

**Elgin Township Annual Meeting
April 9, 2024**

Supervisor's Report

FY2024 Collaborations

679 soiled/damaged American flags collected. There was proper disposal of the flags.

Battery Recycling totaled nearly 30,000 lbs. at a cost of \$10,230.08 for the year. The Supervisor made a request of a contribution from Kane County, and \$1,000 was received.

A Measure of Success - SENIOR EDUCATION SEMINARS

Elgin Township TRIAD - Formal contract signed between partners in July 1998 by **Elgin Township, Elgin Police Department, South Elgin Police Department, Kane County Sheriff, and Senior Services.**

Senior Services by Elgin Township TRIAD – Purpose: Crime Prevention & Education

- **Special Event: “Device Advice”** – 4/20/2023
- **Special Event: “Medical Alerts”** – 6/15/2023
- **Annual TRIAD Picnic: “25th Anniversary of Elgin Twp. TRIAD”** – 7/27/2023
- **Special Event: “Healthy Eating and Diabetes Tips”** – 8/17/23
- **Special Event: “Focus on the Good”** – 9/21/2023
- **Special Event: “Hearing Loss, Dementia & Caregiver Stress”** – 2/15/2024

Elgin Township TRIAD is made up of residents and local agency and service providers as a formal association. Its members vote for officers annually and community events are planned, promoted, and carried out by its members and committees, since July 1998.

Township Community Rooms have been used by 14,484 residents in FY2024, representing 766, resident group meetings.

The Elgin Township building has been designated a west side branch of Senior Services Associates since July 2003 and has contracted with Elgin Township to perform 5 days a week programming for Seniors, Monday through Thursday.

The Elgin Township building has been designated a local branch of the Vet Center, a community-based program that takes place every Friday and is part of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible Veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-combat adjustment.

In FY2024, 11,117 phone calls were received, and 2,272 persons were assisted in the office, averaging 1,116 persons assisted each month.

Expenditures for General Assistance in FY2024 were \$199,593.37 averaging 28 clients per month.

Expenditures for Emergency Assistance in FY2024 were \$47,779.45 averaging 5 families assisted each month.

Annually, Elgin Township files claims for reimbursements from the Illinois Department of Human Services for services provided while residents' applications are pending review with Supplemental Security Income Program administered by the Social Security

Administration. In FY2024, \$11,737.81 was collected from the state, which totaled \$400,314.61 since the recovery program started in 1996.

Summer Programs for Youth at Risk approved by Board in Spring of 2023:

- **Alignment Collaborative for Education** - *High Growth Professions Summer Internship Program*
- **Boys & Girls Club of Elgin** - *Summer Workforce Development Program – Teen Program*
- **Danza Mexicana Macehualiztlli** - *Mitote Folklorico 2023 Elgin IL (Folkloric Dance Festival)*
- **Ecker Center for Behavioral Health** - *Leadership Empowerment and Development (LEAD) Program*
- **Elgin Partnership for Early Learning** - *“Learning on the Go” - Parks and Neighborhood Family Engagement*
- **Elgin Police Department** - *City of Elgin Kids United Youth Initiative*
- **Elgin Youth Symphony** - *2023 Summer Chamber Music Camp*
- **Fox Valley Christian Action (Riverwoods Christian Center)** - *Free Summer Camp for At-Risk Fox Valley Youth*
- **Grupo De Danz Folklorica Quetzaly** - *Festival Cultural 2023 (Cultural Festival 2023)*
- **Northern Illinois Food Bank** - *Summer Mobile Markets*
- **Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA)** - *Therapeutic Recreation Summer Day Camp and Programs*

Senior Service Funding approved by Board in Summer of 2023

- **Dementia Friendly Elgin Area**
- **Elgin Men's Shed**
- **FFGE**
- **Fox Valley Hands of Hope**
- **Living Daylight Golden Age Seniors Club**
- **Metropolitan Asian Family Services**
- **Northern Illinois Food Bank**
- **Prairie State Legal**
- **Senior Services Associates**

Social Service Funding approved by Board in Fall of 2023:

- **Transportation Collaboration**
- **Administer Justice**
- **AID**
- **Boys & Girls Club**
- **CASA Kane County**
- **Centro de Información**

