

January 2022

- New Year

Ela Community Center 380 Surryse Road, Lake Zurich 60047 Susan Dillon, Community Programs Director elatownship.org/seniors Ela Township 55+ on

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Center Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm

CENTER CLOSED: JANUARY 3 & 17

Masks Required for ALL Guests

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

LUNCH & LEARN



847-438-9160

A Struggle for a Dream: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. With Jim Gibbons Tuesday, January 18, 11:30am – 1:00pm Enjoy a delicious lunch, then be entertained and enlightened.

Historian Jim Gibbons will discuss the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his strong nonviolent beliefs, his turbulent life, tragic death and why we commemorate January 18th every year in his honor. Gibbons will show that with just four words, "I have a dream" change for a better world is entirely possible!





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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

55+	GENERAL INFORMATION		
NON- RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP	All Non—Residents must pay their 2022 Annual Fee prior to registering for any programs. For an annual rate of \$35 per person, those residing outside of Ela Township can enjoy the "no-fee" based programs and services offered to Ela Residents. Non-Residents must pay the Non-Resident rates on all fee based programs.		
MEET THE	ELA TOWNSHIP BUS SERVICE		
STAFF	 Need transportation for shopping, errands, doctor, dentist or hair appointments? Ela Township Bus Service is offered to Ela Township residents who are 55 years or older and/or handicapped. Ela Bus Service also provides transportation to the Barrington and Palatine train station. Call 847-438-6677 to schedule a pick up! Bus Guidelines: Service area includes all of Ela Township with minimal exceptions Must schedule rides at least 24 hours in advance \$2 per one-way trip/\$4 round trip/\$1 for each additional stop Exact money only Pickups begin at 8:30am. Appointments should not be scheduled prior to 9:15am Reservation lines open Monday-Friday from 8am to 1pm to reserve your pick up 		
	Ela Township Lending ClosetHere's just a snippet of what we have:		
Jim Dalbec Assistant Community Programs Director	 Walkers (with or without wheels) Walkers (with or without wheels) Crutches Canes Shower chairs 		
	Contact Ela Township Health and Wellness Department to inquire about availability (847) 540-8380.		
Lisa Gaggiano Resource Specialist	 Ela Township Town Hall: 1155 E. Route 22, Lake Zurich, IL. 60047 Ela Township Community Center Needs You! Kitchen Aide: Cleaning dishes, help wash dishes after lunch service. Help needed Monday-Friday approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Reception Desk: Sub positions as needed. Answering the phone, taking registrations, and helping members at the front desk. 		
	• Card Making Program: Writing out cards to our members who have been unable to make it to the center in awhile. Just sending a friendly hello!		
	• Curbside Lunch Pick Up: Deliver our fresh made lunches to the homes of folks who cannot come pick up, either temporarily or permanently.		
Laura Kulawik Resource Specialist	And More!		
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	Ela 55+ Gift Certificates		
	Not sure what to give someone for the holidays?		
	An Ela 55+ Gift Certificate will please even the pickiestmaybe even you!		
Lynn Neumaier	Suggest them to your family members who don't know what to get you! Gift certificates are available in any denomination, never expire and are good		
Registration Specialist	for anything at Ela 55+ except long distance travel.		

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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



There are so many things to think about as we age. Each who, where, what, when and why question 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 for End of Life**
- **Pre Estate Planning Questionnaire**
- Assistance with Housing Options

Death Café

Friday, January 21, 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**

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

Presented by Alzheimer's Association Facilitated by Lisa Gaggiano

Tuesday, January 4 7:00-8:00pm at Ela Area Public Library

NO CHARGE Registration Required



Parkinson's Support Group

Presented by Parkinson's Foundation Facilitated by Laura Kulawik

Wednesday, January 12 6:00-7:00pm

NO CHARGE Registration Required



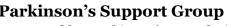
Tech Help with Jim

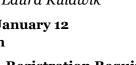
Did you get a new device over the holidays? Don't have a clue how to use it? Trying to figure out how to download those pictures?

Make an appointment with Jim for some help with your technology. All devices must be portable.



