



Summer 2021 Newsletter

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From Ela Township Supervisor Gloria Palmblad



Greetings -

I am happy to announce that thanks to Governor Pritzker's decision to move to Phase 5, Ela Town Hall has officially reverted back to our regular hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. If you have been vaccinated, masks are no longer required to enter our building, but are optional based on the safety of your own health. For those not vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask in our buildings out of respect for our employees. Staff has worked diligently all year trying to ward off an epidemic throughout all our departments and I am proud of their creativity and willingness to be flexible with all the changes we've gone through to keep everyone safe. The Community Center will continue to incorporate more programming within the building as time goes on and as everyone becomes more comfortable spending time together.

A special thank you to everyone who exercised their democratic rights by voting back in April. I want to take a moment to congratulate our two re-elected Trustees, Larry Bowman and Joel Sikes, as they continue to share their knowledge and dedication to Ela Township, as well as our two newly elected Trustees, Tosi Ufodike and Laurie Wilhoit. I am also honored to serve as your Supervisor for another four years and look forward to working together with all of them as we continue to offer much needed services to the residents of Ela Township.

By now, everyone should have their property tax bill, and hopefully paid their first installment. Back in November, the prior board voted unanimously for a 0% increase in our tax levy. A diagram on the right has been included to help explain just exactly how your tax dollars are divided amongst all the local agencies that receive a portion of your money.

Please join me in welcoming our new Highway Superintendent, Michael DePouw. He brings a wealth of experience to Ela Township, and staff is very excited to work together as we continue to serve our unincorporated residents and local municipalities. You can stay up-to-date on local events in Ela Township by registering for our bi-weekly electronic newsletter on our website at www.elatownship.org.

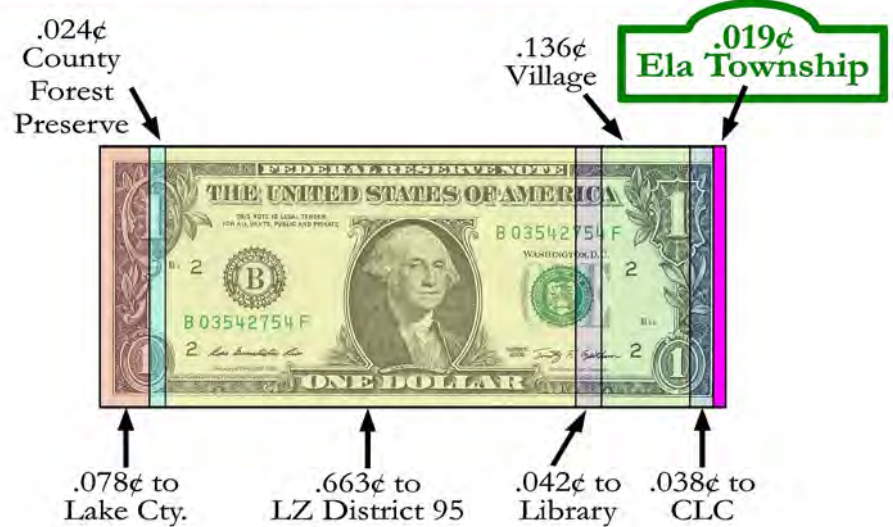


The past year has been difficult for all of us. As we slowly transition into the "new normal", be sure to enjoy your summer. Take time to gather with family and friends again. I think I speak for everyone when I say I missed the hugs and handshakes. And its especially good to see those smiles again now that masks are no longer required everywhere! Stay safe everyone . . .

Just a reminder!
Ela Township will be closed in
observance of Labor Day



TAX DOLLAR BREAKDOWN



Less than 2¢ of every dollar provides you with the following services:

- * **Social services** - Counseling services, crisis intervention for domestic violence, mental health, substance abuse
- * **Community Center** - Senior programs & Youth summer camps and after school care
- * **Bus transportation** - Serving residents over 55+ and disabled youth
- * **Parks** - Knigge, Knox, Ela and Ela Township Community Park
- * **Highway Services** - Snow & ice control, stormwater and street maintenance

The above infomation is provided by the Ela Township Assessor's office.

Ela Township Senior/Disabled Bus Service

Ela Township offers bus transportation service for weekday use to our residents who are 55 years of age or older, and to those with disabilities. For more information, or to schedule a ride, please call (847) 438-6677 or email bus@elatownship.org.

