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Elmhurst Historical Museum Closes Anniversary Year on a High Note

This year, the Elmhurst Historical Museum brings to a close its fiftieth year of making history. A fiftieth anniversary offers the opportunity to celebrate both the past and the future, and the community joined the celebration throughout the year at many exciting events, including:

- **"50 Years of Collecting: You Won't Believe What's Here!"** This special exhibit was on display from January through May...who knew there was an eagle roosting in the collection?
- ***Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective***, by Dr. Virginia Stewart, was published by the museum for its 50th anniversary, and earned top honors from the American Association of Museums for its outstanding design.
- **19th Century Vintage Baseball Game** - This lively baseball game, featuring Elmhurst residents vs. the Chicago Salmon, was a hit with more than 350 enthusiastic fans in July.
- **A Walk Through Time** - Vintage photographs of Elmhurst businesses were on display throughout City Centre over the summer, giving residents a glimpse of downtown Elmhurst in the early days.



- **Independence Day Ice Cream Social** - Kids of all ages came out for this annual event on July 4th.

- **Presidential Scholar Richard Norton Smith** - The appearance of this nationally recognized presidential historian was co-sponsored by the museum and Elmhurst College on Sept. 30.
- **50th Anniversary Gala** - On November 3, the Elmhurst community dressed to the nines and danced through the night at the culminating anniversary event – a spectacular gala held at the new Westin Hotel Lombard at Yorktown Center.

After "Making History for 50 Years," the Elmhurst Historical Museum is proud to continue its mission of interpreting and preserving the history of Elmhurst. In September of 2007, the City Council approved the formation of a new 21-member governing body known as the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation. As the museum moves forward into the next 50 years, the excitement is building as the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse is renovated, and plans for the Heritage Center and the Glos Mansion are developed.

The Elmhurst Historical Museum is honored to be an integral part of the past and the future of this wonderful community and expresses its sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make its 50th anniversary one for the history books.

Planning for the Unexpected



Photo above shows the massive brush pile collected by city workers after the storm of August 23.

The severe summer storm that hit Elmhurst on August 23 highlights the importance of preparing ahead for emergency situations so that we can take care of ourselves and others until help arrives. The thunderstorm, the worst in Elmhurst history, left in its wake downed power lines, broken and uprooted trees, numerous accidents and unsafe situations, 11,600 homes and businesses without power, a hospital on emergency bypass, inoperable traffic signals and city personnel and resources stretched to the limit.

Within minutes, the city's Emergency Operating Center (EOC) was open and staffed by Mayor Marcucci and representatives from the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments. The EOC coordinated hundreds of requests for emergency rescues, traffic

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Planning for the Unexpected *continued*

control, downed power lines and trees, blocked streets and power outages. Police officers and firefighters were directed to locations where live wires were down, where trees had fallen on vehicles and buildings, or where traffic signals were out at busy intersections, including Route 83 and North Avenue, one of the busiest in the state. Public Works Department crews, led by the Forestry Division, began what would turn into 11 consecutive days (2,163 man-hours) of clearing roadways, cutting and chipping trees, and hauling debris. A total of 216 semi-dump truck loads of tree debris were removed from city parkways, and another 50 truck loads of wood chips were hauled. Throughout the storm's aftermath, staff at City Hall and the Police Station remained at their phones to respond to questions or requests for help.

In neighborhoods throughout the community, residents began working together to clean up their own property and to help each other. They checked on the well-being of elderly and disabled neighbors, and assisted them with their needs. They demonstrated remarkable patience as they waited while city personnel responded to emergency calls before assisting in less urgent situations.

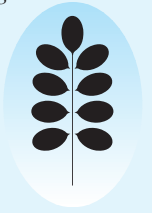
For more information about how individuals and families can prepare for the unexpected by 1) making a plan, 2) being trained in first aid and CPR, 3) building emergency kits and 4) volunteering, visit www.ready.illinois.gov on the Internet.

City's New Mobile Incident Command Vehicle

As a part of the city's ongoing preparations to enable effective responses to man-made or natural disasters, such as the August storm, the City of Elmhurst recently purchased a Mobile Incident Command Vehicle (MICV). The new MICV serves as a self-sustaining mobile operations center capable of operating in an environment with little or no basic services. The vehicle is capable of facilitating communications between multiple entities using an array of fixed and/or wireless communications equipment, while providing appropriate work space for routine support functions and basic services for personnel in short- or long-term incidents. The custom-designed unit contains detailed pre-incident or pre-emergency plans, and advanced communications equipment, including multi-frequency radios, computers, fax/copy machines, light towers, television and video equipment, and advanced reference systems. The new vehicle is housed at Fire Station #1 and is available for use by all city departments.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

The emerald ash borer is a small, metallic-green insect from Asia that was first discovered in the United States near Detroit in 2002. Its larvae tunnel under the bark of ash trees, cutting off water and nutrients, and causing the trees to starve and eventually die. Since 2002, 25 million ash trees in several states have been destroyed. The first beetle detection in Illinois occurred in June 2006 in a rural Kane County subdivision west of St. Charles. Since then, infestations in Illinois have been identified along Lake Michigan in north Cook County, near Peru in LaSalle County and in Glendale Heights in DuPage County.



The Illinois Department of Agriculture has established a quarantine area to prevent the spread of the beetle. The quarantine area includes all or portions of 18 northeastern Illinois counties and restricts the movement of ash wood and ash nursery products from these counties to uninfested areas. The impacted counties are: Boone, Bureau, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, McHenry, Ogle, Putnam, Will and Winnebago.

