



Creative Intergovernmental Agreement Benefits Community

The City of Elmhurst's long tradition of intergovernmental cooperation with other taxing bodies has resulted in a mutually beneficial solution to a potentially serious problem.

During the summer of 2003, Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 officials disclosed the existence of a serious budget deficit. A number of factors contributed to the school district's financial crisis, including increased enrollment, rising operating and staffing costs, unpredictable state funding, unfunded state and federal mandates, and the property tax cap. School district officials carefully scrutinized budget line items for opportunities to reduce expenditures without increasing class size or cutting essential programs, both of which would adversely impact the quality of education for School District 205 students. Although expenditure reductions of nearly \$1 million were made in areas such as supplies and staff development, it was estimated that the school district would still experience deficits of approximately \$1.2 million per year over the next few years.

After all reasonable expenditure reductions were implemented, School District 205 formally requested assistance from the city in reviewing possible sources of additional revenue. Passage of a property tax levy referendum seemed unlikely so soon after two referenda were approved by Elmhurst voters – the first for improvements to York Community High School and other District 205 schools, and the second for construction of a new Elmhurst Public Library. (It is important to understand that, per Illinois law, the additional property tax revenue resulting from the school and library referenda approved by voters in 2000 can be used only for the purposes stated in the referenda.) While other options were considered,

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Restoring a Piece of Elmhurst History

Early in 1921, the City of Elmhurst purchased one of its first gasoline-powered fire apparatus, a 1921 Seagrave pumper, for \$9,750. Elmhurst Press articles in January and February that year marveled at "...the monster engine..." that could not only draw water from the hydrant but could also "... lift water from the stone quarry or creek at 325 gallons per minute." The little fire truck served the city until the 1950s when it was sold and put on display at a private fire apparatus museum in Wisconsin. In 1995, it was purchased by a private collector in St. Louis and eight years later was returned to the City of Elmhurst. In a cooperative effort, Elmhurst Firefighters Local 3541 and the city are attempting to restore this piece of Elmhurst history, so that it can be shared with the community. For more information or to contribute to the effort, please call the Fire Department administrative office at 530-3090.





Always Remember

The 86th annual Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31st, will honor the men and women serving in today's armed forces and those who served and sacrificed so much in the past. The parade will step off at 9:30 a.m. from the intersection at York and Third, and proceed to Wilder Park by way of York Street, Robert Palmer Drive and Church Street. Weather permitting, four vintage aircraft from the Lima Lima Flight Team will appear in missing man formation over the intersection of Schiller and Palmer Drive.

William D. Ralston, who was a driving force behind the construction of Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park, will be honored as this year's parade Grand Marshal. Ralston joined the U. S. Navy in 1942, a few months after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He was 19 years old at the time of his enlistment and was sent for aircraft training at Glenview Naval Station in Illinois. He received radio, radar and additional aircraft training before being assigned to the 114th Squadron that was performing scouting work for the 11th Air Force Squadron in the Aleutian Islands. In 1944, Ralston was sent to the Southwest Pacific as a replacement Crew Chief in the 146th Squadron. That squadron had lost more than half of its aircraft and many crew members during dangerous nighttime bombing missions over the Pacific. As Combat Air Crew Chief, Ralston was put in charge of the enlisted personnel and served under the Squadron Captain. When Ralston arrived, the squadron consisted of 18 planes and their crews. After a year with the 146th, Ralston was sent to Lockheed Aircraft in San Diego to receive training on the new aircraft being manufactured. He returned to the Southwest Pacific as an instructor on those aircraft and later came back to Lockheed for more training. Ralston was waiting for his next assignment when the war ended in 1945 and he was discharged in 1946.

Following the parade, a full military ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park. The ceremony will feature speakers, patriotic music and the laying of wreaths to honor veterans from U.S. military branches. The American Legion will place white crosses in Wilder Park to honor area residents killed during World Wars I and II, the Korean War, Vietnam and Desert Storm. (Flowers may be placed next to the crosses.)

\$ City Budget Approved

The review of the city's 2004-2005 Budget resulted in its approval at the April 5, 2004, City Council meeting. Budget priorities are to provide the funds needed for operating services to the community and necessary infrastructure maintenance projects. It is anticipated that the city's 2004 property tax rate will decrease slightly as a result of increased equalized assessed value. However, following a thorough analysis of the city's financial condition, a number of revisions were identified in order to rebalance the expenditure to revenue ratio in the city's General Fund. The anticipated budget deficit comes largely as a result of a reduction in sales tax revenue, the greatest single source of revenue in the city's General Fund. The City Council found it necessary to balance the budget by reducing or postponing certain expenditures and increasing revenues in other areas. Expenditure reductions included the following:

- A reduction by one half in the annual neighborhood street repair program. (Union Pacific crossing improvements necessary to maintain the existing quiet zone are included in the approved budget.)
- The merger of the Elmhurst Economic Development Corporation with part of the existing Development Department, resulting in a cost saving of \$50,000 in fiscal 2004-05 and the addition of two professionals to the city's management team.
- Postponement of a number of major projects, including renovation of the Elmhurst Historical Museum and Annex, reconstruction work on Robert Palmer Drive, and intersection improvements at Riverside Drive/Route 83 Frontage Road and Route 83.

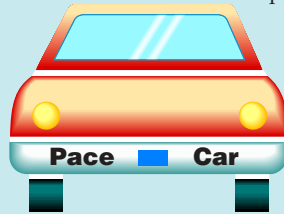
Increased revenue will be generated by the following adjustments:

- A water and sewer rate adjustment in the range of 1% to 3%.
- A rubbish collection fee adjustment to allow this revenue source to more adequately cover service costs.
- New permit fees to generate additional dollars to the General Fund and more adequately fund the operation of the departments involved in permits and inspections.

Using tax dollars and other revenues wisely, and operating the city in a fiscally responsible manner are now and have always been a top priority for the elected officials and staff of the City of Elmhurst.

Setting the “Pace”

Are you concerned about motorists who speed through your neighborhood, seemingly unaware of children, pedestrians and bicyclists? If so, you are not alone. Residents who respond to the city’s biannual citizen survey consistently identify speeding motorists as a major complaint. Ironically, many of the worst culprits are Elmhurst residents – the people who live down the street or around the corner. For obvious reasons, police officers cannot solve this problem without the help of motorists. If you are a person who leads by example and wants to be part of the solution, is willing to drive safely, and help promote safe and courteous driving in other motorists, the Elmhurst Citizens Police Academy has a perfect opportunity for you. The “Pace Car Program” is



a new citizen-based initiative that addresses the speeding issue by using pace car drivers to encourage other motorists to accept responsibility for their driving habits. The program turns your vehicle into a “mobile speed bump,” forcing motorists behind you to drive within the speed limit. Pace car drivers must be willing to sign a pledge and display a pace car sticker on their vehicle. The end result will be a safer city – a more pleasant place in which to live, work and travel. Watch for more information on this citizen-based effort in city mailings and at upcoming city events. If you would like to help, check the Citizens Police Academy website at www.ecpaaa.com. As a Pace Car driver, you can make a difference in our community.

