

Council Approves Core, Critical and Balanced Budget

The Elmhurst City Council approved a balanced budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year on April 19, 2010, maintaining core and critical services and support to necessary infrastructure, *BUT* with significant cuts. Expenditures were limited to slightly less than reasonable anticipated revenues. The cuts necessary to achieve a balanced budget were significant and were applied to every department.

The 2010-2011 budget was prepared with a severe reduction in expenditures in order to provide a slight contribution to fund balance by year end. Reductions in standard operational expense levels in the General Fund will include the elimination of sidewalk repair, concrete roadway repair, an animal control officer, as well as a reduction in street sweeping, storm sewer cleaning and repair and landscape maintenance. A summary of all cuts is listed on pages 401 and 402 of the 2010-2011 annual budget report, which can be seen in its entirety on the City website at www.elmhurst.org.

The across-the-board budget cuts applied to the 2010-2011 budget were designed to allow for a very modest contribution to the City's fund balance. The term "fund balance" is used to describe the difference between assets and liabilities in a government fund. Fund balances increase when revenues exceed expenditures and decrease when expenditures exceed revenues.

Budget cuts applied to the 2010-2011 budget were structured to provide the most vital services to the community, while deferring many worthwhile programs, purchases and projects. According to City Manager Tom Borchert, "The City continues its professional commitment to deliver superior service amid challenging economic times that have necessitated layoffs, vacant positions staying vacant, furlough days, throttled wage adjustments and overtime reduction."

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Elmhurst's "Little Engine That Could"

In February of 1921, the City of Elmhurst purchased what was then considered to be state-of-the-art firefighting equipment, a 1921 Seagrave pumper truck. The cost was \$9,750. That year, Elmhurst press articles dubbed the little truck a "...monster engine..." and marveled that it had the potential to not only draw water from the city's hydrants, but could also "...lift water from the stone quarry or creek at 325 gallons a minute."

The little fire truck faithfully served the community for more than 30 years until it was sold and put on display at a Wisconsin museum. A private collector purchased it in 1995, and eight years later, sold it to Elmhurst Local 3541 (the Elmhurst firefighters union) for \$5,000. The little fire engine had finally come back home.



Since the truck's return to Elmhurst, its restoration has been a labor of love for many off-duty City employees and volunteers.

A Seagraves repair company in Mokena learned of the project and donated their services, as well. Funds to complete the project came through fundraisers and generous donations from Elmhurst businesses, civic groups and individuals. Donations for continued improvements and upkeep of the pumper truck are still being accepted.

On Memorial Day, the dedication, contributions and hard work of many people will finally pay off, and the little Seagrave pumper truck will be proudly driven in the parade – Elmhurst's very own version of "The Little Engine That Could."



Fire Chief Kopp Named Assistant City Manager

The City is pleased to announce that Fire Chief Mike Kopp has been given the responsibility of Assistant City Manager in addition to his current duties in the Fire Department. The position will provide much-needed assistance

as Chief Kopp accepts various oversight responsibilities in the day-to-day operations of City Hall, and also assists City Manager Borchert relative to Mayor and City Council policy deliberations. Chief Kopp's appointment places the Mayor, City Council and City staff in a strong position relative to succession planning and organizational stability going forward.

Four on the 3rd Run

This year's Fourth of July four-mile run will be held on Saturday, July 3. The race is limited to the first 1,000 entrants, so be sure to register early. The race begins on Prospect Avenue near Church Street at 7:15 a.m. There is also a 1K kids' race at 8:30 a.m. that morning. Proceeds benefit the Elmhurst Children's Assistance Foundation, an organization that assists families when a child's life is impacted by a serious medical or disabling condition. More information is available at www.4on4th.com.



Fireworks Safety

Although fireworks are a traditional part of summertime celebrations, residents are cautioned to use only those that can be legally purchased in Illinois. Devices that produce audible or visible displays by means of explosion, combustion or detonation are prohibited. This prohibition includes firecrackers, roman candles, skyrocketers, torpedoes and bombs. Children should never be allowed to use fireworks without close adult supervision. Some seemingly harmless devices, such as sparklers, burn at temperatures in excess of 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause serious burn injuries. Let's have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Liberty Fest, July 3 and 4

The City of Elmhurst and the Village of Wood Dale join in supporting the Village of Bensenville's Liberty Fest to be held on July 3 and 4 at Redmond Park in Bensenville. The weekend begins with the Independence Day Parade on Saturday, July 3, at 10:00 a.m., and concludes with a fireworks display the evening of Sunday, July 4. Other activities include a picnic in the park, fishing derby, musical performances, Taste of the Towns, and a beer tent. For more information, contact the Village of Bensenville at 630-766-8200.