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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**



THIS IS A TENTATIVE MENU CONTINGENT ON FINDING A CHEF. PLEASE CHECK WITH US THE LAST WEEK OF DECEMBER TO CONFIRM THE LUNCH **PROGRAM RESTARTING.**

Mon, 1/3 CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tue, 1/4 Mostaccioli, Salad, Roll Wed, 1/5 Cranberry Chicken over Rice, Salad Thu, 1/6 Sloppy Joe's, Baked Beans Fri, 1/7 Turkey Tetrazzini, Salad

Mon, 1/10 Reuben Sandwich, Chips & Pickles Tue, 1/11 Shepherd's Pie, Roasted Veggies Wed, 1/12 Beer Brats, Potato Salad Thu, 1/13 Pork Loin, Texas Potatoes Fri, 1/14 Fish Tacos, Rice & Beans

Mon, 1/17 CLOSED MLK JR. DAY

Tue, 1/18 Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread Wed, 1/19 Chicken Pad Thai, Steamed Veggies Thu, 1/20 Southwest Pulled Pork, Roasted Sweet Potatoes Fri, 1/21 Meatball Sub, Chips

Mon, 1/24 Chicken and Vegetable Stir Fry w/ Rice Tue, 1/25 Baked Enchiladas, Salad Wed, 1/26 Baked Ham w/ Cheesy Potatoes Thu, 1/27 Stuffed Peppers, Mixed Veggies Fri, 1/28 Orange Ginger Salmon over Rice, Salad

Mon, 1/31 Lemon Parmesan Chicken, Roasted Veggies

LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL

ALL LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL REQUIRES THAT GUESTS BE FULLY VACCINATED AND SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION. ANY TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE U.S. REOUIRES A NEGATIVE PCR TEST THAT WILL BE ARRANGED BY ELA 55+ AND THE TRAVEL COMPANIES.

WHY GROUP TRAVEL?:

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- Safety
- Details are covered
- Company Experience *
- Professionally Guided

Tropical Costa Rica

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

January 18—27, 2022 10 Days/14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 6 Dinners

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For more information or to ask any questions please contact Susan Dillon.

Document meeting for all registered guests, Monday, January 10 at 6:30pm

Quality Insurance

Airport Transfers

Cultural Experiences

Arranged Admissions

Highlights...

- Fully Escorted
- Cultural Food Tasting
- San Jose
- **Coffee Plantation**
- Guanacaste
- Monteverde Cloud Forest

Peace of Mind

Provided Technology

Comradery

Value

- Arenal Volcano
- Lake Arenal Cruise
- SPACE AVAILABLE

Travel Support

Unique Opportunities



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LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL

Danube Delight River Cruise

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 Ela 55+ Exclusive Trip

May 24–26, 2022

Information meeting for new sign-ups Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00pm

- Union Pier
 - Deluxe Motorcoach
- Winery Tours & Tastings Saugatuck
 - Landmark Lakeside Inn Sawyer Market Holland
- Catered Breakfasts

Single \$525 Resident/\$575 Non-Resident

Discover Door County, Cape Cod of the Midwest Ela 55+ Exclusive Trip

August 28–September 1, 2022

Information meeting for new sign-ups Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00pm

Lavender Farm

- Washington Is. Ferry
- Peninsula State Park School House Beach
- Winery Tour Fish Boil
- Boat Tour
- Seaquist Orchard Tour
- Supper Club Dinner

Double \$4,448 Per Person

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 Information meeting Monday, January 10 at 5:30pm

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- Nice
 - Food Tour & Tasting

French Quarter Tour

Natchez Cruise

Café du Monde

- Monaco
- Monte Carlo
- Saint-Honorat Island •

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Grasse

Cannes

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

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- Nice Flower Market
- St. Paul de Vence

Southern Harmony: Featuring New Orleans & Gulf Coast November 6-11, 2022 Information meeting Thursday, January 13 at 7:00pm

Double \$2,295 Per Person

- New Orleans Tour

- Maritime Museum
 - Gulf Island Seashore
 - **Roundtrip Airfare**



Pricing starts at only \$4,649







- Bellingrath Garden
- Biloxi Shrimp Boat

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MIXED PROGRAMMING

First Fridays Club

A New Year, a New You! Time to connect with people and build friendships. Join us the first Friday of each month for a new way to connect with others. Calling all of our single folks! Single/divorcees/widows and widowers; this is for you!



