

Elk Grove Township

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George K. Busse
Township Supervisor

A Message from the Supervisor...

Happy New Year! I hope 2022 proves to be a wonderful year for you and your family.

I want to personally thank all the generous families and businesses who donated or are donating to our Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Snow Angel programs. We were able to distribute over 260 Thanksgiving baskets and we're on track to provide a record number of Christmas gift cards and winter jackets to residents in need. Your support allowed us to make the holidays a little brighter for many more families. In addition to our holiday programs, we are truly amazed at the support our food pantry consistently

receives. We have been able to keep our pantry shelves stocked with food throughout the year despite a dramatic increase in usage. The food pantry is currently serving over 1000 residents per month which is up from an average of 490 visits early this year. Without the tremendous support of generous donors, it would be hard for us to keep up with the ever-increasing need.

Finally, I am proud to announce that for the ninth consecutive year the <u>Township has not increased its tax levy</u>. The Township continues to account for less than 1% of your property tax bill. This is despite an increasing list of valuable social and taxpayer services that we offer our community. One of the new services we recently added helps our community's veterans. Walter Wilson, an accredited and experienced Veterans Service Officer (VSO), will be available four days a week at the Township to assist veterans, their dependents, and their survivors in understanding and applying for local, state, and federal military benefits. These benefits include health services, educational programs, retirement, and home loans. As a Navy veteran myself, I know how valuable assistance in navigating the often-complicated military benefits program can be. I am honored and excited that we can now offer, at no cost, this important resource to our local service members.

Please take the time to learn about the services we provide for families, youth, seniors, and taxpayers. You or someone you know may greatly benefit from the assistance we can provide.

George K. Busse



Township Elected Officials

(left to right)

Dale Niewiardowski - Township Trustee

Richard Keenley - Township Trustee

Connie Carosielli - Assessor

Suellen Satern – Township Clerk

George Busse – Township Supervisor

Greg Wojtecki – Township Trustee

Vince Dante - Township Trustee

SAVE THE DATE!

JAN. 7 – FEB. 17 Accepting "Souper" Bowl Donations.

JAN. 10 – Youth Services Groups Starting.

JAN. 15 – Building <u>CLOSED</u> 12p.m - 1p.m for all Staff Meeting.

JAN. 15 – Last day to drop off snow boots and snow pants for the Snow Angel Program.

JAN. 17 – Office <u>CLOSED</u> for Martin Luther King Day.

1st week of FEB. – Property Tax Bills estimated to be mailed out.

FEB. 21 – Office <u>CLOSED</u> for President's Day.

MAR. 30 – Employment Seminar.

APR. 12 – Annual Town Meeting.



East Entrance

Administration & Passports 847-437-0300 Assessor's Office 224-265-6110

West Entrance

Social Services & Food Pantry
224-265-6111
Adult & Family Counseling Youth Services
847-981-0373
Veteran's Service Officer
224-265-6112

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Assessing the Situation



Connie Carosielli CIAO Assessor

My staff and I want to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year! Although 2021 presented us all with problems to overcome, we hope that the procedures within our office that have been modified for your safety and convenience will be welcomed.

As of this writing, our taxpayers have yet to be notified of the results from assessment appeals filed in 2021. Until this occurs, the Cook County Board of Review cannot be opened for further appeals.

When the Board of Review opens Elk Grove Township, we will post it on our website and notify those of you who are on our email/phone lists.

The procedures to file with the Board of Review will remain the same as last year. If you are familiar with the Online appeal process, my office will be more than happy to send you comparable properties via email, and you can file an appeal on your own by going to the Board of Review website: www.cookcountyboardofreview.com.

If you would prefer, you may call us at (224)265-6110 and we will assist you over the phone with your appeal.

You may also use our dedicated email address: www.appeals@elkgrovetownship.com

Lastly, please feel free to come in the office at 600 Landmeier Rd., Elk Grove Village. For your convenience, please call first and make an appointment with a staff member. This will eliminate prolonged waiting periods, although an appointment is not required.

We strongly encourage calling or emailing us first. If we are unable to answer your call, please leave a voice mail and we will return your call as soon as we possibly can.

As we approach February, we should have the updated forms for filing exemptions. Again, please call first so that you are bringing the correct documentation for the exemptions you qualify for. It will be our pleasure to file these for you with the County Assessor's office.

At this point in the pandemic, we are still requiring face masks, and have hand sanitizer available for your use. I'm sure you will agree with me, we all look forward to the time when things return to "normal".

Clerk's Corner



Suellen Satern Township Clerk

I'd like to wish all of our Elk Grove Township residents a happy and healthy New Year! I know we are all hoping that more aspects of our life will get back to normal in 2022. I have been in my new role as Township Clerk for over 6 months now, and I'd like to highlight some information that you may find helpful.

If you want to know more about the services that our township provides, please check out our website: elkgrovetownship.com, or check out our page on Facebook. We are adding new services all the time, including services for veterans and weekly wellbeing checks by phone for seniors.

