

# Spring/Summer 2022 Newsletter

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Kildeer • Long Grove • Barrington • Unincorporated Ela Township

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## 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](mailto: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, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans 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 are 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 snow plowing and equipment sharing. The Highway Department is responsible for snow plowing, 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 except snow plowing. We would like to thank the villages of Deer Park, Hawthorn Woods, Kildeer, Lake Zurich, Long Grove and North Barrington 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.



### Upcoming Planned Projects:

- The 2022 Pavement Improvement Program for Echo Lake and Forest Lake subdivisions will be completed in late summer. Please check our Facebook page [facebook.com/elatownshiphighway](https://facebook.com/elatownshiphighway) and our website at [www.elatownship.org/highway](http://www.elatownship.org/highway) for updated project information.

### Recently Completed Projects:

- Phase II Road Paving Project for Forest Lake & Echo Lake subdivisions.



Please remember that Ela Township 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.



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. 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](mailto:highway@elatownship.org).

## Clerk Lucy Prouty



### Ela 55+

Greetings from the Ela Township Clerk! The 2022 General Primary Election will be held on June 28, 2022. Early voting will be available from June 13 to June 25, 2022. Ela Township will not be an early voting site for this election. My office is here to help you register to vote or change your address prior to the upcoming election. You must be registered to vote prior to May 31, 2022 if you would like to vote in the upcoming election. Remember to 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](http://lakecountyil.gov/161/County-Clerk).

### Senior Resource Services:

Our senior resource office assists Ela Township resident with many programs and links them with services to promote independence and a sense of well-being. Our senior resource specialists will assist you 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](mailto:lisag@elatownship.org) or Laura Kulawik at [laurak@elatownship.org](mailto:laurak@elatownship.org) for more information.



### Volunteering:

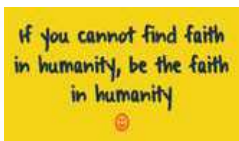
At Ela 55+ volunteer opportunities are everywhere! Help at special events, the reception desk, bus buddy, friendly home visitors, kitchen-aide, adopt-a-highway, and our after school program.



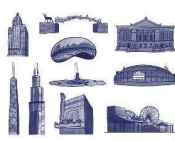
### Lunch & Learn



Charles Schulz  
May 17



Restoring Faith in  
Humanity  
May 31



Chicago  
Landmarks  
June 7



Common  
Misconceptions  
June 28

Join us Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and prepare to be educated, enlightened, and entertained while you enjoy a delicious homemade lunch. Topics range from history to entertainment to health and wellness and EVERYTHING in between!

### Spring Training for Wine Tasting

Friday, May 27 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Pick up snacks and wine at 2 p.m.

4 Wines, Baseball themed Charcuterie



### Friday Fun Night:

#### Pig Roast

Friday, June 17 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Pig Roast, Baked Beans,  
Au Gratin Potatoes, Salad,  
Sundae Bar. Cash Bar.



### Long Distance Travel!

Contact Community Programs Director, Susan Dillon for more information



#### Discover Door County, Cape Cod of the Midwest

Ela 55+ Exclusive Trip

August 28—September 1, 2022

Double \$1075 Resident/\$1125 Non-Resident

Single \$1425 Resident/\$1475 Non Resident

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

adventure  
awaits



#### Spotlight on the French Riviera

September 17—September 25, 2022

9 Days, 11 Meals

Double \$4,448 Per Person

Use your loyalty dollars and save money

- Grasse
- Nice
- Saint-Jean
- Food Tour
- Nice Market
- Monaco
- Saint Paul de Vence
- Monte Carlo
- Saint - Honorat
- Cannes



## Ela Township Health & Wellness Department

Know someone feeling low, down, anxious, or lost? Unsure where to turn? Ela Township's Health & Wellness department is here to help! We continue to provide mental health services and consultations at NO COST to Ela Township residents and First Responders. Many residents live with mental health issues, face difficult situations, and struggle with reaching out for help. Health & Wellness offers individual therapy, family therapy, couples counseling, group therapy, and consultations to all ages. We have a wide range of resources and referrals for those with specialty or long-term needs.

We are currently offering in-person sessions along with confidential and HIPAA compliant telehealth services. Please contact our office at (847) 540-8380, or visit our website for more information [www.elatownship.org/departments/health-wellness](http://www.elatownship.org/departments/health-wellness).

