



Elk Grove Township

Summer 2017



A Note from the Supervisor

At Elk Grove Township, we are working hard to develop public-private partnerships to better serve our residents. Our generous partners help keep our food pantry stocked and provide incredible job opportunities to Township residents. If you would like to work with

Elk Grove Township and help your neighbors, please contact us. This newsletter is filled with stories about some of our partners. I would like to personally thank Mark Bach for his generous donation of mac and cheese, Little Caesars Pizza in Elk Grove Village for their contribution of over 600 pizzas to those in need and Jack Groat from Elk Grove Village Farmers' Market for the ongoing contributions to the Food Pantry.

To every individual, family and company who donates their time and resources to empower individuals and get them back on their feet, I thank you! If you have questions about our services, give us a call and we will be happy to help

Have a wonderful Spring. Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve you!
Michael H. Sweeney

Real life, REALLY Good Resident

(...and this is just the HALF of it!)

In our January newsletter, we sent out a plea for Macaroni and Cheese. As a kid-friendly favorite, we give out lots and lots of boxes each month and we have a hard time keeping it on the shelves.

We were delighted by the numerous donations we received from caring local residents, not the least of which came from Mark Bach. Mark called and asked the best way to make a donation and given the circumstances, we agreed that a cash donation would be easiest for him, but more importantly, the township could purchase more boxes with the same amount of money due to our tax-exemption status.

Mark graciously donated \$1000 towards the purchase of Mac-n-cheese and we immediately used half the money to purchase our first shipment. (Pictured above is only HALF of the purchased boxes. We'll buy the other half in a couple of months when we run low again, this way, we don't have to worry about food expiring before we distribute it!). We are so proud to serve the community of Elk Grove Township and humbled by the generosity of residents like Mark, a real life, really good resident.



Pictured (L to R): Mike Sweeney, Township Supervisor, Lisa Menich, Director of General Assistance, Mark Bach, a real life, really good resident!

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Appreciation to our Partners

"It takes a village to raise a child" is an Igbo and Yoruba proverb that exists in many different African languages. It reflects the emphasis African cultures place on family and community. Here at Elk Grove Township, we are under no illusions that we are doing this work alone. Our "good works" and aid to families in need are a part of a larger story that includes both private citizens and businesses throughout the community. At our recent board meetings, we have chosen to acknowledge a couple local businesses that have generously contributed to our efforts to "empower people through community."



Little Caesar's Pizza was given a Certificate of Appreciation at our February 2017 Board meeting for their donation of over **500 pizzas** to our food pantry. Their ongoing donations total over 600 pizzas to date!

THANK You, Little Caesars Pizza
(840 S Arlington Heights Rd, Elk Grove Village)

Your Elected Officials

ASSESSING THE SITUATION

By **CONNIE CAROSIELLI, C.I.A.O.,**

The Elk Grove Township Assessor's office will be open for assessment appeals to the Cook County Assessor on April 26, 2017 and continue until May 26, 2017.

- If you filed a successful appeal last year with the county assessor or board of review that reduced assessment, that assessment will stay in place for three years. The reduction will be reflected on your second installment tax bill due and payable **August 1, 2017**.
- If you file an appeal this year and are successful you will not see that reduction until the second installment tax bill due and payable **August 1, 2018**.
- **If you are currently on the senior freeze exemption you do not need to appeal. If you are not sure, please check with us. We're happy to help.**
- As always, it is good to check periodically that the exemptions you qualify for are in place, and that the characteristics of your property are accurate. We are happy to check that for you if you need assistance.
- We will be hosting an educational outreach program on May 1, 2017 in association with the Cook County Assessor's office. This will be held at the Elk Grove Township Hall, 2400 S. Arlington Hts. Rd, Arlington Hts., IL. 60005 at 6:30 pm. We are delighted to have Senator Laura Murphy, State Rep. Marty Moylan, Cook County Commissioner Timothy Schneider, and State Rep David Harris as co-sponsors. Appeals may be filed at that time for your convenience.
- We are currently working with the office of Karen Yarbrough, Recorder of Deeds for Cook County, for an education seminar you're not going to want to miss. Two topics of interest will be discussed: the free property fraud alert program and the property after death transfer program. Check our website for additional information about date and location. We'll have more about this exciting program in the next Elk Grove Township Newsletter.



