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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for November 8, 2023**

New Grant Supports Safe Streets and Roads for All

I am pleased to report that the City has been awarded a \$680,000 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant from Caltrans to develop a comprehensive plan to collect and analyze traffic safety data and conduct community outreach to improve local traffic safety. Having a comprehensive plan will put the city in a good position for future funding opportunities to implement and construct safety-related projects. Many thanks to our Public Works and Strategic Planning teams for their work on this project.

Enhanced Winter Sanctuary Now Open

The Enhanced Winter Sanctuary opened November 1 and there were 21 people staying at the facility as of November 6, including many individuals who have a long history of homelessness in Elk Grove. Our homeless outreach navigator continues to be the contact for referrals. Interested individuals may call 916-588-0304 to request information and a shelter assessment.

Veterans Day Parade Returns

Elk Grove American Legion Post 233 will host the Veterans' Day Parade this Saturday, November 11 starting from the Cosumnes CSD Administrative Building (8820 Elk Grove Boulevard) at 11:11 a.m. and concluding at Elk Grove Regional Park. Streets will be closed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See the city's website for information on road closures and detours.

Honor a Veteran Through the Military Street Banner Program

Veterans' Day is a good time to remind residents that they can honor community members who have served in the military through our Military Street Banner Program. Banners honoring local veterans line Elk Grove Boulevard and Civic Center Drive between Big Horn Boulevard and Laguna Springs Drive. To learn more about the program or to sponsor a banner, visit elkgrovecity.org/banners. Applications are accepted year-round.

Have Coffee with a Cop

Come have coffee with a cop this Sunday, November 12 at the Old Town Plaza (9615 Railroad Street). Officers from the Elk Grove Police Department will be available to answer your questions and connect with you over coffee from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Senior Send a Smile

The City will launch its Send a Smile program next week. The program, which started in 2020, sends holiday greetings to hundreds of Elk Grove seniors who could use some holiday cheer. Residents can pick up and personalize a card-making kit at Elk Grove City Hall (8401 Laguna Palms Way) beginning on Monday, November 13 that includes a pre-addressed, stamped envelope for an Elk Grove senior. Card kits are available while supplies last. There's a limit of five kits per family.

Influence Our Future at the Climate Compass Workshop

The City is updating its 2019 Climate Action Plan (CAP), called the Climate Compass, to provide a framework for mitigating the impacts of climate change. Staff will host a virtual workshop next Wednesday, November 15, at 6 p.m. to connect with the community and look at Elk Grove's greenhouse gas inventory, explore key climate hazards impacting the city and help identify our vulnerabilities and strengths. Register to attend and get more information online at elkgrovecity.org/cap.

Don't Pile On -- On-street Leaf Piles Could Cause Flooding

As the leaves start to fall, it's time to remind residents to place leaves and other yard debris in the organic waste container—not in the street. The City of Elk Grove operates a containerized green waste program but does not offer an on-street “claw” pickup service. Residents with more green waste than container space can request an additional container free of charge by calling Republic Services at 916-635-2500. For more information, visit elkgrovecity.org/recycle.

Support Local this Holiday Season with the Elk Grove Local eGift Card

Did you know that two-thirds of every dollar spent at local businesses stays in the community? The City, Chamber of Commerce, and Explore Elk Grove remind residents to support Elk Grove businesses by shopping, dining, and spending local this holiday season. Take advantage of special deals and purchase your Elk Grove Local eGift Card for use at over 50 participating locations in the city at supportlocalEG.org.

Holiday Events Around the Corner

Before the City Council's next meeting on December 13, there will be a number of community events that the City either sponsors or produces. I want to extend my thanks to the staff and non-profit organizations who work so hard to make the holiday season special. We hope to see you at these popular Elk Grove events:

- Gobble Wobble Thanksgiving 5K and Family Fun Run (November 23)
- Old Town Elk Grove Dickens Street Faire (November 25)
- Illumination Holiday Festival (December 2)
- Holiday Parade of Lights (December 2)

City Hall Holiday Schedule

In accordance with the City holiday schedule, City Hall will be closed this Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans' Day and November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Public safety and trash and recycling collection services will operate on a normal schedule.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.