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A NOTE FROM THE SUPERVISOR



Supervisor

Happy New Year! Greetings from Elk Grove Township. We hope you enjoy reading the articles within this newsletter. We have included information about your fellow Michael H. Sweeney residents, local businesses and places of worship that are actively

involved in representing

Grove Tow,

the Elk Grove Township motto of "Empowering People Through Community". Throughout these pages you will read about the many services that are available to Township residents (pages 8-9) as well as updates from the Township Assessor, Clerk and Highway Commissioner detailing important information in their respective areas. One of the most important projects is the move to our new location. We look forward to the remodeling project being completed in the near future and all Township operations being under one roof. Best wishes for an enjoyable rest of the winter season.

REAL LIFE REALLY GOOD RESIDENTS

Every month, we have featured specific residents that have done generous things, both big and small to make our township a better place to live, learn, and grow. This month, we want to thank YOU! You have taken the time to read our newsletter and investigate what's going on in the community. It's often through our newsletter that people first hear about the kinds of programs and services we offer. Many times, it's by reading about the ways that



we help the community that we first receive donations or that someone will refer a neighbor in need. It is because of YOU that we are able to continue our mission. Thank you. You are a real life, really good resident! If you know of someone who's a real life, really good resident and would like us to share their story

please contact: LMenich@elkgrovetownship.com

TOWNSHIP OFFICES MOVING IN 2019



The Township's main offices that are currently located at 2400 S. Arlington Heights Road will be moving in the not too distant future to our new location at 600 Landmeier Road in Elk Grove Village (previously the Village Public Works facility). In early 2016 the process

was begun to explore opportunities to pursue a building that would better serve the residents' needs and could accommodate the number of growing services that the Township administers.

Multiple Special Town Meetings were held whereby the Electors provided approval to sell three existing Township buildings (two of which were returned to the tax rolls) and purchase the Landmeier building in a building swap with Elk Grove Village. We are hard at work designing a building with expanded services to assist Township residents and will continue "Empowering People Through Community" as our logo states. Stay tuned for more details. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn for interim updates.



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TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Assessing the Situation



Connie Carosielli C.I.A.O

My staff and I hope that 2019 brings you good health and prosperity. We look forward to, as always, being your resource for property tax information and assisting you whenever we can, with exemptions and appeals. This year we will be experiencing the triennial reassessment for all properties in Elk Grove Township. As of this publication, we have not

been informed as to when the reasstessment notices will be sent out. When you receive this notice from the Cook County Assessor, you will have 30 days in which to file an appeal. If you need assistance with researching comparable properties and filing your appeal, we are here to help you through the process. When we receive notice from the county assessor, we will send out an email and/or call to those taxpayers who have given us their email or phone numbers. If you would like to be included in these notifications, call our office at 47-437-0300, ask for the Assessor's office and my staff will put you on our list.

Your second opportunity to appeal will follow approximately 90-120 days later when the Cook County Board of Review opens for appeals. Again, we'll send out notifications regarding when we are open for appeals and the deadline to file your appeal. We will also hold outreach programs with both the Cook County Assessor's office and the Board of Review.

By the time this newsletter reaches your residences, the applications for Senior and Senior Freeze exemptions should have arrived in your mailboxes. If you have not received your application, please come in and my staff will assist you. These exemptions must be applied for every year. If you have questions regarding your qualifications and what documents to bring, please call or come in. Please check your second installment tax bill to make sure you're getting the homeowners exemption. This applies only to your principle residence. This exemption will reduce your assessed value by \$10,000.

There are other exemptions available to the disabled returning veterans, disabled veterans and more. The veteran's exemptions are generally renewable in March. For additional information you will find www.cookcountyassessor.com a helpful tool.

Clerk's Corner

Election Judges Serve and Earn

There never seems to be enough people interested in serving as local election judges. Election judge positions regularly go unfilled. This can result in polling place problems. Understaffed polling places often have long lines that can dissuade some residents from voting,



George K. Busse Township Clerk

questions regarding ballots and voting equipment often go unanswered, and errors by both voters and harried judges can go unnoticed and uncorrected.