George Busse
Township Clerk

CLERK'S CORNER

Democracy in Action

In order to reduce maintenance costs, reorganize to more efficiently provide services and meet new needs, and put excess property back on municipal tax rolls, the Elk Grove Township Board has been moving forward on a plan to consolidate three Township properties and aging facilities into one updated, cost efficient facility. The Board has discussed their consolidation plans in meetings open to the public over the last year and recently went directly to the residents through two Town Meetings to obtain approval for the sale of the properties. The Daily Herald editorialized "The rare Town meeting is as pure a form of democracy as you will witness. The chance to witness one came this week in Elk Grove Township when any township resident who showed up could vote on the sale of the township office and a building that houses a daycare. Residents debated the pros and cons, then voted 84-72 to sell the properties." Thank you to all who participated and exercised their right to be heard and to vote. Your interest and involvement is what keeps our country strong.

2017 Illinois Fishing License

Summer is around the corner and the fishing rods and reels will soon be coming out of storage. However, before you bait the hook and drop your line in the water make sure you have a 2017 Illinois Fishing License.

Fishing Licenses can be purchased
at the Township office
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday.

Available licenses include:

Resident (\$5.50) & Non-Resident Sport (\$10.50) – 1 day
Resident Sport – Annual (\$15)
Resident Life Time Sport (\$435)
Resident Senior Sport – Annual / 65 and older (\$7.75)
Resident Super Senior Sport – Annual / 75 and older (\$1.50)
Non-Resident Sport – 3 day (\$15.50)
Non-Resident Sport – Annual (\$31.50)

License Exemptions: Residents and Non-Residents under the age of 16 do not require a fishing license, but teens should carry a form of identification confirming their age in case they are questioned. Disabled and blind residents are not required to purchase a fishing license but they must carry a State disabled person ID card or a Veterans disability card. Finally, a person on active duty in the Armed Forces, who entered the service from Illinois and is an Illinois resident, can fish without a license while on leave.

Annual licenses can be purchased starting January 1st and are good until March 31st of the following year. There are bag and size limits for some fish species, so check the State Fishing Regulations Guide – don't get caught with a stringer that's over the catch limit. Finally, many people think that if they live in a subdivision with a lake, they are a landowner and exempt from having a fishing license. Unfortunately, this is not correct and a license is required for subdivision lakes.

News from your Highway Commissioner

Branch Pick-Up Reminder:

- Branch pick-up is offered from April through October weather permitting, on the fifteenth of each month. If the fifteenth falls on a holiday or weekend, branch pick-up will be scheduled for the first work day which follows.
- Branches are picked up in residential areas on the streets maintained by the Township ONLY (unincorporated areas).
- 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 a tree 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.

What will be picked up?

- Branches with a minimum of 2 feet in length and a maximum of 12 feet in length and less than 6 inches in 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.
- Remember, once we have gone through an area, we will not return until the next scheduled date.



Art Niewiarowski
Highway Commissioner

Give us a Hand?



Have you been thinking about it, but never quite got around to donating to the food pantry? Now would be a great time to GIVE US A HAND! Spring marks the lowest point for donations while over 53% of school-aged kids in our area continue to benefit from food resources, either through school, SNAP (food stamps), or local pantries. Local families still come, regardless of donations, which is why we're turning to the community for support. Hamburger Helper (or other "meal stretchers" like, PastaRoni, Tuna Helper, etc.) is an easy meal that can "stretch" a pound of meat and our food pantry goes through about 200 boxes a month! Please consider donating a few boxes to the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry. Hamburger Helper will be GLADLY accepted, along with any other non-perishable food items at any time. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.



"Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts."
- Henri Frederic Amiel

Special thanks to the following organizations for their ongoing support and donations:

- Meijer
- Starbucks (AH & RM locations)
- Little Caesar's (Elk Grove Village)
- Penske Truck Rental (Elk Grove Village)
- Shinnyo-en Temple
- Lutheran Church of Martha and Mary
- Elk Grove Baptist Church
- Prince of Peace United Methodist Church
- Optioncare
- Friends of Elk Grove Park District
- Ashton Condominiums
- Grand Prairie
- CCSD59
- Wings
- Curves
- Addison Building Materials

Thanks



Special thanks to the *new* Dunkin' Donuts located at 2750 W. Touhy Ave. Elk Grove Village. Their Grand Opening on March 16, 2017 was a huge success and they generously allowed Elk Grove Township Food Pantry to collect donations of food and cash. Additionally, Dunkin' Donuts provided the food pantry with a check for \$500! This will go a long way to help local families in need!



Thanks, Dunkin' Donuts!