Another way to learn more about what the township is all about is to watch one of our board meetings, which you can find by going to YouTube and typing in Elk Grove Township. During our board meetings we have been having the different township departments give an overview of the services that they provide, so you can learn more about our food pantry services, our bus rides for seniors and the disabled, and many other services.

One of the areas under the responsibility of the Township Clerk is Elections. To learn more about upcoming local elections and registering to vote you can go to the Cook County Clerk's website: cookcountyclerkil.gov. It is very user friendly and if you click on Elections, you can find out who your current elected officials are, what your voter registration status is, how and where you can register to vote, details about upcoming elections, election results and how to become an election judge.

Our next election is not until June 28, 2022 and it will be the primary for the election of our next governor - a very important election. All the details about voter registration deadlines and early voting can be found at cookcountyclerkil.gov. I hope you will all participate in this very important voting process - we are blessed to live in a country where we have the right to vote!

Please be careful and stay safe this winter - here's hoping that our snowfall is light and that spring comes early!



Welcome Shoppers!

The Elk Grove Township Food Pantry is dedicated to aiding the members of their community in times of need. Food pantry usage is at a record high as we strive to reach everyone to ensure they have access to food and essential household items. To register with the food pantry, please call 224-265-6111 and schedule your first pantry visit. Be sure to arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to your appointment to receive a food pantry card. All you need is a current (within 30 days) utility bill and a photo ID.



If you are a current food pantry client, be sure to check the expiration date on your food pantry card. Cards are only valid for 6 months and need to be renewed in a timely

manner, please be sure to bring a current utility bill and photo ID to your next appointment.

Food Pantry cards are very important and you will need to present it every time you wish to use the Food Pantry.

Hours of Operation

Tuesday

9:30a.m - 12p.m & 1p.m -7p.m

Wednesday & Thursday

9:30a.m-12p.m & 1p.m- 3:30p.m

Food Pantry visits are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

Please call to schedule your

next appointment

Thank you, Neighbors, for all the donations. The food pantry could not operate without your generosity.

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Department of Social Services

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is open until May 30, 2022 or until funds are exhausted. Call us today to see if you qualify.

NICOR SHARING

If your household falls between 200% and 300% of Federal poverty level you could quailfy for a grant towards your Nicor gas bill.



SALVATION ARMY SERVICE EXTENSION



Elk Grove Township is a SA Service Extension Site. Call us to see if you could be eligible for utility or shelter assistance after an emergency.

CALL US AT 224-265-6111

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT CENTER

Elk Grove Township is working to meet the employment needs of the local community. We can assist you with your job search by providing information, assisting with LinkedIn profiles, resumes, and cover letters, interview/networking skills, etc.

Upcoming Employment Seminar March 30, 2022 10:30AM

"Targeted Search"

"Finding the Best Employers & Jobs for You" Do you want "a job", or "the best Job for you"? Looking for work is often difficult. Let us help you find your ideal job & employer. We'll focus on various search strategies that work and discuss how much time to spend on each search to better structure your weekly job search activities.

Registration is required -Contact 224.222.0935 or JobHelp@elkgrovetownship.com





Thank You



Thanks to our wonderful and generous community of donors, the Elk Grove Township Social Services Department was able to provide over 260 Thanksgiving baskets to families in need this Thanksgiving.





Kind Donors!





Thank you to our generous community members who donated gift cards for the HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS PROGRAM or toys for the TOYS FOR TOTS program.

Your kindness helped make this season bright for those in need!



Welcome to the New Year!

Elk Grove Township Youth Services offers a variety of groups to community organizations including but not limited to schools, scouts, churches and libraries within the boundaries of Elk Grove Township. Groups focus on life skills such as communication, teamwork and problemsolving. In addition, we offer an array of groups virtually and in person at the Township building. These programs enhance learning in the areas of:

- Communication and Leadership
- Managing Strong Emotions
- Resiliency
- Diversity and Inclusion



Winter 2022 Programs

Groups start the week of January 10th and run through the week ending March 18th

Jr High/High School Empowerment Group

Wednesdays - 3:00p.m – 5:00 p.m.

This group starts on January 12 and continues through March 16. It will provide middle and high school youth with opportunities for:

- Healthy, positive relationship with peers
- Coping with their emotions
- Growth in their confidence
- Practicing and learning social skills

Join us weekly for open discussions and experimental skill-building opportunities.

Social Skills Group (2nd - 5th grade)

Wednesday - 5:30p.m - 7:00p.m.

This group starts on January 12 and continues through March 16. It is designed for to work on skills and strategies such as:

- Connecting with peers through common interests
- Feeling comfortable entering and existing conversations
- Developing coping skills to deal with social conflict and bullying
- Being part of a group
- Managing emotions
- Mindfulness techniques

This will be a weekly opportunity to think about others and learn new social thinking strategies.

