

Welcome to the...

VILLAGE OF
**ELMWOOD
PARK**

**Our goal is to preserve the open
park-like setting of our village and
to maintain its natural
atmosphere.**



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Election Officials—Appointed

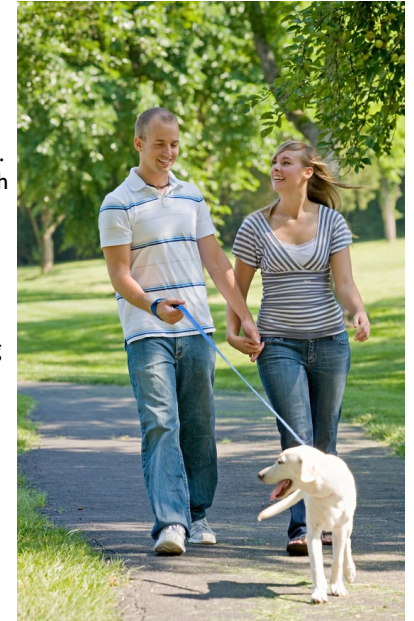
Karen Pirk	+1 (262) 554-1195	Chief Election Inspector
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Joan DeGroot	JoAnne Nissen	Kathleen Clouthier
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Pets

The Village of Elmwood Park (and the State Of Wisconsin) requires that all dogs over five months old are licensed. Evidence of rabies vaccination or a veterinarian waiver is required to be submitted with your license application. Dog license applications are mailed with property tax bills in December of each year. If you acquire a dog mid-year, please contact the clerk for an application, or go online to the village website and download.

Pet owners are responsible for keeping their pets on their own premises. Allowing your pets (cats or dogs) to run loose is a violation of our village ordinance.

Pet owners are also responsible for cleaning up after their pets.



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Plan Commission—Appointed

Tom Mills, Head	+1 (262) 498-1442	tom.mills2vil.ep.wi.us
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Other—Appointed

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Demographics

Population in 2012: 496 (100% urban, 0% rural).
Population change since 2000: +4.6%

Males: 247  (49.9%)

Females: 249  (50.1%)

Median resident age:  48.9 years

Wisconsin median age:  44.3 years

Zip codes: 53405.

Estimated median household income in 2011: \$86,156
(it was \$71,389 in 2000)

Elmwood Park: \$86,156

Wisconsin: \$50,395

Estimated per capita income in 2011: \$30,646

Estimated median house or condo value in 2011: \$209,289
(it was \$150,000 in 2000)

Elmwood Park: \$209,289

Wisconsin: \$166,700

Mean prices in 2011: All housing units: \$227,117;
Detached houses: \$227,117

Read more: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Elmwood-Park-Wisconsin.html#ixzz2z4UjmHiE>



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History

Elmwood Park is a small village nestled between the City of Racine and the Town of Mount Pleasant. It is a municipality with its own government. There are 2.45 miles of roads in an area comprising 105.59 acres. Taylor Avenue and Lathrop Avenue are the two main roads that run through the village.

Originally, Taylor Avenue was called the Racine and Wilmot Plank Road – later called Wilmot Road. It was renamed Asylum Avenue and then changed to Taylor Avenue on September 18, 1923. It was named Taylor Avenue after Isaac Taylor and the Taylor Children’s Orphan Asylum. After his death in 1865, Isaac’s wife carried out his “dream” to build, the orphan home. Isaac Taylor had been an orphan himself growing up in England. The Taylor Children’s Orphan Asylum was completed in 1868 with funds from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor.

The orphans of Taylor Children’s Orphan Asylum (Taylor Home) were the first modern residents of this area, 92 years before we became a village and at least 77 years before people began to show an interest in living here in any numbers. At the time, this area was considered the country with lots of open farmland. The Asylum had a farm where they grew their own vegetables, raised cows, chickens and pigs.

Taylor Children’s Orphan Asylum. Neither the building nor the asylum exist today.

