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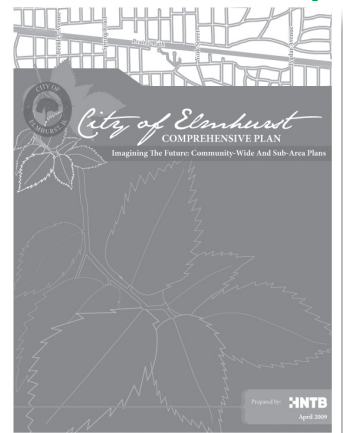
## Elmhurst Receives Daniel Burnham Award for Comprehensive Plan

The City of Elmhurst's Comprehensive Plan was recently awarded a 2009 Daniel Burnham Award by the Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). The Daniel Burnham Award recognizes "a comprehensive or general plan that advances the science and art of planning."

There was considerable competition for the annual award, with 35 nominations submitted. Elmhurst's Comprehensive Plan was recognized, along with a Chicago lakefront plan. The Elmhurst Comprehensive Plan combined the efforts of community residents, the Zoning & Planning Commission, city staff, and plan consultant HNTB of Chicago, to create a future vision for the City of Elmhurst. The Plan focuses

on several sub-areas that have the most potential for redevelopment, recognizes and reinforces the stability of Elmhurst's excellent neighborhood environment, and recommends a number of environmentally-focused initiatives for implementation.

The Comprehensive Plan was approved by the City Council in April 2009 and can be found on the City of Elmhurst website, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org). Just click on "Eye on Elmhurst" on the homepage.



*Congratulations!*

## City Reviews Financial Task Force Recommendations

A special Financial Task Force was recently assembled by the City of Elmhurst to evaluate the City's finances and make recommendations concerning a projected \$6 million shortfall for the 2010-11 budget year.

The 24-member Task Force was made up of a cross-section of Elmhurst citizens that included financial experts from the private sector. The group conducted an analysis of all of the city's funds, with its primary focus on the General Fund, which provides revenue for city operations and services.

Following this analysis, the Task Force furnished the City Council with a detailed report of its findings, including recommendations both for additional

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expenditure reductions, as well as tax increases, in order to close the budget gap.

The Mayor and City Council are currently reviewing the report of the Task Force, and the group's findings will be factored into the tax levy for the next fiscal year, which must be finalized by the end of December. Once the tax levy has been fixed, the City will provide the City Council with its budgetary goals. The Council will evaluate these goals in March and finalize them prior to April 30, the end of this fiscal year.

The City extends its appreciation to the members of the Task Force for the exemplary job they did in assisting the city with this in-depth analysis. The full report of the Financial Task Force can be found on the home page of the city's website at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org).

## Community Safety

### Flu Season is Here . . .

. . . And it is important to know about the flu viruses currently circulating, the risks and symptoms of each type, and how you can best protect yourself and your family. A number of different influenza viruses cause the illness normally referred to as the flu.

The two flu strains now affecting people in the U.S. are the seasonal flu and the H1N1 (Swine) flu. Outbreaks of the seasonal flu normally occur from late fall through early spring. The H1N1 flu is a new virus, first detected in the United States in April of 2009. Cases have been reported since April, but an increase is expected during the fall and winter months.

Although most healthy people fully recover from the flu, some individuals are at greater risk for complications, which can be serious or even deadly. Complications can include bacterial pneumonia, ear or sinus infections, dehydration and the worsening of chronic medical conditions.

Approximately five to 20 percent of the population contracts the seasonal flu, resulting in more than 200,000 hospitalizations and approximately 36,000 reported deaths each year. Those individuals most likely to have complications from the seasonal flu include children younger than two years old, individuals age 65 or older, and people of any age with chronic medical conditions.

The H1N1 flu has the potential to create a more dangerous flu season with more illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths than normal. A different group appears to be at greater risk of contracting the H1N1 virus — including children and young people through the age of 24, pregnant women, and adults with health conditions associated with higher risk of complications.

Healthy adults over the age of 25, including the elderly, do not appear to be at increased risk of contracting the H1N1 flu.

Both types of influenza circulating this year are respiratory illnesses that spread from person-to-person. Symptoms can range from mild to fatal, and may include fever, coughing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headaches, body aches, chills and fatigue. In addition to these symptoms, the H1N1 flu may cause vomiting and diarrhea.

A vaccination is the best protection available for both seasonal flu and H1N1. Because these are different strains of the influenza virus, each strain requires a different vaccine, although both vaccines can be given on the same day.

Some simple everyday steps are recommended to help protect your health and the health of those around you during flu season.



- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- If you become sick, stay at home for seven days after your symptoms begin or until you have been symptom-free for 24 hours, whichever is longer.
- If you must be in close contact with a sick person, such as an infant, consider wearing a facemask.

For more information, visit the City of Elmhurst home page, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org), where you can link to the DuPage County Health Department or go directly to [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov).

### Holiday Fire Safety



Residential fires kill and injure thousands of people annually in the United States. The majority of holiday season fires are caused by improper use of candles. The following reminders about candle safety are provided by the Elmhurst Fire Department to help prevent unnecessary tragedies.

