# Ela Township 55+

November & December 2021



Ela Community Center 380 Surryse Road, Lake Zurich 60047 Susan Dillon, Community Programs Director 847-438-9160 elatownship.org/seniors (2) at Ela Township 55+

# Coming Soon...

## MLK Day of Helping Monday, January 17, 2022

The MLK Day of Helping is something we have been striving to participate in for ages: to look within our own community and help where we can. If you would like to join our team of volunteers, please email Susan Dillon at **susand@elatownship.org**.



Do you or someone you know need help? Light painting or repairs. Help moving things around or out of your house or a myriad of other things? Let us know and we will try and coordinate help on MLK Day of Helping.

Center Hours: Monday—Friday 8:30am — 5:00pm Masks Required for ALL Guests CENTER CLOSED: 11/25, 11/26, 12/24, 12/27 ALL IN-HOUSE EVENTS WITH FOOD REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO BE FULLY VACCINATED

# Holiday Decorating Contest

Calling all Ela Township residents! It's time to dust off the lights and decorate your houses! Must be complete by December 12 Winners will be announced on December 17.

Register at elatownship.org



Sign up on the registration page.

#### Ela 55+

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**



# **SERVICES**

## Ela Township 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. Lisa Gaggiano or Laura Kulawik, our Senior Resource Specialists, will help you in any way possible.

#### **Pharmaceutical Assistance**

State Benefits/Department of Human Service Programs Senior Health Insurance Counseling (SHIP) Extra Help/Medicare Savings Program **Information and Referrals** 

Trained by the Illinois Department on Aging

Call us to schedule your telephone, zoom or in person appointment.

As always, SHIP counseling is FREE!

847-438-9160 or lisag@elatownship.org or laurak@elatownship.org

# One to One Help



**Alzheimer's Caregivers** 

Support Group

There are so many things to think about as we age, each who, where, what, when and why questions can be overwhelming. Advanced planning is key to so many of these questions and it will help ease your mind. Tools we will help you complete:

- 5 Wishes
- **Comprehensive Decision Guide**
- **Pre Estate Planning Questionnaire**
- Assistance with Housing Options

#### **Death Café**

Fridays, November 12 & December 17, 12:30 - 2:00pm

For most of us, death is a taboo and uncomfortable subject. All are invited to engage in what will hopefully be an enjoyable and connected experience in considering what it means to be mortal. Join us for a thoughtful discussion about the end of life and share your experiences, thoughts, and fears about death in a relaxed setting. No Charge **Registration Required** 

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# **Parkinson's Support Group**

Presented by Parkinson's Foundation

Wednesdays, November 10 & **December 8** 7:00-8:00pm



**NO CHARGE Registration Required** 

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Presented by Alzheimer's Association

Tuesdays, November 2 & December 7

7:00-8:00pm at Ela Area Public Library

#### **Donuts with the Director** Thursday, December 16 10:00-11:00am Join for roundtable discussion from the Ela Community Center. Susan will bring topics, update you on the latest happenings at Ela 55+ and Ela Township.



## Tech Help with Jim

Make an appointment with Jim to help you with your portable devices.



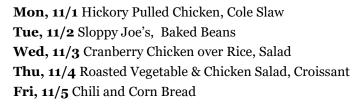
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# **CONTACT-FREE CURBSIDE LUNCH PICK-UP**

### Enjoy delicious home-made lunches:

Call or email us at 847-438-9160/Susand@elatownship.org to order by the week prior. All lunches are \$5.00 and are picked up curbside at 11:30am. Please have exact change or checks ready. All lunches have **DESSERT** 



Mon, 11/8 Reuben Sandwich, Chips & Pickles Tue, 11/9 Fish Tacos, Rice & Beans Wed, 11/10 Italian Sausage & Pepper Skillet, Salad Thu, 11/11 BBQ Pork Loin, Texas Potatoes Fri, 11/12 Shepherd's Pie, Brussel Sprouts

