

September 2009

## City and State Cooperate on Downtown Beautification Projects

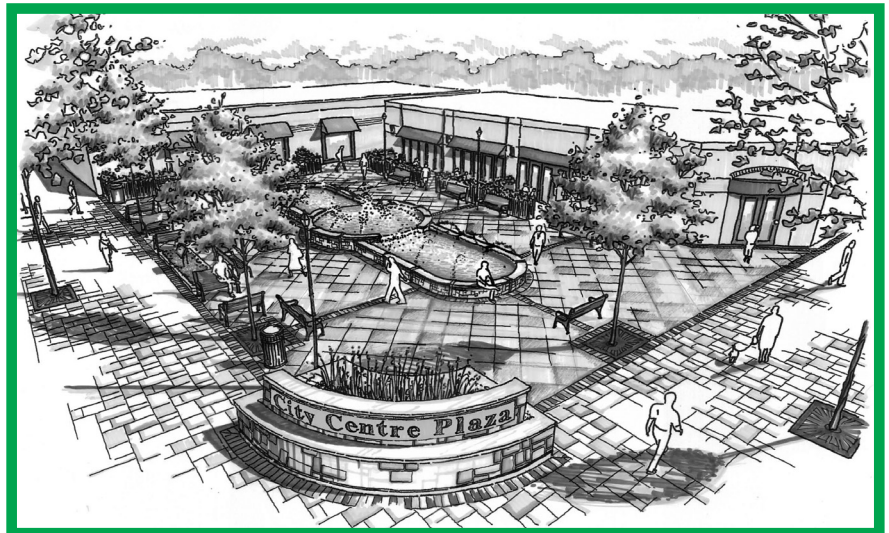
**T**hanks to State of Illinois transportation grants, the City of Elmhurst has been able to invest significantly in downtown beautification projects. The Police Station plaza redevelopment has been completed and redevelopment of the City Centre Plaza at York and Schiller is well underway. The state grant is supplemented by Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds. TIF funds are used for capital improvement projects and are separate from the city's operating funds, which are currently very limited and subject to significant budgetary constraints.

The newly revitalized downtown area, with its beautiful new fountain and other amenities, will make it an attractive destination for pedestrians, visitors and shoppers, and help to increase tax revenues coming from the area. Although the project involves significant utility work, and is subject to seasonal weather limitations and construction contract/grant requirements, it is anticipated that the redevelopment will be completed this fall.

## City and Property Owner Collaborate on Schiller Walkway Improvements

Early this year, the Elmhurst City Council approved a development agreement with Willis Johnson, owner of the 109 West Schiller/136 North York building. The project involved renovation of the building facade and improvements to the adjacent Schiller Court walkway to be compatible with the Elmhurst City Centre streetscape plan. The improved building facade and walkway will provide an attractive link between York Street and Addison Avenue. The project was made possible through the city's Facade Improvement Assistance Program, which helps property owners improve existing buildings while fostering revitalization of the Central Business District.

Johnson worked with a local architect to design a European-style pedestrian walkway for the Schiller Court side of the building, including an additional entrance to the building from the walkway. The new design employs a variety of colors and textures



*The redevelopment of City Centre Plaza, now underway, includes the addition of a fountain and other amenities designed to enhance the downtown shopping experience. Above: plan for the completed City Centre Plaza.*

to present the appearance of multiple buildings along the existing brick wall. Other amenities include stoops, windows, flower boxes, street lighting and benches.

Another important goal of the city's Facade Program is to bring older buildings up to current fire and life safety codes. To that end, Johnson has installed a sprinkler and fire alarm system in the building, as well as an elevator. The Schiller Walkway project is expected to be complete this fall. As with the plaza projects, the City of Elmhurst's share of expenses for this project comes from the increase in taxes paid by City Centre property owners (TIF funds) and not the city's General Fund.

More information about the City of Elmhurst Facade Program can be found on the City website at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org).

## Elmhurst Remembers Our Veterans



Current and past members of the United States armed forces will be honored on Wednesday, November 11, at the annual Veterans Day ceremony. This special event is held each year to show our military men and women that we remember them and appreciate their sacrifices to help protect the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. The ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park.



## Community Safety

### Back to School Safety Tips



As children and their parents make last-minute preparations for the beginning of a new school year, the safety of our youngsters should be a top priority.

Motorists are urged to drive carefully as youngsters walk and bike to and from school, or wait at bus stops throughout the community. Illinois law requires motorists to stop when a school bus displays flashing red lights and an extended stop arm to warn that the bus is loading or unloading passengers. Parents are reminded to teach their children to wear seat belts in the car and helmets when biking, and to follow pedestrian safety rules. Young children should always be supervised as they walk to and from school or wait at bus stops. Let's give our kids every chance to have a safe and happy school year.

### "Learn Not to Burn"

Without proper training, young children in a fire situation often try to "hide" from the flames under a bed or in a closet, or "run away" if their clothing catches fire. One of the Elmhurst Fire Department's goals is to teach youngsters about fire safety and provide them with the skills and knowledge they need to react appropriately in a fire situation. "Learn Not to Burn" is a fire safety program taught to elementary school age children. Participants are taught about smoke detectors; how to crawl low in a fire; how to stop, drop, cover and roll; and how to call 911 in an emergency.

The Fire Department sponsors an annual "Learn Not to Burn" poster contest open to public and private school fourth graders. The first, second and third place winners in this year's contest were Lauren from Timothy Christian School, Kate from Immaculate Conception School and John from Visitation School. Visit the Fire Department page on the city's website at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org) to view the contest entries.

### Lock It or Lose It

How safe would you feel knowing that a stranger had entered your home through an unlocked door or window while you were sleeping? This actually happened to several Elmhurst residents last spring. Fortunately, no one was hurt and the offenders were apprehended by the Elmhurst police. These crimes highlight how important it is to protect your family and property by locking your home, garage and vehicles both day and night, whether you are at home or not. Many burglaries involve unlocked doors and/or valuables left in plain sight in vehicles. Don't hesitate to call 911 to report any suspicious person, vehicle or activity in your neighborhood.

