



# Elk Grove Township

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## A Message from the Supervisor...

Happy Spring! I am looking forward to some beautiful weather and continuing to serve township residents at our new location. In the last township newsletter, we identified February 3<sup>rd</sup> as the date we would be operating out of the township's new administration building.



Michael H Sweeney  
Supervisor

Unfortunately, some unexpected delays pushed our move in date eight weeks. I am happy to announce that all outstanding issues have been addressed and we will be ready for business at our new location on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Two open houses have been scheduled in April; Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-7p, and Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> from 9a-1p. Please come by and tour the newly renovated Elk Grove Township Administration Building. Thank you for your patience during this process.

Please take the time to read this newsletter and contact the township if you have questions about our programs and services. Our incredible staff is always ready and able to meet the needs of the community. I hope to see you soon at the Elk Grove Township Open House.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve you.  
-Michael H. Sweeney



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## Annual Town Hall

Tuesday April 14- 7:00pm

## Open Houses

Thursday April 16 from 3:00pm-7:00pm  
and  
Saturday April 18 from 9:00am-1:00pm

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## Assessing the Situation

We are gratified that over 2,000 homeowners have come in to file for the exemptions that they qualify for. We have also assisted many with filing their first installment tax bills in a timely manner.



Connie Carosielli  
CIAO Assessor

The next important event in the assessment year will be your opportunity to file an appeal with The Cook County Assessor seeking a reduction in your assessed value. Currently, we are scheduled to be open for those appeals sometime in May. Please visit our website, as we get closer, for the exact date. We will notify those homeowners on our email and phone lists prior to opening. This year you will be given 40 days to make these appeals. When you come in for assistance, and because the County Assessor has mandated electronic filing, we will ask you multiple times if your appeal is complete. The reason for this is that once the appeal is sent, no further changes can be made.

Knowing that our office is extraordinarily busy during the appeals period, please allow for the possibility of increased waiting time. We will schedule an outreach program with the staff of the County Assessor; my staff will be available to file appeals during this presentation. We realize that it is often difficult for some to come in during normal business hours. We hope to accommodate as many as possible during our outreach program.

To learn more about your township and its available programs, visit [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and select Elk Grove Township, or visit our website.

## News from your Highway Commissioner



Art Niewiardowski  
Highway  
Commissioner

### **BRANCH PICK-UP**

Branch pick-up is offered in residential areas on the streets maintained by the Township **ONLY** (unincorporated areas) from April through October (weather permitting) on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a holiday or weekend, branch pick-up will be scheduled for the following work day. The branch program is designed so that the township can help unincorporated residents keep their properties clean after storm damage. If property owners have extremely large amounts of brush, crews will only remove a portion of the brush.

We ask you to limit your piles to storm and wind damaged branches and not to exceed two cubic yards. If a landscaping or tree service takes down trees or branches on your property, they are responsible for its disposal. Please also remember your waste disposal company will pick up branches that are bundled and tied. Please do not begin stacking branches near the streets immediately after the township crews have finished in your area (16<sup>th</sup> of the month). Piling of branches after the pickup date creates an eyesore, causes damage to grassy areas, and invites animals, pests, mosquitos etc.

### **What will be picked up:**

- Branches with a minimum 2' length, maximum 12' length and less than a 6" diameter.

### **What will NOT be picked up:**

- Small hedge or pine clippings
- Yard waste or brush in containers
- Brush or branches with thorns
- Stumps or tree roots

### **How to stack the brush:**

- Neatly stack the branches in one direction with the butt end toward the street
- No lumber, wire, rope, or other material may be included with branches
- Please do not place brush on another resident's property, if this happens please contact the Cook County Sheriff's office, not Elk Grove Township, as the township does not have authority in such matters
- Once we have gone through an area, we will not return until the next scheduled date

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## Clerk's Corner

### Election Day Judges Needed

Every election needs a team of Election Judges to serve the voters at the polling places. These judges work together to ensure that their polling place is running smoothly and that voting is done in the proper manner. In return for their services Election Judges in Cook County are paid \$200.