Mon, 11/15 Roasted Chicken Thighs & Winter Vegetables Tue, 11/16 Pork Stir Fry over Rice, Veggies Wed, 11/17 Fresh Marinara over Spaghetti, Garlic Bread Thu, 11/18 FRIENDSGIVING LUNCH Fri, 11/19 French Dip Sandwich, Winter Slaw

Mon, 11/22 Kielbasa & Pierogis, Roasted Veggies Tue, 11/23 Chicken Enchiladas, Fiesta Corn Wed, 11/24 Ham & Scalloped Potato Casserole, Salad Thu, 11/25 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING Fri, 11/26 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Mon, 11/29 Chicken Teriyaki over Rice, Broccoli Tue, 11/30 Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread



Friendsgiving Lunch Thursday, November 18 Noon - 1:00pm

*Friendsgiving* is a combination of friends + Thanksgiving. *Friendsgiving* is when we come together with our besties to celebrate being thankful and each other's company.

Join your friends at Ela 55+ for our first (hopefully annual) *Friendsgiving*.

Enjoy turkey, with all its trimmings, mashed potatoes, dressing, roasted vegetables, field green salad and....a pie bar!

Fee: \$10 Resident/\$15 Non–Resident Cash Bar Participants must register one week prior



Wed, 12/1 Pasta Chicken Broccoli Bake, Salad Thu, 12/2 Pulled Pork, Slaw Fri, 12/3 Stuffed Peppers, Roll

Mon, 12/6 Chicken Waldorf Salad, Croissant
Tue, 12/7 Pot Roast, Vegetables, Roll
Wed, 12/8 Black Bean & Rice Enchiladas, Guacamole
Thu, 12/9 Baked Ham, Mac & Cheese
Fri, 12/10 Four-Cheese Sausage Rigatoni, Salad

Mon, 12/13 Swedish Meatballs over Egg Noodles
Tue, 12/14 Chicken Enchiladas, Rice & Beans
Wed, 12/15 Creamy Spinach & Rigatoni Bake, Salad
Thu, 12/16 Pork Fried Rice, Sesame Broccoli
Fri, 12/17 Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya, Corn Bread

Mon, 12/20 Crunchy Almond Turkey Casserole, Veggies
Tue, 12/21 BBQ Pork Tacos with Apple Slaw
Wed, 12/22 Honey Roasted Chicken & Root Vegetables
Thu, 12/23 Southwestern Casserole, Salad

#### Fri, 12/24 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

#### Mon, 12/27 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Tue, 12/28 Hungarian Goulash over Egg Noodles Wed, 12/29 Red Rice-Smoked Chicken Perloo, Salad Thu, 12/30 Rigatoni with Sausage & Peas, Garlic Bread Fri, 12/31 See Below

> New Year's Eve Dinner Pick-Up Thursday, December 31 CURBSIDE PICK UP AT 12pm



Let's say good riddance to 2021 in style! Enjoy an exquisite New Year's Eve dinner without having to dirty a single pan. Pick up your meals curbside at noon and simply heat up to enjoy later in the evening. Reheating instructions included.

#### Dinner Menu:

Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin with Cherries, Potato Gratin, Sauteed Green Beans with Mushrooms and Fresh Baked Dinner Roll. Dessert: Decadent Fudge Cake

Fee: \$10 Resident/\$15 Non-Resident Participants must register one week prior

# LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL

## **Tropical Costa Rica**

Danube Delight River Cruise

Single \$3,358; Double \$2,798; Per Person

#### January 19-28, 2022 10 Days/14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 6 Dinners For more information or to ask any questions please contact Susan Dillon.

- Highlights ...
- Fully Escorted
- Cultural Food Tasting
- San Jose **Coffee Plantation**
- Guanacaste
- Monteverde Cloud Forest Arenal Volcano
- Lake Arenal Cruise

#### Pricing starts at only \$4,649

May 5 - 15, 2022 11 Days 22 Meals: 9 Breakfasts • 6 Lunches • 7 Dinners For more information or to ask any questions please contact Susan Dillon.