Without you, our community, we would never be able to do the things we do. Our food pantry use is at an all-time high. Having the resources of the community pulling together, we are making a difference. We would like to give thanks to everyone who contributes. You are so important to the work we do. THANK YOU!



Board members (L to R) Trustees Andrea Koshaba, Dale Niewiadowski, Bob Ingraffia and Supervisor Mike Sweeney. Jack Groat (Center with Certificate) from the Elk Grove Farmers' Market was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Township Board of Trustees for the Market's ongoing donations and support of the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry.

ACTION ALERT

Help both the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry and Elk Grove Village Food Pantry by donating at our community food drive.

Shop, buy, donate at:

Jewel-Osco

20 Biesterfield Rd,

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Saturday MAY 6, 2017

Collection between 9:00am-3pm

Community Partnership in Action.

Elk Grove Township is proud to partner with the Center for Enriched Living (CEL). CEL exists so that people with developmental disabilities can be fully included in the community, achieve personal success, and enjoy a good quality of life.



Currently based in Riverwoods, CEL is planning to expand its day program for adults 22 and older to the Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Elk Grove Village, and Palatine area by next summer. This plan is contingent on a few things, not the least of which is finding at least 10 people who would fully participate five days a week. The program provides skills-training and socialization for developmentally disabled adults when young adults transition out of the public school system at the age of 22.

We are pleased that CEL is a new Elk Grove Township grant recipient and that the partnership extends beyond financial assistance. Twice a week, CEL members are volunteering to pack bags, stock shelves, and bring smiles to our food pantry! It's wonderful to see the pride of each volunteer, knowing that a local family in need will be helped by their efforts.

For more information, or those interested in donating money, nominating a location, or registering a family member, please contact:

Melissa@CenterForEnrichedLiving.org or (847) 315-9913.



Getting at the TOOTH of the Matter...



The Northwest Community Healthcare Mobile Dental Clinic provides a dental home to community members who do not have access to care due to financial barriers. They provide routine cleanings, x-rays, exams, educational services, and simple restorative services, like fillings.

While this service covers four local townships, we are happy to register you in our office if you reside in Elk Grove Township, have an income below 200% of the federal poverty level, or are receiving General Assistance or Medicaid.



To make an appointment to register for the Mobile Dental Clinic, please call 847-437-0300.

Simply Give...

Your \$10 donation helps a neighbor make ends meet.

Elk Grove Township Food Pantry works hard to ensure that local residents in need of food are getting assistance. Through the generosity of our community, donations are up, but unfortunately, so is our usage. This means that we sometimes run out of essential items and must purchase them. Meijer has generously offered to assist us, but we need your help!



Here's how the program works:

- Each Meijer store partners with a local food pantry during campaigns to ensure that all donations generated remain within local communities.
- When you shop at Meijer during the summer campaign, you may choose to donate to the Simply Give program. 100% of your donation is given to Elk Grove Township to purchase food for the pantry.
- Instead of determining what food to donate to food pantry partners, the Simply Give program allows us the flexibility to choose the grocery items best suited for the families we serve in our communities. Most often, Elk Grove Township uses these funds to purchase protein sources, but the program is flexible enough that we can choose whatever we need most.

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Elk Grove Township Hosts successful Job Fair

February 14th, 2017 was a day celebrated by some as a day of romance, but for many job seekers in the area, the reason to celebrate was a new found career! Over 70 residents from all over the township visited our recent job fair and were greeted by 14 eager employers seeking to hire for dozens of open positions. Immediately following the Job Fair was a presentation by employment expert Bob Podgorski titled "Creating a Dynamic Resume."



Top to bottom: 1.) Eager job seekers make use of their "30 second Elevator Pitch" when speaking to potential employers **2.)** Employers speak to potential candidates about open positions **3.)** Bob Podgorski shares resume tips with job seekers.



Mark your Calendar!

April 18, 2017-

July 25, 2017-

August 24, 2017-

(See below)*

September 19, 2017-

November 14, 2017-

Your Career Marketing Strategy

Showing You're not Standing Still

How to Work a Job Fair (1:00-2:00)

Note: Job Fair to immediately follow! (2:15-6:00)

Creating an Essential Career Portfolio

The Purpose Driven Job Search

Location: 2400 S. Arlington Heights Road – Town Hall
10:30am to 12:00 Noon

Please Email your registration to:
Jobhelp@Elkgrovetownship.com

***IMPORTANT:**

All Seminars to be held in Town Hall with the exception of **August 24, 2017 Seminar (1:00-2:00) and JOB FAIR (2:15-6:00) will be held at: Sheraton of Elk Grove Village 121 NW Point Blvd, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007**

Are you an employer looking to hire some local talent?

