

Elk Grove Township

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Township Supervisor

A Message from the Supervisor... Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with your families.

We are looking forward to working hard for you in 2021. As I look back over the holiday season, and all of 2020, I am truly grateful for the generosity of so many township residents. This past year has been difficult for so many individuals and families, but a global pandemic could not extinguish our donors' desire to serve their neighbors. I am thrilled to report that donors provided nearly 200 Thanksgiving baskets to township families in need. The last holiday program of the year, "Operation

Christmas", was also very successful. Through this program, our township team matched kind-hearted donors with struggling township families to ensure that the Christmas was a lot brighter for many children. Finally, through our partnership with Meijer and the company's Simply Give Program we have received over \$15,000 (so far) for our food pantry. These funds were raised in part by individual contributions along with matching funds from Meijer. For all of this incredible generosity I say Thank You! Elk Grove Township residents always look out for their neighbors and that is what makes these programs possible and successful. Again, from the bottom of my heart, I say Thank you!

In the following pages there are a variety of news items you may find useful. Our elected officials and staff have provided information about the April 6th local election; property taxes; youth services; adult and family counseling; senior and disabled transportation, and much more.

Have a wonderful 2021! Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve you.

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Assessing the Situation

We hope that this article finds you and your families strong and healthy. The year 2020 was exceptionally challenging for all of us. We hope that we have been able to serve you efficiently even through a pandemic.



Connie Carosielli CIAO Assessor

If we are still in pandemic mode when this newsletter reaches you, we will attempt to keep you informed through this newsletter, email, phone, and our website, www.elkgrovetownship.com. Go to the Assessor's page, we will keep it updated. Assume that we will still attempt to maintain a safe office by insisting on the health protocols that have been put in place.

To contact us, we strongly recommend that you call our direct phone number, (224) 265-6110. Please leave a message that includes your name, address, PIN number, plus phone number and email address if you have one. One of my staff will respond to you as quickly as possible.

We have been informed by the Cook County Assessor's office that the Senior Freeze exemption will be automatically rolled over so that you do not have to reapply. The Homeowners exemption and Senior exemption, as always, will remain in place. If you qualify for the first time, we will be happy to assist you in filing with the County. For further information on other exemptions, please call our office. You may also communicate with us using email at, www.assessor@elkgrovetownship.com. We are available 5 days a week, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A democracy cannot survive without an informed citizenry. It is our primary mission to see that you are kept informed to insure fairness to all.

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Highway Department

As we welcome in the new year, our 2020-2021 snow season is in full swing. The Elk Grove Township Highway Department is well prepared for anything that Mother Nature might bring. We continue our



Art Niewiardowski Highway Commissioner

commitment to maintain Township roads and 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.





Clerk's Corner

Township Public Board Meetings

The Township Board is continuing to hold virtual Board Meetings as approved by an Executive Order that was set in place by the Governor during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents can elect to



George Busse, Township Clerk

remotely attend the virtual meetings in real time or to view a recording of the meeting via YouTube. Links to the YouTube meetings are posted to the Township's website within 2 days following the Board Meeting and can be found by using the link, www.elkgrovetownship.com/clerks

Judges Needed for Spring Elections

Suburban Cook County is in desperate need of election judges and polling place technicians to serve voters at the polls this spring. For the November election, these poll workers were paid \$200-\$365 depending on the position they worked on Election Day. To be eligible you must be a U.S. citizen, be a resident of Cook County, be a registered voter at your current address in Cook County, be able to speak and write English and be able to perform the duties of the position for which you apply. Junior and senior high school students are also eligible to serve as judges. The same adult judge requirements apply to students with the exception that students do not have to be registered voters and must carry a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. For more information and to apply for a position contact the County at elect.judge@cookcountyil.gov or call 312-603-0965.

Key Dates for April 6th Consolidated Elections:

- 3/10/2021 First day of grace period registration and voting
- 3/21/2021 Last day to register to vote by online application
- 3/22/2021 First day of early voting
- 4/1/2021 Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
- 4/5/2021 Last day of early voting
- 4/5/2021 Last day of grace period registration and voting
- 4/6/2021 Last day mail ballots can be postmarked

Other Services Provided by the Clerk's Office:

- The Township is a Passport Acceptance Agency and is here to assist you with applying for a passport issued from the State Department of the United States. Please contact us at 847/437-0300 with questions or to make an appointment.
- Notary Publics are available to assist you with having your documents notarized.
- If you are interested in the outdoors and enjoy hunting or fishing, we have the IDNR licenses you need.

LENDING CLOSET

(224)265-6111

Are you in need of gently used medical equipment?

The township offers residents the ability to use available medical equipment for a period of three (3) months with the option to extend the time upon request.

Walkers, canes, bath seats, bed tables, bed side rails, toilet seats with handles, and many other items are currently available.

Check out is fast and easy! Call to schedule curbside pickup or to learn more about the items in our lending closet.