Our buses run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, within Township boundaries. In addition, we transport to the Barrington Metra station, Good Shepherd Hospital, and doctor offices in the surrounding area. Bus service is first come first served, hours are subject to change. The cost for transportation is \$2 for a one way ride or \$4 round trip. One additional stop can be made for \$1.



Bus reservations must be scheduled 24 hours in advance, same day reservations cannot be accommodated. Reservations with set appointment times should be scheduled after 9:30 a.m. and no later than 1:30 p.m. All riders must be back on the bus no later than 3:30 p.m.

The reservation line is open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Next day transportation must be reserved no later than 12:45 p.m. the day before your scheduled ride. All of our buses are equipped with a lift and tie downs for passengers in wheel chairs. There is no bus service on the following holidays: New Years Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Black Friday, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

Highway Department

Ela Township has a wide array of services that are performed year-round and designed to help our residents. Each year, the Highway Department provides services for over 100 miles of road. It is our constant goal to use taxpayer dollars wisely by providing efficient and cost-effective services for our residents.

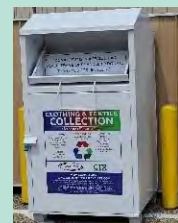
We support and partner with our local municipalities that do not have a Public Works Department through Intergovernmental Agreements offering general public works operation services, including snowplowing and equipment sharing.

The Highway Department is responsible for snowplowing, road maintenance, and right of way maintenance along unincorporated roads. The Highway Department also provides assistance to the villages of Deer Park, Kildeer, Long Grove, and North

Barrington with all public works operational services. During the spring and summer months, the Highway Department is occupied with tree trimming and right of way maintenance along Township roads, general maintenance of Township roads, inspecting and repair of any drainage issues in the Township and maintaining Ela Township properties: Ela Town Hall, Ela Township Community Center, Lake Zurich and Fairfield Cemeteries, and all Township parks. We would like to thank the surrounding municipalities in which we work with for their cooperation throughout the year. We are glad to partner with these government agencies through Intergovernmental Agreements, which serves as a cost-effective option to expand services to our residents and ultimately, save taxpayer dollars! This is one of several reasons that Township government continues to be one of the smallest taxing bodies on your tax bill.



The Highway Department has partnered with SWALCO to provide our residents with a textile recycling center. The Swalco textile bin is available at the Ela Township Highway Department, which is located at 23605 Echo Lake Road in Lake Zurich, IL. We also offer 3 recycling centers for old gym shoes, cell phones, flags, and glasses. These are available at Knox Park, 1155 E. RT 22, Knigge Park 23600 N. Echo Lake Road, and at the Ela Historical Society & Museum located at 95 E. Main St., all in Lake Zurich.



Upcoming 2021 Projects:

- 2021 Phase II Road Paving Project for Forest Lake & Echo Lake Subdivisions anticipated to start late summer. Please check our Facebook page, facebook.com/elatownshiphighway, or our website, elatownship.org/departments/highway for updated project information.

2020 Projects Completed/Supervised by the Ela Township Highway Department:

- East Side Forest Lake Subdivision drainage project and Township storm water drainage system maintenance and improvements
- Phase 1 paving project is completed for North Echo Lake and North Forest Lake Subdivisions

On behalf of all Highway Department employees, we are proud to serve Ela Township and be part of the services that it provides in care of its residents. We want to thank all of our Township residents for their support and involvement throughout the year.

The Highway Department can be reached Monday thru Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. by calling our office at (847) 438-2371 or email highway@elatownship.org.

Clerk Lucy Prouty



Greetings from the Ela Township Clerk! If you need to register to vote or change your address, visit the Clerk's office at Ela Town Hall. Please check your voter registration cards to make sure your information is accurate and up to date. We can also assist with student and snowbird voters registration. Please contact your Township Clerk, Lucy Prouty, or Deputy Clerk, Jessica Case, at (847) 438-7823 with any questions you may have.

Additional voter services and information can be found on the Lake County Clerk's website at lakecountyil.gov/161/County-Clerk.

