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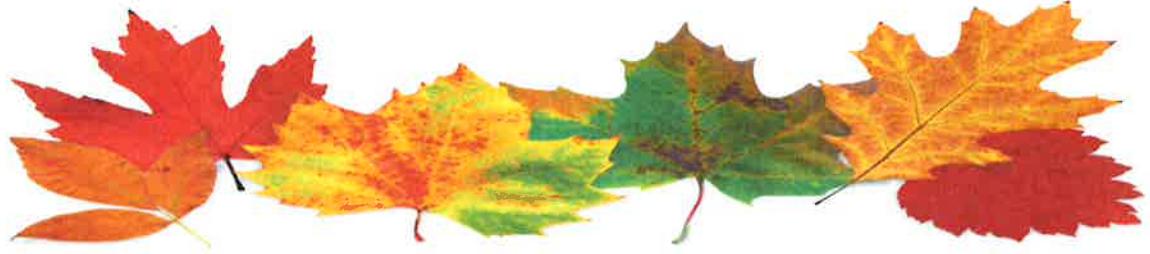
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Mayor's Message...



Hello residents of Elwood. Summer is over and Fall is here. School is at full swing so please be aware of our young people early in the morning and early in the afternoon.

Don LaPaglia has stepped down as a Village Trustee. I would like to thank Don for his many years of service to this community. He has served in a variety of roles since 1999. He will be missed.

Halloween is coming soon and the Village will have trick or treating from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on the 31st. See the back page for more information on the activities we will be hosting at the Village Hall. Fun will be had by everyone.

We are looking forward to the opening of a new bar in Elwood, Jacks Tap.

It is also harvest time so watch for farm equipment and grain trucks moving on the roads.

Manhattan and Elwood are working together to ensure both towns are respectful, professional and doing what is best for their citizens.

Be safe and if you have any questions or concerns please notify the Village staff or myself.

Thanks for the Time, God Bless

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LaPaglia: Service & Dedication to Elwood



Don LaPaglia has served the residents of Elwood with service and dedication from 1999 to 2017.

He has served on the Village Board, Planning and Zoning Board and the Park Board. He is a re-

tired Will County Sheriff's Deputy and currently serves on the County Sheriff's Merit Commission.

His yard is his pride and joy, reflecting the many hours he spends working in it. He loves to take trips on his motorcycle in his free time. He is always willing to help someone in need.

Traffic Calming Devices to be Installed

As part of a neighborhood traffic management program, the Village of Elwood invited Center-Point Properties to help mitigate the problem of excessive speeding by motorists traveling to and from the industrial park.

The Elwood Police Department recommendation for the installation of speed hump devices, to act as an additional measure in managing traffic on village streets, was approved by the Village Board at their meeting on October 4th.

Speed humps are raised traffic calming devices. They are placed across the road to help slow traffic. They typically slow traffic in a more gradual manner than a speed bump.

For this reason, they are considered less intrusive to residents who would travel across them daily, while still being effective in controlling traffic. Speed humps are designed to slow traffic

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Village Board Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7 PM. Village Hall offices will be closed on Friday November 10th for Veterans Day.



Village Welcomes New Staff Members

Robbie Day joined the Village staff on June 26, as the Finance Director. She has attended Joliet Junior College and pursued courses in accounting and business.

She has completed continuing education courses in payroll law, accounts payable and human resources. Robbie will be familiar to some residents as she worked for the Village from 2005 to 2014. She and her husband, Carl, have three children. Robbie has already been a huge asset through the implementation of several financial policies.

Pat Winters joined the Village staff as the Permit Technician and Administrative Clerk on June 1. Pat earned her Associate's Degree from Joliet Junior college and her Bachelor's degree from Governors State University.



She continues to serve as the president of the Elwood Athletic Boosters. She and her husband, Ravel, have four children. She is rapidly developing her skills as a Building

Permit Technician.

Marie Rodgers moved into the role of the Program, Events and Community Coordinator on July 24. She has been employed by the Village since 2013 as a custodian.



