

Spring/Summer 2023 Newsletter

Deer Park • Lake Zurich • North Barrington • Hawthorn Woods



Kildeer • Long Grove • Barrington • Unincorporated Ela Township

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From Ela Township Supervisor Gloria Palmblad



Greetings -

Thank goodness spring has arrived! (– at least I hope it has!) As I sit at my desk determined to write my “spring-summer” newsletter article, I look out my window to see fresh snow falling from the skies. I know spring comes every time this year, but certainly wish it came sooner. I am always happy for more sunshine, warmer weather, and signs of new growth on trees and flowers in the garden. It’s time to get out for a walk, attend an outdoor concert, or stop by Lions Park for a ballgame under the lights. I understand the Chamber is organizing a Bizball game at Lions Park for Friday, June 9th, visit their website at lzacc.com for more details.

Every fall, the Board completes a mid-year review of the current fiscal year budget to confirm we are on track and to finalize the purchase of budgeted items before the fiscal year ends. It’s vital we do this in an effort to determine what expenditures need to be included in the next fiscal year’s budget. More importantly, the Board needs to determine by the December Board meeting the levy amount needed to continue providing the services for the next fiscal year. I realize this is quite wordy, but there is a reason behind all this information.

Back in the fall, after walking through our parks checking for maintenance issues, we realized the need for new park benches. And thanks to our new Township Manager Ted Marciniak, a new program was implemented via the Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge. All I can say is WOW! We asked residents to save their recyclable plastic, plastic not acceptable by current refuse carrier regulations, and drop it off at Ela Town Hall, the Community Center, or at the Highway Department. Within five months we collected over 1000 lbs. – enough for us to secure two free benches! That’s over 1000 lbs. saved from going into landfills which created something useful and beautiful. Our residents are truly amazing! Special thanks to our Highway Department for collecting these bags weekly from the bins located at Township buildings and delivering them to Jewel on Ela Road. Be on the lookout for one of these benches arriving at a park/cemetery near you!



Speaking of our new Township Manager, Ted Marciniak joined us in September. Ted grew up in Lake County and is very happy to be back to work in Illinois as he is an avid Cub fan! Ted lives in Antioch with his wife, Kate, and his two children, Theo and Olivia. We are excited to have him be a part of our team as we work together to serve our residents.



Ela Township again held its second annual Holiday Decorating Contest this past December. Over twenty households entered the contest this year. Members of the Committee spent an evening driving by all of the entries and rated them on originality, creativity, and overall design. It was a truly difficult decision but were able to narrow it down to three winners. The following week the Committee was out delivering their prizes and congratulating the winners. Contest prizes were compliments of Home Depot and MVP Fieldhouse. A special thank you goes to them for their generous prize donations! Please support these two businesses by visiting them whenever possible.

Last spring, I mentioned the Board allocated almost \$500,000 to construct four pickleball courts, two tennis courts, and an outdoor fitness court at Knox Park, next to Town Hall. The fitness court was completed last fall, and by the time you receive this newsletter, construction should almost be completed on the other six courts. An upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for a Saturday morning sometime in late May or early June. Demonstrations will be held. Please check our website for more details as they become available or sign up for our bi-monthly e-blast newsletter at elatownship.org to keep up to date on all things going on in Ela Township. Come join us for some fun and exercise! So wherever the summer takes you, be safe and enjoy!

Just a reminder!
Ela Township offices will be closed on
the following holidays:



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.



Reservations must be scheduled a minimum of 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, MLK Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Black Friday, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Please visit our website for additional information, elatownship.org/departments/transportation.

Highway Department

Ela Township has a wide array of services that are performed year-round and designed to help our residents. Each year, the Ela Township 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 surrounding Villages that do not have a Public Works department through Intergovernmental Agreements offering general public works operation services, including snowplowing and equipment sharing.

The Ela Township Highway Department is responsible for road maintenance and right of way maintenance along unincorporated roads and assisting the villages of Deer Park, Kildeer, Long Grove, and North Barrington with all public works operational services.



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 municipalities 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.