Consider participating in our next job fair!

**Contact: Lisa Menich
224-222-0944**

LMenich@elkgrovetownship.com

What types of assistance a

Elk Grove Township works hard to help clients move toward independence. Our approach is simple: Help people in need with immediate needs and then guide them to resources to move them forward.

We do this in a myriad of ways.

First and foremost, we **LISTEN!** Once we learn the challenges the client is facing, we can pull from our resources and programs to determine the best way to help the client move forward. We can help with financial assistance, referrals, information, resources, problem solving, follow-up, and encouragement.

Most of the time, it's a little bit of everything!

We are committed to helping our clients help themselves.



Every day, we live out our mission to “empower people through community.”

em·pow·er (əˈmˌpaʊ(ə)r/) verb

- make (someone) stronger and more confident, especially in controlling their life and claiming their rights.

com·mu·ni·ty (kəˈmyʊnəˌdē/) noun

- a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

JOB SEEKING?

Check out our Community Resource Boards located in the main hallway of our office! We have approximately a hundred local job postings at any given time along with resources for food pantries, healthcare, community events, senior/disabled services, veteran's programs, employment counseling, housing, and MORE!



Elk Grove Township Employment Support Center

Local People. Local Jobs.

Services Available:

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

Elk Grove Township is working to meet the employment needs of the community. We are available to assist you with your job search by providing information, answering questions, assisting with resumes, and researching job opportunities. Appointments are available to provide assistance with networking, job campaigns, and interviewing skills. Computer workstations are available for printing resumes, research, and job application. Helpful literature such as career focused books, publications and other materials will be made available to our job seekers.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm

Contact us: (Phone) 224-222-0935 jobhelp@elkgrovetownship.com

Make an appointment today!

are available to residents?



General Assistance office:

- Financial Assistance
- Referrals
- Food Pantry
- Mobile Dental Clinic
- Salvation Army
- LIHEAP(low income home energy assistance prgram)
- Access to Care

- Nicor Sharing
- Seasonal Programs

Employment Center:

- Assistance with networking
- Job search
- Interview skills
- Computer lab with printer
- Community presentations

Do you (or a neighbor) need help with FOOD resources?

It's hard to ask. We know. But, we are here to help. Food is not a luxury item. We welcome Elk Grove Township residents in need to register to use our food pantry. It's simple. Bring in a Driver's License or other government issued ID, along with a current utility/medical bill that shows your current address (dated within the last 30 days). We are typically open Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm. Residents in need may visit our food pantry once per calendar month. We're happy to provide a list of other resources. Call the General Assistance office for more details: **847-437-0300**

Here's what a recent client had to say about Elk Grove Township Services:

"I was let go from my job after 6 years. I thought I would be able to find employment in no time. Well, many interviews, no offers. Now 6 months later, I learned I would no longer be receiving unemployment benefits. I had no money, no job and I was about to lose the place I was renting. I was completely lost, depressed and ready to end it all.

I was looking for help when a complete stranger told me about Elk Grove Township and that they might be able to help me. It took me about 3 weeks to get up the courage, swallow my pride and make an appointment. I was a nervous wreck walking into the Township but once I sat down with Lisa, she explained how she can help me. (deep breath)

Lisa (Director of General Assistance) also introduced me to Bob from the Elk Grove Township Employment Support Center. Now I am overwhelmed but thinking to myself, why didn't I come here sooner? After a few appointments, I was told about the job fair at the township office and St. Hubert's networking club. The job fair had about 12 companies there and this fair helped me with my interviewing skills. I also had no idea what networking was and went to St. Hubert's network meeting. WOW – so many people in the same shoes as me I went home and started my LinkedIn, updated my resume and just prayed each time I sent my resume to a future job. Nothing.

Depressed, crying and at the end of my rope, I was driving by the Township office and stopped to see if Lisa was available. Lisa sat me down, listened to my Debbie Downer speech and told me it won't be long before I get a job, but I need to keep my head held high. Well, guess what? I GOT A JOB!!!

I don't think I would have made it without Lisa at the Elk Grove Township and/or the Elk Grove Township Employment Support Center. Thank you for making my life easier and picking me up when I was at the lowest point of my life. I love you all and thank you for the encouragement and help!" - N.C.

