



# *Village of Elwood*

• *Established 1889* •

*Proud of our past, Building our future*

*Village President: William E. Offerman*

## **April 2010 Status Report**

### **Village to honor those who serve**

Our village hall will establish a Wall of Honor and Respect for local active duty United States Service Members. We are asking for the public's help in identifying area men in women who serve our country. Military families in Jackson Township are asked to contact Elwood Village Hall, 815-423-5011.

### **Residents reminded to lock car doors**

Elwood Police Department reminds area residents to lock their car and garage doors, as communities throughout the area have seen a substantial increase in burglaries to automobiles.

"People need to make certain, even in Elwood, that they lock their cars and garages," warns Elwood Police Chief Dave Albert. These are crimes of opportunity, as thieves are not breaking into cars, but opening unlocked car doors and taking whatever they find inside. GPS systems, purses, sunglasses, cameras and even spare change have been stolen. Area wide, burglars have even entered garages where cars are parked to gain access to these items. By simply locking doors, we can protect ourselves and keep Elwood's crime rates among the lowest in Will County.

### **Board maintains low tax rate**

As Elwood Village Board prepares to approve the 2009 tax levy, there is no proposed increase in the village tax rate. Elwood's current tax rate of 0.25 is the third lowest in Will County (We come in slightly higher than Diamond and Godley.). The village will levy \$7,000 in additional funds without raising the rate due to an increased Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV), much of it in the form of new property added to the village tax rolls this year. By capturing this recently constructed property at the CenterPoint development, Elwood residents will continue to enjoy the benefits of a low tax rate.

### **Santa Claus is coming to town**

Santa Clause will visit Elwood Village Hall Community Room on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. until noon. Children and their families are invited to visit with Santa and have their pictures taken with the jolly old elf, make a holiday craft and watch favorite seasonal movies. Cookies and cocoa will be served. The event is free courtesy of the Elwood Park Committee.

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## ELWOOD COMMUNITY DAYS

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### **Community Days Update:**

It's that time of year again where the ECD Committee is meeting each month to work on plans for this year's weekend celebration! Here's a schedule of the next couple of meetings we will have:

- May 4<sup>th</sup> (Watson's Diner & Pub) @ 6:30 PM
- June 1<sup>st</sup> (Lloyd Erickson Park/Children's Garden) @ 6:30 PM
- June 29<sup>th</sup> (Lloyd Erickson Park/Children's Garden) @ 6:30 PM

We will be putting together a couple of art projects and are asking for the following (Please bring these items to a meeting if you'd like to donate them):

- Pictures of past Community days to go on a board and/or slideshow to commemorate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Elwood Days.
- Old Elwood Day shirts from the past 20 years that will be made into a quilt to auction off that weekend.

We are also going to have a couple of new things this year!

- We are trying to put together games for people of all ages to participate in for some extra fun and will be looking for volunteers to help.
- The talent show will be opening up to all residents of all ages and talents in Elwood again this year.

Our Chairman this year is Mike Walsh, who can be reached at 815-405-7497 or [mwalsh83@yahoo.com](mailto:mwalsh83@yahoo.com) if you have any questions! We look forward to seeing you at meetings on Community Days!

Thank You!

The Elwood Community Days Committee

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September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ~ [elwooddays.com](http://elwooddays.com)