Until recently, Taylor Home ran an alternative school on the grounds: The Taylor Education Center and Family Support for Gang Diversion Program. While 3131 Taylor Avenue is now in the City of Racine, bordering our village, the campus is owned and operated by the Village of Elmwood Park. It hasn’t been an orphanage since 1955 when the state abolished orphanages. The old historical buildings were razed in 1973. The current cottage type buildings that are used today were constructed in the 1960’ s. In 2002 the 24 hour residential program was discontinued due to declining enrollment. There are five buildings on the expansive, park-like campus. All beautiful, and some are available for rent, long term or short term!

Lathrop Avenue was named for A.H. Lathrop, who owned a 1/4 section of what is now Lathrop and Washington Avenue. Over the years, it changed from being called a road to a street to an avenue. In the early 1900’ s, W.H. Miller, a real estate broker, attempted to have the Street

Village Board—Elected

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Contract and Bid Reviews		Pete Clothier
Emergency Management		Pete Clothier
Finance Director		Cindy Towery
Insurance		Brad Jaeck
Marketing of Properties – Hall & Gym Rentals		Nick Haas
Real Estate Liaison & Tenants		Brad Jaeck
Recycling and Solid Waste		Pete Clothier
Roadways and Parking Lots		Jeff Klimek
Snow Services		Cindy Towery
Village Properties: Lawn, Tree, Brush Care		Ellis Steiner
Website Director		Nick Haas
Weed Commissioner		Ellis Steiner

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Meetings

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30 P.M.

RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30 P.M. DURING WINTER

1ST AND 3RD MONDAY DURING SUMMER.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

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named Ben Bones Street, after a vegetable farmer of that name who lived in the area of Beebe School. The name change was denied. As Elmwood Park continued to develop, each home planted several elm trees. Our elm tree population grew, but suffered a heavy loss due to Dutch elm disease. In 1960 there were 379 elm trees in Elmwood Park. By 1964 there were only 256, a loss of 123 elms and the loss continued. Today, we only have a few remaining beautiful elms that represent our namesake.

A population growth had started as early as the 1930' s and the 1940' s. But the 1950' s saw the influx of people that eventually led to the creation of the village. Some of the early residents to the area, such as the Dremel Family, were instrumental in creating a real community atmosphere. The community started to have annual Christmas parties at Meadowbrook Country Club. The first Christmas party was held in 1957 and the tradition continued for many years to follow. That same sense of community led to the desire for incorporation. In the late 1950' s a group of residents got together and formed a study committee to discuss becoming a village.

The purpose of becoming a village was to provide a local government to solve local problems. It would allow us to have control over the protection and development of the area and to maintain a separate identity and control over our civic operations.

The committee remained active until the early-1960 and dissolved when the area incorporated into a village.

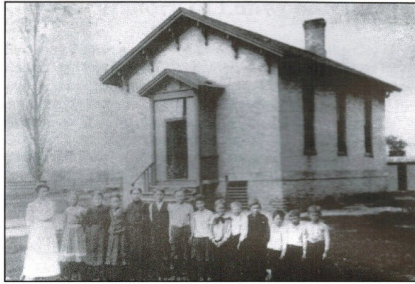
Elmwood incorporated as a Village on June 27, 1960 following a court battle. Until this time, we had been a part of the Town of Mount Pleasant. Becoming a village was not an easy task; it was met with some opposition. A new state law adopted after our incorporation proceedings were already started, requires villages near cities the size of Racine to be 25 times larger than Elmwood. We were the last small suburban village in the state to incorporate. In 1960 there were 120 homes in the Village.

We had to change our name to Village of Elmwood Park because there was already a Village of Elmwood in North West Wisconsin.

