

ASSESSOR ELSAFFAR ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE
COOK COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS' ASSOCIATION

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Oak Park Township Assessor Ali ElSaffar was elected to a two-year term as President of the Cook County Township Assessors' Association on January 18. ElSaffar had previously served as Vice President and Secretary of the organization.

The Cook County Township Assessors' Association provides a forum for the assessors and employees of suburban township offices to discuss, learn about and address problems associated with the complex and constantly-changing system of property taxes in Cook County. Representatives of the Cook County Assessor's Office attend every meeting of the organization to provide the latest information about the tax system and to listen to the experiences and concerns of suburban township assessors.

During his term as President, ElSaffar plans to focus on providing education to organization members. "The complexity of our tax system can be very frustrating and confusing to taxpayers throughout Cook County," ElSaffar said. "I hope to continue and strengthen the association's educational mission, because the more township assessors and their employees understand the tax system, the better they will be at assisting the taxpayers who visit their offices."

Oak Park Township Supervisor David Boulanger stated that "Ali's dedication to providing timely and accurate property tax information to residents, businesses and government units was recognized in January 2007 by the Wednesday Journal naming him 2006 Villager of the Year. Oak Park Township elected officials are proud to serve with Ali and extend their congratulations."

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