### Mental health is a vital part of maintaining overall health.



Help us reduce the stigma by encouraging those in need to reach out. For more information, please call (847) 540-8380 or email Elina Shkolnik at [health@elatownship.org](mailto:health@elatownship.org).

Ela Township Health & Wellness has Spanish and Russian speaking translators on staff should you need assistance.

#### Small Groups

Charity Knit, Crochet, & Quilters meet Mondays in-person and via zoom.  
Grief Group meetings are on Wednesdays in-person at 10:00 a.m.  
Please email [health@elatownship.org](mailto:health@elatownship.org) for more information or to register for any Health & Wellness groups.



We continue to offer medical equipment rentals at no cost through our Lending Closet. Items in the closet include, but are not limited to, wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, knee scooters, crutches, commodes, and much more!

## Ela Township Historical Society & Museum

The Ela Historical Society Presents  
**Ela Township History Day and Antique & Artisan Market**

September 4, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

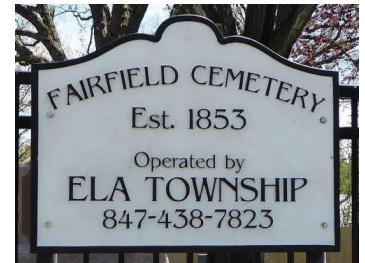
Ela Township has a rich and diverse historical story to tell and celebrate dating back to the 1830's. Come listen and experience a flashback in time during our first annual, Ela Township History Day festival. We are proud to offer a historically centered, family-friendly, event in Ela and Lions Park in downtown Lake Zurich. This event will feature tours of the museum, a vintage and artisan market, a Civil War reenactment camp, speakers on local history, and storytelling with drum music and singing from a local Potawatomi Native American group. Bring the family to learn about the founding pioneers of our area and the industries they began. Venture into the Civil War reenactment camp and learn about the life of a Union soldier and about the many residents of Ela Township who served in the Civil War. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from the Lions Club. Go to [elahistoricalociety.com](http://elahistoricalociety.com) for an updated event schedule and to purchase tickets. Each ticket helps support our nonprofit and ensures more events like this in the future.

Dress-up and costumes are encouraged and welcome for our day of Ela Township historical commemoration. The Ela Historical Museum is open to the public on Saturdays from 12 to 3 p.m., or visits may be arranged by appointment. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. To contact Ela Historical Society for scheduling a visit or for other matters, call (847)438-2086 or e-mail [elahistorical@gmail.com](mailto:elahistorical@gmail.com). Visit our website at [elahistoricalociety.com](http://elahistoricalociety.com), and check out the Ela Historical Society on Facebook.



## Lake Zurich Cemetery & Fairfield Cemetery

You don't have to be rich or famous to be in a place of honor in one of Ela Township's Cemeteries! You just have to be dead! Some people look at Ela Township Cemeteries, Lake Zurich Cemetery or Fairfield Cemetery, and think, "Wow, that's a nice cemetery! It looks so peaceful there!" Some see the setting, others see the works of art on tombstones, still others notice the diversification of resting places. I see families seeking peace of mind, families planning for the future, families wishing to memorialize the beauty of loved ones' lives. There are decisions which are hard to make, and picking a final resting place for a loved one or yourself is one of them. As you seek to give meaning to your life when you're gone, if you wish to have a place where family can go to remember you, or to talk to you, wouldn't you like that to be close by? Lake Zurich Cemetery offers its lasting memorial in the form of columbariums for the cremains of loved ones. These beautiful monuments offer a space where your remains can be placed, a beloved pet can be placed with you if their cremains will fit in the same crypt. As more and more people consider this option, think about it for yourself. Consider one of the 3 Columbariums at Lake Zurich Cemetery or the serene grave site placement in either Fairfield Cemetery or Lake Zurich Cemetery. For more information on our cemeteries, please visit our website at [www.elatownship.org/departments/cemeteries](http://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 the public and we are ready to help our residents with any questions or concerns you may have. Before you make the trip to the office, call first, as we can handle most concerns quickly over the phone. Please call (847)438-8370 or email, [assessor@elaassessor.org](mailto:assessor@elaassessor.org).

The Township Assessor's office staff is responsible for establishing the market value on all parcels of real estate on an annual basis based on the last three years of sales in your neighborhood. The assessed value is used to determine each taxpayer's share of the tax burden. Fairness and equity

are applied to all assessments to ensure fair distribution of taxes. The Assessor does not levy taxes or set the tax rates. Taxes are determined by the levies set by the local taxing bodies servicing the taxpayers.

