



Speed Control Trailers Protect Children. Community

We all know that speed limits save lives – but in this busy world, sometimes we need a friendly reminder. Thanks to a grant from the state Office of Traffic Safety, the Elk Grove Police Department now has two new portable speed control trailers designed to call attention to speeding motorists in areas with heavy pedestrian traffic.

During the first weeks of the school year, the new signs will be posted near the new Pleasant Grove High School and Katherine L. Albani Middle School, alerting drivers with a large, lighted readout of their actual speed. In the future, the signs will be used in and around construction zones, where worker safety and uneven pavement call for reduced speeds.

Through the use of these mobile signs, the Police Department can focus on preventing speed-related collisions, while allowing officers to maintain a wider presence throughout the community – helping to keep Elk Grove safe, secure, and Thriving!



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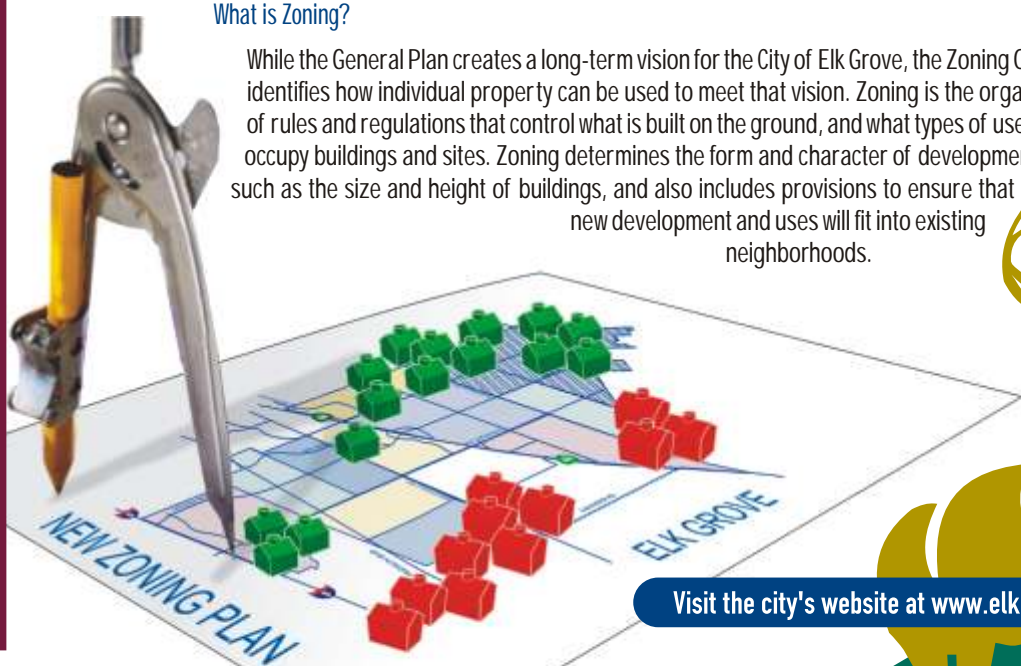
Planning Commission Reviews Zoning Plan for City

What should be built and where – while keeping neighborhoods whole – these are the goals and purposes of zoning ordinances. By applying land use regulations and development standards, the City can set high standards for what Elk Grove should look like in the future. As with other decisions, community input and involvement is necessary when creating a plan that will have such a lasting impact on Elk Grove's future.

While the public input process began recently with public hearings held by planning commissioners, there are still plenty of opportunities for residents to voice their thoughts and opinions. For more information and a copy of the Draft Zoning Code, visit the Planning Department website at www.egplanning.org.

What is Zoning?

While the General Plan creates a long-term vision for the City of Elk Grove, the Zoning Ordinance identifies how individual property can be used to meet that vision. Zoning is the organization of rules and regulations that control what is built on the ground, and what types of uses can occupy buildings and sites. Zoning determines the form and character of development, such as the size and height of buildings, and also includes provisions to ensure that new development and uses will fit into existing neighborhoods.



Calendar at a Glance

September

1 Old Town Annual Open Air Faire, "Community Pride" is the theme for this month's event on the sidewalks of Old Town 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Planning Commission, City Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m. This meeting is a study session for the proposed Zoning Code

3 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.

8 Sacramento Transportation Authority, 700 H Street, Sacramento 1:30 p.m.

14 City Council, City Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

15 Spotlight Elk Grove

Benefitting scholarships and educational opportunities through the non-profit Elk Grove Community Foundation 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. SES Hall, Elk Grove 10427 E. Stockton Blvd. \$25 advance / \$35 door www.egcommunityfoundation.org

28 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.

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

Retailers and Police Keeping Tobacco Away From Kids

The most effective way to keep tobacco out of the hands of young people is by ensuring that stores which sell tobacco products aren't peddling them to kids. Armed with volunteer youth decoys, Elk Grove Police Officers are doing just that, and citing retailers who break the law by selling tobacco to minors.

The good news is that tobacco sales to minors are dropping – both locally and statewide. Thanks in part to enforcement programs like the City of Elk Grove's, as well as increased education for retailers and youth alike, sales to minors have dropped from 14 to 10 percent, while in a recent local operation, only three stores sold to a minor decoy.

