



## Merriment Overtakes Revitalized Old Town for Annual Dickens' Street Faire

The long-awaited revitalization of Old Town comes together this month as thousands of shoppers and vendors descend on Elk Grove Boulevard for the 18th Annual Dickens' Street Faire. Featuring more than 100 crafters, antique and retail vendors, and a wide variety of great food – surrounded by the classic shops of Old Town – the traditional holiday season kickoff will also serve as the unveiling of the five million dollar infrastructure investment in that area.



Sponsored by the City of Elk Grove, the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Old Town Elk Grove Foundation, the event has become an eagerly anticipated event for vendors and shoppers alike, attracting visitors from all over the region. The faire will also feature activities for children –

including pictures with Santa Claus, the annual City Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony – even entertainers in 19th century dress.



With plenty of on and off-street parking in the area, Elk Grove Boulevard in Old Town will close for the day to accommodate the revelers – and to give residents the opportunity to enjoy the new brick-lined sidewalks, trees and landscaping, park benches and old-fashioned lampposts installed as part of the revitalization project.



For more information,  
visit the Old Town Elk  
Grove website at  
[www.oldtownelkgrove.org](http://www.oldtownelkgrove.org)

**18th Annual Dickens' Street Faire  
In Old Town Elk Grove**

**Elk Grove Boulevard, between  
School and 2nd Avenue  
Saturday, November 26, 2005  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

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## Calendar at a Glance

### November

- 1** Business License Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.
- 2** Bond Rd. Widening Phase 2  
Public Workshop  
Elk Grove Senior Center,  
8830 Sharkey Ave. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
  
Public Meeting: Community Landscaping  
City Hall Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.
- 3** Planning Commission  
City Hall Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.  
  
Business License Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers 10:00 a.m.
- 5** Elk Grove Stage Stop Museum Tours  
North End of Elk Grove Park  
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 9** City Council  
City Hall Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.
- 10** Elk Grove Trails Master Plan Workshop  
Stone Lake Community Center  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 12-13** Santa Paws/Adoptathon  
Sacramento SPCA,  
6201 Florin-Perkins Road  
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
For more information call:  
383-7387 ext. 9102 www.sspca.org
- 14** Elk Grove Trails Master Plan Workshop  
Elk Grove City Hall 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 15** Quality of Life Task Force  
City Hall Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.
- 16** Experience Elk Grove  
Holiday Inn Express and Suites  
www.elkgrovecity.com  
  
Elk Grove Trails Master Plan Workshop  
Elk Grove Elementary School  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 17** Planning Commission  
City Hall Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.
- 23** City Council Meeting **CANCELLED**
- 24-25** City Hall Closed
- 26** Holiday Kickoff and Dickens Faire  
Elk Grove Blvd., between School  
& 2nd Avenue, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## Connecting our Community with Trails



A pedestrian and bicycle-friendly community – where kids can ride their bikes to the neighborhood park and seniors can walk with their peers for exercise or a quick trip to the grocery store. A seamless system of trails where families can take a leisurely stroll to the bookstore on a sunny summer afternoon and runners can pick from any number of different directions for their morning jog. It's the vision of a community where people can get where they need to go, and make an easy choice to leave the car in the garage.

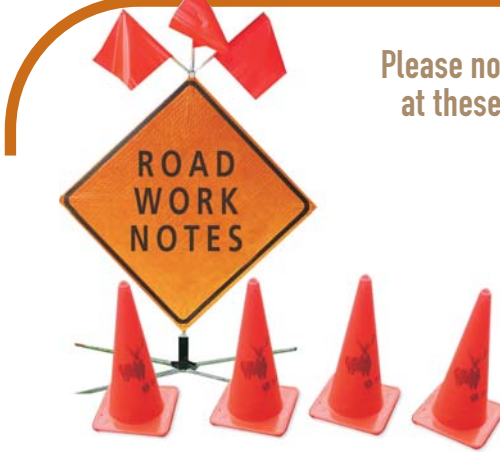
With planning underway for an Elk Grove Trails Master Plan, it's a concept that's not too far off from reality. Public Workshops this month will give residents the opportunity to share ideas about all types of pedestrian and bicycle trails in Elk Grove. It's the chance to talk about what works, what doesn't, and what improvements need to be made to make Elk Grove a place that encourages residents to walk and bike more often.

### Public Workshops will be held on:

- Thur., Nov. 10, 2005, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Stone Lake Community Center
- Mon., Nov. 14, 2005, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Elk Grove City Hall
- Wed., Nov. 16, 2005, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Elk Grove Elementary School

For information, please call Mark Schnauffer in the Elk Grove Planning Department at (916) 478-2242.