Five countries in 11 Days will change your perspective! Experience the Danube River aboard your Emerald Waterways star-ship. Includes two nights in Prague and escorted shore excursions with English-speaking guides in six cities.

Take this once-in-a-lifetime trip with all your friends from Ela 55+.

## Ladies Only: Harbor Country Michigan

Single \$525 Resident/\$575 Non-Resident May 24-26, 2022 For more information or to ask any questions please contact Susan Dillon.

- Union Pier
- - Winery Tours & Tastings
- Saugatuck

- Deluxe Motorcoach Catered Breakfasts
- Sawyer Market
- Landmark Lakeside Inn
- Holland

# Discover Door County, Cape Cod of the Midwest

#### August 28 - September 1, 2022 For more information or to ask any questions please contact Susan Dillon.

- Washington Is. Ferry
- Lavender Farm
- Peninsula State Park School House Beach
- Fish Boil

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- Boat Tour
- Seaquist Orchard Tour
- Supper Club Dinner
- Double \$1075 Resident/\$1125 Non-Resident Single \$1425 Resident/\$1475 Non-Resident

## Spotlight on the French Riviera

September 17–September 25, 2022 9 Days/11 Meals For more information or to ask any questions please contact Susan Dillon.

- Nice
- Food Tour & Tasting
- Monaco
- Monte Carlo
- Cannes Saint-Honorat Island & Lé
  - rins Abbey
- Grasse
- Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat
- Nice Flower Market
- St. Paul de Vence

## Southern Harmony: Featuring New Orleans & Gulf Coast

*November 6 - 11, 2022* Double \$2,295 Per Person For more information or to ask any questions please contact Susan Dillon.

- French Quarter Tour
- Natchez Cruise
- Café du Monde
- New Orleans Tour
- Bellingrath Garden
- Biloxi Shrimp Boat
- Maritime Museum
- Gulf Island Seashore
- **Roundtrip Airfare**













- Winery Tour
- - Double \$4,448 Per Person

## **NEW DATES!**

# **MIXED PROGRAMMING**





'Tis the season to socialize! Let's meet up and continue to build these friendships. Calling all of our single folks! Single/divorcees/widows and widowers; this is for you!

November 5, 9:00-10:45am, Feed My Starving Child :742 East Park Ave, Libertyville

**December 3, 6:00-8:00pm,** *Holly Jolly Dinner* at Ela Community Center **Fee: \$10 Resident/\$15 Non-Resident** 

#### **Registration is required**

#### LUNCH & LEARN

HAVE A DELICIOUS HOMEMADE LUNCH AT 11:30, THEN BE ENTERTAINED AND ENLIGHTENED. Fee per session: \$10 Resident/\$15 Non-Resident

Participants must register one week prior



Inventions That Changed The World with Jim Dalbec Tuesday, November 30 11:30am – 1:30pm

You might find it impossible to imagine a world without your smartphone, or have trouble remembering a time when Wi-Fi wasn't everywhere, but many of today's most relied-upon technologies would not have been possible—or even dreamed of if it weren't for the inventions that came before them. From toilets to blood banks to barcodes and beyond, here are the stories behind the inventions that changed the world.



The Making of A Christmas Carol with Jerry Leitner Tuesday, December 14 11:30am – 1:30pm

In 1844, angered by abusive child labor practices, Charles Dickens contemplated demanding new laws, but realized he was most effective as a storyteller. In A Christmas Carol, Dickens creates memorable characters that have become an essential part of

Christmas: Scrooge, Marley, the ghosts of Past, Present, and Future, Bob Crachitt, and Tiny Tim. But buried in the story are two mistreated, malnourished children named Ignorance and Want—the real reasons for Dickens' anger. A Christmas Carol is a timeless tale—a story of greed, heartless laws, second chances, and eventual redemption.

the latest and classic reads. Held in Meeting Room A.