You can help your community by volunteering to be a judge for the upcoming April 2019 election. Also, don't forget that for your service you will be paid \$175 as an election judge or \$325 as an Equipment Judge. If you are interested in becoming a judge you can learn more and apply at the Cook County Board of Elections website http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/election/electionjudges/Pages/default.aspx. You can also apply through your Township Republican or Democratic organizations.

College Scholarship Money

As many High School seniors and their parents start planning (and worrying about paying) for college next fall, please keep in mind that there are many scholarship opportunities just an application away. Many students and their families fail to check these opportunities for financial support. In fact, some scholarships actually go unused.

Many local Lions Clubs and Rotary's offer scholarships to deserving students and there are numerous special scholarships available like The Community Bankers of Illinois Annual Essay Scholarship (\$1,000), The Illinois Latino Council of Higher Education Scholarships (\$1,000), and the Dollars for Scholars Student Assistance Fund Scholarships (\$2,500 Academic/\$2,500 Vocational)*. Most deadlines for the submission of applications are in early March. Talk to your High School Counselors or go online to check out these scholarship opportunities today.

*Note – Contact me at gbusse@elkgrovetownship.com if you would like more information regarding the Dollars for Scholars Scholarships.

News from your Highway Commissioner

As we approach the end of the 2018–2019 snow season, the Elk Grove Township Highway Department. is well prepared for anything that other Nature might bring. We commitment have а to maintain Township roads and



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keep them free from ice and snow. Please remember to check and be sure that drainage areas and culverts are free of any debris that might reduce the drainage of melting snow near other property owners areas. This will help the flow of melting snow, and will help reduce flooding. Lastly, please do not discharge any snow from private areas onto any streets. This practice is not only inconsiderate to our neighbors and the general public, but is also illegal. In the past, Cook County Sheriff's Police have been aggressively monitoring and cracking down on such violators.

31st Annual Senior **Celebration Day 2019** Thursday, March 28 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free event will be held at the forest view educational center 2121s. goebbert road arlington heights, il (enter at door1) \$6 lunch by tailgate catering





- Gealth screenings free Giveaways
- Informative exhibitors and Presentations
- Bingo play free Entertainment and more!

admission ticket is required for entry, free tickets will be available in january 2019 at your local senior centers elk grove and wheeling township offices, park districts within district 214 boundaries, district 214 community education or on the day of the event at the door, call 847-718-7700 for more information after the new year,

Simply Give Program makes an **Enormous Impact**

Meijer held a DOUBLE MATCH day for their Simply Give program last month and a few local organizations stepped forward with large donations. Elk Grove Township received over \$22,000 worth of gift cards that can be used by the food pantry to purchase high quality protein sources. We are so grateful to Porte Browne, the Lions Club of Arlington Heights, and an anonymous donor for their support! The Rolling Meadows Meijer store graciously continues to support the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry through the Simply Give Program.



Meijer Store Director Brian Lach (2nd from right) and Supervisor Mike Sweeney (back row center) with the Lions Club of Arlington Heights (Right photo) and Porte Browne (Left photo) after they presented checks to Lisa Menich, Director of General Assistance and Community Outreach for the Simply Give Double Match Day.

Cereal Bowl III

On September 21, 2018 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 All the boxes of cereal were to benefit the Elk Grove Township Food



Students from Elk Grove High School (the winning school), along with Township Supervisor Mike Sweeney pose with the Cereal Bowl trophy.

Pantry. This is the third 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

community.

local residents in need that receive the boxes of cereal when they use the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry. A combined total of 1,460 boxes of cereal were collected by the schools. Thanks to all the students, teachers, staff, and families that participated. Your donations make a difference!

Elk Grove Township says "goodbye" to a familiar face ...

"Retirement is not the end of the road. It is the beginning of the open highway." – Author Unknown



Retired Bus Driver-John

John came to us nearly 10 years ago after a successful career in Operations, Sales, and Marketing. As a driver, he was loved by all of our riders, most likely because of his infectious positive attitude and friendly demeanor. When helping new drivers get the hang of their job, John was known to say, "Treat every rider like they are your own grandmother or favorite aunt." He did just that...and we will miss him immensely.

...and says "hello" to some new faces.