Residents should watch for metallic-green beetles, about half the diameter of a penny in size, on or near ash trees showing signs of disease or stress. Other symptoms of infestation include tiny (less than 1/8" diameter) D-shaped holes in the bark of the trunk or branches, splitting bark and shoots growing from the base of the tree. Residents are further reminded not to transport firewood into or out of the quarantine zone, since the movement of firewood is a main contributor to the spread of the infestation.

Elmhurst's Forestry Division staff recently completed a training class provided by USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service representatives on emerald ash borer identification techniques. This training consisted of insect identification, recognizing infestation symptoms and hands-on bark stripping procedures to detect the borer larvae under the bark. To-date, there has been no verified infestation in Elmhurst, although city staff members are preparing for such an eventuality. Anyone who suspects a tree has been infested should contact Public Works at (630) 530-3020.



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Next Phase of Comprehensive Plan Project



The city concluded the "Community Scan" phase of the Comprehensive Plan recently — a project designed to guide future land use in Elmhurst — with a series of community workshops in August and September. The workshops highlighted findings of the Community Scan Report, which represents a summary of key conditions, needs and opportunities to be addressed by the new plan. Most importantly, the report also includes a draft "Vision Statement," which offers guidance for future physical development in the community. The Zoning & Planning Commission, in its oversight role, provided comments on the Community Scan Report for city staff and project consultant, the HNTB Corporation. Comments from the Commission and citizens at these workshops generally affirmed the report's findings.

The next step in the Comprehensive Plan project consists of "imagining" future land uses with the development of alternative planning strategies. Using the draft vision statement as a guide, this task will address land use and development recommendations for the community as a whole, as well as for selected community sub-areas. These concept plans will illustrate overall solutions to land use planning, redevelopment, design and transportation needs.

To ensure that the revised plan incorporates the needs of the community, ample opportunities for public review and comment on the Comprehensive Plan will continue. In addition to the six public workshops and three public Zoning & Planning Commission meetings already held, the following opportunities are available:

- 1) **The full text of the Community Scan Report** is available under "What's Hot?" on the city's website (www.elmhurst.org).
- 2) **To introduce the Comprehensive Plan process**, a brochure entitled "Why Plan?" is also available under "What's Hot?" on the city's website, and at the Elmhurst Public Library, Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Elmhurst City Hall.

3) **E-mails to residents, officials and interested parties** will continue to announce meetings and provide other key information. (Please contact the Department of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development at 630-530-3100 to be added to or removed from this list.)

4) **Periodic news releases** will be provided to local media sources and announcements will be made in the city newsletter, *The Front Porch*.

5) **An e-mail link to submit comments** about the Comprehensive Plan is available on the city's website, www.elmhurst.org.

6) **Future public meetings** will be held at key points during the process.

The new plan updates the city's existing Comprehensive Plan, originally adopted in 1990. The process also examines changes that have occurred in the community since the 1990 Plan was developed and explores new ideas to move the community into the future. It also provides the community with an opportunity to take stock of the city's past land use and development direction, and focuses on recommendations to meet current and future needs. The Comprehensive Plan addresses neighborhoods, community development and conservation needs. It assesses improvement possibilities for city infrastructure, transportation, transit, community facilities, jobs and economic development. In short, it serves as the city's official road map for directing private and public investments based on community aspirations. The city's Downtown Sector Plan, adopted in 2006, will be incorporated into the new Comprehensive Plan.

Additional information regarding the Comprehensive Plan is available on the city's website: www.elmhurst.org or by calling the Department of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development at (630) 530-3100.



Winter Weather Tips

Snow, ice and cold weather present challenges for homeowners, motorists and city workers. The following guidelines are intended to make the winter months safer for all.

- Parking on the street is not allowed for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more or during the snow removal process.
- Homeowners are reminded help keep the streets safe for motorists by not shoveling or blowing snow into city streets when clearing driveways and sidewalks.
- Municipal workers remove snow from city streets in a series of passes from the center of the street to the curb. The process inevitably pushes snow onto private driveway

approaches. To avoid the additional work of clearing your driveway approach twice, please wait until the street has been cleared before clearing your approach.

- If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home, please remove snow to keep it clearly visible for Fire Department personnel.
- Residents whose sump pumps are not connected to city storm sewers are reminded that it is illegal to discharge water onto sidewalks or streets. During winter months, this practice can create icy and dangerous conditions for pedestrians and motorists.

Your assistance is sincerely appreciated.



Hahn Street Development Project

City officials are continuing to review future development plans for the Hahn Street area. The 2.73-acre site provides a key opportunity to enhance and redevelop the north downtown area. The property necessary for the project has been assembled.

The process began several years ago when the city acquired properties along Hahn Street. The lots were temporarily converted to surface municipal parking until conditions were favorable for redevelopment. In November 2006, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for the Hahn Street area. The RFP was distributed to potential developers requesting proposals. Those proposals were ultimately reviewed by the City Council, which is now working to conclude a development agreement for Hahn Street.

