

Elwood, Illinois Community Profile Itinerary

Elwood, Illinois, founded in 1854, grew to about 400 people by 1900. The city then experienced growth after the Joliet Arsenal Plant opened in 1940, bringing close to 200 additional residents. Fast forward to present day and Elwood is again expected to see dramatic growth in the coming years due to the CenterPoint Intermodal Center in Joliet and Elwood, the largest master planned inland port in North America.

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ATTRACTIONS



[Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery](#)

Established in 1999 on 982 acres of the former U.S. Army Ammunition Plant, the cemetery's monuments and garden niches make it well worth a visit. Most days, the melodic sound of Taps can be heard echoing throughout the serene cemetery grounds as the ALNC Memorial Squad performs burial honors for passed veterans. The national cemetery is named for our nation's beloved 16th President. On May 3, 1865, Abraham Lincoln's funeral train stopped at Hampton Station, an historic site which is currently located on the grounds of Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

20953 West Hoff Road

(815) 423-9958

[Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Official Website](#)



[Douglas Street Route 66 Pavement & Workers Roadside Exhibit](#)

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Southeast Corner, Mississippi Avenue & Douglas Street
 (815) 423-5011

[Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway Interpretive Exhibits Official Website](#)



[Route 66 Food N Fuel](#)

Route 66 Food N Fuel is conveniently located along Route 66 (IL 53) on the southern edge of Joliet and near Elwood. The facility features a "Bluesmobile" built by Bob's Prop Shop. It is a 1974 Plymouth Fury III resting up on a pole, with Jake & Elwood in the car. It has become a very popular photo opportunity along Route 66. Route 66 Food N Fuel features Pop's Italian Beef & Sausage, Seating for 40, Dunkin' Donuts With Drive-Thru, Beggar's Pizza Slices, Travel Center & Convenience Store, ATM, Lottery, Video Gaming, Liquor Store, Ice, Gasoline, E-85, Diesel, Propane & Sunoco Racing Fuel and Truck Parking. Open 24/7, 365 days a year.

2401 S. Chicago St., Joliet
 815-724-0066

[Route 66 Food N Fuel Official Website](#)

MAJOR EVENTS



[Red Carpet Corridor Festival](#)

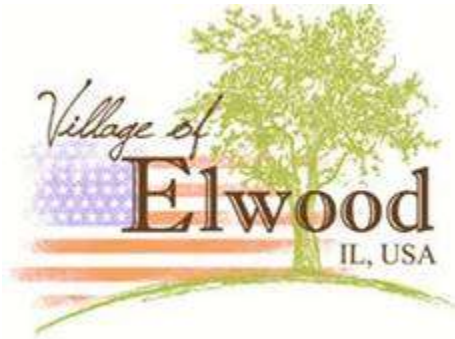
May 5-6, 2018

The Annual Red Carpet Corridor Festival is held the first full weekend in May and traverses 13 Communities from Joliet to Towanda along a 90-mile stretch of Old Route 66 that collectively celebrates the Mother Road. Each town puts together its own events for the weekend, making for a great shopping and sight-seeing

experience. Gather the family and take a trip down memory lane. Towns include Joliet, Elwood, Wilmington, Braidwood, Godley, Braceville, Gardner, Dwight, Odell, Pontiac, Chenoa, Lexington and Towanda.
(815) 844-5847

[Red Carpet Corridor Official Website](#)

AMENITIES



Village of Elwood
401 East Mississippi Avenue
(815) 423-5011

[Village of Elwood Official Website](#)

Dining



Silver Dollars Restaurant

422 E Mississippi Ave
(815) 423-6700

[Silver Dollar Restaurant Official Website](#)

Raceway Pizza and More

109 E Gardner
(815) 423-6250

Subway Restaurant

410 Mississippi Ave
(815) 423-6008

[Subway Restaurant Official Website](#)

GOOGLE MAP:

<https://goo.gl/maps/X3QSLaadq1LmczHx7>