Books will only be distributed to patrons that register for

*Senior Book Discussion* Join us at the Ela Area Library for a lively discussion on

#### CRAFTS

Pizza Pan Wreath Tuesday, November 16 2:00 – 3:00pm

Turn a simple pizza pan into a festive wreath. Several styles to choose from. Simple step by step instructions will make this easy to create. Fee: **\$20 Resident/ \$25 Non-Resident** 

#### Holiday Treat Jars Thursday, December 16 2:00 – 3:00pm

Looking for some sweet gifts to create for your family? Join us to make hot cocoa dippers, mason jar cookies, and simmering potpourri. Perfect for hostess gifts. Fee: \$20 Resident/ \$25 Non-Resident





the Senior Book Group.

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No December Meeting

**Art Club** Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:15am

Feeling creative? Come join our Art Group. We meet weekly, no experience necessary. Painting and drawing, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, colored pencil, charcoal, and more. Sandra Peek is our resident artist and Jerry Gagnon is our resource man. We have supplies on hand to get you going. If you are looking for people who happily share talents, to teach or learn, come join us. **No Fee** 

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## ALL IN-HOUSE EVENTS WITH FOOD REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO BE FULLY VACCINATED



7th Annual Wine Pairing Dinner Friday, November 12 6:00 – 8:00pm

**4 Courses & 5 Wines:** Beef Crostini with Fresh Horseradish Pear Salad with Balsamic & Walnuts Miso Salmon over Lemon Parmesan Risotto Chocolate Panna Cotta with Fresh Raspberries

Fine dining, delicious wines, great friends. Fee: \$25 Resident/\$30 Non–Resident Register by 11/5



Holiday Jingle Ball Friday, December 10 6:00 – 8:00pm

Music, Dinner & Dancing Cash Bar

**Dinner Menu:** Coq Au Vin over Basmati Rice, Roasted Root Vegetables, Winter Greens Salad, Warm Bread **Dessert:** Grasshopper Torte

Fee: \$20 Resident/ \$30 Non-Resident Register by 12/3



Beelow's Brunch Sunday, November 14 11:00am

Start your Sunday off right with a hearty brunch at *Beelow's* Steakhouse. *Beelow's* serves up an awesome brunch with omelet, prime rib, and pancake stations. Loads of your favorite brunch items, and a dessert bar. Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks in-

cluded. Cash bar. Gratuity included. This will fill up quickly so please register early.

Fee: \$33 Resident /\$38 Non-Resident



Zoom Wine Tasting: Holiday Wine Pairing Friday, December 17 6:00 – 7:00pm

We will be pairing various wines with traditional holiday foods.

Sign up at least one week in advance.

Fee: \$15 Resident/ \$20 Non – Resident

#### Open Discussions, Mondays, 1:00 – 2:00pm No Fee Registration is required.

Join Jim each month as we watch a brief documentary prior to meeting, and then discuss each topic every month. We will cover a WIDE variety of topics from Mental Health to Racism to Pollution.



(=)(=) A film by Sky Bergman (=)(=)

*Lives Well Lived* Monday, November 8

Lives Well Lived celebrates the wit and wisdom of people aged 75–100, who reveal their secrets for living a meaningful life. Encompassing 3,000 years of collective life experience, diverse people share life lessons about perseverance, the human spirit, and staying positive in the midst of life's greatest challenges. Their stories will make you laugh, perhaps cry, but mostly inspire you.



#### Boeing's Fatal Flaw Monday, December 13

In an investigation with The New York Times, FRONT-LINE examines the commercial pressures, flawed design and failed oversight behind Boeing's 737 Max jet and the crashes that killed 346 people.

#### **Reel Talk** Wednesdays, 12:00 – 2:00pm Fee For Each: \$3 Resident/\$5 Non-Resident

Flex your mental muscle as we take in a topical documentary followed by a round table discussion. Each session begins with a documentary no longer than 90 minutes, followed by time for dissection and discussion.