The Elk Grove Police Department takes pride in the role it plays in reducing tobacco use by minors, and remains committed to its



For more information, visit the website at www.elkgrovepd.org

Road Work Notes



Please note that road improvements will take place at these locations during the month of September

LANE CLOSURES:

Big Horn Blvd between Laguna Blvd and Bruceville Rd (westbound and eastbound #1 & 2 intermittent lanes) Aug. 15 – Oct. 1 8:30am-3:30pm

Bond Rd between Bradshaw Rd and Poplar Hollow (westbound and eastbound alternating lanes) Sept. 6 – Oct. 15 8:30am-3:00pm

Bradshaw at Bond Rd (northbound and southbound alternating lanes) Sept. 6 – Sept. 15 8:30 am–3:00 pm

Calvine Rd between Kingsbridge Dr/Vineyard Rd (Sac County) (alternating lanes) Ongoing 7:00am-5:00pm

East Stockton between Bow St and Power Inn Rd (northbound and southbound alternating lanes) Aug. 15 – Sept. 18 8:30am-3:30pm

Elk Grove Blvd between Waterman and Black Swan (eastbound lane) Sept. 2 – Sept. 9 8:30am-3:30pm

Grant Line Rd & Bond Rd (all directions, alternating lanes) Sept. 6–Sept. 30 8:00am–3:30pm

Lewis Stein Rd between Sheldon Rd. & West Stockton (northbound and southbound intermittent lanes) Aug. 22 – Oct. 1 8:30am-4:00pm

Sheldon Rd between Bruceville Rd and Lewis Stein Rd (Sacramento City Job) (westbound & eastbound lanes) June 6–September 30 8:30am–3:30 pm

ROAD CLOSURES:

Wyland St between Mainline and Pascol Aug. 22 – Sept. 30 24 hours a day

Bond Road at the Railroad Tracks Just East of Elk Grove Florin Road Sept. 9 at 9:00 p.m. through Sept. 12 at 5:00 a.m.

OTHER CONSTRUCTION ZONES (EXPECT DELAYS):

Bond Rd between Elk Grove Florin Rd and Bradshaw Rd (eastbound & westbound lanes) Sept. 6 – Oct. 30 7:00am-8:00pm (Mon–Sat)

Elk Grove Blvd between Elk Grove Florin & Waterman (eastbound & westbound lanes) May 22 - Nov. 23 (NO PARKING ON STREET)

City Explores Library Services

Getting the most out of Elk Grove taxpayers' two million dollar annual contribution to the Sacramento Public Library Authority is important – figuring out how to do it was the goal of two public workshops and several focus groups held in Elk Grove last month. More than 70 residents turned out to voice their opinion and ask questions on a wide variety of topics, from location of libraries and programs, to funding and management of the system – which provides library services throughout Sacramento County.

By holding these community meetings and focus groups, the City Council will be better equipped to ensure Elk Grove residents are getting what they want – and getting their money's worth – out of our local libraries. The Council will hear a report on the subject at its September 14th meeting.

For more information, or to provide input, contact Katy Baumbach at 478-2229.



There's Gold in Blue Cans – City and School District Expand Recycling in Schools

The Elk Grove Unified School District and the City of Elk Grove bring the theme “recycle, reduce and reuse” back to life for all schools in the district. Starting this month, the City of Elk Grove will supply all classrooms and offices in the district with blue recycling bins where all students, faculty, and staff members will have the opportunity to dispose of their recyclable items in an environmentally friendly manner.

Not only will recycling be enforced with the blue recycling bins on campus, but the City of Elk Grove, the City of Sacramento and the County of Sacramento will send officials to the schools to educate students on recycling, its benefits to the environment, and what defines items as “recyclable.”

This new program will not only better the environment, but will also be a funding mechanism for schools. Bottles and cans may be redeemed for cash that schools can use to fund various school activities.



Partnership Benefits Residents and Our Furry Friends

New facilities near Elk Grove, low-cost rabies clinics, pet micro-chipping and improved services for animals are just some of the benefits of a partnership formed earlier this year between the City and Sacramento SPCA. A three-year contract with the widely respected non-profit organization will ensure that lost or abandoned pets are cared for longer, creating a better opportunity for families to be reunited with their pets, or for a new family to be found.

As a result of the partnership, the City of Elk Grove's locally-controlled Animal Services Department opens its doors this month to provide top-of-the-line service in protecting animals as well as public health.

For more information, visit the website at www.elkgrovecity.org.

New Contacts for Animal Services:

Main Line 687-3023
 After Hours 866-839-5961
 Animal License Information 478-3670
 Rabies Questions/Reporting 875-5881

Sacramento SPCA 6201 Florin-Perkins Road
 Phone: 383-PETS



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

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Coming Soon

Public Safety Workshop

Envision Elk Grove

Updates on Old Town Elk Grove

First of its kind Master Planned Community Breaks Ground in Elk Grove

Crews began moving dirt on Elk Grove's first master planned community late last month – creating both new jobs and new opportunities for people to realize the American dream of home ownership. Madeira, as the development is being marketed, is a 1,900 acre development recognized by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments as an excellent example of compact development.

This model for the region contains many of the features that define a well-balanced community – from schools and jobs, to housing and recreation. And thanks to a City condition that requires water, roads, sewer and drainage infrastructure be in place first, traffic congestion will be at a minimum during construction.

With the first year spent developing infrastructure – including the protection and relocation of many Valley Oak trees – the project is expected to continue over the next several years.

For more information, visit the city website at: www.egplanning.org.



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