Caseworker/Community Outreach-Nina

Nina is a recent graduate from Lewis University with a degree in social work. Her enthusiasm for helping those in need is apparent to anyone who meets her. We are thrilled to be a part of her bright future as she begins her professional career.

"I look forward to developing my skills and learning more about the resources and needs of the community."





Building Services–Mario

Mario comes to us with 15 years' experience at a local food manufacturing company. He has lived in Elk Grove Village for nearly 5 years with his wife and four children.

"We live in a very family friendly community and it's a great place to raise kids. I'm excited for this new opportunity to work in the community where I live."

Bus Driver–Nita

Nita comes with lots of experiences and a background in transportation. She has an adult son and a 7 year old grandson that has "stolen her heart." We know our riders will love her.



"I believe in treating people how I would like to be treated and I do just that!"



Food Pantry Manager–Becki Meinecke

After 10 years in her previous position as a convenience store manager, Becky has joined our team to help us manage the demands of our growing food pantry.

"I'm excited to start serving the community in this new capacity."

Hours of Operation:



9:00am-3:45pm 9:00am-3:45pm CLOSED 9:00am-3:45pm CLOSED

Residents in need must register with our staff at their first visit. You may use the pantry once per calendar month. Please bring a photo ID and a

current utility bill **EVERY TIME** you use the pantry.

We know it's hard to ask

Monday-

Tuesday-

Thursday-

Friday-

Wednesday-

It's hard to ask. We know and we are here to help. Food is not a luxury item. We welcome Elk Grove Township residents in need to register to use our food pantry. It's simple to register: Bring in a Driver's License or other government issued ID, along with a current

utility/medical bill that shows your current address (dated within the last 30 days.) Residents in need may visit our food pantry once per calendar month. See hours listed above. We're happy to provide a list of other



resources, as well. Call the General Assistance office for more details: 847-437-0300 Additionally, township residents may visit our free bread cart once a week in between pantry visits. Bread is available every day, as FREE.



- Lutheran Church of Martha and Mary
- St. Paul Luther
 Lutheran Church
- Grand Prairie Transit
- EGVPL Union
- Afscme31
- Pinch Provisions
- CCSD59 Retirees
- Elk Grove Library
- Read to Learn Program (Dist. 214)
- South Church
- Harvard Maintenance Inc.
- Volcan Materials
- The Heam
- Company
- AT&T

- Jarosch Bakery
- Amita Cardio Vascular Association
- Anritsu Company
- Elk Grove Baptist Ladies Christmas Tea
- Graphic Innovators
- Elk Grove Park District
- WINGS
- The Moorings
- Queen of the Rosary Church
- Branches Group (St. Raymond's)
- MC Machinery Systems
- Elk Grove Farmers' Market

MAC MADNESS!

March may be the month for basketball fans, but here at the Township, March means our Pantry donations start to decline. Did you know that at least 58% of school-aged kids in our area benefit from food resources either through school, SNAP (food stamps) or local pantries? That's why we are asking you, our community, for help!

Macaroni and Cheese is an inexpensive, easy, nutritious meal for a growing child and our food pantry goes through a LOT of it. Please consider donating a few boxes to the Elk Grove Township food pantry. Mac and Cheese will be GLADLY accepted, along with any other non-perishable food items at any time (no need to wait for March!)

Donations are accepted Monday-Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.



Holiday Programs 2018

We are most grateful to those of you that donated to our holiday programs this year. You are the reason that so many of our residents in need celebrated the holidays with joy and hope.



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You help us to live out our mission: Empowering People through Community.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS:

Christmas gifts mean the world to a child and the parents that are fortunate enough to be able to provide exactly what the child needs and desires. Many of Elk Grove Township residents are struggling financially and cannot afford this simple pleasure.

It is with an abundance of gratitude that we thank the residents of Elk Grove Township for the kindness shown to their neighbors in need. It is only through you that Elk Grove Township was able to provide for children in need this holiday season. Moms and Dads picked up holiday gift cards that enabled them to purchase toys, books, and games, along with necessities like winter coats, clothes, and shoes for their children.

