

Elk Grove Township

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Michael H. Sweeney Township Supervisor

A Message from the Supervisor... Hello Township Neighbors, I hope this newsletter finds you well and you are getting ready to enjoy your spring and summer. This will be my last letter as the Elk Grove Township Supervisor. I have decided not to seek re-election in April, and I will be leaving office in May at the end of my current term. My wife and I have decided to move our family out of state to take advantage of some new opportunities and we are excited about our next adventure.

This letter is bitter-sweet for me. While I am sad to leave my official role at Elk Grove Township and all the incredible people I work with, I am proud of what we have accomplished during my time here. I think about our Social Services and Food Pantry staff and all the individuals and families they have helped with rent and

food expenses (among other services), and taxpayers who continue to benefit from the knowledge of our Assessor and her staff. I am so proud of our bus drivers who safely transport so many senior and disabled residents and serve as the friendly face of the township. Our Youth Services and counseling staff have always been an incredible resource especially during the pandemic. The administrative staff will always have a special place in my heart because they ensure that the Township operation is running well. They are always there to greet our residents, make them feel welcome, and provide the most up to date information and resources. A special thank you to my right (and left) hands – Paul Pioch and Erika Renz – who I can always count on to complete essential tasks, solve problems, and efficiently implement changes.

Thank you to all the elected officials past and present who I have had the pleasure to work with. It hasn't always been easy – I will take responsibility for that – but even when we disagree, I know that you are making decisions based on what you think is best for all Township residents. I would especially like to thank you for your dedication to our multi-year building consolidation project.

When I became Supervisor 8 years ago my goal was to leave Elk Grove Township a little better than when I found it. My two immediate predecessors, Richard Hall and Nanci Vanderweel, imparted a strong organization I could foster, and with the hard work of the elected officials and staff we have built on their successes and achievements. *Continued on Page 2*.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES



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Dale Niewiardowski **Trustee**



Bob Ingraffia **Trustee**



Richard Keenley **Trustee**

Continued from page 1 - Over the last nearly 16 years - eight years as Clerk and the last eight as Supervisor - I have enjoyed serving the residents of Elk Grove Township. It has truly been one of the greatest honors and privileges of my life. As I plan to leave office and the Township, I have lived in for 42 years, I want to say thank you for all you do to make Elk Grove Township the wonderful community that it is.

I wish my successor George Busse the best of luck as he settles into his new role as Township Supervisor. I'm sure he will find, as I did, that it is one of the best jobs you can have.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you all these years.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Sweeney

YOU'RE INVITED!



600 Landmeier Rd Elk Grove Village, IL 847-437-0300

Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday April 13 7:00 p.m.



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

Due to current Covid-19 limitations on the number of individuals that are allowed to gather in person it is requested that you call the Township office to reserve your seat.

(847) 437 - 0300

Assessing the Situation

As I write this, my staff and I sincerely hope that you and your families are well and that as spring approaches we will begin to appreciate more normal interactions. However, as of this mailing, we are still observing all the protocols necessary to keep us all healthy.



Connie Carosielli CIAO Assessor

Property taxes are due to be paid by March 2, 2021, however, the deadline has been extended to May 3, 2021 without penalty.

Many of you have received notification that your exemptions have been automatically extended through this year. For those of you that receive notification that your exemptions have been dropped, please call our office for an appointment so that they may be reinstated. When you call, we will tell you what documentation you will need to bring with you.

Many of you have asked when will we be open for appeals to the Cook County Assessor's Office. We have not been informed when that will take place. When we are notified, we will let those on our email and phone lists know. If you would like to be included in that group, call 224-265-6110. You may also check our website for updates, www.elkgrovetownship.com.

Last year, we personally served over 3200 residential taxpayers and took or returned over 3300 phone calls that resulted in 13,000 Exemptions, Appeals and other assorted transactions being filed. Although I am always proud of the praise that goes to my staff from our taxpayers, this year I am humbled by their dedication, professionalism, and the positive attitude they have displayed during what could best be described as "battle conditions".