George Busse  
Clerk

To be eligible to serve as an Election Judge in Cook County you must be:

- A U.S. citizen and resident of Cook County
- A registered voter at your current address
- Able to speak, read and write in English
- Of good standing and capable of performing the required duties

Election Judges have various responsibilities and perform several tasks on Election Day. These tasks include:

- Opening their polling place promptly at 6 a.m. and closing it at 7 p.m.
- Setting up the election equipment
- Signing in and providing assistance to voters
- Verifying voter qualifications
- Distributing ballots/activation cards for touch screen machines
- Operating voting equipment
- Filling out forms
- Processing and transmitting votes after the poll closes
- Certifying vote totals

State law requires that election judges represent either the Democrat or Republican Party on Election Day. So, you must declare yourself as a Democrat or Republican. Five election judges are assigned by the Cook County Clerk to each polling place. The number of judges representing each party is determined by the polling places previous election results.

Please note that it is likely that you will be assigned to a polling place different than one where you vote. Election Judges are expected to serve in all elections (usually three) within a two-year term. At the end of the two years, judges must be re-commissioned for another term. Attending and passing a basic training class is required for all first-time judges.

**For information about applying to serve as an Election Judge in Cook County email**

**[elect.judge@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:elect.judge@cookcountyil.gov) or call 312-603-0965**

## 2019 Cereal Bowl Champions!

In October of 2019, the Elk Grove High School and the Rolling Meadows High School football teams squared off on the field, but throughout the week, their students were busy collecting boxes of cereal and educating their peers about hunger in the community.

All the boxes of cereal were to benefit the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry. This is the fourth year that our remarkable high school community has put forth enormous efforts to raise awareness of hunger issues and to do something about it!

The schools competed for the coveted "CEREAL BOWL" trophy, but the real winners are local residents in need that receive the boxes of cereal when they use the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry. A combined total of 2,209 boxes of cereal were collected by the schools. Thanks to all the students, teachers, staff, and families that participated. Your donations make a difference!



*Pictured: Township Supervisor Michael Sweeney (top left) and EGHS teacher Joe Bush (top right) along with EGHS students.*



## Gardeners Wanted

When you think about planting your garden this year, please consider planting an extra row or two to donate to the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry. Our clients love fresh, healthy food... especially those that are home grown!

If you don't have the space for your own garden, please consider joining the Living Green in Elk Grove Community Garden! They donate the fruits of their labor to our pantry and others. They break ground and get dirty for the first time this season at the end of April. For more information, please contact: Diane Snoble 847-975-2172





Elk Grove Township is thrilled to be able to offer a new way of distributing food to our Food Pantry users! Our new “client’s choice” model means that client’s shop our pantry and choose the items that they would like.

**Because of this change, we are asking clients to MAKE an APPOINTMENT in order to visit the pantry.**

This is for a few reasons:

1. We want to avoid long lines and wait times. When you arrive on time, you will be able to start shopping almost immediately.
2. We want each of our shoppers to have the time to shop at their leisure. There will only be a few shoppers at a time.
3. We want to make sure our shelves are stocked so no matter what time you arrive, and that there is a great selection of healthy items to choose from throughout the day.

Our Social Services staff screens potential and current clients every 6 months to make sure they are availing themselves of all programs and opportunities that can assist them in moving forward. Clients are issued Food Pantry cards that are good for 6 months to make the check-in process a speedy one.

Additionally, we are relying heavily on volunteers to help us keep up with the demands of this new system and are encouraging all that are interested in volunteering to give us a call.

We know these changes will take some adjustment for our regular users. Please be patient and address any questions or concerns with our staff.

**To make an appointment to use the pantry, please call 224-265-6111**



With special thanks to our ongoing community donors. We couldn't do it without you!

