



# elk grove township

CONTINUING THE TRADITION

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## A Note from the Supervisor



Spring is finally upon us and I recently completed the first year of my term. I have truly enjoyed serving you and I am looking forward to another great year.

The Board of Trustees has completed the 2014-2015 budget and it is available on our website, elkgrovetownship.com. With your tax dollars Elk Grove Township provides residential property tax advocacy and essential human services. As a Township we provide direct and indirect human services. Direct services include Senior Citizen Bus transportation, Youth Services and a food pantry. In addition to our direct services, Elk Grove Township approves grants to organizations that provide human services to our residents. The Kenneth Young Center,

Clearbrook, The Northwest Community Hospital Mobile Dental Clinic and Wings, among others, are organizations that receive Township grants. On our website, you can learn about the organizations that receive Township funds.

There is great information in this issue of our Newsletter. Elk Grove Township is helping Honor Flight Chicago recruit World War II Veterans. Honor Flight arranges flights to Washington D.C. so that World War II Veterans can see their Memorial. This is done at no cost to our Veterans. If you know of any World War II Veterans in the Chicagoland area who have not taken advantage of this amazing program please get them signed up today. Contact information for Honor Flight Chicago is in this Newsletter.

During the summer months Food Pantry donations typically drop off, but the need doesn't. We ask that you keep the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry in mind and donate when you are able. A list of items we need the most is included in this Newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns please call or email us and we will be happy to help. Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve you.

Regards,

Michael H. Sweeney  
Supervisor  
Elk Grove Township



*Pictured left to right Board Members Art Niewiardowski, Dale Niewiardowski, Andrea Koshaba, Connie Carosielli, Suellen Satern, George Busse, Michael Sweeney and Greg O'Brien.*

## A Report from Clerk O'Brien



### 2014 Cook County Vehicle Stickers

As a service to Elk Grove Township residents, the Township sells **Cook County vehicle stickers**, which are required under the Cook County Wheel Tax Ordinance. Stickers are required for every motor

vehicle or trailer registered in **unincorporated** Cook County. This includes all personal autos, trucks, motorcycles and trailers owned by unincorporated residents. All **business owned** vehicles, trucks and trailers located in unincorporated Cook County also require a vehicle sticker.

The 2014 vehicle stickers should be available for purchase at the Township offices in late May. As of press time, Cook County had not published their 2014 prices or issued stickers. Sticker prices vary based on the type of vehicle and its weight. Elk Grove Township does not set the price of vehicle stickers or late fees, nor does it receive any compensation from Cook County for providing this service.

Current year vehicle stickers expire on June 30th of the current year and new stickers must be displayed by July 1st. Stickers purchased after June 30th are subject to a Late Fee. Please note that the Cook County Sheriff's Department strictly enforces the vehicle sticker ordinance with costly fines.

**NOTE:** Seniors over the age of 65, people with disabilities, and disabled Veterans are exempt from the vehicle sticker tax. Contact the Township office for details

**Effective in 2014, Elk Grove Township will no longer accept cash payments for Cook County Vehicle Stickers.** All personal checks must be preprinted with

your name and address. Money orders and cashier's checks will be accepted. Starter checks will not be accepted. All checks should be made payable to the **Cook County Collector.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Elk Grove Township by phone at (847) 437-0300 or by e-mail at [admin@elkgrovetownship.com](mailto:admin@elkgrovetownship.com)

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve you.