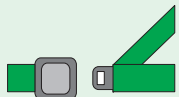


### Alive at 25

If you want to know just how important a driver's license is, ask any American teenager. Parents and young drivers should be aware, however, that 20 percent of all newly licensed drivers are involved in a crash within a year of getting their licenses. Nearly 6,000 teenagers lose their lives in traffic accidents each year and another 326,000 are seriously injured. Some of the variables at play in these tragic statistics include speed, inexperience, impaired driving, risk-taking behavior, distractions, failure to use seat belts, road rage and driving with other teens in the vehicle.

To help keep our young people alive to celebrate their twenty-fifth birthdays, police officers from the Elmhurst Police Department teach a program called "Alive at 25." The goal of the program, developed by the National Safety Council, is to teach young drivers to take responsibility for their own driving behavior by making better driving decisions. The class is open to teens who attend local public or private high schools, or are Elmhurst residents. For more information or to register for an upcoming class, please call 630-530-3113 and leave the student's name, address, age and home telephone numbers.

### Safeguarding our Smallest Passengers



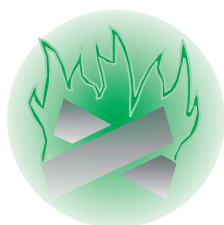
Statistics have long demonstrated that seat belts save lives. Adults who choose not to buckle up in spite of seat belt laws are making a conscious decision, but children rely on their parents to keep them safe. Many of the tragic accidents that claim the lives of children could be prevented by making sure children are always properly restrained in safety seats, boosters or seat belts. Infants should be secured in rear-facing infant seats. Older babies and toddlers should be restrained in front-facing seats, some of which

convert to belt-positioning boosters for use until the child is big enough to use an adult seat belt.

National statistics show that in the vast majority of cases where an injured child was restrained, either the car seat was improperly installed or the child was improperly secured in the car seat. The Elmhurst Fire Department offers free car seat inspections as a community service, which take between 45 minutes and an hour. Please call 630-530-3090 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## Fire Pit Safety

When warm days dissolve into chilly evenings, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows over a crackling fire makes for a pleasant time and fond memories. With the growing popularity of backyard fire pits, you no longer have to travel to your favorite camping spot to enjoy such simple pleasures. Before you begin to use your fire pit, however, remember that a one-time-only free permit from the city is required. Along with the permit, you will receive a copy of the City of Elmhurst ordinance that states what can and cannot be burned, and where to safely locate your burn pit. The permit may be revoked if the permit holder does not comply with the following requirements or if the fire is determined to pose a hazard. The permit can be downloaded or picked up at City Hall.



A copy of your permit is sent to DuComm (911), the agency responsible for dispatching the fire apparatus. If a call is received at 911 from a concerned resident or passerby and an address is provided, DuComm can look up the address to see if a Burn Permit has been filed. If there is no address information available, a fire truck will be dispatched to investigate. However, when the fire is located, even if you have a

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Burn Permit, the fire may be extinguished if it is deemed a danger or a nuisance by the fire department. Be sure to follow these regulations:

- Position your fire pit at least 15 feet away from any structure and away from over-hanging branches. The firebox must be located above ground level.
- Use only designated fuels: propane, natural gas, charcoal or seasoned logs. It is illegal to burn yard waste, leaves, lumber, paper, cardboard, unseasoned logs or garbage.
- Keep all flammable liquids and other materials well away from the fire.
- The fire must be constantly attended by a person at least 17 years old until completely extinguished. An adequate amount of sand, dirt or water, or a portable fire extinguisher must be on hand for immediate use.
- Never burn in such a way as to emit offensive or objectionable smoke or odors, or when atmospheric conditions or other circumstances make burning hazardous.

## Why Does a Fire Truck Go on Ambulance Runs?

Residents often ask why a fire truck accompanies the ambulance on some emergency medical calls that are not fire-related. There are actually two reasons. Different types of medical calls require different types of response or treatment levels. Basic Life Support (BLS) refers to the services necessary to secure airway, breathing and circulation – the basics of life. Elmhurst firefighters are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians in Basic Life Support (EMT/BLS). Advanced Life Support (ALS) offers more treatment options, including use of a range of tools, such as defibrillators, medical equipment and medications. Elmhurst paramedics are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians/Paramedics in Advanced Life Support (EMT/Paramedic/ALS).

They are trained in what to use and when to use it in order to sustain life in different types of medical emergencies until the patient can be transported to the hospital where diagnosis and additional treatment can be provided. All ALS calls require at least two additional EMTs to assist paramedics with more advanced medical care. Paramedics are dispatched to all ALS

and BLS calls in the city. EMTs (firefighters) are also dispatched in the fire truck to all ALS calls to assist paramedics.



The second reason for dispatching firefighters on a medical call in a fire truck, rather than a fire department car or SUV, is to save time. If the firefighters and truck are already out on a call, they can be redeployed more quickly to another emergency call.

You may also occasionally notice an ambulance or fire truck from a neighboring town responding to a call in Elmhurst or an Elmhurst emergency vehicle responding to a call in another town. Elmhurst is a member of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) that dispatches emergency responders from many towns within Illinois to help each other in the event of a large-scale emergency or multiple simultaneous requests for service. Mutual Aid can be employed when Elmhurst paramedics and/or firefighters are on calls and additional calls are received that require assistance from outside the community.



## Living Green

### Everything You Need to Know About CFLs



There is no question that compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. While the bulbs cost more initially, they use approximately a quarter of the electricity of one incandescent

bulb and last up to 15 times longer, saving you money for the life of the bulb. The key to having well lit homes without the institutional glare normally associated with fluorescent lighting is to select the bulb that best meets your needs – the correct color and proper wattage – and match them to the fixtures.

Bulbs marked “daylight,” “cool, white light” or “noonday light” give bright, faintly blue light. CFLs marked “yellow” or “warm light” are closer in color to traditional lighting. Some bulbs have a Color Rendering Index (CRI) number — the closer that number is to 100, the more the light appears like natural daylight. Other bulbs are labeled using the Kelvin scale to express the light source color and sense of warmth or coolness it will provide. A bulb labeled between 2,700 and 3,000 kelvins more closely resembles the light provided by a traditional light bulb. Bulbs labeled “sunshine” or “daylight” are between 5,000 and 6,000 kelvins.

People often make the mistake of choosing a CFL that is too bright, since CFLs provide more intense light than traditional bulbs. Replace traditional incandescent bulbs with a CFL that is one-third to one-fourth the wattage. For example, replace a 60-watt bulb with a 23-watt or even a 13-watt CFL.

