

Winter 2022-2023 Newsletter

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From Ela Township Supervisor Gloria Palmblad



Greetings -

As the saying goes – time flies when you’re having fun – and this summer went extremely fast! Even though Covid-19 is still around us, it’s great to see group activities return and bring about a familiarity of years past. Thanks to things relaxing, Ela Township has been a flurry of activity - planning and attending several events since our last newsletter.



First, we had our ribbon cutting ceremony at our new Knox Park Playground in June.



In July, we celebrated our Independence and marched in the Hawthorn Woods Fourth of July Parade!



A National Fitness Court was installed over the summer at Knox Park. Ela Township was the recipient of \$30,000 grant money from the National Fitness Campaign in collaboration with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. There are approximately 100 cities nationwide to have this outdoor facility which allows users to leverage their own body weight to get a complete workout. Created with adults in mind, the Fitness Court is adaptable for all fitness levels with a trademarked 7 Movements in 7 Minutes bodyweight circuit-training system. A complete digital training program can be accessed by downloading the Fitness Court App.

Ela Township again accepted scholarship applications from graduating Lake Zurich High School seniors. Ten students were chosen to receive scholarships. Taxpayer dollars are not used to fund these scholarships; money is collected from student parking permit fees at our Knigge Park student parking lot. Congratulations to all, as we wish them well in their future studies.



Our 2022 Scholarship recipients are:

- Armaan Anand
- Kathryn Choi
- Abigail Eckman
- Jocelyn Halkar
- Kaley Kidd
- Melissa Kubin
- Lindsey Schwab
- Kate Thompson
- Julia Touvannas
- Amelia Young.



And last but not least, in September the old tennis courts and former hockey rink were totally removed. The Board approved the resources to construct two new tennis courts and four pickleball courts in its place. These plans were the result of a survey taken by the Township back in 2021. We are excited to bring this hot new sport to Knox Park which now offers activities for all ages!

As we head into the holiday season, I want to take this opportunity to thank our terrific staff and you, our residents, for your trust and support. Stay safe and we'll see you in the new year!

Highway Department

From Highway Superintendent Mike DePouw and the Highway Department Staff:

Ela Township has a wide array of services that are performed year-round and are designed to help our residents. Each year, the Ela Township Highway Department provides services for over 100 miles of road. The Highway Department consists of a Highway Superintendent, 8 full-time employees, 1 part-time administrative coordinator, and 2-3 seasonal employees. 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 surrounding Villages that do not have a Public Works department. Through Intergovernmental Agreements, we offer general public works operation services, including snowplowing and equipment sharing. The Ela Township Highway Department is responsible for snowplowing, road maintenance, and right of way maintenance along unincorporated roads and the Village of Deer Park. We assist the Villages of Kildeer, Long Grove, and North Barrington with all public works operational services except for snowplowing.

During the fall season, we were servicing our storm water areas to ensure that the drains are open and flowing. As a reminder, if you have pipes or storm water drains on your property, please make sure that they are clear of leaves and debris that could cause a blockage.

During the winter months, timing is critical with snow and ice control, and your safety is our #1 priority! On an annual basis, we examine our snow and ice control operations and actively try to reduce the harmful effects of salt and chlorides that can impact our environment. We are committed to being an environmental steward that avoids practices that can result in excessive salt use during our snowplowing operations. Please remember to reduce your speed when driving during inclement winter weather!

2022 Spring/Summer Completed Projects:

Continuance of Forest Lake Subdivision Paving Project
Continuance of Echo Lake Subdivision Paving Project

We would like to thank the villages of Deer Park, Long Grove, Kildeer, North Barrington, Hawthorn Woods and Lake Zurich 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.

Lastly, we encourage you to check out our website at elatownship.org/highway and follow us on Facebook at [elatownshiphighwaydepartment](https://www.facebook.com/elatownshiphighwaydepartment) to view all of the annual programs and services that our Highway Department offers.

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. Please feel free to call our main office at (847) 438-2371 or email us at highway@elatownship.org.

Senior & Disabled Bus Service

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

Transportation hours are 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 the doctor offices in the surrounding area. Bus service is first come first served, all reservations must be made a minimum of 24 hours in advance of your ride, and hours are subject to change. The cost for bus service is \$2 one-way, \$4 round-trip, and one additional stop can be made for \$1. The reservation line is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. All buses are equipped with lifts and tie downs for passengers in wheel chairs. For more information visit our website at elatownship.org/departments/transportation.



