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City Receives Municipal Innovation Award

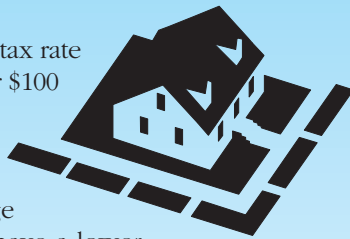
The City of Elmhurst has a long history of intergovernmental cooperation with the city's other public bodies — cooperation that leads to a stronger community, mutual respect and, in some cases, solutions to potentially serious problems. On June 15, 2005, the City of Elmhurst was recognized by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for an innovative intergovernmental agreement with Elmhurst Unit School District 205. The agreement, approved in March of 2004, resulted when a budget shortfall of approximately \$1.2 million facing the school district was brought to the city's attention.

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The city's goal, according to Mayor Thomas Marcucci, was to find an effective means to balance both the need to assist the school district and the need to complete the downtown redevelopment program. Elmhurst officials decided on a creative plan involving the early release of property tax revenue from nine parcels in the Central Business District Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. This mutually beneficial agreement generated \$900,000 in additional revenue for the school district, while benefiting other taxing bodies as well. The agreement also provided for a 12-year extension of the TIF District to enable downtown redevelopment to be completed. This innovative agreement provided a viable solution to the school district's revenue needs and the city's commitment to complete needed improvements in the Central Business District.

Good News for Property Owners — City Tax Rate Drops

Elmhurst's overall property tax rate decreased from \$5.2178 (per \$100 of equalized assessed value) in 2003 to \$4.9624 in 2004 — a decrease of 4.89%. Only five of DuPage County's 34 communities have a lower overall property tax rate. In addition to the overall tax rate, the municipal portion of the 2004 property tax levy decreased by 5.58%. A complete list of tax rates for DuPage County communities is available on the City's website (www.elmhurst.org).

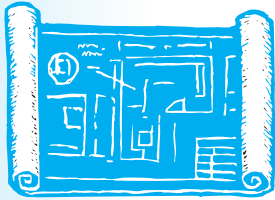


Fire Prevention Week Open House, October 9

The Elmhurst Fire Department will kick off Fire Prevention Week (October 9-15) with an open house at Fire Station #2 (605 S. York Street) on Sunday, October 9, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Among the activities planned for the open house will be a live fire demonstration, and presentations on fire equipment and fire extinguishers. The event will also feature booths with information on car seat installation, emergency medical services, disaster preparedness, safety and crime prevention, and the D.A.R.E. program. DuComm personnel will also be on hand with a 9-1-1 simulator and the Kiwanis will provide Kids Pix (child ID program). Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers will be available for purchase. The afternoon will also include station tours and refreshments. Bring the family and join the Elmhurst Fire Department for an interesting afternoon and some potentially life-saving information.



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Downtown Sector Plan

The Zoning and Planning Commission is nearing completion of the City's Downtown Sector Plan review. The current draft plan represents the culmination of the long-term efforts of the commission and Elmhurst citizens, including numerous meetings over the last four years and many meetings for the North Downtown Design Plan. Citizen input provided during these meetings has been of primary importance in plan preparations.

The downtown area review process began in 1998 with The North Downtown Design Plan (and corresponding C4A District), followed by analysis of geographic areas, or "sectors," as they are referred to in the Plan. This review process included detailed analysis of the area in and around Wilder Park known as the "Cultural Campus," and the Block 300 area where the Crescent Court condominium project is now under construction.

The draft Downtown Sector Plan was formally introduced to the public at a July 14, 2005 public workshop meeting. At this meeting, the city's consultant, Phil Hanegraaf of HNTB in Chicago, made a presentation regarding the plan. The commission also welcomed public comments and discussion during an open house session the same night.

The draft copy of the Downtown Sector Plan is available on the City's website (www.elmhurst.org) and copies are available for public viewing at City Hall and the Elmhurst Public Library. The Zoning & Planning Commission will schedule a formal public hearing in the near future. After this public hearing, the commission's recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for final action. For further information, including specific meeting dates, please contact the Department of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development at (630) 530-3100.



Specialized Rescues, Car Fires and Vehicle Extractions

Earlier this year, the Elmhurst City Council approved two ordinances that will allow user fees to be charged in certain emergency situations involving non-residents, such as car fires, vehicle extractions and other rescue operations which may require the use of specialized personnel. This is good news for Elmhurst taxpayers who have had to shoulder the burden of these costs.



Specialized rescue team responses include tactical rescue, high angle rescue, underwater rescue/recovery, confined space rescue, below grade rescue and trench rescue. The cost to equip and train such teams is significant, but such services usually only benefit a small number of people or entities. The City Council determined that it would be in the best interest of the city and its residents to require those who benefit from specialized rescue efforts to pay fees to help defer the cost of training and maintaining these teams. The fees include: a \$750 basic charge for response, \$125 per emergency vehicle per hour, \$35 per team member per hour, and the cost of all material or equipment necessary to provide the response.

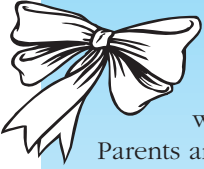
Personnel from the Elmhurst Fire Department perform approximately 40 vehicle extractions and extinguish about 30 car fires each year. A large percentage of these incidents occur on the roads that ring Elmhurst, including I-290 and Roosevelt Road, and involve people who do not live in Elmhurst. As the call volume rises, so do the costs of operating and maintaining an effective, well-trained fire department. The fees for service that have been approved by the City Council are in line with Illinois statutory requirements: \$400 for vehicle extrication and \$200 for extinguishing vehicle fires. These fees will only apply to non-residents and will be billed through the motorist's insurance carrier when a claim has been initiated.