The last step is to match the bulb to the fixture. CFLs work well in fixtures with upright, opaque shades that hide the coils and diffuse the light. Reflector or flood CFLs can be used to replace standard floodlight bulbs and are more efficient in recessed can lights than coils. For outdoor use, select a bulb designed for temperature extremes.

By selecting the right CFL, you can have a beautifully lit home, save money and help protect the environment.

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### Mayor's Message

The City of Elmhurst recently assembled a special Finance Task Force to evaluate the finances of the City. Made up of 25 members of our community, we are fortunate to have the talent and expertise of these individuals. Led by chairperson Kevin Diamond and co-chair Scott Levin, the task force is made up of businesspeople

who are CPAs and MBAs, as well as seniors and young people. Some are lifelong residents, while others are fresh faces who have moved here within the last five to ten years.

The quality of life that we know and enjoy: safe neighborhoods, excellent schools, beautiful parks, together with effective city services, are all being pressured by revenue declines — with the largest shortage primarily coming from sales tax losses in the automotive industry, which ironically matches, nearly dollar-for-dollar, next year's projected shortfall in the City budget.

The good news is that this year's budget is close to balanced after many cuts were made by the City Council. Unfortunately, these cuts are short-term “bandaids” that will eventually have long-term effects on our community without balancing next year's budget.

On a more upbeat note — for the first time in nine years — a capital bill has been passed in Springfield funding many local projects, from the historic “One Room Churchville School House” to the revitalization of Spring Road sidewalks, repaving West Avenue, improvements to the dangerous State of Illinois scissors ramp at Lake Street near York and the renovation of Plunket Park.

Successful grant applications have been instrumental in our ability to rebuild our downtown fountain and police station areas and have relieved us, the taxpayers, of using money from our already strained General Fund to maintain an attractive downtown. Special thanks to Senator Dan Cronin and Representatives Reboletti and Biggins for sponsoring these grants. Also special thanks to Senator Carol Pankau who is diligently working on a commuter deck parking grant with Metra, since we are at capacity on commuter parking.

I'd also like to invite your participation in two upcoming events. ECAF will be holding their auction of rain barrels on Saturday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m., at the Diplomat West. On the following day, the second annual Brianna & Friends “Walk to Talk” benefiting CSLD will take place on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m. in Berens Park. With over 100 Elmhurst children dealing with autism, as well as a large population of special needs youngsters, these two organizations need your help.

As Mayor, it is my commitment to keep you informed and aware of what's happening in our great community. Your input is always important, so please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail with suggestions or ideas.

As summer comes to a close, I'd like to remind you that our children are returning to school. Please take extra precautions as our students travel to and from school.

God Bless,  
 Pete DiCianni, Mayor

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# Community Calendar

September — November 2009

## ONGOING

### Through September 6

#### The Drawn-Out History of Comic Books

Don't miss the final days of this popular exhibit. Comic book and pop culture fans of all ages will learn about the history, art, and innovation of creating comic books through many interactive and multi-media displays. Find out how comic books evolved from low-brow, humble beginnings to more sophisticated story lines with memorable characters that spawned today's multi-million dollar, multi-media industry.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Tuesday-Sunday 1-5 p.m. Free

#### Glass + Steel

Glass + Steel, the first exhibition in the Struktur: Architecture & Design series at Elmhurst Art Museum, opened on August 2, 2009. The Glass + Steel exhibition will present examples of work from Herman Miller, Knoll, Higgins Glass, Haeger pottery, Isamu Noguchi, Alexander Girard, Paul McCobb, and Russell Wright on loan from many collectors, as well as recent acquisitions to the Museum's collection.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Mon. - Closed. Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wed.: 1-8 p.m.; Fri., Sun.: 1-4 p.m.

### October 4 through January 3

#### 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

Mon. - Closed. Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wed.: 1-8 p.m.; Fri., Sun.: 1-4 p.m.



Catching a "big one" at the annual Fishing Derby at Eldridge Park lagoon, this year held on Saturday, September 26.

### October 4 through October 25

#### Arts and Humanities Month Activities

Held every October, National Arts and Humanities Month is a coast-to-coast celebration of culture in America. Join in the fun and visit Elmhurst Art Museum to unleash your artistic skills. Walk through the galleries and be inspired by the dozens of artists featured in the Contemporary Works from the Cleve Carney Collection exhibition. Then make your own piece of artwork to take home. Each Sunday a new artist will be featured and all art materials will be supplied.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Sundays 1-4 p.m.

\$2.00 per child

### October 6 through January 3

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

From the gem collection of the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History, the exhibit features ordinary objects made into extraordinary jeweled art objects. Included in the exhibit are 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

Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m.

Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children 7-12 \$1, under 7 free. Fridays free.

### Sundays, October 10 through January 3

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

PBS documentary features the life of Sidney Mobell and his jeweled creations.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

2 p.m., 30 minutes. DVD

Sunday hours: 1-5 p.m.

General museum admission

### October 13 through May 23, 2010

#### Dwellings: A Study of Residential Architecture

Take a walk through the rich and diverse architectural history of the western suburbs through this new, original exhibit. From prairie style and turn-of-the-century Victorians, to Sears' mail order homes and more, *Dwellings* tells the stories of the varied designs behind the domestic structures we call home.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Tuesday-Sunday 1-5 p.m. Free

### Wednesdays through October 28

#### York and Vallette Farmers Market

Fresh fruit, vegetables, flowers, bread and more! Weekly event. Sponsored by York and Vallette Business Association

Municipal lot northeast of York and Vallette

7 a.m.-1 p.m. (best parking before 9 a.m. or after 12 noon). Free

Info: (630) 279-5530

## SEPTEMBER

### Wednesday - 2

#### Be the Artist: Isamu Noguchi

Tour EAM's Glass + Steel exhibition which includes design ephemera from the mid-twentieth century, including furniture, fabric and lighting. View works by iconic artists and designers such as Charles and Ray Eams, Alexander Girard and Isamu Noguchi. Design your very own lamp based on the work of lighting designer Isamu Noguchi. Ages 10-14.