Recycling Opportunities!

The Highway Department has partnered with SWALCO to provide our residents with a textile recycling center. The textile bin is located at the Ela Township Highway Department, at 23605 Echo Lake Road in Lake Zurich. 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 Street, all in Lake Zurich.



Upcoming Planned Projects:

The 2023 Pavement Improvement Program for part of Indian Trails subdivision to be completed in late summer.

2022 Projects Completed/Supervised by Ela Township Highway Department:

Phase II Road Paving Project for Forest Lake & Echo Lake Subdivisions

Please check our Facebook Page facebook.com/elatownshiphighway and website, elatownship.org for updated project information.

During the summer months the Highway Department

- Tree trimming and right of way maintenance along Township roads
- Maintaining Township roads
- Inspecting and fixing drainage issues in the Township
- Maintaining Ela Township properties: Ela Town Hall, Ela Township Community Center, Lake Zurich and Fairfield Cemeteries, Knox Park, Knigge Park, Ela Park, and Ela Township Community Park

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 or office at (847)438-2371 or email highway@elatownship.org. The Highway Department also welcomes our residents to visit us at our office located at 23605 N. Echo Lake Rd., Lake Zurich.

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 or email clerkprouty@elatownship.org 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. Lisa Gaggiano or Laura Kulawik, our Senior Resource Specialists, will help you in any way possible. SNAP (Food stamp program), Benefit Access Program/Discount on license plates and Ride Free RTA pass, Senior Health Insurance Counseling and Education (SHIP), Pharmaceutical Assistance Program, and Medicare Savings Program Screening and Application Assistance. As always, SHIP counseling is FREE! Call or email to schedule your telephone, zoom or in person appointment (847)438-9160 lisag@elatownship.org or laurak@elatownship.org.



Our Volunteers are ordinary people with extraordinary hearts! You expect no pay, yet the VALUE of your work knows no limit. You've planted tiny seeds of love in countless lives! Volunteers are just ordinary people who reach out and take a hand and together make a difference that lasts a life time. Thank you!

The Ela Township Community Center needs you! Volunteer help can be used at our reception desk, be a kitchen aide, a friendly home visitor, or join our card making program. Please contact Laura Kulawik for details at laurak@elatownship.org.

Day Trips!

Chicago River Architecture
Tour & Lunch
Thursday, June 8,
9:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Time to OOOH and AAAH at Chicago's amazing architecture!

After we're done seeing the best that Chicago has to offer, we will head over to the Elephant and Castle for lunch. Participants will enjoy a buffet.

Registration must be in by no later than June 1.

Fee: \$120 Resident / \$130 Non—Resident Fee includes: Boat ride, lunch, deluxe coach transportation, and driver's tips.

Long Distance Travel



Alaska: America's Last Frontier
August 24 - September 1, 2023
Double \$6,098 PP, Single \$7,498 PP
Ela 55+ Exclusive 4 Day Extension:
Double \$995 PP Single \$1,425 PP
Information Meeting: May 15, 7:00 p.m.

Spotlight on San Antonio Holiday
November 30 - December 4, 2023
Double \$3,749, PP, Single \$4,749
5 Days, 4 Nights, 5 Meals

Please contact Susan Dillon for more information (847)438-9160.



Friday Fun Nights: Summer Concert Series!

Enjoy live music and camaraderie with a fun concert on the patio at the Ela Township Community Center. Cash bar, light snacks, great music! Register at least one week in advance. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

Fee For Each: \$10 Resident / \$15 Non—Resident



Chris O'Brien
May 19

From Stevie Wonder to Sam Smith; Bill Withers to Elton John, Chris will have you tapping and singing along.



Stolie
June 16

Stolie is a musician with over 25 years of experience. Songwriter to over 100 published songs, and a multi-instrumentalist.



Gray Beard Duo
July 7

A couple of musicians who grew up learning their craft during the 60's folk & rock era. Hear music from artists such as Dylan, Van Morrison, CCR, and more.



Mark Dvorak
August 18

Chicago's official troubadour, Dvorak has released 20 CD's and is a living archive of song and style. Mark's folk music will inspire and enthrall you.



