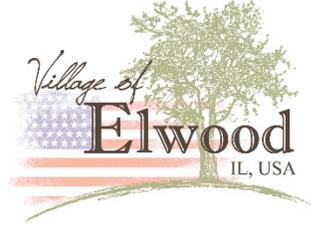


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Traffic Safety Improvements Made in School Zone



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New Safety Beacons Installed to Help Keep Kids Safe in Elwood School Zone

Elwood, Illinois – In a continued effort to improve the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program developed in collaboration with Elwood School District #203 the Village of Elwood announces several new safety improvements. To help keep children safe around Elwood School the Village of Elwood Public Works Department has installed enhanced traffic control devices in the school zone on Chicago Avenue. The new yellow flashing beacons will flash only when the school district is in session. The yellow flashing beacons alert drivers of the 20-mph school speed zone. In addition, permanently mounted radar speed signs one in each of the north and south bound lanes will serve as an additional reminder for motorists to watch their speed.

At the intersection of Mississippi Avenue and Chicago Avenue, Public Works has installed new LED stop signs. The new lighted stop signs will assist the school crossing guards when children are crossing at this intersection. These signs have push buttons that will activate the flashing red LED stop sign to further alert drivers of the presence of pedestrians.

- Flashing yellow beacon signs alert and educate drivers within the school zone
- Radar speed signs (driver feedback signs) alert drivers to their actual speed, remind them of the speed limit and are scientifically proven to reduce speed.



“It’s important that we not only educate our residents on the perils of speeding but also the many visitors traveling through our town” said Chief Fred Hayes. “The Elwood Police Department recognizes speed enforcement as a top priority and also the value of educating the motoring public” said Hayes.

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