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

Members \$8; Non-Members \$10

### Thursday - 10

#### Artventure: Devil in the White City

Visit the Elmhurst Public Library for a lively discussion about the book *Artventure: Devil in the White City*, a beautifully written novel by Erik Larson about the history and thrills of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

Elmhurst Public Library

2 Sessions: 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Free

To register, please call (630) 279-8696

### Friday - 11

#### Kelly Miller Circus

Old-fashioned traveling circus, presented by the Elmhurst School District 205 Foundation with major sponsorship by the Elmhurst Jaycees.

Sandburg Middle School Grounds

345 St. Charles Rd.

4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. showtimes

Advance tickets: Adults \$13,

Children (2-11) \$7. Box seats \$22 in advance

Discounted group rates available. (Tickets available at box office the day of event at an additional cost.)

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 617-2328

### Saturday - 12

#### Downtown Elmhurst Concert Series

Head to the heart of downtown Elmhurst to close out this year's concert series with a night of grown-up fun featuring live musical entertainment and spirits. Sponsored by Elmhurst City Centre, the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the City of Elmhurst.

Elmhurst City Centre, 6-11 p.m. Free

#### Touch A Truck

Touch A Truck gives everyone a chance to touch, feel and climb through a variety of trucks and vehicles. Bring the entire family — and your camera! All ages — parent must attend.

Berens Park parking lot, east lot (off Walnut)

10 a.m.-noon; \$1 donation

#### "Community Day" Football Game

All Elmhurst residents and their guests will be admitted free for the opening home game of the 2009 football season. Elmhurst College will take on Olivet College and a community leader will be saluted during the halftime ceremony.

Langhorst Field, Elmhurst College

190 S. Prospect Ave. Kickoff 12 noon

Info: (630) 617-3380

*This jewel-encrusted cell phone can be viewed at the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art*



### Sunday - 13

#### **Sunday Funday: Secret Storage Boxes**

Everything has its place in a Frank Lloyd Wright home. Decorate a secretive wooden box with a sliding cover using Wright's prairie style designs.

Elmhurst Historical Museum  
Education Center, 1-3 p.m. \$2 per project

### Tuesday - 15

#### **Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Lecture**

Scott Alexander, professor of Islam and director of Catholic-Muslim studies at Catholic Theological Union, will speak on "To Treat the Stranger as Neighbor: An Abrahamic Imperative for Our Time."

Frick Center, Elmhurst College  
190 S. Prospect Ave.  
7:30 p.m. Free  
Info: (630) 617-3033

### Thursday - 17

#### **Tea Time Talk: Mail Order Houses**

Do you live in a mail order house? Historian Rebecca Hunter uncovers the story behind the mail order home trend that was popular in the US from the 1900s - 1940s. Learn about the architectural styles represented in mail order homes, and find out how to interpret clues to authenticate a mail order house. Refreshments served immediately following in the Glos Mansion, lower level.

Elmhurst Historical Museum  
Education Center, 1 p.m. Free

### Friday - 18

#### **Day Off?: Drop In! Bird Houses**

Make and decorate a comfy home to keep feathered friends warm this winter. Drop-in craft program for ages 4-12 accompanied by an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum  
Education Center, 1-3 p.m. \$2 per project

### Saturday, September 19

#### **Spring Road Day**

A family fun day! Music, games, clowns and food PLUS a petting zoo and pony rides, a moon jump, visits from Elmhurst Police and Fire departments and more!

Wild Meadows Trace Park  
Spring Road at Prairie Path  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Free  
Info: (630) 279-2222

### Saturday - 19

#### **Community Conversations: Beating the Blues**

This program, sponsored by the Seniors Commission, is geared to helping seniors combat depression.

Elmhurst City Hall, 10 a.m.  
Reservations required: (630) 306-7077

### Sunday - 20

#### **Women's College Soccer**

Come watch Elmhurst College take on visiting Loras College

Langhorst Field, Elmhurst College  
190 S. Prospect Ave. 12 noon  
Info: (630) 617-3380

#### **Awarding of the the Niebuhr Medal**

Father Gustavo Gutierrez, the world-renowned theologian, will receive the College's highest honor, the Niebuhr Medal. Fr. Gutierrez earned the French Legion of Honor for his tireless work in support of human dignity and against oppression.

Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College  
190 S. Prospect Ave.  
7:00 p.m. Free  
Info: (630) 617-3033

### Thursday - 24

#### **Positive Parenting: "What's All The Yelling About?"**

Pat Robbins, a licensed clinical professional counselor practicing in Elmhurst will offer tips and tools to foster a kinder and more effective parenting style. Register by phone at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting Saturday, Sept. 19. For adults. Max. 20.

Elmhurst Public Library, Storytime Room  
7-8 p.m. Free

### Saturday - 26

#### **7th Annual Fishing Derby**

Come to the seventh Annual Fishing Derby to fish for fun and prizes. Adult supervision is required, and only registered participants under the age of 14 are eligible to win prizes. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Fishermen must bring their own fishing pole. Ages 3-14 — parent must attend.

Eldridge Park lagoon, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Elmhurst Residents \$8; Non-Residents \$10  
For info.: (630) 993-8676

#### **"Fossil Dig"**

Learn about the world famous Mazon Creek fossils from Illinois. These Coal Age fossils (350 million years old) are a unique part of Illinois' geologic history and the fossil record. Learn where to collect these fossils and search for a Mazon Creek fossil to take home. Lecture/activity — ages 6 years to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art  
2 p.m. - 60 minutes. \$4 per person  
Reservations recommended:  
(630) 833-1616

#### **Men's College Soccer**

Enjoy the game as Elmhurst takes on Augustana College.

Langhorst Field, Elmhurst College  
190 S. Prospect Ave. 2:00 p.m.  
Info: (630) 617-3380

### Tuesday - 29

#### **After-School Special: "Behind the Scenes Library Tour"**

You're invited to check out the inner workings of library departments that are behind closed doors. You'll also be taken to the Magazines and Newspapers Department where you'll learn how to look up important news on special dates in history. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting Saturday, September 19. For grades 2-8. Min. 10/Max. 25

Elmhurst Public Library, Storytime Room  
3:30-4:30 p.m. Free

### Tuesday - 29

#### **Homeschool Club:**

#### **Behind the Scenes Library Tour**

Homeschoolers are invited to attend their own session of the "Behind the Scenes Tour." Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting Saturday, September 19. For grades 2-8. Min. 10/Max. 25

Elmhurst Public Library, Storytime Room  
2-3 p.m. Free

#### **Cesar Chavez Guest Lecture: Latina Activists**

The annual Cesar Chavez Guest Lecture at Elmhurst College will feature a third-generation American of Mexican descent. Maria Cuevas, a scholar and passionate advocate for the rights of the disenfranchised, will speak about the work of Latina activists in Washington state.

