

ELGIN TOWNSHIP UPDATE

729 South McLean Boulevard, Elgin, Illinois 60123

Youth Funding

Elgin Township has committed \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2020 to working with social service organizations to help develop important life skills to low income and at-risk youth.

Social Service & Senior Funding

During Fiscal Year 2020, Elgin Township will provide over \$870,000 in grants to local organizations serving Township constituents. These grants provided funding for senior services, developmental disability assistance, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, and many other valuable programs. This fall the board will again review grant requests and vote to fund qualified organizations.

In the future, Elgin Township will be including articles and information featuring these grant recipients on the Township Facebook page (www.facebook.com/elgintownship).

www.ElginTownship.com

Message from the Supervisor



Doing more with less; this is the challenge that we all must deal with every day. Elgin Township in recent months has upgraded the indoor and outdoor lighting to LEDs and replaced an outdated phone system with today's technology with a monthly cost savings. Every day we try to make sure your tax dollars are being stretched and spent wisely - after all we are just stewards of your money. The other day I was giving a presentation on Township

Government and showed a tax bill of \$2,239 of which the Elgin Township portion (Town & Road with pensions) equaled \$43. When you break that down daily, this person pays \$0.12 a day for Township services. Unincorporated road maintenance, general & emergency assistance, senior & social service funding, and the day-to-day administration of the Township ... for little more than a dime a day.

Township government has served both the rural and urban residents of Illinois since 1848. Although Illinois' 1,432 townships still function according to provisions of the Township Act of 1874, amendments to the act have kept township government as modern as any and more progressive than most. Township government is grassroots government, the closest level of government to the people.

Township government is a small but very impactful government - a people-first government. I invite you to get to know your elected officials because we are your neighbors and we made an obligation to make sure the community that we live in together flourishes for generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve you.

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Monthly board meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (847) 741-2045. The Annual Town Meeting is held on the second Tuesday in April at 7:00 p.m.

**Elgin Township
Administrative Center**

**729 South McLean Boulevard
Elgin, IL 60089**

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY GROUP DISCUSSION

Elgin Township and the Gail Borden Public Library are pleased to announce the formation of Tech Seminars. These seminars are aimed at assisting Township & Library district residents understanding and implementing technology into their personal lives. Led by Township residents (Trustee) Vern Tepe, Andy Lego, and Ed Mungai, the seminars are focused at understanding how to use technology to your advantage.

- May 28, South Elgin Branch Library - Hoffer Room
How to use and organize apps on the iPhone and iPad

- June 25, Elgin Township Admin. Center
How to get the most out of Windows 10

- July 23, South Elgin Branch Library - Hoffer Room
How to buy online using eBay, PayPal, Amazon, Walmart, & other websites

- August 27, Elgin Township Admin. Center
How to protect against viruses and other bad things

If you have any questions please email Trustee Tepe at vern@elgintownship.com.

FREE SHREDDING EVENT

Elgin Township will be hosting a shredding event on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Elgin Administration Office, 729 S McLean Blvd., Elgin. Shredding will be from 12:00p.m.- 2:30p.m.

Shred your canceled or unused checks, old insurance policies, old bills, old medical records and invoices. PLEASE NO MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, MANILA FOLDERS, OR BINDERS!

Residents are limited to three medium sized boxes. If you have any questions please call Supervisor Ramirez at (847) 741-2045.

FUN FACT

The first township was established in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1636. This makes townships the oldest unit of government that continues to function in North America. As colonial America developed over the years, two distinct models of government took form: The New England Model, consisting of small regional government units with complete government autonomy, and The Virginia Model consisting of larger geographical units and extensive government authority.