- **Chinese Mutual Aid Association**
- **Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin**
- **Community Crisis Center**
- **Consumer Credit Counseling Service of IL**
- **Corbella Clinic**
- **Easter Seals**
- **Ecker Center**
- **Elgin Cooperative Ministries**
- **Elgin Partnership for Early Learning**
- **Family Service Assoc of Greater Elgin Area**
- **Fellowship Housing Corporation (FHC)**
- **Fox Valley Hands of Hope**
- **Greater Family Health**
- **Greater Grace Community Church**
- **Literacy Connection**
- **Northern IL Food Bank**
- **OurNeighborhoodEmpowered**
- **PADS**
- **Summit School, Inc.**
- **TLC Pregnancy Services**
- **Volunteers of America**
- **Well Child Center**
- **YWCA of Elgin**

Emergency funding awarded to Ecker Center for Behavioral Health and Food For Greater Elgin

Other FY2024 Accomplishments – Goal: To Build Awareness and Value

- Continue to fix what was broken: “Everything above reproach.”
- Launched fourth and fifth editions of “Greetings Newsletter” and listed and expanded list of available services and solicited public input
- Issued 162 Senior Access Passes, reaching the 811th Senior Access Pass
- Expanded Senior Access Pass value with addition of the Elgin Community College Academic Ensemble Performances (Concert Choir, Concert Band, Steel Bands, American Roots Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Electronic Music Ensemble)
- Committee on Seniors continued to look for gaps in services, made agency visits, coordinated a community survey, and added programming, including:
 - The monthly “Senior Discuss and Discover” program (formerly “Senior Storytime Social Hour”)
 - Christmas caroling at nursing homes
 - “Emergency and Disaster Preparedness for Seniors” class

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- “Naloxone and Training for Opioid Overdose” class (presented by the Kane County Health Department, in partnership with the Elgin Township Community Mental Health Board, Elgin Township, and the Elgin Breakfast Rotary Club)
- Launched usage of the passenger minibus for Township senior events at the Elgin Township Building
- Beautiful weather allowed for first completed “What Makes Elgin Township Tick?” event
- Created convenience seating by the elevators
- Collaborated with KCT Credit Union to present “Understanding Credit” class
- Collaborated with Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois to present “Budgeting for Beginners”, “Saving and Investing”, and “Renters’ Rights and Responsibilities” classes
- Collaborated with Elgin Police Department to present “Active Shooter” class
- Collaborated with Volunteers of America to present “Know Your Rights: You’ve Gotten a Ticket – Now What?” class
- Initiated outreach effort to build Cub Scout Pack #1850 and held an inspirational program presented by author Dr. Robert Renteria as part of that outreach
- Hosted 2 shot clinics
- Held first Senior Access Pass Museum Tour event, touring 3 Elgin area museums, as well as the Lords Park zoo’s bison
- Hosted 2 AARP safe driving classes
- The 708 Community Mental Health Board contracted and received an assessment from NIU regarding mental health, substance use, and developmental disabilities needs in Elgin Township, completed extensive planning, and created a budget.
- Expanded pet food collection and distribution for senior citizens in need of this assistance
- Increased social media presence, with our Facebook reach increasing 9.9% (unduplicated heads) and over 110,500 impressions, number of visits increasing 61.5%, and number of followers increasing by 403 to 2,253. Instagram use was added this year, and profile visits increased by 100% over the past year, with a reach of 4,200 impressions.
- Continued collecting items for Lending Closet
- Held Christmas/Holiday Music Program for Seniors
- Worked with Kane Senior Council to distribute frozen meals to Elgin Township seniors
- Assisted Elgin Township seniors via utility and prescription drug assistance programs
- Parking lot lighting and plumbing repairs and roof, HVAC, elevator, and septic maintenance
- Seal coated and restriped parking lots and increased the number of handicapped parking spaces
- With help from Elgin City Councilman Steve Thoren, one of Elgin Township’s entryways is now illuminated by a streetlight – important because many miss the entryway at night.
- Renegotiated our contract with Groot for disposal services for Elgin Township unincorporated residents, allowing them unlimited trash and yard waste pick-up without having to purchase a sticker – all for only \$1 more added to their monthly bills.
- Passed an ordinance authorizing attendance at meetings by telephonic or other electronic means for allowable reasons outlined in state statute.

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- In response to the July tornado, added an emergency disaster relief line-item addition to the FY25 budget so that properties that are damaged as a result of disaster, emergency, weather event, or any reason deemed warranted in the interests of public safety, welfare and recovery may be eligible for assistance.
- Began work on compliance with the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act with the appointments of members for the Town and Road committees.
- Replaced outdated computers, added a server for better security, as well as laptops for GA clients to use in our office for job searches and accessing necessary documents for submission.
- Created the Senior Social Cafe

Respectfully Submitted, Kenneth C. Bruderle, Supervisor