

PUBLISHED JULY 2019

At Elk Grove Township we have had a busy spring and we are going to have an even busier summer. The renovation of our new township building has begun and is scheduled to be completed this fall. The Township's main offices, currently located at 2400 S. Arlington Heights Road in Arlington Heights, will be moving later this fall to our new location at 600 Landmeier Road in Elk Grove Village. This move is the culmination of a multi-year project to move all township operations under one roof. The new township administration building will include a larger Town Hall/Community Room, a self-select Food Pantry, Youth Services facilities, offices for private Adult and Family counseling, Social Services offices and the Assessor's Office. There will also be sufficient indoor storage for all Township and Road District equipment and Senior and Disabled Transportation Buses.

In our new building we will continue to live up to our motto of "Empowering People Through Community." You can follow us on FaceBook, Twitter, and LinkedIn for continuous updates about this project, information about the Open House, and all Township programs.

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

Real Life, Really Good Residents!



Willow Bend students pass their food donations to load our food pantry truck

Right before their Spring Break, students at Willow Bend Elementary School in Rolling Meadows collected thousands of items to help their neighbors in need. Their first student driven food drive to benefit the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry reaped more than just cans and boxes to fill our shelves. Students learned the necessity for community involvement in order to help fill the shelves of the pantry and at the time of pick up, students formed long lines through the whole school, passing each

item one by one until our truck was full! Every student had a hand at making this one of the most special donations we've received to date. Thank you, Willow Bend students, families, faculty and staff, you are all real life, really good residents!



Social Services Director, Lisa Menich with Willow Bend School Principal, Robert Harris

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Assessing the Situation-by Connie Carosielli, C.I.A.O, Assessor

On May 29th Elk Grove Township was closed for appeals filed during the triennial reassessment. Those of you that filed appeals will be waiting for the results as we go to press for this newsletter. If you feel that you did not receive the reduction that you anticipated, your next opportunity to appeal will be with the Cook County Board of Review. At this time, we do not have a date for making those appeals, but we will keep you informed via email or phone. If you have not registered for this service, please call or come in and we will add you to our lists.



On July 1st the second installment tax bills will be sent. Your bill must be paid by August 1st so that penalties are not added. Please make sure that all of the exemptions you qualify for are reflected on that statement. If they are not, come into our office and we will file the appropriate certificates of error.

It was recently announced that, through the action of the Illinois State Legislature, that there will be automated renewal of the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption. What does this mean? It means that once you have applied for the Senior Exemption, you do not have to file it every year. Be aware that, to prevent fraud in its application, the Illinois Dept. of Public Health would be required to send the Cook County Assessor's Office (CCAO) death record information quarterly, while the Cook County Assessor's Office accesses the Social Security Administration's Master Death list and exchange information with the Recorder of Deeds Office on deed transactions of properties with the Senior Homestead Exemption.

The CCAO would be required to conduct an audit on every Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption at least once every three years.

THIS DOES NOT AFFECT THE SENIOR FREEZE EXEMPTION, THAT MUST BE FILED EVERY YEAR IN THAT IT IS BASED UPON YEARLY INCOME.

My staff and I realize the anxiety that was brought about during the reassessment, particularly the condominiums, along with other bizarre increases. We thank you for your patience during that very difficult time, and look forward to serving you in whatever way we can.

News from the Highway Commissioner- Art Niewiardowski



The most extensive township road improvement program is underway. In addition to pavement grinding and asphalt resurfacing, selective areas will undergo concrete curb replacement, roadway sub surface reinforcement, and driveway apron repairs / replacement.

Additionally, this program includes storm water drainage improvements. Problem areas have had ditching, swales

re-formed, and culvert replacements in both driveways and roadways. Township engineers have also deigned a drainage system to resolve water ponding. The underground system of drainage pipes is designed so that any future problems that may arise will be able to have a new drain easily connected.



Lincoln Howard Vera
Martha Forest View Lee
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Thorndale Woodview

This roadway improvement program is financed 100% through Elk Grove Township, without any outside financing needed.





Clerks Corner: George Busse, Clerk What's all this talk at FOIA's?