#### Crip Camp Wednesday, November 10

In the early 1970s, teenagers with disabilities faced a future of isolation, discrimination and institutionalization. Camp Jened, a ramshackle camp "for the handicapped" in the Catskills, exploded those confines as a promised land

for a growing and diverse disability community. Participants realized that disruption and unity might secure life-changing accessibility for millions.

#### *Life According To Sam* Wednesday, December 8

When Sam, now 16 years old, was diagnosed with progeria at age two, doctors told his parents to enjoy Sam while they could. They refused to believe this was the answer. In less than a decade, their advances have led to identifying the gene at fault, creating drug

trials for treatment, and revealing the amazing discovery that progeria is linked to the aging process in all of us.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	FRIDAY			
MORNING MOVERS	CARDIO STRENGTH	MORNING MOVERS	INTERVAL TRAINING	MORNING MOVERS			
9:00—9:45am	9:00—9:45am	9:00—9:45am	9:00—9:45am	9:00—9:45am			
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		1:00—1:45am		10:00—10:45am			
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### NEW EXERCISE PUNCH CARDS : 10 Punches \$30 Resident/\$40 Non-Resident 20 Punches \$60 Resident/\$80 Non-Resident

#### MORNING MOVERS: NO CHARGE MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS 9:00 – 9:45am

- SEATED AND/OR STANDING
- INCREASE MOBILITY & FLEXIBILITY & STRENGTH

#### MACHO MAN: PUNCH CARD

#### WEDNESDAYS, 1:00 – 1:45pm

- MEN ONLY
- CARDIO/CORE STRENGTH
- BUILDING MUSCLE/FLEXIBILITY

# CARDIO STRENGTH: PUNCH CARD TUESDAYS, 9:00 – 9:45am

- SEATED AND/OR STANDING
- STRENGTH WITH SPURTS OF CARDIO

#### INTERVAL TRAINING: PUNCH CARD THURSDAYS, 9:00 – 9:45am

- STATIONS OF CORE STRENGTH, BALANCE, AND COORDINATION
- HIGH/LOW HEART RATE BODY MOVEMENTS

#### RESTORATIVE YOGA: PUNCH CARD FRIDAYS, 10:00 – 10:45am IMPROVE FOCUS, FLEXIBILITY & IMMUNITY

- LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE
- REDUCE STRESS

# **VACCINE CLINIC**

## Flu & Pfizer COVID Booster Thursday, October 21, 8:30-Noon

#### Here are the rules:

- Only those with an appointment will be accepted, no walk-ins
- Call 847-438-9160 October 13-15 to schedule your appointment
- Only Pfizer Vaccines Allowed
- You MUST bring your Vaccine Card: No laminated cards accepted
- You MUST bring your insurance card with and get it copied

# **CARDS & BINGO**

#### Bridge: Tuesdays, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

People of all skill levels are encouraged to come to this fun filled activity. You need to register for this activity.

#### **Canasta:** Mondays, 10:00 – 11:30am

Experienced or never played before, join us for the fun and challenging game of Canasta.

#### Bingo: Thursdays, Noon-1:30pm

All Bingo participants take turns being the caller. A sign up calendar is available during Bingo.

#### **Pinochle:** Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:30am

Even if you never played cards before, don't worry. You will be taught the necessary skills and correct terminology.

## **Poker:** Tuesdays, 9:00am –11:00am Long time player or just starting, there is a place for you at our table!

#### Participants must register for ALL games.



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8 OPEN DISCUSSIONS	9	10 REEL TALK	11	12 DEATH CAFE <b>WINE PAIRING</b> <b>DINNER</b>		
		PARKINSONS SUPPORT				
15	16 <b>CRAFT</b> : PIZZA PAN	17	18	19		
	WREATH		FRIENDSGIVING			
22 SENIOR BOOK	23	24	25	26		
DISCUSSION			CLOSED THANKSGIVING	CLOSED		
29	30 LUNCH & LEARN: INVENTIONS					

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