

Mayor's Message....



October 2018

Village of Elwood

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The Park and Recreation Committee together with the Village Board are committed to improve the undeveloped very unique park "Archer Park" named in remembrance and honor of Mr. Dale Archer. Mr. Archer devoted many years serving this community as the Village President and was always willing to assist residents in times of need.

After many years of research, the decision was made that disc golf would be the best fit for Archer Park. The benefits of disc golf are numerous. The sport can be played at any age, and it provides a quality, healthy outdoor recreational opportunity.

A great big thank you to Mr. Tyler Kennelly who volunteered many hours of his time and designed an amazing disc golf course.

The dedicated public works staff are doing a wonderful job implementing the course. The tee pads and disc golf baskets are installed. In the next few weeks the benches, picnic tables, and garbage receptacles will also be installed. Once completed, the disc golf course will be ready for all to enjoy!

We are working to make sure residents can enjoy the small-town life they expect in Elwood by continually expanding and improving our park facilities. Elwood is a place where our neighbors, families, and friends can enjoy the great outdoors.

Mayor Doug Jenco

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Committee, October 30, 4 PM
Village Board of Trustees, November 14, 7 PM

Welcome Trustee Mary Lopez

At the August 1, 2018 meeting, Mayor Jenco nominated Mary Lopez to the vacant Trustee's position, which was unanimously approved by the Board. Mary and her husband Vic raised their three children in Elwood. Mary is a native of Elwood. She is employed by Silver Cross Hospital as the Surgery Scheduling Coordinator. She has worked for the hospital for 21 years. We are very proud to welcome Mary to serve the community as a Village Trustee.



For Our Snowbirds...

(3 months or more of vacancy)



Please be sure to fill out and sign our updated Temporary Water Service Disconnection form before you leave for the winter. Without this form signed, services will not be disconnected. Someone must be home at the time of service disconnection and reconnection. This service will only be performed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The form is available on our website at: www.villageofelwood.com, at the Village Hall or you may request one be mailed or emailed to you by contacting us at 815-423-5011.

Waste Management Yard Waste Collection



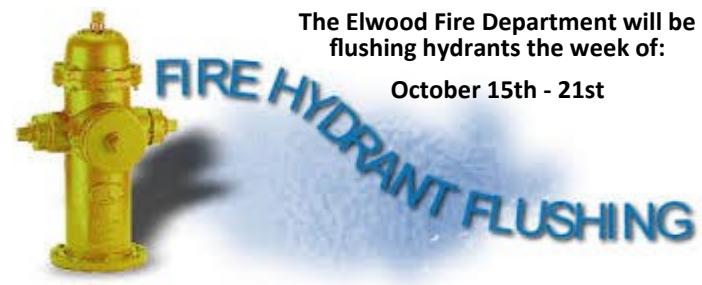
Yard Waste will be collected once per week on the same day as the refuse collection from April 1st through November 30th. All yard waste materials must be placed in "Kraft" paper bags designed and sold specifically for the collection and disposal of yard waste. Yard waste placed in plastic bags or ridged containers will not be accepted.

Public Works Brush Pickup

Brush pickup is available to residents at no cost once a month April through October during the last week of the month. Brush pickup includes small bush and tree trimmings or debris from storm damage. No pick up will be made for large tree removal. Please bundle and stack the brush neatly on the parkway.

Elwood Police Department Welcomes Officer Anderson

Officer Ethan Anderson complies with all state laws requiring certification standards and met the standards required by the Village Code of Ordinances. Mr. Anderson was recommended by the Elwood Police Department and approved by Elwood Village Board to fill a posted department vacancy. Patrol Officer Ethan Anderson was sworn in to his new post at Elwood PD on May 29, 2018 by Elwood Village Clerk Julie Friebele. With his skill and training, Officer Anderson will be an asset to the Elwood Community.



The Elwood Fire Department will be flushing hydrants the week of:

October 15th - 21st



Early Voting:

Village of Elwood dates and hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday, October 22 - 26, 2018

Monday - Friday, October 29 - November 2, 2018

Will County Clerk's Office:

Monday - Friday, October 9 - 26, 2018	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 27, 2018	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Sunday, October 28, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday—Friday, Oct 29 - Nov 2, 2018	8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday—November 3, 2018	8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday—November 4, 2018	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday—November 5, 2018	8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



The Consolidated Election will be held on April 2, 2019.

The Village of Elwood will have the following positions available:

(1) Village President, two-year unexpired term

(3) Trustee positions, four-year term

(2) Trustee positions, two-year unexpired term

Petition packets for Village of Elwood Village President and Trustee positions are available for pick up at the Village Clerk's Office in the Elwood Village Hall, 401 E. Mississippi Avenue.

First day to circulate petitions was September 18, 2018.

1st day to file petitions - December 10, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

The last day to file is December 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.



Village of Elwood Lighting Celebration December 1, 2018

Elwood Village Hall
401 E. Mississippi Ave.
4:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Visit Santa, Make Crafts,
Try our Photo Booth

Enjoy Refreshments

Christmas Light Tour!
Catch the Light Tour Tram at
Elwood Village Hall
And Enjoy a 15-20 Minute Ride
Through the village to enjoy
Elwood's beautiful holiday lights.

