

Elk Grove Township

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George K. Busse Township Supervisor

A Message from the Supervisor...Hello Township Neighbors,

I hope you're having a wonderful summer. As I'm getting older, I'm clearly becoming more of a summer person than a winter person. Golf, Cubs baseball games (sorry Sox fans), hiking, barbeques with family and friends, and the pool with my granddaughter are my favorites. I'm sure you have your favorites so enjoy!

I want to take a moment to thank all of you who have so generously been donating to the Township Food Pantry and Medical Lending Closet. As use of both services has dramatically grown over the last two years, your contributions have become more important and appreciated. We are now experiencing over 500 family visits to the Food Pantry per month and are making over 25 monthly medical equipment loans. We encourage you to refer to us anyone you know who needs assistance. We can help! Below I've provided some information about both programs along with how we can be contacted.

<u>Food Pantry:</u> The Township Food Pantry is like a grocery store where shoppers can choose the items they need from shelves and coolers. Any Township resident in need of food can use the Food Pantry. However, before using the Pantry we require individuals to meet with one of our Social Service Case Managers to verify residency and to see if there are other ways that the Township can be of assistance. Use of the Food Pantry is currently by appointment only. The hours are on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donations can be made at the west entrance of the Township building Monday through Friday during working hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact our Food Pantry Manager at 224-265-6102.

Medical Lending Closet: Residents can borrow gently used medical equipment for up to three months, with the option to extend upon request. Available equipment includes walkers, wheelchairs, canes, bath seats, bedside rails and more. Call 224-265-6111 to schedule curbside pickup, check availability of items, or to learn more about the terms of this helpful program. The service is free to Township residents - and check out is fast and easy!

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!

June 28 – Gubernatorial
Primary Election Day
July 4 - CLOSED for Holiday
July 30 – Last day to drop off
Back to School donations
September 5- CLOSED.
September 28 - Employment
Center Seminar: "Looking for
work while working". The
weekly "To-Do" list & more.



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

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Assessing the Situation



Connie Carosielli CIAO Assessor

We all find ourselves constantly having to adjust to events and schedules. This is true for our office. It would be helpful to you, our taxpayers, to know, on a regular basis, where we are in the Cook County Property Tax calendar. We know the first installment tax bill is due and payable on March 1st, and is 55% of the total tax liability of the previous year. No exemptions are on this bill. The second installment tax bill should be due and payable on August 1st, and it should reflect all of your qualified exemptions.

It does not appear, at this point in time, that the second installment tax bill will be on time. We will try to keep you up to date through the township website.

"Sometime" this year Elk Grove Township will undergo the County's triennial reassessment. Again, we don't know when that will be. Be aware that when you receive your reassessment notice, you will have 30 days to appeal to the County Assessor.

After the County Assessor has either accepted or rejected your appeal, you will then have 30 days to appeal to the Cook County Board of Review. In Elk Grove Township, we are served by two different Board of Review Commissioners. Your representative is determined by your address. Both Commissioners, Tammy Wendt and Michael Cabonargi, make themselves or their staffs available during appeal periods.

Please be assured that we will assist you in researching and submitting your assessed value appeals. We have found it helpful to our tax payers to have an appointment system. You can contact us at (224)265-6110.

If you wish to file your appeal directly online, we will gladly email you comparable properties. Our email address is appeals@elkgrovetownship.com.

Finally, when your second installment bill arrives, check to see that all your qualified exemptions have been credited to you. If they have been dropped, you need to come in with the appropriate documentation to file a certificate of error.

We look forward in assisting you. We have been, and will be your "Taxpayer Advocate."

Clerk's Corner



Suellen Satern Township Clerk

I want to thank our residents who have taken the time to tell me about the great service that they have received at the township, or to thank me for the much-needed help that they and their family were provided by the township. After my first year as Clerk, and after spending more time at the township building, I am amazed at the great variety of services provided to our residents. I want to give a big shout out to all our employees to thank them for going the extra mile for our

residents. Whether it is getting a senior a ride on one of the buses to get to the doctor or pharmacy, helping a family through tough times with professional counseling at no cost, providing emergency financial assistance, or helping someone appeal their tax bill, I have seen the dedication and attentiveness of our staff when serving our residents.



As a local resident I am also thankful that the Elk Grove Township Board has not raised our taxes in 9 years, while at the same time increasing the variety and quality of services available to our residents. One example is our greatly expanded client choice model food pantry. Earlier this year I spoke about our food pantry to some classes of first graders at Clearmont School. For their project at the end of their social studies unit, they chose to sponsor a schoolwide food drive for the township pantry. They were amazed that our pantry was serving over 1,000 people per month this winter. I was touched by their empathy and their understanding that everyone needs a little help at some time. Their teachers reported that they collected over 600 items for the pantry – great job first graders!