Ela 55+

Senior Resource Services:

Our senior resource office assists Ela Township residents with many programs and links them with services to promote independence and a sense of well-being. Our senior resource specialists will assist you as possible with pharmaceutical assistance, state benefits/Department of Human Service Programs, Senior Health Insurance Counseling (SHIP), general information, and referrals. Please call one of our senior resource specialists at (847) 438-9160 or email Lisa Gaggiano at lisag@elatownship.org or Laura Kulawik at laurak@elatownship.org for more information.



Volunteering:

At Ela 55+ volunteer opportunities are everywhere! Help at special events, the reception desk, bus buddy, friendly home visitors, kitchen-aide, adopt-a-highway, and our after school program.



First Fridays Club



Want to get out and try new things in a group setting of your peers? Join us for the beginning of this exciting new group!

Calling all of our single folks!

Single/divorcees/widows and widowers this is for you!

August 6: Movie Night at the Community Center, 6 p.m.

No Charge, Registration Required.

Friday Fun Night

Christmas in July!

Dinner, Live Steel Drums, Cash Bar

Friday, July 30, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Friday Fun Night

8th Annual Door County Fish Boil!

Big Fun, Cash Bar

Friday, August 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Long Distance Travel!

Contact Community Programs Director, Susan Dillon for more information



Iceland's Magical Northern Lights Discovery

October 30 - November 6, 2021

Single \$3,809; Double \$3,499 PP

7 Days/10 Meals

Tropical Costa Rica

January 28 - February 6, 2022

Single \$3,358;

Double \$2,798 PP

10 Days/14 Meals



Danube Delight River Cruise

May 5 - 15, 2022

Pricing starts \$4,649

11 Days/22 Meals

Spotlight on the French Riviera

September 17 - September 25, 2022

Double \$4,448 PP

9 Days/11 Meals



Ela Township Community Family Services

The Ela Township Community Family Services Department provides confidential services to all Ela Township residents at no cost by qualified therapists and social workers. We receive referrals from police and fire departments, schools, churches, community agencies and individuals. Our services include but are not limited to crisis intervention, case management, information & referrals, individual & group work, and couples & family counseling. Our qualified staff will assess, address, and advocate for the needs and concerns of Township residents. We strive to build partnerships with other organizations and agencies to improve the quality of life for Township residents while identifying creative ways to solve problems. Situations which may cause distress and personal/family conflicts include: domestic violence, substance abuse, anxiety, mental health, grief and loss, increased stress related to life as it is right now, victims of crime, delinquency and runaways, undomiciled persons, employment and financial needs, and more.

Farewell from Director Fackler

To the residents of Ela Township,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce my retirement from my position as Director of Community Family Services, after 17 years. It has been an honor to serve this wonderful community and all of its amazing residents. When I was being interviewed for this position, I said "this is my dream job". With the support and trust of the Ela Township Board, I was able to develop my program to serve the residents of Ela Township.

Through the years, I have worked with people experiencing a crisis, provided individual therapy, led weekly Meditation & Yoga Nidra sessions, facilitated Grief Group,



Charity Knit & Crochet, Girls Group, and so much more. I have addressed many critical issues of substance abuse, domestic violence, mental health, and homelessness that affect our youth, seniors, and everyone in-between. I have formed deep relationships within this community that have enabled me to work closely with numerous local organizations and agencies.

I am grateful for my relationships and will miss you all deeply. As I look forward to this next chapter of my life, I would like to share my gratitude with all of you!

Susan Fackler, LCSW, CADC, RYT

New Community Family Services Director starting in July 2021!

Charity Knit & Crochet

Area members meet weekly to knit and crochet items to donate to various charities. This group has donated over 14,500 handmade goods since its inception! No experience necessary, donations are greatly appreciated, and all ages are welcome.

Lending Closet

Township residents are welcome to borrow gently used medical equipment from our fully stocked lending closet. We have items ranging from walkers, crutches, wheel chairs, shower chairs, and more. Please contact our office for more information and availability. Donations of cleaned and gently used equipment is greatly appreciated.

Services

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis, and do not know where to turn, please call (847) 540-8380 and speak with one of our staff or leave us a confidential voice mail. Walk-ins are welcomed.

