



# RESIDENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Fall/Winter 2019



BOROUGH OF  
ELMWOOD PARK

182 Market Street

Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

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## A NOTE FROM MAYOR DANIEL GOLABEK

Dear Elmwood Park Residents,

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

In it's first year, this program, spearheaded by Council President Lorraine Pellegrine, successfully fed 100 families during the holiday season and aided 50 families with our holiday toy drive. Many of our local seniors and handicapped residents were assisted in both leaf and snow removal, and many received help with language translation services and seminars providing guidance in filing income tax returns. We are excited to be offering Citizenship seminars beginning in the Spring of 2020. Be sure to check the Borough website frequently for information.

Residents who would like to inquire about the Residents Assistance Program should contact the RAP Coordinator, Tama DeBoer. All applications are due by **October 11, 2019**.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of this important program which will make our community even better! Please consider volunteering. Help is always needed.

Sincerely,

Daniel Golabek, 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](http://Elmwoodparknj.us) and **must be received by October 11, 2019**. You can also email the RAP Coordinator, Tama DeBoer, at [tdeboer@elmwoodparknj.us](mailto:tdeboer@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

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### FALL LEAF REMOVAL & WINTER WEATHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### *Fall Leaf Removal Program*

Elmwood Park senior citizens and disabled residents can contact Tama DeBoer at 201-796-1457 Ext. 223 to arrange fall leaf removal from their properties. Elmwood Park High School seniors and local Boy Scout Troop 80, in need of community service hours will staff this program to assist residents in need.

#### *Winter Weather Assistance Program*

The municipality will assist in arranging for snow removal for seniors and residents with disabilities. Assistance with normal snowfall (4 inches or less) will include removals from sidewalks around the house and stairs to access entrances. Driveways and garages are not included. Students earn community service hours.

### BECOMING A CITIZEN

Beginning in the Spring of 2020, instructional classes will be offered assisting those seeking U.S. Citizenship. Please contact our RAP Coordinator - Tama DeBoer at 201-796-1457, Ext. 223. Also check our borough website for updates.

### TRANSLATION and INCOMETAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#### *Language Translation Services*

The Borough of Elmwood Park now offers translation services for Italian, Spanish and Polish. Paperwork which residents may need assistance in translating can be submitted to the Mayor's Office for review and assistance. Please note this is a translation service only and we do not provide legal advice.

Elmwood Park residents can contact the RAP Coordinator - Tama DeBoer at 201-796-1457, Ext. 223 for more information.

#### *Income Tax Preparation Education Session*

Elmwood Park will also be offering Tax Preparation Education Sessions to aid residents. Look out for dates and times where residents can visit Borough Hall to attend these sessions.

**PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING. HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT OUR RAP COORDINATOR.**

### HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVES

For the second year, the Mayor and Council will again be holding a collection drive for gift cards and toys for the holiday season.

#### *Thanksgiving Collection*

The RAP will be accepting food and grocery gift cards to assist those residents in need during the Thanksgiving holiday. Gift cards can be brought to the RAP Coordinator, Tama DeBoer at the Mayor's Office, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407. Families in need can be referred to the RAP through the Mayor's Office. We will again work with the schools and local houses of worship to assist families in need.

#### *Holiday Season Collection*

The RAP will be accepting food and grocery gift cards along with new, unwrapped toys to assist those residents in need during the Holiday Season. Gift cards can be brought to the RAP Coordinator, Tama DeBoer at the Mayor's Office, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, NJ. Toys can be dropped off at the Mayor's office or Municipal Clerk's Office. Families in need can be referred to the RAP through the Mayor's Office.



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