Food Pantry

All Clients must make an appointment in order to use the Pantry

224-265-6111

Elk Grove Township has been meeting clients' needs for food using a new "client's choice" model. It means that clients shop the pantry and choose the items that they need. With extra safety measures in place, the Township is thrilled to be able to offer a new way of distributing food to Food Pantry users.

New Clients

- . Call to schedule
- Bring current utility bill and
 photo ID to appointment



Hours of Operation

Tuesdays 9:30-12:00 & 1:00-3:30 Wednesdays 9:30-12:00 Thursdays 9:30-12:00 & 1:00-3:30



Upon arrival to the Pantry, please use the WEST entrance.
There is a sign for the FOOD PANTRY!

THANK YOU

for your generous donations!

Elk Grove Food Pantry is thankful for all the generous donors. WE could not do what we do without YOU!

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Contact 224-265-6111 for assistance.



ENERGY BILL ASSISTANCE

If you are having a hard time keeping up with your electric and gas utility bills help could be available. Please give the Social Services department a call to see if you qualify for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Nicor Sharing or Comed Hardship.

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

The Mobile Dental Clinic program provides preventative and restorative health services to individuals and oral families who are without dental insurance and who live at less than 200% of the federal poverty level. Elk Grove Township are screened residents by the Social Services staff to determine eligibility for treatment. A \$30 co-pay is charged for each adult appointment but no co-pay is required for children.





WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

If you are a resident and you find yourself in DON'T WAIT! Our Social Services need, Department is here to assist you with needs, referrals emergency financial and information. Please additional note. in order to give our full attention to each client we cannot accept walk-ins.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

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 or desires. This year in particular, many Elk Grove Township families are struggling financially and cannot afford this simple pleasure. With the generous donation of the Township residents, we were able to provide gift cards to those families that allowed parents to purchase those very items. THANK YOU!

This year, the township reorganized the holiday programs to include not only families with children but also low-income seniors. Often seniors are spending the little income that they get to purchase necessary household items and food. They seldom spend money on themselves or for things they consider gifts. Our hope is that with a donation, the program recipients feel the joy of the holidays and allow themselves to purchase something they normally would not.

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 the Township was able to provide for children and seniors in need this holiday season.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

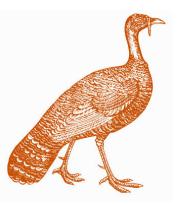
This time of the year, need increases for personal essential items, especially for our food pantry clients. Unfortunately, they cannot use their federal food stamps to purchase essentials like soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, Kleenex, deodorant, etc. Many of our residents, churches, schools and business alike gathered large donations for this program and we are SO grateful! Thank you for supporting the Elk Grove Township Food Panty!

Many Thanks



Thank you, Neighbors, for all the beautiful and generous Thanksgiving Baskets you donated. This year, the Township distributed nearly 200 thanksgiving baskets to Township families in need. Unlike previous years, our unprecedented times provided additional challenges for the donors and the recipients of the baskets. With the help of our staff and volunteers, we were able to safely and effectively conduct a contactless drive-through distribution event.

We are overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and generosity. What a wonderful way to truly celebrate the thanksgiving holiday! Think about making it your family's holiday tradition next year! Once again, we give thanks.









Youth Services



Engaging and Innovative Techniques for Empowering Your Kids

As the new year begins parents are still trying to adjust and adapt to Covid-19. It is becoming increasingly important that kids maintain connections with their peers during this tough time as socialization is a large part of healthy development. Trying to find creative ways to keep their interest can be challenging. Ask any other parent, teacher, or youth leader and they will agree.

Since the beginning of virtual learning in March, Youth Services has been offering new engaging and innovative techniques to support parents and their kids through these uncertain times.

At the request of both parents and youth that have been a part of these groups, Youth Services is continuing these and implementing new groups into 2021.

- How to Support Your Child in Challenging Times Many of our families are feeling overwhelmed as our children are experiencing stress and anxiety in a world that seems increasingly unpredictable. In response to this, we have created a time and place of support. Learn techniques for supporting your children with this group.
- Coping Through Mindfulness We all know adolescence has become more stressful each
 passing year, and this past year has added to the pressure our kids have to deal with. In this
 group we explore a different topic and a mindfulness technique each week to reduce these
 stressors.
- The Hangout A one-hour opportunity for kids to be kids. This informal group includes different break out rooms for games, discussion and hanging out with peers in a safe and welcoming environment. Each breakout room has one of our facilitators available for support and supervision.
- **Core Programs** Youth Services continues to offer and innovate groups that have been part of our programs for many years. These groups are Girls Empowerment, Social Skills, Future Leaders, Managing Emotions, Stress Less.

Multi-session groups will begin the week of January 18th, will be held on Zoom, and will run after e-Learning is completed for the day.



To register and learn more about these and other groups your child can benefit from, contact Renee Dorn at rdorn@elkgrovetownship.com or (847)981-0373.