Ela Township Historical Society & Museum

Ela Township has a rich history dating back to 1835, when the first settlers began arriving. The Township was surveyed by the federal government in 1838, and in early 1850 it was organized as a proper Township and given the name Ela in honor of George Ela who was one of the earliest settlers to our area. The original Ela Town Hall, located at 95 E. Main Street in Lake Zurich, was built in 1865 on land donated by Isaac Fox. For many years it stood service as a town hall and a school. Today, it is home to the Ela Historical Society & Museum. We are excited to provide a walk back in time, and showcase all of the rich history Ela Township offers. The Ela Historical Museum is open to the public on Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and visits can be arranged by appointment. Some Covid-19 restrictions may still be in place, please inquire about current protocol when you make your appointment. Admission to the museum is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. For further inquiries, please contact us at (847) 438-2086 or email elahistorical@gmail.com. Also be sure to visit our website at elatownship.org/departments/historical-society or facebook.com/elahistorical.



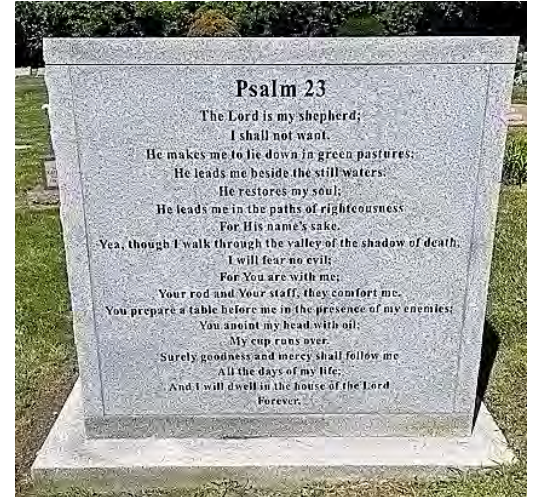
Lake Zurich Cemetery & Fairfield Cemetery

The Ela Township Cemetery Board has been working hard to present options for residents to lay their loved ones to rest. Have you considered a niche in a columbarium? Now that possibility exists right at home, at the Lake Zurich Cemetery. In each niche there is room for 2 urns of human cremains and the cremains of a cherished pet. As long as there is no living organic material, one may inurn any number of family members or pets in the space of 11.5 by 11.5 by 23 inches. This makes it easy to put couples in a space of remembrance, a space which can be visited with respect extended towards one who has gone on before.



The Lake Zurich Cemetery, located at 295 Church Street, offers gravesites, a scatter garden, and now the columbaria. The Fairfield Cemetery, located at 24375 Quentin Road, offers gravesite burials only. Limited open plots remain available for sale in each cemetery.

The Ela Township Cemetery Board consists of Ela Township Supervisor, Gloria Palmblad; Cemetery Manager, Dave Kylo; and Township residents Doug Ahlgrim, and Carol Sullivan. Each board member provides the necessary support to keep our cemeteries running efficiently so they are preserved for many years to come. For more information on our cemeteries, please visit our website at www.elatownship.org/departments/cemeteries. For further inquiries, please call Cemetery Manager, Dave Kylo, at (847) 438-7823.



Ela Township Assessor's Office

From the Assessor...We're here to help! Our office is fully open to assist residents, but I encourage you to reach out before you visit as we can handle most concerns quickly via a call or email at 847-438-8370, or assessor@elaassessor.org

COVID-19 has dealt us all a set of challenges and circumstances no one could have anticipated and raises numerous unique and novel issues for us all. While government "shelter-in-place" orders and mandating the closure of "non-essential" businesses has had a varying impact on many local businesses such as restaurants and retail locations, the real estate market is doing well. Some are looking to downsize, with others looking for more space and upgrading to larger homes. Changing patterns, low interest rates and a lack of inventory has helped boost the real estate market throughout Covid. The question everyone wants answered now is how long does that last; and we just don't know. We will be closely watching the market to see whether the pandemic continues to make the real estate market thrive into the winter when the real estate market typically slows down. We will not be doing across the board reassessments this year. Instead, we will add new construction, home improvements, and remove demolitions as we do every year and focus on reviewing and updating our records in preparation for the 2023 quadrennial reassessment year when all properties are revalued.

The 2021 assessment notices for Ela Township should be mailed in July or August. You have 30 days after they are mailed to file an appeal. Visit IMSLake.org for appeal information. This year we made corrections and factual changes and most saw a small equalization adjustment based upon the sales in Ela Township from 2018 to 2020.

