

May 2017 Regional Status Report

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**Village President
William Offerman**

Mayor's Message...

I want to express my appreciation to everyone in Elwood for allowing me to serve as your Village President for the past two terms. These eight years have been an incredibly productive time for this village, and I feel confident this administration has created the best possible outlook for our residents.

We've made crucial infrastructure improvements to our utilities, storm sewers and streets; earned an exemplary bond rating; elevated our ISO rating; safeguarded our financial outlook; negotiated better development terms; prevented outside agencies from executing abysmal roadway plans; secured first-rate police protection; maintained low taxes; established great community outreach and positioned Elwood for a prosperous future.

I want to thank Elwood Public Works, Elwood Police Department, Elwood Village Hall and Children's Garden staff and Elwood Fire Protection District for their hard work over these past eight years. They work tirelessly for the residents of Elwood, and we couldn't have achieved such a long list of accomplishments without them.

I appreciate my fellow Elwood Village Board members who shared my vision for a more stable and prosperous community. They gave their unwavering support for improvement projects and long-term safety initiatives. These steady, deliberate measures required focus and commitment. It's gratifying to look back and see the significant progress we were able to make by remaining steadfast to our goals.

Thank you Elwood Planning and Zoning Commissioners, Elwood Park Committee members, Elwood Children's Garden staff and volunteers, Elwood Community Days Committee and the many volunteers who make good things happen in our village.

I want to congratulate our incoming Mayor, Todd Matichak. I know he has great intentions and plans for the Village of Elwood. I believe his enthusiasm and love for this community will be an asset to Elwood.

I have offered Mayor Matichak my support during his transition into the role, and my door is always open for the new administration. I'm happy to provide any background information that may be needed to help the new board move forward.

I feel tremendous gratitude that the citizens of Elwood entrusted me with such an important job - I did all I could to live up to that trust. I'm also lucky to have a family who supported me these past eight years. As I took on this job, they wholeheartedly accepted that Elwood's priorities would be our own, sacrificing family activities for this time-consuming obligation.

My wife Lisa and I look forward to enjoying life in this community where we were raised. We'll partake in the ongoing prosperity this village has earned through hard work and commitment.



**Village Trustee
Patrick Cotter**



**Village Trustee
Doug Jenco**



**Village Trustee
Don LaPaglia**



**Village Trustee
Dean Lowrance**



**Village Trustee
Mary Matichak**



**Village Trustee
Jasen Melahn**



**Village Clerk
Julie Friebele**

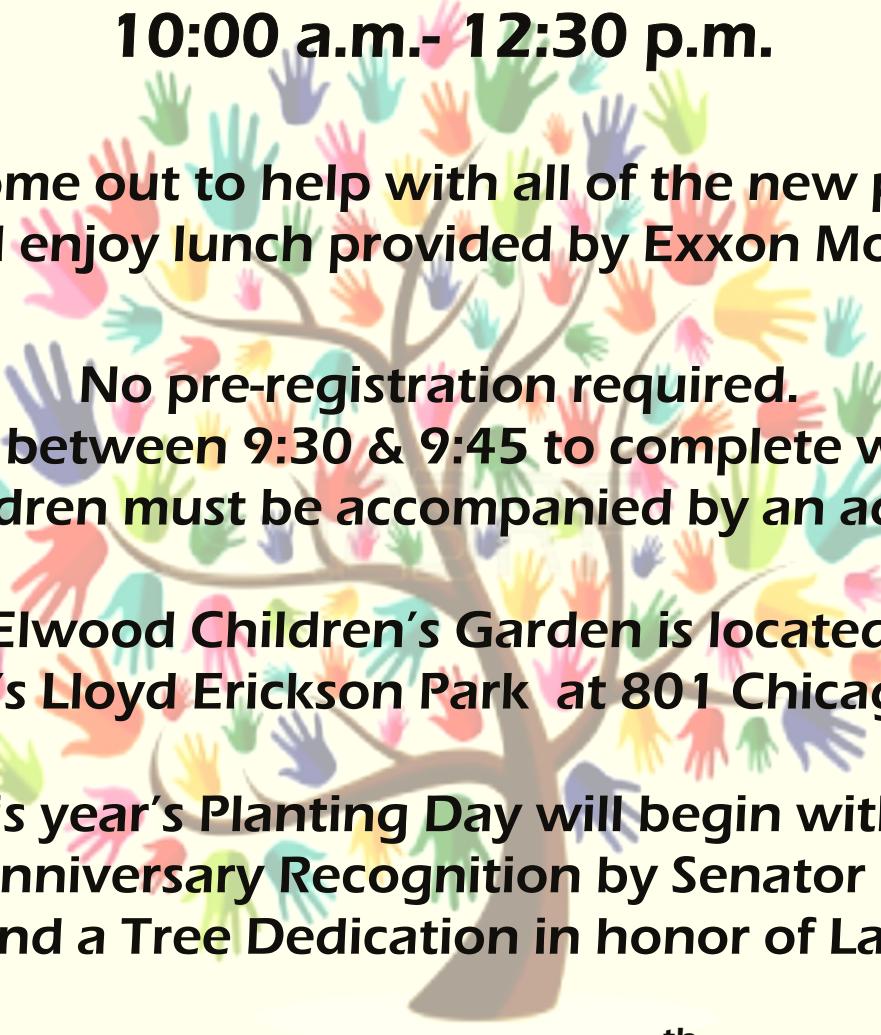
*Sincerely,
William Offerman*

Elwood Children's Garden

2017 Planting Day

Saturday, May 20th

10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.



