



Village of Elwood

• Established 1889 •

Proud of our past, Building our future

Village President William Offerman, Village Trustees Doug Jenco, Francis "Bud" Jones, Mary Matichak, Jasen Melahn & George Ruban

May 2011 Status Report

Saturday is community planting day

On May 14 from 10 a.m. until Noon, Elwood Children's Garden will host Community Planting Day. The planting day is an annual tradition where community neighbors come together to beautify the garden, plant annuals, spread mulch and help with projects in the garden.



Lunch will be available for all helpers. Bring your gloves and tools. Children are welcome to help and must be accompanied by an adult. For questions about the work day or to RSVP for lunch, call Kim at 815-478-4752.

Mayor welcomes new board

Mayor William Offerman welcomed newly-elected leaders to the Elwood Village Board in April. New trustees Doug Jenco and Jason Melahn and returning trustee Bud Jones, along with returning village clerk Pat Buchenau were sworn in during the May 4 workshop meeting. The new board was selected in the April 5, 2011 consolidated election. The newly-seated trustees and clerk will serve four-year terms. The new board began reviewing business for the upcoming May 18th village board meeting.

Luncheon will support troops

Elwood Community Church will host a Potato Bar lunch on Thursday, May 12 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and include potato bar luncheon, beverages and dessert. All proceeds will be donated to Operation Care Package for postage expenses.

Community invited to enjoy concert in the park

Grab your lawn chair and bring your family. Elwood Church will present music at Little Park on Sunday, May 22 from 1-4 p.m. The classic rock band Excalibur will play at the Little Park gazebo. This is a free celebration of spring sponsored by Elwood Church. Refreshments will be available at the church, and there will be a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Elwood Food Pantry.

Soccer registration begins June 1

Register for Elwood Soccer June 1-July 1 for players age 4-14. Registration forms will be available at www.villageofelwood.com starting June 1.

Struttin' for Strays on Sunday

On Sunday, May 15, Will County Humane Society will hold its annual Struttin' for Strays 5K Pledge Walk/Pet Walk at Elwood's Lloyd Erickson Park, 500 N. Chicago St. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and walk begins at 9 a.m. A post event party will be held from 10:30-Noon. There will be fun, food and activities for everyone. The fundraiser is a pledge-driven event, and those teams who collect \$125 in pledges will participate in the walk and post party at no cost. To learn more, visit www.willcountyhumane.org.

Vietnam Moving Wall coming to New Lenox

Area residents are invited to share in an event honoring Vietnam Veterans. The Moving Wall will be on display May 26-31 at American Legion Post 1977, 14414 S. Ford Dr. For a schedule of events, visit the post's website www.post1977.com.

Book recycling Event planned

Will County Book Recycling and Document Destruction Event will be held on June 10, 11, & 12 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The event will be held at Pilcher Park Nature Center, 2501 Highland Park Dr. in Joliet. Bring unwanted books and take books for free. Also, unwanted paper will be taken for shredding. Call 815-727-8834 for more information.

Tai Chi session begins May 23

The village of Elwood will begin a new session of Tai Chi on May 23 at 10 a.m. The class, sponsored by Will County Senior Services, costs \$15 for a twelve-week session. Tai Chi at Elwood Village Hall, 401 E. Mississippi Ave., Meets Mondays from 10-11 a.m. Register at Elwood Village Hall. For more information, call 815-424-1093.

History club seeks historic items & photos

The Elwood/Jackson Township History Club meets every second Thursday of the month in the Elwood Village Hall Community Room at 1 p.m. The club is seeking photos and memorabilia for their archives. In addition, the club is offering families the opportunity to present personal history collections in the display case at Elwood Village Hall. Residents are invited to attend history club meetings, or stop in any time to view the history club display.

Check out open circuit

A new partnership between Elwood's recreation department and Jackson Township Twilighters has opened the village hall basement fitness circuit for daytime use. Everyone is welcome to use the fitness area on Mon., Wed. and Fri. from 9-11 am. The program is open to the general public at no charge on a trial basis.

Focused Fitness offered

Get more out of your workout by enrolling in Focused Fitness class, a one-on-one fitness training session. Select two or three 30 minute sessions per week...Choose individual or shared session... Schedule a time that's convenient for you. Session cost is \$210 for 2x week session (8 classes) or \$310 for 3x week session (12 classes). Session may be shared by two people. Create your personal 4-week session today by calling Sheila at 815-409-1104.