If we see an increase in our assessment can we expect the same on our tax bill next year? The short answer is not necessarily. When assessments increase and decrease uniformly, tax bills generally will not follow suit. Why? Local taxing bodies depend on property tax revenues to provide local services. Every year they submit a request for property tax funds, known as the "levy". The combined "levies" actually create the tax burden, while assessments simply divide up that tax burden in an equitable way. So, if the "levy" requests stay the same and assessments increase uniformly, most of us will see a decreased tax rate on our bill, but a similar tax bill amount. We may see increasing levies for the 2021 tax bills and with different areas of the township seeing home prices increasing faster than others, it is difficult to guess what the tax bills will do next May. Some of us may see higher bills, while others could decrease.

If you miss the deadline this year to file an appeal, our office can still correct any factual errors or missed exemptions. A complete list of exemptions can be found at elatownship.org/exemptions. You can review property characteristics at IMSLake.org. Reach out to us if you feel that there is an error right away.

In closing I would like to remind you that our office is your local resource and most importantly, we are here for you. If you ever have any questions or comments you can always contact me at jbarrington@elaassessor.org, give me a call at (847) 438-8370, or stop by our office located at 1155 E. Route 22 in Lake Zurich.



Shooting Stars Summer Camp

Shooting Stars is a summer camp offered to children entering grades 1 - 6 in Ela Township. Children engage in activities such as games and crafts, make new friends, and go on weekly field trips. The goal of Shooting Stars is to provide children with a safe and exciting environment where they enjoy themselves and make lasting memories. Camp is held Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. all summer long at Knox Park.

For more information visit www.elatownship.org/summer-camp.

Homework Club



Homework Club is an after school program offered to the youth in Ela Township. Children engage in daily activities such as completing homework, playing games, making crafts, and building friendships. The goal of homework club is to provide children with a safe and enjoyable environment for them to grow academically and socially. Homework Club is held after school at the Ela Township Community Center, Monday through Friday, until 5:30 p.m., only on days when Lake Zurich CUSD 95 is in session. Transportation is available for limited participants for students attending Isaac Fox, May Whitney, and Spencer Loomis schools.

Call or email our Youth Coordinator, Joe Cacciatore, for availability at youth@elatownship.org or 847-438-9160. For more information on Homework Club, and to access registration forms visit www.elatownship.org/homework-club.

Early Release Days: Each program provides extra hours for District 95.

SafeSitter & Safe@Home

SafeSitter is a program designed to prepare students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're at home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. This class is filled with fun games and role-playing exercises. By the end of this day-long program, students will cover safety skills, child care skills, first aid and rescue skills, and basic life and business skills. For detailed information on this program please visit www.elatownship.org/safe-sitter-essentials.

Safe@Home is a new program designed for children in grades 4-6 to prepare them to be safe when they are home alone. This 90-minute program teaches how to practice safe habits, how to prevent unsafe situations, and what to do when faced with dangers, such as power failures or weather emergencies. Learn more about this program at www.elatownship.org/safehome.

SafeSitter and Safe@Home classes starting September 2021, more details to come!



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Summer Events

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| Food Truck Series Deer Park Town Center Every 3rd Saturday June - October 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. | Concerts & Movies in the Park Community Park June 4 - August 20, 6:30 p.m. | Block A Food Truck Socials Across from the Promenade on Main Wednesdays, June thru September, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. | Vintage Days Downtown Long Grove August 7, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. August 8, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
| Walk Therapy Horses Deer Park Town Center Every 2nd Sunday April - October 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Fall Family Fun Fest Hawthorn Woods Aquatic Center September 25, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Lake Zurich Farmers Market Paulus Park Fridays, June 4 - September 10, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. | Irish Days Downtown Long Grove September 4, 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. September 5, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. September 6, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| National Night Out Vehe Farm August 3, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | | Lions Club Alpine Carnival Main St. & Lions Dr. July 23, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. July 24, 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. July 25, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. | Apple Fest Downtown Long Grove September 24, 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. September 25, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. September 26, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| | | Rock the Block Downtown Main Street September 11, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. | |

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Reservation Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Hours are subject to change
Phone: (847) 438-6677
Email: bus@elatownship.org
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Ela Township Highway Department

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Ela 55+ Senior Services

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