Since the Hahn Street area is located within Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District #1 (downtown area), the project will help create a new revenue stream for the community consistent with TIF goals. In fact, the future Hahn Street development project is anticipated to generate over \$1 million in annual tax relief. TIF is a redevelopment tool that allows municipalities to use funds from incremental property tax revenue increases to improve those areas, with significant financial windfalls ultimately accruing to school districts, park districts and other taxing bodies. TIF is an excellent economic engine that has significantly benefited specific areas of Elmhurst and provided millions of dollars in tax relief for the entire community. More information about the Hahn Street project is available under "What's Hot?" on the city's website, www.elmhurst.org.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms Mandatory



Elmhurst residents are reminded that as of January 1, 2007, every "dwelling unit" (room or suite of rooms used for human habitation) in Illinois is required to have at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in operating condition within 15

feet of each room used for sleeping purposes. Public Act 094-0741 was signed into law by Governor Blagojevich in May 2006, and applies to single- and multiple-family residences, as well as mixed use buildings. The alarms may be battery-powered, plug-in with battery back-up, or wired into the AC power line with a secondary battery back-up. They may be combined with smoke detecting devices if the combined unit complies with specific standards and the alarm differentiates the hazard. Landlords must ensure that the alarms are working properly when a lease begins and must provide written information to tenants regarding testing and maintenance. Tenants are responsible for testing and maintaining the alarm during the duration of the lease. Violations of this law constitute a Class B criminal misdemeanor.

Mayor's Message



It is difficult to forget the devastation we recently experienced from the windstorm of August 23 — the worst in Elmhurst recorded history. But in

the aftermath, one thing stands out the most: the manner in which our City staff, together with members of the community, pulled together to clear streets of trees and other debris and also to help those most in need. The clean-up was swift and complete and we saw many occurrences of neighbors helping neighbors. I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone that helped out, as well as our Public Works Department and other City staff members, for all of your efforts and extremely hard work.

Coincidentally, the City's new Mobile Incident Command Vehicle (MICV), ordered in 2006, was delivered the week after the storm. For any future incidents of this nature, we are now fortunate to have this self-contained vehicle which provides a host of emergency resources, such as up-to-the-minute weather reports, high-powered lighting and cameras, and satellite and radio communications, to name a few. Go to page 2 of this newsletter to read all about the new MICV.

On the cover of our newsletter, you'll find an article about the Elmhurst Historical Museum, which is completing its 50th anniversary year. Many exciting events and programs took place at the museum during this milestone year and I'd like to congratulate Brian Bergheger and his staff for the wonderful job they have done. I encourage everyone in our community to stop by the museum this year to learn more about the history of this great community that we are privileged to be a part of.

Don't forget — Elmhurst's Annual Tree Lighting will take place on the plaza at York and Schiller on Saturday, November 24, at 6 p.m. I'd love to have you join me for this very special event. Santa will be on hand and it's sure to be a fun time for everyone. From my family to yours, best wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season.

Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci



Elmhurst Community Calendar

Through Sunday, January 6 Special Exhibit - Cameos: From Myth to Modernity

The work of master gem engraver Erwin Pauly is featured in this special exhibit, along with cameos from the Lizzadro Collection. Eighty cameos of hard stone and shell represent classical to modern themes using traditional and contemporary carving methods.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill

Tues-Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,

Sun 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free on Fridays, Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students \$2,

Children (age 7-12 yrs.) \$1,

Children under 7 yrs. Free

Info: (630) 833-1616

Handicapped Accessible

Thursday, November 22 -

Friday December 14

Holiday Shop Windows

Santa has lost his reindeer. Can you help him find them? Select business windows at the intersection of York and Vallette have been decorated for the holidays. See if you can find all nine of his reindeer.

York & Vallette Business Association

York and Vallette intersection

Ongoing event

Free to the public

Info: (630) 279-5530



Saturday, November 24

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

The annual holiday tree lighting will be held in the City Centre Plaza. Light up your holiday season with caroling, cookies and an appearance by Santa.

6:00 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 993-1600

Thurs., Nov. 29 - Sat., Dec. 1

and Thurs., Dec. 6 - Sat., Dec. 8

"Heartbreak House"

George Bernard Shaw's favorite play: his classic tale of an artful octogenarian whose high spirits are both internal and external. This comedy of manners looks at the conflict between old-fashioned idealism and the realities of the modern age.

Mill Theatre, 253 Walter Street

8:00 p.m.

General Admission: \$7, Seniors/Faculty/Staff: \$6,

Students \$5

Info: (630) 617-3005

Handicapped Accessible

Saturday, December 1

College Men's Basketball

Elmhurst College vs. Alma College

R.A. Faganel Hall, 221 Walter St.

7:30 p.m.

Free to the public

Info: (630) 617-3380



Saturday, Dec. 1 - Friday, Dec. 7

Indoor Triathlon

Join us for the new and improved annual Courts Plus Triathlon of swimming, biking and running featuring new divisions of Sprint (10 minutes of each event) or Olympic (20 minutes of each event). New format will measure distance in each event within the set time. Choose the days and times that work for you. T-shirt included. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Park District.

Courts Plus

186 S. West Avenue

Ages 15 and Older

\$15 member/\$25 non-member (must register at

Courts Plus)

Handicapped Accessible

Hearing Impaired

Info: (630) 833-5064

Saturday, December 1

Calling All Grandparents

Bring your grandkids and join us for a few days of nostalgia featuring old-fashioned fun. We invite you to continue exploring Elmhurst history with interactive displays, games and crafts in the Kids' Library. Pull up a comfy chair and share some of your favorite titles with the next generation. We'll have plenty of oldies but goodies for you to choose from. We'll also have checkers, chess, Candy Land, Life and more board games set up for you to rediscover, as well as a craft table for your budding artists. And don't miss our Saturday Family Stories at 10:30 a.m. where we'll treat you and your grandchildren to grandparent tales both sentimental and silly.

Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect Ave.

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ages: 3 and up (Parents are welcome, too.)

Info: (630) 279-8696



Sunday, December 2

Home for the Holidays Open House

Celebrate Elmhurst's traditions at a special holiday event. Sample traditional German holiday treats and enjoy music from the Canterbury Carolers. Meet Lucy Glos; Make a cut-paper *scherenschnitte* decoration.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave.