Thank you for your courtesy, civility, and friendship. It means so much to each of us. We have little idea of what 2021 will bring, however, I am confident we will meet if not exceed those challenges with your help.

Highway Commissioner

BRANCH PICK-UP

Branch pick-up is offered in residential areas on the streets maintained by the Township ONLY (unincorporated areas) from April through October (weather permitting) on the 15th of each month. If the 15th falls on a holiday or weekend, branch



Art Niewiardowski Highway Commissioner

pick- up will be scheduled for the following work day. The branch program is designed so that the township can help unincorporated residents keep their properties clean after storm damage. If property owners have extremely large amounts of brush, crews will only remove a portion of the brush.

We ask you to limit your piles to storm and wind damaged branches and not to exceed two cubic yards. If a landscaping or tree service takes down trees or branches on your property, they are responsible for its disposal. Please also remember your waste disposal company will pick up branches that are bundled and tied. Please do not begin stacking branches near the streets immediately after the township crews have finished in your area (16th of the month). Piling of branches after the pickup date creates an eyesore, causes damage to grassy areas, and invites animals, pests, mosquitos etc.

What will be picked up:

Branches with a minimum 2' length, maximum
 12' length and less than a 6" diameter.

What will NOT be picked up:

- Small hedge or pine clippings
- Yard waste or brush in containers
- Brush or branches with thorns
- Stumps or tree roots

How to stack the brush:

- Neatly stack the branches in one direction with the butt end toward the street
- No lumber, wire, rope, or other material may be included with branches
- Please do not place brush on another resident's property, if this happens please contact the Cook County Sherriff's office, not Elk Grove Township, as the township does not have authority in such matters
- Once we have gone through an area, we will not return until the next scheduled date

Clerk's Corner

Clerk's Office Services

The Clerk's office provides a variety of services for residents including Notary of the Public, Hunting and Fishing Licenses, Handicap Placards, and Freedom of Information Act requests. Give us a call if we can be of help at 847-437-0300.



George Busse, Township Clerk

Join Township Board Meetings

Regular Township Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of every month in the Township Hall at 600 Landmeier Road, Elk Grove Village. These are open meetings and residents are encouraged to attend. Unfortunately, COVID 19 has made physically attending the meetings uncomfortable for many residents. To address this problem, the Township has made the meetings accessible via Zoom. The Zoom link for the meetings is posted on the Township website (www.elkgrovetownship.com) the day of each meetings and post a YouTube link to them on the Township website for later viewing.

Vote in the Consolidated Election on April 6th

On Thursday, April 6th eligible voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots for a variety of important local elected positions. This election is often overlooked but it is very important to all of us. Local officials have a huge impact on you and your family's everyday lives. The public services they provide and the taxes you pay should be a priority concern of every resident. Pay attention and vote! The offices up for election on April 6th in suburban Cook County include:

Municipal: Mayor or President, Clerk, Treasurer, Aldermen or Trustees

Township: Supervisor, Clerk, Assessor and Trustees

Special Districts: Park District Commissioners, School District Board Members, Library Trustees, Community College Trustees, Fire Protection District Trustees

For more information on voting or consolidated elections; please visit

https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/agency/elections

Food Pantry



The Elk Grove Township Food Pantry is a 'client's choice' pantry that allows our clients to pick and choose the items that meet their needs. Clients can utilize the pantry once per calendar month, and we offer a wide variety of dry goods as well as fresh produce, dairy, meat products, and personal essentials items.

Call **224-265-6111** schedule an appointment





NEW PANTRY HOURS

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



We can't do what we do to help others without you helping us!
We appreciate all that the community continues to do to support our efforts!

