



Village of Elwood

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Village President William Offerman, Village Trustees Chuck Bernhard, Francis "Bud" Jones, Jason Kucera, Mary Matichak, George Ruban & Robert Wagner, Village Clerk Pat Buchenau

January 2011 Status Report

Board welcomes new police chief and administrator



Pictured in row one from left are Trustee Jason Kucera, Police Administrator Pat Kerr, Trustees Francis "Bud" Jones and Mary Matichak. In row two are Trustee George Ruban, Mayor William Offerman, Police Chief Nick Weiss, Trustees Robert Wagner and Chuck Bernhard.

On Dec. 15, the Elwood Village Board voted in favor of new leadership for Elwood Police Department. The mayor and trustees welcomed Chief Nick Weiss and Administrator Pat Kerr. Weiss is a full-time chief, while Kerr is a part time administrator. Both Weiss and Kerr are seasoned administrators and officers who have dedicated their careers to law enforcement.

Weiss is a forty-year veteran of law enforcement, and Kerr a thirty-two veteran. In addition to their combined experience, both men have earned a long list of expert certifications and leadership assignments, and both were retired police chiefs before accepting positions in Elwood.

"I'm pleased that both Weiss and Kerr would suspend their retirements to join Elwood Police Department. Their work during this transitional period has been exemplary, and I'm confident they will lead the department in a positive direction in years to come," said Elwood Mayor William Offerman.

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Winter in Elwood is even more fun this year! The new, larger ice skating rink quickly became a popular park feature for both children and adults.

The ice rink, which is now adjacent to the sled hill, is open daily from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Trustee Wagner says good-bye

Elwood Trustee Robert Wagner informed the village board in December that he will be unable to keep his seat on the board of trustees. The Wagner family will be relocating to another state to follow Bob's new job opportunity. Mayor Offerman thanked Wagner for his service to the board and commended the trustee for his dedication to the Elwood community. Wagner will continue his service to the board for a few more months while his family prepares for the move.

Elwood/Jackson Township History Club reaching out

The Elwood/Jackson Township History Club meets on the second Thursday of every month at the Elwood Community Church at 1 p.m. The club preserves local history by collecting items and recording memories from the past. New residents receive a Welcome Packet from the history club, and all residents are invited to attend meetings where members talk about history and "Show and Tell" their items from the past. Refreshments are provided at no charge. Those who are unable to attend the meeting are encouraged to write down their stories and family histories and send them to the history club at 19535 W. Millsdale, Elwood, IL 60421.

Check out Dance for 3, 4 & 5 year olds

Elwood recreation department is offering a new class for little dancers. Our 3 & 4 year old class, which features beginner ballet and tumbling, will meet on Saturdays from 10-10:45 a.m. The 5 year old class, which features beginner tap and ballet technique, will meet Saturdays, 11-11:45 a.m. The 8-week session begins Jan. 29. Cost is \$40. Sign up at Elwood Village Hall, or call 815-424-1093 for more information.