Veterans Day Ceremony

All current and past members of the U.S. military will be honored at a special Veterans Day ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 11th. The ceremony, sponsored by the City of Elmhurst and the veterans' organizations, will be held at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park. Residents and friends are invited to attend the ceremony as an expression of appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices of our veterans.

Red Ribbon Week



In an effort to raise awareness of substance abuse and its consequences, and to promote a drug-free environment, Red Ribbon Week will be held in Elmhurst from October 23-31.

Parents are urged to talk to their children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Students are encouraged to make a commitment to live drug-free and set an example to their peers. Residents are encouraged to wear a red ribbon to work or school, or tie a red ribbon around their car antenna or parkway trees to show support for the Red Ribbon program.

Alcohol and Driving

In conjunction with Red Ribbon Week, motorists are reminded that the fine for first-time DUI offenses in Elmhurst is \$750. This sizable fine is aimed at getting the attention of individuals who drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol, thereby risking their own lives and the lives of others. The Elmhurst Police Department would like to remind teenage drivers and their parents of the "Use It & Lose It" law that went into effect in Elmhurst in 1995. Also known as "Zero Tolerance," this law gives young people another reason to say "NO" to alcohol. The first offense for a driver under the age of 21 can result in a three-month driver's license suspension. A second offense can result in loss of driving privileges for one year. Suspensions are doubled if the offender refuses to be tested.



School Opening Safety Tips

As the new school year begins, the Elmhurst Police Department offers the following tips to help protect our youngest residents.

- Motorists are urged to drive carefully and watch for youngsters walking or biking to and from school, especially in areas without sidewalks. Drivers must be alert when approaching or following a school bus. Illinois law requires motorists to stop when the flashing red lights and extended stop arm of a school bus warn that students are loading or unloading. Motorists are also cautioned to be alert to changing patterns in school zones. Many schools have special one-way streets and parking restrictions during school hours as well as special restrictions for dropping off and picking up students on the street. Watch for youngsters playing and gathering near bus stops.
- Parents are asked to be good role models and teach their children to always wear a seat belt in the car and a helmet when biking, and to follow pedestrian safety rules. Young children should always be supervised as they walk or bike to school, or as they wait at the school bus stop.
- Children who walk to and from school should cross only at crosswalks, obey all traffic signs and lights, and follow the instructions of crossing guards and safety patrol members. When biking to and from school, always wear a helmet. Helmets can prevent up to 85% of head injuries caused by biking accidents. Stop before riding into the street and ride in a straight line on the right side with the flow of traffic. Stop and look both ways at stop signs, stop lights and intersections. Younger children should walk their bikes across busy intersections.

Let's give our youngsters every chance to have a safe and happy school year.

A Child is Missing — You Can Help

The State of Illinois and the Elmhurst community are now served by an effective program to help locate missing children, as well as disabled or elderly individuals, during the crucial first hours after they disappear. The program is activated by law enforcement when a vulnerable person is reported missing. "A Child is Missing" (ACIM) is a high-tech telephonic system that can place 1,000 calls in just 60 seconds. The system can process multiple cases at the same time and operates without jurisdictional boundaries. When a police officer relays information on a missing child, or elderly or disabled person to ACIM, a detailed message is recorded, including such information as the missing person's name, age, height and weight, description, medical or psychological conditions, and location where last seen. The message is then sent out by phone to the surrounding community, requesting assistance in the search. Within minutes, residents and business owners begin to check the backyards, sidewalks and shopping areas in their neighborhoods. Residents are encouraged to support this valuable program that gives our law enforcement personnel hundreds of additional pairs of eyes to search for a missing child or person. Those with unlisted numbers are asked to contact "A Child is Missing" at the website (www.achildissing.org) if they wish to have their telephone number registered with this organization only.

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Congratulations

Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 15th consecutive year, the city's Finance Department has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its annual comprehensive financial report. The certificate, presented by the Government Finance Officers Association, is the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting. The award is based on the readability and clarity of the annual report, and its adherence to all standard accounting guidelines.

Serving on Boards and Commissions

Elmhurst is a community with a proud tradition of active participation in worthwhile volunteer efforts. Many of our citizens serve without compensation on the city's boards and commissions as a way to give something back to the community. There are currently 13 city boards and commissions, most of which serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council. When an opening occurs, a new member is normally appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council. The city boards and commissions are: the Advisory Architectural Commission, the Board of Local Improvements, the Building Code Board of Appeals, the Commission on Youth, the Fire and Police Commission, the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Pension Fund, the Historical Commission, the Board of Trustees of the Elmhurst Public Library, the Board of Trustees of the Police Pension Fund, the Senior Citizens Commission, the Veterans Memorial Commission, the Zoning and Planning Commission and the Elmhurst Economic Development Commission.

Interested citizens are encouraged to submit an application to serve on a board or commission. Application forms are kept on file until openings occur. The forms are available in the Mayor's office at City Hall or on the city's homepage, www.elmhurst.org. The city's website also contains descriptions of the boards and commissions, lists of current members and meeting schedules.