Giannis Café Igloo Dinner Friday, January 7

6:00 — 7:30pm Registration is required, LIMIT FIRST 16

This is a self-pay event.



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

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Amazing Stories of Survival with Jim Dalbec

Tuesday, January 11 11:30am — 1:00pm

Humans are nothing if not resilient. Most of us try to avoid risky behaviors that might injure us (or worse!), but the truth of the matter is, you never know when an accident will put you in a life or death situation. We will delve into some of the most intense and amazing stories of survival from around the globe.

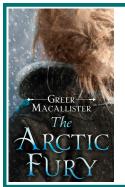
CRAFTS

Farmhouse Blanket Ladder Thursday, January 13 2:00 – 3:30pm

Looking for a handy place to keep your favorite cozy blanket this winter? Come create this decorative ladder out of simple materials. Just stain or paint to match your décor.

Fee: \$20 Resident/\$25 Non-Resident Registration by January 6 required.





Arctic Fury By: Greer Macallister Monday, January 24 10:00 – 11:30am

Senior Book Discussion

Join us at the Ela Area Library for a lively discussion on the latest and classic reads. Held in Meeting Room A. Books will only be distributed to patrons that register for the Senior Book Group.

Register at the Ela Area Public Library. Registration required.



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An Evening of Magic & Illusion Friday, January 14

6:00 - 8:00pm

Winter Green Salad Chicken Marsala with Crash Hot Potatoes and Roasted Vegetables Cherry & Apple Crumble

Start your evening with a delicious 3-course dinner prepared in the Ela 55+ Kitchen. Then, prepare to amazed and mesmerized by the magic of John Measner. John combines charm and sleight of hand with some of the best stage illusions you are likely to ever see.

Fee: \$20 Resident/\$30 Non-Resident

Register by January 7



Zoom Wine Tasting: OUE SYRAH SYRAH! Friday, January 28 6:00 - 7:00pm

Let's talk reds: syrah, shiraz and other delicious wines. We will be pairing 4 wines with a seasonal charcuterie box for each guest to enjoy at home.

Guests will pick up a prepared box filled with delightful foods and their accompanying wines at 2:00pm at the Community Center.

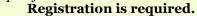
Later, join us via zoom at 6:00pm as we all learn about these wines with each other, yet in the comfort of our own homes.

Sign up at least one week in advance.

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

Open Discussions, Monday, 1:00 – 2:00pm

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. No Fee





Second Chance Kids Monday, January 10

What happens when prisoners convicted of first degree murder as teenagers are given the chance to re-enter society? A landmark 2012 Supreme Court ruling found sentences of mandatory life without parole for juveniles unconstitutional. The film asks tough questions about crime and punishment in America, and what happens when some offenders are given a second chance.

Reel Talk Wednesday, 12:00 – 2:00pm Fee: \$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.



The Social Dilemma Wednesday, January 19

The Social Dilemma fuses investigative documentary with enlightening narrative drama. Expert testimony from tech whistle-blowers exposes our disturbing predicament: the services Big Tech provides-search engines, networks, instant information, etc.-are merely the candy that lures us to bite. Once we're hooked and coming back for more, the real commodity they sell is their prowess to influence and manipulate us.

MIXED PROGRAMMING



Egypt: In the Footsteps of Pharaohs with Barb & Ron Thursday, January 27 2:00 - 3:00pm

Egypt was in its glory days about 5000 years ago. Its obsession with the afterlife left timeless treasures to explore. Meet the pharaohs who built them and the gods they honored. Visit the cultural, seaside city of Alexandria and bustling, brash Cairo. Nearby, discover the pyramids, the only wonder of the ancient world which remains, the familiar sphinx, colorful tombs, and magnificent temples. Float down the peaceful Nile from Luxor to Aswan, stopping to visit

villages along the way. Explore the Aswan Dam and Abu Simbel with its colossal statues relocated here when the dam was built. Photos from 2020.