Elmhurst Honors Our Armed Forces

Elmhurst has a long and proud tradition of honoring the brave men and women of our nation's armed forces on Memorial Day. The Elmhurst Memorial Day parade

will be held on Monday, May 31, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and steps off from the corner of York and Third. The parade will travel south to Church Street and from there proceed west to the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park.

A military ceremony with speakers, patriotic music and the laying of wreaths will follow the parade. A special entry in this year's parade will be the newly restored 1921 Seagrave pumper truck that served the Elmhurst community for over 30 years (see article page 1).

The Grand Marshall for the 2010 Memorial Day parade will be Rear Admiral John G. Messerschmidt, past Commander of the Navy Reserve Forces Command. Rear Admiral Messerschmidt, an Elmhurst native, graduated from Immaculate Conception High School, prior to graduating with honors from the U.S. Naval Academy.

City ARRA Funding

In 2009, Congress passed and President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (also known as the ARRA or Stimulus). The \$787 billion ARRA package is designed to stimulate the economy and create and save jobs. Along with social welfare and other provisions, the Act makes funds available for infrastructure investment, including energy efficiency and conservation programs, and clean drinking water projects.

The City of Elmhurst applied for "green" funding through the ARRA, and as of last September, had been allocated grants totaling \$205,300 for the following two projects:

- \$50,000 for the development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for City facilities and buildings.
- \$155,300 for replacement of the methane-fueled generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

These funds will be reimbursed to the City when the work is complete.

In addition, the City applied for roadway improvement funding through the ARRA. Elmhurst was successful in receiving ARRA funds in the amount of \$420,000 for the repair of St. Charles Road between York Street and Poplar Avenue, including base failure repairs, grinding of the deteriorated concrete surface and a new asphalt overlay.

The City also received ARRA funds in the amount of \$925,000 for the repairs to Vallette Street between Spring Road and Poplar Avenue, including base failure repairs, portions of curb and gutter removal and replacement, and a new asphalt surface course.

As of last September, the City of Elmhurst had been allocated ARRA grants totaling \$1,550,330.

"Buy" Elmhurst: What It Means to our Community

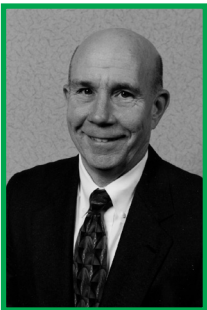
Elmhurst has traditionally relied on sales tax for the largest share of its revenue – nearly 26 percent – and now more than ever, your community needs your tax dollars. Before you head out of town on a shopping trip, please consider what it means to your community when a share of your tax dollars comes back to Elmhurst. Obviously, purchasing big ticket items (automobiles, appliances and furniture) in town gives the local economy a big boost. But even the purchase of everyday items has the potential to make a huge difference.

For example, a typical household spends approximately \$1,600 each month on everyday purchases, including groceries, clothing, entertainment, restaurant meals, home

supplies, personal care items, and miscellaneous other goods and services. When one household makes these purchases in

Elmhurst, approximately \$28 per month or \$336 per year comes back to Elmhurst. If all 16,000 households made their everyday purchases in town, over \$5.37 million dollars would come back to the city each year – money that can be used to fund critical services, including law enforcement, fire protection and street maintenance.

Elmhurst is home to numerous attractive and convenient businesses, many of which are owned by local residents. These businesses provide employment to some of our neighbors and friends. Your shopping dollars not only help the community as a whole, they also help support local business owners and employees.



Dennis Streicher Retires

Until his retirement on May 6, Dennis Streicher served the City of Elmhurst as Director of the Water and Wastewater Department. He was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Lake Michigan water storage reservoirs, 12 storm water pumping stations, 10 sanitary lift stations, and the wastewater treatment plant.

Streicher's 38-year history with the City began in 1972 when he accepted a position in the Wastewater Treatment Plant laboratory. He later served as Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent, and Associate Director of Water and Wastewater. He was named as Director of Water and Wastewater in 2001 and has served with distinction in that capacity for the last nine years, overseeing a staff of 17 employees covering three shifts, seven days a week.

