

**Elgin Township Annual Meeting  
April 8, 2025**

**Supervisor's Report**

**FY2025 Collaborations**

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

Battery Recycling totaled nearly 21,000 lbs. at an approximate cost of \$10,000 for the year. The Supervisor made a request of a contribution from Kane County, and \$5,000 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: Spring Academy** – 4/18/24
- **Annual TRIAD Picnic**– 6/27/2024
- **Special Event: “Senior Scams/Estate Planning Information”** – 7/18/2024
- **Special Event: “Hospital Stay/Medicare Information”** – 9/19/24
- **Special Event: “Fire Prevention/Fall Prevention/Lock Box/Wellness”** – 10/17/2024
- **Special Event: “Long Term Care and the Hidden Costs of Aging”** – 2/20/2025
- **Special Event: “BBB & EPD K-9”** – 3/20/2025

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 21,768 residents in FY2025, representing 892, resident group meetings.

The Elgin Township building has been designated the west side branch of Senior Services Associates since July 2003 and has contracted with Elgin Township to perform 4-day-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 FY2025, 12,496 phone calls were received, and 2,902 people were assisted in the office, averaging 1,283 persons assisted each month.

Expenditures for General Assistance in FY2025 were \$91,570.85 averaging 14 clients per month.

Expenditures for Emergency Assistance in FY2025 were \$36,564.50, averaging 3 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 FY2025, \$900.00 was collected from the state, which totaled \$401,214.61 since the recovery program started in 1996.

**Summer Programs for Youth at Risk approved by Board in Spring of 2024:**

- **Alignment Collaborative for Education** - *High Growth Professions Summer Internship Program*
- **Elgin Partnership for Early Learning** – *Mobile Early Learning and Family Engagement: "Learning on the Go"*
- **Elgin Police Department** - *City of Elgin Kids United Youth Initiative*
- **Elgin Youth Symphony** - *2025 Summer Chamber Music Camp*
- **Fox Valley Christian Action (Riverwoods Christian Center)** - *Free Summer Camp for At-Risk Fox Valley Youth*
- **Kimball Middle School Cheer Camp** – *Summer Cheer Camp*
- **Northern Illinois Food Bank** - *Summer Mobile Markets*
- **Youth Leadership Academy** – *Summer College Visits*

**Senior Service Funding approved by Board in Summer of 2024**

- **Centro de Información**
- **Chinese Mutual Aid Association**
- **Elgin Area Men's Shed**
- **Food For Greater Elgin**
- **Fox Valley Hands of Hope**
- **Kane Senior Council**
- **Northern Illinois Food Bank**
- **Prairie State Legal Services**
- **Senior Services Associates**
- **Xilin**

**Social Service Funding approved by Board in Fall of 2024:**

- **Administer Justice**
- **AID**
- **CASA Kane County**
- **Chinese Mutual Aid Association**
- **Community Crisis Center**
- **Consumer Credit Counseling Service of IL**
- **Corbella Clinic**

- **Easter Seals**
- **Ecker Center**
- **Elgin Cooperative Ministries**
- **Elgin Partnership for Early Learning**
- **Elgin Township Community Mental Health Board**
- **Family Service Assoc of Greater Elgin Area**
- **Fellowship Housing Corporation (FHC)**
- **Fox Valley Hands of Hope**
- **Literacy Connection**
- **Northern IL Food Bank**
- **PADS**
- **Volunteers of America**
- **Well Child Center**
- **Xilin**

#### **Community Mental Health Board ARPA Funding in Summer of 2024**

- **About Change Recovery**
- **Association of Individual Development**
- **Easterseals of DuPage & Fox Valley**
- **Hopeful Beginnings**
- **Jeanie's House of Hope**
- **Summit School**

#### **Emergency funding awarded to Food For Greater Elgin**

#### **Other FY2025 Accomplishments – Goal: To Build Awareness and Value**

- Continue to fix what was broken: “Everything above reproach.”
- Launched sixth and seventh. editions of “Greetings Newsletter” and listed and expanded list of available services and solicited public input
- Issued 635 Senior Access Passes, reaching the 1446<sup>th</sup> Senior Access Pass
- Expanded Senior Access Pass value with addition Elgin Community College music, dance, and theatrical performances
- Hosted a special entertainment event, “The Vito Zatto Show”, for Senior Access Pass holders
- Honored our Elgin Township Senior Access Pass partners at the May Board of Trustees meeting
- With Kane Senior Council, launched the weekly Monday Senior Lunch Program to help seniors avoid isolation – successfully increasing socialization opportunities to what are now “full-house” events
- Held Christmas/Holiday Music Program for Seniors

