



Village of Elwood

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April 2011 Status Report

Elwood honored for 'Excellence in Financial Reporting'

The Village of Elwood has been recognized for maintaining the highest national standards in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Elwood Treasurer Roberta Day was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the sixth year in a row that Day and Elwood have received the GFOA award. Elwood is the smallest governmental agency in Illinois to have earned the GFOA certificate.

Elwood PD makes calling easier

The Elwood Police Department phone number, 815-423-5411, will accept calls 24-hours a day, thanks to recent updates. Previously, the Elwood PD number only accepted calls during daytime business hours, forcing residents to call off-site dispatch during evening hours. Now, the village number will automatically connect callers with the appropriate dispatching agency at any hour.

May 2nd is village clean-up day

On Monday, May 2, Waste Management will provide a spring curbside collection of white goods (refrigerators, water heaters, washers, dryers, etc) and up to four (4) automobile tires (no rims). There will be no additional charge for this service. A full list of acceptable items is available on the village website, or call 800-796-9696 for more information.

Elwood supports Operation Care Package

Jackson Township residents are coming together in support of Operation Care Package, a local organization which sends care packages to America's deployed and wounded service men and women. Donation bins at Elwood Village Hall and Watson's Diner & Pub were filled shortly after they were posted last month, and upcoming Elwood events will provide a much-needed boost to this supportive organization.

- **Watson's Diner & Pub Donation Drive-Saturday, April 16 starting at 7 p.m.**

Watsons, at 115 E. Mississippi Ave., will provide free food to anyone who brings in a donation for Operation Care Package. The event will feature BINGO at 7 p.m., a split the pot raffle and DJ music by Marc Fisher, starting at 10 p.m. All items and proceeds will be donated to Operation Care Package.

- **Potato Bar-Thursday, May 12 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Elwood Community Church**

Tickets are \$7 and include potato bar luncheon, beverages and dessert. All proceeds will be donated to Operation Care Package for postage expenses.

We hope Elwood residents will support these upcoming events or donate items at Elwood Village Hall, as OCP is supporting soldiers from our Jackson Township Wall of Honor.

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Daisy Troop 33 leads Village Board

Elwood Daisy Troop 33 opened the March 16 Elwood Village Board Meeting by leading trustees and residents in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.



Daisy's participating in the March board meeting include Nicole Meadows, Amy Vollmer, Rachel Dunne, Melissa Marasco, Kendal Whitesell, Cassidy Whitesell, Brooklyn Loy, Madison Miedona, Madison Berman, Kayley Fritz, Nora Blottiaux, Angelina Knowles and Mallory Arend.. Board members pictured are Trustees George Ruban (from left), Chuck Bernhard, Mayor William Offerman and Trustee Jason Kucera.

Capital Improvement Project underway

Phase I of the 2011 capital improvement project has begun and will include Meadowbrook subdivision, Wooded Cove subdivision, Brandon Rd. from Jackson Creek to Noel Rd., Diagonal Road from Chicago Ave. to the railroad and Gardner Rd.

In some cases, mailboxes will be temporarily relocated. In that event, residents will be notified by mail in advance. Also, residents are asked not to park on the roadway between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. while this project is underway. Your cooperation will help the project run smoothly and protect your automobile from construction debris.

Park at Deer Run is closed

As we prepare for the second phase of our OSLAD-funded park project, residents are reminded that the park at Deer Run Drive is closed. Trespassing in a closed park is a violation of village ordinance, as it is unsafe to be in the park while it is under construction. Additionally, village ordinance prohibits operation of motorized vehicles within park properties.

Bluegrass concert planned for Little Park

On Sunday May 22, Elwood Community Church will host a bluegrass music concert in Little Park. The afternoon concert is free to the public, and refreshments will be offered at the church.

Reminder: Elwood's 3% water/sewer rate increase will become effective May 1, 2011.