One of Streicher's goals during his long tenure with the City was to improve water quality in Salt Creek, which was badly polluted in the past, and to also inform the community that a properly operated wastewater treatment plant is actually a source of clean water. To prove the point, Streicher maintained a fish tank in the lobby of the plant office filled with the same water the plant pumps into Salt Creek. Due to these efforts and those of other plant operators along the creek, water quality in Salt Creek has steadily improved.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of waste collection, treatment and purification within the state, Streicher was awarded the 2009 Illinois Award by the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies. In 2006 he received the William D. Hatfield Award for outstanding performance and professionalism. This award is presented annually by the Water Environment Federation, a non-profit group whose goal is to improve the quality of water supplies around the world. He was

named the 2000 "Operator of the Year" by the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators. Mr. Streicher served on the Executive Committee of the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies, as president of the DuPage River/Salt Creek Work Group, chair of the Central States Education Committee, and a member of both the American Water Works Association and the Water Environment Federation.

Streicher is an avid environmentalist and spearheaded efforts to reduce the City's carbon footprint by reducing carbon dioxide emissions and initiating sustainable practices. In his spare time, he is an enthusiastic birdwatcher. He will be greatly missed.

State Adopts Residential Energy Code

The State of Illinois recently passed Public Acts 093-0936 and 096-0778 (Illinois Energy Efficient Building Act). Illinois municipalities and counties that issue building permits are required to enforce the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (2009 IECC) for commercial and residential buildings.

With higher energy costs, there is a need to conserve energy by building more energy-efficient homes and businesses. These improvements include additional insulation, tighter sealing windows, energy-efficient appliances and furnaces, and higher efficiency lighting.

This law became effective January 29, 2010, and applies to all remodels, room additions, new homes and new commercial buildings. Elmhurst enforces the new code, as required. The code can be purchased through the International Code Council at www.iccsafe.org or by calling 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233) to order a copy. The new code will result in more energy-efficient homes and businesses.

City Receives 20th GFOA Award

The Elmhurst Finance Department has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association for the twentieth consecutive year. The award recognizes the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for its clarity, readability and adherence to all standard accounting guidelines.

Lock It or Lose It: Thefts and Burglaries Increase in Warm Weather

People spend more time outdoors during the summer months, leaving doors, windows and garages open and/or unlocked. As a result, the police always see an increase in thefts and burglaries to homes and automobiles during warm weather. Unlocked doors, garages and vehicles are like an open invitation to the criminal element to help themselves to your valuables. Almost half of burglaries to homes and vehicles involve unlocked doors and/or valuables left in plain sight. Residents are encouraged to lock their homes, garages and vehicles day and night, whether at home or away.



D.A.R.E. to Say "NO"

Congratulations are in order to Elmhurst fifth grade students who recently completed the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. These youngsters have made a commitment to live free of the negative influences of drugs and alcohol and should be commended for their dedication. They have learned to recognize and resist the subtle pressures to experiment with harmful substances. The efforts of Elmhurst police officers to keep kids away from harmful substances are appreciated, as well.

"Tweets" from the Elmhurst Police

Don't forget that the Elmhurst Police Department is now using Twitter to communicate with residents who are interested in what's happening in the community from a police perspective. Anyone who signs up for this free service will receive press releases, safety tips, and messages about missing persons, neighborhood crimes and crime prevention. Messages were recently posted regarding the hazards of impaired driving, roadside safety checks, recent arrests and the safe return of two Elmhurst police officers from military duty in Afghanistan. The police twitter site can be accessed at http://twitter.com/elmhurst_police.



Mayor's Message

The City's 2010-2011 budget was passed unanimously by the City Council on April 19. In these most challenging of economic times, passage of this budget came only after weeks of deliberation.

I want to commend the City Council — and each individual alderman — for their diligent and tireless efforts. The annual review of the proposed City budget is a tedious and detail-driven project. Many hours are spent in public discussion and many more are spent in reading, researching and reflecting on the budget. I want to further commend the City's excellent staff — and especially City Manager Tom Borchert — in the careful creation of the originally submitted budget, the exhaustive analysis of each department, the openness to questions and suggestions posed and shared for all to hear and learn from for future years.

As many are aware, the City's revenue streams and reserve funds have all been in decline. Sales tax revenue shortfalls have hit Elmhurst very hard, due in large part to the problems of the automobile industry and dealers. As a result, dramatic measures were required, including significant cutbacks in the City's budget, staffing and services. A tax levy increase was also necessary. The tax levy increase, although significant, leaves Elmhurst in an enviable tax levy ranking for 2010-11, at fourth from the lowest rate in all of DuPage County (see exhibit page 10). Other cuts and revenue enhancements may still be needed as we go forward through the coming year.