Sincerely,

Greg O'Brien

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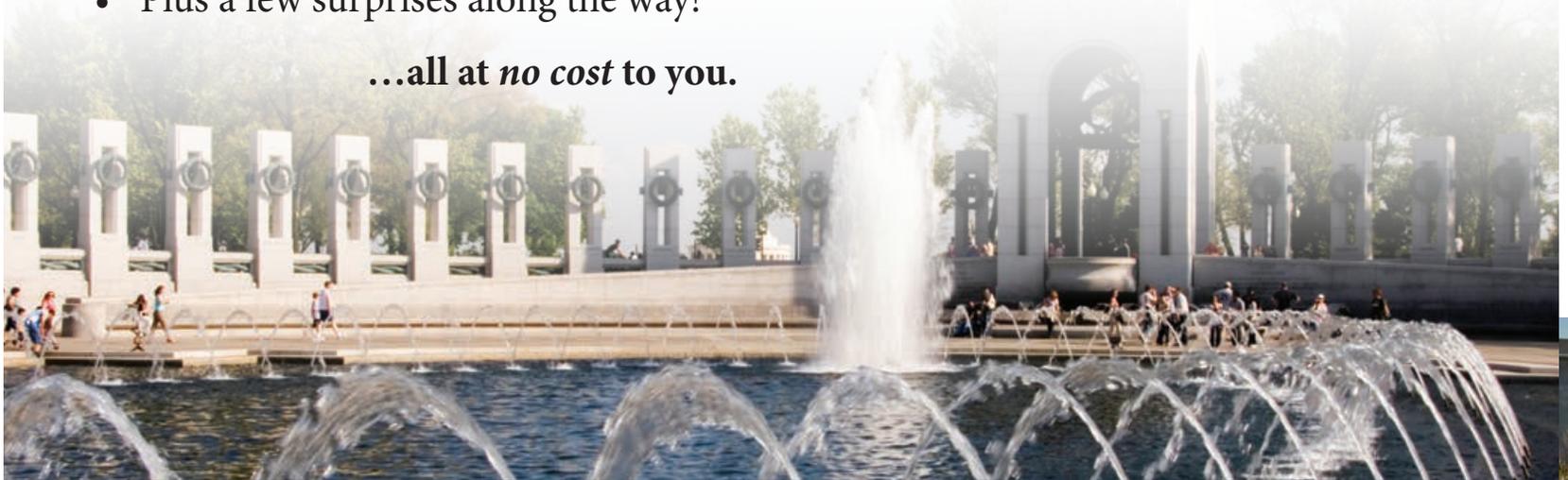
"It was incredible! It was absolutely overwhelming and deeply emotional!"

-Alberta Dixon, 2012



"I thought I knew what to expect. I was thinking about my part in the war, and I now see myself in a different perspective."

-John Klimala, 2009



*Now it's your turn.*

Contact us now for a Veteran Application.

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## News from your Highway Commissioner...

### Thinking about a new driveway?

Residents living in the unincorporated area of Elk Grove Township who are planning to install a new driveway or replace an existing one should be aware that a permit is required.

When applying for a permit, you must include a plan drawing and a copy of a plat of survey. Allow at least one week for processing your application. Applications are available at the Township offices as well as online at [www.elkgrovetownship.com](http://www.elkgrovetownship.com) the permit application can be found on the Highway Department page. There is a nominal \$25.00 permit fee.

Questions or concerns please call Elk Grove Township Highway Department at 847-437-0430.

### Branch Pick-up Reminders

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.



Art Niewiadowski  
Highway Commissioner

### 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.

## Assessing the Situation

from Connie Carosielli, Assessor of Elk Grove Township

As we anxiously await the warmer weather, please take time to ensure that you have applied for all of the exemptions you qualify for. The deadlines have passed, however we are happy to file certificates of error on your behalf. Your second installment bill, sent in late June or early July and payable the 1st of August will not reflect the correction. Within 1 or 2 weeks from then, you will receive the corrected bill.



We anticipate being open for Cook County Board of Review appeals sometime in July or August. The dates have not been firmly set. Please check the Elk Grove Township website for continual updates.

Beginning May 30, 2014, the Assessor's Office in Rolling Meadows Courthouse will be closed permanently. The nearest Cook County Assessor's Office is located in the Skokie Courthouse, 5600 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077.

If you have any questions regarding your exemptions, appeals or property tax bill, please visit Elk Grove Township Assessor's Office located at 2400 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 or call us at 847-437-0300.

# News from the General Assistance Department

## Food Pantry

Now that the warm weather is approaching our pantry shelves are getting bare. Donations usually drop off in the summer months and this year is no different. However, our need to assist families facing food shortages continues. The children are out of school for the summer and not receiving a free lunch, placing a bigger burden on the parents trying to “keep food on the table”.

When you go shopping please consider purchasing an extra can or more and donating to our pantry to help our needy families. (Please see the items listed below for what is needed most.)



### Canned Foods

- Chunky soups
- Fruit
- Canned or dried beans
- Tuna or Meat
- Vegetables
- Milk
- Chili
- Stew
- Ravioli, Spaghetti O's and others

### Jar Foods ( plastic preferred)

- Jelly
- Pasta / Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter

### Dry Foods

- Dry milk

- Spaghetti and Pastas
- Hamburger / Tuna Helper and others
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Rice
- Crackers
- Pudding
- Jello

### Breakfast Foods

- Hot and cold cereals
- Juice (100% fruit)

### Non Food Items

- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Detergent

We appreciate all donations; however, we cannot distribute expired food products. Please check the dates on all cans and packaged foods when donating. Thank you.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

In addition to the supplies the Township is purchasing for needy children, we are also accepting donations from individuals and groups. The supplies will be delivered to the schools in School District 59, in early August before school starts. If you would like to donate school supplies please drop them off at the Township before August 1st.