FOIA is an acronym for Freedom of Information Act. It is a law based on the principle that the public should be able to



access, with some exceptions, public records and information about the workings of their government. Every government body is subject to FOIA and are required to have a FOIA officer. In the case of Elk Grove Township this individual is the Township Clerk.

Anyone can file a FOIA request - any person, group, association, partnership or corporation. However, there are several types of information that are exempt from FIOA requests. These exemptions include private information, personal information, and financial information that is confidential <u>and</u> could cause competitive harm (i.e. ongoing negotiations concerning the sale of property). You can find a listing of all the exemptions under 5 ILCS 140, Section 7. Beyond these specific exemptions there are no limits as to what information can be requested.

The process for filing a FOIA request is very simple. The only requirements are 1) The request must be in writing, 2) It must note if the request is for commercial purposes, and 3) The information wanted should be described by specifically identifying the records or by specifying an electronic search (i.e. "a copy of annual invoices for XYZ co.""). Obviously, you should provide your contact information and explain how you want the information delivered – paper copies, PDF scans, email, etc. There is no cost for the information unless you are requesting copies of documents that exceed 50 pages in length. You should send your FOIA request to the government body's FOIA officer whose address will be on their website.

The government body must comply with or deny your request within 5 business days starting the day after your request was received. If additional time is needed, they must notify you in writing of their reasons for the extension and provide you with a time that the information will be available. If a request is denied and you believe the denial is improper, you can submit a request for review with the Public Access Counselor in the Illinois Attorney General's office. For further questions regarding FOIA please contact me or the Deputy Clerk, Paul Pioch, at the Township offices.

Meijer Rolling Meadows has been a huge supporter of the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry for the last 3 years. Their Simply Give Program matches in-store donations made by customers. This year alone, the combined generosity of the community and Meijer netted a total of over \$39,000 in gift cards that our pantry uses to purchase seldom donated items, produce and quality meats.



Thanks to our Simply Give Donors



Des Plaines Community Foundation Trustee, Dick Sayad, presents a check for \$5,000 to Lisa Menich, Director of Social Services and Community Outreach, along with Meijer employee, Jackie.



Deringer employee, Eric Pigoni, presents a \$1000 check to Lisa Menich, Director or Social Services and Paul Pioch, Township Administrator, in commemoration of Derringer's 100th year!



Hours of Operation:

Monday- 9:00am-3:45pm Tuesday- 9:00am-3:45pm

Wednesday- CLOSED

Thursday- 9:00am-3:45pm

Friday- 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 ...

Small problems can quickly turn into large ones, if not attended to immediately. Just like a snowball rolling down a hill, there can be a mounting or cascading effect of one past due bill or a couple days of missed work. We know... and we are here to help.

If you're a resident and find yourself in need, **DON'T WAIT!**Reach out to us as soon as trouble arises. We have a few different financial funds to draw from, in addition to information and referral resources.

Often times, it's a much easier to solve the problem sooner, rather than later. Please take the first steps to move forward by calling the Social Services office at:

847-437-0300

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 foods...especially those that are home grown!

If you don't have the space for your own garden, please consider joining the Living and Giving Garden of Elk Grove Village! They donate the fruits of their labor to our pantry and others. They broke ground and got dirty for the first time this season at the end of April, but there's still work to do!

For more information, please contact: Diane Snoble 847-975-2172



Peanut Butter and Jellv inexpensive, easy, nutritious lunch for a growing child and our food pantry goes through a LOT of it. Please consider donating a few jars to the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry. Peanut Butter and Jelly will be GLADLY accepted, along with any other non-perishable food items at any time (no need to wait for school to start!) accepted Monday-Donations are Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Cereal Bowl IV: COMING SOON!

On October 4, 2019 the Elk Grove High School and the Rolling Meadows High School football teams will once again square off on the field, but throughout the week, their students will be busy collecting boxes of cereal and educating their peers about hunger in the community for an equally important contest!

The schools compete 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. All the boxes of cereal donated will benefit the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry.

This is the fourth year that our remarkable high school community will raise awareness of hunger issues and do something about it! Last year, a combined total of 1,460 boxes of cereal were collected by the schools! Don't forget to mark your calendars and bring your cereal to the big game!