Did you miss the deadline in 2021 to appeal your assessment? You can review property characteristics at [IMSLake.org](http://IMSLake.org). If you feel there is an error and a correction is needed, please call our office so that we can set up an appointment to verify and document the change right away. There is a deadline for factual errors to be corrected.

Property tax bills will be mailed in the first week of May. If you do not receive your tax bill in the mail please contact our office. The exemptions that you have qualified for should be listed on the right side of the tax bill computations. If the property is the primary residence for the property owner there should be a General Homestead Exemption. If you are 65 or older, and your home is your primary residence, you qualify for the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption. If you qualify for the senior citizen exemption and have a household income less than \$65,000, you could apply for the Senior Freeze. The senior freeze does not freeze the tax bill, it freezes your assessed value. Other exemptions that could be applied for are the Homestead Exemption for Persons with Disabilities, Disabled Veterans, and Returning Veterans Exemption. If you have a question regarding any of these exemptions, please call our office.

It is the responsibility of the Assessor to find and list any new property and add it to the assessment role. This includes new homes, businesses, additions, or anything else that may add value to your property. We receive reports from the Building and Zoning departments at the county and local villages in Ela Township. Once we've received the permit information, we start visiting the properties to document any changes. Some of the improvements made to the property could qualify for a Home Improvement Exemption. This exemption defers, for four years, any increase in the assessment of the property due to an addition or other improvement to the home for which the Township Assessor would add value. The value of the improvement will be deducted from the assessment when the tax bills are calculated and shown in the list of exemptions on the right-hand side of the tax bill. If you need any further information regarding your assessment or exemptions, please do not hesitate to contact your local assessor's office.

# Ela Township Youth



## Shooting Stars Summer Camp

Shooting Stars Summer Camp is a healthy, safe, and fun camp that engages kids and gives parents a much-needed break. Camp is about making new friends, engaging kids in daily activities such as games and crafts, and having fun!

Shooting Stars Summer Camp will be following all safety guidelines.

The goal of Shooting Stars Summer Camp is to provide children with a safe environment where they enjoy themselves and make lasting memories.

When? Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where? Knox Park, 1155 E. Route 22, Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Cost: \$125 per week, per child



## Homework Club

Homework Club is an after-school program offered to the youth of 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.

When? After school, Monday through

Friday until 5:30 p.m., only on days

when Lake Zurich CUSD 95 is in session

Where? Ela Township Community

Center 380 Surryse Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Cost? \$60 per month, per child, *price changes with transportation*



## SafeSitter & Safe@Home

Safe Sitter is a program designed to prepare students in grades 6 through 8 to be safe when they are 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, along with life and business skills.

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 that 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.

Please visit our website at [www.elatownship.org/departments/youth-programs](http://www.elatownship.org/departments/youth-programs) for additional information on these programs.



## Spring & Summer Events

### Deer Park

#### Food Truck Series

Deer Park Town Center

Every 3rd Saturday

May - October

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

#### Walk Therapy Horses

Deer Park Town Center

Every 2nd Sunday

April - October

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

#### Deer Park Town Center Art Show

Deer Park Town Center

June 25 & 26

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Lake Zurich

#### Block A Food Truck Socials

Across from the Promenade on Main

May 25 - September 28

Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Lake Zurich Farmers Market

Paulus Park

Fridays, June 3 - September 9

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### 4th of July Events

Paulus Park

July 4, 10:00 a.m.

#### Alpine Fest

Main St. & Lions Dr.

July 22 - July 24

### Hawthorn Woods

#### Concerts & Movies in the Park

Community Park

June 3 - August 19

Concerts - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Movies - 8:45 p.m.

#### 4th of July Events

Community Park

July 3, All Day

Celebration & Fireworks

July 4th Parade, 10:00 a.m.

Lagoon Drive to Village Hall

### Long Grove

#### Chocolate Fest

Downtown Long Grove

May 20 - 22

#### Strawberry Fest

Downtown Long Grove

June 24 - 26

#### Vintage Days

Downtown Long Grove

August 6 & 7

#### Irish Days

Downtown Long Grove

September 3 - 5



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## Ela Township Department Directory

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### Ela Township Supervisor's Office

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### Ela Township Health & Wellness Department

Director Sara Marx  
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Phone: (847) 438-6677  
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[www.elatownship.org/departments/transportation](http://www.elatownship.org/departments/transportation)

## Ela Township Elected Officials

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