1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

Sunday, December 2

Concert: A Classy, Jazzy Christmas

The Elmhurst Choral Union performs music of the season under the direction of guest director, Susan Moninger, director of choral music at Elmhurst College.

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel

Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect Ave

3:00 p.m.

Adults \$20, seniors and students with ID \$15,

Elmhurst College students free with ID

Info: (630) 758-1100

Handicapped Accessible

Wednesday, December 5

Festival of Lessons and Carols - Twice!

This popular and traditional holiday event offers something new this December: Join us for either of two seatings, as we share nine lessons telling the story of Christmas, interspersed with traditional music performed by the Elmhurst College Concert Choir.

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel

Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect Ave

4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Info: (630) 617-3033

Handicapped Accessible



Wednesday, December 5

Special Kids Day

Children with special needs and their families are welcomed for fun, gifts, an individual photo with Santa, and a bag of goodies.

Special Kids Day Committee

535 Spring Road

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Free to the public

Info: (630) 834-4000

Handicapped Accessible

Thursday, December 6

Chamber Orchestra Concert

Under the direction of Ken Haebich and Deb Ryan, Elmhurst College's Chamber Orchestra performs orchestral literature selections.

Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect Ave

Irion Hall, Buik Recital Hall

7:30 p.m.

Info: (630) 617-3515

Handicapped Accessible

Thursdays, December 6, 13, and 20

Elmhurst City Centre Holiday Stroll Nights

Event takes place throughout Elmhurst City Centre. Shop, dine and be merry at our Second Annual Holiday Stroll on Thursday Nights. Get all of your holiday shopping done hassle-free and close to home.

5-8 p.m.

Info: (630) 993-1600

Friday, December 7,

through Sunday, January 6

Winter Flower Show

Enjoy a beautiful display of holiday poinsettias at the Wilder Park Conservatory. Come take pictures or just enjoy some quiet time during the busy holiday season. The show is especially beautiful when seen at night. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Park District.

Wilder Park Conservatory

225 Prospect Avenue

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (daily)

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Hearing Impaired

Info: (630) 993-8900



Elmhurst Community Calendar

Friday, December 7

Recital: Classical Guitar Ensemble

The Elmhurst College Classical Guitar Ensemble, directed by Steve Suvada, performs a variety of classical selections.

Elmhurst College 190 Prospect

Irion Hall, Buik Recital Hall

7:30 p.m.

Handicapped Accessible



Thursday, December 8

Sleigh Rides and Ice Sculptures

Enjoy an old-fashioned sleigh ride, a visit from Santa, and warm drinks, in addition to viewing carved ice sculptures up and down Spring Road. Sponsored by the Spring Road Business Association.

Spring Road at the Prairie Path

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 279-2222

www.springroad.com

Ongoing December 9, 2007, through March 16, 2008

Picturing What Matters: An Offering of Photographs from the George Eastman House Collection

For more than 50 years, the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film in Rochester, NY, has collected and preserved photographs that matter to our world, our nation, and our community. 125 photographs from this distinguished collection, spanning the 1840s to the present, were selected by the Eastman House staff in the wake of 9/11 for this amazing traveling exhibit. Many well-known photographers on display include Joe Rosenthal, Ansel Adams, and Margaret Bourke-White. Picturing What Matters: An Offering of Photographs and its tour were organized by George Eastman House. This exhibit is supported by Design Centrix of Elmhurst.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave.

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

Monday, December 10

Holiday Band Concert

The Elmhurst College Wind Ensemble and the Symphonic Band invite the community to celebrate the festive sounds of the Yuletide season.

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel

Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect Ave

7:30 p.m.

Free to the public

Info: (630) 617-3515

Handicapped Accessible



Saturday, December 15

"Ammolite: Birth of a Gem"

Trace the origins of Ammolite, the shell fossil gemstone from Canada. See how the gem is mined, cut, polished and sold. Learn why this gem is exclusive to Canada and how it was discovered and marketed.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill

2:00 p.m. - DVD - Youth to Adult

Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children (age 7-12 yrs.) \$1, children under 7 yrs. Free

Info: (630) 833-1616

Handicapped Accessible

Thursday, December 20

Season of Joy: Chicago Celebrates the Holidays, Tea Time Talk

Celebrate one hundred years of Chicago holiday

traditions with Jim Benes, radio

personality and author of *Season of*

Joy: Chicago Celebrates the Holidays.

Held in the museum Education Center;

refreshments served immediately after

program in the museum studio.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave.

1 - 2 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

Friday, December 28

Day Off? Drop In!

Make a Time Capsule Box to store the coming year's family photos and mementoes. An adult must accompany children.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

\$1 per project

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

Friday, December 28

Holiday Getaway

Santa's on vacation at the North Pole, but here at EAM we're gearing up for a great New Year. Get ready to celebrate everything that 2008 has to bring. Make a party hat and noisemaker, as well as a time capsule for your memories from this past year. All ages are welcome.

Elmhurst Art Museum

150 Cottage Hill Ave

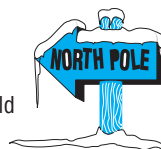
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Suggested donation is \$2/child

Handicapped Accessible

Hearing Impaired

Info: (630) 834-0202



Friday, December 28

Kids Celebrate New Year's Party

Ring in the New Year at Courts Plus with an evening of rock climbing, wallyball, swimming, crafts, games, contests, food and music. The evening will end with an early New Year's countdown. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Park District.