Dr. W.C. (Bill) Harris was our first Village President during the initial organization of our village. He was one of the many leaders at our suc-

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Beebe School May 29, 1903

Successful effort at "Villagehood. George Boehm assumed the village presidency when Dr. Harris moved out of the village. Our first Clerk for the Village was Marian Boehm. She originally took the position on the understanding it was temporary. Marian served as clerk from 1960 – 1974- Marian was also instru-

mental in the village organization and the many duties that went along with that important position Beebe School's history traces back almost to the beginning of Racine. Elias Smith and Marshall M. Strong were school commissioners when the district was first organized in 1840. The district meetings were held at homes to elect officers and to vote on issues. The original Beebe School was built in 1841 at a cost of \$175. Voters pledged \$10 and \$20 each to build the school house. It was a frame structure, 20' x 25, with pine shingles on the sides and roof. It was located south of Racine's City limits on our current site, at Taylor and Lathrop Avenue. The Beebe family owned a large amount of land in the area and donated the land for the school. In the early days, the school was used for various social, religious as well as educational uses. The present Beebe School was built in 1926, at a cost of \$21,000. Many of the village children attended Beebe School. In 1961 it became a part of Racine Unified School District. The school remained open until 1973. At the time of closing, 300 Beebe School pupils were reassigned to Johnson and Hansche Schools. Originally village meetings had been conducted in people's homes and garages. We purchased Beebe School and grounds in 1977 for approximately \$30,000. Mary Orr, Clerk and Thomas (Tom) Cecchini, President were instrumental in obtaining the property along with William Dougard, Treasurer and the Board of Trustees. Part of the building became our new Village Hall and the remaining portion was turned into rental property, generating monies for the building's maintenance. The grounds became a park for everyone's enjoyment. Holy Cross Church and School, 3350 Lathrop Avenue, was built in 1961. At one time village voting was held in the Friendship Hall (auditorium) of the school. In later years, the school was renamed

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Weed Control/Tree Trimming

All noxious weeds must be cut by June 15th and then again by August 15th. Trees must be kept trimmed per village ordinance.



Ordinances

It is important to have certain guidelines and regulations to help keep our village a safe and pleasant place to live.

We have a Municipal Code Book, which contains the Gen Ordinances of our Village. These ordinances have been enacted and revised by our Village government over the years. This book is available below, or by appointment at the village administrative office 3131 Taylor Av Building 4, or through any elected or appointed official. Our Village administrative office is open during all posted meetings, elections, and special hours as posted in the newsletter. A few examples of the many topics covered in our ordinances are:

- Your responsibilities as a pet owner
- Planting of certain trees are restricted in our village
- Responsibility of home owner/occupant in regards to snow and ice removal
- Weed Control – "noxious weed" requirements
- Building regulations

In a small village such as Elmwood Park, the enforcement of our ordinances has been on an informal basis, and in most cases this works. We do have the power to enforce our ordinances through the Racine County Sheriff's Department and levy fines as necessary.

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Loose bulk construction materials

Wisconsin E-Cycle

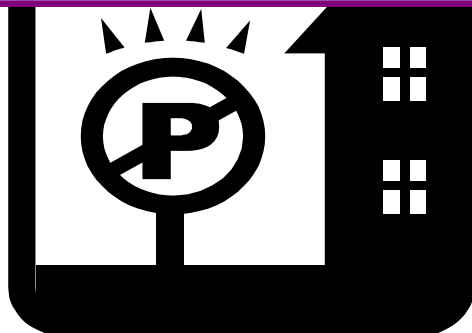
Johns Disposal is a registered collector of electronics for the state of Wisconsin. We would be happy to pick up your electronics for a fee. Please call Johns Disposal to make arrangements. For more information visit: dnr.wi.gov/ecyclewisconsin

Cart Placement

- The arrows on the lid of the cart must point to the street
 - Handles and wheels should face away from the street
 - The garbage cart should be placed within 2 ft. of the street on one side of the driveway
 - The recycle cart should be placed within 2 ft. of the street on the other side of the driveway
- Please keep 6 ft. of clearance between the carts and other objects, especially mailboxes and vehicles

Local clean sweep programs may offer alternative options for disposal of fluorescent light bulbs, household hazardous waste, pharmaceuticals & electronics.

The village does not allow any parking on the street from 2am to 6am.