Lutheran Church of Martha & Mary Trinity United Methodist Church Isabelle Hermann & OAMA Swiss Airlines Group Tops Chapter 151 MP **Jennifer Grischow** Dave Mueller & Topco Associates Arlington Heights Rotary Club Lori Felde Sharon Gintz Georgette Steiger Andrew Duffy Wade Ratner **James Farrell** Sanford Chemical Inc. Chelsey Ardibold Jerry Davis Laura Hollins lim & Karen Barnes John Zumph Renne DelSgnore Susan Affleck Lee Rogers Nara Sethuraman

Interested in donating? Visit page 11 for a list of most needed items or call 224-265-6111 for more information!

Sharon Wright Patty McKnight

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Emergency Assistance

Available to low income households who have experienced a hardship and have fallen behind in shelter or utility expenses

ComEd Hardship

Grant of up to \$500 towards past due balance for households at or below 250% of federal poverty level. Households must face hardship such as death in family, illness, criminal victim or job loss

LIHEAP- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Yearly grants available to any household at or below 200% of Federal Poverty level towards Nicor and ComEd utilities

Lending Closet

No cost medical equipment rental such as walkers, wheelchairs, and grab bars among others

Nicor Sharing

Yearly grants of up to \$400 towards past due Nicor bill for households between 200% and 300% of federal poverty level





Mobile Dental Clinic

Screening for low cost dental care through Northwest Community Hospital for households at or below 200% of federal poverty level

This is a selection of just some of the programs offered though the Department of Social Services. Please keep in mind, Guidelines are ever changing, please call for assistance.

30 Day Household Income

Household	150%	200%	250%	300%
Size	FPL	FPL	FPL	FPL
1	\$1,595	\$2,127	\$2,658	\$3,190
2	\$2,155	\$2,873	\$3,592	\$4,310
3	\$2,715	\$3,620	\$4,525	\$5,430
4	\$3,275	\$4,367	\$5,458	\$6,550
5	\$3,835	\$5,113	\$6,392	\$7,670

NOT SURE IF YOU QUALIFY? GIVE US A CALL AT 224-265-6111
AND WE WILL SCREEN YOU FOR ALL SERVICES AVAILABLE!

What services does Elk G



Empowering People through Community

Assessor's Office:

- Homeowner's Exemption
- Senior Citizen Exemption
- Assessed Value Appeals
- Board of Review Appeals
- Senior Tax Deferral Applications
- Property Characteristic Changes
- Filing Certificate of Errors
- Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption

- Name Change on Tax Bill
- Notary Service
- Property Location Changes
- Disabled Person Exemption
- Disabled Veteran Exemption
- Returning Veteran Exemption
- Applications for Division and Consolidation of Properties

Clerk's Office:

- Passport Applications
- Hunting and Fishing Licenses
- Notary Public
- Applications for Absentee Ballots
- Voter Registration
- Voter Assistance
- Temporary Handicapped Parking Placards

Highway Department:

The role of the Highway Department is the care and maintenance of the roads in the unincorporated parts of Elk Grove Township. This includes repair and snow removal.

Transportation Services:

Bus Services: Senior residents of Elk Grove Township age 55 and older or 18+ with disability may use the township bus services. All buses are handicap accessible (i.e. walkers, wheelchairs, etc.).

T.R.I.P.: This program is the Northwest Suburban Cook County Inter-township Transportation for medical purposes for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities.

Taxi Program: This program is our discounted taxi cab service. Seniors 55 and older and people with permanent disabilities over the age of 18 are eligible for taxi discount cards.

Bike Safety: Bicycle Safety is provided by Elk Grove Township to all grade school aged students of our Township. The program is funded by the taxpayers that live in our Township and has been in existence for almost 30 years.