Lighting Ceremony Program

Elwood School Choir
4:30 pm ~ 4:45 pm

Elwood School Band
4:45 pm ~ 5:00 pm

Cub Scouts
Color Guard & Pledge of Allegiance
5:00 pm

Mayor Jenco - Lighting of the Lights

To volunteer to assist with the event please contact Marie Rodgers 815-423-5011



Keep Your Child Safe From Dog Bites

More than one-third of U.S. households own at least one dog. That's why it's so important for everyone to recognize that any dog can bite, that nearly 1 in 5 dog bites requires medical attention, and that in addition to injuries, dog bites can cause serious infection and even death.

Nuisance



The Village of Elwood has experienced an increase in residential complaints in reference to nuisance animals. Recently several residents expressed concerns about an overabundance of skunks populating the residential areas throughout the village.

The Village of Elwood will use the services of a local NWCO: **Ace In a Hole Wild Animal Control: Leon Bilbrew 1370 Brandon Road, Joliet, IL 815-483-5305.**

Any officer responding to a nuisance animal call will make the necessary arrangements for the property owner to consent to the placement of a trap. The Village of Elwood will be the principle billed party and shall pay for the service.

Friendly Reminder To Update Your Contact Information



Please update your phone number we have on file for you. Please call (815-423-5011), fax (815-423-6861) or e-mail natalie.bechtold@villageofelwood.com, with your new contact information.

Winterization of Park Facilities:

In preparation for winter, public works will be turning off all water to our facilities the week of October 22nd 2018 (bathrooms, gardens, etc.) to avoid having lines freeze.

Beware of Bats Exposure of Rabies



As bats become more active, the Illinois Department of Public Health is reminding people to beware of potentially rabid bats and other animals. Although most bats are not infected with rabies, it's important to avoid handling bats, get and keep your pets vaccinated and make sure your home has no openings where bats can come in."

You can't tell just by looking at a bat if it has rabies. Only in instances when a person or pet has been exposed to a bat will the bat need to be tested for rabies.

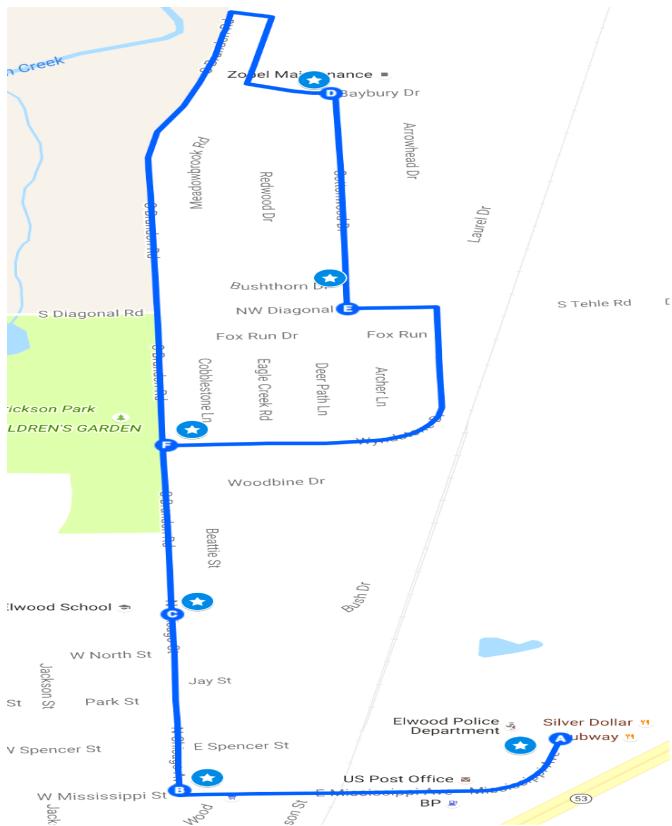
If you find yourself near a bat (in your home or other indoor area) close the door to the room where the bat is and call the local health department. They can help determine if you could have been exposed to rabies and if the bat needs to be tested.

If you are bitten by a bat or other animal, you should seek medical attention immediately.

VILLAGE OF ELWOOD

Halloween Activities
October 31, 2018

Door to Door Trick or Treat From 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Halloween Fun at Elwood Village Hall
401 E. Mississippi Ave.
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



Trick or Treat Tram
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

TRAM STOPS

— A —

Elwood Village Hall

— B —

Chicago & Mississippi

— C —

Chicago & Bush

— D —

Baybury & Cottonwood

— E —

Diagonal & Cottonwood

— F —

Wyndstone & Chicago

**THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE
IN OUR CREATE A WITCH "CRAFT" CONTEST**

PLEASE BRING YOUR WITCH "CRAFT" PROJECT

TO THE VILLAGE HALL TO BE DISPLAYED AND ENTERED

INTO OUR CONTEST NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 24TH

WE INVITE ALL TO COME TO THE VILLAGE HALL ADMINISTRATION RECEPTION AREA

TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE WITCH ON DISPLAY

FROM OCTOBER 25TH THROUGH OCTOBER 30TH

THE WINNER OF THE CREATE A WITCH "CRAFT" CONTEST

WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE VILLAGE HALL

HALLOWEEN NIGHT AT 6:45PM

WITCH "CRAFT" PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE LARGER THAN 6' X 3'