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

## The Threat of Identity Theft

Americans have every reason to be concerned about the possibility that a criminal will steal their identity and open a bank account in their name and write bad checks, run up charges on their credit card, establish utilities in their name, or drain a bank account by cloning an ATM or debit card and making electronic withdrawals. The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen every year. The most common forms of identity theft are credit card fraud, telephone or utilities fraud, and bank fraud. These crimes are relatively easy to commit, but complex and time-consuming to investigate and prosecute.

The terms identity theft and identity fraud refer to any crime in which someone wrongfully obtains and uses another individual's personal information (i.e. name, address, Social Security number, credit card number, bank account information, etc.) to commit fraud or deception, typically for financial gain. Skilled identity thieves use a variety of methods to obtain personal information, including the following:

- Rummaging through trash for bills or papers containing personal information;
- Stealing credit or debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your card;
- Pretending to be a financial institution or a legitimate company, and "phishing" for information by sending spam or pop-up messages to your computer;
- Diverting billing statements to another location by completing a change of address form;
- Stealing wallets, purses, mail, pre-approved credit offers, check orders or tax information;
- Stealing personnel records or bribing employees who have access to personal information; or
- Using a method called "pretexting" to get personal information from you and then using that information to call your financial institution, and get bank or credit card account numbers, information from your credit report, or the size of savings and investment portfolios.

Unfortunately, many victims of identity theft don't find out their identity has been stolen until considerable damage has been done.

Awareness is the most effective weapon against many forms of identity theft. Educate yourself, your family and your friends about the tactics used by these criminals. Safeguard your personal information by shredding documents before throwing them away, ignoring pop-ups and spam on the computer, and never giving out personal information to someone who calls pretending to be

a legitimate company or institution. Monitor credit accounts and bank statements every month. Check your credit report regularly for fraudulent or inaccurate information, including credit accounts you did not open or debts you can't explain. Follow up immediately with creditors if bills don't arrive on time.

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If you discover that your identity has been stolen, take the following steps right away.

- Review your credit reports and place a fraud alert on these reports.
- Close any accounts that were opened fraudulently or that you believe have been tampered with.
- File an Identity Theft Complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.
- File a report with the local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place.

Earlier this year, the Elmhurst City Council approved an "Identity Theft Program and Prevention Policy," as mandated by the Federal Trade Commission. The policy's goals are to protect the city's customers (water and sewer customers) from identity theft and damages related to the loss or misuse of sensitive information, and to protect the city from potential loss from fraudulent new accounts.

## Studies Find Cell Phones and Driving Increase Accidents

Motorists may be surprised to learn that drivers who talk on cell phones while driving are four times more likely to be involved in an accident. Studies have found that cell phone use contributes to more than 600,000 crashes, over 300,000 injuries and approximately 2,600 deaths annually.

In spite of the risks involved, 81 percent of cell phone users (approximately 100 million drivers) reported in a 2008 survey that they use their phones while driving. One of five reported that they send text messages and drive at the same time. Hands-free cell phones are no safer to use while driving than traditional phones because the principal risk is the cognitive distraction of the conversation. Motorists are encouraged to keep cell phone usage to a minimum while driving or, better yet, to pull over and park before making or receiving a call.





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# Community Calendar

## December 2009 — February 2010

## ONGOING

### November 27 - January 4

#### "I Spy" City Centre Snowflakes

This holiday activity will have you searching downtown Elmhurst for hidden snowflakes at City Centre businesses. Correctly complete the worksheet and be entered to win a \$250 spending spree!

Throughout City Centre. FREE

### December 21 - February 28

#### Chill Out and Read: 2010 Winter Reading Program

Snowball the Polar Bear will be visiting the Kids' Library at the Elmhurst Public Library to greet everyone who signs up for the 2010 Winter Reading Program, "Chill out and Read!" When kids from age 2 through grade 8 join the winter reading program, they'll be given a bookmark and a booklog in which to record their reading. All kids who reach their reading goal will be given special prizes and their names will be posted on the "Winter Wall of Winners." Reading Goals: In ten winter weeks...Ages 2 through kindergartners listen to 40 books; First through third graders read 10 books; Fourth through eighth graders read 5 books. Kids can register at the Help Desk for "Chill Out and Read!" with their valid EPL card anytime from Mon., Dec. 21, until Feb. 28. FREE.

Elmhurst Public Library

### Through January 1 Winter Wonderland

Beginning Thanksgiving Day, November 26, be sure to visit Winter Wonderland at York & Vallette Streets in Elmhurst to enjoy the holiday art on various business windows. The York & Vallette Business Association has contracted with an artist to create a festive winter and holiday atmosphere with original artwork on windows.

York & Vallette Streets, downtown Elmhurst

Info: Jason Janes at (630) 279-5530 or [www.yorkandvallette.com](http://www.yorkandvallette.com)

Everyone's sure to enjoy the  
Old-Fashioned Tree Lighting  
at Wilder Park on Thursday,  
December 3.

*Happy Holidays*

### Through January 3

#### Special Exhibit: "Jeweled Objects of Desire"

Featuring ordinary objects made into jeweled art objects, this exhibit, from the gem collection of the Smithsonian Institution, includes pieces created by San Francisco jewelry designer, Sidney Mobell, famous for his jewel-encrusted Chess Set, trashcan and gold mousetrap with a diamond wedge of cheese.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art  
Museum Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Monday and major holidays. Fridays free

### Contemporary Works from the Cleve Carney Collection

Elmhurst Art Museum will exhibit works from the art collection of noted DuPage County philanthropist and avid art collector, Cleve Carney.