Ages: 4-11

Courts Plus

186 S. West Avenue

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\$22 member/\$26 non-member; \$18 member/\$23 non-member (each add'l child)

Handicapped Accessible

Hearing Impaired

Info: (630) 833-5064

January 2 - February 29

Where the Wild Things Are Winter Reading Program

Join the winter reading program, and you'll not only stay



warm, you'll earn prizes, too. Sign up at the Help Desk in the Kids' Library. Kids receive a bookmark and a booklog to record their wild reading. Registration begins on Jan. 2. Ages: 2 through 8th grade.

Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect Ave.

Info: (630) 279-8696

Friday, January 4

Tales and Treats: *The Runaway Rice Cake*

Pre-schoolers and their caregivers are invited to enjoy a story and make Chinese *nian gao*, a good-luck cake. An adult must accompany children.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

\$3 per child, no fee for adults

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

Saturday, January 5

Dinosaur Day

Participate in dinosaur-related activities for all age levels. Assemble large wooden dinosaur skeletons, excavate bones and assemble them. Play with dinosaur floor puzzles and games. Activities for 5 yrs. to Adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill

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

Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children (age 7-12 yrs.) \$1, children under 7 yrs. Free

Info: (630) 833-1616

Handicapped Accessible



January 8 - February 2

Art Exhibition by District 205 Art Faculty

A special opportunity to see artwork by the excellent K-12 art faculty from Elmhurst's Public Schools. Works in a variety of media will be on display. Reception on Thursday, January 10, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Barbara A. Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace

200 block of W. Park Ave (directly behind the Elmhurst College Mill Theatre)

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Free to the public

**Wednesday, January 9, through
Wednesday, January 23**
Annual High School Art Exhibition

Students from ten area high schools will display work in this jam-packed annual exhibition. Art in all media will be shown, including painting, drawing, ceramics, jewelry, digital multi-media, and photography. A reception will take place with the artists on Wednesday, January 16, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center, Founders Lounge
190 Prospect Ave.

Open Daily

Free and open to the public

Handicapped Accessible

Saturday, January 12
Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Subscription Concert

"Go for Baroque" features Handel's Water Music and Vivaldi's The Four Seasons with guest artist violinist Livia Sohn in ESO's new chamber music subscription concert.

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College,
190 Prospect

7:00 p.m.

Adults \$31, Seniors \$29, Students \$6, children (any age) \$6. Family ticket (up to 2 adults and 3 children) \$60

Info: (630) 941-0202

Handicapped Accessible

Sunday, January 13

Sunday Funday: Razzle-Dazzle Magnet Frames
Make a sparkling frame for your photos with peel-and-stick magnets and sequins. An adult must accompany children.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

\$1 per project

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

Thursday, January 17

The World of Digital Photography, Tea Time Talk
Steven Seelig from e2Photography in Elmhurst shares some of the secrets for taking better photographs. Held in the museum Education Center; refreshments served immediately after program in the museum studio.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave.

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457



Friday, January 18
College Women's Basketball

Elmhurst College vs. North Park University

R.A. Faganel Hall, 221 Walter St.

7:00 p.m.

Free to the public

Info: (630) 617-3380

Saturday, January 19
NCAA College Wrestling

Elmhurst College hosts more than a dozen teams in the 2008 Al Hanke Invitational tourney.

R.A. Faganel Hall, 221 Walter St.
9:00 a.m.

Tickets: \$6 seniors; \$3 students

Info: (630) 617-3380



Saturday, January 19
Dinosaur Discoveries

Become a dinosaur detective with Paleontologist Illinois Bones. Learn about the world of animals. Live animals show how dinosaurs are related to living animals. Fossils and props are used to create an awareness of the dinosaur's special characteristics. Interactive Lecture—Ages 4 yrs. to Adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill

2:00 p.m. - 50 minutes - Reservations Recommended

\$4 per person

Info: (630) 833-1616

Handicapped Accessible

Monday, January 21

Day Off? Drop In!: Picture Puzzles

Showcase two photos (bring in your own discarded or color-copied photos or pick from ours) on a six-piece puzzle made from wooden cubes. An adult must accompany children.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

\$2 per project

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457



Monday, January 21

"The Lass That Couldna Be Frightened"

Join us as this fairy tale comes to life. This literature-based, multicultural production of Roberts Marionettes teaches timeless lessons, captures the imagination, and encourages self-expression. The entire family will enjoy

this 40-minute production, which includes a demonstration of the marionettes' stringing and voices, and an informative Q+A session. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Park District. Ages: 3-10 (with parent)

Wagner Community Center Multipurpose Room A
615 N. West Avenue

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

\$9 per family

Handicapped Accessible

Hearing Impaired

Info: (630) 993-8900

Saturday, January 26

SPECIAL FAMILY EVENT: "Get the Picture Day"

Join us for an afternoon of special programs on fun uses of photography. Learn unique ways to use your family photographs in scrapbooks and jewelry. Try out some tricky pictures and make a gilded macaroni frame. Watch a tin typist in action and learn how to preserve your family photographs.

Elmhurst Historical Museum, 120 E. Park Ave.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

Friday, Feb. 1, to Saturday, Feb. 2
Light Opera/Musical Theatre Workshop

An entertaining retrospective of some sparkling gems from both the opera and musical theatre repertoire —sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre, 253 Walter St
7:00 p.m.

Donations accepted at the door

Info: (630) 617-3005

Handicapped Accessible

Friday, February 1

Tales and Treats: Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers



Pre-schoolers and caregivers are invited to enjoy a story in the gallery and make special top hat cookies. An adult must accompany children.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave.