Intersection Line of Sight

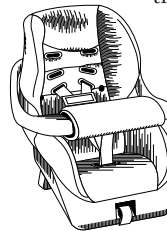
If you live on a corner lot, improving intersection safety can be as simple as regular landscaping maintenance to your front and side yards. To promote visibility at street intersections, it is important to maintain plantings at a maximum height of three feet. According to City Code, no person shall maintain any hedge, shrub or tree anywhere upon his premises that interferes with the clear view of traffic approaching an intersection. The city appreciates your assistance in promoting traffic safety in your neighborhood.

Vehicle Sticker Reminder

The City of Elmhurst requires that a vehicle sticker be purchased and properly affixed by May 1st on the lower right passenger side windshield of any vehicle registered or principally garaged within City of Elmhurst corporate limits. (Elmhurst vehicle stickers are not required for people living in parts of unincorporated DuPage County with an Elmhurst mailing address.) Failure to display a current sticker can result in a \$25 fine during May and a \$50 fine after May 31st. The fines do not include the cost of the sticker, which must be purchased. Stickers may be purchased at the Finance Department counter in City Hall. Transfer stickers (i.e. if you trade in a vehicle) or replacement stickers (i.e. if you have a new windshield installed) can be purchased for \$1 each.

Buckling Up the Little Ones

Thousands of young children are injured or killed each year in auto accidents. Sadly, many of these tragedies could have been prevented if the youngsters had been properly restrained in safety seats, boosters or seat belts.



National statistics show that 85 to 90 percent of the time, either the car seat was improperly installed or the child was improperly secured in the car seat. Infants need to be secured in properly installed rear-facing infant seats. (Expectant parents are urged to purchase an infant car seat and have the installation inspected well before the baby’s expected arrival.) Older babies and toddlers should be restrained in forward-facing child safety seats, some of which convert to belt-positioning boosters for use until the child is big enough for an adult seat belt. As a community service, the Elmhurst Fire Department offers free car seat inspections. The inspections take between 45 minutes and an hour, and are performed by trained and certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. For an appointment or more information, please call 530-3090.



Congratulations Recognizing Outstanding Youth

The youth of Elmhurst can and do make a difference in our community through unpaid community service. On Monday, May 3rd, 19 young volunteers between the ages of 12 and 18 were recognized by the city and the Commission on Youth at a special reception and ceremony.

Special recognition was given to eight nominees for exemplary service to the community. Recipients of the 2004 Youth Services Award were Marigrace Alonso, Elizabeth Biggio, Ryan Glick, Michelle Jorwic, Katie Schuetz, Sarah Palm, Jenna Silver and Peter Sutterlin.



Lock It Up

Residents are most often the victims of car burglaries when their cars are left unlocked in their own driveways. Unlocked vehicles, as well as unlocked garages, make easy targets for criminals. The Police Department cautions residents to always keep their cars and garages locked, and never leave valuables in plain sight, even in a locked vehicle.



Block Parties

Neighborhood block parties are a sure sign of summer in Elmhurst and provide a great opportunity for neighbors to get together and enjoy each other's company. Elmhurst Fire Department personnel attend block parties and provide information about the work of a firefighter and the equipment carried on the fire truck. They enjoy talking to the children, answering questions, and providing fire hats and photo opportunities. If your neighborhood is planning to hold a block party this summer, please call the Fire Department (530-3029) with your requested date and time. Please call early as there is a limit to the number of block parties that can be scheduled.

Mayor's Message



As we all look forward to this year's Memorial Day Parade — a commemoration and a bit of a history lesson — we are reminded that each generation must secure its own freedom and security. I hope that we all take the time to honor and remember the men and women who are serving our country — and in some cases, dying for us and our freedom.

On the front page of this newsletter, you'll see a photograph of the Elmhurst Fire Company's "latest addition." We're very excited to be able to obtain this 1921 Seagrave pumper, an important artifact from Elmhurst history — and it even runs! As the summer season approaches, we all look forward to seeing the little fire engine in our parades.

Elmhurst has made history again with its groundbreaking approach to a request for financial relief from School District 205 — one of many Illinois schools struggling to meet rising revenue deficits. I am pleased to report that the City was able to respond to their request for immediate financial help — and surprised and delighted at the creative solution that our staff developed (see article page one). While many solutions were considered, early release of properties from the Central Business District Tax Increment Financing District (TIF 1) was the best option. In this way, we were able to provide a much-needed new source of revenue to our tax-capped School District in the amount of more than \$1 million annually, while positioning the Central Business District TIF in such a way that it will be able to meet its obligations now and in the future.

I'd like to remind all of our citizens that your feedback is critically important to the development of plans and programs in Elmhurst. If your household receives our Public Opinion Survey this spring, I encourage you to take the time to fill it out and return it. This significant tool will be used for future planning and budgeting and is always a key reference source for City staff.

Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci



Summer Holiday Announcements

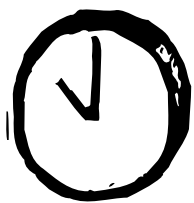
City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day. City Hall will also be closed on Monday, July 5th. (Please note that refuse pickup will be postponed by one day for all residents during the weeks of Memorial Day and July 5th.)

Watch Your Mailbox

The city will mail 1,600 surveys to randomly selected residents in June. If you are one of the recipients, please fill out the survey as completely as possible and return it to the city by the deadline. Remember – your suggestions and opinions make a difference in the services provided by the city.



Home by Curfew



Teenagers are reminded that the curfew for young people under the age of 18 is 11:00 p.m. Sunday night through Thursday night, and 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday night. Parents are reminded to insist that their children abide by the city curfew regulations.



Grass Height Reminder

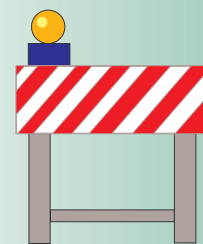
Homeowners can help keep our community and their neighborhoods neat and attractive during the summer months by regularly mowing their lawns. The Elmhurst Municipal Code requires that lawns be maintained at a height of 12 inches or less. Grass that is allowed to grow longer than 12 inches is considered a nuisance and can result in fines of between \$25 and \$100.

Call J.U.L.I.E. Before You Dig

Please remember to call 1-800-892-0123 at least 48 hours before you plan to do any digging on your property. J.U.L.I.E. will give you the location of underground utility or cable TV lines.

Construction Safety

Construction sites often attract children, but they can be very dangerous and are not appropriate places for youngsters to play. Parents are reminded to keep their children safely away from construction areas, especially dug-out basements and foundations.