Elmhurst Art Museum

### Sundays through January 3

#### "The Jeweled Art Creations of Sidney Mobell"

PBS documentary features the life of Sidney Mobell and his jeweled creations. DVD - 30 minutes.

Museum of Lapidary Art  
3 p.m. Regular Museum Admission

### January 6 through 20

#### 11th Annual High School Art Exhibition

Young artists from 10 local high schools display their work. Reception for the artists and their families on Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Elmhurst College, Frick Center  
(190 Prospect Ave.)

Open each day until midnight. Free  
Info: (630) 617-6110



### Beginning Sunday, January 10

#### "Rockhounds: The Movie"

Explore the United States for rockhounding activities, such as collecting and uncovering fossils. Includes geology experiments. Geared for ages 6 yrs. to adult. DVD - 60 minutes.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art  
Sundays, 3 p.m.

### January 16 through March 21

#### Nikki Renee Anderson: Whispering Bodies

See the latest exhibition in the Solo Artist Series at Elmhurst Art Museum.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Opening reception: Sunday, January 17, from 2 - 4 p.m.

### Emmett Kerrigan: New Work

See the latest exhibition in the Solo Artist Series at Elmhurst Art Museum.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Opening reception: Sunday, January 17, from 2 - 4 p.m.

### Bill Frederick: Something About You

See the latest exhibition in the Solo Artist Series at Elmhurst Art Museum.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Opening reception: Sunday, January 17, from 2 - 4 p.m.

### January 24 through February 19

#### Black History Exhibition: Art by African-American Women

The women of the SAPPHIRE and CRYSTALS artist collective have produced their own exhibitions for more than two decades. Guest curator and artist Joyce Owens brings 11 members to Elmhurst College to share their work in a variety of media.

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

Public reception: Wednesday, February 10, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Artist talk at 5 p.m.

Open each day until midnight. Free

### February 1-28

#### Environmental Show: "Pollinators"

Enjoy displays of exotic foliage and flowering tropical plants in the Wilder Park Conservatory. This month's theme is "Pollinators," with an exhibit featuring the importance of pollinators in our lives, many of which are native and not the typical honeybee.

Wilder Park Conservatory, Wilder Park  
Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily

### Reminder: City Centre Tree Lighting Friday, November 27, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor will light the tree at Police Plaza (First St. and Commerce Parkway). Santa, carolling and holiday treats, too.



## February 2-April 11

### Beyond Baseball: The Life of Roberto Clemente

Roberto Clemente became a baseball legend during the 1960s-70s with his explosive throwing arm, lightning speed and consistently high batting average, but he was much more than an astounding athlete. For millions of fans across the world, Clemente was a cultural hero who gave underprivileged people a voice. Organized by the Smithsonian Institution, *Beyond Baseball* includes biographical highlights, baseball statistics, rare photographs and the insightful words of the people who knew Clemente best.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

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

General Admission: FREE

## Through May 23

### Dwellings: A Study of Residential Architecture

Using Elmhurst as a case study, this exhibit takes visitors on an exploration of the diverse architectural styles of the western suburbs. From bungalows and prairie style residences, to turn-of-the-century Victorians, Sears mail order homes and more, *Dwellings* depicts the architectural details of neighborhoods in the Elmhurst area and explains how the city evolved as a classic example of Midwestern suburbanization.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

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

General Admission: FREE

# DECEMBER

## Wednesday - 2

### Special Kids Day Annual Holiday Party

Come celebrate the season at the annual holiday party for children with physical and developmental disabilities. Every child has the opportunity for a personal visit with Santa and will receive a photo, goody bag and a sampling of holiday treats. Children will also have the opportunity to make a holiday craft.

Wilder Mansion, Wilder Park

3:30 - 8 p.m. FREE

Info: (630) 530-7700 or

[www.specialkidsday.org](http://www.specialkidsday.org)

### Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols

This Elmhurst College tradition features musical works and readings in celebration of the Christmas season.

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt

Memorial Chapel, 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. Free

On Saturday, December 5, Wilder Mansion will be all aglow for the Elmhurst Park District's 90th anniversary Gala celebration.

## Thursday - 3

### Old-Fashioned Tree Lighting

Join the holiday spirit in an old-fashioned celebration at Wilder Park with holiday sounds from local choral groups, schools and a visit from Santa Claus. Community groups or individuals interested in purchasing and decorating a tree should call (630) 993-8901 by December 1. Register at Wagner Community Center to pick out your tree location.

Wilder Park, 6:30-7:30 p.m. FREE

## Thursday-Saturday, December 3 through 5

### Theatre: "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare"

This hilarious work covers all 37 of Shakespeare's plays in 97 minutes using only three performers.

Elmhurst College, Mill Theatre  
(253 Walter St.)

8 p.m. General Admission: \$5

## Friday - Sunday, December 4-6

### Shop, Dine & Be Merry Weekend

Celebrate and shop local all season long. Enjoy special offers and holiday hospitality at your favorite City Centre merchants.

