



# Village of Elwood

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*Proud of our past, Building our future*  
*Village President: William E. Offerman*

## March 2010 Status Report

### Daisies lead board meeting

Elwood's Kindergarten Daisies, Troop 33 led the village board in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to start the February 17 village board meeting.



The Daisy troop participated in the board meeting as part of their commitment to the Elwood community.

Daisies participating in the Elwood board meeting include Rachel Dunne, Nicole Meadows, Sydney Senko, Mallory Arend, Helen Jenkins, Amy Vollmer, Melissa Marasco, Allyssa Dockendorf, Callie Boone, Marlee Wallisch, Madison Miedona and Nora Blottianaux. The Elwood Village Board includes Mayor William Offerman (back row, from left) and trustees Robert Wagner, Mary Matichak, Chuck Bernhard, Jason Kucera, Francis "Bud" Jones and George Ruban.

### Elwood receives \$400,000 park grant

The Illinois Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program has granted \$400,000 to the Village of Elwood for development of CenterPoint Park. The OSLAD program, which provides funding assistance for public parks, pays fifty percent of development costs for approved grant projects. A \$400,000 donation from CenterPoint Properties will serve as Elwood's contribution to the project. The village received the CenterPoint land-cash donation in 2009 but banked the funds in hopes of securing the state grant. Having accomplished this funding goal, the board will undertake an \$800,000 project at CenterPoint Park without having to spend village tax dollars.

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### Senior Services sponsors Elwood Tai Chi Class

The Elwood Recreation Department has begun a partnership with Senior Services Center of Will County. Senior Services is currently offering a twelve-week Tai Chi class at Elwood Village Hall Community Room for a donation of just \$15.00. The class was made possible through a community partnership grant. Tai Chi meets on Mondays from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Register at Elwood Village Hall, or contact the recreation coordinator, 815-424-1093, for more information.

### 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 needed this holiday season. 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.

### Scouts host spaghetti dinner

Elwood Cub Scouts will hold a spaghetti dinner on March 13 at Elwood Church, 101 N. Chicago Street. Dinner will be served from 4 until 7 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for takeout and \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under. All members of the community are invited to enjoy a good meal and support this local youth organization.

### It's not too late to join Yoga-Fitness class

The current session of Yoga-Fitness Class is underway. The class meets on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and new participants are welcome. Those who did not register at the start of the class may purchase 4 classes for \$20. Those classes may be used any time during the current session. Yoga Fitness combines elements of Yoga with the cardiovascular benefits of a traditional workout. It's a great workout for any skill level. For more information, call 815-424-1093.

### Public Works seeks summer help

Elwood Public Works Department seeks seasonal employees to assist staff in outdoor maintenance projects. Employment term is May through September, approximately forty hours per week. Interested candidates should pick up an application at Elwood Village Hall.