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View of building 1 from Watertown Plank road, with existing trees removed for rendering clarity.



MANDEL GROUP



SSND Redevelopment Proposal Presented to Planning Commission

Building Board to Review Plans – October 6th

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

A detailed proposal by Mandel Group Properties, LLC to redevelop the School Sisters of Notre Dame's 30-acre property at 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove was presented for the first time to the Village Planning Commission during a more than 5-hour meeting on September 14. The purchase of the property by the Mandel Group, announced in February, is contingent upon receiving approval from the Village for a change in zoning.

Two options were explained during the presentation. The first would consist of 230 apartments on 15.3 acres, plus 26 single-family homes on about 10.5 acres. But, if the inclusion of that many single-family homes is not considered economically feasible, Mandel would then propose an alternative plan with a total of 230 apartments, plus 12 single-family homes on 4.6 acres and a 100-unit senior-living apartment complex on 5.9 acres.

The proposed luxury, market-rate apartment community would include approximately 30 apartments in Notre Dame Hall (known as "The Castle") and adjoining Maria Hall and 200 apartments (3 separate buildings), with 5 sizes ranging from 1-bedroom/1 bath (835 sq. ft.) to 3-bedrooms/2 baths (1,675 sq. ft.) The apartments would rent for \$1,700+ to \$3,200+ with an average cost per month of about \$2,500.

A variety of proposed amenities would include underground parking, a clubroom and fitness center, fire pits, natural amphitheater, bocce court, grilling stations,

and swimming pool, while preserving the existing historical buildings (Notre Dame and Maria halls) along Watertown Plank Road and retaining mature trees and open greenspace.

Those wishing to have their opinions about the redevelopment project noted and considered may attend an upcoming Village meeting, in-person or via Zoom, or contact Village President **Neil Palmer**, npalmer@elmgrovewi.org or Zoning & Planning Administrator **Tom Harrigan**, tharrigan@elmgrovewi.org. Residents interested in receiving notices about future Mandel Group community information

presentations may contact **Phillip Aiello**, paiello@mandelgroup.com.

The next step in the process will be a review of the conceptual architectural plans for the proposed SSND redevelopment by the Village of Elm Grove Building Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Meeting materials (i.e., many pages of documents relating to the proposal) are available for public view at www.elmgrovewi.org/679/School-Sisters-of-Notre-Dame-Campus-Rede.

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Gov. Evers Declares New Public Health Emergency, Issues New Face Coverings Order

(MADISON) Gov. **Tony Evers** in late September declared a new public health emergency in Wisconsin due to recent surge in cases among young people and issued a new face coverings order effective immediately. Both orders are effective immediately and will expire after sixty days or with a subsequent superseding order. The governor previously declared a public health emergency under Executive Order #82, which remains in effect.

"We continue to learn more about this virus, but what we do know is that we are facing a new and dangerous phase of the COVID-19 pandemic here in Wisconsin," said Gov. Evers. "We are seeing an alarming increase in cases across our state, especially on campus. We need folks to start taking this seriously, and young people especially—please stay home as much as you are able, skip heading to the bars, and wear a mask whenever you go out. We need your help to stop the spread of this virus, and we all have to do this together."

With the start of the school year, Wisconsin is seeing a surge in cases, especially among young people. In fact, 18 to 24-year-olds have a case rate five times higher than any other age group. This significant increase has only occurred within the past month and appears to be driven by in-person social gatherings. In late September, eight Wisconsin cities were listed among the top twenty cities in the United States where COVID-19 cases were rising fastest, and six of those eight cities have University of Wisconsin System campuses.

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"I Know Where You Live!"



Lisabeth Passalis-Bain

Elm Grove Couple Celebrates 68th Wedding Anniversary

Milton Beres, 97, and his wife **Joanne**, 89, celebrated their 68th anniversary this year, noting recently that what they most love about each other is “68 years of constant affection and partnership”.

Many years ago, before Milton’s birth, his mother **Marie** was among those fortunate to have avoided drowning in the Eastland ship capsizing in a Chicago harbor. The boat was transporting employees of Western Electric Company to a picnic in Michigan. Had she not survived, the story would have ended there. Fortunately, for generations of the Benes family, the tale had just begun.

Milton was born in Cicero, Illinois in 1923. A baby girl with the given name Katherine Joanne entered the world in 1931 on a farm in Hermansville, Michigan.

Years later, Milton and Joanne met while both were working at Motorola in Chicago and were married at Our Lady of the Holy Mount in Cicero on May 24, 1952. In 1970, they moved from Chicago to Morton, Illinois where Milton continued to work for Motorola and Joanne worked for Morton Buildings.



Milton and Joanne Benes in a recent photo and at their 1952 wedding.

Following their move to Elm Grove in 1980, Joanne worked for the Medical College of Wisconsin as the assistant to the Dean, and Milton was employed by Lamer’s motor coaches for 10 years, driving routes throughout the U.S.

Milton served with the Navy during the Korean War and has participated in a Freedom Flight to Washington, D.C. Joanne shared her time as a volunteer at MCW’s coffee shop and “had a wonderful time with the faculty and students who came to visit.”

The Benes family includes Milton and Joanne’s four children: **Jeffrey Benes** of North Carolina, **Susan Pacheco** of California, **Richard Benes** of Illinois, and **Robert Benes** of Illinois; 10 grandchildren: **Jackson, Jennifer, Kelley, Cameron, Bailey, Charlie, Ava, Ellen, Daniel,**



Photos courtesy of the Benes family

and **Allan**; and two great-grandchildren: **Harrison** and **Henry**.

Joanne recalled that in their younger days, they loved to travel and camp throughout the U.S. with all the kids in tow.

When asked what they liked doing together these days, Milton and Joanne agreed that it was “enjoying the grandchildren and great-grandchildren when they come for visits.”

Richard Benes, who during this time of COVID-19 and social distancing helped gather story details for the *News-Independent*, said that his parents have been “very caring and loving to each other and to their children” and continue to live in the same home on Froedtert Drive that they purchased 40 years ago.

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Gary Kilvinger plays the trumpet in front of his Brookfield home.