Please check out our updated and user-friendly township website elkgrovetownship.com to find information about all the services that we offer our residents. As a reminder, here are the services available from the Clerk's Office:

- Temporary Handicap Placards
- Passport Applications (by appointment)
- Notary Public
- Fishing Licenses
- Hunting Licenses
- FOIA (Freedom of Information Act)

requests

Stop by the township office at 600 Landmeier Rd., EGV or call 847-437-0300 for more information. Have a fun and safe summer!

Welcome Shoppers!



The Elk Grove Township Food Pantry is offering Food Pantry visits twice per month to families of 4 or more. While the 'client choice' model has been very effective and

allows shoppers to choose foods and toiletries they need most, often larger families are left with little to no food or supplies by their next visit. With the option to shop twice per month, we ensure that the families receive enough food with minimal food waste. Shoppers are required to make an appointment in order to shop the pantry.

To ensure easy access to residents, Food Pantry registration is quick and simple. Residents need to provide a photo ID, a recent utility bill (issued within the past 30 days), and arrive 15 minutes before your appointment to have a food pantry card issued.



Just friendly reminder, the "free cart" is available to all township residents once a week during Food Pantry hours. Items are often rotated and this does not count as a food pantry visit. We invite you to take advantage of the free cart between food pantry appointments.

Hours of Operation

Tuesday

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

Wednesdays &Thursdays

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

224-265-6111

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

- Sanford Chemical Co
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- Cook County Farm Bureau
- Trailblazer 495
- Tony's Fresh Market
- Social Justice Team at NSUC
- Colors for Plastic Inc
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- Michael McCarthy
- Steve Schaufuss
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- Debra Levin
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- Diane McIldeny
- John Zumph
- Carolyn Butz
- Barbara Gorman
- Rene Del Signore
- Sharon Gintz
- Georgianne Duffy
- The Mitsakopoulos Sisters
- Everly Jackson
- Mike Mielenz
- Outreach Ministry St Raymond de Penafort Church



SOCIAL SERVICES IS HERE TO HELP

224-265-6111



Benefit Access Program

Reduced fee license plate registration for income eligible seniors



Mobile Dental Clinic

Registration for dental services with a partnership through Northwest Community Hospital



Medical Lending

Medical equipment rental at no charge to Township residents



Emergency Assistance

If you are faced with a life threatening emergency such as eviction or utility disconnection please call to be screened for emergency assistance



Nicor Sharing

If you are over income for LIHEAP you may still qualify for a yearly grant towards your Nicor bill

FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF SERVICES PROVIDED OR TO BE SCREENED FOR ANY PROGRAM
PLEASE CALL THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

How can Elk Grove Township help me right now?

For Social Services call 224-265-6111

Financial Assistance Programs can help with rent, utilities and other emergency needs. Applications taken over the phone.





Food Pantry is currently operating as client's choice pantry. Clients can shop for the items they want and need most, however, you MUST have an appointment and a current food pantry card. If you are a new client or renewing your card, please bring a photo ID and a utility bill.

Information and Referral Services: Have questions about how to apply for local or federal programs? Wondering what steps to take next? Our Caseworkers are here to connect you to services and agencies.



For Counseling Services call 847-981-0373

Are you or members of your household struggling with anxiety, depression or other mental health issues? Our **Counseling Services** are here to help! We offer confidential teletherapy, phone therapy or in-person therapy by Licensed Counselors to residents of all ages. The Township has now engaged the services of The Josselyn Center to provide psychiatric evaluations and prescriptions if needed, as well as ongoing medication monitoring.



For Youth Services call 847-981-0375

Youth Services group programs are free of charge to residents this summer! There are plenty of groups to choose from but registration is required. For questions and registration, please call us or email RDorn@ElkGroveTownship.com



For Employment Services call 224-222-0935



Looking for a job or to change your career trajectory? Our **Employment Support Services** can help you touch up your resume, practice interviewing, start or update your LinkedIn page and more! Quarterly Employment Seminars are held to give you the latest information vital to your job search.

For Transportation Services call 847-437-0300

Seniors (55+) and persons with disabilities are eligible for our **FREE bus service** that can take you anywhere in our township like doctor appointments, dialysis, grocery shopping, etc. Call to register.



For the Assessor's Office call 224-265-6110



Our **Assessor's Office** is happy to help with any questions that you may have regarding your property taxes and help you apply for exemptions. We can also add you to our list and contact you with information regarding dates of property tax appeals.

4 Strategies for Keeping Structure Over the Summer

As adults, the idea of the freedom of a summer break can seem too good to be true. For youth, it can be a lot of fun too. It can also lead to complaints of boredom and a feeling of too much free time without the structure of school. Here are four strategies to help your child by keeping structure over the summer.