Summertime Family Fun



Elmfest will celebrate its 22nd anniversary in downtown Elmhurst during the second weekend in June. This not-to-be-missed family event

will feature good food, fireworks, live entertainment, carnival rides and much more. The festivities begin with the opening of the carnival on Thursday evening. Other festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday and conclude with a free family concert at the Elmhurst College Mall on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.elmfest.org or call the Chamber of Commerce at (630) 834-6060.

The annual Independence Day Parade on Monday, July 5th, will step off from the corner of York and Third at 12:00 noon. Following the parade, don't miss the 24th annual ice cream social on the lawn of the Elmhurst Historical Museum (120 E. Park) sponsored by the museum and the Elmhurst Park District. Join your friends and neighbors for cool treats, hot dogs, paper fireworks, potato-sack races and live entertainment featuring the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Don't miss this enjoyable Elmhurst tradition!



Outdoor Fireplaces

To protect lives and property, the Elmhurst Municipal Code places certain restrictions on open burning and the use of outdoor or portable fireplaces. (These provisions do not prohibit or require a permit for outdoor fireplaces, charcoal grills, burners or similar devices when used solely for cooking food.)

- Open burning is not allowed without first obtaining a permit from the Elmhurst Fire Department.
- Use outdoor or portable fireplaces only with an approved fuel – propane, natural gas, charcoal or seasoned logs.
- Never burn yard waste, lumber, leaves, grass, paper, cardboard, unseasoned logs or garbage.
- Locate and use the outdoor or portable fireplace at

Summertime Grilling Safety

Nothing says "SUMMER" quite like firing up the grill and throwing on some burgers or hot dogs. For safety's sake, please keep these tips in mind before you head for the backyard.



- Keep barbecue grills away from anything that can burn, such as your home, garage, car, dry weeds, etc.
- Stay with the grill when it's lighted, and keep small children and pets at a safe distance.
- Protect yourself by wearing a heavy apron and using a long oven mitt.
- If you get burned, run cool water on the burned area for 10 or 15 minutes. Seek medical attention promptly for serious burns.
- Never use a grill inside your home or garage. They create not only a fire hazard but also can easily cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Never use gasoline in a charcoal grill. Use a limited amount of starter fluid (designed for barbecue grills) before lighting the fire. Use dry kindling or additional charcoal, if necessary, but never add liquid fuel to re-ignite or build up a fire.
- Soak the coals with water before discarding and leave the grill away from buildings until completely cool.
- Store gas cylinders for gas grills outside and away from structures. Turn off the valves when not in use. Check for leaks frequently with a soap and water mixture that will show bubbles if gas is escaping.

Have a safe and enjoyable outdoor barbecuing season!

least 15 feet from any structure. (The firebox must be located above ground level.)

- Have a portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 4-A or an adequate amount of sand, dirt or water on hand for immediate use.
- Make sure the outdoor or portable fireplace is constantly attended by a person over the age of 17 until the fire is extinguished.
- Never use an outdoor or portable fireplace in such a way as to emit offensive or objectionable smoke or odors, or when atmospheric conditions or other circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Observing these simple precautions will help keep you, your family and your property safe this summer.



Elmhurst Community Calendar

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 31

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY

Parade and Military Ceremony (after parade at Wilder Park).

Step off at York & Third, proceed to Wilder Park.

9:30 a.m., Free

Info: (630) 834-6060

Tuesday, June 1

WATERCOLOR SHOW: TRANSPARENT

WATERCOLOR SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S 28TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

(THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5)

A national exhibition that showcases more than 80 of the finest contemporary transparent watercolor paintings chosen from over 900 entrants.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Sponsor: Suburban Bank & Trust Co.

150 Cottage Hill

Hours vary depending on the day

Free for Members, \$4 Adults, \$3 Seniors,

\$2 Students, and Children under 12 are Free,

Tuesdays are Free

Info: (630) 834-0202



Tuesday, June 1

SPECIAL EXHIBIT: "IVORY"

(THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 29)

A large collection of ivory carvings from China, Japan, Europe, and the United States. The exhibit also features scrimshaw and model sailing ships.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill, in Wilder Park

Tue.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m.

\$4 Adults, \$3 Seniors, \$2 Students,

\$1 7-12 yrs., under 7 yrs. free. Fridays free.

Info: (630) 833-1616

Tuesday, June 1

AMAZING MUSICAL MAZE

(THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5)

Discover and play hands-on musical instruments while traveling through an amazing maze inside the Elmhurst Historical Museum.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Avenue

Tues.-Sun. 1-5 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 833-1457



Wednesday, June 2

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: FORD/LINCOLN/MERCURY NIGHT (PRE-1995)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre,

Downtown Elmhurst

7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Friday, June 4

COMMEMORATE D-DAY WITH ABNER GANET

Commemorate the 60th anniversary of D-Day with former Elmhurst mayor and veteran Abner Ganet who will recount his personal WWII experiences. Call or visit the library with your EPL card to register.

Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect

7 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 279-8696



Saturday, June 5

THE HUB GRAND OPENING

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Park District's splendid new Hub facility is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. After the ceremony, the facility is open to the public.

Elmhurst Park District

Berens Park, 493 Oaklawn Ave.

9:30 a.m., Free

Info: (630) 993-8900

Saturday, June 5

SUMMER READING PROGRAM "DISCOVER NEW TRAILS...READ" (THROUGH AUGUST 14)

Read books and win prizes by joining one of our Summer Reading Clubs as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Open to 1-year-olds through adults who live in Elmhurst or attend an Elmhurst school.

Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect

Free

Info: (630) 279-8696



Saturday, June 5

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Enjoy face painting, puppet shows and a juggler while joining one of our Summer Reading Clubs.

Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect

9 a.m.-5 p.m. (juggler 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and

2-4 p.m.), Free

Info: (630) 279-8696

Saturday, June 5

VIDEO: "CAHOKIA ANCIENT METROPOLIS"

Reconstructs the massive earth-works built by Native Americans over 1,000 years ago, discusses their lifestyle and explores the unsolved mysteries.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill, in Wilder Park

2 p.m., \$4 Adults, \$3 Seniors, \$2 Students,

\$1 7-12 yrs., under 7 yrs. free

Info: (630) 833-1616

Sunday, June 6

VIDEO: "SPLENDID STONES"

(AND EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON)

60-minute video explores the mystery and mystique of diamonds, pearls, emeralds, and rubies. The personal experience of gem traders, miners and gem cultivators is revealed.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill, in Wilder Park

3 p.m.

Info: (630) 833-1616

Wednesday, June 9

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: IMPORT/AIR-COOLED/REPLICAR/MOTORCYCLE NIGHT (PRE-1995)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst

7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Friday, June 11

ELMFEST 2004

(THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 13)



Our award-winning community festival features food, business and not-for-profit booths; musical, dance and theatrical entertainment on two stages; a playground/exploration center and other free family attractions; and fireworks. Elmhurst Jaycees Carnival begins on Thurs., June 10, from 6-10 p.m.

Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry
York, First, Addison and Schiller in downtown Elmhurst

Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.;

Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 834-6060 or www.elfest.org

Saturday, June 12

JOE NEWTON 5K RUN

CARA Registered 5K race which proceeds through Elmhurst's quiet tree-lined streets

York High School, 355 W. St. Charles Rd.

8 a.m.

By June 1: up to age 19 - \$12; age 20+ \$15

After June 1: up to age 19 - \$15; age 20+ \$18

\$2 discount for CARA and USATF members

registered by June 1

Info: (630) 617-2328



2004 June-August



Elmhurst Community Calendar

Saturday, June 12

CPR FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Master the skills of CPR and learn how to help a loved one in a life-threatening situation in this hands-on class. Course completion card issued at the end of the class. Registration is required. For ages 12 and over.

Elmhurst Fire Department

Elmhurst Fire Station #1, 404 N. York Road
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

\$5 per person (includes textbook and course completion card).

Info: (630) 530-3090

Sunday, June 13

SUNDAY FUNDAY AT ELMFEST

Visit us at Elmfest (Visitor & Tourism booth) and play a variety of musical instruments.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Downtown Elmhurst

Info: (630) 833-1457



Sunday, June 13

ELMHURST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S FREE FAMILY OUTDOOR CONCERT

This fun, free family concert will include patriotic music as well as the 1812 Overture with live cannon. Bring a picnic!

Elmhurst College Mall

190 Prospect Ave.

6:30 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 941-0202

Tuesday, June 15

FUN & GAMES

Drop in and compete in the Musical Maze time trials. For children 4-12 years.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Avenue

1-3 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 833-1457



Wednesday, June 16

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: 1960s AND 70s NIGHT

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst

7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Thursday, June 17

TEA TIME TOUR

Monthly program for adults. Patti Ecker presents "Prairieland."

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Avenue

1-2 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 833-1457

Thursday, June 17

MUSIC AT THE GAZEBO

Live entertainment – musical performances from folk to jazz; bring a snack, blanket and/or lawn chair – music under the setting sun.

Spring Road Business Association

Spring Road at the Prairie Path

7-9 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 279-2222



Thursday, June 17

ANNUALS: THREE SEASONS OF COLOR

Enjoy a slide show lecture on planning and planting colorful annuals with a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener. Call or visit the library with your EPL card to register.

Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect

7 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 279-8696

Friday, June 18

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE OF ELMHURST, LOMBARD AND VILLA PARK

Honor cancer survivors and remember those who have died from cancer while strolling around the York High School track at an overnight family celebration!

York High School, 359 W St Charles Rd.

6:30 p.m. - 6:30 a.m.

Info or to RSVP call Sharon McHugh at

(630) 833-4227 or www.RelayYork.com

Saturday, June 19

"STONE HUNT"

Hands-on activity: children and adults search for gemstones and mineral specimens. Reservations recommended. For ages 5 yrs. to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill, in Wilder Park

2 p.m., \$3 per person

Info: (630) 833-1616

Tuesday, June 22

FUN & GAMES

Drop in and make a handkerchief doll.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Avenue

1-3 p.m., \$1 for each doll made

Info: (630) 833-1457

Wednesday, June 23

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: BUICK/OLDS/ PONTIAC NIGHT (PRE-1995)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst

7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600



Friday, June 25

MOVIES IN THE PARK



Elmhurst Park District presents our summer Movies in the Park series in Wilder Park.

Free

Info: (630) 993-8900

Saturday, June 26

"A SUMMER DAY ON CAMPUS"

Join in a series of fun and enlightening special events at Elmhurst College. From a book & movie review (by Dr. Michael Bell) on Harry Potter, to a college sports overview, to a financial planning seminar, and much more! Open to all, with a special welcome for Elmhurst College alumni, the day will include campus tours, food and entertainment.

Elmhurst College

190 Prospect Ave.

\$10 per session, \$50 for whole day,

Reservations requested.

Info: (630) 617-3600

Saturday, June 26

AMAZING ADVENTURES OF LEWIS & CLARK

Kids entering kindergarten or older will enjoy this hilarious historical and musical tour de force starring two vaudevillians portraying famed explorers Lewis and Clark. Register at the library with your EPL card beginning June 12.

Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect

1-1:45 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 279-8696

Sunday, June 27

ELMHURST COLLEGE SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA

Free outdoor concert, starring jazz great Patti Austin with the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Come early, bring a picnic, and enjoy the fun, music and beautiful surroundings.

Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank

Elmhurst College Mall (rain site:

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel)

190 Prospect Ave.

6 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 617-3033



Tuesday, June 29

FUN & GAMES

Drop in and make a Boom-Bah musical instrument.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Avenue

1-3 p.m., \$3 per instrument

Info: (630) 833-1457

Wednesday, June 30

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: RED, WHITE OR BLUE NIGHT (PRE-1995)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst

7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Monday, July 5

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE



Family fun and patriotic music at the annual Elmhurst Independence Day Parade. The parade steps off from York & Third streets, and continues through Palmer Drive to Arthur Street, ending at Wilder Park. An ice cream social follows immediately at EHM. (See next entry.)

Sponsored by Elmhurst Jaycees and

the City of Elmhurst

12 noon, Free

Info: (312) 339-9359

Monday, July 5

24TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Elmhurst Historical Museum and Park District are co-hosting the 24th Annual Ice Cream Social on the lawn of the Historical Museum.

Enjoy a selection of music, activities, free cool treats, and other foods for sale. Tour the museum and visit the Amazing Musical Maze.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

& Elmhurst Park District

120 E. Park Avenue

Noon-2:30 p.m. (immed. following parade)

Info: (630) 833-1457

Tuesday, July 6

FUN & GAMES

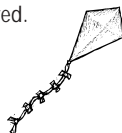
Make a Kite. Reservations required.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Avenue

1-3 p.m., \$3 per kite

Info: (630) 833-1457



Wednesday, July 7

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: CORVETTE NIGHT (ALL YEARS WELCOME)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst

7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Thursday July 8

SIDEWALK SALE DAYS

(THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 10)

Bargains and more displayed outside our Spring Road Merchants.

Spring Road Business Association

Spring Road Business District

During normal store hours

Saturday, July 10

INTERACTIVE LECTURE: "FOSSIL DISCOVERY II: ADVANCED CLASS"

Donald Baumgartner presents a hands-on, in-depth look at fossils using real specimens. Learn the ways fossils are formed, the types of fossil, how and where to hunt for fossils and how to identify fossils. Reservations Required.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill, in Wilder Park

2 p.m., \$6 per person

Info: (630) 833-1616

Tuesday, July 13

ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT PRESENTS FRANZ BENTELER, VIOLIN PLAYER

Violin concert held in Wilder Park in Elmhurst

Elmhurst Park District

7-9 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 993-8900

Tuesday, July 13 & 20

FUN & GAMES

Drop in and make a sponge ware pot.