A Man & His Trumpet Inspire Hope During Covid-19

By Lisabeth Passalis-Bain elmgrovenews@yahoo.com

It is early evening on a mid-September Sunday. A tree-lined street, in the Westchester subdivision of Brookfield, appropriately named Forest Lane, remains noticeably quiet until a lone bugler focuses his gaze on sheets of music perched on a stand in front of his home and, precisely at 6 p.m., begins to play. Neighbors listen from their homes and yards or gather along the street with visitors to hear **Gary Kilvinger’s** heart-felt trumpet solos of two patriotic tunes: “God Bless America” and “The Star-Spangled Banner”.

Kilvinger, a Brookfield native and Brookfield Lutheran Church member, learned to play the trumpet in 5th grade and decided to use his decades-honed-skill to “do something different” in these uncertain

times. “It started out as a unifying thing because of COVID-19 (and came to be) a little bit of a prayer that we need right now. It brings people’s spirits up,” he noted.

When neighbors started to show their appreciation, he committed to playing his trumpet at precisely 6 p.m. every Sunday. His first “concert” was on May 3, 2020. “People wait for it,” he said. Kilvinger also played “Taps” on Memorial Day and on the anniversary of 9-11.

Nearby neighbor **Nancy Rogers** says that the subdivision has been a close-knit group. Many residents keep their porch lights on daily from 7:30 to 9 p.m. “We can be the light in the world during this dark time,” Rogers explained.

Village Update

By Neil Palmer, President – Village of Elm Grove npalmer@elmgrovewi.org

Halloween in Elm Grove

I have heard from a number of residents wondering if **Halloween Trick or Treating** will be possible in Elm Grove. The Village Board does not have authority to regulate participation in Halloween activities other than enforcing traffic and pedestrian safety. Halloween will be celebrated from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. (The listing of October 24th in the Fall Recreation Guide was an error.)

The CDC has issued suggestions for safely conducting Trick or Treat which reflect simple common sense in this time of pandemic: Trick or Treaters should wear a mask; Homeowners greeting visitors should wear a mask; Do not handout or accept unwrapped treats; Practice social distancing and avoid large crowds.

If homeowners have concerns about people visiting their home for treats simply don’t participate. Leave your outside light off and do not answer the door. Parents should instruct children to not disturb homes which are unlighted. I think we can all figure out how to do this in a safe manner.

SSND Development

The **Elm Grove Planning Commission** held a meeting on September 14th to receive a **conceptual description** of the reuse proposal for the property owned by the School Sisters of Notre Dame being offered by Mandel Development. No action was taken following the 5-hour meeting. This initial, voluntary step in our Village development process allows a developer to present their concepts and designs to receive input from the planning commission before completing all the documentation necessary for an application.

As most know, Mandel made public the initial concept plans months ago and began meeting with neighbors and community groups to receive input and commentary. Numerous modifications have been reflected in the latest version of the proposal and more changes are expected before Mandel files an application to change the zoning from Institutional zoning to allowing residential use.

All of the SSND Sisters are moving to a new location on the Mount Mary College Campus. SSND can no longer afford to maintain the Elm Grove property or the three campuses they occupy in Alabama, Missouri and Minnesota. So, the property will become vacant in approximately 24 months. **Sister Deb Sciano**, Provincial Leader explained that SSND members sought a purchaser who understood the history of the site and could offer a vision of reuse which fit the SSND principals. They selected Mandel in a competitive process based on the concepts presented for preservation of the two Historic Buildings, sensitivity to the community, commitment to high quality and environmental sensitivity.

As Village President I advised all prospective developers that the Village would conduct a thorough and transparent public process and that we expected any proposal to be of the highest quality, sensitive to the residential neighbors, and minimize any impacts on the greater community while providing new housing options. I also made it clear that consultation with neighbors and community groups was important.



All the Village Board members, Planning Commissioner, Public Works and Public Safety Committee members and Building Board members are residents of Elm Grove who have proven their commitment to serving Elm Grove and keeping it a wonderful place to live. I believe we can all work to help create a development we will all appreciate.

The SSND campus will be empty soon and we must recognize that a new use must be economically workable. Refurbishment and preservation of the two historic buildings along with demolition and cleanup of the other buildings will cost a great deal of money. Care of the 30-acre site is important. So, we cannot let it sit empty and sink into disrepair.

We are lucky that the SSND members selected a well-respected local company known for sensitive historic preservation and community respect. Importantly, the Mandel business practice is to build, own and hold the properties they develop. That model means that high quality and active maintenance are in their and Elm Grove’s best interests. Many large projects today are sold to passive investors and managed by property management companies often more interested in cost control than long term site quality.

Once an application is filed it will start a lengthy process of review by various committees and boards. All meetings are public and public hearings are part of incremental actions. A development review in Elm Grove includes the Village hiring independent experts to check and verify technical submittals. If Mandel seeks financing for infrastructure or site remediation through Village Tax Incremental Financing the Village will receive complete project financial information for independent review. Elm Grove has previously successfully managed Tax Incremental Tax District project financings. The Village storm water management project and the extension of public water supply to the Heritage Senior Living facility on Wall street are good examples. The Village has always been careful in the use of TIF.

Numerous other issues, like possible impact on schools, public safety services, traffic and property tax benefits will be examined, some by outside experts hired by the Village. Village Board members and Village staff will do all we can to supply information to residents. When an application is filed to start the process, we will work to compile specific public information material on all issues raised in the process.



Road Maintenance

The Village Board Finance Committee is evaluating alternative methods of funding annual road maintenance costs. All the streets in the Village are rated, based on physical condition, to establish a future repaving schedule and to focus crack sealing and other maintenance. Historically, the Village has budgeted about \$180,000 per year for road paving and maintenance. This amount has not changed much in many years due to budget constraints and “Levy Limits” even though costs has increased substantially. The Public Works Committee has advocated moving to a 10-year road budget forecast instead of our typical 5-year capital funding.

In addition, Elm Grove like most communities used a state recommended asphalt mix during the early 2000s and it is deteriorating much faster than predicted. We have been reducing the amount of annual repaving to stay within budget but, that is no longer an acceptable choice.

The State of Wisconsin annually sets a “Levy Limit” for every community. The law limits the amount of property tax a community can raise. State law does not limit the amount of money a community can borrow. The levy limits have also prompted some communities to form a “road utility” to change landowners a fee for maintaining roads.