Building Teen Community

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 4:00p.m – 4:45p.m.

This group will start on January 11 and continue through March 8. It is designed for middle and high school-aged kids and meets virtually twice a month. This group focuses on optimizing socialization, expanding community engagement, building strong friendships.



Youth Services staff can also tailor and provide programming for your organization's specific needs. To register for any groups or suggest a group for your child's school, email Renee Dorn at Rdorn@elkgrovetownship.com or call (847) 981-0373.

We look Forward to connecting with you, discussing your child's needs, and what we can do to help support them in this ever-changing world. You are not alone. You may help us create a new group not only for your child but others in the township.

Adult and Family Counseling

A Good Night's Sleep

Scheduling demands for families are ever increasing. Alarms going off at 6:00a.m, preparing meals, getting ready for school and work, and then the transport. After a full day, some kids go to after school care or an activity, others get on a bus or get a ride home. There may be shuffling back and forth to more activities, grabbing dinner, homework, clean up, errands, and squeezing in some self-care. It's a wonder that kids and parents can fit it all in, wind down, and get enough good quality sleep.

According to Margaret Richards, PHD, a director at the Pediatric Behavioral Health Department at the Cleveland Clinic, "sleep gives cells a chance to regenerate, muscles to repair themselves, and the brain a chance to recalibrate hormone levels that affect mood, appetite and the ability to focus." She further states for children, "sleep really impacts how well kids' brain's function, from how much information they can absorb to how they perform on a test." For example, if a teen stays up late studying for a test and doesn't get enough sleep, he will have a harder time trying to access the information required the next day. Additionally, various studies have shown that lack of sleep can impact many areas of our health, including increased academic weight gain, performance, safety, and emotional stability.

Researchers suggest that school-aged children require 10 to 12 hours of sleep, teens about 10 hours and adults require 8-10 hours per night.



How can we help our children and teens get the sleep they need? How can adults get the sleep we need?

- First, provide a consistent bedtime routine limiting television, computer, cell phone use.
- Second, don't allow children and teens to drink caffeinated beverages at night eat sugar, or to take a nap when they get home from school.
- 3 Third, role model good sleep habits. Teach kids to plan for a reasonable bedtime.



Help your children determine what time they ought to be going to bed according to what time they need to wake up each morning. For

example, if a third-grader needs to be up at 6:30 and requires 10 to 12 hours of sleep a night, he should be going to bed no later than 8:30. Explain how many hours he has after school to get his homework done, and assist him in creating a rough schedule for his evening hours that allows enough room for schoolwork, activities, dinner, winding down and bedtime. Even if he doesn't hit all the guidelines, you establish every night, he will be learning how to organize his evenings so that he has enough time to sleep — a skill that will serve him well throughout his life.

Despite our best efforts, children and teens may resist our guidelines with protests such as "all my friends are doing it. ..." These are expected. You can simply say, "I understand (smile, and walk away)." Or, "your job right now is to attend school." If you can show me that you can handle it well, and make good and healthy choices, I'll support you.

For more information, or for assistance with family concerns, Contact the Adult and Family Counseling Program at 847-981-0373.

SPECIAL EVENT! SECRETARY OF STATE MOBILE SERVICES

Have you thought of going to the Secretary of State office, but the lines scare you off?

Fear no more.

A Mobile Secretary of State Unit is coming to Elk Grove Township on March 1 from 10am – 2pm, with no appointments necessary.

Services provided at the event include:

- Renewal/Correction of Driver's License
- New/Renewal/Correction of State ID
- License Plate Renewal Stickers
- Motor voter registration with renewal of DL/ID
- Organ Donor Registration with renewal of DL/ID Seniors, age 65 and up, no charge for state ID

Please note: Seniors, age 75 and over, must visit a permanent Secretary of State Facility to renew drivers' licenses.

Visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com for fees and required documentation. Cash is not accepted at Mobile Facilities. Real ID applications and driver's tests will NOT be administered.

Medical Lending Closet

Are you in need of gently used medical equipment?

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(224) 265-6111



Annual Town Meeting



Tuesday April 12, 2022 7:00 p.m.

600 Landmeier Rd Elk Grove Village, IL

(847) 437-0300

Park on the east side and enter the Meeting Hall directly.

Ways to Donate



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 non-restricted 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 4 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 township programs are designed to be efficient and thorough, 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 taxdeductible donations to:

Elk Grove Township Community Empowerment Fund, 600 Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.



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Food Pantry Donations

Monetary donations are accepted at the pantry year-round and often help fill the gaps between donated food items and items that are in high demand. If you would like to bring in or send a monetary donation, please mail or drop off your donation at 600 Landmeier Rd, Elk Grove, IL 60007. When dropping off monetary donations, please use the EAST entrance.

Donations are accepted Monday through Friday 9AM to 4PM. If you need help with your donation drop-off, please call 224-265-6111 and someone will assist you!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

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