Fee: \$5 Resident/\$10 Non-Resident

Registration is required



Art Club

Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:15am

ly, no experience necessary. Painting and drawing, water-

colors, 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,

Pack Like a Pro Thursday, January 6 1:00 – 2:00pm

Tired of cramming things in a suit-case only to find out your missing what you need? Learn how to pack what you need and keep it organized and neat. Plus, some helpful hints on traveling in general.

Fee: \$3 Resident/\$5 Non-Resident



Ice Cream with the Director Wednesday, January 5 2:00 - 3:00pm

Have some ice cream, discuss ideas, issues and opinions about the Ela 55+ program with the director.

No Charge

Registration is required.



come join us. No Fee

Forcing Bulbs Indoors with Susan Wednesday, January 12 1:00 - 2:00pm

Forcing bulbs indoors in water is an easy way to enjoy early spring blooms. It is common to bring in a branch of forsythia or other early blooming plant and force it to flower in a vase of water, but flower bulbs can grow in water.

Even a novice gardener can learn how to grow flower bulbs in water. You only need a few materials, some fresh water and your choice of bulbs. Not all spring bulbs are good choices for forcing but you can try daffodils, tulips, hyacinth, crocus, and many more. Everyone leaves with supplies.

Fee: \$10 Resident/\$15 Non-Resident

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ElaHEALTH AND WELLNESS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	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
NO CHARGE		NO CHARGE		NO CHARGE
		MACHO MAN		RESTORATIVE YOGA
		1:00—1:45am		10:00—10:45am

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

Senior First Aid

Wednesday, January 5, 9:00am– Noon

Do you feel comfortable in an emergency situation? Would you be able to recognize if someone was showing symptoms of a heart attack or stroke? Become certified in First Aid, CPR, and using an AED. You will learn hands on training by practicing techniques such as the Heimlich Maneuver, applying pressure to and treating wounds, recognizing signs of a stroke, heart attack or heat related illnesses, and responding to numerous other everyday incidents that may occur. Participants will all receive a Red Cross First Aid reference guide to take home.

Completion of this class results in the participant being certified in American Red Cross First Aid, CPR, and AED for adults and children. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED.

Registration is required, Limit First 8 Participants Fee: \$35 Resident / \$45 Non - Resident

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.

Ela 55+	REGISTRATION
Tar	uary Registration Form

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January Registration Form

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY DATE: _____ INITIALS __ PAYMENT AMOUNT:_____

CHECK_

Payments may be mailed or dropped off Credit Card payment can be taken over the phone. No refunds. Any credits issued will go into your virtual wallet.

Name (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!)____

Resident Member _	_Non-Resident Member _	_ Phone	E-Mail		
Credit Card #			(2.65% processing charge per transaction)		
Exp. Date/	V-Code ()	SIGN ME UP FO	R E-NEWSLETTER		
PROGRAM TITLE		DATE	<u>FEE</u>	SIGN UP FOR YEAR	

JANUARY 2022

PROGRAMS IN BLACK ARE IN-PERSON

3 CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR DAY	4 ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT	5 SENIOR FIRST AID ICE CREAM W/ DIRECTOR	6 PACK LIKE A PRO	7 FIRST FRIDAYS
10 OPEN DISCUSSIONS Costa Rica Doc Meeting French Riviera Info Mtg	11 LUNCH & LEARN: <i>SURVIVAL STORIES</i> Door County Info Mtg Ladies' Trip Info Mtg	12 FORCING BULBS PARKINSONS SUPPORT	13 CRAFT Southern Harmony Info	14 EVENING OF MAGIC & ILLUSION
17 CLOSED MLK JR. DAY	18 LUNCH & LEARN: <i>MLK JR.</i> <i>COSTA RICA</i>	19 REEL TALK COSTA RICA	20 COSTA RICA	21 DEATH CAFÉ <i>COSTA RICA</i>
24 Senior Book Discussion	25	26	27 ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: EGYPT	28 WINE TASTING
COSTA RICA 31	COSTA RICA	COSTA RICA	COSTA RICA	