Elm Grove has a well-deserved reputation for being fiscally conservative while providing quality services. The Village Board wants to keep that reputation, yet it continues to be complicated by state government putting artificial constraints on local management. A recommendation from the Finance Committee on whether increased debt or a new street utility or both should be part of future Village financial management will likely be part of the ongoing 2021 budget meetings going on now.

Transportation Service

The Elmbrook Senior Taxi is an important local service providing low cost transportation to area residents which the Village supports. The organization is establishing an Advisory Board is seeking members. The proposed Board is expected to meet 4 times per year. If you are interested in helping to represent Elm Grove taxi users please contact me by email at: npalmer@elmgrovewi.org.

Underwood Creek Daylighting

We have recently received indications that Village applications for state and federal grant money is likely to be approved to help pay for **daylighting Underwood Creek in the downtown area**. The Village committed to daylighting the creek, which is now enclosed in a tunnel south of Watertown Plank Road to a point south of the Sendik’s grocery store, when we negotiated our stormwater management program with the Department of Natural Resources in 2004. Opening the creek and creating a naturalized stream will be an environmental and aesthetic improvement for the Village center. Village Finance Director **Monica Hughes** and Village Manager **David De Angelis** will present project financing scenarios for evaluation in early 2021.

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Past Times

I Remember...Joy Farm Riding Camp

By Stephen K Hauser

I took a short drive this past summer to visit an old friend. I had some fond memories of this old friend, including horseback riding on shady trails to the banks of the Menomonee River, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch, a Coke machine that delivered frosty beverages for 15 cents, a contrary horse named Bobolink and a big-hearted older fellow we called **Mr. Mac**. The “old friend” was Joy Farm riding camp at 7007 N. 115th Street in the former Town of Granville. I found this former acquaintance to be greatly changed by the passage of time. The property had been sold in 2019 by RFP Commercial Realtors and was in the process of redevelopment as a large warehouse/distribution center. Gone were the stables, corrals and riding trails.

For those readers relatively new to southeastern Wisconsin, some history may be in order. The township of Granville was established in 1840 by the Wisconsin territorial legislature. It covered 36 square miles, standard for all Wisconsin towns. Named by early settlers after Granville, New York (apparently the place that some of the them had emigrated from), it was a community of small family farms divided into several crossroad settlements including Granville, Granville Center and West Granville. By 1955, the original township boundaries had shrunk to 22 square miles due to annexation by the neighboring City of Milwaukee and the newly-created Village of Brown Deer. By 1959, the rest of Granville had also been absorbed by these two communities, although the issue was not finally settled until a Wisconsin state Supreme Court decision in 1962. Meanwhile, attempts to preserve a portion of Granville as an independent incorporated municipality had been unsuccessful.

Much of the judicial and political haggling over the Town of Granville’s turf had been the result of Milwaukee Mayor **Frank P. Zeidler’s** aggressive policies of annexation by the city of contiguous unincorporated lands. Milwaukee, Zeidler claimed, was being strangled economically by “an Iron Ring” of developing suburbs which would ultimately cripple the city by keeping it from expanding its territory and tax base. The Mayor was largely successful in his expansion efforts, and Milwaukee more than doubled in size from 42 square miles, when he took office in 1948, to nearly 96 square miles at the end of his third term in 1960. These territorial acquisitions ultimately included much of the Town of Granville in the northwestern portion of Milwaukee County. Milwaukee now stretched to Granville’s old western border with Menomonee Falls at Boundary Road (now 124th Street).

As for Joy Farm, it began as a riding club and horse stable facility in the 1920s on the old **Burgardt family** farm property just south of Good Hope Road. According to Granville local historian **James Moeller**, a man with many family ties to that area, the Burgardt farm passed to the **Fred Barndt family**. Barndt relations already owned several farmsteads in Granville, dating back to the 1870s. It was Fred Barndt’s farm, Jim Moeller told me, which had evolved into Joy Farm, a destination for equestrians, polo clubs and city folks seeking a day in the country for fall hayrides or winter sleigh rides.

After World War II, the growth of suburbs around Milwaukee and the “Baby Boom” experienced by postwar young families moved Joy Farm in a new direction. A summer camp for youngsters was opened. A fleet of Joy Farm school buses was employed to pick up kids at their suburban homes and bring them to Joy Farm each weekday. Weekly or monthly rates were set based upon the number of weeks for which parents enrolled each child. Perhaps weary of having us under foot during those halcyon summers of the 1950s, my folks and our neighbors **Sam and Helen Potter** enrolled both myself and my best friend of those years, **Jamie Potter**, at Joy Farm riding camp. We were dutifully picked up bright and early each morning and returned safely to our homes in the late afternoons.

A day at Joy Farm began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag which flew on a pole in front of the home of **Mr. and Mrs. “Mac”**. Mr. Mac was a man of Scottish stock, and I recall that his last name was McDonald (or something similar) but no one ever called him anything but Mac. Our day consisted of nature walks, field trips to Silver Lake or to Hoyt Park pool in Wauwatosa, simple home-made lunches (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were a perennial choice) along with a tiny carton of milk, chock-full of nourishing wax and, of course, horseback riding in the afternoons. I was assigned a gentle yet stubborn horse named **Bobolink** who seemed to have little patience with a young and inexperienced rider. After a late afternoon Coca-Cola, it was time to board the bus for our ride back home. Interestingly, I do recall that one of our teen-aged assistant camp counselors was named **Juergen**. His family lived near the corner of Watertown Plank Road and Kurtis Drive in Elm Grove, so he rode home with us. The girls seemed to find him cute and would routinely torture the poor fellow with a female chorus of “Juergen, Juergen I’ve been thinking. What’s that awful stuff you’re drinking? Is it whiskey? Is it wine? Oh my gosh, it’s turpentine!” He would grimace, but ultimately took it all in good humor.

I visited Joy Farm again in the early 2000s for the first time since the 1950s. Much of it remained remarkably unchanged. Horses were still boarded there, and one of the old wranglers who had worked on the place in the ‘50s was still there, doing chores. He actually remembered my horse, Bobolink, informing me: “He died”. Given the passage of time, I had already figured as much. Gone, however, was our old bunkhouse where kids had stashed their gear at the beginning of the day. Also long gone was the Panther Pit tavern, a bar just to the north of the property which had fascinated me as a youngster with its neon signs and the illuminated silhouette of a lurking black panther which ran the length of the front of the building. I was informed by the old wrangler that it was now somewhere under the Good Hope Road interchange, having been torn down in 1963 when Highway 45 was constructed, circumventing 115th Street to the north. “It’s a shame, too,” he told me. “I could walk over there for a drink and a walk back to the Farm. No drinking and driving for me!”