July 13 - Part 1: Make the pot.

July 20 - Part 2: Paint the pot.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Avenue

1-3 p.m., \$2 total

Info: (630) 833-1457



Wednesday, July 14

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: RAGTOP NIGHT (PRE-1995)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst

7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Thursday, July 15

TEA TIME TOUR

Monthly program for adults. Rick Neeley presents everyone's favorite songs for a sing-along.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Avenue

1 p.m.

Info: (630) 833-1457

Thursday, July 15

MUSIC AT THE GAZEBO

Live entertainment – musical performances from folk to jazz; bring a snack, blanket and/or lawn chair – music under the setting sun.

Spring Road Business Association

Spring Road at the Prairie Path

7-9 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 279-2222

Friday, July 16

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Elmhurst Park District presents the summer Movies in the Park series in Wilder Park.

Free

Info: (630) 993-8900

Sunday, July 18

"AN AFTERNOON IN THE GARDEN" GARDEN WALK AND FAIRE

Elmhurst Garden Club's Garden Walk and Faire.

Ticket holders will tour private and public gardens throughout historic Elmhurst and be treated to a Tea in Wilder Park. The Faire will be open to the general public free of charge and will feature live music, an arts and crafts boutique, and "Ask the Experts" resource tables. Location: Wilder Park, plus private and public gardens, including an accredited arboretum on the grounds of Elmhurst College, and the national award-winning Herb Garden, which will be dedicated at 1 p.m. in Wilder Park.

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Before July 5 - \$10; After July 5 - \$15

Info: (630) 941-7233

Sunday, July 18

ORCHESTRE D'HARMONIE FROM VIERZON, FRANCE BAND CONCERT



Free band concert! Fun for the entire family.

Elmhurst is the first stop on the band's Midwest tour. In cooperation with Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp International Exchange Program.

York Community High School-Baker Auditorium

7:00 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 279-4077

Tuesday, July 20

FUN & GAMES

Part 2 – See July 13 Fun & Games listing for info.

Tuesday, July 20

ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT PRESENTS AC ROCK

An a cappella concert at Wilder Park in Elmhurst.

Elmhurst Park District

7-9 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 993-8900



Wednesday, July 21

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: LADIES NIGHT (CARS FROM ALL YEARS WELCOME)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst

7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Saturday, July 24

"FOSSIL COLLECTING FIELD TRIP"

Travel by motor coach and collect fossils at the Lone Star Quarry. The quarry contains 300-million-year-old marine fossils. Reservations required. For ages 9 yrs. to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill, in Wilder Park

7 a.m.- 3 p.m. \$35 per person

Info: (630) 833-1616

Tuesday, July 27

FUN & GAMES

Drop in and make a folk art checkerboard.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Avenue

1-3 p.m., \$1 per checkerboard

Info: (630) 833-1457

June - August



Elmhurst Community Calendar

Tuesday, July 27

ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT PRESENTS FRED WAYNE ORCHESTRA

Featuring vocalist Bob Duda.
Big band concert held in Wilder Park
7-9 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 993-8900



Wednesday, July 28

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: PONY CAR NIGHT (PRE-1995)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst
7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Tuesday, August 3

FUN & GAMES

Drop in and make a jumping jack toy.
Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
1-3 p.m., \$1 per toy
Info: (630) 833-1457

Wednesday, August 4

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: CADILLAC/LA SALLE/PACKARD/PIERCE-ARROW/IMPERIAL NIGHT (PRE-1995)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst
7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Friday, August 6

MOVIES IN THE PARK



Elmhurst Park District presents our summer Movies in the Park series in Wilder Park.
Free
Info: (630) 993-8900

Saturday, August 7

VIDEO/ACTIVITY: STONE FOREST

Learn how trees that lived millions of years ago turned to stone. See samples of petrified wood and search for your own piece of petrified wood to take home. Reservations recommended. For ages 6 yrs. to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill, in Wilder Park
2 p.m., \$4 per person
Info: (630) 833-1616



Tuesday, August 10

FUN & GAMES

Drop in and make a balancing acrobat toy.
Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
1-3 p.m., \$1 per toy
Info: (630) 833-1457

Wednesday, August 11

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: MOPAR/AMC NIGHT (PRE-1995)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst
7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Tuesday, August 17

FUN & GAMES

Drop in and make a tambourine.
Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
1-3 p.m., \$1 per tambourine
Info: (630) 833-1457

Wednesday, August 18

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: MUSCLE/STREET ROD/PRO STREET NIGHT (PRE-1995)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst
7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Thursday, August 19

TEA TIME TOUR

Monthly program for adults. Lee Murdock presents "Folk Songs of the Great Lakes."

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
1-2 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 833-1457



Thursday, August 19

MUSIC AT THE GAZEBO

Live entertainment – musical performances from folk to jazz; bring a snack, blanket and/or lawn chair – music under the setting sun.

Spring Road Business Association
Spring Road at the Prairie Path
7-9 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 279-2222

Saturday, August 21

VIDEO: IN SEARCH OF THE HOPEWELL ROAD

Explores the Native American earthworks in southeastern Ohio that may have linked monumental cities 5,000 years ago. Recreates how the earthworks and road might have looked.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill, in Wilder Park
\$4 Adults, \$3 Seniors, \$2 Students,
\$1 7-12 yrs., under 7 yrs. free, 2 p.m.
Info: (630) 833-1616

Tuesday, August 24

FUN & GAMES

Drop in and make a tumbling puppy's toy.
Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
1-3 p.m., \$1 per toy
Info: (630) 833-1457



Wednesday, August 25

COOL CARS UNDER THE STARS: SUPER CHEVY NIGHT (PRE-1995)

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream machine" vehicles for admirers to come and see.

Elmhurst City Centre, Downtown Elmhurst
7-9 p.m., Free, Info: (630) 993-1600

Sunday, August 29

ELMHURST HISTORICAL MUSEUM BLOCK PARTY

Drop by and be "amazed" by our Amazing Musical Maze. Make or play musical instruments on the lawn, enjoy Michael Offutt's Tall Tales & Kitchen Band at 2 and 3 p.m., maze-related activities and refreshments. Fun for the entire family.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
1-4 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 833-1457



Tuesday, August 31

FUN & GAMES

Drop in and make maracas.
Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
1-3 p.m., \$1 per maraca
Info: (630) 833-1457

For more information about the Elmhurst Community Calendar, please call (630) 833-1457.

For special needs, please contact the group or organization so that a smooth inclusion may occur.