We would like to say a HUGE
"Thank You" to our generous (and
often "ongoing") donors. We could
not do what we do without YOU!

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- Faith Lutheran Home
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- Tasty Catering
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- Friends of the Mt. Prospect Library
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- The HBC Group
- Apple Vacations
- Emkay
- Elk Grove Village Leo Club
- The Living and Giving Garden of EGV
- Longtail, Inc.
- Willow Bend Elementary School
- Juliette Low Elementary School

Thanks to all our donors!



Donations from The Community
Character Coalition food drive held on April 27, 2019 netted over 1,630 items!

The annual Postal Workers Food Drive held in May brought in over 7,000lbs of food



Members of Tops 151 Mt. Prospect donated muchneeded soaps and shampoos to our food pantry!





Visit the Township main hallway for LOTS of local resources including jobs, healthcare, community events, senior services, etc.

Or take a book from our FREE Library!



Elk Grove Township: REBRANDING OUR DEPARTMENTS



Social Services-

(Formerly General Assistance)

General Assistance is a state-mandated program and provides welfare assistance to a small percentage of people who do not qualify for other programs. The department was originally created just to administer this program, however, over time, we have added dozens of new programs that include financial assistance, food pantry, holiday programs, employment counseling, information and referrals services---to name just a few. In light of this expansion of programs, we have renamed our department to better reflect the type of services provided to the community.

Youth Services-

(Formerly Youth and Family Services)

Our program had humble beginnings in the early 1970s and addressed the need for positive training and interaction with teens in the community. In recent years, we have expended these services to include all types of groups for children as young as 7 through high school. (Most of the programs that happen in the schools are part of our Youth Services department.) Additionally, we offer summer programs like Girls Empowerment groups, Social Skills groups, and the "challenge course" that teaches kids and young adults alike how to work and communicate in groups effectively. These programs now have their own department name and continue to thrive.

Adult and Family Counseling-

(Formerly Youth and Family Services)

While we continue to address the needs of the child within the context of family by providing family counseling, Elk Grove Township is happy to announce that we will now be offering counseling services to individual adults as well. All counseling service fees will be on a sliding scale.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST OFF! Please help us

prepare CCSD59

students to LAUNCH into the

2019-2020 school

year!

JUNE 17, 2019- JULY 31, 2019

The schools have provided us a list of the items that they desperately need. While we will happily accept all school supplies, we've been asked to focus on those needed MOST.

Below is a list of much needed items:

(ranked in order of need!)

- **EARBUDS**
- Composition notebooks
- Markers
- Pencils (regular and mechanical)
- **Folders**
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Pencil boxes and pencil pouches
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- **Erasers**
- Spiral notebooks

DONATION SITES:



Elk Grove Township 2400 S. Arlington Heights Rd. Arlington Heights, IL



Elk Grove Park District Pavilion 1000 Wellington Ave Elk Grove Village, IL

Elk Grove Park District Hattendorf Center 225 E. Elk Grove Blvd. Elk Grove Village, IL

St. Julian Eymard Catholic Church 601 Biesterfield Road Elk Grove Village, Illinois

CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

1045 S Arlington Heights Road Elk Grove Village, IL



COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 59

CCSD59 Administration Bldg. 1001 Leicester Rd. Elk Grove Village



PARKWAY BANK

951 Meacham Rd. Elk Grove Village, IL 1408 W, Algonquin Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60005



Prince of Peace UMC 1400 Arlington Heights Rd. Elk Grove Village, IL



Frisbie Senior Center 52 E Northwest Hwy, Des Plaines, IL



Shinnyo-en Chicago 120 E. Devon Avenue Elk Grove Village, IL



Meet the NEW FACES of the township!





Sophie

Elk Grove Township feels a strong commitment to equip our future leaders with the tools to help "Empower People through Community."

This summer, please say "hello" to our intern, Sophie. She will be educated about the programs and services offered through the township and the big role that small, local government plays in the lives of its residents.

Sophie is a student at Carthage College and studies social work. She is involved in the Animal Rights and Activism Club, Philosophy Club, and Ultimate Frisbee Club. After Carthage, she plans to pursue a master's degree in social work and work as a Social Worker within the Criminal Justice System.