10:00 a.m.

\$3 per child; no fee for adults

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

Friday, February 1

Just Dad 'n Me Night

The Elmhurst Park District hosts an unforgettable evening of dinner, dancing and entertainment for dad and his favorite little girl(s) at Monty's Banquet Room. Registration required before January 28. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Park District.

Monty's Banquet Room

703 S. York Road, Bensenville, IL 60106

Ages 3-13

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\$21 resident/\$30 non-resident (per person); \$20 each add'l child

Handicapped Accessible and Hearing Impaired

Info: (630) 993-8900

Sunday, February 3

"Set in Stone: The Art of Carving"

Stone sculptor Walter Arnold will speak on architectural and sculptural stone carving traditions, history, technique, and application. An opening reception for his exhibit will immediately follow the lecture. Youth to Adult

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill

2:00 p.m., 60 minutes (reservations recommended)

Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children (age 7-12 yrs.) \$1, children under 7 yrs. Free

Info: (630) 833-1616

Handicapped Accessible



Sunday, February 3

Roland Quest Lecture: "Words and Music"

David Kuebler, an American tenor, will present an entertaining evening of both lecture and live performance. The engaging Mr. Kuebler has appeared in the world's major opera houses, and is in demand for his portrayal of leading, 20th-century roles.

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Chapel,
190 Prospect Ave.

7:00 p.m.

Free

Handicapped accessible

Info: (630) 617-3033



Elmhurst Community Calendar



Sunday, February 10

Sunday Funday: Memories Photo Frame

Decorate a hinged frame with two sides: one to hold a special photo and the other for a piece of treasured memorabilia like a team ribbon or concert tickets. An adult must accompany children.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave.
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
\$2 per project
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1457

Tuesday, February 12, through Thursday, March 20

Art Exhibit by Ms. Granite Amit

This Israeli-born artist will be exhibiting her new installation/projection work. A reception will be held on Tuesday, February 19, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with an artist talk at 5:00 p.m. She has exhibited in Chicago, New York, Paris, Edinburgh, Washington, Toronto, and Hamburg.

Barbara A. Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace
200 block, W. Park Ave.
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tues, Thursday, and Saturday
Free to the public
Info: (630) 617-3033

Sunday, February 17

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Subscription Concert

"Russian Revelry" features renowned pianist Leon Bates playing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 in a program which also includes music by Shostakovich and Glazunov.

Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College,
190 Prospect Ave.
3:00 p.m.

Adults \$31, Seniors \$29, Students \$6, children (any age) \$6. Family ticket (up to 2 adults and 3 children) \$60

Info: (630) 941-0202
Handicapped Accessible

Monday, February 18

Day Off? Drop In!

Sculpt a funky photo display from clay and spiral-shaped wires. An adult must accompany children.

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

Thursday, February 21

The Camera and Abraham Lincoln, Tea Time Talk

Mark Pohlard, associate professor of art history at DePaul University, explores the photographs of Abraham Lincoln, the first extensively photographed president, and discusses how photography changed American political elections. Held in the museum Education Center; refreshments served immediately after program in the museum studio.

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

Friday, February 22, through

Sunday, February 24

41st Annual Elmhurst College Jazz Festival

The Festival returns for its amazing 41st year with top collegiate groups from the U.S., as well as The Mingus Big Band and the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra.

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel
190 Prospect Ave.
12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$7 - \$24
Info: Barbara Vandergrift (630) 617-5534
Handicapped Accessible

Saturday, February 23

Rock & Mineral Identification

Learn how to make a basic mineral test kit. Identification procedures include observation skills and tests, such as hardness, streak, and cleavage. All materials are provided. 8 yrs. to Adult

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill
10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Reservation Required
\$5 per person
Info: (630) 833-1616
Handicapped Accessible

Tuesday, February 26

Film: "Unchained Memories"

World Matters Video Series, narrated by Whoopi Goldberg, with readings by Angela Bassett, Don Cheadle, Ozzie Davis, Oprah Winfrey and more, this brings to life the experience of those born into slavery.

Elmhurst College, Schaible Science Center,
Illinois Hall
190 Prospect Ave.
4:00 p.m.
Free to the public
Info: Roger Moreano (630) 617-3207
Handicapped Accessible



Friday, February 29

Day Off? Drop In.

Make your own simple pinhole camera from a recycled container.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave.
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
\$2 per project
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1457

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

The community calendar is sponsored by:

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Elmhurst Public Library
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Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade
www.elmhurststpatssparade.com

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
www.elmhurstsymphony.org

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

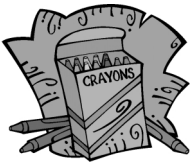
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Capping Private Wells

The DuPage County Public Health Department is once again canvassing the Elmhurst area to locate private wells. In some areas, private residential wells were installed before the areas were annexed to the city and connected to the public water supply. Many of these wells are no longer in use and have fallen into disrepair. County Public Health regulations and City of Elmhurst ordinances require that unused private wells be appropriately sealed by a certified well drilling company. Piping to private wells that are still in use must be completely separate from any plumbing within the house to prevent potential contamination of the public water supply. If you have a private well, whether in use or not, please contact the DuPage County Public Health Department at (630) 682-7979, ext. 7116.

Share the Spirit of the Season



The holiday season can burden families with sadness and stress due to financial instability, joblessness, depression and community violence. Metropolitan Family Services' Holiday Gift Program is a wonderful way for you to experience the joy of the season and share that joy with children and older adults. Donate a new toy or game for a child (infant - age 17), or a cuddly fleece blanket for a senior citizen. A drop box will be located in the police station. Your gift will show them the caring support they need most at this special time of year. Thank you for your generosity. For more information, contact Metropolitan Family Services at (630) 784-4802.