At the same time, there is reason for optimism. The Elmhurst Economic Development Commission, the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Elmhurst Business Alliance and all of the business sectors of our City are working hard to improve the business climate in Elmhurst. We are making retention visits throughout the City and striving to recruit new businesses as well. We are exploring a "Buy in Elmhurst" program directed at keeping sales and thus, sales taxes, in the City for the benefit of all.

Through all of this, many of you have told me how proud you are to live in Elmhurst. You have shared your own stories of dealing with hard times and shortfalls. You have offered your help and understanding. You have also conveyed the value you place on the quality of life we enjoy in Elmhurst. To the best of my ability, I promise to work to maintain that quality of life.

Elmhurst remains a unique place. Since 1836, we have had residents who are interested in a robust and vibrant environment, together with economic strength, family orientation, security and safety, cultural amenities, education and neighborly good will. Almost 175 years later, these elements remain true and at the core of our community. While we do have problems to solve and to overcome, I know that we will do so.

As the weather warms, I hope you enjoy a wonderful summer season. As you can see by the Community Calendar in this issue of *The Front Porch*, there's lots to do in Elmhurst for everyone of any age.

Peter P. DiCianni, Mayor

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Community Calendar

June — August 2010

Ongoing

Sunday Afternoons

"The Lizzadro Museum Collection"

Introductory DVD on the permanent collection housed in the Lizzadro Museum explains how jade is carved and the unique forms of lapidary art on display. DVD – 15 minutes. (DVD not shown on May 16.)

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
2 p.m.

Regular Museum Admission

Wed., Fri. and Sun., June - August Elmhurst Art Museum Free Summer Drop-In Activities

Take a walk through the galleries of the Elmhurst Art Museum and get a sense of what it takes to create abstract art. This summer, the museum is featuring the work of two local abstract artists: Holly Cohn and Eleanor Himmelfarb. To coincide with the exhibition, children will have an opportunity to create a piece of art to take home. Each month, the museum will focus on a different abstract artist and mimic their style.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 1-4 p.m.

June-September

Summer Public Art Display

Have "Fun In Your Own Backyard" enjoying artfully painted Children's Picnic Tables and Doghouses throughout the downtown City Centre area all summer long!

Downtown City Centre
FREE

Wednesdays, June through October Elmhurst Farmer's Market

Sponsored by the York & Vallette Business Association, local farmers, bakers and other vendors will be selling fresh fruit, vegetables, bread, pastries, cheese, meat, flowers, honey and more. On the second Wednesday of each month, members of the Elmhurst Bicycle Task Force and Elmhurst Bicycle Club will be on hand to encourage the use of biking for recreation and transportation. Best parking before 10 a.m. or after 12 noon.

Municipal lot east of York Street
on Vallette, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Info: (630) 279-5530

www.yorkandvallette.com

Find the Elmhurst Farmer's Market
on Facebook

*The bounty of summer will be
available at this year's Farmer's
Market, taking place Wednesdays,
June through October, in the
municipal lot east of York on Vallette.*

Wednesdays, June 2 - September 1

Cool Cars Under the Stars

Rev up your engines and cruise into the heart of downtown Elmhurst for this family-friendly weekly classic car show featuring some of the hottest wheels in the area!

Downtown City Centre
7-9 p.m., FREE

June 7 through July 3

Learning the German Language

Learn conversational skills, the German culture, and the history of Germany. Non-credit course offered at Elmhurst College; taught by a native German with more than 20 years of teaching experience in the language. Mondays through Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Elmhurst College 190 S. Prospect Ave.
Cost: \$400
Info: (630) 229-2702

June 7 through July 30

Soccer Academy at Elmhurst College

The Academy consists of four different camps with age-appropriate activities, expert evaluations, and cutting-edge teaching. Ages 3-5; 5-12; 8-17; includes a goalkeeper school. Half-day and full-day sessions available.

Elmhurst College, 190 S. Prospect Ave.
Info: (630) 617-3470

Mondays: June 14 & June 28

July 12 & July 26

Book Club

For kids entering Grades 4 and 5. Read these interesting books and join other kids to discuss the stories and participate in fun activities. Register by phone or at the Help Desk starting Saturday, May 22, with your valid EPL card and pick up the first book.

June 14: *Eleven* by Patricia Reilly Giff

June 28: *Igraine the Brave* by Cornelia Funke

July 12: *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis

July 26: *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

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



June 15 through September 12

The Magical History Tour

Discover the history and mystery of magic through this new family-friendly exhibit. Explore the different types of magic, Chicago's magical legacy, and learn about the legendary magicians who developed this amazing performance art. Many fascinating artifacts and interactive, multi-media experiences.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Tues.-Sun., 1-5 p.m. FREE

Thursday, June 17, July 15 and August 19 Music at the Gazebo

Bring your lawn chair or blanket, pack a snack and enjoy live music at sunset. Sponsored by Spring Road Business Association.

