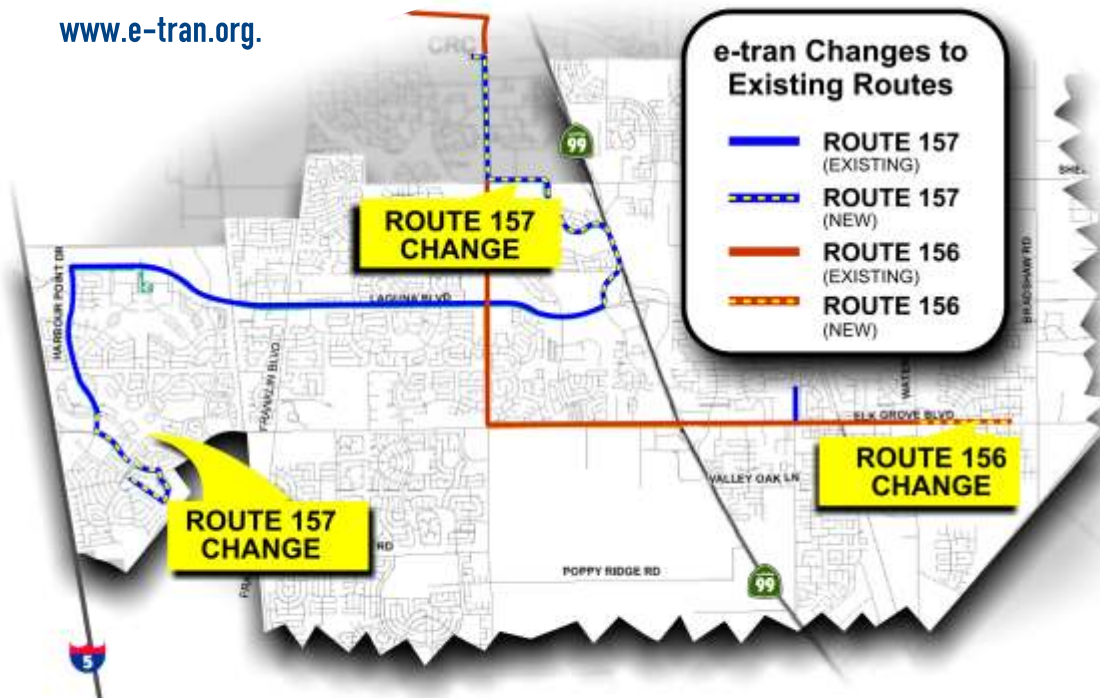
24 Elk Grove Artists, 9275 E. Stockton Blvd., Suite 100 (South of Bond Road) 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
City Council, City Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

26 East Park Pops Concert Series, Strong Park, Elk Grove Blvd. 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

'e-tran' Responds to Riders with New and Expanded Routes



More information about e-tran is available at www.e-tran.org.



Nine Year Old All Stars Win Championship



First Row, Top from left: Coach Chris Demps, Coach Kyle Weber and Coach Michael Kropp

Second Row, from left: Matthew Stafford, Nick Willmon, Brett Little, Grant Heisinger, Skyler Quam, Alex Kropp, Wyatt Demps and Nicco Toni

Third Row, kneeling, from left: Kyle Betts, Tom Wisdom, Dalton Weber, Jeremy Gula, Bat Boy Dawson Weber, Matthew Crawford, Brandon Quam and Robert Ortega.

In the blazing 106° heat of July 17th, Elk Grove's own Cal Ripken Traveling All-Star Team took home the Nor Cal Championship Tournament Trophy in Galt. Throughout the tournament, the coaches stressed the importance of teamwork. "We win as a team and we lose as team. And so far, we've just been winning as a team," Head Coach Kyle Weber was known to say after each of the five winning games.

Attention Gardeners & Volunteers – A Community Garden Comes to EG

Community Gardens bring out the best in a community – giving amateur gardeners the opportunity to grow fruits and vegetables in a neighborhood setting, while growing nutritious foods for families in need.

Conceived five years ago by the Elk Grove Food Bank, a combination Community Garden and Learning Center will soon call Elk Grove home. While four garden beds will be dedicated to clients of the food bank, all remaining beds will be available for rent to individuals or community groups. The partnership with a learning center will help educate the entire community on gardening and nutrition, while helping families in transition from poverty to self-sufficiency develop important skills for their future.



The garden, which will be located at the corner of Hampton Oak Drive and Iron Rock Way, is in need of volunteers to prepare the beds, and donate a variety of garden materials. Working together to better our community will keep Elk Grove safe, secure and thriving.

For more information, contact the Elk Grove Food Bank at 685-8453.

GovDocs Email Program Saves Paper and Keeps Citizens Engaged



Maintaining a strong and open line of communication between residents and city government is a high priority for the City of Elk Grove. An important part of that communication is ensuring residents have access to city documents in a timely manner – whether it's council or commission agendas, press releases or planning reports.

With more than 12,000 residents on the list for email updates from the City, Elk Grove recently partnered with GovDocs, a system that will allow quick electronic notification to residents when new information is posted on the City's website. A recent study showed that citizens are more likely to get involved in decisions about their community when they receive regular email updates.

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Not only is the new system more cost-effective for taxpayers, it will also help reduce the use of paper as well as mail delivery of large documents. For more information, visit the website at www.elkgrovecity.org.