Ela 55+

Ela Township 55+
Ela Community Center
380 Surryse Road, Lake Zurich 60047
(847) 438-9160
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Susan Dillon
Director of Adult & Senior Services
elatownship.org/seniors



Ela Township 55+ is dedicated to providing the highest quality recreational, social, and supportive services to adults 55 and older residing within Ela Township. It is our goal to foster a warm environment where individuals can explore and enjoy activities and services designed to meet the needs and enrich the lives of our diverse older adult population. Membership is free to ALL adults 55 and older who reside within Ela Township. Contact the Ela Township Community Center for more information.



Friendsgiving Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 17

Join your friends at Ela 55+ for our 2nd annual Friendsgiving when we come together with our besties to celebrate being thankful and each other's company.

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

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

Holiday Jingle Ball
Friday, December 9
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.: Cocktails
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.: Dinner & Dancing

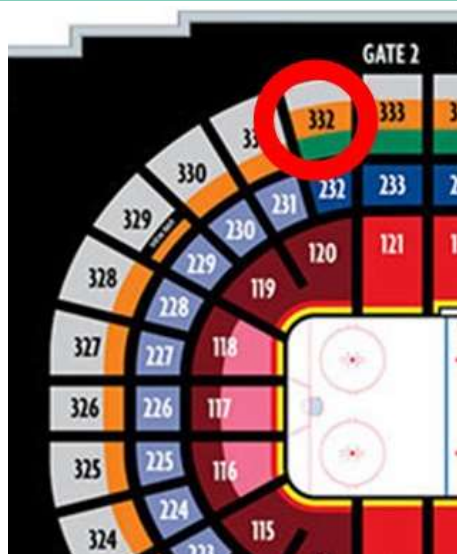


Join us for this magical holiday evening as we toast the holidays and 2022 with our friends. After cocktails, guests will be seated to enjoy a delicious dinner followed by dancing to our 16 piece orchestra.

Dinner Menu: Roasted Herbed Pork Loin, Red Skin Potato Mash, Roasted Carrots with Vinaigrette, Citrus, Beet and Arugula Salad, and Warm Bread.

Dessert: Chef's Choice Cash Bar.

Fee: \$20 Resident / \$30 Non - Resident Register by 12/2/22



Intergenerational Day Trip Chicago Blackhawks vs Vancouver Canucks

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Depart from Ela Community Center at 1:30 p.m.
Practice Facility from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Game at 5:00 p.m.

The cost of the ticket (section 332), tour of the practice facility, buffet, open skate, motor coach, and driver tip is:
\$110 Resident / \$120 Non - Resident



Health & Wellness

Join one of our amazing groups or complete an intake for therapy. The Health & Wellness Department has licensed therapist and social workers on staff daily that offer individual therapy, family and couples therapy, and consultations to ALL ages. We have a wide range of resources and referrals for those with specialty or long-term needs. Our groups include topics of Grief, Parenting, Caregiver Support, and Charity Knit, Crochet, & Quilters. Please contact our office for details.



Experiencing holiday stress? Reach out to Ela Health & Wellness. We provide mental health services and consultations at no cost to all Ela Township residents and First Responders. Many individuals with mental health issues suffer in silence. You are not alone. We offer in person sessions along with HIPAA compliant telehealth. Help us reduce the stigma by encouraging those in need to reach out. For more information, please call (847) 540-8380 or email health@elatownship.org. Health & Wellness Director Sara Marx LCPC, NCC and professional staff look forward to serving you!



Knitting with a purpose!
All are invited to join in and create handmade items for those in need whether you knit, crochet, or quilt! This group creates beautiful items such as quilts, prayer cloths, scarves, newborn hats, holiday stockings, and so much more. Items are donated to local organizations in need and benefit people all over Lake County. So far in 2022, 3,500 items have been donated. No experience is necessary be a part of this group. Contact our office for more information.
YARN DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



Are you a Caregiver looking for a place to receive care instead of giving care? A great place to start is by joining Ela Township's Health & Wellness Caregiver Support Group. The benefits of joining are endless and include additional resources, emotional support, gain a sense of empowerment, improve coping skills, and reduce stress. We look forward to you joining our group. Please feel free to share this information with residents within Ela Township. Contact Betsy Innocenti, MA, LSW at betsyi@elatownship.org or (847)540-8380 to register.



Ela Health & Wellness is here to help you, whether you are recovering from a procedure or have suffered an injury. We offer an extensive medical lending closet and at NO COST to Ela Township residents!

Please call ahead to ensure the needed equipment is in stock. Items include, but are not limited to: wheelchairs, portable ramps, toilet seat risers, walkers, rollators, canes, crutches, knee scooters, bed rails, shower chairs, portable cold therapy machines, commodes, and more....

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 the early settler George Ela.