Photo by Stephen K Hauser

A forlorn mailbox is all that remains of the Joy Farm riding camp at 7007 N. 115th Street in the former town of Granville.

Joy Farm continued to function, primarily as a transportation company with a large fleet of yellow school buses, while also continuing to board horses. It was only a matter of time before urban sprawl found it. Sitting alongside a major highway, the property was a prime location for commercial or industrial development. I am somewhat surprised that it took as long as it did for that to happen. But now it is gone, a victim of the inexorable march of progress. At my visit this summer, only the mailbox remained.

It strikes me that in ten years of writing this column I have spent much effort remembering and commemorating people and places that are no longer here. And, so it goes with all of us, until we are no longer here either. Meanwhile, we have our memories, frozen as moments in time. Of course, memories can fade too, but occasionally something may trigger them and they spring back into sharp focus, as clear as if it was all just yesterday. Then, for a moment, the past is as real as a warm summer afternoon, the smell of fresh hay, the buzzing of cicadas like wind on a wire, honking of geese and ducks, and ice-cold glass bottle of Coke and a cube of sugar for a horse named Bobolink.

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Waukesha County News

Waukesha County Residents Urged to ‘Recycle Right

(WAUKESHA) In an effort to increase recycling rates and reduce contamination, Waukesha County officials are encouraging residents to “Recycle Right” by refreshing their recycling knowledge and ensure only acceptable, loose recyclables are put in curbside containers.

“Keeping non-recyclable garbage and dangerous items out of curbside recycling containers increases the efficiency in our recycling facility,” said **Analiese Smith**, Recycling and Solid Waste Supervisor for Waukesha County. “Contamination is simply not safe for our facility workers and costs taxpayers money by increasing equipment repairs and landfill disposal costs.”

Residents can review the ‘dos’ and ‘don’ts’ of recycling at home with the County’s online *Curbside Recycling Guide* in English or Spanish at www.waukeshacounty.gov/curbsiderecycling. The up-to-date information will help residents get the right items in their curbside bins and eliminate unacceptable items, such as plastic bags and bagged recyclables, scrap metal and propane tanks. The facility hopes that re-education of recycling standards will have positive impacts for municipalities and improve the economic and environmental sustainability of the recycling program.

For details about recycling or the Joint Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling, or call (262) 896-8300.

Calendar of Events for October 2020

Friday – OCTOBER 2

- Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Meeting: 9 a.m. @ Becker Ritter Funeral Home. Speaker: Frank Souk, “Medicare 101”. (See AD – Page 3)

Monday – OCTOBER 5

- Elm Grove Plan Commission Meeting: 7 p.m. @ Village Hall.

Tuesday, OCTOBER 6

- Elm Grove Building Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall
Proposed SSND Redevelopment Conceptual Architectural Plans review
Agenda: www.elmgroveti.org.

Friday – OCTOBER 9

- Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Meeting: 9 a.m. @ Becker Ritter. Speakers: Suzan Fete, Artistic Director & Lisa Rasmussen, Managing Director, “Renaissance Theater, History & Future”.

Friday – OCTOBER 16

- Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Meeting: 9 a.m. @ Becker Ritter Funeral Home. Speaker: Jean Long Manteufel, “An Overview of the State of the Kiwanis WI-UM District”.

Tuesday, OCTOBER 20

- Elm Grove Building Board Meeting: 5:30 p.m. @ Village Hall

Friday – OCTOBER 23

- Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Meeting: 9 a.m. @ Becker Ritter.

Monday – OCTOBER 26

- Elm Grove Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:30 p.m. @ Village Hall Court Room.
Agenda: www.elmgroveti.org
Access Live Stream feed @ <https://elmgroveti.org/656/live-stream>

Friday – OCTOBER 30

- Elm Grove Kiwanis – Golden K Meeting: 9 a.m. @ Becker Ritter Funeral Home. Speaker: Tom Riechert, CPA, “The COVID-19 Effect on 2020 Individual Taxes”

Saturday – OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN

- Trick or Treat in Elm Grove 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.