- The Committee on Seniors continued to look for gaps in services, made agency visits, coordinated a community survey, and added programming, including:
  - The popular monthly “Senior Discuss and Discover” program
  - Christmas caroling at nursing homes
  - Greeting cards to seniors in nursing homes
- Hired a part-time driver to help with providing seniors with transportation to Township and other events using the passenger minibus and minivan
- Assisted Elgin Township seniors via utility and prescription drug assistance programs
- Expanded use of the Senior Social Café (with a beautiful mural) to provide socialization space
- Held second Senior Access Pass Museum Tour event, touring 2 Elgin area museums, as well as the Lords Park zoo’s bison
- Hosted 2 AARP safe driving classes
- Hosted the AARP HomeFit information session
- Participated in and presented at the first Senior Health and Wellness Fair at ECC
- Expanded support from the community regarding the pet food collection and distribution for senior citizens in need of this assistance, including over 2 tons of dog food received after a November Facebook post
- With the Elgin Police Department, hosted an “Acts of Violence Preparedness” workshop
- Collaborated with Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois to present “Renters’ Rights and Responsibilities” and “Rising Above Student Loan Debt” classes
- Hosted an informational session regarding the pros and cons regarding removing the Fox River dams in Elgin and South Elgin
- Outstanding crowd at second completed (third held) “What Makes Elgin Township Tick?” event
- The Community Mental Health Board had their first distribution to local agencies regarding mental health, substance use, and developmental disabilities needs in Elgin Township and completed extensive planning.
- Successfully campaigned for the Elgin Township Community Mental Health Board to receive a one-time bridge funding from \$500,000 of ARPA funds from the Kane County Board for social service agency distribution.
- Regarding previous efforts to initiate reconciliation in Springfield between PTELL and the Community Mental Health Act, legislation was passed, and the Governor signed it into law.
- Successfully campaigned to make the Elgin Township Community Mental Health Fund a separate line item on property tax bills
- Increased social media presence, with our Facebook reach increasing 117.4% (unduplicated heads) and over 716,000 view, number of visits increasing 107.1%, and number of followers increasing by 494 to 2,747. The newly created Instagram page increased to 244 followers.

- Storage building (“The Shed”) was constructed to house the expanding Lending Closet, as well as to provide additional storage space for the Township. An expert mobility item consultant signed on to help the Township with the Lending Closet, and there was a dramatic expansion of the items collected for Lending Closet
- Participated with the Road District in the city of Elgin 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade
- Participated in setting up the “Remembering Our Fallen” memorial at Bluff City Cemetery for Memorial Day
- Parking lot lighting and plumbing repairs and roof, elevator, and (significant) HVAC repairs and maintenance
- Completed work on compliance with the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act with the members for the Town and Road committees, compiling valuable information outlining the relevance of Elgin Township and the Elgin Township Road District in serving Elgin Township residents, as well as the suggestion of expanded efforts addressing homelessness.
- Installed a high-definition electronic messaging to not only enhance communication to residents, but to also alert passersby about Amber Alerts, weather emergencies, and that Elgin Township is an early voting/Election Day location – successfully dramatically increasing the number of voters using Elgin Township as their polling location
- Continued work on forming Elgin Township Cub Scout Pack #1850
- Made adjustments in the applications for General Assistance and Emergency Assistance
- Played a significant, essential role in moving the Tent City residents, their pets, and possessions (including bicycles) to housing at the Lexington Inn in an effort coordinated by the city of Elgin
- Continued to assist the Tent City residents and the city of Elgin by coordinating volunteers to deliver meals to the Lexington Inn on a daily basis
- Continued to be one of the top toy collectors for Toys for Tots

Respectfully Submitted, Kenneth C. Bruderle, Supervisor