The original Ela Town Hall, located at 95 E. Main Street in Lake Zurich, was built shortly after the Civil War on land donated to the Township by Isaac Fox. For many years it stood service as a Town Hall and also as a school. Today this building is the home of the Ela Historical Society & Museum, which organized and had its first meeting there in 1976. As the years have gone by, many interesting displays have been added from the Township's past.

Our first Ela Township History Day was held at the museum on September 4th. With over twenty antique and artisan vendors, amazing historical re-enactments, presentations, and guest speakers on our Township's history, fun was definitely had by all. Our plans are to make this an annual event. The 2023 History Day is scheduled for September 17th. Fun for the whole family, and best of all it's free! Mark your calendars, and come join us then!

We are open to the public on Saturdays from 12 to 3 p.m., or visits may be arranged by appointment. We are located at 95 East Main Street in Lake Zurich. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. To contact Ela Historical Society, call (847) 438-2086 or e-mail elahistorical@gmail.com. Also check out Ela Historical Society on Facebook.



Lake Zurich Cemetery & Fairfield Cemetery



I would like to thank the Ela Township Highway department for their impeccable care of Lake Zurich and Fairfield cemeteries. Both locations have received accolades for being the most innovative, diversified, and beautiful cemeteries in Lake County and even in the Northern part of the State. Thank you Highway Department! Did you know that Lake Zurich Cemetery offers various ways in which to honor and celebrate your loved one after death, with full body burial, scatter garden, and columbarium options. There are several niches for cremains available in the columbarium at Lake Zurich Cemetery as well as a limited few grave niches. Fairfield Cemetery is in a serene and quiet location that offers a beautiful final resting place for your loved ones. Full body burial sites as well as burial sites for cremains are available. Did you realize that there are alternatives even in Cremation? A call to the funeral homes in Lake Zurich show that there are two types of cremation available in our area. There is the normal cremation by intense heat which we usually associate with cremation. There is also a natural cremation, in which the natural process of a deceased person is accelerated by water and a solution, giving ashes which can then be put in a particular niche. Celebrate your niche in life! Plan for your niche in the afterlife, then give a call to make your plans. Additional information can be found on our website at elatownship.org/departments/cemeteries or call (847) 438-7823.

Ela Township Assessor's Office

Homestead Exemption for Persons with Disabilities (DEPH):

This exemption may be claimed in addition to the General Homestead Exemption and the Senior Homestead Exemptions, if applicable. It cannot be claimed in addition to the Disabled Veteran Standard Homestead Exemption (adaptive housing) or the Disabled Veteran Exemption of \$100,000. You can only receive one of these exemptions. Therefore, if you are a veteran, you should apply for the exemption most beneficial to you.

Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption:

To qualify, the applicant must be 65 years of age or older, own and live in the home as their primary residence. Proof of age will be required. This is in addition to the General Homestead Exemption.

From the Assessor Penelope Herr:

We are here to help! Our office is open and here to assist Ela Township residents. The 2023 assessment is the first year of the next quadrennial, a great time to verify the information we have on your home at IMSLAKE.org. If you find an error or have questions, please contact the Assessors office at assessor@elaassessor.org or (847) 438-8370. Field staff from the Assessor's office have been updating exterior photos and verifying measurements while on site visits at your properties. If there was a permit issued for new improvements, there is a 4-year Home Improvement Exemption that this office will initiate automatically. This is only for improvements that will change your assessment, not for maintenance improvements like re-siding, windows, roof replacement, etc. Have you purchased a new home recently? Check to see if you are getting all your exemptions, and remember to file! Filing exemptions is quick and easy through Lake County's Smartfile E-Filing Portal. Check out some of the exemptions you may qualify for. For a full description of available exemptions please visit our website at elatownship.org/exemptions.

Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities:

You may claim this exemption in addition to the General Homestead Exemption and the Senior Homestead Exemption. Disabled veterans qualify if they have at least 30% and up to 100% service-connected disability. Applicants must be a Lake County, IL resident, and have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, the IL National Guard, or U.S. Reserve Forces, have received an honorable discharge, have a total equalized assessed value of less than \$250,000 and documentation as outlined in the application.

Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption:

This is for homeowners who have qualified for the General Homestead and Senior Homestead Exemptions, and have a total household income of \$65,000 or less. You must own and have occupied the home as your principal residence on January 1st of the past 2 years. The Senior Freeze will help with real estate tax increases due to rising property values. It is not a tax freeze or a tax reduction and does not protect against increased taxes due to tax rate increases.