Here are some of the words of thanks that we received from the families:

"Thank you for the gift card. I will now be able to buy clothes, diapers and a toy for my daughter that will be turning 2 years old on the 22nd. I am so excited for this. I appreciate it very much..." - M

"Thank you for the gift cards. I will be purchasing clothes and shoes for my little one. Thank you for all your help." - J

"Thank you very much...I am so grateful that I'll be able to buy my kids the items on their wish list!" - J

"Thank you for your generosity this holiday season. My daughter will be so happy... for the baby doll and toys." -V

"May God bless you for your kind, unselfish act. May you receive what you've given a million times back!"- T

"Thanks to you, my son is going to have something for Christmas. I appreciate your help in providing for my family! Merry Christmas!"- J

EXTRA Special Thanks to our Corporate Donors:



Thanksgiving Baskets

Generous donors provided nearly 200 Thanksgiving baskets to Elk Grove Township families in need. We are so very grateful and overwhelmed by the selfless giving of the donors and the pure joy and gratitude of the residents receiving the baskets. What a wonderful way to truly celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday! Think about making it your family's holiday tradition next year!





Snow Angels Snow Pants and Boots Drive

Students in our community are in need of warm winter wear so they can participate in recess when there is snow on the ground! Thank you to everyone that donated new and gently used winter wear. Your donation warms us from head to toe!





White Christmas Thank you!

So many of you rallied around this program, that we are overwhelmed by your generosity! This time of year, need increases for personal essential items, especially for our food pantry users. Unfortunately, they cannot use their federal food stamps (SNAP money) to purchase essentials like soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, Kleenex, deodorant, etc. These necessities are a part of our daily lives, yet expensive to purchase. Residents, churches, schools and businesses alike gathered large donations for this program and we are so very grateful! Thank you for your donations!

What types of assistance are available to residents?

Elk Grove Township works hard to help clients move toward independence. Our approach is simple: Help people in need with immediate needs and then guide them to resources to move them forward.

We do this in a myriad of ways.

First and foremost, we **LISTEN!** Once we learn the challenges the client is facing, we can pull from our resources and programs to determine the best way to help

Call us to make an appointment todayl 847-437-0300

the client move forward. We can help with financial assistance, referrals, information, resources, problem solving, follow-up, and encouragement. Most of the time, it's a little bit of everything! We are committed to helping our clients help themselves.



Programs/Services Provided:

- Financial Assistance Referrals Food Pantry Mobile Dental Clinic Salvation Army
- Energy Assistance Programs Access to Care Nicor Sharing Seasonal Programs

Elk Grove Township Employment Support Center

Local People. Local Jobs.

Services Available:

Employment/Career Counseling Helpful Careering Materials Job Search Books and Reference Loan Materials Limited Work/Table Space Periodic Career Seminars and Workshops Network Meetings and Job Fairs

Hours of Operation:

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00am-1:00pm

February 19 – "Ten Things to Make Yourself More Marketable"

Candidates can reasonably expect to hit two or three of the items that would make them attractive to an employer and highly marketable. Learn the ten things that employers cherish in a job candidate and bring these forward in your next interview.

For more information or to reserve your spot at the seminar, please contact us:

(224) 222-0935 or Jobhelp@Elkgrovetownship.com

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION

Do you worry about driving during the winter months? When the roads are icy or slick from sleet and snow, the Elk Grove Township Transportation department can offer a solution to get you to doctor appointments or the grocery store. 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 beauty/barber shop, 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 (See schedule \rightarrow , bus trips are in purple) 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 register!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January- Cook County mails Senior Exemption forms and issues property tax bills February 18-President's Day- Township Office Closed February 26 – Senior Bus Trip-Boston Market (Mt-P)-(TUES) March 1- Property tax payments due March 12 – Senior Bus Trip-Panera Bread (EGV)-(TUES) March 28- Senior Celebration (see article on page 3) April 9 – Senior Bus Trip-Woodfield-(TUE) April 9 – Township Annual Meeting (open to public) April 28 – Senior Bus Trip-Maine Township Senior

Celebration-(THUR)

GRANDPARENT: "THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OUR TIME." WHEN GRANDPARENTS TAKE IN THEIR GRANDCHILDREN

Most parents work hard, sacrifice plenty, and do whatever they can to prepare their kids to be responsible and independent adults. We want our children to be happy.