Adult and Family Counseling Department

How Seniors Can Stay Mentally Stimulated During Covid-19

We have all heard about the increased risks that seniors face during the Covid-19 crisis as 8 out of 10 deaths have been from those who are 65 and older. With such an increase in risk for seniors, most have been following the CDC guidelines of social distancing, washing hands and wearing masks. Following these guidelines, many seniors have found themselves more isolated from family and friends which means fewer social gatherings and less time out in the community. As seniors protect themselves against the virus the cost is that they may be feeling more lonely, bored, depressed and even stressed/anxious about the future. During this crisis, seniors need to make sure they keep themselves mentally stimulated.

Here are some tips:

- 1. Keep a normal routine, it's important to keep a daily schedule of waking up, eating meals at regular times and going to sleep, especially since going out in the community is limited.
- 2. Limit the amount of time watching the news. It's important to stay updated on the virus but watching the news all day long can cause stress and anxiety. Choose to do something different instead like reading or finding a hobby.
- 3. Keep as active as possible moving around, walking or doing exercises will help keep the mind clearer. With many senior centers/fitness facilities reopening to limited capacity check to see what's available in your area and remember to limit the amount time at these facilities, always remembering to keep yourself safe.
- 4. Many seniors have heard of drive-by visits which is a great way for seniors to see their loved ones. Keeping connected to love ones is important.
- 5. Technology: This can be unfamiliar and frightening for many seniors but it's also a good time to try to learn. There are many social platforms to use but you will need to have a device to connect with the internet. Facebook allows seniors to stay connected with friends and family along with sharing ideas, reading articles, joining various groups, posting pictures can keep you connected and stimulated. Facetime, Zoom, Google Hangouts are video and audio services that allow you to see your children, grandchildren or friends and they are free. Email and texting are still great ways to communicate with people and finally, the old-fashioned method of calling people on the telephone is still one of the best ways to stay connected.

From a personal perspective, my parents who are both in their late 80's, where one lives independently and the other is in memory care and they have only been able to see each other once since February of 2020. I do understand how important it is to make sure seniors are mentally and physically stimulated during this crisis. If some seniors are still struggling during this crisis Elk Grove Township has a developed a Senior Community Check-In program which helps identify seniors needs and connects them with the appropriate services such as food pantry, bus service, financial assistance programs and counseling services. See page 11 for additional information.

Please contact Robin Wilson from Adult & Family Counseling of Elk Grove Township at 847-981-0373 for more information.

Elk Grove Township Employment Support Center

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The Community Empowerment Fund is in need of Donations



The Community Empowerment Fund is funded 100% by community donation. There are NO township funds to draw from. This is why we need the help of the community in order to assist our neighbors in need. Please consider a monetary donation.

We are proud of the assistance that the Elk Grove Township Community Empowerment Fund has provided to the community, especially during these unprecedented times.

Since its inception nearly 3 years ago, this not-for-profit, 501(c)3 organization has worked collaboratively with EGT to further the mission and vision of the township by "Empowering People through Community."

While all our programs are designed to be efficient and thorough, some of our other programs have limitations that, at times, make it impossible to fully resolve a resident's emergency. The staff at the township is able to use this fund to help residents with needs that may not fall under the guidelines of our other financial assistance programs or when the funding from these other programs is not enough to "fix" a client's emergency. The goal of the Elk Grove Township Community Empowerment Fund is to fill those gaps and assist residents in need who are working toward self-sufficiency.

Types of emergencies we have been able to help resolve include, housing, utilities, emergency medical needs, transportation to work/medical appointments, etc.

To help fund this exciting program, please make your tax-deductible donations to: Elk Grove Township Community Empowerment Fund, 600 Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

THANK YOU!

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

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.

NEW DISCOUNT TAXI DEBIT CARD



The Township also offers a discounted taxi program for an additional form of transportation. The program provides a \$5 coupon per ride for riders traveling within Cook Country using 303 Taxi. If you are a current registered rider please call the township to receive your new card. If you are not registered with this program, call to take advantage of this service.

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



Welcome to 2021

Happy New Year

February 1 - Property Tax Bills available. This year's first installment will be due in May 2021.

February 15 - Township Offices are closed in observance of President's Day.

March - Consider making an appointment with our Passport Office. This will ensure your passport delivery date is in time for Summer travel.

April 6 - Consolidated Election

April 13 - Annual Town Meeting



Senior Community Check-in

The purpose of our Community Check-in is to identify and connect with seniors to assess their social, emotional, physical and safety needs. It is important to keep in touch. We will assist seniors and connect them with resources provided by the Township (ie: Food Pantry, Bus Service, Financial Assistance Programs, and Counseling Services) and our community partners.



CONTACT ROBIN WILSON, MSW, LCSW, FOR MORE INFORMATION: 847-981-0373









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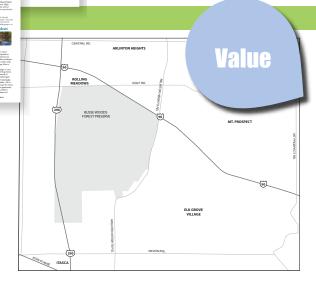


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