



RESIDENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Fall / Winter 2022



**BOROUGH OF
ELMWOOD PARK
182 Market Street
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407**

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A NOTE FROM MAYOR ROBERT COLLETTI

The Mayor and Council are proud to announce our fifth year of the Elmwood Park Residents Assistance Program (RAP).

The RAP was founded by Councilwoman Lorraine Pellegrine in 2018 and she continues to be the driving force behind this program.

Over the last four years this program has successfully helped feed over **500** families during the holiday season and aided over **300** families with its Toy Drive. Many of our seniors and handicapped residents were assisted with both leaf and snow removal. Additionally, the program provides a tax preparation class during tax season to help our residents with their tax returns. In March of 2021, our program added "The People's Pantry" providing those in need with non-perishable foods.

We are proud to announce the development of a 2nd pantry. Constructed in August, 2022, it now has a refrigerator and will be able to offer many food options to those in need.

I encourage all those who need assistance to reach out and take advantage of this important program.

Residents who would like to request more information should contact our RAP Coordinators, Angela Fava and Deon Yorke at 201-796-1457 extensions 200, 106 or 104.

Together we are making a difference!

Sincerely,

Robert Colletti, Mayor

Eligibility Requirements

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE TO OUR RESIDENTS

The Residents Assistance Program (RAP) is sponsored by the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council, in conjunction with the Elmwood Park Police Department. This program is a team effort and we are happy to give back to our residents.

Applications for participants and volunteers will be available on the Borough website at Elmwoodparknj.us and **must be received by October 14, 2022**. You can also email our RAP Coordinators, Angela Fava, at afava@elmwoodparknj.us or Deon Yorke, at d Yorke@elmwoodparknj.us.

To ensure that we help those residents that are most in need, ***all applicants will be screened to determine if they meet the eligibility requirements*** noted below:

- All participants must consent to a background screening by the Elmwood Park Police Department in order to be considered for the program. ***ALL APPLICANTS MUST REGISTER EVERY YEAR.***
- Residents receiving assistance for the snow and leaf program, must be at least 65 years of age or disabled.
- The RAP Committee will review all applications and determine who is eligible for these services.



BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK RESIDENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WE ARE A PROUD RECIPIENT OF
a \$15,000 GRANT
FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY
FOOD SECURITY TASK FORCE
and THE 2020 MUNICIPAL
INNOVATION SUMMIT AWARD



FALL LEAF REMOVAL & WINTER WEATHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Fall Leaf Removal Program

ASEZ Volunteer University Students will staff this program to assist with leaf removal for our seniors and residents with disabilities.

NOTE: Applications must be in by October 14th - the first 30 applications will be reviewed for acceptance.

Winter Weather Assistance Program

The municipality will assist in arranging for snow removal for seniors and residents with disabilities. Snow removal will include sidewalks around the house and walkways to stairs and entrances. *Driveways and garages* are not included.

Our Elmwood Park High School student volunteers will assist with the snow removal and will earn community service hours.

NOTE: Applications for this program must be in by October 14th - the first 30 applications will be reviewed for acceptance.

THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY



To help fight the issue of food insecurities that residents in our community are facing, the RAP established The People's Pantry. It opened its doors on March 12, 2021.

The pantry is stocked with non-perishable food and toiletries and is able to help guide residents to a more permanent solution. Please call our RAP coordinators to schedule an appointment if you are in need. The Pantry is open the first 3 Friday's of each month:

1st Friday: 10 am - 12 pm

2nd Friday: 1 pm - 3 pm

3rd Friday: 3 pm - 6 pm

Income Tax Preparation Education Session

Elmwood Park will be offering a Tax Preparation Education Session to help our residents with any tax questions. Date and time to be announced.

**A VERY SPECIAL
THANK YOU
TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS
WHO TIRELESSLY CONTINUE
TO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM.**

Spreading Smiles All Year Long



OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2021

- Donated school supplies to 120 students
- Donated 145 turkeys and breakfast to go
 - 60 gift cards were distributed for Thanksgiving
 - 60 gift cards were distributed for Christmas holiday season
- Over 500 toys were available to parents during the holiday season to ensure no child went without

The People's Pantry continues to serve those in need year round.

WE ARE HERE FOR ALL IN NEED!

To make a donation or for any questions, please call our RAP coordinators, Angela Fava or Deon Yorke at 201-796-1457, extensions 200, 106 or 104.

With great appreciation,
Councilwoman Lorraine Pellegrine
RAP Coordinators:
Angela Fava & Deon Yorke

Community Helping Community



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