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- Metro Prep High School
- IT Department/Fort Dearborn Co.
- Community Education District 214
- Grand Prairie Transit
- District 59

## Food Pantry Needs

- Canned tomatoes
- Plain oatmeal
- Deodorant
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Laundry soap
- Tuna
- Macaroni and cheese





## Spotlight on the Young at Heart

55+

Are you aware of the wide array of services available to residents over 55 years old? Check out what Elk Grove Township can do for you!

**Counseling Services-** Professional counselors see residents dealing with a variety of issues like depression, anxiety, trauma, family and relationship issues, etc. Sliding fee scale, first visit is FREE!

**Financial Assistance-** If you are a low-income household or facing a hardship, please call our Social Services office. We have a myriad of financial programs to assist residents in need.

- Emergency Assistance
- LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)
- PIPP (Percentage of Income Payment Plan)
- Com Ed Hardship
- Nicor Sharing
- Salvation Army Funds
- Community Empowerment Fund

**Transportation Assistance-** If you are 55+ or over the age of 18 and receiving disability, you qualify for this free service that can take you anywhere within our township borders (and outside the borders through additional transportation programs). Call for more information.

**Assessor's Office-** Assist in filing for and/or confirming that residents are receiving all property tax credits for which they are eligible.

**Additional Resources:**

- Food Assistance
- Health Resources
- Employment Support Center
- ...and MORE!

**Don't see the type of assistance you need? CALL US! We have a large information and referral network and we're happy to direct you!**

**847-437-0300**

# Young at Heart GROUP!

Elk Grove Township is excited to announce our new Spotlight on the Young at Heart GROUP which empowers our seniors to **LIVE** their best life. We invite members of the community ages 55+ to join us each week. We will have different group activities that focus on the following themes:

- L - Learn something new**
- I - Inspire and connect**
- V - Value mental wellness**
- E - Engage in physical activity**

If you're interested in becoming a part of this new and exciting group, please contact Stephanie Shparago

**224-222-0942**



Elk Grove Township is an application site for the LIHEAP program, but don't delay! Applications are taken until May 29, 2020 or until funds are exhausted.

**Direct Vendor Payment (DVP) and Reconnection Assistance (RA)** is designed to assist income-eligible households with energy services, in the form of a one-time benefit payment to the utility companies that is applied directly to the household's energy bills. The amount of the payment is determined by income, household size, and fuel type. RA is used to prevent or reconnect disconnected households.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

To schedule your appointment, please call **224-265-6111** and speak to our Social Services office. We will be happy to pre-screen you, set up your appointment, and give you a list of documents necessary for application.

Please note, in order to give our full attention to each client **we cannot accept walk-ins.**

# What services does Elk G



## Empowering People through Community

### Assessor's Office:

- Homeowner's Exemption
- Senior Citizen Exemption
- Assessed Value Appeals
- Board of Review Appeals
- Senior Tax Deferral Applications
- Property Characteristic Changes
- Filing Certificate of Errors
- Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption
- Name Change on Tax Bill
- Notary Service
- Property Location Changes
- Disabled Person Exemption
- Disabled Veteran Exemption
- Returning Veteran Exemption
- Applications for Division and Consolidation of Properties

### Clerk's Office:

- Passport Applications
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Notary Public
- Applications for Absentee Ballots
- Voter Registration
- Voter Assistance
- Temporary Handicapped Parking Placards

### Highway Department:

The role of the Highway Department is the care and maintenance of the roads in the unincorporated parts of Elk Grove Township. This includes repair and snow removal.

In addition to the road maintenance, the Highway Department also does brush pick for residents of the unincorporated areas of the township.

### Transportation Services:

**Dial-a-Ride:** Senior residents of Elk Grove Township age 55 and older may use the DIAL-A-RIDE services. All buses are handicap accessible (i.e. walkers, wheelchairs, etc.).

**T.R.I.P.:** This program is the Northwest Suburban Cook County Inter-township Transportation for medical purposes for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities.

**Taxi Program:** This program is our discounted cab service. Seniors 55 and older and people with permanent disabilities over the age of 18 are eligible.

