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A Message from the Supervisor... Although we have faced many challenges over the past 6 months, I hope that you have been able to find some down time and enjoy your summer. At Elk Grove Township we understand that many individuals and families are still facing some hardships related to COVID-19 and we are here to help. If you or someone you know has faced a job loss or a reduction in hours there are many ways Elk Grove Township can provide rental assistance, food resources, and other support. Please contact us and we can work with you directly and through our partners.

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Michael H. Sweeney Terreship Superiors Please take the time to read about township services and programs in this newsletter. I would like to draw your attention to our Thanksgiving and Operation Christmas programs. If you can help those in

need during the upcoming holiday season, I ask you to consider donating to these important campaigns. With your help we will make a positive impact in the lives of our neighbors in need. I appreciate your consideration and support.

Remember to vote November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Clerk George Busse has provided important information about the election in his article.

Stay safe and healthy and please contact us if we can help in anyway.

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Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve you.



Suellen Satern Trustee



Dale Niewiardowski **Trustee** 



**Bob** Ingraffia Trustee



**Richard Keenley Trustee** 

# **TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

### **Assessing the Situation**

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, we have been closed for appeals with the Cook County Assessor. When their work is finished with those appeals, we will open to take appeals to the Cook County



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**CIAO** Assessor

Board of Review. We do not know the date

that we will be open for those appeals, however, if you check our website, www.elkgrovetownship.com and go to the Assessor's page, we will keep it updated. We will also contact you by email or phone if you have registered with us.

Just under 1,000 appeals were filed by my staff on your behalf. We will be using the same protocols for filing with the Board of Review. We have had many compliments from our taxpayers that the new system is much more convenient for them.

To contact us, we strongly recommend that you call our direct phone number, (224)265-6110 or send an email to our dedicated email: <u>egtappeals@elkgrovetownship.com.</u> Please always include your name, Property Index Number or address, phone number, and email, if you have one.

If you are familiar with the online appeal process with Board of Review, my office will be more than happy to send you your comparables via email so you can file an appeal on your own on the Board of Review website, <u>www.cookcountyboardofreview.com</u>. You can also call or email our office and we will assist you with any questions that you may have in filing your online appeal. Copies of your appeal can be sent to you via email or USPS.

It has always been part of our service to hold annual educational outreach programs for you with Dan Patlak and the staff of the Board of Review. The pandemic has altered those plans for obvious reasons. However, you may access Commissioner Patlak's presentation and Q & A regarding that process by going to www.danpatlak.com. Go to "index" and then "videos". I'm sure that many of your questions will be answered. If you still have questions, please feel free to call our office, and we will research the answer.

If, when you receive this, we are still operating under the Covid-19 protocols, they are outlined for you in the July, 2020 Newsletter, or you may call our office for additional information.

### **Highway Department**

As we approach the beginning of the 2020 snow season, the Elk Grove Township Highway Department is well prepared for anything that Mother Nature might bring. We have a commitment to maintain Township roads and keep them free from ice and snow.



Art Niewiardowski Highway Commissioner

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 Sherriff 's Police have been aggressively monitoring and cracking down on such violators.







### **Clerk's Corner**

### Township Annual Meeting Coming Soon

The Annual Township Meeting provides Township residents with an update of Township actions and developments over the preceding year. It also provides residents the opportunity to vote on select Township matters and to bring issues of



George Busse, Township Clerk

concern before the Board. It is the most democratic forum is the United States today. All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to stay informed and to be heard. The Annual Township Meeting by state law is required to be held on the third Tuesday of the month of April no earlier than 6:00 p.m. This year, due to the Governor's COVID-19 disaster declaration, Annual Township Meeting were postponed until the third Tuesday of the month after the disaster declaration is lifted. The Governor began lifting the declaration of disaster in June with a five phase reopening plan. The state is currently operating under phase four restrictions and in this phase Supervisor Sweeney and Township Board have decided that it is still too early to hold the Annual Township Meeting due to continued COVID-19 health concerns. Stay tuned for further information regarding meeting developments.

