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Elmwood Park to take advantage of Home Energy Rebates

Homeowners can save 70% for energy efficiency improvements

ELMWOOD PARK – Elmwood Park is teaming up with an alliance of non-profit groups, local organizations and utilities to help homeowners improve the energy efficiency and comfort of their homes this winter. It's part of Village President Pete Silvestri's "Go GREEN(er) Today!" initiative.

Energy Impact Illinois is providing rebates to help lower energy bills and enhance property values that include 70 percent instant rebates for home energy upgrades. Local field organizer with Energy Impact Illinois Matt Elmore will be making a detailed presentation at the next Village Board meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 3.

"We're delighted to have Matt explain to the board and our homeowners how they can take advantage of these rebates and how we can all make our homes more energy efficient," Village President Pete Silvestri said. "I urge all homeowners to make sure they're informed about what Energy Impact Illinois has to offer."

The Energy Impact Illinois program is being led by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), along with the City of Chicago, gas and electric utilities and other stakeholders. The US Department of Energy under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is providing key funding for the program.

According to the alliance, almost all homes let too much air escape or penetrate, and most homes have incorrectly installed or insufficient amounts of attic insulation. Under the instant rebates offered by the program, homeowners can take advantage of a \$49 whole home energy analysis and save up to \$1,750 off the most cost effective and permanent energy efficiency improvements: air sealing and insulating.

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