Illinois Hall, Schaible Science Center, Elmhurst College, 190 S. Prospect Ave.  
4:00 p.m. Free  
Info: (630) 617-3033

## OCTOBER

### Friday - 2

#### **Rudolf Schade Lecture**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald will talk about ethics, the bench, and the bar when he presents the annual Schade Lecture.

Frick Center, Elmhurst College  
190 S. Prospect Ave.  
7:00 p.m. Free  
Info: (630) 617-3033

### Saturday - 3

#### **"Teachers' Open House"**

School educators (K thru 12 and college) are invited to stop by and learn about the Museum's resources for schools, including field trips, rock & mineral identification, no cost classroom materials available for loan and outreach programs. This event is free for all classroom teachers, principals, PTO organizers and home school educators. Museum staff will highlight educational programs and hands-on resources, while tour docents will escort guided tours of the museum's permanent collection. Goody bags and refreshments provided. Free for classroom teachers, principals, PTO organizers and home school educators. Sponsored by The DuPage Community Foundation.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art  
Open House 1-4 p.m.  
Reservations recommended: (630) 833-1616

### Tuesday - 6

#### **Health Care for the 21st Century**

John Kitzhaber, former governor of Oregon, will lead an insightful talk titled "The Unfinished Business of the Baby Boom Generation: Health Care for the 21st Century."

Frick Center, Elmhurst College  
190 S. Prospect Ave.  
7:30 p.m. Free  
Info: (630) 617-3033

### Wednesday - 7

#### **Be the Artist: Contemporary Works from the Cleve Carney Collection**

Enjoy the collection of Elmhurst Art Museum board member Cleve Carney. This extensive contemporary collection includes artwork of various media, including paintings, drawings, and prints. Be inspired by the pieces you see in the galleries and create your own artwork to take home. Ages 10-14.

Elmhurst Art Museum  
6:30-8 p.m.  
Members \$8; Non-Members \$10  
To register: (630) 993-8901



### Friday - 9

#### **Artventure: Devil in the White City**

Visit the Elmhurst Public Library on Thursday, September 10 at 1:00 pm or 7:30 p.m. for a lively discussion about *Devil in the White City*, a beautifully written novel by Erik Larson about the history and thrills of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Then experience the novel for yourself with Elmhurst Art Museum's driving tour of several architectural sites of the Fair. Enjoy lunch in Chinatown to commemorate the first Chinese restaurant opening in Chicago during the Fair. The tour will also stop at the Chicago Cultural Center and City Hall to view historic photographs taken during the Exposition.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Tour: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Members \$85; Non-Members \$95

To reserve a seat for Elmhurst Art Museum's Artventure program, please contact Amy Janken at (630) 834-0202 x 116 by Wednesday, September 16.

To register for the free book discussion, please call the Elmhurst Public Library at (630) 279-8696. All book club attendees will receive the member rate for Artventure.

### Friday - 9 and 23

#### **Chess Club**

Play chess and improve your skills and strategy while you learn more about this interesting game. PLEASE NOTE THE SESSION ON NOV. 20 WILL MEET IN THE STORYTIME ROOM. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting Saturday, Oct. 3. For kids ages 7-14. Min. 15/Max. 30

Elmhurst Public Library, Meeting Room 1  
7-8 p.m. Free

### Saturday - 10

#### **Safety Town Celebrates 10 Years of Safe Trick-or-Treating**

Safety Town is the perfect place to celebrate fall while creating a wonderful family tradition. Celebrate a safe Halloween with trick-or-treating in the Safety Town Village. Additional activities include pony rides, a petting zoo, moon jump and more! This event is sponsored in cooperation with the York & Vallette Business Association and the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce. All ages—parent must attend.

Safety Town/Depot (511 S. York St.)  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Sunday - 11

#### **Sunday Funday: Columbus Sailing Ships**

Set sail for new worlds by creating your own miniature version of the Nina, Pinta or Santa Maria (one ship per person). Drop-in craft program for ages 4-12 accompanied by an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1-3 p.m. \$2 per project

### Thursday - 15

#### **Tea Time Talk: The World's Most Perfect Town**

In 1880, George Pullman began to build the first planned industrial community in the US to house workers of Pullman's Palace Car Company. Architect Michael Shymanski, AIA, a Pullman resident and founding member of Historic Pullman Foundation, presents a history of this national landmark and discusses Pullman's dream to build an ideal town for the working class.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1 p.m. Free

### Friday, Saturday - 16 and 17

#### **NCAA Women's Volleyball**

#### **Elmhurst College Invitational**

The powerful volleyball squad from Elmhurst College hosts several opponents in a 2-day volleyball tournament. Matches begin Friday at 4, 6 and 8 p.m.; Saturday at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m.

Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall  
221 Walter St.

Info: (630) 617-3380

### Saturday - 17

#### **Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert**

Don't miss the first-ever performance of the ESO in a magnificent new space when Rhapsodies in Blue takes you on a trip along the beautiful Blue Danube with an All-American detour, beginning with Strauss' Blue Danube Waltz. Pianist George Lepauw will delight you with Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, and Stanger Competition winner, pianist Sophie Luo, plays Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1. The evening concludes with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church,

155 W. Brush Hill Rd., Elmhurst

7 p.m. Adults \$31; Students \$7

Group and family rates available

Info: (630) 941-0202

### Thursday - 22

#### **Positive Parenting: "Raising Children to Become Functioning Adults"**

Pat Robbins will share useful methods with parents about facilitating responsible behavior and promoting self-esteem in their children as they grow and mature. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting Saturday, October 17. For adults. Max. 20

Elmhurst Public Library, Storytime Room  
7-8 p.m. Free

### Friday - 23

#### **Freaky Friday Costume Party**

Join us as we enjoy a family night of adventure! Children and parents, wear your favorite costume. We will have freaky music, exercise activities, crafts and snacks. We will have a spooky story told by our own storyteller. Please come and join our costume finale parade. A special prize will be awarded to everyone for participating. Ages 2-6 with parent.

Elmhurst Park District

Wagner Community Center, 6:45-8 p.m.

