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## **Village honors Ron Santo, Ray Nitschke with street dedication**

*Both Hall of Famers once called Elmwood Park home*

ELMWOOD PARK – Village officials, friends and fans of former Chicago Cubs Hall of Fame 3rd baseman Ron Santo and former Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame linebacker Ray Nitschke gathered Monday to name two Elmwood Park streets in their honor.

"Both Ron Santo and Ray Nitschke lived in Elmwood Park for part of their lives, and we wanted to honor their memory with these street dedications," Village President Pete Silvestri said. "Our street designations honor notable citizens who added to the quality of life within and beyond our borders. Ron and Ray certainly did that."

Santo, posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame last weekend, lived in Elmwood Park during his early years with the Cubs. He went on to become a beloved Cubs broadcaster before his death due to complications from bladder cancer and diabetes in 2010. The 1900 block of 75th Court was named "Honorary Ron Santo Way."

Nitschke was born in Elmwood Park in 1936. He attended Proviso High School in Maywood before heading to the University of Illinois and ultimately Green Bay. He died of a heart attack at age 61 in 1998. Diversey Avenue from 75th Court to 76th Avenue was named "Honorary Ray Nitschke Way."

Elmwood Park is located approximately 12 miles from the City of Chicago. The Village is primarily a residential community of single-family homes, newer condominiums and town homes, but also includes several business districts and a small light industrial area.