Throughout City Centre

During normal business hours. FREE

## Saturday - 5

### Create A Gem Tree

Lapidaries Bill and Lois Zima of the DesPlaines Valley Geological Society teach how to create a small tree using gemstones and wire. Materials included.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

1-3 p.m. Activity: Ages 9 yrs. to Adult

\$20 per person

Reservations required: (630) 833-1616

### 2009 Wilder Mansion Holiday Gala

In honor of the Elmhurst Park District's 90th anniversary, the People for Elmhurst Parks Foundation, with the Elmhurst Park District, is presenting the 2009 Wilder Mansion Holiday Gala. The evening features entertainment, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and plenty of Park District memories. Proceeds benefit the Wilder Mansion Endowment Fund.

Wilder Mansion, Wilder Park, 6 p.m.

Tickets on sale at the Wilder

Administrative Office, 225 Prospect Ave.

Tickets are \$125 each or \$150 (cash/check) for a dedication package

## Saturdays, December 5, 12 & 19

### City Centre Santa Visits

Visit with Santa and enjoy this holiday tradition. Parents feel free to bring your cameras for this memorable photo op. Photos will be available for purchase but not required to attend.

MWD Photography, 126 North York

1-4 p.m. FREE

## Sunday - 6

### Polar Express

Don't miss the holiday magic on this journey to Elburn on a Metra train. Enjoy cookies and refreshments while a storyteller reads the classic tale "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg. Santa will await your arrival at the North Pole (Elburn) and will journey back to Elmhurst on the train with you. Meet on the south side of the tracks. The train for the 11 a.m. trip departs at 11:12 a.m. and the train for the 3 p.m. trip departs at 3:12 p.m., so please don't be late.

Elmhurst Train Station (south side of tracks)

11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. first train

3-4:45 p.m. second train

Ages 2 and older. \$17 resident/\$22 non-resident adult; \$19 non-resident child

### Concert: The Very Best Time of Year

Elmhurst Choral Union presents "The Very Best Time of Year," featuring Christmas music by Bach, Handel, William Billings, John Rutter, and Leroy Anderson, plus familiar carols, all with full professional orchestra. Special guest artist will be jazz vocalist Bobbi Wilsyn. Be ready for the sing-along!

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Chapel  
3 p.m.

\$25 adults, \$23 seniors, \$10 students

Group rates available:

[www.elmhurstchoralunion.org](http://www.elmhurstchoralunion.org) or

630-758-1100

## Wednesday - 9

### Be the Artist: Mies van der Rohe

Be the Artist is designed for children ages 10-14. Famed German-American architect, Mies van der Rohe, known as the father of modern architecture, designed EAM's McCormick House. Take a tour of the house and then build a miniature 3-D replica of the McCormick House or design a building of your own.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30-8 p.m.

\$8 for Elmhurst residents/EAM members

and \$10 for non-residents/non-members

Call (630) 993-8901 to register

## Thursday - 10

### Chamber Orchestra Concert

The Elmhurst College Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Joanne May, performs selections from the Fall Term's work.

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Chapel  
7 p.m. Free

Info: (630) 617-3515

## Saturday - 12

### Create a Card

Design a unique holiday card. You'll be provided with blank cards, rubber stamps and sparkly craft supplies; you provide the creativity and a heartfelt message. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting Saturday, November 28.

For Grades 2-8. Min. 10/Max. 40

Elmhurst Public Library, Meeting Room 2

2-3:30 p.m. Free



## Sunday - 13

### Sunday Funday:

#### Jingly Cardinal Ornaments

Ring in the holidays by crafting a jingle bell cardinal ornament with a cozy felt hat and scarf – a perfect gift for teachers, grandmothers or a favorite friend. Drop-in craft program is held in the museum's Education Center. Ages 4-12 with an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

1-3 p.m. Cost: \$2 per project

#### Brunch With Santa

Journey into a winter wonderland where Santa will fill the afternoon with fun, food and entertainment. Capture the moment in a photo of your child with Santa.

Wilder Mansion, Wilder Park

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Ages 3 and older: \$30 resident/\$38 non-resident

## Monday – 14

### Holiday Band Concert

The Elmhurst College Symphonic Winds band, under the direction of Ross Kellan, will perform classical numbers for all ages.

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt

Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Free

Info: (630) 617-3515

## Saturday - 19

### Nature's Doll House Miniatures

Miniaturist Edie Rodriguez teaches participants how to make accessory items for a doll house. Create unique arrangements, including plants, fruit bowls, flower vases and more using stone, shell, wire and other materials. Take home four miniature creations. All materials provided.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

1-3 p.m. Activity: Ages 10 years to Adult  
\$20.00 per person

Reservations required: (630) 833-1616

## Tuesday - 22

### Holiday Getaway

Bring the whole family to Elmhurst Art Museum's annual Holiday Getaway where you will make ornaments and garlands to trim your tree. At 12 p.m. enjoy cookies and milk during a special story time with Santa arranged by the Elmhurst Public Library. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver at all times.