Who to Call

Life Threatening Emergency 911
Police Non-Emergency 714-5115
City of Elk Grove 24-Hour Call Number 478-2263

for Street Hazards, Flooding, Drainage Problems, Traffic Signals, Street Lights

Abandoned Vehicles (Police)	478-8140
Animal Control	687-3023
Bus Service (e-tran)	687-3030
Building Department	478-2235
Chamber of Commerce	691-3760
City Clerk	683-7111
City Council	478-2201
City Hall	683-7111
City Manager	478-2201
Community Enhancement	687-3023
Economic Development	478-2261
Fire Dept	685-9502
Food Bank	685-8453
Garbage & Recycling	635-2500
Laguna Town Hall	684-7550
Library	264-2700
Mosquito Control	685-1022
www.fightthebite.net	
Planning Department	478-3620
Poison Control	(800) 876-4766
Police Service Center at City Hall	478-8100
Public Works	478-2263
School District	686-5085
Senior Center	685-3160
Suicide Prevention	368-3111
Teen Center	686-6942
Traffic Bureau (Police)	478-8140
Utility Billing	478-3642
Water Service	685-3556
Women's Shelter Crisis Line	920-2952

Elk Grove City Council

Mayor Daniel Briggs
 Mayor Pro Tempore James Cooper
 Councilmember Michael Leary
 Councilmember Sophia Scherman
 Councilmember Rick Soares

Coming Soon

New Partnership with SPCA

Public Safety Workshop

Envision Elk Grove

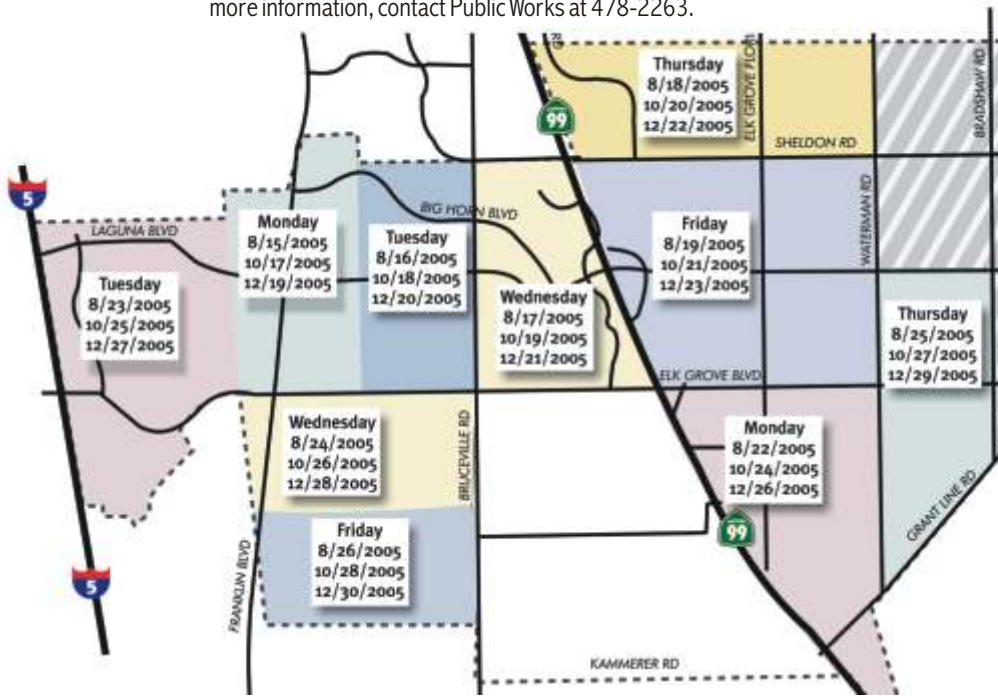
Library Services Under Review

Sweeping the Streets



Clean streets don't just look better – they help the local environment by keeping potentially harmful pollutants out of storm drains and eventually creeks and rivers. Look for the machines to be coming through your neighborhood this month, and help out by removing garbage cans, leaf piles and parked cars from the street on your designated sweeping day.

All public streets with curbs and gutters go through the routine cleaning process every few months, with major arterials and signalized intersections cleaned more often. For more information, contact Public Works at 478-2263.



City of Elk Grove Residential Street Sweeping Information

- Streets are swept to remove pollutants from the street before they enter the storm drain system. Only streets with curb and gutter are swept.
- Private or gated communities are not swept by the City of Elk Grove.
- Make sure all garbage cans, parked cars and other obstructions are off the street on your designated sweeping day. The schedule is laid out to avoid conflicts with published trash pick up schedule.
- The street sweeper will not pick up piled leaves in the street or leaves brought from private property onto the street.
- Streets will not be swept on days that it rains. The schedule will be pushed back the same number of days equal to the number of rain days.
- The City of Elk Grove also sweeps arterials either once or twice a month. Signalized intersections are swept 18 times per year. Commercial/Industrial areas are swept monthly.
- For more information, or if you have any questions, please call 687-3050.

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We are proud of the officers that have served our citizens so well during our first five years of incorporation. We have many of the bravest and brightest already here in Elk Grove, and we will expect nothing less of City of Elk Grove Police Officers. Public safety is our number one priority, and your new department will have the ability to seek out and acquire funds from state and federal agencies, and craft programs and services that continually improve the way we do business. It's about taking control of our own destiny, shaping our own future.

There will be much more to come on formation of your police department in the next 18 months. We will be soliciting your input on a number of topics related to police services, and providing updates as we reach significant milestones. We encourage you to stay engaged, stay informed and watch us grow our new police department.

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