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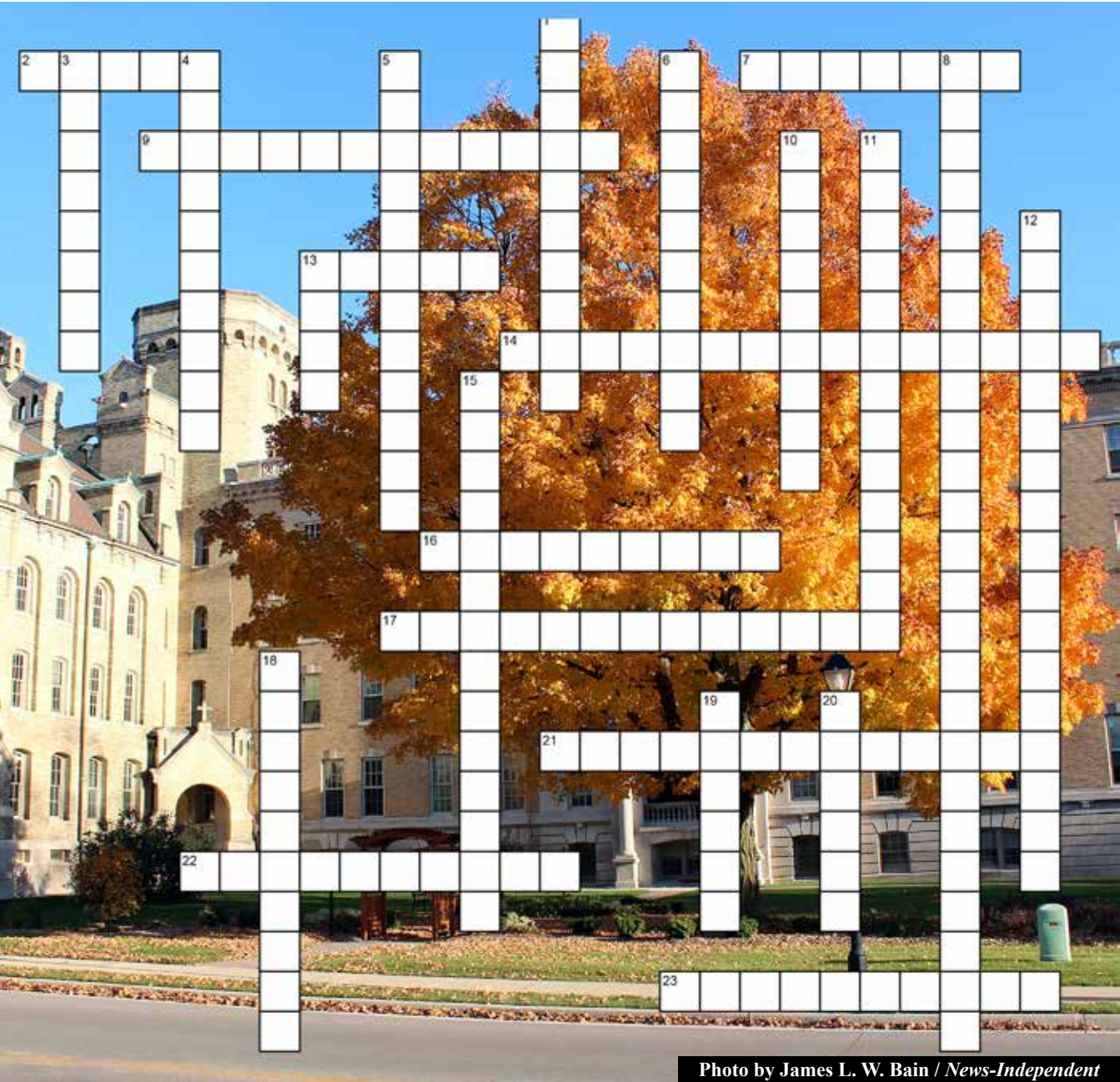


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ACROSS

- 2. Depositories for your money
- 7. Current month
- 9. “It’s a beautiful day in your _____” according to Mr. Rogers.
- 13. This issue of the News-Independent has “12” of these.
- 14. Road running east-west, connecting Legion Drive & 124th Street.
- 16. Trick-or-Treating Day
- 17. Page 3 feature by Neil Palmer (2 words)
- 21. Find images to color for _____ on Page 9 (3 words)
- 22. Place to mail letters & packages (2 words)
- 23. Another word for math

DOWN

- 1. City surrounding Elm Grove on 3 sides
- 3. Professional who handles legal issues
- 4. Elm Grove’s is 25 miles per hour (2 words)
- 5. Person who uses a camera
- 6. School area where swings, slides, monkey bars, etc. can be found
- 8. Group that maintains the Dousman Stagecoach Inn Museum (3 words)
- 10. Sofas, chairs, beds, tables
- 11. North-south street from North Ave. to Watertown Plank Road. (2 words)
- 12. Store at 13150 Juneau Blvd. where bargains abound (4 words)
- 13. A haiku is one type of this
- 15. Elm Grove Public Library events are noted in this Page 8 section (4 words)
- 18. Homes, land, buildings (2 words)
- 19. Chocolate shop at 13425 Watertown Plank
- 20. Store selling bread, cakes, cookies

(SOLUTION – Page 10)

Photo courtesy of John Trogia

A decorative horizontal border featuring four stylized autumn leaves. From left to right, the leaves are colored red, orange, brown, and yellow, arranged in a slightly overlapping sequence.

See Mike and 20 other artists at the Elm Grove Woman's Club's Covid-19 safe event on their west parking lot - Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. masks and social distancing are required. There will also be food and beverage, kid's activities, a raffle, bake sale and plant and pumpkin sale. (See AD – Page 5)



- **Ms. Emma Harris** - Brookfield Central
Receives \$1000 annually for 4 years and attends UW-Whitewater
- **Mr. Daniel Epple** - Brookfield East
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News' Hounds

& other beloved creatures

Adopt a Pet at the Elmbrook Humane Society

By Heather Gehrke

My name is **Lilly**, and I am looking for love and a home! This gorgeous, 8-year-old brindle girl loves to snuggle on comfy beds or sofas and adores stuffed squeaky toys! Lilly asks for a home with no other animals or small children – a bit of a diva but has such a wonderful personality! She’s waiting for HER people to come and find her – could you be who she is looking for?

Please call us at (262) 782-9261 or visit <http://www.ebhs.org/index.php/adopt-2> to download and complete and adoption application. The Elmbrook Humane Society is located at 20950 Enterprise Avenue, Brookfield, just off Barker Road.



Photo Courtesy Elmbrook Humane Society

Lilly



"Green" is Good!

Ideas courtesy of The Waukesha County Green Team
www.waukesha-countygreenteam.org

Elm Grove Green Team

This is a group for Elm Grove residents who want to help our village become more sustainable! We meet regularly in the village and hope to gain more support and awareness. Check out our Elm Grove Green Team on Facebook. For more information, e-mail Deb at info@waukesha-countygreenteam.org.

Volunteer Opportunity!

The Elm Grove Park now has two garden beds designed for monarch conservation, created in collaboration with the Brookfield East S.E.E.D. Club and the Elm Grove Beautification Committee. Weekly bed maintenance is scheduled for Sundays at 11 a.m. Stop by if you would like to help. For more information, e-mail: EGBeautification@gmail.com.

Gardening in the Grove

(ELM GROVE) The Elm Grove Beautification Committee’s recent Tree Sale has been deemed a major success. The Committee expressed “a huge thank you to everyone who has ordered a tree. Our community will be re-populated with 130 new trees! A friendly reminder to call digger’s hotline before planting next spring and assure you read the detailed planting instructions before planting. Trees will be arriving in the spring (exact date not yet known) and will be available for pick-up at the recycle center. A special thank you to our forester **Ron Hill**, who took time out on a Saturday to walk a large group of us around the village park showing us the specific sale trees and teaching us about their mature size, ideal growing conditions, and proper planting and pruning.”