Elmhurst Art Museum

9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$3.00/child

# JANUARY

## Tuesday - 5

### Grades 2 and 3 Book Discussion

#### "Boxcar Children" by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Four orphans run away and take shelter in an abandoned boxcar during a storm, and determined to make it on their own, turn it into a cozy home. Then they find love and security from an unexpected source. Register by phone or at the Help Desk starting Tuesday, December 1, with your valid EPL card, and pick up a copy of the book at the Help Desk. For grades 2 and 3. Min.10/Max. 20

Elmhurst Public Library, Storytime

Room, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free

## Saturday - 9

### Dinosaur Day

Chase away the winter blahs and participate in dinosaur-related activities for all age levels. Activities include assembling large wooden dinosaur skeletons, excavating bones, dinosaur floor puzzles and other games.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Activity: Ages 5 yrs. to Adult

Estimated time for each activity:

10 to 60 min.

## Sunday - 10

### Sunday Funday: Glowing Switch Plate Covers

Brighten up kids' rooms by creating a personalized, glow-in-the-dark switch plate cover. Drop-in craft program is held in the museum's Education Center. Ages 4-12 with an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

1-3 p.m. Cost: \$2 per project

## Sunday - 17

### Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

A feast of Baroque masterpieces, from the dazzling virtuosity of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, to the joyous conclusion of Bach's Violin Concerto in E Major. Albinoni's Adagio and Pachelbel's popular Canon are also on the program. Concertmaster Rika Seko and organists Stephen Alltop and Margaret Wilson, playing works by Handel and Soler, are among the featured soloists.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

155 W. Brush Hill Rd., Elmhurst, 3 p.m.

Adults \$31; Students \$7

Group and family rates available:

(630) 941-0202

[www.elmhurstsymphony.org](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org)

*Kids can make custom tiles with their own handprint at the Elmhurst Historical Museum's Day Off? Drop In! event on Monday, January 18.*

## Monday - 18

### Day Off? Drop In!: Hand Print Tiles

Make a tile customized with a child-sized handprint. Drop-in craft program is held in the museum's Education Center. Ages 4-12 with an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

1-3 p.m. Cost: \$2 per project

## Portfolio 101

This seminar is open to all high school students who are interested in creating a portfolio for college applications. Seniors may also be interested in using this program in preparation to enter the Portfolio Exhibition. The afternoon will consist of learning how to properly photograph your artwork, writing and constructing an impressive artist statement, and describing your artwork.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Call (630) 834-0202 x 116 to register

## Wednesday - 20

### Be the Artist: Nikki Renee Anderson

Children ages 10-14 will tour Whispering Bodies, the new exhibition showcasing work by Chicago artist Nikki Renee Anderson. Anderson creates whimsical and eerie artwork... stark white cupcakes, ice cream, and cherries topped with brightly colored drips of painted icing. Create your own tasty-looking sculpture.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

\$8 for Elmhurst residents/EAM members and \$10 for non-residents/nonmembers

To register, please call (630) 993-8901

## Saturday - 23

### Beadstringing & Knotting

Nancy Knight, owner of Blue Frog Beads in Villa Park, will teach beading design and knotting. Take home a finished piece made of stone beads. All materials are provided. A great way to learn how to repair your broken beaded necklaces. Activity – Ages 12 yrs. to Adult. 75 minutes

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 2 p.m.

\$25.00 per person

Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616

# FEBRUARY

## Friday - 5

### Just Dad 'n' Me Night

An evening of dinner, dancing and entertainment with your daughter. Ages 3-13.

Monty's Banquet Room, 6-9 p.m.

Register with the Elmhurst Park District by February 1

## Thursday - Saturday, February 11 through 13

### Theatre: Eurydice

Elmhurst College student production of a contemporary re-imagining of the Eurydice-Orpheus myth from MacArthur "Genius" Award-winner and Pulitzer Prize-winner Sarah Ruhl.

Elmhurst College, Mill Theatre  
(253 Walter St.)

8 p.m. General Admission: \$5

Info: (630) 617-3005



# FEBRUARY

## Saturday - 13

### Family Night at the Museum: Tasteful Art/Artful Taste

At EAM's first Family Night at the Museum, parents will tour *Whispering Bodies*, featuring artwork by Chicago artist Nikki Renee Anderson. This exhibition explores cultural stereotypes about beauty, desire and femininity, through sculptures, which resemble abstract desserts. After viewing the exhibition, decorate your own cake with instruction from The Wilton School, a leader in the baking industry. Meanwhile, kids escape to the Education Center where they will have their own experience learning about the art of cake decorating, using materials such as fondant, decorating bags and embellishments. Afterwards, they will enjoy their own child-friendly tour of *Whispering Bodies*. Children must be 5 years or older.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30-8 p.m.

\$8/person, including tour, instruction and supplies

To register, call (630) 993-8901 no later than Friday, February 5

## Sunday - 14

### Sunday Funday: Valentine Love Bugs

Use a tasty twist pop to create a beautiful butterfly or crawling bug for Valentine's Day. Makes a great gift for a special Valentine! Drop-in craft program. Ages 4-12 with an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum,  
Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

Cost: \$2 per project

## Tuesday - 16

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Guestship

The Reverend Otis Moss III of Trinity United Church of Christ will present the annual Martin Luther King Guestship.

Elmhurst College, Schaible Science Center, Illinois Hall (corner of Prospect and Elm Park Ave.)