Marie has been a valuable asset to the Village, willing to help out in multiple areas. She and her husband, James, have two grown children. She is working hard to learn this new role.

Village Employs Summer Help

You may have noticed that the Village of Elwood Public Works staff included some unfamiliar faces this summer.

There were five young adults who were summer help with the Department. They were Thomas Kerrigan, Rhea Kerrigan, Andrew Puch, Mark Vanderhyden and Alex Kulak.

They were recognized by the Village Board on October 4th.

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and encourage a specified main route to certain destinations.

A four speed humps were approved, with two to be installed on Gardner and two on Spencer, between Chicago and Lincoln Streets. The Elwood Police Department completed a citizen survey to measure the support from local residents on the placement of speed humps. An overwhelming majority supported the plan.

CenterPoint Properties has agreed to reimburse the Village of Elwood \$27,000 for the cost of the traffic calming project. The project is expected to be completed this year.

Soccer Teams to Play in Tournament

Elwood's soccer teams will be playing in the annual Morris Soccer Association tournament at 1305 E Old Pine Bluff Road, Morris, IL.



The eight/nine-year-old team will be playing on October 21. On October 28, the 10/11-year-old team will be playing.

Save the Date

December 2nd will be the Village of Elwood Tree Lighting Celebration at the Village Hall



Interested in a Community Garden Plot for 2018?

There are a limited number of plots available in the Community Garden at Lloyd Erickson Park. If you are interested, contact Marie Rodgers at the Village Hall by calling 815-424-1093.



Village Installs First Local Police Weigh Station in Will County

On August 1st of this year, the Village of Elwood opened the first and only local police truck enforcement weigh station in Will County.



The permanent scale house, located at 26550 Elwood International Port Road (Baseline), has state-of-the-art technology which allows police officers to safely weigh Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMV's) suspected of being overweight.

During the first month of operation Elwood Police Officers stopped 210 CMV's, and issued 57 overweight citations, resulting in over \$78,000 in posted bonds.

According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), one 40-ton CMV truck does as much damage to the road as 9,600 cars. Heavy trucks stress the pavement, and the freeze-thaw cycles we experience in the northern Illinois climate cause the roads to crack and create potholes.

In order to properly manage for road improvements, including preserving the roadway integrity and otherwise mitigate losses caused by road deterioration, and to minimize traffic hazards to the Village of Elwood's designated truck routes, the village has adopted Village Ordinance No. 1004 and issues overweight-load permits.

Truck enforcement exists to provide safe passage through the Village of Elwood for all motor vehicle traffic as they share the roads with larger and heavier commercial vehicles. The Village

of Elwood strictly enforces overweight/oversize commercial vehicles.

The Elwood Police Department has certified truck enforcement officers who are also members of the Illinois Truck Enforcement Association (ITEA).



Previously, Elwood Officers utilized roadside portable scales to enforce the law. The portable scales are heavy and cumbersome with each scale weighing over 60 lbs.

Due to the high volume of overweight CMV traffic, the Elwood Police Department has determined the use of permanent scales provides a safer and efficient operating procedure for both drivers of CMV's and Police Officers.

The system is the Fairbanks Matrix Configurable Truck Weighing System with scales certified by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Fall Clean-up Day – November 13th

Waste Management will pick-up white goods refrigerators (doors must be removed or restrained) water heaters, washers, dryers, etc. and up to four rimless automobile tires.

They are unable to accept electrical items such as televisions, computers, full paint cans, etc. Please contact "At Your Door Service" (800-449-7857) or atyourdoor@wm.com for these items.

Village of Elwood Halloween Activities



October 31st



**Trick or Treating
from 4:00 to 6:00 PM**

The Trick or Treat Tram will stop in Elwood neighborhoods during Trick or Treat Hours (Tram Stops



Halloween

*Halloween Fun at the Village Hall
will be from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.
There will be hot dogs, chips,
water, treats, crafts and a movie
from 4:00 to 6:00 PM*



Volunteers are needed to help the Tram drivers. If you can help, please call Marie at the Village Hall at 815-424-1093.