### November Election: Voting and Election Judges

On Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> elections will be held for all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, 35 of the 100 seats in the U.S. Senate and the office of the President. Please exercise your most important right as a citizen of the United States. VOTE! One other reminder, for every election suburban Cook County needs a team of election judges and polling place technicians to serve voters at the polls. These poll workers are paid \$200-\$365 depending on the position they work 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 must carry a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

For more information and to apply for a position contact the County at <u>elect.judge@cookcountyil.gov</u> or call 312-603-0965.

### **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 offers a discounted taxi program to for an additional form of transportation. The program is in the final stages of transitioning from paper coupons to an automatic debit card. 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! FOOD PANTRY OPEN



Elk Grove Township has been meeting clients' needs for food by using a drive-through model during the pandemic. 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! The new "client's choice" model means that clients shop the pantry and choose the items that they need. Shopping is offered by appointment only.



When scheduling your appointment, please inform the pantry if you need to renew or update your food pantry card.

Please Note: All clients must make an Appointment in order to use the Pantry 222-265-6111

### 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

### THANK YOU, LOCAL GARDENERS



Elk Grove Township would like to say **THANK YOU** to all of the local gardeners who donated fresh produce to our food pantry this

summer. It can be difficult to afford fresh and healthy food as a low-income family on a budget, but thanks to our community we have been able to provide these nutritious

options. As of the writing of this article, we have received over 500 pounds of food from residents, community gardens, the Park District, Community Solutions of Illinois, and Senator Murphy & the Mercer County Farm Bureau.





"You never imagine how much one meal matters until you're the one who needs it."

Meijer Rolling Meadows has been a huge supporter of the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry for the last 4 years. Their Simply Give Program matches in-store donations made by customers. This year the Simply Give Campaign began on Sunday, August 23 and will continue through Saturday October 24. This program provides shoppers with the opportunity to purchase <u>Simply Give donation</u> <u>cards</u> that will allow our pantry uses purchase meat, seldom donated items, or other vital supplies that are running low or have completely run out.



Thank you to everyone who donated during the Double Match Days!

Interested in donating? Follow us on Facebook for future opportunities

# **Lending Closet**



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. For more information or to check availability, call 224-265-6111.

# Make A Difference Day

Food Drive





Drive by - Drop off October 3

10AM - 1PM

# **Drop off locations**

### **CCSD59** Administration Building

1001 Leicester Rd Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

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Elk Grove Township

600 Landmeier Rd Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

All donations will be distributed between the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry and the Elk Grove Presbyterian Church Food Pantry



### **Mobile Dental Clinic**

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 a full-time dentist, program manager and dental assistant. Elk Grove Township residents are screened by the township's Social 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

# Back to School BLAST OFF

A huge "**Thank You**" to all that contributed to Elk Grove Township's Back to School Blast Off!



The school supplies donated were delivered to all the schools in CCSD59 to be distributed to students in need throughout the district. The students are most grateful as the community has worked together to help "launch" them on a trajectory for a successful school year, despite today's challenging situation.



### THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Once again, we are seeking donors who wish to provide a Thanksgiving meal to someone in need. Recipients are low income clients that often use our food pantry. Donors will receive a letter of confirmation in the mail, along with suggested items for a traditional holiday meal.

Note: Only non-perishable items. No frozen foods can be accepted.

After you shop, just put all the items in a basket (laundry basket, cardboard box, be creative!) and deliver it to the township office (West Entrance) no later than November 16, 2020 at 3:30pm. Please remember to include a \$10-\$25 gift card to a local grocery store to be used for their main course (i.e. turkey, turkey breast, ham, etc.).

To register as a donor, please fill out the registration form and return it no later than October 16, 2020.



### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS**

Participating donors are asked to provide \$50 gift cards to local retailers for each child or low-income senior sponsored. We give those cards to families in need.

For families, it's a gift that gives twice! First, the gift cards afford the parents the joy of purchasing desired items for their children. Second, the children get exactly what they

want since parents know what their children need and what they whisper in Santa's ear.

Seniors are given the gift of purchasing items that they might not have otherwise been able to afford like new clothing, shoes, coats, household items, blankets, over-the-counter medical supplies, etc.