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em·pow·er (əmˈpou(ə)r/) verb

make (someone) stronger and more confident, especially in controlling their life and claiming their rights com·mu·ni·ty (kəˈmyoonədē/) noun

- a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common
- a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals

Social Services Office:

- **General Assistance**, or GA, is a public assistance program mandated by state law for adults 62 years and younger who are ineligible for state or federal programs and who meet financial and other non-financial requirements.
- Emergency Assistance, or EA, is available to individuals and/or families with children who are facing a life-threatening circumstance, such as eviction or utility disconnection, and who meet Township established guidelines.
- LIHEAP (Low income Home Energy Assistance Program)
 - •Furnace Program
 - Weatherization
- Mobile Dental Clinic
- ComEd Hardship
- Medical Lending Closet
- Community Resources Boards
- Salvation Army Extension
- Nicor Sharing Program
- Access to Care
- Community Empowerment Fund
- Referrals to other helpful agencies
- Seasonal Programs

Adult and Family Counseling:

Counseling Services:

- Adults/Seniors
- Depression/Anxiety
- Child Misbehavior or Defiance
- Attention Problems
- Family Conflict
- Academic Underachievement
- Virtual Therapy available

Youth Services:

- Bullying Prevention
- Social Skills and Life Skills Groups
- ADHD Programs
- Asperger's Groups
- Girls Empowerment Groups
- Gang Prevention in Schools
- Parenting Seminars
- Challenge Program
- Leadership Development

Food Pantry

- Client's Choice Pantry
- Shop once per calender month
- Scheduled appointments
- Fresh produce, meat, and dairy products
- Toiletry and personal items available
- Additional food resources

Employment Center:

- LinkedIn Profile Critque
- Interviewing Practice
- Current Local Employer Job Board
- Employment/Career Counseling
- Resume Review and Assistance
- · Career changes later in life
- Network Meetings and Job Fairs
- Four job search presentations each year

Youth Services

Renee Dorn, Youth Services Director



Fostering Resilience during Uncertain Times

With the Coronavirus Pandemic, many people are experiencing anxiety, fear, depression, irritability, just to name a few! And it is difficult to know how to make it through with our emotional health intact, and relationships preserved.

Although this may be the first time we are personally experiencing a pandemic like this, we, as humans, were made to endure incredible things. Resilience allows us to bounce back from disasters, wars, heartbreak and significant loss. We are called upon to face disasters and need this reminder now more than ever.



Resilience is innate in the human spirit. It is a gift that we have within us. However, sometimes we need support to foster our strength and resilience. Resilience helps us to recover to our baseline, our normal state of functioning, even when we are faced with challenging times.



Shift the focus encourages you to start to pay attention to the signals you get from your body and internal response (inner voice). When we shift the focus from the outside stressor to our internal response, we can regulate our experiences, as well as support others to come back to a state of balance.



Regulate sleep patterns because sleep helps to regulate our body's natural rhythm, and specifically the release of cortisol (a stress hormone). When we are sleeping too much or too little, our natural biological rhythm gets thrown off balance. By maintaining a normal sleep schedule, we can keep our internal systems regulated and decrease feelings of worry and withdrawal.



We have a choice: We all have resilience in us, however, we must choose how to use it. Choosing resilience takes conscious effort. We must pay attention to our choices and bring our conscious mind into awareness. As we shift the focus back to our internal response, pay attention to what choices you are making.

Youth Services offers a variety of programs that support youth and their families. For information on current and upcoming sessions, contact Renee Dorn, Youth Services Director, (847) 981-0373 or Rdorn@elkgrovetownship.com and follow us on the Township's social media. See page 11 for group start dates.

Adult and Family Counseling

HELPING TEENS MAKE GOOD DECISIONS



"I can't believe that my 17 year old cut school yesterday knowing that she'd get in trouble". Most parents have experienced situations when their teens make poor choices even though they know that a consequence will occur. So, why do teens make poor decisions at times? Teens brains aren't fully developed yet and their impulses/emotions can get ahead of their controls, which means, they tend to act before thinking. Sometimes it helps to know that teens will make a lot of mistakes and a lot of bad decisions but these help them actually to become better decision makers. For example, a teen broke his phone or a teen spent their allowance on video games and they don't have money to buy lunch that week.

Unfortunately, many parents miss these learning opportunities and may want to bail their teens out by buying them a new phone instead of the teen using their own money, working around the house as payment for the phone or even getting them a less expensive phone. One thing is certain, don't run out immediately to buy another phone.