Donations accepted at:  
ELK GROVE TOWNSHIP  
2400 S. Arlington Heights Rd  
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## A Note from Youth Services : “You Catch More Flies with Honey than Vinegar”



Many years ago, an 8 year old boy decided to start up the lawn mower and cut the grass. He wanted to see if he could make his lawn look great, just like his dad did. About half way done with the lawn, he noticed his father walking toward him from the house. He stopped the mower. His

dad extended his hand with two crisp dollar bills, saying, “this is to thank you. It is really great that you are doing this, and that no one even asked you to.”

I share this story because many parents, often out of frustration, ask Youth Services Family Therapists, “where is that instructional manual on how to raise kids?” Our response is something like, “we’ll let you know when we find it (meaning, there is no manual).” We sometimes quip, “the problem with the job of parenting is that by the time you’re experienced, you’re unemployed.”

Parents learn fairly early on that the idea of “control” of a child’s behavior is a bit of a myth. Children DO have minds of their own. But, this does not mean parents are powerless in shaping their children to be independent, responsible, self directed, and happy. There ARE some ideas that do tend to work with kids, even if it doesn’t always seem that way at first.

Naturally, Youth Services therapists regularly promote to parents the importance of communicating clear rules and consequences to

their children (and backing these up with appropriate, short-term measures). And, (where parents often slip) it is important not to respond to rule breaking with emotions (anger), or words (arguing), but, instead, polite enforcement.

But, the main idea we would like to share today is the power of the “positive.” That is, “you catch more flies with honey than vinegar.”

Children yearn so deeply to master their world—to show themselves, and others (their parents), that they can do some things well. Sometimes, when parents do things for them (that they could/should do themselves), or, parents feel compelled to correct them on so many things, their hearts become discouraged, and self-esteem lessened. Did you know that people (children at home, adults in the work place, etc. . . ) hear 22 negative comments for every compliment they receive? Yes, that’s right. And, how do you think that’s working?

So, we encourage parents to “catch their kids behaving (in a desirable way),” and “let them know you noticed.” You would not believe how powerful a tool this can be in helping to shape a child. No, you can’t do this all the time, but you can some of the time, and a little really does go along way. If your child wants your approval, you should find ways to show it.

Now back to the story. That 8 year old boy ended up cutting the grass for the family for the next 10 years, before going away to college—without having to be asked, or getting paid. He even ended up as a Family Therapist with Elk Grove Township, and writes columns for the Township Newsletter. For more information, contact the Youth Services Department, at 847-981-0373.

## A Spotlight on Elk Grove Township Day Care Center

The Elk Grove Township Community Day Care Center was founded in 1974 as a not-for-profit corporation. We will be celebrating our 40th year anniversary at the end of this year. The Center provides quality child care for full-time working families of all socio-economic levels, in a nurturing environment that provides individual and group learning experiences which foster independence, social/emotional, language, physical and cognitive development.



The Center is located in the Elk Grove Township Agency Center at 711 Chelmsford Lane in Elk Grove Village and has seven programs to accommodate 162 children between the ages of 3 months to 12 years. Families served are from diverse backgrounds and subsidized tuition programs

are available to parents who qualify.

The Center’s curriculum aligns with the Illinois Early Learning Guidelines for children birth through age 3 and the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards for Preschool children. The Center is accredited through the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs (NAC).

The Center is very proud to be recognized as an early care and education program that exemplifies excellence in the care of young children. Elk Grove Township Community Day Care Center ensures a high quality program for children that is conducive to their individual growth and development, provides professional development opportunities for highly qualified staff and exceeds minimum state licensing requirements for child care programs.

To learn more about the Center, please call 847-439-5577.

The staff, families and Board of Directors thank the elected officials and staff of Elk Grove Township for their continued support, partnership and dedication to the Center. The funding received from Elk Grove Township enables 80% of the families served to maintain their full-time employment as their children receive quality early care and education.

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## Planning a summer fishing trip in the great State of Illinois? You'll need a license.

Illinois resident and non-resident fishing and hunting licenses and stamps are available for purchase at Elk Grove Township Hall, 2400 S. Arlington Heights Road. 847-437-0300

Internet purchases and current fees are available at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov)

## Elk Grove Township Information

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