



Village of Elwood

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June 2010 Status Report

Village set to annex Army training center

This week, Elwood officials announced a plan to annex the U.S. Army training center. The 3,542-acre government property is adjacent to Elwood's northern boundary and extends in that direction all the way to Noel Road. The Army parcel spans east and west from Brandon Road to Exxon Mobile near Interstate 55. The Army's 80th Readiness Group is currently constructing a new facility at the training center site, and the project requires Elwood's water and sewer services. All cost to extend village water and sewer lines will be paid by the Army. The proposed annexation would nearly double Elwood's total acreage. Moreover, the large government property represents a buffer from neighboring municipalities and allows access to potential future growth opportunities.

A public hearing on the proposed annexation will be held June 30, at 7 p.m. at Elwood Village Hall. The Village Board will discuss the matter during the July 7 workshop meeting and make a final decision at the board's regular meeting on July 21.

Construction season brings area road closures

FCL Builders announced upcoming local road closures north of Elwood: June 1-30, Laraway Road: will be closed from Patterson Road to the East. July 1-August 15, Patterson Road will be closed from Schweitzer Road to Laraway Road.

Be considerate of neighbors

As our warm-weather season approaches, we're all ready for spring and summer backyard get-togethers. Please keep in mind, though, that too much noise can be a problem for the neighbors. We ask residents to keep noise and music levels low. Also, be sure to wrap up the festivities at an early hour so neighbors won't be disturbed. Elwood's noise ordinance will be enforced by our police department, but a little courtesy is even more effective. Be considerate of your neighbors and create great neighborhoods.

Summer Story Time in Elwood

The Manhattan/Elwood Public Library District will host Storytime at Lloyd Erickson Park on June 16 & 30 and July 14 & 28 from 11:30 until 12:30. For more information, contact the library at 815-478-3987.

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Upcoming Recreation Programs

Sign up at Elwood Village Hall. Call Recreation Coordinator for more information, 815-424-1093.

Soccer Sign-ups underway

Registration for 2010 Fall Soccer will be held June 1-30. Children age 4-14 are eligible to play. Cost is \$70, for one child, \$65 each for two children, and \$60 each for three or more children.

Cheer Camp

Students will learn basics cheerleading fundamentals, sideline cheers and a floor routine. Cost is \$25 for a five-class session and includes a camp tee shirt. There will be three summer sessions of this popular cheerleading camp. June 28-July 1; July 19-23 and August 16-20. Registration deadline is Friday before camp begins. Camp times for all three sessions are as follows. Entering 1st grade, 4:30-5:15; 2nd-3rd grade, 5:30-6:16; 4th-5th grade, 6:60-7:15; 6th-8th grade 7:30-8:15.

Photo Tote

This one-day class is designed for intermediate sewers. Participants will make turn a special photo into a one-of-a-kind tote. The cost is \$30 and includes all supplies and a brown bag luncheon. Participants are asked to bring their won sewing machines and scissors. Class meets on June 29 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. This is an adult-level class. Please bring in photo at the time of registration.

Crafty Bags

Make a crafty bag! Students entering 1st -5th grades will make cute and useful bags/purses from basic items. Cost is \$20 and all supplies are included. Class meets July 9 from 10 a.m.-noon. Register by July 7.

Sewing for Beginners

This two-day class is designed for sewers age 9 to adult ready to learn basic pattern and sewing machine techniques. The class will design and sew a decorative pillow case begin a second, take-home project. Class fee is \$25 and includes materials for both projects. Participants are asked to bring their own sewing machines and scissors. Class meets on July 13th & 15th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Register by July 9.

Yoga in the Garden

Yoga in the Garden will be held at the children's garden on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 15 through August 12 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Register for the Tuesday session or the Thursday session separately at a cost of \$40 for 9 classes. Register by calling Sheila at 815-423-5046. Walk-ins welcome if space allows at a cost of \$7 per class.