Mayor's Message



I would like to congratulate our newest member of the Elmhurst City Council, Stephen Hipskind, who was recently appointed to the Fourth Ward to serve out the unexpired term of Brad Walsh who has moved to the Indianapolis area. I look forward to working with Stephen as we move forward on improving the quality of life here in Elmhurst.

We were pleased and proud recently to receive the DuPage Mayors and Managers Municipal Innovation Award for our creative intergovernmental agreement with School District 205. Last year, the district had asked the City for its help in closing a \$1.2 million budget deficit. Elmhurst officials devised a plan for early release of property tax revenue from nine parcels in the City's Central Business District Tax Increment Financing District (TIF). A TIF is a special taxing district established for a set period of time in order to revitalize underdeveloped areas without raising taxes or using general funds. The release of the nine parcels generated an additional \$900,000 for the school district. This was truly a unique solution to an acute problem. The new agreement also provided for a 12-year extension of the TIF District to enable the City to meet its commitment to make needed improvements in the downtown area.

As part of Elmhurst's redevelopment efforts in the downtown, the City recently published the Downtown Sector Plan. This is an update of the City's Comprehensive Plan which outlines planning and zoning goals. The new Downtown Sector Plan is available for review at City Hall and the Elmhurst Public Library. I invite all residents to review the plan and to let your elected officials know what you'd like to see for downtown Elmhurst.

I would like to congratulate Finance Director Marilyn Gaston and her team for receiving the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the fifteenth year in a row. We are fortunate to have such a fine staff overseeing the financial interests of our community.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that both public and parochial schools are back in session — with many children coming and going on foot and on bikes. "It's our town, let's slow down." The safety of these young people is in our hands.

Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci



Elmhurst Community Calendar



Through October 5 York and Vallette Farmers Market

Fresh fruit, vegetables, spices, bread, cheese, jam & jelly, and more will be available at this ongoing Elmhurst summer tradition. Located in the municipal lot northeast of York and Vallette intersection.

York & Vallette Business Association
7 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday.
Free
Info: (630) 279-5530

Through September 18 Art Exhibit: Myself, Among Other Things

Artist Peter Stanfield creates aluminum, glass, and acrylic wall sculptures which exude a highly crafted, futuristic, or scientific style, offset by text that conveys surprisingly emotional stories.

Elmhurst Art Museum
150 Cottage Hill
Tues., Thurs., Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wed. 1 to 8 p.m.,
Fri. and Sun. 1 to 4 p.m.
Members and children under 12 are free, Adults \$4,
Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Tuesdays are FREE
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 834-0202

Through September 18 Art Exhibit: Weather Systems

Chicago artist Rhonda Gates employs oils and graphite on a box-constructed panel surface. Her "painted drawings" capture the reflection of her urban environment or memories of other urban environments visited.

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Through September 18 Art Exhibit: Geometric Play

Chicago artist Rebecca Shore exhibits her small-scale egg tempera paintings based on grid-like composition with varied geometric patterns.

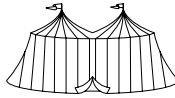
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Friday, September 9 Kelly Miller Circus

Show features live elephants, horses, and a cast of international stars under a big top tent.

Sponsored by District 205 Foundation
Sandburg Middle School
4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Tickets on circus day: adults (12 and up) \$14, Child
(2-11) \$8. In advance: Adults \$12, Child \$6
Info: (630) 617-2328



Friday, September 9 Elmhurst Hospital Foundation's "Autumn Affair"

Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Foundation's first annual Autumn Affair will include dinner, dancing and a silent auction — in celebration of the Foundation's 25th Anniversary. Proceeds benefit the Cardiology Picture Archiving and Communication System and the Cardiology Education Endowment Fund.

Butterfield Country Club, Oak Brook
7:00 p.m.
Tickets \$150 each.
Info: (630) 782-7829

Saturday, September 10 Touch A Truck

Touch A Truck gives kids and adults of all ages the opportunity to touch, feel, and climb through a variety of trucks and vehicles. This event includes a special discount on activities at The Hub!

Elmhurst Park District Berens Park; East parking lot
10 a.m. to Noon
\$1 donation the day of the event
Info: (630) 993-8900



Sunday, September 11 Sunday Funday

A monthly drop-in program for kids and their caregivers. Today: Make a quilted pencil pouch. Ages 4-12.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
\$1/project
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1457

Sept 13 through Dec 4 Quilt Exhibit: Patches & Pieces in Place

A quilt showcase featuring the quilts of the Elmhurst Piecemakers quilt group. Over 100 creations will be highlighted in three separate groupings that begin: Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Sunday, 1-5 p.m.
Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1457

Wednesday, September 14 The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Lecture: "Dead Man Walking -The Journey Continues"

Sister Helen Prejean, death penalty abolitionist who inspired the movie "Dead Man Walking" (Susan Sarandon portrayed her and won an Oscar), will speak. Book signing to follow.

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel
190 Prospect Ave.
7:30 p.m.
Handicapped Accessible
Free
Info: (630) 617-3033

Thursday, September 15 Tea Time Tour

Monthly program for adults of exhibit tours, lectures, and performances. Today: "A Stitch in Time: Preserving Our Heirloom's History." Learn about your heirloom's history and get tips for its care and preservation by Certified Quilt and Textile Appraiser and historian, Sue Harmon. Limit one quilt per person.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1457

Saturday, September 17 Spring Road Day

A family fun day! Music, games, clowns, food, a petting zoo and pony rides, a moon jump, and visits from the Elmhurst Police and Fire Department.