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Concordia Lutheran School. Since the Christmas of 1973, the beautiful sounds of the Carillon can be heard throughout the village. The Carillon is in memory of John 'Skip' Riley Jr., who died of cancer at the age of 22. Skip's parents, John & Anita Riley, are members of the church.

Homes in the village originally had septic systems and at times caused some troublesome problems for many. In 1976 a sanitary sewer system was installed. This was quite an accomplishment for the village. It solved the problems some had experienced and led to the further development of our village. In the late 1970' s, our last section of the village to be developed was known as Elmwood 7. Originally this area had been mostly swamp land. Once the sewer System was available, this 17 acre tract was able to start developing. Elmwood 7 borders to the east the old Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad Line's right-a-way. They ceased Operation on December 1963 and today this is known as the "bicycle trail". The Elmwood 7 expansion extended N. Elmwood Drive and S. Elmwood Drive. It also created two new streets: E. Elmwood Drive and Oak Tree Lane. This development added 51 homes to our village. Today, we have 205 homes and one vacant lot in the village.

Most of the children growing up in Elmwood Park are familiar with the "circle tree". It has always been a favorite meeting place, a bicycle rest area and most have climbed the tree at one time or another. (We advise against climbing the tree today because of safety concerns.) This is where Maryland Avenue intersects with North Elmwood Drive going north and south, and McArthur Place and then encircles the tree and comes to an end. Driving in this area resembles the roundabouts in England. At one time, neighbors used to plant flowers around the tree. Today, you frequently see neighborhood children gathering around the tree and in the warmer months you may occasionally see a lemonade/ Kool-Aid stand setup by the children.

The history of Elmwood Park was compiled by Audrey Viau, with contributions from many of our Village of Elmwood Park residents and the Racine Heritage Museum – Richard Ammann, Archivist. Old photographs of Beebe School provided by Heritage Museum.

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Trash & Recycling Services

Garbage Collected Every Monday:

Please place the following in the Brown Cart:

- Mixed trash, plastic wrap & bags, broken toys
- Ceramics, light bulbs, bagged garbage
- Food waste, styrofoam, other loose trash

Please put bagged trash in the brown cart. Bags that are tied keep the carts clean.

Do NOT put the following items in the Brown Cart:

- Yard waste
- Recyclables
- Household hazardous waste
- Cardboard boxes
- Construction materials
- Electronics

Recycle Collected Every Other Week:

Please place the following in the Green Cart:

Mixed Containers:

- Aluminum cans & clean aluminum foil
- Tin cans, steel cans, aerosol cans, empty/dried paint cans
- Glass bottles & jars
- #1-7 plastic

Milk cartons, juice boxes, soup cartons

Mixed Paper:

- Newspaper, magazines, books, mail, school/office paper
- Brown corrugated cardboard
- Gray chipboard (cereal and shoe boxes)

Brown paper bags

Shredded Paper:

Please put in a secured clear plastic bag, and place in the GREEN

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cart. No other recycling should be placed in bags.

Do not put the following items in the Green Cart:

- Styrofoam of any kind
- Yard waste
- Trash
- Household hazardous waste
- Construction materials
- Electronics

Clothing

Yard Waste Collection:

Yard waste will be collected on the recycle week from March through November. Yard waste should be placed in compostable bags or a container less than 32 gallons and 60 lbs. Twigs and branches can be bundled in 4 ft. lengths or less.

Bulk Collections (3rd Monday each month)

Acceptable Bulk Items:

- Furniture, Appliances, Air Conditioners, Large metal items
- Carpeting (no wider than 4ft and rolled)
- Extra garbage bags or garbage in personal cans
- Cardboard (flattened & empty)
- Tires (2 per home per month – 8 per year)
- Drain oil & antifreeze (sealed in 1-5 gallon containers)
- Paper & other recyclables should be in clear plastic bags
- Humidifiers/De-humidifiers, Water softeners

Yard waste – In compostable bags, or containers less than 32 gallons or bundles in 4 ft lengths

Unacceptable Bulk Items:

- Electronics
- Hazardous materials
- Liquid paint