SUMMER SOCIAL SKILLS AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT GROUPS

From the Parenting Tool Box

SOCIAL SKILLS- Imagine you are a parent whose child is never invited to a birthday party, or is excluded by other kids at scout meetings, or just does not seem to have any friends. This is the experience of some Elk Grove Township parents. They simply want their children to be successful and it breaks their hearts to see their children shunned by others.



The Elk Grove Township Youth and Family Services Department can help children through participation in Social Skills Groups. Using the power of fun group activities and a social thinking curriculum, our program helps children understand how their words and actions impact other kids, and gives them tools to recognize and alter their approach—and find success!



GIRLS EMPOWERMENT-

It is as hard as ever to grow up these days. In a culture of unyielding messages about beauty, gender roles, and social success, the stress experienced by many girls leaves them with low self-esteem, low confidence, a poor body image, and a feeling of failure in their social milieu. This sense of “self” makes them more vulnerable to peer pressure, which further fuels low self-esteem.

Again, the Youth Services Department can help through our Girl’s Empowerment Groups (ages 9-12 & 13-15). We build self-acceptance and self-confidence by inviting girls to be the drivers (instead of passengers) of their lives. Many participants leave after the six-week program saying, “I’m fine just the way I am.”

Whether you are interested in **Social Skills** or **Girls Empowerment** groups it is not too soon to start thinking about enrolling in our **Summer Groups**.

These groups will begin the week of June 19th, and meet one time per week.

For information call Renee Dorn, 847-981-0373.



CCS59 students help us tackle hunger in our community

Staff from Elk Grove Township General Assistance office, happily accepted donations from CCSD59 staff

Throughout the month of January, students at all the schools in Community Consolidated School District 59 collected soup to donate to the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry as a part of the “Soup-er Bowl” Campaign. We were thrilled by the level of participation and grateful to all the students, teachers, staff, and families that participated.

We received over 1,700 cans of soup with an additional 350+ cans of miscellaneous items to be used in the food pantry. Partnering with the schools is important to us for so many reasons; not the least of which is raising awareness of hunger issues and teaching young people the importance of community!

Way to go, CCSD59! You’re SOUP-er!

Free Counseling for Combat Vets



The Vet Center offers free counseling at the Elk Grove Township office to eligible combat veterans and their families.

Vet Centers are community based and part of the Department of Veteran Affairs. The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war adjustment. If you are interested

contact us at: 847/332-1019

Services Provided

- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Couple/Family Counseling
- Alcohol/Drug Assessment
- Sexual Trauma Counseling
- Benefits Information

- Community Education
- Liaison with VA Facilities
- Referral to Community Agencies
- Employment Counseling and Job Referral
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Special Bus Trips for Seniors

The Elk Grove Township Transportation department offers door-to-door service to senior citizens (over 55) and disabled residents (over 18). The Township buses can take you to your favorite local places to do your grocery shopping and to the beauty/barber shop, pharmacy, fitness center, as well as to your doctor, dentist, optometrist or dialysis appointments, to name a few places that we travel to.

Why not call us to learn more about the places we travel to on a regular basis or to reserve your spot on the bus for one of these upcoming Special Bus Trips?

April 13th	Thursday	Spring Ceramic Egg**
April 28th	Friday	Senior Expo – Golf Mill Shopping Center
May 11th	Thursday	Mothers' Day Frame**
May 16th	Tuesday	Woodfield Shopping Mall
June 8th	Thursday	TBD** (Will be announced early June)
June 9th	Friday	Senior Celebration – Forest View School
July 13th	Thursday	TBD** (Will be announced early June)
July 25th	Tuesday	Movie at Elk Grove Theater

** = Everyone must register for the Events at the **Elk Grove Village Library** (847-439-0447), which are scheduled from **11:30 – 1:00**.

Our service is available **Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**. Reservations are required to be made at least one day in advance by calling the Township office at 847-437-0300.

Anyone that answers the phone can assist you. We hope to welcome you onto one of our buses in the near future.

5...4...3...2...

Are you Ready to BLAST OFF???

It may seem a little early to be thinking about school supplies, but there's a lot that goes into preparing students for a successful school year!

Back to school brings with it the excitement of the new school year, but also a financial strain for parents trying to provide all the necessary items for their student to thrive. Working in collaboration with School District 59 administration, we have identified families in the district that are struggling financially.

Elk Grove Township wants to assist those families in getting their students off to a great start---

But, WE NEED YOUR HELP!



This summer, look for

“Back to School Blast Off”

boxes around the community, purchase new school supplies and drop them off. Together, we can make sure every student has what they need as we

LAUNCH into a new school year!