Recipients will send receipts for their purchased items back to the township for review so you can be assured that your donation was used appropriately. In order to have them ready for distribution in time for the holiday, donations will be due back to our offices by December 4, 2020 at 3:30pm.

To register as a donor, please fill out the registration form and return it no later than October 16, 2020.



# White Christmas



This time of year, need increases, especially for our food pantry users. Unfortunately, they cannot use their federal food stamps (SNAP money) to purchase essentials like cleaning supplies, shampoo, paper towels, Kleenex, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper, etc. These necessities are a part of our daily lives, yet expensive to purchase. Our food pantry does the best we can to provide these items to our users, but we need your help. Please consider donating to our "White Christmas" Drive! You can also take up a collection in your neighborhood, school, or church!

Items most needed:

- \* Toilet Paper
  - Shampoo



- Toothpaste Deodorant
- \* Laundry Detergent

- \* Dishwashing soap
  - Paper Towels
- \* Toothbrushes
- \* Shaving cream
- \* Razors



As the holiday season fast approaches, we wanted to take this time to extend our gratitude to all of you who have donated throughout the year. Since this is the season of giving, we want to share this invitation, not only with our current donors, but to those of you who have wanted to give and were not quite sure how. The holidays are the time for bringing communities together and the perfect time to show a neighbor you care. We have a myriad of ways for you and your family to get involved. Please consider one or all of the programs listed on the previous page. Any and all help is welcome as this time of year we find that more people come to us in need.



The thoughtful people of Elk Grove Township continue to amaze us with their generosity. May you find **peace** and **joy** this holiday season. Please use the registration below OR register on our website-www.ElkGroveTownship.com

### **Donor Registration for Thanksgiving Baskets and/or Operation Christmas**



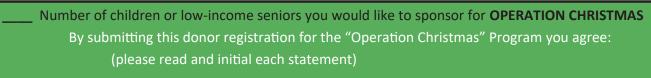
Number of THANKSGIVING BASKETS you would like to provide

By submitting this donor registration for the Thanksgiving Basket Program, you agree: (please read and initial each statement)

- \_\_\_\_ My family/organization will provide gift cards for \$10-\$25 for each basket sponsored
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will provide a Thanksgiving Basket (suggested content list to be provided by the township)
- I will deliver basket of NON-PERISHABLE items to Elk Grove Township no later than Monday,

November 16, 2020 at 3:30pm (Township closed Wednesday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day)

You will receive a letter of confirmation, along with information about suggested basket contents. Basket contents requested will also be posted on our website under Social Services.



My family/organization will provide gift cards in the amount of \$50 for each child or low-income senior citizen sponsored

I will deliver gift cards to Elk Grove Township no later than Friday December 4, 2020

You will receive a letter of confirmation.

Please complete for one or both programs and return to the Social Services office before October 16, 2020 at 3:30pm: Clip and Mail to Elk Grove Township Social Services Office 600 Landmeier Rd, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Donor Name(s)

Donor Address Street

Apartment number

City and zip

**Phone Number** 

**Alternate Phone** 

Donors, please provide 2 phone numbers **Email Address** 

> Note: Any gift cards not picked up by program participants will be distributed to local residents who come to us in need throughout the year.

# **YOUTH SERVICES**

The uncertainty over whether schools will be in-person or remote, dealing with the stress of health fears and financial instability, whatever the situation, Youth Services of Elk Grove Township is here to help! Offering a variety of programs to support our residents.

Youth Services is here to provide tips to help kids stay on task during school and homework time offering a variety of turnkey groups to ease the transition to online learning. Registration is now open! To learn more or to register for these free groups, contact Renee Dorn at 847-981-0373 or email <u>rdorn@elkgrovetownship.com</u>.

SPACE IS LIMITED

### **Stay Focused During Distance Learning**

Most parents are not experienced educators, and even for those that are, teaching your own kids is tough! Youth Services staff rounded up some clever tips for setting your kids (and you!) up for success, no matter what school looks like this year.

### ♪<u>Try movement and</u> <u>humor</u>

Come up with crazy answers so your kids correct you. (This one works every time.)

### 2 Use natural consequences "If you really

"If you really focus, you'll have time for fun when you're done."

### 3 <u>Give detailed</u> praise

Instead of saying, "good job," say, "You're working hard!"