Residents \$18; Non-Residents \$23 (first 4

family members); Additional family members:

Residents \$2; Non-Residents \$3

### Saturday - 24

#### **Stone Mosaic Workshop**

Experience making contemporary stone mosaics with mosaicist Gwyn Kaitis. Students will learn to use tools and techniques and create a 6" by 6" work of art to take home. All materials provided. Ages 16 yrs to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Workshop: 12 - 4 p.m. \$35 Per Person

Reservations required: (630) 833-1616

### Midnight Masquerade V - Black & Orange Ball

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the District 205 Foundation as it harks back to the 1980s at its annual Midnight Masquerade fundraiser. Enjoy dinner, dancing to live music, cash bar and silent and live auctions. Costumes optional — 1980s apparel is encouraged.

River Forest Country Club

15W468 Grand Avenue, Elmhurst

7-12 p.m. \$65; \$80 at the door

Info: (630) 617-2328

[www.elmhurst.k12.il.us/foundation](http://www.elmhurst.k12.il.us/foundation)

### Boo-tiful Saturday

Kids come dressed in your Halloween costumes to enjoy a magic show, catch a movie and parade through City Centre while trick-or-treating at downtown businesses. Please note that trick-or-treating begins at 11:45 a.m.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free

### Sunday - 25

#### **Elmhurst College Fall Band Concert**

The College Wind Ensemble, directed by Professor Judy Grimes, and the Symphonic Winds, directed by Ross Kellan, perform the Fall Band Concert.

Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College

190 S. Prospect Ave.

3 p.m. Free

Info: (630) 617-3515

### Thursday - 29

#### **Roland Quest Lecture**

*Washington Post* columnist Eugene Robinson, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his commentary on the 2008 presidential race, speaks on the historic election of Barack Obama, one year after Grant Park.

Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College

190 S. Prospect Ave.

7:00 p.m. Free

Info: (630) 617-3033

*Getting to climb into one of the "big rigs" is exciting for everyone at the Elmhurst Park District's Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday, September 12.*



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

# NOVEMBER

## Wednesday - 4

### Be the Artist: Contemporary Works from the Cleve Carney Collection

Enjoy the collection of Elmhurst Art Museum board member Cleve Carney. This extensive contemporary collection includes artwork of various media, including paintings, drawings, and prints. Be inspired by the pieces you see in the galleries and create your own artwork to take home. Ages 10-14.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Members \$8; Non-Members \$10

To register, please call (630) 993-8901

## Friday - 6

### Stroll(er) through the Galleries

Baby in tow? Looking for something fun to do? Call other friends and meet at Elmhurst Art Museum for a 45-minute gallery tour. Imagine taking a leisurely stroll through the galleries in the company of other parents, learning about the current exhibitions, all while your little one peacefully dozes, snug in their stroller. For the safety of the artwork, all children must remain in their stroller for the duration of the tour.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 1-1:45 p.m.  
Adults \$9.00; children under 12 free

Registration required:  
(630) 834-0202 x 116

## Friday 6 and 20

### Chess Club

Play chess and improve your skills and strategy while you learn more about this interesting game. PLEASE NOTE THE SESSION ON NOV. 20 WILL MEET IN THE STORYTIME ROOM. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting Saturday, Oct. 3. For kids ages 7-14. Min. 15/Max. 30

Elmhurst Public Library, Meeting Room 1  
7-8 p.m. Free

## Saturday - 7

### Special Event: "Rockin' the Schoolhouse!"

The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation hosts a joyful celebration to support next year's reopening of the Churchville Schoolhouse and future programs at this historic site. Join in the fun at a festive evening including dinner, dancing and rock-n-roll music by the dynamic Neverly Brothers.

Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, 6 p.m.

Cost: \$115

Call now for reservations: (630) 833-1457

## Sunday - 8

### Sunday Funday: Stained Glass Windows

Create inspirational stained glass windows like the prairie style and Victorian architects using crayon shavings and waxed paper. Drop-in craft program for ages 4-12 accompanied by an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum  
Education Center, 1-3 p.m. \$2 per project

### "Meet the Artist: Sidney Mobell"

Sidney Mobell is known for making ordinary objects precious. Using only the finest materials, Mobell has created a wealth of household objects. He will present his creative inspirations and insights into his ambitious career.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art  
2 p.m., 60 minutes.

General museum admission

Reservations recommended: (630) 833-1616

## Monday - 9

### Unresolved Issues in Jewish Christian Relation

Rabbi David Fox Sandmel, a professor of Jewish studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, presents the annual Herschel Lecture.

Frick Center, Elmhurst College

190 S. Prospect Avenue

7:30 p.m. Free

Info: (630) 617-3033

## Sunday - 15

### Fall Choral Concert

The Elmhurst College Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and Women's Chorus present their fall concert.

Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College  
190 S. Prospect Ave. 2 p.m. Free

Info: (630) 617-3515

## Tuesday - 17

### Diamond Hunt

Children are invited to hunt for "diamonds" among the Fall Flower Show displays. Each "diamond" will be exchanged for a plant to take home. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. Ages 3-6

Wilder Park Conservatory, 1-2 p.m. Free

Registration required: (630) 993-8909

## Thursday - 19

### Tea Time Talk: Benjamin Marshall, Architect & Bon Vivant

Architect Benjamin Marshall designed many prominent buildings in the Chicago area, including The Drake Hotel, the Mayslake Peabody Estate, and many luxurious residences on East Lake Shore Drive. Steven Monz of the Benjamin Marshall Society presents a slide lecture on this powerful businessman, colorful character and lively socialite of the 1920s.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1 p.m. Free

## Friday - 20

### Spring Road Holiday Tree Lighting

Bring the whole family for the lighting of the tree and enjoy cookies and warm drinks while you sing songs of the season.

Spring Road at Prairie Path, 7 p.m., Free

## Saturday - 21

### "Lapidary Activity Day"

Learn more about lapidary art and making jewelry with members of the West Suburban Lapidary Club. Members will demonstrate cabochon cutting, silversmithing, wirewrapping, beading and carving. Children can participate in making a rock critter or creating a gemstone picture frame. Demonstrations/activities — all ages

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

12-4 p.m. Free

## Sunday - 22

### Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

Award-winning fourteen-year-old cello phenom, Johannes Gray, will play Dvorak's masterful cello concerto. Also on the program is music by Paul Basler and Schubert's beloved Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (Unfinished).