Register to Vote

The presidential primary will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008. Residents who would like to register to vote are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office. For more information about voter registration, visit the city's website (www.elmhurst.org) and click on "City of Elmhurst" and then "City Clerk."

Holiday Hours for City Hall

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23, for Thanksgiving. City Hall will also be closed at noon on Monday, December 24, all day on Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday, January 1. The standing committee meetings normally held on the fourth Monday of each month will be postponed until December 26. The first City Council meeting of the New Year will be held on Monday, Jan. 7.



Holiday Refuse Collection

- During Thanksgiving week, refuse will be collected on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday — one day late for those with a regular collection day of either Thursday or Friday. There will be no change in refuse collection during the weeks of Christmas and New Years, since both holidays fall on Tuesdays — not regular collection days in Elmhurst.
- Christmas trees will be picked up without a refuse sticker on your regular collection day during the first and second weeks in January. After that, a refuse sticker is required. Please remember to remove ornaments, lights and nails. Do not put Christmas trees in plastic bags.
- Holiday wreaths, garlands, wrapping paper and packing peanuts may be discarded with regular garbage. Gift boxes may be recycled if they are flattened, bundled, or bagged, and measure no more than three feet by three feet.



Leaf Collection & Yard Waste Reminders

- The last free leaf pick-up for 2007 will take place on Nov. 28, Nov. 29 or Nov. 30, whichever is your regular collection day.
- The last yard waste collection for 2007 will take place during the week of Nov. 26. Yard waste collection will resume during the first week of April 2008.
- Remember, raking leaves and other debris into the street is prohibited by city ordinances. Severe street flooding resulted from this practice last fall when wet leaves blocked inlets and prevented rainwater from draining into the city's storm sewer system. This practice also creates hazardous driving conditions for motorists. Violations may result in court fines of up to \$500.

"CPR for Family and Friends"

The American Heart Association non-certification class, "CPR for Family and Friends," will be offered again in 2008 by the Elmhurst Fire Department. The class teaches the chain-of-survival; signs of heart attack and cardiac arrest; CPR for infants, children and adults; and clearing foreign body airway obstructions. There is a \$10 charge for materials. The first class will be on Saturday, February 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To sign up for the class or for more information, please call (630) 530-3090 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Watch for additional dates and times in the next issue of *The Front Porch*.

Resident Alert: Misleading Sales Ploy

Public Works has received several calls about what appears to be an unethical sales ploy. It appears as a hanger card on the door indicating that a resident has missed a gift from "AW Delivery." The card suggests that there may be a problem with the drinking water. This has been investigated and determined to be a sales pitch for Artesian Water. Elmhurst drinking water is safe to drink.



The Elmhurst Historical Museum Making History for 50 Years: 1957-2007

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



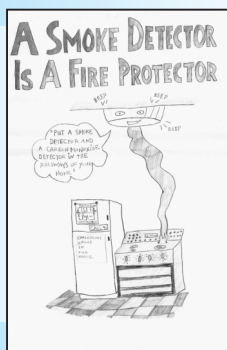
IAM Selects Elmhurst for 2008 Statewide Conference

The Illinois Association of Museums (IAM) recently announced the selection of Elmhurst to host its annual statewide conference in 2008. The selection of Elmhurst by the IAM Board of Directors is significant since the conference has previously been held in larger communities with prominent museum facilities, such as Springfield. Elmhurst's selection to host this event highlights the community's cultural opportunities, as well as its rich and varied museum experiences, all of which are unique for a suburban community. Approximately 200 visitors are expected to attend the conference, which will be held in the fall.

As the temperatures get colder, residents will be seeking the warmth of indoor activities on winter afternoons. Here are two "don't miss" exhibits that will be on display at the Elmhurst Historical Museum during the winter months.

Native Peoples of Illinois (1673-1835) Through Dec. 2, 2007

Did you ever wonder who lived right here, in the area that is now Illinois, before Europeans arrived? Who were they and what were their lives like? This award-winning exhibit, on loan from the Schingoethe Center for Native American Culture, provides insight into the early inhabitants of Illinois. Maps, timelines and hands-on activities outline the people and events shaping the area from the time of Marquette and Joliet's explorations in 1673, until the Indian tribes were forced out of Illinois in the 1830s. Try out native games, touch a beaver pelt and try to identify native materials from their smell!



Correction: "Learn Not to Burn" Poster Contest

Apologies to Nicole Cadaoas, a fourth grader at Immaculate Conception Grade School. Nicole's entry won first place in the Fire Department's "Learn Not to Burn" poster contest. The information on the city's website and in the last issue of *The Front Porch* was incorrect. The winning poster is shown here. Congratulations, Nicole!!!

Picturing What Matters:

Photographs from the George Eastman House Collection

Dec. 9, 2007 through Feb. 9, 2008

For more than 50 years, the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film in Rochester, New York, has collected and preserved photographs that matter to our world, our nation and our community. More than 100 photos from this distinguished collection, spanning the 1840s to the present, were selected by the Eastman House staff for this traveling exhibit. Don't miss this remarkable exhibit, which includes work by such well known photographers as Joe Rosenthal, Ansel Adams and Margaret Bourke-White.