This year, residents were given the option of purchasing trees for the village to help replace losses and, as a result, a total of 14 trees will be donated to the village. The forester will choose where within the village to plant these trees based on need.

- **Vera Pedriana** donated a Hackberry for her 7th birthday.
- **Bruce and Susan Davidson** donated a tree of choice.
- **James and Elizabeth Lange** donated 6 trees in honor of the late **Dr. Irwin Johnson**, who founded the Beautification Committee and initiated the tree sale
- **Rick and Carol Fronberry** donated 2 Elms to the village.
- **Jean Baesemann** donated an Elm, an Oak for her daughter **Katie**, a Maple for her daughter **Anne**, and a Birch for her daughter **Deb**.



Photo by James L. W. Bain / News-Independent

Autumn leaves colorize a tree at Elm Grove Village Park.

“Helping to restore our village canopy will take many years, but together we can keep our community strong and vibrant. Not only will we benefit from the beauty, but our environment and the animals and birds we share it with will as well,” noted a Committee spokesperson.

Future Beautification Committee events

- **October 7:** Monthly Meeting at 6:30 p.m.in the Reinders Room at Village Hall.
- **October 21:** Book Club - Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold. E-mail: EGBeautification@gmail.com for more information and to register.
- **April 21, 2021:** Earth Day celebration and shrub sale.



Rob Hutton: Serving as your Representative

"I have had the opportunity to work with Representative Hutton many times during his time as a State Representative. I have always appreciated his deliberative approach and ability to bring people together to keep our communities safe. I am proud to endorse him and know he will continue to ensure our communities are a safe place to live and raise our families."

Wauklesha County Sheriff Eric Severson



"As a volunteer firefighter, Village of Elm Grove Trustee, and Waukesha County Supervisor, I've had the opportunity to work with Rob in many settings. As a lifelong resident of this area, Rob is committed to working to improve the lives of families in this district. I am proud to endorse him and know that he will continue his dilligence on behalf of the residents of the 13th Assembly District."

Tom Michalski



Re-Elect Hutton November 3rd

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News Briefs

Red Cross Needs Local Volunteers

By Mark Thomas

Due to the active hurricane and wildfire seasons and the complexities of COVID-19, the American Red Cross needs thousands of volunteers to care for those affected throughout the country.

SHELTER HELP NEEDED

There is a special need for volunteers to support sheltering efforts. Because of COVID-19, the Red Cross is placing those needing a safe place to stay in emergency hotel lodging when possible. If hotel stays aren't possible, then the Red Cross will open traditional shelters. To help keep people safe, we have put in place additional precautions and developed special training for our workforce.

We need volunteers to help staff shelter reception, registration, feeding, dormitory, information collection and other vital tasks to help those we serve. We have both associate and supervisory level opportunities available.

HEALTH SERVICES SUPPORT

If you are an RN, LPN, LVN, APRN, NP, EMT, paramedic, MD/DO or PA with an active, current and unencumbered license, the Red Cross needs your support. Volunteers are needed in shelters to help assess people's health. Daily observation and health screening for COVID-19-like illness among shelter residents may also be required. RNs supervise all clinical tasks.

Roles are also available for Certified Nursing Assistants, Certified Home Health Aides, student nurses and medical students. We need volunteers who can provide care as delegated by a licensed nurse in shelters. This could include assisting with activities of daily living, personal assistance services, providing health education and helping to replace medications, durable medical equipment or consumable medical supplies.

If you are interested in helping our community should a disaster occur, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday or contact VolunteerWisconsin@redcross.org.



Read All About It!



Upcoming Programs at the Library



13600 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove, WI 53122
262-782-6717 / elmgrovelibrary.org

Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom Thursday, October 8, 1:00 p.m. Elm Grove Village Park (Gazebo)

The story of our 16th president, centering on the turbulent years from 1854-1865. Hear about the historical background, the events which led Mr. Lincoln back into politics in the mid-1850s, his election as president, and the Civil War. Hear directly from some of Mr. Lincoln's best-known speeches and writings, and be inspired to hope as he did for a "new birth of freedom" for our country. Presented by Kevin Wood.



This event will be taking place outdoors in the park, near the gazebo. Please bring your own chairs, as they will not be provided. Attendees are encouraged to wear a face covering, and social distancing between groups will be required. Free to attend. No registration needed.

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Young Writers & Cub Reporters

Halloween

By August K.
4th Grade, Tonawanda Elementary

You may be wondering how Halloween is going to go this year because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Well you certainly aren't alone. A lot of us are wondering the same thing! Maybe there will be different age groups that have to go at different times. Possibly, there will be bowls of candy sitting on doorsteps so trick-or-treaters can grab a few pieces. Things might even be back to normal by then! Trick-or-Treating is something that me, my family and my friends enjoy a lot but there are still so many possibilities right now, and we might not even be able to trick or treat at all. Trick-or-treating is so much fun for everybody and I hope we will be able to continue it again this year as well. I hope that everyone has fun either way!

Stay well and stay safe.

Autumn

By Samantha Peterson
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Climbing trees
Raking leaves
Apple picking
Halloween tricking
Hay wagons
Fiery dragons
Sweet candy
Sour candy
Scary stories
Merry stories
Doorbell ringing
Trick or treating
Thanksgiving dinners
Oktoberfest winners
Oh, how I love Autumn



Halloween

By Quinn Winter
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Halloween is so fun. We get candy and we can dress up in weird costumes, and have weird decorations too. I love it. My family is crazy about Halloween. We have a lot of decorations.

Peace

By Chloe Kazaks
4th Grade, Tonawanda
Peace looks like leaves falling
Peace sounds like quietness
Peace tastes like fresh apples
Peace smells like pie in the oven
Peace feels like snuggled in a blanket
Peace is fall

Halloween

By Penelope J. Saidai
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Halloween is personally my favorite holiday of the year. I bet Halloween is a favorite to many kids because you get enough candy that you can stash away for the whole rest of the year. I also like to dress up for Halloween. This year, I am going to be a vampire. I know that we still have a month until Halloween but everyone is so excited to do something without worrying about Covid-19 that it is all I can think of. It's so fun to go out with friends and trick or treat, with six feet between us of course! People in Elm Grove always go above and beyond when it comes to Halloween decorations! I cannot wait to see the spooky decorations like, skeletons, jack in the boxes, ghosts, and killer clowns that hang from the trees. Halloween in Elm Grove never disappoints! So far, people are already putting Halloween decorations up. How fast time flies, it feels like just a day ago it was June! In the blink of an eye it will be Christmas!

