



## *Advances progress already made to keep Elmwood Park clean, safe and beautiful*

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## **Village budget holds line on property taxes**

ELMWOOD PARK – Village President Pete Silvestri's proposed budget for 2013-2014 holds the line on property taxes, following a five percent decrease for FY 2012-13. The spending plan also makes continued progress in public safety and beautification measures throughout the community.

"I'm very pleased with this budget, the final one I will submit as Village President," Silvestri said. "We realize homeowners are still recovering from the recession, and that's why it was important for us to keep property taxes stable while also delivering on the needed services and initiatives that make Elmwood Park such a great community."

The budget funds additional hours for auxiliary police and three Community Oriented Policing Strategy (COPS) meetings during the year. The Police Department will also continue to automate its processes by implementing a new document management system. The plan also provides additional funds for the maintenance of vacant buildings and for rodent and mosquito control, while also providing funds for the Keep Elmwood Park Clean, Safe and Beautiful campaign.

"We have once again managed to prioritize our spending and take innovative steps to fund the programs we need," Silvestri said.

Economically sensitive revenues are projected to rise, reflecting the continuation of a modest recovery. Sales tax revenues, income tax revenues and real estate transfer tax are all projected to post modest gains next year. The budget also reflects the use of bond proceeds and Water Fund revenues to implement the Village's Flood Mitigation Project.

The budget continues to fund the recently added services for senior citizens including the village's free bus rides and snow removal programs. The Board also approved the expansion of Teen Night to every Saturday throughout the year as well as funding to provide additional hours at the parks and recreation center for teens on Saturdays and Sundays.

“This budget builds on the accomplishments we have made by working together as a community,” Silvestri said. “Through wise investments and a bold vision, we have positioned Elmwood Park for a bright future for many years to come.”

More information on the 2013-14 budget can be found on the Village’s website, [www.elmwoodpark.org](http://www.elmwoodpark.org).

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