General Homestead Exemption:

This is for homeowners of any age, who own the home and use the property as a primary residence as of January 1st of the tax year. Only one property per homeowner can receive this exemption. Applicants will need to provide proof of residency.

Ela Township Youth

The Ela Township Youth Department prides itself on providing a fun, safe, and academically enriching environment for the youth of Ela Township. Through programming such as summer camp, after school homework club, winter break camps, kids days off, and educational courses such as SafeSitter, there are various options for children ranging from kindergarten to 6th grade. Please visit our website at elatownship.org/departments/youth-programs or contact Youth Coordinator Joe Cacciatore at (847) 438-9160 for more information.

Winter Break Camp

Ela Township Winter Break Camp is a 9 day exciting camp where participants will enjoy daily field trips, crafts, play group games, and much more! The goal of Winter Break Camp is to provide children with a fun and safe environment where they can make new friends, and memories. Winter Break Camp has a maximum of 48 campers daily, and reservations are first come first served. You must be a resident of Ela Township to attend.

Who?: Kids in Kindergarten - 6th grade

When?: December 27-30, 2022 and January 3 - 6, 2023 and January 9, 2023

Where?: Ela Township Community Center, 380 Surryse Road, Lake Zurich

Cost?: \$50 per day per child



Homework Club

Homework Club is our 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. Our goal is to provide children with a safe and enjoyable environment where they can grow academically and socially.

When?: After school on Monday through Friday until 5:30 p.m., when Lake Zurich CUSD 95 is in session

Where?: Ela Township Community Center, 380 Surryse Road, Lake Zurich

Cost?: \$60 per month, per child; \$80 per month, per child with transportation

\$50 Registration Fee Per Family

*Limited availability, please contact youth@elatownship.org for current information.



Safe Sitter & Safe@Home

Safe Sitter is a program that prepares students grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. This class offers 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 life and business skills.

Class Dates: November 19, January 21, & March 11 **Fee:** \$60 per child

Safe@Home is 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.

Class Dates: December 10, & February 17 **Fee:** \$25 per child

*All classes need minimum of 8 participants.



Winter Events

Deer Park

Cocoa Classic 5K Run/Walk
Deer Park Town Center
Saturday, December 10
7:15 to 10:00 a.m.

Hawthorn Woods

Holiday Craft Fair
HW Village Barn
Saturday, November 26
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lake Zurich

Miracle on Main Street
Downtown Lake Zurich
Saturday, December 3
3:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Long Grove

Turkey Trot
Downtown Long Grove
Thursday, November 24
7:00 a.m. to Finish

Hometown Holiday
Community Park
Saturday, December 3
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Candy Cane Hunt
Lions Park
Saturday, December 3
3:00 to 7:00 pm

Vintage Holidays
Downtown Long Grove
November 19 - December 18

Just a reminder!
Ela Township will be closed in observance of the following holidays:



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Phone: (847) 438-8370 • Fax (847) 438-6880
Email: assessor@elaassessor.org
Website: elatownship.org/departments/assessor

Ela Township Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Mike DePouw
23605 Echo Lake Road, Lake Zurich
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Friday: 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Phone: (847) 438-2371 • Fax: (847) 438-0457
Email: highway@elatownship.org
Website: elatownship.org/departments/highway

Ela Township Cemeteries

Cemetery Manager Dave Kylo
23605 Echo Lake Road, Lake Zurich
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Ela Township Health & Wellness Department

Director Sara Marx LCPC, NCC
1155 E. Route 22, Lake Zurich
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Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Phone: (847) 540-8380 • Fax: (847) 540-8390
Email: saram@elatownship.org
Website: elatownship.org/departments/health-wellness

Ela Township 55+ Senior Services

Community Programs Director Susan Dillon
Assistant Director Jim Dalbec
380 Surryse Road, Lake Zurich
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Phone: (847) 438-9160 • Fax: (847) 438-9196
Email: susand@elatownship.org • jimd@elatownship.org
Website: elatownship.org/departments/seniors

Ela Township Youth Program

Community Programs Director Susan Dillon
Youth Coordinator Joe Cacciatore
380 Surryse Road, Lake Zurich
Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Phone: (847) 438-9160 • Fax: (847) 438-9196
Email: susand@elatownship.org • youth@elatownship.org
Website: elatownship.org/departments/youth-programs

Ela Township Senior & Disabled Bus Service

*Bus Transportation Hours:
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
*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
Website: elatownship.org/departments/transportation

Ela Township Elected Officials

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Gloria Palmblad



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Clerk
Lucy A. Prouty



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Trustee
Larry Bowman



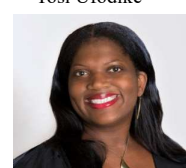
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