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CPR for Family and Friends

The Elmhurst Fire Department is offering a class to teach skills that may someday save a life. "CPR for Family and Friends" was developed by the American Heart Association and is designed to teach the lay rescuer how to administer CPR and clear foreign-body obstructions in adults, children and infants. Class members will also learn the chain-of-survival and signs of heart attack, cardiac arrest, stroke and choking. Classes will be offered on June 12th, September 21st and December 4th at Elmhurst Fire Station #1, 404 N. York Street. For more information or to reserve a spot in an upcoming class, call 530-3090.

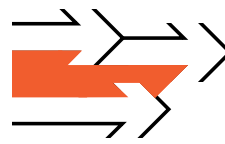
Are You Mulching Your Trees to Death?

Providing the right amount and type of mulch around the base of a tree can help create a beneficial and healthy environment, including improved soil structure and reduced compaction, better aeration and moisture conservation, reduced weed growth, moderation of soil temperature, and protection from mowers and string trimmers. However, when it comes to mulch, more is not better. Recent research shows that planting trees too deep (or creating the same condition by piling mulch too high around the trunk of the tree) often leads to disease, rot, pest infestation, winter freeze damage and, ultimately, tree death.



The best mulching materials are tree bark (shredded or chipped), wood chips, composted yard materials and pine needles. Non-composted materials, such as leaves, grass clippings and manure, should be avoided as they can reduce nitrogen in the soil as they decompose. Grass and leaves may become matted and repel water or provide an environment conducive to rot, disease and pests. Non-permeable materials, such as plastic sheeting, deprive the tree of needed water.

For additional information on caring for your trees, contact Public Works at 530-3038. (The Forestry Division of the Public Works Department will deliver free wood chips on the parkway – a minimum of 10 cubic yards or about 85 wheelbarrow loads. Residents may wish to share a load with a neighbor. Call 530-3038 to get your name on the list. As demand grows, the waiting list gets longer, so please call early.)



Sold to the Highest Bidder

Every year the Elmhurst police recover hundreds of lost or stolen bicycles. Those that are registered or can be identified are quickly returned to their owners. Those that cannot be identified are sold at the annual Police Department auction. This year's auction will be held on Saturday, June 19th at 10:00 a.m. In addition to bikes, the auction will include other recovered items and surplus city equipment, including tools, movie DVDs and videos, and possibly one or more forfeited vehicles. Items to be auctioned can be inspected beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the auction.



May 2004

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7th Ward - Charles R. Mueller, Mark A. Mulliner





The Historical Museum

Bringing History to Life

24th Annual Ice Cream Social

The Elmhurst Historical Museum and the Elmhurst Park District are co-hosting the 24th Annual Ice Cream Social on July 5 on the lawn of the Historical Museum. The museum will open at noon and frozen treats will be served following the Independence Day Parade. A selection of swing music will be performed by the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Bring the whole family for free cool treats, paper fireworks and potato sack races. Hot dogs and other foods will be sold for those hungry for lunch.



"A-MAZING" Summer at the Museum!

A new mind-bending museum exhibit entitled "Musical Maze" will have visitors winding through a maze to discover an assortment of musical instruments – a giant gong, brass bells, maracas, tambourines and a triangle. The exhibit is a great puzzle event for the most accomplished problem-solver and loads of fun for the whole family. The exhibit opens May 25 and continues to September 5. Be sure to visit!

Tea Time Tours Continue

Tea Time Tour, the museum's monthly program for adults, will be held at 1:00 p.m. every third Thursday this summer (June 17th, July 15th, and August 19th) and will feature a variety of musicians. Starting off the summer will be Patti Ecker, noted area folk musician. She will perform "Prairieland" on June 17 with songs from Illinois' pioneer days. Light refreshments are provided following each performance. We hope to see you! Please call the museum at 833-1457 for more information.



Fun and Games Moves to Tuesdays This Summer

This popular hands-on drop-in program of historical crafts and games for children ages 4-12 will take place on Tuesdays between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning June 15th and continuing through August 31st. No registration is required, except for kite-making on July 6. Call 833-1457 to reserve a spot. Cost is \$1 per child unless otherwise noted. The Elmhurst Public Library, in conjunction with the Museum, will be offering free museum program coupons as one of the prizes during the Library's Summer Reading Program. The coupon will allow one child to participate in any one museum Fun & Games program for free. So read up and join us for some free fun!

- June 15: Minotaur Maze time trials (free)
- June 22: Make handkerchief dolls
- June 29: Make a boom-bah musical instrument (\$3)
- July 6: Kites – make and take (\$3, registration required)
- July 13: Spongeware pots (\$2, make pots)
- July 20: Spongeware pots (\$2, paint pots)
- July 27: Make folk-art checkerboard
- Aug. 3: Make jumping jack toy
- Aug. 10: Make balancing acrobat toy
- Aug. 17: Make a tambourine
- Aug. 24: Make a tumbling puppies toy
- Aug. 31: Make maracas

"A-Mazing" Block Party Fun!



Maybe you live near our block and maybe you don't. Either way, come join us for musical fun, food and festivities at our Block Party this year. Search our Minotaur Musical Maze for a chance to play gongs, drums, maracas and other musical

instruments. Make some musical instruments to take home, and enjoy "Artist of Note" Mike Offutt's Tall Tales and Kitchen Band at 2 and 3 p.m. While you're here, check out some of our other "a-mazing" activities. Admission and most activities are free. Picnic foods will be available for purchase.

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ultimately, the best solution appeared to be the early release of properties from the Central Business District Tax Increment Financing District (TIF I), which would increase the property tax base for all taxing bodies. Although School District 205 receives approximately 67% of property tax revenues collected, the following taxing bodies will also benefit from the agreement: DuPage County, DuPage Airport Authority, DuPage County Forest Preserve District, Junior College 502, Elmhurst Park District, Elmhurst Public Library, York Township and the City of Elmhurst.

This issue has generated considerable press coverage and numerous questions from city and district officials, concerned business people, parents and residents. The following question and answer section is intended to shed light on this rather complex issue.

1) What is Tax Increment Financing or TIF?

Tax Increment Financing is a tool used by local governments to revitalize underdeveloped areas without raising taxes or using general funds needed for police, fire protection and public works. The revitalization effort is funded from the growth in property tax revenues – the “tax increment” within the redevelopment district. The tax increment (the difference between the property tax revenue generated before and after TIF designation) is used to improve infrastructure, attract viable businesses and private investment, and thereby convert a deteriorating area into a safe, attractive and economically thriving area. Tax Increment Financing is used in communities of all sizes, both urban and rural, in all but three states in the United States. As of January 31, 2004, a total of 874 TIF Districts had been created in 353 Illinois municipalities, including three in Elmhurst. Elmhurst’s first Tax Increment Financing District, TIF I, was created in 1986 in the Central Business District.

2) What were the reasons for creating TIF I?