4 p.m. Free

Info: (630) 617-3390

## Wednesday - 17

### Be the Artist: Emmett Kerrigan

View the work of Chicago artist Emmett Kerrigan who uses a combination of painting and sculpture to create pieces resembling a 'birds-eye' view of the landscape. These stunning works include painted elements, wood pieces and beautiful wooden tops arranged in abstract, geometric patterns. Create your own version of Kerrigan's artwork to take home. For children ages 10-14.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30-8 p.m.

\$8 for Elmhurst residents/EAM members and \$10 for non-residents/nonmembers

To register, please call (630) 993-8901

## Thursday - Saturday, February 18 through 20

### Theatre: "Moon Over the Brewery"

Graham's "Moon Over the Brewery" and other works have often been referred to as sitcom drama – light and fast-paced.

Elmhurst College, Mill Theatre (253 Walter St.), 8 p.m.

General Admission: \$7, seniors \$6; students \$5

Info: (630) 617-3005

## Saturday - 20

### Elmhurst Choral Union Gala

Elmhurst Choral Union's Gala, Music in the Mansion, features auctions, raffles, hors d'oeuvres and tastings, with dance music from the Elmhurst College Jazz Band, and of course, singing. Proceeds help produce ECU's concerts.

Wilder Mansion, Wilder Park, 7 p.m.

\$75 per person

### Elmhurst Senior Commission:

#### The Township and You

What do townships do for us? Come learn about the services and programs that York and Addison Township provide to our community. Space is limited.

Elmhurst City Hall, 10 a.m.

Reservations required: (630) 306-7077

## Friday - Sunday, February 26 through 28

### Annual Elmhurst College Jazz Festival

Shaping up as one of the best yet, this year's performers are: Patrick Williams & Friends, Wayne Bergeron, Warren Luening, Tom Scott, Bill Watrous, Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band, Michael Davis, Phil Markowitz and Gary Smolyan.

Elmhurst College

Hammerschmidt Chapel

Friday and Saturday: 11:30 a.m. and

7:30 p.m., Sunday: 11:30 a.m.

Tickets: \$10-\$28, with discounts for kids and seniors

Info: (630) 617-5534

## Sunday - 28

### Froebel Block Workshop

The Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust presents a special workshop using geometric blocks invented in the 1830s by Friedrich Froebel, the father of kindergarten. Froebel developed a system of play using wood blocks for building and design, which Wright received as a child and used throughout his career. This workshop allows children to explore the shapes of Wright's prairie style designs and offers a unique insight into the formation of this important American architect. Workshop size is limited and pre-registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum,  
Education Center, 2-3 p.m.

Ages: 5-12. Cost: \$5 per child

Call 630-833-1457 for reservations

## Addresses for organizations regularly featured in the Elmhurst Community Calendar

### Elmhurst Art Museum

150 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 834-0202

[www.elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org)

### Elmhurst City Centre

2 City Centre, Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 993-1600

[www.elmhurstcitycentre.com](http://www.elmhurstcitycentre.com)

### Elmhurst College

190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 617-3033

[www.elmhurst.edu](http://www.elmhurst.edu)

### Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 833-1457

[www.elmhursthstory.org](http://www.elmhursthstory.org)

### Elmhurst Park District

225 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 993-8923

[www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org)

### Elmhurst Public Library

125 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 279-8696

[www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org)

### Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

Performances at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 155 W. Brush Hill Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 345, Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 941-0202

[www.elmhurstsymphony.org](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org)

### Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

2200 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 833-1616

[www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)

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[www.elmhurstchamber.org](http://www.elmhurstchamber.org)

Elmhurst Choral Union

[www.elmhurstchoral.org](http://www.elmhurstchoral.org)

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Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade

[www.elmhurststpatparade.com](http://www.elmhurststpatparade.com)

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

[www.elmhurstsymphony.org](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org)

Lizzadro Museum Lapidary Art

[www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)

Spring Road Business Association

[www.springroad.com](http://www.springroad.com)

York & Vallette Business Assoc.

[www.yorkandvallette.com](http://www.yorkandvallette.com)

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

*120 E. Park Avenue***New Location for Visitor and Tourism Office**

Please note that the City of Elmhurst Visitor and Tourism Office has moved. The new address is 120 E. Park Ave., next to the Elmhurst Historical Museum. This department of the city assists in promoting awareness of Elmhurst and its amenities to visitors to the community. The phone number for the Visitor and Tourism Office will remain the same and is 630-530-3312.

**City Hall Holiday Hours**

The offices at City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. City Hall will also be closed at noon on Thursday, December 24, and all day on Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1. Meetings of the City Council and the standing committees will not be affected by the holidays. Normal City Hall hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Leaf and Yard Waste Reminders**

The final free leaf pick-up for 2009 will take place on December 2, 3 or 4, whichever is your regular refuse collection day. All yard waste collection for the year will end after the week of November 30 — with the exception of the free leaf pickup — and resume during the first week in April.



Please remember that it is illegal to rake leaves and debris into the street. Serious street flooding can result when wet leaves block the city's inlets, preventing storm water from draining into the storm sewer system. This practice can also create hazardous driving conditions for motorists. Violations can result in fines of up to \$500.