Spring Road Business Association sponsors the event.
Wild Meadows Trace Park - Spring Road at Prairie Path
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 279-2222



Saturday, September 17 Community Health Fair

Local health care professionals (medical, dental, etc.) will offer screenings, tests, and information at no charge. Games for children and refreshments too!

Faith Evangelical United Methodist Church
Church parking lot (111 W. North Avenue)
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Handicapped accessible
Info: (630) 941-0212





Thursday, September 22 After-School Special: "Behind-the-Scenes" Library Tour

Let us take you "behind-the-scenes" of the library as we approach our two-year anniversary. Don't miss this opportunity to check out the inner workings of different library departments that are behind the closed doors. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your EPL card starting Saturday, Sept. 10.
Elmhurst Public Library
125 S. Prospect Ave.
Ages: Gr. 2 & up
3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 279-8696



Sept. 23 through Dec. 31 Gem Exhibit: "Michael Dyber: Master of Optical Illusion"

See a special exhibit of contemporary designs in gemstones from award winning American gem cutter, Michael Dyber.
Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill Ave
Tues. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
Sun. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; closed Monday
Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children 7-12:
\$1, children under 7 are free, Fridays are free to all.
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1616

Saturday, September 24 Uptown/Downtown Block Party

4th annual block party celebration showcasing the wonderful cuisine City Centre has to offer. Entertainment, a sidewalk sale, children's activities, food, and drinks will be available for the whole family.
Elmhurst City Centre will be sponsoring the event.
City Centre Plaza at York and Schiller
Noon to 10 p.m.
Free
Handicapped Accessible.
Info: (630) 933-1600

Saturday, September 24 Lecture: "Amber: The Golden Gem of the Ages"

Patty Rice, author and noted expert on amber, presents the geological and historical origins of amber. Reservations recommended.
Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill Ave
2:00 p.m.
Adults: \$4, Seniors: \$3, Students: \$2
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1616



Fri - Sun, Sept. 30 and Oct 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9 Green Man Theatre Troupe presents Blithe Spirit

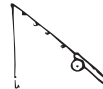
GMTT presents the smash comedy hit of Broadway "Blithe Spirit," a hilarious farce about the spirit world.
Masonic Temple
134 Arthur St.
Friday, Saturday 7:30 p.m. and Sundays 2:30 p.m.
Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, Students with I.D. \$12
Info: (630) 833-3823

October 1, 2005 through January 15, 2006 Art Exhibit by Keith Achepohl: Gardens of Earth and Water

Prints and watercolors exploring the shore and the garden, incorporating plants and seashells, representing life, death, and regeneration. Achepohl expands the printmaking process to evoke gardens both on land and beneath the waves.
Elmhurst Art Museum
150 Cottage Hill
Tues./Thurs./Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wed. 1 to 8 p.m.,
Fri./Sun. 1 to 4 p.m.
Members and children under 12 are free, Adults \$4,
Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Tuesdays are FREE
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630)834-0202

Saturday, October 1 Park District Fishing Derby

At the EPD Third Annual Fishing Derby, prizes will be awarded every hour for each age group for the largest catch. For ages 3-14. You must provide your own fishing pole.
Elmhurst Park District, Eldridge Park Lagoon
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
\$5 for residents, \$15 for nonresidents
Info: (630) 993-8900



Saturday, October 1 College Football Game and Reunion

Cheer on the Elmhurst College Bluejays vs. Wheaton College. The 25th anniversary of Elmhurst's 1980 league Championship Team will be celebrated.
Elmhurst College, Langhorst Field
190 Prospect Ave
Kickoff at 1:00 p.m.
Info: Elmhurst College alumni office, (630) 617-3600

Thursday, October 6 Cesar Chavez Guestship Lecture: "The Fight in the Fields: Cesar Chavez and the Farm Workers Movement"

Ray Telles, an Emmy-winning producer and director of documentaries, will speak. His talk is a highlight of the College's annual Celebration of Hispanic Heritage.
Elmhurst College Schaible Science Center, Illinois Hall
Corner of Prospect Ave and Elm Park Ave
4:00 p.m.
Free

Saturday, October 8 Fall Fest

Fall Fest will hold fun family activities including pumpkin painting for our "totem pole," pumpkin carving and decorating, a safe Trick-or-Treating Program in Safety Town, storytelling, interactive games, a petting zoo, and pony rides.
Sponsored by Elmhurst Park District, York/Vallette Merchants Association and Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce
Safety Town Village
511 S. York Rd.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tickets are sold for some activities at the event and concessions are available for sale.
Info: (630) 993-8900

Saturday, October 8 Elmhurst Symphony: Opening Night "Flights of Fancy"

The program will feature Wagner's thrilling "Overture to the Flying Dutchman" & Haydn's delightful "Harpsichord Concerto" with ESO Music Director/Conductor Stephen Alltop.
Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College
190 Prospect Ave.
7 p.m.
Adults \$29, Seniors \$27, Students \$6
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 941-0202



Saturday, October 8 "One-Day Geode Collecting Trip"

Collect geodes near the Mississippi River in Hamilton, Illinois. Trip fees include tour guides, collecting fee and motorcoach. Ages 8 - adult. Reservations are required.
Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill Ave
7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
\$85 per person
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1616