We also have dreams of "the golden years," when we would have long left our parenting responsibilities, and where we can enjoy our retirement, with more control over our lives. But, what happens when that dream is dashed, as one of our adult children has succumbed to substance abuse, mental illness, or death, and out of our own love and responsibility we become custodians of their children?

This scenario happens more often than most think. Perhaps hundreds of grandparents in Elk Grove Township are raising their grandchildren, and that number is increasing.

We owe these fine people our understanding and support. Nationally, 25% live below the poverty line, and many have their own health issues. But, their days include making sure their grand children get up for school, do

their homework and chores, getting them to activities, and knowing they are loved. It can be exhausting!

If you are a grandparent with custody of your grandchildren, and would like additional support, through counseling or a support group, feel free to call the Youth Services Department at 847-981-0373. We salute you.

Stormwater Management How You Can Help

(From MWRD Storm Water Management brochure for Cook County available at the Township Office)

Stormwater management does not merely apply to flood control. It can also be used to improve water quality and conserve potable water. You can help out by implementing Best Management Practices at your residence. **Example BMPs** include rain barrels, cisterns, green roofs, rain gardens permeable paving and natural



landscaping. One simple measure would be to disconnect your downspouts from the public storm sewer system.

The stormwater could be stored in rain barrels to be used to water gardens or directly discharged to rain gardens instead of flowing into our sewers. Reduction of stormwater flow into our sewers reduces the amount of flow discharged into our waterways and can help to alleviate flood damages from occurring due to overbank flooding.

It is illegal to dump paint, oil, or any hazardous material into a street inlet as these materials will also pollute the waterway to which the storm sewer eventually discharges. Residents living near waterways should take extra care to remove debris on their property which could wind up in the waterway.

Yard waste should be properly disposed of and not dumped into or along the banks of creeks or streams. Branches, bushes and other debris cause blockages at culverts and bridges which can cause flood damages for you and your neighbors. If you see anyone dumping garbage or any debris into a waterway, please call the MWRD at 1-800-332-DUMP.

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2019 BUSINESS EXPO

THE 2019 EXPO IS HERE AND THE THEME IS WOODSTOCK!!!

We are asking our businesses to decorate their booth/business and travel back in time to 1969. Woodstock took place exactly 50 years ago and made such a mark of history. Lets travel back in time and make new memories on March 7th!

Avalon Banquets | 1905 E. Higgins Road | Elk Grove Village, IL.







Join the Fight Against Alzheimer's

Clinical Research Participants Needed!

AMITA Health is currently seeking volunteers for Clinical Research Studies who meet the following criteria:

- Are between the ages of 60-85
- Currently have a memory problem

OR

Have a family history of Alzheimer's Disease

You may be eligible to take part in current trials investigating treatment that might be able to prevent or delay the onset of Alzheimer's. With your participation, we might find the key to stopping the disease before it starts.

Volunteer today! Call 847.472.1338 or email Reeti.Goyal@amitahealth.org



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When you partner with us, we are your advocate. We work with individuals and business owners to articulate your investing goals, creating a strategy that is consistent with your objectives and values.

Entrepreneurs & Business Owners

We know that running a business can be exhilarating but all-consuming. Let us help you protect your family and your business by building a plan that considers your full financial picture. Whether you need assistance with a company sponsored retirement plan such as a 401(k) or SEP IRA, benefits for key employees, or a business continuity plan, we will help tailor a strategy that suits your needs.

Retirement Planning

We assist you with identifying your retirement goals and objectives as well as review your sources of income during your retirement years. Your income sources include things such as social security, pensions, and your other investments that may provide an income stream to develop your "paycheck" in retirement.

Tax Analysis & Planning

We review your tax return and determine if there are any opportunities to save on taxes. We also review how much tax should be withheld from your investments if you are utilizing them as an income stream. In coordination with your estate planning, we also discuss estate and inheritance taxes and if they will have any implications on your loved ones when you are gone.

Estate Planning

We work with you to understand who and what organizations are important to you and assist in planning how your wealth transfers. We help you with designating beneficiaries on your investments, properly titling the registration of your assets, and charitable giving.

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