Spring Road at the Prairie Path
7-9 p.m. Free. Handicapped Accessible
Info (630) 833-1602 Mr. Jack Island

Mondays, July 12 – July 26

Young Adult Puppetry

Explore a fun and unique form of dramatic expression. Learn how to make and manipulate puppets, use different voice techniques and present a puppet show. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting Saturday, July 3. This program is for students entering grades 6-12.

Elmhurst Public Library, Meeting Room 2
2-3:30 p.m. Free

Through September 5

Special Exhibit: "The Rock Café"

Chicago area lapidary hobbyist Sylvia Josefeck collected rocks and minerals that resembled food and created the Rock Café, featuring three balanced meals made of stone.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
Regular Museum Hours and Admission

JUNE

Friday - 4

Family Night at the Museum: Abstract Art

Families are invited to Elmhurst Art Museum for an evening of fun with local artist Holly Renald Cohn. Parents will be treated to an artist-led tour of "The Search for Form," while learning about abstract art. Then moms and dads will have the chance to work on their own piece of abstract art. All skill levels welcome, no previous art experience necessary! Meanwhile, kids will be creating their own abstract art in the Education Center while talking about simple design principles, such as line, shape, color and pattern. Children will also be treated to a tour of the exhibition, emphasizing concepts they have just learned. Age five years or older.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30-8 p.m.
\$7/person — tours/instruction/supplies
Pre-registration required: (630) 993-8901
by Friday, May 21

June

Saturday - 5 "Stone Hunt"

This hands-on activity allows children and adults to search for gemstones and mineral specimens among more common rocks and minerals. Learn how to distinguish between rocks and minerals. Each rock or mineral found is identified and can be taken home. Activity - Ages 5 yrs. to Adult - 45 minutes.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

2 p.m.

Cost; \$4/person

Reservations: (630) 833-1616

Saturday - 12

Teenhurst: 1st Annual Elmhurst Park District Skate Board Competition

Come out and try your skills in several different competitions: half pipe, best trick, free skate and a game of SKATE. With three different age groups you are sure to have a great time.

York Commons Skate Park

665 S. York St.

Check-in: 10 a.m.

First event starts at 11 a.m.

Cost: \$10 pre-registration

\$15 late registration

Info: (630) 993-8980

Community Health Fair

Faith Evangelical United Methodist Church will hold a FREE Community Health Fair. Services will include school physicals and vaccines (with shot records), diabetes and blood pressure screening, dental and eye-screening exams. Also, information on services for seniors, legal assistance, immigrant services, cancer screening and more. Moon Jump, kids' games and snacks. Spanish interpreters will be available.

Faith Evangelical United Methodist Church
111 W. North Avenue, (corner of North Avenue and York Road), Elmhurst
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Info: (630) 941-0212

Battle of the Bands

Rock out with the 2010 Battle of the Bands competition. Local teen groups will perform at York Commons. Bands will perform on stage for prizes and a chance to compete regionally in July or August. A \$2 donation per person will be requested to help benefit the Recreation Assistance Fund.

York Commons, 665 S. York St., 3-7 p.m.

Information: (630) 993-8901

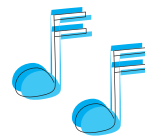
Teen Night at Smalley Pool

All middle school and high school students are invited to attend the first annual Teen Night at Smalley Pool. DJ Stevie D from Operation Getdown Productions will be there to play music while you and your friends swim. All participants must be registered by a parent/guardian. Students must present a current photo ID from a middle school or high school.

Smalley Pool at York Commons

665 S. York St., 7-10 p.m.

\$5 per individual



Come and rock out at Elmhurst Park District's Battle of the Bands competition, held Saturday, June 12, 3-7 p.m. at York Commons.

Tuesday - 15

Bluejay Backer Golf Outing

The 28th Annual Elmhurst College Bluejay Backer Golf Outing at Bloomingdale Golf Club. Registration and silent auction begins at 10 a.m., with an 11 a.m. shotgun start. Reception and dinner 5:30 p.m.