Saturday, October 8 Graveside Stories Cemetery Walk at Elm Lawn

A unique look into the history of Elmhurst. Walk from grave to grave and learn about early Elmhurst as local volunteer actors portray community residents of the past. Tours begin every 20 minutes. No strollers please. Call museum for advance tickets.
Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
\$5/person in advance, \$7 at the door, Children under 6 free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1457

Sunday, October 9 Sunday Funday

Monthly drop-in program for kids and their caregivers. Today: Make a crazy quilt pumpkin pin. Ages 4-12.
Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
\$1/project
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1457

Monday, October 10 Discover Creativity with ScribbleMonster & His Pals

We invite you to share a unique musical playtime with ScribbleJim and ScribbleJayne from ScribbleMonster & His Pals. Their fun-filled concerts stimulate creative expression and showcase each child's unique abilities. You will sing, think, play, dance, draw and create with this performance. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk starting Saturday, Oct. 1.
Elmhurst Public Library
125 S. Prospect Ave.
For families
10-10:45 a.m., Free
Info: (630) 279-8696



**Saturday, October 15
Tea Time Tour**

Monthly program for adults of exhibit tours, lectures, and performances. Today: "Women of Courage: Weaving the Fabric of their Lives." Join us to discover the life stories behind courageous women of history as told through their quilts. Presented by Betsy Youdris, retired pastor, historian, and long-time quilt lover.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1457

**Thursday, October 20
After School Special: Optical Illusions**

Here's an interesting and entertaining science workshop where you'll build your own periscope while learning about optics, reflection and sight. Watch celebrity images change before your very eyes! Seeing is NOT always believing. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your EPL card starting Saturday, Oct. 8.

Elmhurst Public Library
125 S. Prospect Ave.
Ages: Gr. 2 and up
3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 279-8696

**Saturday, October 22
"Midnight Masquerade" Ball**

An evening of treats and tricks featuring dinner, live music and dancing with Whata Bout Bob, silent auction, and a hauntingly fun time—until the clock strikes 12! Costumes encouraged.

The event is sponsored by District 205 Foundation.
River Forest Country Club, Elmhurst
7:30 p.m. to midnight
Info: (630) 617-2328



**Saturday, October 22
"Rocks and Minerals of Illinois"**

Learn about the important rocks, minerals, and fossils of Illinois. Hands-on specimens, identification activities, and "Illinois fossil find" enhance the learning experience. Reservations recommended.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill Ave
Ages 8 - adult. 2:00 p.m.
Adults: \$4, Seniors: \$3, Students: \$2, Children 7-12 \$1
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1616

**Wednesday, October 26
Shivery Stories**

Tiptoe to the library for a cauldron of creepy tales. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your EPL card starting Saturday, Oct. 15.

Elmhurst Public Library
125 S. Prospect Ave.
Ages: 4 & up with an adult
6:30 - 7 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 279-8696

**Wednesday, October 26
Shocking Stories**

These late night stories are truly scary. Only for the brave... Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your EPL card starting Saturday, Oct. 15.

Elmhurst Public Library
125 S. Prospect Ave.
Ages: 7 & up
8 - 8:45 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 279-8696



**Saturday, October 29
Boo-tiful Saturday**

Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to City Centre and enjoy a magic show, costume parade, and movie. Trick-or-treating will then be available in downtown Elmhurst. Ages 10 and under.

Elmhurst City Centre
150 N. York - York Theatre
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 993-1600

**Sunday, October 30
Pop Music Concert: "Motown is Coming to Your Town"**

Two performances by Elmhurst College Vocalists under the direction of Susan Moninger.

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel, Elmhurst College
190 Prospect Ave
2:00 p.m and 7:00 p.m.
General Admission: \$15, children under 6 free,
Seniors/Faculty/Staff: \$10, Students: \$5,
Info and Tickets: (630) 617-3330



**November 1 - 27
Fall Flower Show**

The Park District is proud to present a colorful flower show at the Wilder Park Conservatory. Enjoy the beautiful array of chrysanthemums featured at this month-long event.

Elmhurst Park District, Wilder Park Conservatory
225 Prospect Ave.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 993-8900

**Saturday, November 5
"Michael Dyber: Master of Optical Illusion"**

Award-winning gem cutter, Michael Dyber, will present his process for creating one-of-a-kind cut gemstones. Reservations recommended.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill Ave
2:00 p.m.
Adults: \$4, Seniors: \$3, Students: \$2
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1616



**Saturday, November 5
The 3rd Annual Elmhurst Holiday Kickoff for Kids**

Featuring the Cool Kiddie Car Auction Open bar, silent auction, Kiddie Car auction, music, great food and lots of holiday spirit. All proceeds to benefit ECAF, Ray Graham Association, Sky Ranch, & the Midwest Children's Brain Tumor Center.

The Drake-Oakbrook
2301 York Rd. (W. 22nd St.)
Oak Brook, IL
6:30pm - 10:30pm
Ticket Info call 630-993-1600

**Saturday and Sunday, November 5 & 6
Holiday Art Faire**

Over 70 talented artists exhibit and sell their creative pieces of fine art and crafts. Sponsored by District 205 Foundation in conjunction with RGL Marketing for the Arts, Inc.

York High School
355 St. Charles Rd.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and
Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
\$5
Info: (630) 617-2328

**Wednesday, November 9
Mike Ditka at Elmhurst Healthcare Fall Benefit Dinner**

Former Chicago Bears coach Mike Ditka will speak at the Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare Board of Governors 55th Annual Fall Benefit Dinner. Proceeds will benefit the Cardiology Education Endowment Fund and a new state-of-the-art CT scanner.

Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
Tickets \$125
Info: (630) 782-7829

**Friday, November 11
Historical Perspectives Presents:
Abe Lincoln**

In honor of Veteran's Day, you will be fascinated by this one-man dramatization of our sixteenth president, Abe Lincoln's life.

Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your EPL card starting Saturday, Oct. 29.

Elmhurst Public Library
125 S. Prospect Ave.
Ages: K - Gr. 8
1 - 1:45 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 279-8696



Elmhurst Community Calendar

Sunday, November 13

Abraham Joshua Heschel Lecture

Part of the "Walking the Bible: Faiths of Chicago" event. Bruce Feiler, featured on the cover of TIME, wrote of the shared ancestry of Jews, Christians, and Muslims in "Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths." His book will be featured as a PBS documentary.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge, Elmhurst College
190 Prospect Ave.

7:30 p.m.

Free

Info: (630) 617-3033

Sunday, November 13

Sunday Funday

Monthly drop-in program for kids and their caregivers. Today: Make a four patch pillow.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Avenue

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

\$1/project

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457



Thursday, November 17



Conservatory Diamond Hunt

At this fun event for preschoolers, participants are invited to hunt for "diamonds" among the Fall Flower Show displays. Each child's "diamond" is exchanged for a plant to take home.

Registration required.

Elmhurst Park District, Wilder Park Conservatory
225 Prospect Ave.

1 - 2 p.m.

Free

Ages: 3 - 6

Info: (630) 993-8900

Thursday, November 17

Tea Time Tour

Monthly program for adults of exhibit tours, lectures, and performances. Today: "From Caves to Condos: the Evolution of the Quilt." Follow the evolution of the quilt as presented by Elizabeth Carlson, domestic artist and museum curator, who will speak about the history and fabrication of quilts from the dawn of time to modern day.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Avenue

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

Friday, November 18

Juggling Funny Stories

In celebration of Children's Book Week, take a fun look at folktales and contemporary stories with Chris Fascione. Fascione uses a unique combo of storytelling, mime, clowning and a touch of juggling as he educates, entertains, and leads children into the world of books. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your EPL card starting Saturday, Nov. 5.

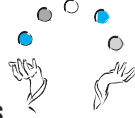
Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect Ave.

Ages: for families

7 - 7:45 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 279-8696



Friday, November 18

Annual Spring Road Holiday Tree Lighting

Enjoy the start of the season as we illuminate Elmhurst's first holiday tree. We'll sing songs of the season and offer warm drinks and cookies for all.

Sponsored by the Spring Road Business Association

Spring Road at Prairie Path

7 p.m.

Free

Info: (630) 279-2222

Saturday, November 19

"Lapidary Activity Day"

West Suburban Lapidary Club members will demonstrate cabochon cutting, silversmithing, wirewrapping, and carving. Participate in hands-on activities: bead stringing and making rock critters. All ages welcome.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill Ave

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1616

Sunday, November 20

Elmhurst Symphony: The Symphony Swings

A salute to American greats Bernstein, Ellington, and Gershwin. Bernstein's jazzy "On the Town Dance Episodes" will set the mood. The "Porgy and Bess Suite" features several of the best-loved tunes from Gershwin's opera, including "I Got Plenty o' Nuttin" and "It Ain't Necessarily So." The Elmhurst College Jazz band will be the featured guests also performing the Duke's arrangement of "Nutcracker."

Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College

190 Prospect Ave

3:00 p.m.

Adults \$29, Seniors \$27, Students \$6

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 941-0202



Thursday, November 24

22nd Annual Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot

5K fun run to benefit Chicago anti-hunger federation, DuPage PADS and United Community Concerns Association.

Local businesses will be sponsoring the event.

Registration is Saturday, November 20 at Schiller Real Estate from 2-6 p.m.

Race begins 9 a.m., corner of York and Vallette

Info: (630) 415-2816

Saturday, November 26

Lights, Action, Christmas!

Holiday Tree Lighting in downtown Elmhurst at York and Schiller. Refreshments, entertainment and a visit from the Mayor and St. Nicholas, too!

6:00 p.m.

Free

Info: (630) 993-1600



The community calendar is sponsored by:

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Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot

www.dangibbonsturkeytrot.com

District 205 Foundation

www.elmhurst.k12.il.us/Foundation/

Elmhurst Art Museum

www.elmhurstartmuseum.org

Elmhurst City Centre

www.elmhurstcitycentre.com

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www.elmhurst.edu

Elmhurst Historical Museum

www.elmhurst.org/elmhurst/museum

Elmhurst Park District

www.epd.org

Elmhurst Public Library

www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

www.lizzadromuseum.org

Spring Road Business Association

www.springroad.com

York & Vallette Business Association

[\(630\) 279-5530](http://(630)279-5530)

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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Free Leaf Pick-Up

The City of Elmhurst will provide free leaf pick-up twice this fall through its contract waste hauler (BFI). Leaves placed curbside in clearly marked garbage cans, cardboard boxes or Kraft paper bags will be picked up free of charge (without yard waste stickers) on your regularly scheduled collection day on November 2, 3, 4 and 30 and on December 1 and 2. Residents are asked not to mix leaves with other yard waste and not to use plastic bags for leaves. Containers, other than Kraft bags, will be left on the parkway after the pick-up.