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

155 W. Brush Hill Rd., Elmhurst

3 p.m. Adults \$31; Students \$7

Group and family rates available

Info: (630) 941-0202

## Friday - 27

### Gingerbread House Workshop

Make a beautiful gingerbread house to enjoy for the holidays. Decorate the house with candies, frosting, pretzels and more. Fee includes decorations and one pre-assembled house per group of up to five people.

Elmhurst Historical Museum, Education Center

2 Sessions: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 p.m.

\$25 per group

Registration required: (630) 833-1457 (space is limited)

### City Centre Tree Lighting

Kick off the start of the season with this holiday tradition! Enjoy carolling, holiday treats, the lighting of the City Centre tree, and of course a very special visit from Santa!

Tree lighting at 6 p.m.

Police Plaza at First and Commerce Parkway.

FREE

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.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.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

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Chapel  
190 Prospect Ave., 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

220 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 833-1616

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

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### City of Elmhurst

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### Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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

### Elmhurst Choral Union

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

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### Elmhurst Public Library

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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)



## House Numbers Reminder

**566**

Time can be critical in an emergency situation and responding fire and police personnel must be able to find your address before they can provide assistance. The

Elmhurst Municipal Code requires that numbers be attached to every building in the community "in a conspicuous place at the side of or above the front door of the building." Although the code requires numbers to be at least three inches in height, the Police and Fire Departments strongly urge residents to use four- to six-inch-high numbers in a color that contrasts with the color of the building. Numbers in cursive are especially difficult to read at night or during stormy weather.

## Senior Chore Days

Many senior citizens live on limited incomes and need help with yard work and storm window installation before winter arrives. Senior Chore Days this fall will be held during the first three weekends in November. If you need help with these chores, or if your family or organization would like to volunteer, please call the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at 630-620-9794.

## Rates for Ambulance Usage

The City of Elmhurst contracts with Metro Paramedic Services for ambulance service. Paramedic Billing Services (PBS), a division of Metro Paramedic Services, provides the billing for these 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. The rates for ambulance transport are established based on level of care and comparable rates for area departments.



## Trick-or-Treat Hours

Motorists are reminded to watch for small trick-or-treaters on Halloween as they go door-to-door in our neighborhoods. The official time for trick-or-treating will be from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. Parents are encouraged to accompany small children and instruct all children to cross streets only at intersections, approach only well-lit homes and inspect all treats at home. Happy Halloween!



## Free Leaf Pickup – at the Curb, Not in the Street

The warm, sunny days of summer are inevitably followed by cooler days and the glorious colors of autumn. Once the annual fall color show is over, residents are left with piles of leaves to dispose of. The city's contract waste hauler will again



offer residents within city limits several free leaf collection periods during the late fall. This year's leaf pick-ups will be held during the weeks of November 2 and November 30 on your regular collection day. Residents are reminded to keep leaves separate from other yard waste and place leaves at the curb in clearly marked garbage cans, cardboard boxes or Kraft paper bags. Cans and boxes will be left on the parkway following the collection. *A reminder: City ordinance prohibits raking leaves, grass clippings and other debris into the street where they impede the flow of storm water and create hazardous conditions for motorists.*

## Labor Day Holiday Hours

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7, in commemoration of Labor Day. The City Council meeting scheduled for that evening will be held on Tuesday, September 8.

## Fire Department Highlights

Have you driven past the construction site of the new Elmhurst Fire Station #2 and noticed the tall clock tower on the building?

This is not just a clock tower – it is a hose tower as well. When fire apparatus is returned to the station after a fire, the hoses will be hung to dry in this tower to prevent mold and mildew, and extend the life of the hoses. The new fire station

will get heavy use and was designed to meet both current and future needs in the community. To view photos of the construction project, visit the city website at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org) and click on "Fire Department" on the drop-down list of departments and then "Construction Site Gallery." Antique vehicle enthusiasts may also want to check on the status of the department's restoration project – a 1921 Seagrave pumper. You can find a gallery of photos and an audio/video clip of the truck's engine running by clicking on "Antique Fire Truck." Don't miss the ribbon cutting and open house for the new Fire Station on Sunday, October 4, the beginning of Fire Prevention Week.



*The New Elmhurst  
Fire Station #2*

## What's Green on the City Website?

"Green" is the hot color these days, and city officials and employees are excited to be in a position to increase awareness of environmental issues and ways to protect our world for this and future generations. Readers of *The Front Porch* have undoubtedly noticed articles and even a special newsletter edition devoted to "Living Green." The city's website provides information about sustainability topics, including recycling and water conservation tips, and detailed instructions on how to set up and use a rain barrel to catch rainwater for outdoor use. Check it out by clicking on "Green Living" on the city's home page at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org). You can also visit the Elmhurst Public Library website at [www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org) and click on "Living Green in Elmhurst."



## Reducing Water Use



The DuPage Water Commission (DWC) and DuPage County public water suppliers recently initiated the Water Conservation and Protection Program, pledging to reduce water demand by 10 percent over the next ten years and conserve

valuable Great Lakes water. The DWC expects to accomplish this goal by educating consumers about water conservation techniques, eliminating leaks and other sources of water loss, using native plants that demand less water and practicing other conservation measures.

As residents of Elmhurst, we can all help make this goal a reality by reducing water consumption in and around our homes. The city is leading the way by initiating changes to reduce water consumption in city buildings and on city property, and by helping educate residents about conservation measures. Visitors to the City Centre this summer undoubtedly noticed the beautiful, hand-painted, 55-gallon rain barrels that were the main attraction of Cool Kiddie Art. These barrels will be auctioned off with proceeds benefiting the Elmhurst Children's Assistance Foundation. Residents who would like to use rain water for outdoor use can purchase a 55-gallon rain barrel from the city for \$80. The barrels are made of recycled plastic from pre-used shipping containers, and come with screened tops and all the necessary hardware. For more information, click on the "Green Living" link on the city home page at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org) or call 630-530-3779.

The city's annual review of municipal water and sewer rates revealed that expenses associated with providing these services to the community have increased, including the water consumption rate from the DuPage Water Commission and budgeted infrastructure improvements and replacements. These increases made it necessary for the City Council to adjust both water and sewer rates. The good news is that by conserving water in and around your home, your water bill could potentially go down.