**Disposing of Holiday Trees and Refuse**

Christmas trees will be collected without a refuse sticker on your normal collection day during the first and second weeks in January. After that, a sticker is required. Please remember to remove all ornaments, lights and nails. Do not put the tree in a plastic bag. Wreaths, garlands, gift paper and packing peanuts may be included with regular garbage. Boxes are recyclable if they are flattened, bagged or bundled, and measure no more than three by three feet.

**Making the Holidays a Little Brighter**

Unemployment and other economic problems have left many area families struggling to simply provide for basic needs. Financial



hardship can put a damper on the holidays for local families in need. You can make the season a little brighter for a child (infant to age 17) by donating a new toy or game — or a little warmer for a senior, by donating a soft, warm fleece blanket. A donations

drop box, sponsored by United Community Concerns Association (UCCA), will be located in the police station from November 27 - December 10. UCCA is a not-for-profit all volunteer organization that has been assisting Elmhurst School District 205 children, their families and Elmhurst residents with financial needs for over 30 years. Last year, UCCA provided over \$56,000 in food and food certificates to more than 240 families and 80 seniors who experienced setbacks in their daily lives. In addition, a drop box sponsored by the Toys Express Children's Charity will be located in Elmhurst City Hall throughout the month of December.

**Elmhurst Police on Twitter**

The Elmhurst Police Department is now using "Twitter" to communicate with citizens and the community. Twitter is a free social networking service that enables users to send and receive messages of up to 140 characters. If you would like to be a follower, simply go to the Police Department's "Twitter" site and follow the instructions to sign up. You will then receive "tweets" or short messages of interest to the community and links to all press releases issued by the Police Department. The Police Department's "Twitter" site can be accessed from the City of Elmhurst website at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org).

**Ambulance Service in Elmhurst**

The City of Elmhurst contracts with Metro Paramedic Services to provide ambulance service. The rates for ambulance transport are based on the level of care provided and are comparable to rates for ambulance service in other communities in the area. Paramedic Billing Services (PBS), a division of Metro Paramedic Services, provides billing for ambulance services. Once insurance information is given to PBS, PBS will seek payment from the insurance provider. For Elmhurst residents, except for the deductible and coinsurance, any payment from insurance providers shall, in all cases, be full and final payment of all charges due PBS for the person to whom the service was rendered.

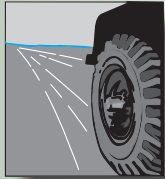
**T**hieves are particularly active during the holiday shopping season — any time homes are left unlocked, and when gifts and valuables are left in plain sight in locked or unlocked vehicles. The Elmhurst Police Department reminds residents that you can help keep your valuables safe by simply locking the doors and windows to homes, garages and vehicles. Nearly half of home and vehicle burglaries involve unlocked doors or valuables left in plain sight. The police are involved in an ongoing community effort to educate residents about locking their homes, garages and vehicles day and night, whether they are at home or not. Anytime you see suspicious activity, no matter how minor it may appear, dial 9-1-1 right away. Let's do all we can to prevent criminals from putting a damper on our holiday spirit.

**LOCK IT or  
LOSE IT**



## No Idle Zones = Cleaner Air

Vehicle exhaust is the leading source of toxic air pollution in many parts of the country – pollution that increases the risk of cancer, heart and lung disease, asthma and allergies (according to the American Cancer Society). Unnecessary engine idling is a major contributor to this pollution. One hour of idling uses up a gallon of fuel and produces about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide, the principal greenhouse gas contributing to climate change. Idling for 20 minutes generates the same amount of dangerous emissions as driving nearly 320 miles.



Some common myths about idling should be dispelled.

**First, do automobile engines need to be warmed up, especially on cold days?** The truth is that the best way to warm up your car is to drive it. Modern engines need no more than 30 seconds of idling before driving, even during the winter.

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**Second, is idling good for your engine?** Actually your engine is not working at peak operating temperature when it's idling, and incomplete fuel combustion can leave spark plugs dirty and engine oil contaminated.

**Third, is turning your car on and off hard on the engine and does it require more gas than leaving it running?** The truth is that frequent restarting has little impact on engine components, such as battery and starter motor. Wear caused by restarting is estimated to add \$10 per year to the cost of driving, an amount several times less than the amount you save in fuel.

Here are some simple steps that will lead to cleaner air and a healthier community. 1) Reduce warm-up time to 30 seconds. 2) If you are stopping for more than 30 seconds, unless you are in traffic, turn the engine off. 3) Whenever possible, carpool, walk, bike or take the bus or train. These simple changes multiplied by many drivers will result in less pollution and cleaner air for this and coming generations.

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209 N. York St., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
 (630) 530-3000

Website homepage: [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org)  
 email: [webmaster@elmhurst.org](mailto:webmaster@elmhurst.org)

#### City Hall Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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 Peter P. DiCianni III, Mayor  
 Patty Spencer, City Clerk  
 David Dyer, City Treasurer

#### Aldermen

1st Ward - Diane C. Gutenkauf, Paula Pezza  
 2nd Ward - Patricia Shea, Norman Leader  
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 4th Ward - Stephen W. Hipskind, Kevin York  
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 6th Ward - Steven M. Morley, Jim Kennedy  
 7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Patrick Wagner

## The EPBAA: Supporting the Elmhurst Community

The Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA) is a not-for profit organization made up entirely of active and retired Elmhurst police officers. The EPBAA supports the Elmhurst community and assists other charities and worthy organizations throughout the year. It conducts an annual fundraiser through



mailings to Elmhurst residents and businesses. (Please note: The EPBAA never uses third party companies and never solicits contributions by phone.)