With regards to not having lunch money for the week, they may have to go without lunch that week or figure out how to make a lunch to take to school, either way the teen won't starve missing lunch for a week. Parents need to step back and allow teens to make mistakes which helps them learn to deal with the natural consequences of those decisions, but also parents need to be there afterward to help them understand what went wrong with that decision and teach them how to make a better decision next time.

Allowing teens to learn to make good decisions allows them to live with and experience the pain of making bad decisions. As a parent this is one of the most difficult jobs you'll have, but guiding teens towards making good decisions allows them to grow and become confident young adults.

If you feel that your teen or you are struggling, please feel free to call Adult & Family Counseling of Elk Grove Township at 847-981-0373.

MEDICAL 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.



Elk Grove Township Employment Support Center Local People. Local Jobs.

Contact us:

(224) 222-0935 or jobhelp@elkgrovetownship.com

Hours of Operation:

Wednesdays. 9:00am-2:00pm

Services Available:

- LinkedIn Profile Critique
- Interviewing Practice
- Current Local Employer Job Board
- Employment/Career Counseling
- Periodic Career Seminars and Workshops
- Network Meeting and Job Fairs

Join us for our Free Career Workshops that will help you move your career search forward. Our presenter is John Chalekian, Director of the Elk Grove Township Employment Support Center. He will counsel you in using the tools most helpful for your job search to help you become the most desirable candidate in a job market filled with competitors. Each workshop builds on the previous, but can also be attended independent of the others.

Be sure to sign up and tell your friends to join us if they are in need of employment assistance.

Upcoming Workshops

May 26, 2021

First Impressions, No Second Chances

Getting the discussion off on the right path by preparation, appearance, attitude and opening.

August 25, 2021

Getting Past the Gatekeeper to the Hiring Manager

Gatekeeper's job is to deflect people who will waste the manager's time. Tactics to take them from foe to friend.

October 27,2021

Negotiating Tactics for Job Offers

" You can't always get what you want, but you may get what you need"- Rolling Stones

All career workshops to be held at:

Elk Grove Township- Conference Room 2 (use EAST entrance)

600 Landmeier Rd. Elk Grove Village IL 60007

10:30am to 12:00 Noon

Please call or Email your registration to: 224-222-0935 or Jobhelp@Elkgrovetownship.com

Note: Dates are subject to change. Please contact us to make your reservation.

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 shoppers greatly appreciate fresh fruit and vegetables.

If you do not have space in your own garden, please consider joining the LIVING AND GIVING Community Garden in Elk Grove. They donate 100% of their produce to our pantry and others! For more information, please contact

Diane Snoble 847-975-2172.



Elk Grove Township Transportation department can offer a solution to get you to doctor appointments, the grocery store, pharmacies, therapy appointments, and many other locations within township boarders. 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). Need more information on township buses, the T.R.I.P program, or taxi discount cards call **847-437-0300** or see page 6.





Food Items

Rice Jelly Pickles/Olives Condiments Sugar

Toiletry Items

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Shampoo
Laundry Soap
Dish Soap

Donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 9AM - 4PM. Please drop off at the WEST entrance. Look for FOOD PANTRY signs! For up-to-date needs, please follow us on Facebook.

What's Happening

March 16 - Various Youth Services begin. Groups begin. Call 847-981-0373 for more information.

April 2 - Good Friday - Regular business hours.

April 6 - Consolidated Election

April 13 - Annual Town Meeting 7pm

May 31 - Office closed for Memorial Day









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Author, Untangling Alzheimer's: The Guide for Families and Professionals

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Knowing the form of dementia a loved one has allows us to provide better care, teaches family caregivers to recognize and understand behaviors associated with particular dementias and helps us realistically plan for care that will include falls, fractures and UTIs.

Register in advance for this Zoom webinar by visiting the LINK below: https://tinyurl.com/b6o7ffuf

Questions can be directed to VirtualSeminars@arden-courts.org

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