Chris O'Brien
September 22

Back by popular demand. Chris brings his soulful voice and fantastic keyboard talents back to the Ela Community Center Patio.

Ela Health & Wellness

Summers can be more chaotic than carefree. It brings sunshine, no school, and long days full of activities; however, it also brings tight and changing schedules, travel plans, and body image issues. With all the activities, it can be hard to take time for yourself. Don't let your busy schedule take over your summer. Call Ela's Health & Wellness department to schedule a consultation to help manage your stress so your stress doesn't manage your summer. Ela Health & Wellness provides no cost mental health services to all Ela Township residents despite income, age, or insurance. Our Health & Wellness department offers consultations from licensed therapists and social workers who provide individual therapy, group therapy, family and couples counseling, and consultations. We offer in-person sessions along with confidential and HIPAA compliant telehealth services. For a full list of our groups, please visit our website at elatownship.org/departments/health-wellness.



Have a recent injury or family member coming into town that requires medical equipment? Ela Health & Wellness has a Medical Lending Closet stocked with wheelchairs, crutches, toilet seat risers, commodes, walkers, and more. Call our office and speak to one of our staff to inquire about availability. All equipment is available to rent at no cost to all Ela Township residents.

Healing looks different for everyone. Don't let stigma stand in the way of accepting help. Call or email one of our trained Administrative Coordinators at (847)540-8380 or health@elatownship.org for an intake.

Ela Township Historical Society & Museum

The Ela Historical Society presents
History Day and Antique & Artisan Market
September 17, 2023. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Ela Township has a rich and diverse historical story to tell and celebrate, dating back to the 1830s. Come listen and experience a flashback in time during our second annual, History Day festival. We are proud to offer a historically centered, free, family-friendly event in Ela and Lions Park in downtown Lake Zurich. This event will feature tours of the museum, an antique, vintage & artisan market, a Civil War reenactment camp, speakers on local history, storytelling and live demonstrations from a group of Blacksmiths, a Native American drum circle and songs, and a mid-19th century live baseball game, among other events! We will have farming and agricultural educational speakers as well as seed bomb making and other crafts for the kids. Bring a blanket, some chairs and picnic food or purchase food on site. We will have hot dogs, kettle corn and fresh apple cider donuts! 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. Dress-up and costumes are encouraged and welcomed for our day of Ela Township historical commemoration. If you would like to volunteer, donate to or get involved in this special day, please reach out to us.

Ela Historical Museum is open to the public on Saturdays from 12 to 3 pm, 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.

Visit our website at elahistoricalsociety.com, and check out Ela Historical Society on Facebook.



**ELA TOWNSHIP HISTORY DAY
AND ANTIQUE & ARTISAN MARKET**

Save the Date
Sunday, September 17th,
2023
10 to 4 pm

**The Ela Historical Society
and Museum**
95 E. Main St.
Lake Zurich

**To sell at, help sponsor or
volunteer for our event
please email**
Elahistorical@gmail.com

THIS EVENT IS FREE. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
ELAHISTORICALSOCIETY.COM/HISTORYDAY



How can we help you today?

Ela Township offers a variety of services to Township residents.
For more information on these services please call (847)438-7823.



LIHEAP Home Energy Assistance



Notary Public Services



Coast2Coast RX Discount Prescription Cards

Vehicle Stickers



Disability Parking Placards

Recycling Opportunities



Ela Township Assessor's Office

From the Assessor... We're here to help!

The Assessor is charged with several administrative and statutory duties; however, the primary duty and responsibility is to assess all real property within the jurisdiction except that which is otherwise provided by law. This would include residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural classes of property. Assessors try to maintain a uniform level of assessment within their jurisdiction by using recognized appraisal techniques to determine the market value and by reassessing properties on a regular basis so that the market values are as accurate as possible before applying the legal level of assessments to the market value.