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



Our Public/Private Partnership Program is a mouthful, so around the office, we refer to it as P-Quad. Our P-Quad program is based on a simple premise: We know we can't do it all alone. We also know that there are hundreds of businesses in our community that want to help and get involved, but they don't know how. To participate is easy, give us a call. We will keep you informed about events coming up and find ways that your company can get involved (with as much or as little involvement as you choose). You can also post local jobs, participate in job fairs, and of course, we are always seeking donations for programs and our food pantry! Your generosity means you will have our gratitude, but more importantly, you can make a huge impact in our community!

For more information, contact:

Lisa Menich 224-222-0944
LMenich@elkgrovetownship.com

Paul Pioch 224-222-0932
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This year **Senior Celebration Day** will be held at **Forest View Educational Center** located at 2121 S. Goebbert Road in Arlington Heights, IL on **Friday, June 9th from 10:00am – 2:00p.m.**

This event that draws thousands of senior adults throughout the Chicagoland area is designed to recognize and celebrate the contributions older adults have made, and continue to make, to the quality of life in our communities. Senior Celebration Day offers exciting performances, informative exhibits, health screenings, senior service information and the popular "on the hour" drawings.



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**Question: How do I get my child to wear a bike helmet?
Here are some useful tips:**

- 1) Establish the helmet habit early when your children get their first bikes, tricycles, or scooters. If they learn to wear a helmet whenever they ride it will become a habit for a lifetime. If possible, start them off with a helmet while they are still on tricycles to establish the link between wheeled vehicles, pavement, and helmets.
- 2) Wear one yourself. Provide a role model for your kids; they learn best by observing you.
- 3) Talk to them about why you want them to protect their heads.
 - Let them know:
 - Their bikes are not toys, but their first vehicles
 - You love them and value them and their intelligence
 - They can hurt their heads permanently or even die from a head injury
- 4) Crashes causing head injuries can occur on sidewalks, driveways, bike paths, and parks as well as streets. You and your children cannot predict when a situation will occur that will end in a fall. It is important to wear a helmet whenever riding even if it's just down the street or on a bike trail. Remember, it's never too late, to get your children into helmets!

BUSINESS GOALS

THINK **GOA** REGIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



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 - What are my college savings options?
 - When should I start planning?
 - Can I qualify for financial aid?
- **Managing finances after marriage**
- **Planning to purchase a home**
- **Getting divorced**
 - What happens to my assets?
- **Retirement planning**
 - What are my retirement investment options?
 - How much should I save?
 - Will my money last through retirement?
 - What should I consider before claiming Social Security?
- **Creating a household budget**
- **401(k) plan choices when changing jobs**
- **Managing a job layoff**
- **Reducing & managing debt, including student loans**
- **Eldercare concerns**
 - How does Medicare work?
 - How do I care for aging parents?
 - What should I look for in a care facility?
- **Planning for the unexpected**
 - What estate planning documents should I have?
 - Should I have life insurance?
 - How do I create a legacy for my children?
- **Tax Planning**
 - How do I find opportunities to save on taxes?
 - How can I manage taxes with estate planning & gifting?
 - How will estate and inheritance taxes affect my loved ones when I am gone?

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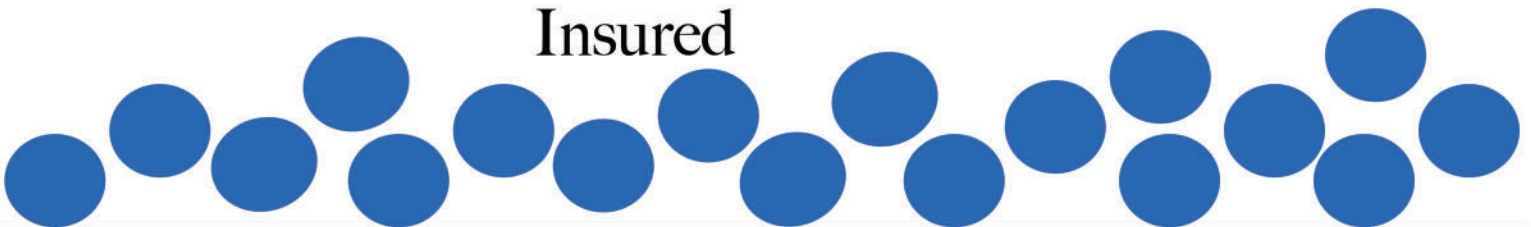


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