### City of Elmhurst

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.

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  
3rd Ward - Susan J. Rose, Michael Bram  
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6th Ward - Steven M. Morley, Jim Kennedy  
7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Patrick Wagner





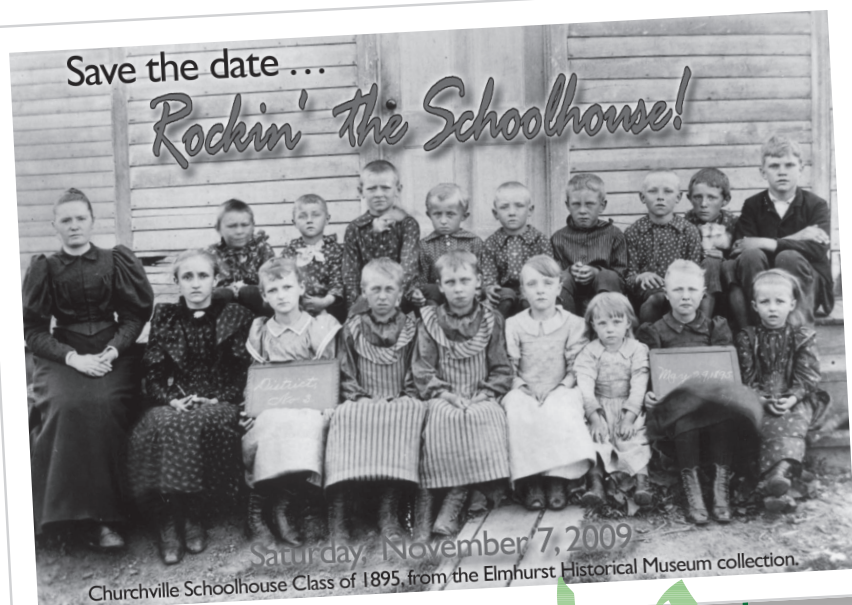
## Elmhurst Historical Museum

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.



the museum and the schoolhouse, and increase interest in Elmhurst history.”

For more detailed information about the event, visit the museum’s website at [www.elmhursthistory.org](http://www.elmhursthistory.org) or call 630-833-1457.



### Last Call for Comic Books Exhibit

The Elmhurst Historical Museum has been home to Spider-Man, Superman and a host of other superheroes this summer. The exhibit, “The Drawn-Out History of Comic Books,” has been a hub of activity in Elmhurst, bringing visitors from throughout the Chicago area. If you haven’t had a chance to enjoy this fun, engaging exhibit for comic book and pop culture fans of all ages, don’t delay. The exhibit remains open through September 6, 2009. Visitors may drop in Tuesday through Sunday between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

### “Rockin’ the Schoolhouse!”

Judging from the faces of these Churchville School students in 1895, a one-room schoolhouse was probably not a “rockin” place in its day. On November 7, however, that reputation will be history as the people of Elmhurst kick up their heels at a very special evening, “Rockin’ the Schoolhouse!”

This festive event will be presented by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation – the fund-raising and support organization for the Elmhurst Historical Museum and the Churchville Schoolhouse – to celebrate the refurbishing and eventual reopening of this historic building. The Churchville Schoolhouse is owned by the City of Elmhurst, operated by the Elmhurst Historical Museum and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Churchville Schoolhouse is slated to reopen in 2010 with a number of events and programs for history buffs, families and school-age children. A meticulous restoration over the last few years is nearing completion. The project included essential updates to meet modern regulations and standards. “Rockin’ the Schoolhouse” will raise awareness and funds to support continued programming, educational opportunities and future events at the site.

“We are excited about the opportunity to make this important historic site available once again to the Elmhurst community,” said Brian Bergheger, Director of Elmhurst Historical Museum. “We look to this November event as a chance to build awareness of

### Next EHM Exhibit Focuses on Architecture

As the comic books move on, Elmhurst Historical Museum is preparing for the opening of its next exhibit, *Dwellings: A Study of Residential Architecture*. This new original exhibit illuminates the heritage of residential architecture and the stories behind the varied designs of the structures we call home in Chicago’s western suburbs. From prairie style to Sears’ mail order homes, *Dwellings* will cover a number of topics related to the structures where we live. Visitors will be able to explore *Dwellings* from Oct. 13, 2009, through May 2010. For more information, go to [www.elmhursthistory.org](http://www.elmhursthistory.org).

### Mark your calendar...

and make plans to attend the “Rockin’ the Schoolhouse!” celebration.

**Saturday, November 7, 2009**

6:00 p.m. Dinner, Dancing and Auction  
Live music by The Neverly Brothers  
Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

### Property Tax Freeze for Historic Homes

The Elmhurst City Council has approved a State of Illinois Property Tax Freeze Program for local residences designated as historic structures. The program allows for an eight-year freeze on assessed property values following an investment of 25 percent of the home’s value in home restoration. To qualify for the Property Tax Assessment Freeze Program, a residence must be designated as a local historic landmark by the City Council, following a recommendation by the Elmhurst Historic Preservation Commission. For more information, please contact Martha Corner at 630-530-6017, or send an email to: [martha.corner@elmhurst.org](mailto:martha.corner@elmhurst.org).



# *Living Green*

## **Becoming a Bicycle-Friendly Community**

People nationwide want many of the same things, including less stressful lives, a cleaner environment, affordable transportation, and better health for themselves and their families. Bicycling can contribute to these quality of life issues. Biking for recreation and/or transportation benefits both the body and mind by providing a great cardiovascular workout and reducing stress. Biking is a clean and efficient form of transportation that gets you where you want to go without burning fossil fuels, emitting pollutants into the environment or increasing traffic congestion. Biking also reduces the cost of transportation – second only to the cost of housing for most Americans. Most of us spend more on transportation than we do on health care, education or food.



Elmhurst city officials are looking into becoming certified as a “Bicycle Friendly Community” through the League of American Bicyclists. Elmhurst bicycling enthusiasts may already have noticed that additional convenient bike racks have been installed along the railroad tracks and in retail districts. Certain streets have been designated as “bike friendly.” City officials encourage both motorists and bicyclists to observe all traffic control signs and motor vehicle laws, and to be courteous to all others who use the streets. Officials are also considering other recommendations made earlier this year by the Bicycle Task Force appointed by former Mayor Thomas Marcucci.



*The Front Porch*

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