Raking leaves, grass clippings and other debris into the street is prohibited by city ordinances. This practice can create hazardous conditions for motorists and impede the flow of stormwater into the city's storm sewer system.

Preventing Street Flooding

Residents can help prevent street flooding in their neighborhoods by raking leaves and debris away from the storm drain inlets in front of their homes, especially during periods of heavy rainfall. Clogged inlets impede the flow of stormwater into the city's storm sewer system, especially during the autumn months when leaves are falling.

Senior Chore Days

The City of Elmhurst sponsors Senior Chore Days each fall to help Elmhurst seniors living on a limited income with yard work and storm window installation. Volunteers are needed to help our seniors with this important work. Senior Chore Days will be held during the first three weekends in November — November 5 and 6, 12 and 13, and 19 and 20. If you are a senior and need assistance, or if you can volunteer to help a senior anytime during this three-week period, call the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at (630) 620-9794.



Trick-or-Treat

Motorists are reminded to be on the lookout for little ghosts and goblins this Halloween as they go door-to-door in our neighborhoods. Trick-or-treating will be on Monday, October 31, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Police Department encourages a parent or other adult to accompany young trick-or-treaters and instruct them to cross streets only at intersections, approach only well lit homes and inspect all treats at home. Have a safe and happy Halloween!



Holiday Reminder

Residents are reminded that City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5, for the Labor Day holiday. The City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6. Refuse collection will be postponed by one day during Labor Day week due to the holiday.

Disposing of Non-Recyclable Items



The City of Elmhurst provides an effective recycling program that helps divert tons of materials away from area landfills. The residents of Elmhurst have demonstrated a commitment to recycle the items that are accepted through the city's program. However, city offices receive frequent inquiries about items that residents can't or don't want to put out for collection with their regular refuse and recycling.

- Usable items, such as books, clothing and shoes, computers and other electronics, furniture, sporting goods, toys and small appliances can be donated to resale shops or donation organizations for use by others.
- Some materials, such as automotive batteries, tires or fluids; propane tanks; some paint; and household hazardous waste, cannot be recycled or disposed of with regular refuse. There are companies in DuPage County that accept these items and handle them appropriately.
- Other items, such as scrap metal, wood and other building materials, can often be reused or converted into usable products.

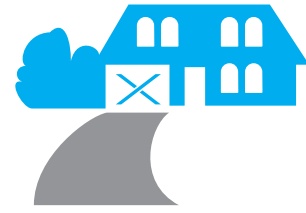
More information is available on how to dispose of or donate such items in the DuPage County 2004-2005 Recycling Guide. The guide is available online at www.dupageco.org/building or residents can pick up a copy at the Public Works counter in City Hall.



Outdoor Fireplaces

The Elmhurst Municipal Code places certain restrictions on open burning and portable outdoor fireplaces in order to protect lives and property. The restrictions summarized below do not apply to fireplaces, grills, burners or similar devices when used solely for cooking food.

- A permit from the Elmhurst Fire Department is required for open burning. The permit may be revoked if the permit holder does not comply with the following requirements or if the fire is determined to pose a hazard.
- Outdoor or portable fireplaces may be used only with approved fuel: propane, natural gas, charcoal or seasoned logs. It is illegal to burn yard waste, leaves, lumber, paper, cardboard, unseasoned logs or garbage.
- An outdoor or portable fireplace must be located and used at least 15 feet from any structure. The firebox must be located above ground level.
- The outdoor or portable fireplace must be constantly attended by a person over the age of 17 until the fire is extinguished. An adequate amount of sand, dirt or water, or a portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 4-A must be on hand for immediate use.
- No outdoor or portable fireplace may be used in such a way as to emit offensive or objectionable smoke or odors, or when atmospheric conditions or other circumstances make such fires hazardous.



Testing for Radon Gas

Radon gas, which results from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water, can get into the air we breathe in our homes and workplaces. This gas typically moves up through the ground to the air above, getting into buildings through cracks and holes in the foundation. Once inside a building, the gas becomes trapped and can build to unsafe levels. The greatest exposure is in the home where people normally spend a great deal of time. The U. S. Surgeon General has warned that radon gas is second only to smoking as a cause of lung cancer and results in thousands of deaths each year. Smoking and exposure to high levels of radon gas combine to create an especially serious health risk. Although you cannot see, smell or taste radon gas, homes, offices and other buildings can easily be tested for its presence. Fortunately, testing is easy and inexpensive. If your home is found to have high levels of radon gas, there are radon reduction systems that are extremely effective and reasonably priced. For more information about radon gas, residents are encouraged to contact the Illinois Emergency Management Agency in Springfield by phone at (800) 325-1245 or (217) 782-1325. Information is also available on the Internet at www.epa.gov/radon or on the state's website at www.state.il.us/idns/html/radon/radon.asp.



Zoning Ordinance Text Definitions – Senior Housing

The City's Zoning & Planning Commission is currently evaluating the City's zoning ordinance for text changes regarding senior housing. The Commission, in conjunction with city staff, recognized recent industry changes that have resulted in new and different types of senior housing.

The Commission has held five public meetings regarding senior housing text definitions. During these meetings, the Zoning & Planning Commission received presentations from members of the Senior Citizen Commission and reviewed senior housing definition information

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from state statutes, other communities and the American Planning Association. The Commission has used this wealth of information to draft a set of definitions to use as a basis for the text amendment public hearing process.