The EPBAA extends its gratitude to those who generously donated this year. Proceeds will be redistributed to charitable organizations within the community.

You can still participate in the EPBAA fundraiser by sending your donation to the E.P.B.A.A., 125 E. First Street, Elmhurst, or by contacting EPBAA President, Ed Coughlin, at 630-530-3077.



## Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

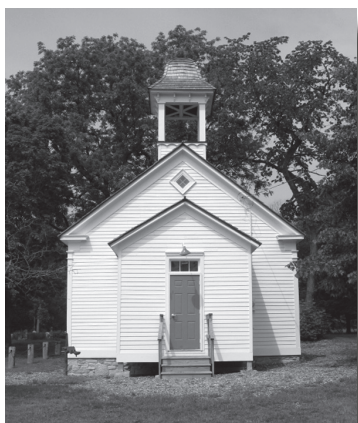
Phone: 630-833-1457 [www.elmhursthistory.org](http://www.elmhursthistory.org)

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Museum Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

### Elmhurst Jazz Exhibit Earns Award of Merit from IAM

Elmhurst Historical Museum is proud to report that the Illinois Association of Museums (IAM) recognized the museum with an Award of Merit for the 2009 exhibit, *Elmhurst Jazz: A Celebration of an American Art Form in Elmhurst*. The IAM presented the prestigious award during the association's annual conference on October 2, 2009, in Bloomington. The award recognizes the extra effort put forth in the creation of the Elmhurst Jazz exhibit, which was on display at Elmhurst Historical Museum from February through March 2009. The exhibit was a popular attraction for Elmhurst residents and music fans throughout the Chicago area.



### Churchville Schoolhouse

The City of Elmhurst kicked up its heels and showed its support for the Churchville Schoolhouse on Saturday, November 7, at Drury Lane Oak Brook. The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation and Elmhurst Historical Museum are thankful to all

the residents, sponsors, and friends who joined in the fun for a great cause: the continued restoration of the historic Churchville Schoolhouse and future programming for this landmark. The schoolhouse is undergoing the second of a multi-phase renovation, and the goal is to reopen for programs in 2010 to bring history to life for a new generation.



### Dwellings Exhibit Continues to Open Door to Residential Architecture

If your interests include local architecture or if you've ever wondered about the homes in your neighborhood, Elmhurst Historical Museum's *Dwellings: A Study in Residential Architecture* is a must-see new exhibit.

The exhibit explores the history of residential architecture styles in the western suburbs using Elmhurst as a case study. Visitors will learn how various styles evolved and how to identify architectural details in their own community.

Museum visitors can extend the experience with the help of a handy *Dwellings* self-guided tour and field guide, which is available in the gallery. On the museum's second floor is a large back-lit map showing every house built in Elmhurst — color-coded by decade. This map will be on display only through January 25, 2010.

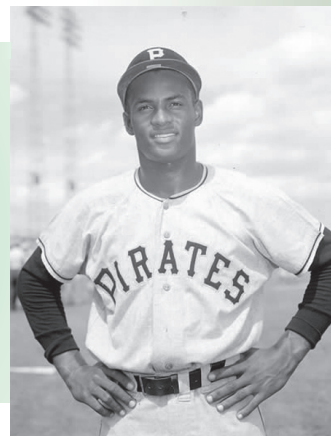
The first floor portion of the *Dwellings* exhibit will remain open through May 23, 2010. For more information, go to [www.elmhursthistory.org](http://www.elmhursthistory.org) and click on "Exhibits" at the top of the home page.

### Upcoming Exhibit at EHM

#### Beyond Baseball: The Roberto Clemente Story

*Feb. 2-April 11, 2010*

New traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution tells the story of one of America's finest athletes and humanitarians.





## Winter Weather Reminders

The winter season's snow, ice and cold create unique challenges for everyone, including motorists, pedestrians, homeowners and city workers. Please keep the following tips in mind to help make the winter season safer for everyone.

### Wipers and lights

Motorists are reminded that Illinois Vehicle Code mandates the use of headlights any time when rain, snow, fog or other atmospheric conditions require the use of windshield wipers. Headlights are also required at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly visible at a distance of 1,000 feet.

### Snow removal

Homeowners are reminded not to shovel or blow snow or ice into city streets when clearing driveways and sidewalks. To avoid having to clear your driveway approach twice,

wait until the street has been cleared before clearing it. City crews remove snow from the street in a series of passes from the center to the curb. During this process, it is inevitable that snow will be pushed onto private driveway approaches.

### Parking on the street

Street parking is not allowed for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more, or during the snow removal process.

### Fire hydrants

If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home, remember to keep it free of snow and ice so that it is clearly visible and accessible to emergency personnel in case of fire.

### Discharging water onto streets or sidewalks

Sump pumps that are not connected to city storm sewers may not discharge water onto streets or sidewalks. This illegal practice creates hazardous conditions for motorists and pedestrians.

Following these simple suggestions will help reduce the inconveniences of the winter months.



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