TIF I was created to revitalize an economically stagnant, outdated and uninviting downtown business district with numerous vacancies and low shopping activity. The redevelopment plan goals included creating an attractive and interesting blend of retail, residential, restaurant and office space; providing adequate parking and good traffic flow; improving infrastructure; providing quality streetscape; developing an attractive architectural design while maintaining traditional aesthetics; and bringing all properties into compliance with fire and building safety codes.

3) Have the objectives of TIF I been accomplished and, if not, how much longer is required?

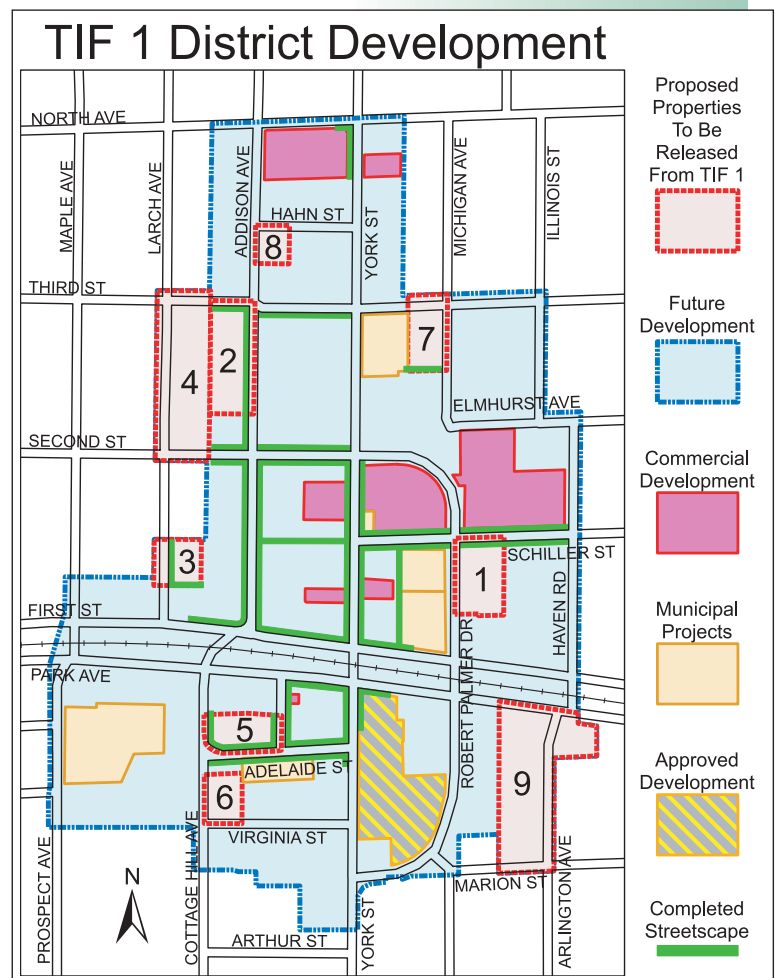
Elmhurst’s Central Business District has become a lively and attractive destination with new vitality and greatly increased pedestrian traffic. The revitalized downtown has

attracted new businesses and private investment. Property values and sales tax revenue have both increased dramatically. Mr. Don Eslick, Director of the Illinois Tax Increment Association (ITIA) has referred to Elmhurst’s TIF I as a “. . . model for other communities – an outstanding example of the use of Tax Increment Financing as a redevelopment tool.”

It is no accident that Elmhurst has been noticed well beyond its borders. Last year *Chicago* magazine ranked 192 suburban communities based on five quality-of-life categories: health and safety, housing, transportation, leisure and schools. Communities were broken down into five groups based on average 2002 house sales. Elmhurst, described as “. . . the quintessential Chicago suburb,” outscored the closest competitor in its group by 13 points. The accomplishments that led to this and other recognitions are the result of foresight and planning, intergovernmental cooperation, and community members who work together to maintain strong housing values, quality schools, safe neighborhoods and a thriving economy.

While significant improvements have been made in the downtown TIF District, the original redevelopment plan is not complete (see exhibit below). Infrastructure

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improvements and further development are still necessary to enable the entire area to meet its fullest and best use. Additional tax increment revenues are needed for the city to achieve its objectives for the downtown and fulfill its commitment to the business and property owners in TIF I,

as well as to the entire community. TIF I is scheduled to end in 2009, 23 years after its creation. The tax increment generated by all TIF I properties over the next five years is crucial to the completion of the redevelopment plan. Future projects include additional streetscape, cultural campus improvements and linkage to downtown, utility improvements, upgrades to parking lots and decks, and land acquisition.

4) Who drafted the agreement between School District 205 and the City of Elmhurst, and

have agreements of this kind been implemented in other communities?

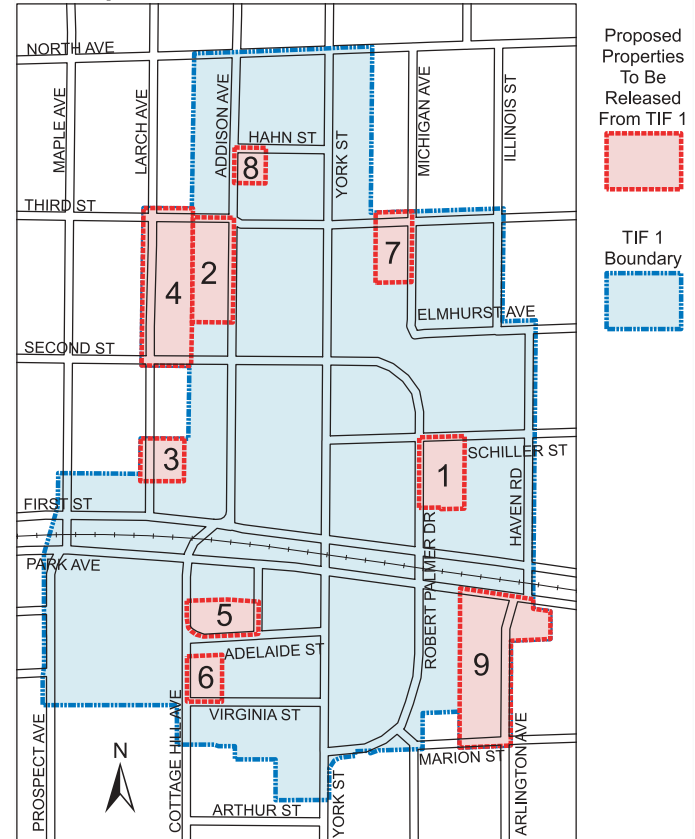
The agreement was drafted by staff and attorneys representing the school district and the city. The joint effort was necessary to protect the interests of those most affected by the agreement. Agreements to extend the life of a TIF District have been implemented in 32 other Illinois communities in the past. In 2003, the Village of Oak Park approved an agreement with Oak Park school districts to put seven improved parcels back on the tax rolls and extend their downtown TIF District by 12 years to allow development to continue.

5) What is in the agreement between School District 205 and the City of Elmhurst?