**Bike Safety:** Bicycle Safety is provided by Elk Grove Township to all grade school aged students of our Township. The program is funded by the taxpayers that live in our Township, and has been in existence for almost 30 years.

# How does the Township provide?

**em·pow·er** (ə'm'pou(ə)r/) *verb*

make (someone) stronger and more confident, especially in controlling their life and claiming their rights

**com·mu·ni·ty** (kə'myoōnədē/) *noun*

a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common

a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals

## Social Services Office:

- **General Assistance**, or GA, is a public assistance program mandated by state law for adults who are ineligible for state or federal programs and who meet financial and other non-financial requirements.

- **Emergency Assistance**, or EA, is available to individuals and/or families with children who are facing a life-threatening circumstance, such as eviction or utility disconnection, and who meet Township established guidelines.

- LIHEAP (Low income Home Energy Assistance Program)
- Mobile Dental Clinic
- Food Pantry
- Community Resources Boards
- Salvation Army Extension
- Nicor Sharing Program
- Access to Care
- Community Empowerment Fund
- Referrals to other helpful agencies
- Seasonal Programs (School supplies, Thanksgiving baskets, and Holiday gifts for families in need)

## Adult and Family Counseling:

### **Counseling Services:**

- Adults/Seniors
- Depression/Anxiety
- Child Misbehavior or Defiance
- Attention Problems
- Family Conflict
- Academic Underachievement

## Youth Services:

- Bullying Prevention in Schools
- Social Skills and Life Skills Groups
- ADHD Programs
- Asperger's Groups
- Girls Empowerment Groups
- Gang Prevention in Schools
- Parenting Seminars
- Challenge Program
- Leadership Development

## Employment Center:

- Employment/Career Counseling
- Resume Review and Assistance
- Practice Interviewing Skills
- Career changes later in life
- Helpful Careering Materials
- Computers (job search activities ONLY)
- Network Meetings and Job Fairs
- Four job search presentations each year

## Additional Programming (coming soon):

- Senior Activity/ Young at Heart Group
- Adult Mental Health Support Groups
- Additional services from visiting agencies on-site

# Elk Grove Township Employment Support Center

## Local People. Local Jobs.

### Contact us:

(224) 222-0935 or  
jobhelp@elkgrovetownship.com

### Hours of Operation:

Wednesdays. 9:00am-2:00pm

### Services Available:

- LinkedIn Profile Critique
- Interviewing Practice
- Current Local Employer Job Board
- Employment/Career Counseling
- Career Seminars and Workshops

**Did you know:** On the whole, American workers are generally satisfied with their jobs. Even so, a significant share (30%) view the work they do as “just a job to get them by,” rather than a career or a steppingstone to a career. If you’re not satisfied where you’re at, give us a call!

Join us for our Free Career Workshops that will help you move your career search forward. Our presenter is John Chalekian, Director of the Elk Grove Township Employment Support Center. He will counsel you in using the tools most helpful for your job search to help you become the most desirable candidate in a job market filled with competitors. Each of the four workshops builds on the previous, but can also be attended independent of the others.

Be sure to sign up and tell your friends to join us if they are in need of employment assistance.

**May 20, 2020**

### Job Seeker’s Toolkit: Application Info Sheet, Resume, and LinkedIn Profile.

What you need to succeed effectively & efficiently.

**September 2, 2020**

### “...a little help from my friends”: Building Social Collateral

Focusing on your circle of friends, acquaintances, and ex-work associates for job leads.

**November 4, 2020**

### Interviewing 101: How to Answer “Killer Questions”

Increase your skills and confidence when responding to challenging interview questions.

## All career workshops to be held at:

Elk Grove Township- Conference Room 2 (use EAST entrance)

600 Landmeier Rd.

Elk Grove Village IL 60007

**10:30am to 12:00 Noon**

Please call or Email your registration to:

224-222-0935 or [Jobhelp@Elkgrovetownship.com](mailto:Jobhelp@Elkgrovetownship.com)

Note: Dates are subject to change. Please contact us to make your reservation.