Fall

By Nora Schneider
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Leaves fall,
Trees grow tall,
Autumn gets colder,
As fires get warmer,
Days get shorter,
As pumpkins grow oranger,
Winter is coming,
Summer gets going,
That's the story of Fall.



Time Travel

By Tommy Spahr
4th Grade, Tonawanda

If I could time travel, I'd go to October 31st, 2019 so I can trick or treat with my family, trade candy at a party, and play games. And we eat a lot of the candy. Then we go home, some more people come to trick or treat, and we head downstairs to the mini movie theater. Then a thunderstorm starts. We watch a scary movie, eat more candy, and go to bed.

Halloween

By Jack Marks - 4th Grade, Tonawanda

Halloween is a time to scare, so beware! Halloween is a time for treats! Carve a pumpkin, make a scary face, roast the pumpkin seeds for a yummy treat. Pick a scary costume and go around the streets in it and knock on a door and say trick... or... treat! When the day is over, your bags will be filled with some very yummy treats. Watch the leaves fall off the trees, feel the cold air. Halloween is coming soon! Get ready!

Elm Grove

By Matthew Christianson
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Elm Grove is a wonderful community. People in Elm Grove are kind and generous, they might be rich, they might be poor, there are small houses and big houses no matter what. People should be treated right. It is a good place to live, there are tons of stores, and not many thieves. We have one of the best school districts. And there are many good kids and also many good parents. We have one of the best hospitals for kids nearby. Elm Grove is a great community. Move in and I guarantee you will like it.

Leaves

By Amelia Harmelink
4th Grade, Tonawanda

Leaves will fall
And Leaves will blow
Leaves are different colors so...
In the winter they will go



Time Travel

By Colton Evenson
4th grade, Tonawanda

If I could time travel, I would go to the past to figure out all the mysteries that the world has, that may help us in the present and may help scientists make better adjustments to the world. The world has a lot of mysteries and if I could go back in time, I would solve the mysteries.

Leaf Decorations

By Stella Williams
Tonawanda Elementary, Grade 4

Looking for some fall decorations? You can make your own! First, gather some leaves off the ground, however many you think would look good together. Make sure they're brightly colored! Next, tie some string on the stems. Hang them upside down in your garage for a week to dry them. Once the leaves are dry, take them down. Clip the string carefully, you will use it to hang the leaves! Finally, choose a spot and hang the leaves up. If you have a light that sticks out, that could be a good spot if you can reach! Or you could use a door handle. You can use any spot you want! Remember, it doesn't have to be perfect. Good luck!

A Day in Autumn

By Grace Scott – St. Mary's Visitation, Grade 5

A brisk autumn morning, sipping your apple cider, feeling the cool breeze on your nose while reading your favorite book. As you get ready to go to the apple orchard you take a quick walk in your sweater and jeans examining the orange and bright red trees and admiring how beautiful they are. Once you get home you feel that you would like to make another cup of apple cider to put in a to-go cup so that you keep yourself warm on the breezy autumn morning. Once you are at the apple orchard you decide you want to make some homemade applesauce to have for dessert after your beef stew. You found some delicious granny smith apples.

Once you arrive at home you begin to slice the apples. When you're finished, you start to add spices such as cinnamon. Now you put the mixture in the crock pot to cook for a few hours. Then you meet up with a couple of your friends to go to the pumpkin patch. When you get there, you see a corn maze. You and your friends race to see who can figure out how to get out

of it. You didn't win, but it was still fun. Next you find some of the best pumpkins at the patch. When you got home it was about 4:00 in the afternoon. You begin to decorate your house with fall decorations, such as pumpkins and scarecrows.

It's dinner time and you eat your beef stew as you feel the warming sensation throughout your body. As you start to pick up, you notice how it is already pitch black outside, when the sun would just be setting a month ago. You stop for a moment to think about how the earth is changing constantly. In about half an hour you start to have warm, spiced, fresh apple sauce, as sweet as pie. You think about how lucky and grateful you are. Now it is time to brush your teeth and comb your hair as you usually would before you get in bed to read. You start to cozy up in your soft blanket and on your fluffy pillows. After you read you start to feel your eyes getting droopy and all your muscles are relaxed as you slowly fall asleep. That was a fun, but tiring day in autumn.



Coloring for Kids (and Adults)!



Letters to the Editor

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Elect Sara Rodriguez, 13th Assembly District

Sara Rodriguez is running this fall to represent District 13 in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Sara is a Registered Nurse, public health expert, and experienced healthcare executive who has worked in a variety of leadership positions with public health departments at the federal, state, and local levels. Her expertise is needed to help solve the important healthcare issues in our state today.

Heath care should be a top priority for every candidate. Good health is a fundamental requirement for being a fully functioning and productive member of society. Unfortunately, many of our working poor are reluctant to seek medical care because they can’t afford to pay the deductibles.

Medicaid expansion was designed to remedy that problem by providing BadgerCare to people up to 138% of the poverty line and at the same time saving the state \$324 million dollars per biennium. Wisconsin’s refusal to accept Medicaid expansion since 2014 has resulted in the

loss of over \$1 billion of federal funds.

On everyone’s mind today is the Covid19 crisis. This highly communicable disease has been responsible for many deaths. It has disrupted our economy and personal lives and is being kept at bay only through the efforts of many who take this threat seriously. Sara served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the CDC where she was deployed on multiple national and international outbreak investigations. Sara has also worked in the private industry as a Vice President in mobile health technology with a Fortune 100 Company.

On November 3rd, I’m voting for Sara Rodriguez. She will support the adoption of Medicaid expansion and provide the expertise in Madison to guide us through the pandemic so that we can safely rebuild our economy.

Carl Lock
Town of Brookfield

Past Times column, Newspaper appreciated

Readers of the *Elm Grove News-Independent* are very fortunate to have Stephen Hauser as a regular columnist. In the articles he writes, he emphasizes the second part of hiSTORY so well, often personalizing his own Elm Grove connections and experiences as he did when he wrote of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in the September 2020 issue. Though the descendant of Methodist ministers, he is more informed than many Catholics are of their own faith history in Greater Milwaukee. To read his column is a

pleasure and a learning experience. Thanks to Lisabeth Passalis-Bain for bringing Stephen to the paper’s readers.