The agreement includes two major components. The first is to release nine fully developed parcels (see illustration and table below) back onto the tax rolls to enable significant property tax revenue to begin flowing to taxing bodies in June of 2005. For example, the parcel where Museum

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TIF 1 With Proposed Properties To Be Released



Central Business District TIF I

Property Tax Revenue - Proposed To Be Released From TIF 1 Comparison - 1986 Actual to Projected 2004

Proposed Properties To Be Released From TIF I	Property Tax Revenue	
	Frozen Actual 1986 Levy	Projected 2004 Levy
1) Elmhurst Place	\$ —	\$ 180,489
2) Market Square	15,546	351,491
3) 111 Larch (Park Elm)	4,812	117,874
4) Larch Avenue (2nd and 3rd)	12,291	155,473
5) Museum Square	—	333,113
6) 137-145 Cottage Hill	2,966	42,498
7) 200 Michigan	5,289	25,413
8) 231-241 Addison	3,870	40,329
9) Arlington/Park/Marion	40,257	177,506
Total (Properties 1-9)	\$ 85,041	\$ 1,424,186

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Square now stands (parcel #5) was a city-owned parking lot in 2000, generating no property tax revenue. The town home development now on the site has an EAV (equalized assessed value) of over \$6 million and will generate approximately \$333,000 annually in property tax revenue. Property taxes were declining in the downtown prior to the creation of TIF I. The TIF and other city initiatives have attracted significant private investment and resulted in a dramatic increase in the value of the nine developed properties and the property tax they generate.

The second major component of the agreement arises from the city's commitment to complete the TIF I redevelopment plan. The early release of parcels from the TIF District will reduce the tax increment revenue by 62% (based on 2004 values) and make it impossible for the city to develop the remainder of TIF I by 2009. The only way for the city to achieve that objective is to extend the life of TIF I. In return for the early release of the nine parcels from TIF I, the school district has agreed to support the city in its request to extend the TIF District until 2021. The nine parcels were selected for removal from the TIF because those project areas are basically completed and they provide the needed revenue of over \$1 million per year to District 205. This additional revenue significantly addresses the school district's budget problem. Mr. Eslick of ITIA has praised the intergovernmental cooperation within the Elmhurst community and the agreement between the city and School District 205 that "... takes a community development tool and leverages it into much needed school financial relief while allowing the TIF development tools to continue serving the community."

6) Why was the timing of the agreement between School District 205 and the City of Elmhurst critical?

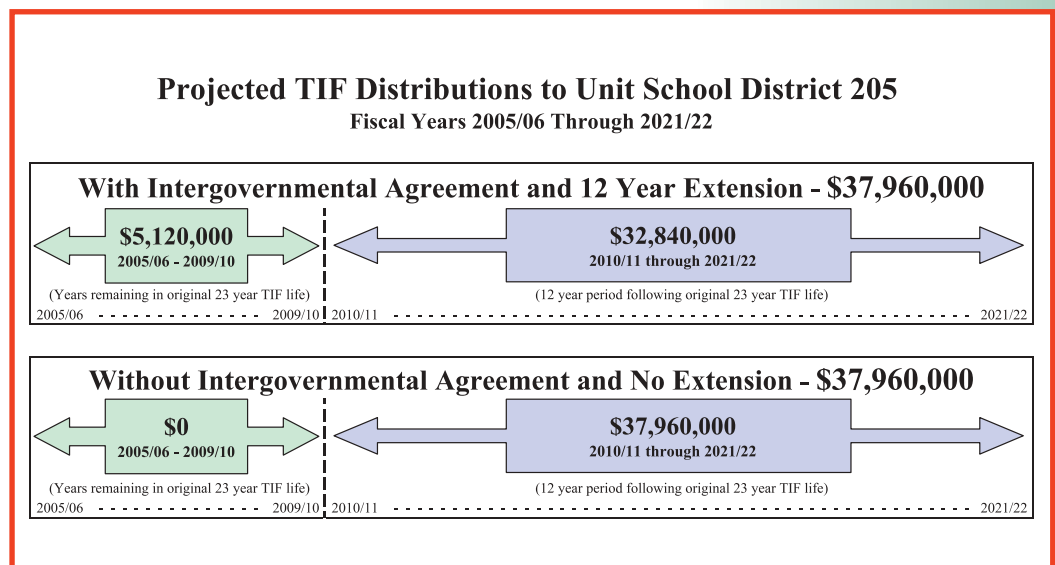
It was essential for the Illinois General Assembly to consider the extension of TIF I during the spring 2004 legislative session. This timetable will allow the nine properties to be released from TIF I this fall and the increased tax revenues to begin flowing to the taxing bodies in June of 2005. House Bill 6691, sponsored by Representatives Lee Daniels

and Bob Biggins, was passed by the Illinois House in March. The bill was sponsored in the Illinois Senate by Senators Dan Cronin and Ray Soden and was approved on May 11, 2004. When the legislation has been signed by Governor Blagojevich, the city will take the action necessary to release the nine properties from TIF I and extend the life of TIF I by 12 years.

7) What assurances are there that the taxing bodies will not be harmed by the early release of properties and the extension of TIF I?

The agreement between School District 205 and the City of Elmhurst includes a provision that all taxing bodies will receive tax revenues at least equivalent to the funds they would have received had the TIF District ended on its original schedule (see exhibit below). The provision essentially states that if the tax dollars are received by the city, they must be distributed to School District 205, as specified in the agreement and illustrated in the exhibit below. Although the city may enter into other public/private partnerships that include incentives for additional growth in the area, those agreements must not adversely affect the tax revenue distributed to the taxing bodies. The school district and the city will meet annually to review the status of the agreement and its implementation.

Elected officials and staff of the City of Elmhurst and School District 205 are pleased that this creative agreement has provided a viable solution to the revenue needs of School District 205 and the city's commitment to complete improvements in the Central Business District.





Summer Construction Projects

Roadway construction will take place on the following streets during the 2004 construction season.

- Highland Avenue from North Avenue to Third Street
- Clinton Avenue from First Street to North Avenue
- Elm Avenue from First Street to Third Street
- Marion Street from Lawndale Street to Poplar Avenue
- Fair Avenue from Huntington Lane to the south
- South Street from Fair Avenue to the dead end
- Hawthorne Avenue from Vallette Street to Prairie Path Lane
- Hillside Avenue from Eldridge Park to Van Buren Street
- Fairfield Avenue from Eldridge Park to Van Buren Street
- Lake Street Frontage northeast of Howard Avenue



- York Street/Palmer Drive Intersection
- Wilson Street from Fairview Avenue to Spring Road
- Washington Street from Van Buren Street to Madison Street
- Van Buren Street from York Street to Butterfield Park (east of Linden Avenue)
- Linden Drive north of Butterfield Road

For a map showing street work and other construction in town, check the city's website at www.elmhurst.org.



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