Consistent Mealtimes and Bedtimes



Keeping consistent meal and bedtimes is physically and mentally healthy. Once we are off schedule for eating and sleeping every day has the

potential to be disruptive. Keeping consistency with these two times will physically anchor the body for meals and have your child winding down and waking up consistently each day. A shift could easily be made to these but keeping them consistent throughout the summer can make a huge difference.

Develop a Schedule as a Family

The more ownership a child can have in their daily lives the more they will follow through with agreed-upon times. A child can reduce their anxiety by having a voice as to when events are happening each day throughout the week. It also can model decision-making when different family members have different ideas as to what to do when. Start with mealtimes and bedtimes prefilled each day. Having guidelines as to what part of the day is negotiable and what is not will also help to keep the structure for your child.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Chores

Chores can look different for each family. Some families utilize chores to earn money, others to demonstrate responsibility within the family, and



others use a combination of both. Either way, an expectation of chores can be set up as a weekly or structure. daily addition, letting your child know when a chore needs to be done and allowing them to place it when they plan to do the chore on the family schedule will again reinforce this structure.

Weekly Commitments

Weekly commitments such as a class or group can help focus each week. Every Wednesday your child will know that the expectation is that they are at a specific place with specific peers. One example of this might be to sign your child up for one of our summer groups offered through Youth Services. We offer empowerment, leadership, and social groups for youth entering 2-12th grades. All programs are customized based on age, maturity, and social needs. There is no charge for township residents.

Need more suggestions?

Contact Renee Dorn, Youth Services Program Director at (847) 981-0373 or rdorn@elkgrovetownship.com

Adult and Family Counseling

Telehealth Services for Behavioral Health and Psychiatric Medication



Telehealth is a video-based communication method for providing medical services including counseling, therapy, and psychiatric care. Through HIPPA compliant tele behavioral health platforms, clients meet with their providers to receive services such as

Family Therapy, Behavioral Health, Substance Abuse, and Psychiatric care that is confidential and secure. It has been used by the Veterans Administration for decades and more recently expanded due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Though not appropriate for all clients seeking mental health services, it has been successful for many who could not otherwise access counseling and medication appointments in a timely and safe manner. Telepsychiatry is now covered by most payers of services including private insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid as it has shown to increase compliance with follow through and coordination of care.

Providers are not only trained in their respective fields of Psychiatry, Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy, Clinical Social Work and Substance Abuse Counseling, but also receive additional training in Telepsychiatry platforms and ongoing continuing education as required by state regulatory agencies. Telehealth for behavioral health services has greatly reduced the prior stigma associated with behavioral health care and resulted in improved access for those who would not otherwise be adequately served. Those struggling depression, anxiety, addictions, relationship, and family discord can interact with a trained mental health professional virtually via a desktop computer, lap-top or tablet, and even a cell phone.

Elk Grove Township Adult and Family Counseling Program has been providing tele health services to residents since the start of the pandemic. Professional Counselors successfully assist many clients through therapy alone, however the need for more timely medication interventions has increased as an adjunct to traditional counseling, especially residents who have no other means to affordably seek psychiatric care. Township residents can now receive services by both tele health, face to face sessions, and/or a combination as in a hybrid method of receiving care, utilizing the best clinical recommendations of providing individualized treatment.



The Township has now engaged the services of The Josselyn Center, based in Northfield IL, to provide psychiatric evaluations and prescriptions if needed, as well as ongoing medication monitoring. Services will be provided by telehealth through a confidential platform, working in conjunction with Township Counselors. The Adult and Family Program therapists will consult with and coordinate services with the psychiatrist to ensure comprehensive behavioral health care services for clients of the program.



For additional information, contact the Adult and Family Counseling Program at 847 981-0373

Offers Residents A Mobile Dental Clinic



Elk Grove The **Township** Social Services Department along with the Northwest Community Dental Clinic offers a Mobile Dental Clinic to Elk Township residents that qualify. There is an undeniable link between overall health and oral health. Studies show that poor oral health may be linked to heart disease, stroke, pre-term childbirth and oral cancer. The Mobile Dental Clinic program provides preventive and restorative oral health services to individuals and families who are without dental insurance and who live at less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The program emphasizes the importance of overall oral health and establishing a permanent dental home. The staff includes full-time dentist, program manager and dental assistant. Grove Township residents Elk screened bv the township's Services staff to determine eligibility for treatment. A \$30 co-pay is charged for each adult appointment and there is no co-pay for children. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please contact Elk Grove Township Social Services Office at 224-265-6111

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Career Seminars
Local Job Fair Leads

Upcoming Employment
Seminar
"Looking for work while
working."
September 28, 2022

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job Help @ Elk Grove Township.com

Ways to Donate

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 in Elk Grove Village

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!

NeededItems

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(847) 437-0434

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