



Village of Elwood

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Village President: William E. Offerman

January 2010 Status Report

Early voting begins Jan. 11

Voters in the February 2, 2010 General Primary Election are encouraged to take advantage of Early Voting and In-Person Absentee Voting options. Early Voting will take place Jan. 11-28, while In-Person Absentee Voting will take place Jan. 29-Feb1. Registered voters in Jackson Township may early or absentee vote at Elwood Village Hall, 401 E. Mississippi Ave., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. For detailed voting information, or to request an absentee ballot by mail, visit the Will County Clerk's website at www.thewillcountyclerk.com or call 815-740-4632.

Ordinance would ban off-road vehicles

In response to resident concerns, Elwood Police Chief Dave Albert has proposed an off-road vehicle ordinance for the village. The ordinance, which would make it unlawful to operate any motor vehicle off-road, will be considered during the village board's Jan. 20 meeting. If approved, the measure will allow the police department to respond whenever ATVs, snowmobiles, automobiles or motorcycles disturb the public peace.

Will County Sheriff launches Reverse 911

The Will County Sheriff's Office has implemented a "Reverse 911" system. The new technology will be used to provide information about criminal activity, dangerous weather, flood conditions and evacuations in specific areas. The system will call land phone lines in Will County. To add your digital or cell phone number to the Reverse 911 list, go to the Will County Sheriff's Website, <http://www.willcosheriff.org/>.

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 and women who serve our country. Military families in Jackson Township are asked to contact Elwood Village Hall, 815-423-5011.

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Snowfall ordinances in effect

Residents are reminded that Elwood's snowfall ordinance bans parking on village streets whenever snowfall reaches two inches or more. In addition, when clearing driveways, residents are prohibited from pushing snow onto village roadways. We ask homeowners to be mindful of these ordinances to ensure safe and efficient snow removal.

Elwood Food Pantry offers assistance

The Elwood Community Church/Jackson Township Food Pantry is open on the third Saturday of each month from 10-11 a.m. Residents of Jackson Township are welcome. Proof of residency is required. The food pantry operates by generous donations of area residents and businesses, and donations are always welcome. Collection boxes are located at Bank of Elwood, Elwood Post Office and Elwood Community Church. Elwood Food Pantry is located at 101 N. Chicago Street in Elwood. Call 815-423-5113 for more information.

Weight Watchers meets in Elwood

Weight Watchers has begun holding meetings at the Elwood Village Hall Community Room. The program is held every Friday at 9:30 a.m. with weigh-in beginning at 9 a.m. For more information call 815-954-9259. Right now, Weight Watchers is waiving registration fees for new members. Meeting fees are \$12 per week or \$39.95 per month.

Elwood Businesses support food pantry

The Jackson Township food pantry received greatly-needed assistance this holiday season from Elwood businesses. In December, Clearwater Corporation made a large donation to the food pantry, and Watson's Diner and Pub collected non-perishable items for the pantry. In addition, Sunshine Food Mart worked with the food pantry to allow milk coupons to be used there. Such genuine concern for the residents of Jackson Township is very much appreciated.

Noise violations could become costly

This month, Elwood Trustees will consider an amendment to the village noise ordinance. If approved, the measure will assess a \$100 penalty for violation of the acceptable noise level.