**Please come out to help with all of the new plantings
and enjoy lunch provided by Exxon Mobil.**

**No pre-registration required.
Arrive between 9:30 & 9:45 to complete waiver.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Elwood Children's Garden is located
In Elwood's Lloyd Erickson Park at 801 Chicago Street.**

**This year's Planting Day will begin with a
20th Anniversary Recognition by Senator Patrick
McGuire and a Tree Dedication in honor of Larry Banas.**

Rain Date is May 27th.

Enjoy fresh local vegetables every season from Lange's Farm.



If you are interested in becoming one of our
"CSA Customers" call us today at 815-423-6958

Get a full list of produce at
LangesFarm.com

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a partnership between community members and farmers who agree to share in the bounty and risks of farming. CSA members subscribe in the spring when farm expenses are high, in exchange for a weekly share of the season's harvest.

Throughout the growing season, CSA members come to the farm to pick up a share of what's in season. Each week you will receive a generous selection of farm fresh vegetables, enough to provide four adults with vegetables for a week. This will give you an entire season of all the locally grown fresh produce you can eat, and it will save you about 20% off supermarket prices. Think of it as a subscription for farm fresh produce.

**Call Lange's Farm today at 815-423-6958.
Lange's Farm, 24819 S. Bush Road, Elwood, IL 60421**



Red Carpet Corridor

Annual Festival on the first Saturday & Sunday in May

Elwood, Illinois
May 6 & 7, 2017



Antique Tractors on the Route - Follow the original Route 66 from Mississippi Ave. to Douglas St. See antique tractors. Stop and take photos.

Historical Presentation - Visit Elwood Village Hall, 401 E. Mississippi Avenue, to learn about Elwood's unique farming history.

Douglas Street Wayside Exhibit - The Arsenal and Agriculture display features Rosie the Riveter and Arsenal Worker statues. This stretch of the route holds a section of original Route 66 pavement.



— Saturday Only —
Red Carpet Roundup - Bison Shuttle
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Board a shuttle bus at Elwood Village Hall, 401 E. Mississippi Ave. to see bison at nearby Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Special showing with educational programs and more. Access to the bison site will be by shuttle only.

Pick up your Elwood collectible button at Elwood Village Hall, 401 E. Mississippi Ave.

Jackson Township Food Pantry Free Cookout
Saturday May 13th,
Noon - 1 pm
Tyler Park (across from the church)

Serving: hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and water. Free will donation is accepted.
Enjoy fellowship and food with family, friends, and neighbors! Hope to see you all there.

WILL COUNTY
COMMUNITY FRIENDLY
FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN



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CENTER FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**WILL COUNTY FREIGHT PLAN
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES & PUBLIC SURVEY**

Share Your Thoughts on the Future of Freight in Will County

May 16th, 5:00-7:30 PM

William E Dugan Training Center
19800 W. South Arsenal Road
Wilmington, IL 60481

May 17th, 5:00-7:30 PM

Plainfield Village Hall
Community Room
24401 W. Lockport Street
Plainfield, IL 60544

May 18th, 5:00-7:30 PM

New Lenox Village Hall
One Veterans Parkway
New Lenox, IL 60451

CAN'T ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE? TAKE OUR SURVEY!

Visit www.tiny.cc/WCFreightPlan to take the survey.

The survey is brief and should only take 5-7 minutes.

Will County and the Will County Center for Economic Development (CED) have initiated the Will County Freight Plan which will help provide strategies and goals to guide freight policies, programs, projects and investments throughout the county. Whether you live in or work in the area or simply visit often, we invite you to attend a public open house and take our survey.



WILL COUNTY COMMUNITY FRIENDLY FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN

**ELWOOD
COMMUNITY
GARAGE SALE
DAYS**

**June 2nd & 3rd
8 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

Elwood Garage Sale Days are advertised in local papers and on local online garage sale sites.

Participants should post their own signs if desired.

- The village will distribute a list of sales.
- To have your sale included on the list, call 815-424-1093.
- Leave NAME, ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER.



TRIAD offers meetings for seniors

Will County TRIAD is a three - way commitment among the chiefs of police in a county, the sheriff and older or retired leaders. They agree to work together to reduce the criminal victimization of the elderly and enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to older persons.

A major purpose of a TRIAD is to develop, expand and implement effective crime prevention and education programs for older community members. Activities center on both pre - victimization (preventive) and post - victimization (victim / witness assistance) aspects.

TRIAD works to improve the quality of life for seniors. By providing an opportunity for the exchange of information between law enforcement and older persons, Triad can also focus on reducing unwarranted fear of crime.

TRIAD Schedule of Speakers

May 9 Power Plant Issues, EMA & Evacuation

June 13 Music and the Brain with Helen Ekstan

July 11 Weather Issues and Concerns

Triad meetings are open to the public. Will County Triad meets at Wilmington City Hall, 1165 S. Water Street, on the second Tuesday