### 1 Just Read

Strip out all the ads from your kids' webpages with this plug-in, so they can just focus on their research.

### 2 Rescue Time

ins to help them make the best of their schooling.

Multitasking – Distractions – Procrastination. These are often

challenging for kids, but never more so than right now. Adult

oversight is really helpful, but it is not always possible. After you

set expectations with your kids, check out these apps and plug-

This Plug-in reports on productivity and lets you set limits to either block or allow a specific period of time for certain activities. This app allows you to set reminders and create to-do lists to help younger children stay on track.

3 Bear in Mind

# 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
- Career Seminars and Workshops

Now more than ever, it's important to give yourself every advantage in the job market. The goal of our Free Career Counseling is to help job seekers utilize available tools and resources so that they become the most desirable candidate in a job market filled with competitors. Contact us for your free consultation or to register for one or all of our seminars.

# FREE CAREER SEMINARS

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. Each of the workshops 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.

Increase your skills and confidence when responding to challenging interview questions.



### All career workshops to be held at:

Elk Grove Township- Conference Room 2 (use EAST entrance) 600 Landmeier Rd.Elk Grove Village IL 6000710:30am to 12:00 NoonPlease call or Em

### Did you know: Now is the perfect

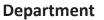
Now is the perfect time to work on bolstering your qualifications. Analyze job descriptions by listing each required skill and experience. Then, consider whether you have that skill or you need improvement. There are lots of free on-line classes that will help you become a better qualified candidate when the job market picks up again.



### November 4, 2020

Interviewing 101: How to Answer "Killer Questions"







### Helping Kids with Remote Learning in the Age of COVID-19

Well, here we are, in the midst of a pandemic and a constantly shifting terrain about how to live our lives while remaining safe from disease. Most school systems across the country finally opted to begin the year with remote learning, and our kids have been at it for a month.

How do we, as parents, best meet the challenges of this period? First, according experts from Stanford Children's Health, we must realize that this is all really hard, on everyone, and to not feel undue pressure about making our children's learning "perfect." It's not all on you, so be gentle with yourself! If you notice signs of substantial stress (extreme anxiety, fear, anger, etct.) reach out to a counselor. Second, while schools offer a schedule that closely mimics the regular school day, you can collaboratively create a daily schedule with your child, which also includes things normally part of the school day, such as art, PE, music, recess and lunch. Many kids with special educational needs respond better to tighter schedules, with lots of predictability (put the schedule on a poster board, or dry erase board, and display it where it can be seen). Third, understand that this is different than the abrupt change that shutdowns brought last Spring. Teachers had been gearing up for remote learning, and you should feel free to reach out to them to ask for feedback. One California school district had regularly zoomed with PTA parents during the summer, and parents said that they were simply looking for daily teacher-led instruction, personalized lessons, hewing to standards, graded assignments, and feedback on student progress.

It is really OK to ask your child's teacher about these things, but remember, too, that teachers are also overwhelmed with all of this—so be kind and understanding. And, perhaps that is the best guide for us all, to be kind to ourselves, listen with care to others, reach out for help when needed, and know that this storm will one day pass, and we will build on our experience to create brighter days ahead.

For the Adult and Family Counseling Department, call 847-981-0373



Community Empowerment Fund 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.

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



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.

600 Landmeier Rd

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007



Elk Grove Township held two open house events in the month of August to provide an opportunity for residents to tour the building as well as learn more about the services provided by Elk Grove Township. If you missed the event, below are a few highlights of the building.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

October 12-Office closed for Columbus Day October 16-Donor registration Due November 11-Office closed for Veteran's Day November 16-Thanksgiving Baskets Due November 20-Thanksgiving Basket Distribution (for clients that have received confirmation letter) November 26/27- Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday December 4- Operation Christmas Cards Due December 11 – Operation Christmas Card Pick-Up (for clients that have received confirmation letter) December 24- Office closed at 12:30pm December 25- Office Closed for Christmas Holiday January 1- Office closed for New Year's Day Holiday



The purpose of our Community Check-in is to identify and connect with seniors to assess their social, emotional, physical and safety needs. 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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### **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.

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