## Road Work Notes



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

### CONSTRUCTION ZONES (EXPECT DELAYS):

#### **Bond Rd between Elk Grove Florin Rd and Bradshaw Rd**

(eastbound & westbound lanes) September 6th  
November 23rd 7:00am-8:00pm (MonSat)

#### **Elk Grove Blvd between Elk Grove Florin and Waterman**

(eastbound & westbound lanes) May 22nd - Nov 23rd

### LANE CLOSURES:

#### **Auberry between Power Inn & Geneva Point**

(southbound various lanes) Oct. 15th - Nov. 30th 7:00am-5:30pm

#### **Big Horn Blvd & Ancestor**

(westbound lane) Sept. 19th Nov. 11th 8:30am 3:30pm

#### **Big Horn Blvd between Laguna Blvd & Bruceville Rd**

(west and eastbound #1 & 2 intermittent lanes) Aug. 15th  
Nov. 11th 8:30am-3:30pm

#### **Big Horn Blvd between Red Elk & Elk Grove Blvd**

(southbound lane) Oct. 31st Nov. 15th 8:30am-3:30pm

#### **Bradshaw between Calvine Rd & Sheldon Rd at Niemann**

(north and southbound alternating lanes) Oct. 9th Nov. 18th  
8:30am 3:30pm & 8:00pm-6:00am

#### **Calvine Rd between Kingsbridge Dr/Vineyard Rd**

(alternating lanes) Ongoing 7:00am-5:00pm

#### **Laguna Blvd between Babson & Bruceville**

(eastbound and westbound alternating lanes) Oct. 19th  
Nov. 5th 8:30pm-6:00am (two eastbound and two westbound lanes) Oct. 19th November 5th 8:30am-3:30pm

#### **Laguna Blvd between Harbour Point & Franklin Blvd**

(eastbound intermittent lanes) Oct. 31st Nov. 29th  
8:30am-3:30pm

#### **Waterman just South of Bond Rd**

(various lanes) Oct. 15th Nov. 30th 8:30am-3:30pm

## Chief Simmons Shows Off New Police Car Designs

A unique patrol car for the City of Elk Grove – one that captures the spirit of our community, giving residents a sense of safety and security, while serving as a moving reminder to criminal elements that Elk Grove’s finest are on the watch. This is the goal of the public input process to design a police car for Elk Grove’s new, locally-controlled police department. Chief Simmons unveiled the concepts recently at a public showing at City Hall.

Many police departments across the country are returning to the traditional “black and white” vehicles following increasing evidence that the distinctly marked vehicles help deter crime. These standard cars are also cheaper for local governments, as they can be purchased at greatly reduced costs. What will set Elk Grove’s patrol cars apart are the colorful insignia, and incorporating the traditional elk that has become such a key element in our community identity.

Just a few short months into the 18-month transition from a contract police department, progress is being made, quickly and steadily, to ensure that the new agency is ready to do the business of keeping Elk Grove residents safe, secure and Thriving. For more information about the police transition, or to view the draft designs, visit the City’s website.



## City Proposes Update to Business License Program

Regulating businesses to protect public health, safety and welfare is an important role of local governments in California. Through business licensing, Cities have greater access to current and comprehensive planning, safety and economic development information. When Elk Grove incorporated five years ago, the City adopted existing Sacramento County regulations that have been on the books for more than two decades. Following an in-depth review of those codes and standards, the City will soon make changes that update the regulations, and reflect our community’s needs today.

One of the proposed changes would ensure more accurate and up to date information, by scheduling a two-year rather than three-year renewal period, while lowering the application fees from \$125 to \$110. The proposed changes would also improve access to the application process for businesses, allowing electronic applications and renewals, and better coordination of regulating certain industries that are regulated both by the state and local government.

Achieving balance is always an important goal of the City of Elk Grove – in this case, balancing the need to protect consumers, with the need to create new, good paying jobs locally. And one of the most effective ways of ensuring balance is public input. The City Council will hold a public hearing at its November 9th City Council meeting. For more information, visit the City’s website.



## Who to Call

**Fire - Medical - Police 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
Community Services Director	478-3627
Economic Development	478-2261
Fire Dept Non Emergency	405-7100
Food Bank	685-8453
Garbage & Recycling	635-2500
Laguna Town Hall	684-7550
Library	264-2700
Mosquito Control	685-1022
<a href="http://www.fightthebite.net">www.fightthebite.net</a>	
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

**Planning Update**

**Envision Elk Grove**

**Updates on  
Old Town Elk Grove**

## Task Force Focuses on Improving Quality of Life

A happier, healthier and safer City is the mission of Elk Grove's newly-formed Quality of Life Task Force. Created by the City Council in May, the task force will spend a year identifying resources and services that contribute to Elk Grove's promise of a thriving, self-contained community.

Composed of ten Elk Grove residents, the task force is now focused on seniors and youth in the community, giving these groups a unique opportunity to make their voices heard. Research will concentrate on topics such as education, transportation, safety, health and wellness, housing, recreation, and financial security. Over the coming months, the task force will be seeking direct input on issues that face today's seniors and youth.

The next meeting of the Quality of Life Task Force will be November 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. For more information, please contact Katy Baumbach at (916) 683-7111.



Visit the task force website at [www.elkgrovecity.org/qualitylife](http://www.elkgrovecity.org/qualitylife) for information about monthly meetings and opportunities to participate in improving Elk Grove for everyone.

## QUICK NOTES

- The Annual "Experience Elk Grove" event is scheduled for November 16th. Bringing together the City and Chamber of Commerce, the event serves as a showcase for potential new businesses seeking Elk Grove as a possible new home. For more information, contact the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce at (916) 691-3760.
- Live broadcasts of City Council and other meetings is just one of the many benefits of a technology upgrade at City Hall. Expected to be completed in the next few months, the change will also allow audience members a better view of presentations during meetings.
- Another public hearing for the Zoning Code means another opportunity for public input. Mark your Calendar for December 1st at 6:30 p.m. for the Planning Commission Meeting at City Hall.

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