2023 is our quadrennial assessment year, meaning we re-evaluate property values for the entire Township, this is required by state law. The assessments are based on the characteristics of each property that we have on file and the market sales that occurred from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022. Please verify the information that the Assessor has recorded on your property record card. If you should find a mistake in square footage, fixture counts, etc., please contact our office and request a field visit.

If all information is correct with description of your property and if you disagree with the assessor's estimate of value, please consider these two questions before proceeding with a review request:

What is the actual market value of my property?

How does the value compare to similar properties in the neighborhood?

A tool that our office has provided is the [IMSLAKE.org](https://www.imslake.org) website. This is where you can see the assessment and sale information in your neighborhood. You can create a comparison grid in this website and see the differences in the properties and if you should have questions or concerns, please reach out to our staff at the Ela Township Assessor's Office.

Illinois law provides for a number of exemptions and credits including the Homestead Limited Exemption, Senior Homestead Exemption, Senior Freeze, Home Improvement Exemption, Homestead Exemption for persons with disabilities, Disabled Veterans, Returning Veterans, and Standard Exemption of Veterans with Disabilities. It is the property owner's responsibility to apply for these. The Assessor's office staff will be glad to help with the application process.

The assessment levels must be uniform to ensure equal distribution of the tax burden among taxpayers. If the assessments go up or down, this does not mean that the tax bill will be doing the same. The assessor does not collect taxes, calculate taxes, determine the tax rate nor set policy for the Board of Review. The Assessor is concerned with value, not taxes. Taxing jurisdictions such as schools, cities, and townships, adopt budgets after public hearings. This determines the tax levy, which is the rate of taxation required to raise the money budgeted. The taxes you pay are proportionate to the value of your property compared to the total value of the taxing district in which your property is located.

In closing, I would like to remind you that our office is here to support you. If you have any questions or comments you can always call (847)438-8370, or stop by our office at 1155 E. Route 22, in Lake Zurich.

Shooting Stars Summer Camp

Ela Township Shooting Stars Summer Camp is a great opportunity for your kids to join in weekly field trips, group games, weekly crafts and activities, and socialize with other kids in Ela Township while school is out for the summer! Sign up for the weeks you need! Camp days start at 8:30 a.m. and are in session until 4:30 p.m. Shooting Stars Summer Camp takes a maximum of 48 campers weekly, and it is a first come, first served basis. You must be a resident of Ela Township to attend. Must have at least 20 participants for the week to run.

Who? Kids entering 1st—6th grade that reside in Ela Township.

When? June —August



Homework Club After School Care Program



Homework Club is our after-school program offered K– 5th grade 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.

When? After school, 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, IL 60047

SafeSitter & Safe@Home



SafeSitter Essentials is a program designed to prepare students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're 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 life and business skills.

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.

*All classes need minimum of 8 participants.



For more information on youth programs and services please visit our website at elatownship.org/departments/youth-programs, or contact the Youth Department at (847)438-9160.

Summer Events

Hawthorn Woods	Lake Zurich	Lake Zurich contd..	Long Grove
Concerts & Movies in the Park Community Park Fridays, June 2 - August 18, 6:30 p.m.	Block A Food Truck Socials Block A on Main Street Wednesdays, May 25 to September 28 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Lions Club Alpine Carnival Main St. & Lions Dr. July 21, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. July 22, 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. July 23, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Chocolate Fest Downtown Long Grove May 19, 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. May 20, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. May 21, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
July 4 Celebration Community Park July 3, 3:00 p.m.	Lake Zurich Farmers Market Paulus Park Fridays, June 2 - September 8, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Rock the Block Downtown Main Street September 9, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Strawberry Fest Downtown Long Grove June 23, 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. June 24, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. June 25, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
July 4 Parade Lagoon Dr. to Village Hall July 4, 10:00 a.m.	July 4 Celebration Paulus Park July 4, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.		Vintage Days Downtown Long Grove July 29, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. July 30, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Party in the Park Community Park September 16, 4-10 p.m.			

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Ela Township Highway Department

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Ela 55+ Senior Services

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Ela Youth Program

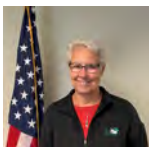
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