The Zoning & Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 22, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the proposed senior housing zoning ordinances text changes. For further information, please contact the Department of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development at (630) 530-3100.

Citizens Police Academy

There are still openings in this fall's Citizens Police Academy session. This unique program offers interested adults (age 21 or older) who live or work in Elmhurst an opportunity to learn about law enforcement from the professionals — the officers of the Elmhurst Police Department. The program is free and provides hands-on experience in many aspects of police work — from dusting for fingerprints to identity theft, and much, much more. The Citizens Police Academy is designed to improve communication, confidence and cooperation between the police and the community. The program is limited to 25 students per session and there are still openings in the 13-week class scheduled to begin on September 21 and end on December 7th. One block of instruction will be offered each Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., with each block providing hands-on training and an in-depth view of a particular division within the department. Applicants must pass a background check to qualify. For more information or to obtain an application, contact Sergeant Robert Nicholas at 530-3057.

CPR for Family and Friends



The primary goal of the Elmhurst Fire Department is to protect the community and its residents, and public education is a vital part of that goal. In its ongoing effort to teach potentially life-saving skills, the department will again offer "CPR for Family and Friends," an American Heart Association non-certification class, during 2005. A class will be held at Fire Station #1 (404 N. York) on Tuesday, November 1 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The class includes CPR for infants, children and adults, as well as clearing foreign body airway obstructions. Students will receive a textbook for use during the class and a course completion card at the end of class. The class is limited to 25 students, age 12 and older, and there is a \$5.00 charge for materials. Call 530-3090 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for more information or to make a reservation.

North York Street Resurfacing

The North York Street Resurfacing Project is anticipated to begin in August 2005. The contractor is K-5 Construction Corporation. This project will resurface approximately 0.89 miles of pavement on York Street (between I-290 and Grand Avenue). This section of York Street has a pavement structure which is commonly referred to as composite pavement. Composite pavement consists of a concrete base and a bituminous asphalt-wearing surface. The asphalt-wearing surface has reached the end of its service life and will be removed and replaced. The existing roadway will not be reconfigured. Two-way traffic will be maintained during construction. The project should be completed by late fall.

Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee has completed its yearlong task of identifying and exploring a range of historic preservation methods that might be suitable for adoption by the City of Elmhurst. The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee has met monthly since May of 2004 to discuss historic preservation. Over this time period, the Committee has received presentations from professionals in the field of historic preservation, as well as presentations from the Elmhurst Historical Museum and city staff about Elmhurst's local historic preservation resources.

The Committee developed a final report that related to the goals developed by the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee. The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee presented their findings to the Development, Planning & Zoning Committee on July 25, 2005. A copy of the final Historic Preservation Advisory Committee report is available on the City of Elmhurst's website (www.elmhurst.org). For further information please contact the Department of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development at (630) 530-3100.

September 2005

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(Finance Department counter open
1st & 3rd Mondays until 7:00 p.m.)

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7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Donna Lomnicki



The Elmhurst Historical Museum

Bringing History to Life

See the enclosed Community Calendar for more Museum programs. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sun., 1-5 p.m. Admission is always free.

Programs for Kids, Families and Adults

Sunday Funday is a monthly program, from 1-3 p.m., for children ages 4-12 and their favorite adults. Drop in any time between 1 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, to make your own Quilted Pencil Pouch, perfect for going back to school. On October 9, make your own Crazy Quilt Pumpkin Pin and on November 13 you can make a Four Patch Pillow. All activities are \$1/project. Projects are designed for ages 6-12, but projects for younger quilters will be available.

Adults can enjoy performances, lectures, or exhibit tours during our Tea Time Tour programs every third Thursday of the month from 1- 2 p.m. On Thursday, September 15, bring your favorite quilt and get tips for care and preservation from Certified Quilt and Textile Appraiser and historian Sue Harmon. On October 20 discover the life stories behind women of history through their quilts with Betsy Youdris, retired pastor, historian and quilt lover. Then on November 17 follow the evolution of the quilt from the dawn of time to our modern day as presented by Elizabeth Carlson. These free programs are followed by refreshments.



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Patches & Pieces in Place Exhibit

September 13 through December 4, 2005

A quilt showcase which the Elmhurst Piecemakers and Elmhurst Historical Museum co-sponsor every three years. Opening September 13, 2005, the exhibit highlights the quilted creations of the Piecemakers in three separate groupings. The first showing is from September 13 through October 9; the second from October 11 through November 6 and the final group will show from November 8 through December 4, 2005. The exhibit includes newly made quilts, challenge quilts, contest quilts and refurbished older quilts. More than 100 quilts will be shown throughout the exhibit run. This is the sixth show at EHM for the Elmhurst Piecemakers, a local group of quilters who have been quilting together for the past 25 years. Gallery hours: 1-5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free.

Graveside Stories at Elm Lawn



Join us on Saturday, October 8th, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a unique look into the history of Elmhurst as you walk from grave to grave and learn about early Elmhurst as local volunteer actors portray community residents of the past. The tour will be held at historic Elm Lawn Cemetery at 401 E. Lake St. (Frontage Road). Performances will run every half hour between 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per person for advance tickets or \$7.00 at the door. Children under 6 are free. No strollers please. For advance reservations call Elmhurst Historical Museum at 630-833-1457.

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