And congratulations to Lisabeth and (her husband and photographer) Jim (Bain) for celebrating our nation’s First Amendment right to freedom of the press for the past ten years.

Robert Fischer and Mary Weller
Elm Grove, Wisconsin

Vote for Democrats: Palzewicz, Vining, Rodriquez

The question I have been asking myself lately is, “Why do certain state legislators not have the best interests of Wisconsin citizens in mind?” They support using the department of Justice to eliminate the Affordable care Act and its protections for people with pre-existing conditions, they turn-down federal funding that would support Wisconsinites during the greatest economic decline in the last decade, and they curtail our right to vote by limiting early and mail-in voting. Why do we continue to vote these representatives into office?

I left the Republican Party in 2008 because its policies no longer contribute to the well being of most Wisconsinites and Americans, and it has forgotten its priority of governing in a fiscally responsible way.

I have met and listened to democratic candidates running for Wisconsin legislative

positions: Robin Vining in the 14th District, Sara Rodriquez in the 13th District, and Tom Palzewicz who is running for the soon-to-be-vacant 5th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. All of these candidates have positions that will help us maintain our rights to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

If you have not looked at their messages because you are a Republican and have disregarded Democratic candidates for years, I recommend you take a look at their websites. Wisconsin needs people like Tom, Robyn, and Sara to make Wisconsin and the country a better place for all of us. I encourage you to consider these candidates, and to vote for a change in our representation at both the state and federal level.

Chris Klages

Legal Issues

Estate Planning and Remarriage

By Attorney Isabell Mueller

Marriage is a time for celebration. However, in the event of a remarriage, it is imperative that you and your future spouse also focus on the less romantic process of redrafting your estate plans. Wisconsin is a Marital Property state, which means your marriage will affect the ownership of all of your assets, regardless of how the asset is titled. This change in ownership will affect not only the division of your assets in the event of a divorce, but also the distribution of your assets upon your death. In many instances it will result in a distribution that is substantially different from what you intended.

You and your future spouse’s respective financial situations and family situations are most likely more complex than when you first married. You probably have more assets and one or both of you may have children from previous relationships. It may, therefore, be in both parties’ interest to execute a prenuptial agreement. In deciding whether or not a prenuptial agreement is appropriate, you and your future spouse should address the following issues:

1. How do the two of you plan to share, or not share, your income and expenses? Do either of you have any significant liabilities for which the other should

not be held liable? Health care costs and the cost of long-term care should be a significant part of this discussion.

2. In the event of a divorce, how do you want your assets divided? Do either of you have strong feelings about keeping any assets as your “individual” property in the event of a divorce?
3. In the event of your death, how do you want your property to be divided between your surviving spouse and your children? Do you want the majority, if not all, of the assets going to your surviving spouse? Or do you want your children or other family members receiving a significant share? These are the most significant issues that must be addressed and are also the factors which will determine whether or not a prenuptial agreement is needed. Once these issues have been addressed and, if necessary, a prenuptial agreement has been signed, the rest of your estate planning documents, (Wills, Revocable Trusts, Powers of Attorney, etc.) should be updated to reflect both your decisions and your new marriage.

Re-Elect Hutton

Elm Grove Voters: Rob Hutton is our current representative in the State Assembly, and I hope you will vote to re-elect him.

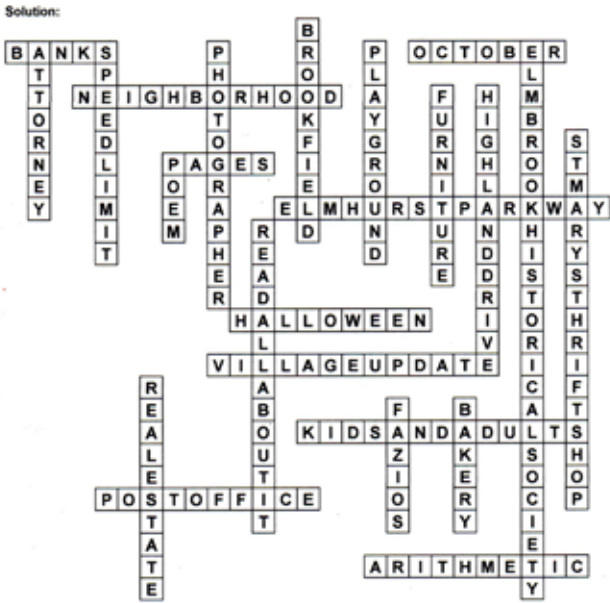
Rob grew up in our District and graduated from Brookfield East High School, and as a small business owner, he brings much needed private sector experience to Madison. As Village President and in my professional life, I have worked with many elected officials, and Rob is one of the best.

In today’s ultra-partisan environment, Rob has demonstrated the ability to work “across the aisle” to pass needed legislation, such as the legislation he authored to protect Wisconsin citizens against fraud and money laundering schemes. Governor

Evers signed this into law in March of this year. He has worked to control spending and taxes, while also supporting the budget providing record support for public education.

Rob is a citizen-legislator who understands that our district’s issues must be addressed across party lines. He is a fiscal conservative who knows that public service is not a path to personal fame and power. He is an intelligent and compassionate man whom I respect. I urge you to vote for Rob Hutton for the State Assembly on November 3rd.

Neil Palmer
Village President
Elm Grove



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Note: This is correct pruning for plants of this nature and promotes greater flowering and stronger branch structure in the future. Plants will be more compact with fuller growth and will attain pre-pruning height in a season or two.

Dormant Pruning FAQ

- Q:** Pruning helps plants, but does a lack of pruning actually harm them?
- A:** Yes, it can. Lack of pruning can impact the structural integrity of the plant, making it much more susceptible to broken branches and disease.
- Q:** Why hire a professional?
- A:** Our trained crew understands the pruning requirements for each individual plant. We will also clean up the jobsite and haul away all the brush and wood debris.
- Q:** Is dormant pruning expensive?
- A:** There is a cost involved in dormant pruning, but it is generally much less than replacing plants that have overgrown their space.

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