A Great Gift for Friends and Relatives

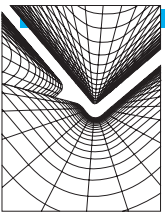
Make your holiday shopping easier this year with a unique and lasting gift that will please many friends and relatives on your shopping list! *Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective*, by Dr. Virginia Stewart, is an award-winning, museum-quality book from the Elmhurst Historical Museum. *Visionary* will delight newcomers, as well as long-time and former residents, with its lively account of local history from 1849 to 2000. Its handsome art book format contains 196 pages of historic photographs, documents and artifacts from the collections of the Elmhurst Historical Museum. A perfect hostess gift for the holidays! Books are \$25 each. To order your copies, visit the museum or call (630) 833-1457.



Artifacts pictured in the museum's new book, *Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective*.

"Victorian Holidays at Home"

Start the holiday season off in Victorian style when the Elmhurst Historical Museum opens its doors for the annual Holiday Open House, "Victorian Holidays at Home." Enjoy craft activities, music of the Canterbury Carolers and refreshments, on Sunday, December 2, 2007, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Glos Mansion, 120 E. Park Ave. The event is free to the public and no reservations are needed. For more information, call the museum at (630) 833-1457.



Protecting Kids from Online Predators

The Internet can be a powerful tool for research, communication and entertainment by anyone old enough to type a few letters on a keyboard. It is also used by unscrupulous and even dangerous individuals. In recent months, the Elmhurst Police have arrested several men from nearby suburbs who came to Elmhurst for sexual encounters with "teenage girls" they had been chatting with online. In both cases, they were met instead by undercover police officers, members of Elmhurst's Community Oriented Police Patrol (COPP). The men were arrested for "Indecent Solicitation of a Minor," a class 4 felony.

Unfortunately, this has become a familiar scenario in Elmhurst and in communities nationwide. The millions of children and teens online every day provide a large pool of potential victims for sexual predators. Members of COPP routinely stake out chat rooms popular with youngsters to catch sexual predators. The group also accepts opportunities to educate both parents and youngsters about online safety.

Tools to help protect children online, such as parental controls and filtering software, are helpful, but they are no substitute for parental instruction and supervision. Youngsters whose Internet activity is not monitored are most at risk. Children and teens should be taught to follow these simple precautions:

- Always remain anonymous, including in chat rooms. Use a nickname that's different from your screen name. Choose one that does not identify you as a male or female and does not provide information about your location or your age (e.g. "yorksoph1992").
- Never share photographs or personal information, such as your name, home address, phone number, school name or location, social security number, password, names of family members or credit card numbers. Webcam sessions and photographs can easily be captured and circulated online forever.
- Never agree to meet or telephone someone you initially meet in a chat room.
- Never respond to an e-mail or message that makes you feel uncomfortable or frightened. Tell a parent or another adult about any such conversation or communication.

It is crucial that parents become actively involved in protecting their children from Internet predators and adult material. Here are some steps that can help you keep your children safe:

- Become computer literate and learn how to block objectionable material. Install Internet monitoring software or keystroke capture devices on your computer.
- Make sure Internet accounts are in the parent's name, with parents having the primary screen name, controlling passwords and using blocking and/or filtering devices. Share an e-mail account with your child and monitor his or her messages.

- Keep the computer in an area where you can easily monitor children's online activity, and don't allow children or teens to spend long hours online, especially at night.
- Bookmark each child's favorite sites to allow easy access.
- Teach your children appropriate online behavior, including the use of only a screen name when online.
- Never allow your children to enter private chat rooms. Be aware that posting messages reveals his or her e-mail address to others. Block them with safety features provided by your Internet service provider or with special filtering software.
- Monitor phone bills and credit card accounts for unfamiliar charges.
- Find out what, if any, online protection is offered at other places where your children may use a computer without your supervision, such as at school, the library, after-school centers or friends' homes.
- Listen to your child if he or she reports an uncomfortable or frightening online exchange. Forward copies of any obscene or threatening messages to your Internet service provider. Tell your children they won't be punished if they come to you about an uncomfortable online experience.
- Call the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at (800) 843-5678 if you are aware of the transmission, use or viewing of child pornography online. Contact your local law enforcement agency or the FBI if your child receives child pornography via the Internet.

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The Elmhurst city officials and staff wish you
and yours a safe and happy holiday season.



Holiday Fire Safety Tips



Residential fires result in thousands of injuries and fatalities each year nationwide. During the holiday season, improper use of candles is the primary cause of residential fires. The following candle safety rules are provided by the Elmhurst Fire Department to help prevent unnecessary tragedies in our community.

- Keep candles away from flammable items, such as Christmas trees or other flammable decorations, clothing, books, paper and curtains.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children. Never allow children or teens to have candles in their bedrooms.
- Place candles on stable furniture in sturdy candleholders that will not burn or tip over and are big enough to collect dripping wax.
- Extinguish candles when you leave a room or retire for the night.
- During power outages, use flashlights or battery-powered lights instead of candles.

Many other residential fires result from electrical problems that can easily be prevented or corrected by following these simple safety rules.

- Never use an extension cord as a long-term substitute for another receptacle.
- Never put extension cords under rugs.
- Use only extension cords that are rated for the device they are powering.
- Never use stiff or cracked electrical cords.
- Never put anything combustible on or near a light bulb.
- To prevent overheating, never exceed the wattage recommended for a light fixture.
- Be sure that all electrical devices are correctly installed, using properly rated switches and receptacles, and that all connections at the devices are tight to prevent overheating and arcing that can start a fire.
- Always use the right size fuse and never overload circuits.
- Use only ground fault circuit interrupting type (GFCI) receptacles outdoors or in bathrooms and kitchens.



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