Bloomingdale Golf Club

181 Glen Ellyn Road, Bloomingdale

Info: Call Ann Palumbo (630) 617-6458

Wednesday - 16

Be the Artist: Mary Bourke

This program is designed for children ages 10-14. Take a tour of the "Living Matters" exhibition which showcases work by artist Mary Bourke. For the hands-on portion of the evening, we will be making self-portraits that capture not only the detail in our faces, but also mimic Mary Bourke's ability to capture light.

Elmhurst Art Museum

6:30-8 p.m.

\$8 for residents and \$10 for non-residents

To register: (630) 993-8901

Thursday - 17

Tea Time Talk: Chicago's Magical History

Neil Tobin, president of the Chicago chapter of the Society of American Magicians and performer of magical and psychic entertainment, presents a history of Chicago's long-standing connections to the world of performance magicians. Refreshments served immediately following in the Glos Mansion, lower level. Adult program held in the Education Center.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

1 p.m. FREE

Saturday - 19

Summer Extravaganza

Elmhurst College will host its 15th Annual Summer Extravaganza. This free, outdoor concert will feature Grammy Award-winner, Dee Dee Bridgewater, accompanied by the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Lawn chairs and picnics welcome.

Elmhurst College Mall

190 S. Prospect Ave.

6:30 p.m.

Info: (630) 617-3390

Free and open to the public

Tuesday - 22

Summer Fun & Games: Disappearing Trickster Ball

We're conjuring up magical fun on Tuesday afternoons throughout the summer. Kids will take on a different magic-themed craft each session. This week, make a bouncing ball perfect for tricks to amaze friends and family. Drop-in craft program held in the Education Center for ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

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

Saturday - 26

"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. These beautiful trees never need water and make a great gift. All materials included. Activity - Ages 9 yrs. to Adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

1-3 p.m.

Cost: \$20/person

Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616

Sunday - 27

Magical History Tour Open House

Elmhurst Historical Museum puts a magic touch on the summer of 2010! Join us for an open house to celebrate the opening of "The Magical History Tour." Check out the new exhibit and witness a master illusionist perform an amazing feat. Meet renowned magician and teacher Marshall Brodien, a Chicago legend known for his role as Wizzo on WGN's Bozo Show.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

1-5 p.m. FREE

Tuesday - 29

Summer Fun & Games: Magician's Bag of Tricks

Every magician needs a complete bag of tricks to keep audiences guessing. Participants will decorate a cloth bag to contain a collection of tricks made throughout the summer. Drop-in craft program held in the Education Center for ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

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

July

Mon. - Fri., 5 - 9

Wrestling Camp at Elmhurst College

Camp is split into two groups: kids and high school. Focus is on developing technique. Each session will end with live wrestling and training games. For ages 6-18.

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

Mon.-Fri: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fee: \$150

Info: Steve Marianetti (630) 617-3774

Tuesday - 6

Summer Fun & Games:

Presto Magician Hats

Make a classic magician's hat ideal for disappearing tricks (rabbit not included!). Drop-in craft program held in the Education Center for ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

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

Friday - 9

Friday Family Float Night

Bring your water noodle, raft or inner tube and float the night away! Bring your friends and family and enjoy the only time that floats are allowed in the pool.

East End and Smalley Pools
6-9 p.m.

Monday - 12

Cardboard Boat Regatta

Your mission is to build a boat out of cardboard and duct tape that is capable of being launched and paddled across the pool while holding two people! Anyone age 6 and older is welcome to participate. Check-in starts at 8 a.m. and the first heat will start at 9 a.m. Register prior to the event at Wagner Community Center.

Smalley Pool, 9 a.m.

\$10 resident/12 non-resident

Tuesday - 13

Summer Fun & Games:

Flying Hummingbird Cards

Impress audiences by crafting a fast-moving flying card trick. Drop-in craft program held in the Education Center for ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

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

You won't want to miss the excitement when the Chicago Salmon vintage team takes on the Elmhurst All-Stars during the July 18 Vintage Base Ball Game.



Thursday - 15

Tea Time Talk: Jay Marshall—Chicago's King of Magic

Jay Marshall was a magician, ventriloquist, and comedic genius who spent a 60-year career appearing regularly on the Ed Sullivan Show and opening for Las Vegas acts such as Frank Sinatra and Milton Berle. Marshall's son and biographer, Sandy Marshall, discusses his father, a Renaissance man known as "The Dean of American Magicians." Adult program held in the Education Center. Refreshments served immediately following in the Glos Mansion, lower level.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

1 p.m. FREE

Fri. - Sun., 16 - 18

City Centre Sidewalk Sale

Shop downtown Elmhurst all weekend long for the hottest deals and coolest finds of the summer! Enjoy all that City Centre has to offer including unique shopping, delicious dining, fabulous services and fantastic entertainment.