## Some of our Seniors Feel Isolated

-From the Adult and Family Counseling Department

It is often said that the only constant in life is “change.” As we grow up, changes of all kinds happen in our lives on a regular basis. We are challenged by changes of growth, school, and home, but we are often buffeted by the constancy of our families and social networks.

As time passes, we leave our families, form new ones, and we embark on educational or career paths. But, we find ways of staying connected with loved ones, family, old friends, new friends, and workplace acquaintances. We busily forge ahead.

But, at some point, a new kind of change enters our lives—the change that comes with aging. While all change involves “loss” of some kind, this is different, as many of the losses include the very connections with others that have been anchors of constancy and support for us. If we have children, they have their own lives and families, and “don’t see us enough.” And, our friends, partners or spouses gradually--disappear.

The result? Nearly 20% of seniors (over 65) live alone, and 43% report feeling lonely on a regular basis. Research shows that such loneliness negatively impacts physical health over time, and often leads to depression. Importantly, many seniors are living robust and enriching lives. But, too many do not.

Elk Grove Township believes in “empowering people through community.” As such, in addition to providing transportation and other concrete services to assist seniors, counseling is also available within the Adult and Family Counseling Department. Our counselors are friendly, and are happy to offer support.

And the advice for the rest of us? I’ll quote singer/songwriter John Prine:

*So if you’re walkin’ down the street sometime,  
And spot some hollow ancient eyes,  
Please don’t just pass ‘em by and stare  
As if you didn’t care, say, “Hello in there, hello.”*



For information about counseling, call 847-981-0373.

## **Announcing Summer Social Skills Groups** ★

**SUPER STARS GROUP** ★ The Elk Grove Township Youth Services Department can help using the power of fun group activities and a social thinking curriculum, to help children understand how their words and actions impact other kids.

**GIRLS EMPOWERMENT.** ★ It is as hard as ever to grow up these days. In a culture of unyielding messages about beauty, gender roles, and social success, the stress experienced by many girls leaves them with low self-esteem, low confidence, and poor body image. This sense of “self” makes them more vulnerable to peer pressure, which further fuels low self-esteem. Our program builds self-acceptance and self-confidence by inviting girls to be the drivers (instead of passengers) of their lives. Many participants leave after the six-week program saying, “I’m fine just the way I am.”



For more information regarding the summer semester Social Skills services, please contact Renee Dorn, Youth Services Program Coordinator at (847) 981-0373 or [rdorn@elkgrovetownship.com](mailto:rdorn@elkgrovetownship.com)

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

- April 10- Good Friday- Regular business hours
- April 11- CCC Food Drive to benefit  
EGT Food Pantry (Jewel in EGV 10am-1pm)
- April 14- Annual Town Hall 7pm
- April 15- Branch pick-up starts  
(unincorporated areas only)
- April 16- Open House 3pm-7pm
- April 18- Open House 9am-1pm
- May 25- Office closed for Memorial Day
- May 29- Last day for LIHEAP applications

## Senior/Disabled Transportation



Elk Grove Township Transportation department can offer a solution to get you

to doctor appointments or the grocery store safely during these hazardous winter months. You can use our services exclusively, or just when you need to. We offer curb-to-curb service to senior citizens (over 55) and disabled residents (over 18).

Township buses can take you to your favorite local places to do your shopping and to the pharmacy, fitness center, as well as to your doctor, dentist, optometrist or dialysis appointments. All rides within the township borders are FREE (free-will offering) and you can take one round trip ride each day Monday-Friday, as buses are available.

In addition to curb-to-curb services, we also offer occasional bus trips and the TRIP program that will take residents to medical appointments outside our township boundaries. Discount taxi vouchers are also available.

Give us a call at 847-437-0300 to get more information about our transportation services and to find out how to register!

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Highway Department & Storm Water Issues  
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Fax (847) 437-0434

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4th Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
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Arlington Heights, IL 60005