"I am excited to learn more about the services the township provides for the community and how my role as a Social Worker can best universalize social justice"





Kevin

The township has hired a new Bus Driver for our Senior and Disabled bus service.

Kevin is a US Navy veteran with over 30 years of experience in IT sales. While he may be retired from his career, he wanted the opportunity to give back to his community. Not only will he be transporting residents from point A to point B, he will be uplifting spirits as he goes.

Kevin always has a smile on his face and his enthusiasm can't go unnoticed. The township is delighted to welcome Kevin to our team and he is excited about pursuing his passion of helping others.

Please give Kevin a warm 'Elk Grove Township' welcome if you see him in the office or out in the community making a BIG difference in the lives of our residents.

Elk Grove Township Employment Support Center

Local People. Local Jobs.

July 30 -10:30am to 12:00 Noon "Plan B Planning"

There are times that your primary ambitions simply can't be met due to outside circumstances beyond your control. When this happens, it is wise to have a plan "B" ready to implement and to be aware of what those "B" options are. We'll cover how to get started on a Plan "B" in the event you need it.

<u>Location:</u> 2400 S. Arlington Heights Road – Town Hall

Please Email your registration to: Jobhelp@Elkgrovetownship.com

Services Available:

- Employment/Career Counseling
- Helpful Careering Materials
- Job Search/Reference Books
- Computers (for job search)
- Limited Work/Table Space
- Career Seminars and Workshops
- Network Meetings and Job Fairs

Hours of Operation:

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

Contact us: (224) 222-0935 JobHelp@ElkGroveTownship.com

Job Seekers! Did you know that we have over a hundred local jobs posted on our community resource boards every week? Stop by during business hours to get some great leads!



June 17-July 31-Back to School Blast Off

Donations accepted (pg. 7)

July 4 (Thurs.)-Office closed for Independence Day

July 18 (Thurs.)-Woodfield

July 30 (Tues.)-Elly's (AH)

July 30 (Tues.)-Employment Center Presentation:

"Plan B Planning" (pg. 8)

August 20 Target (Tues.) (Rosemont)

September 2 (Mon.)-Office closed for Labor Day

September 26 (Thurs.)-Walmart (MT Prospect Plaza)

Senior Transportation

Worried about spending more time behind the wheel during "construction season?" Elk Grove Township
Transportation department can offer a solution to get you to doctor appointments or the grocery store safely. 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 (See schedule above 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!

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To Cardholder: If you have any problems processing your prescription please call 1-800-931-8872 while at the pharmacy Coverage: Individual & Family • PBM is WellDyneRx

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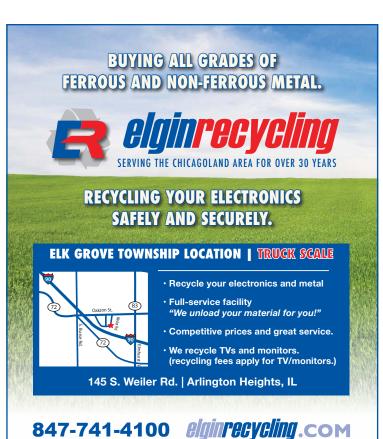
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Communication and Behaviors - Positive Approaches for Person-Centered Care



Thursday, August 8, 2019 10:00 am - 10:30 am

Registration and Light Refreshments 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Arden Courts of Elk Grove

1940 Nerge Road Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

At Arden Courts we offer:

- 100% Dedicated Memory Care Safe, secure indoor/outdoor walking paths
- Nursing services on-site

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Featuring Speaker Lee Moriarty, BS, CTRS

Certified Therapeutic Recreational Specialist

Founding Board Member and President, Illinois Pioneer Coalition

Topics to be discussed during this seminar include:

- The symptoms of dementia
- Types of behavioral expression
- Potential causes for common reactions
- The importance of environment and approach
- Tips and suggestions to navigate difficulties in daily care

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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.

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.

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Board Meetings 4th Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. 2400 S. Arlington Heights Road Arlington Heights, IL 60005