Downtown City Centre

FREE

Saturday - 17

Fossil-Collecting Field Trip

Travel by motorcoach to a quarry near Rockford, Illinois. Collect Ordovician Period (450 million years old) marine fossils in limestone. Fossils include brachiopods, gastropods, corals, crinoids, trilobites and cephalopods. Field trip — ages 8 yrs. to adult

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cost: \$40/person

Reservations Required:

(630) 833-1616

Sunday - 18

Vintage Base Ball Game

Play ball! Come out and watch America's pastime played by 1850s rules — no spitting, sliding or cursing allowed — as the Chicago Salmon vintage team takes on the Elmhurst All-Stars. Fun for the whole family with between-inning activities and prizes. Co-sponsored by Elmhurst Historical Museum, Elmhurst Heritage Foundation and Elmhurst Park District. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

Berens Park, 493 Oaklawn Ave.
1 p.m. Free

Tuesday - 20

Summer Fun & Games: Abracadabra Magic Wands

Say the magic words and a magician's wand will appear to add the right flair to any trick. Drop-in craft program held in the Education Center for ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

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



Join the Elmhurst Park District and Elmhurst College in welcoming the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America returning to Elmhurst on Monday, August 16, in the Elmhurst College Mall.

Tuesday - 27

Summer Fun & Games:

Fortune Teller's Crystal Ball

See into the future with help from a mystical crystal ball. Drop-in craft program held in the Education Center for ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

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

Tuesday - 29

Magician Workshops

Just how DO those magicians perform their amazing tricks? Find out the secrets to performing believable magic tricks with hands-on instruction from a professional magician. Pre-registration is required and workshop size is limited. Ages 8 to 12.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 3-5 p.m.

\$10 per participant

Reservations: (630) 833-1457

Saturday - 31

"Permaculture: Creative Sustainability"

In conjunction with Elmhurst Green Fest, Ron Nowicki, a local Landscape Architect, will share his 30 years of experience designing sustainable sites that conserve energy and resources, increase biodiversity and teach the wonders and beauty of nature. There will be a special emphasis on lawn reduction and the creative use of stone. Lecture — Adult — 60 minutes

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
2 p.m.

Regular Museum Admission
Reservations Recommended:

(630) 833-1616

August

Tuesday - 3

Summer Fun & Games:

Floating Ball Trick

Now you see it, now you don't! Mesmerize audiences with this trick featuring a ball that seems to float on air. Drop-in craft program held in the Education Center for ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

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

August

Saturday - 7

Soapstone Carving

Lapidary Lorel Abrell teaches participants how to successfully carve soapstone. Simple tools and techniques are used in carving this soft and inexpensive material. Learn the basics from blocking out a design to final polish. Take home a carving of your own creation. All materials are included. Activity - ages 9 yrs to Adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Cost: \$15/person

Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616

Tuesday - 10

Summer Fun & Games:

Egg-and-Scarf Trick

Kids will learn the sleight-of-hand required to perform the traditional egg-and-scarf trick, and create one to take home. Drop-in craft program held in the Education Center for ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

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

Saturday - 14

Elmhurst Park District 90th Birthday Celebration

Join the Elmhurst Park District in celebrating 90 years of lifetime enjoyment at our 90th birthday party! Wilder Park will host a birthday celebration the whole family can enjoy, with cake, classic birthday games, face painting, inflatables, and more! We will also be treated to special performances by the EPD Adult Tappers and Dance Troupes, the Bucket Brigade, and Raisin Rhyme.

Wilder Park

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monday - 16

U.S. Air Force Band

Join the Elmhurst Park District and Elmhurst College in welcoming the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America back to Elmhurst.

Elmhurst College Mall

6:30 p.m. Free

Tuesday - 17

Summer Fun & Games:

Make-Your-Own Juggling Balls

Learn the art of juggling with help from a professional juggler. Drop-in craft program held in the Education Center for ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

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

Thursday - 19

Tea Time Talk: Marshall Brodien – A Magical Life

Remember Wizzo from the Bozo Show, and Marshall Brodien's TV Magic Cards? Any fan of magic and Chicago TV will want to spend time with the legendary Marshall Brodien as he discusses his career in the world of magic. Lance Tawzer, Director of Exhibits, will interview Brodien during this special presentation. Adult program held in the Education Center. Refreshments served immediately following in the Glos Mansion, lower level.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1 p.m. Free

Friday – 20

City Centre Spotlight Night

Head to downtown Elmhurst as we send off summer with a fun-filled night of live entertainment, spirits and highlights from your favorite City Centre spots!

Downtown City Centre

7-11 p.m., FREE

Drive-In Movie

Drive up or bring your lawn chair to the Elmhurst College parking lot on Myrtle and Alexander (across from the football field) and enjoy the classic movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark" with your family or friends.

Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect Ave.

Movie begins at dusk

Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund

Info: (630) 617-3390

Saturday - 21

Agate Collecting in South Dakota

Roger Clark, agate specialist and author of two books on Fairburn Agates, will present the variety of agates that can be found in South Dakota. Learn the geology and theories of agate formation in the Black Hills, Badlands and grasslands of South Dakota. Discuss collecting locations and the value of agates. Learn why the Fairburn agate is the South Dakota State Gemstone. Lecture – ages 9 yrs to Adult – 60 minutes.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

2 p.m.

Regular Museum Admission

Reservations Recommended:

(630) 833-1616

Sunday - 22

Magician's Showcase

Aspiring magicians ages 6 to 12 are invited to celebrate the end of summer and present their best trick with a showcase performance. Tricks must be pre-approved. Limit 20 participants; one trick per performance (duration of two minutes or less). Participants must sign up at the Education Center during Tuesday drop-in programs.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

2 p.m. 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

Elmhurst City Centre

2 City Centre, Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 993-1600

www.elmhurstcitycentre.com

Elmhurst College

190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 617-3390

www.elmhurst.edu

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 833-1457

www.elmhursthstory.org

Elmhurst Park District

225 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 993-8901

www.epd.org

Elmhurst Public Library

125 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 279-8696

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

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 833-1616

www.lizzadromuseum.org

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City of Elmhurst

www.elmhurst.org

Elmhurst Art Museum

www.elmhurstartmuseum.org

Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry

www.elmhurstchamber.org

Elmhurst Choral Union

www.elmhurstchoral.org

Elmhurst City Centre

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www.elmhurst.edu

Elmhurst Historical Museum

www.elmhursthstory.org

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Elmhurst Public Library

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Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade

www.elmhurststpatparade.com

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

www.elmhurstsymphony.org

Lizzadro Museum Lapidary Art

www.lizzadromuseum.org

Spring Road Business Association

www.springroad.com

York & Vallette Business Assoc.

www.yorkandvallette.com

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

Test Your Home for Radon

Residents are encouraged to have their homes tested for elevated levels of radon. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, claiming more than 20,000 deaths annually in the U.S. Although radon cannot be seen, smelled or tasted, it may be present in your home at dangerous levels. For more information about this avoidable health risk, visit www.epa.gov/radon/.



Vehicle Stickers Required

Residents are reminded that May 1 was the deadline for vehicle stickers to be purchased and affixed to the lower right corner of the windshield. Stickers are required on any vehicle registered or principally housed in Elmhurst. Failure to comply with this city requirement can result in a \$25 fine in May and a \$50 fine thereafter.

Under 18? Be Home by Curfew

School will soon be out for the summer, but parents and teens are reminded that young people under the age of 18 are required to abide by City curfew regulations year round. The curfew in Elmhurst is from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and from midnight on Friday and Saturday until 6 a.m. the following morning. A minor in any public area in the City after curfew must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or responsible companion at least 21 years of age and approved by the teen's parent or legal guardian. Teens who are engaged in a business or occupation authorized by the state for a person under the age of 18 to perform are permitted to be out after curfew.

Schools Are Out: Watch for Sammy

Sidewalk Sammy is a colorful, childlike figure that reminds motorists to slow down and be aware of the presence of children playing outdoors. If you would like to invite Sammy to visit your neighborhood, feel free to pick up an application at City Hall or the Police Station.



Grass – How High is Too High?

Residents are reminded that the City passed an ordinance several years ago requiring that grass (with the exception of ornamental grasses) be kept trimmed to eight inches or less in height.

Call JULIE Before Digging

If you are planning a home improvement project, installing a fence or deck, or just planting a tree, don't forget to call 811 (from a cell phone) or 1-800-892-0123 before you begin any project that involves digging. JULIE will notify its member utility companies who will send a locator to mark their underground facilities using paint and/or flags. Once marked, you will know the approximate location of your utility lines so that you can dig safely. The call to JULIE and the utility locating service are free. Digging without

making that call may result in service disruption to an entire neighborhood, injuries to yourself or others, and/or potential fines and repair costs.

Parking Across Sidewalks Prohibited

The summer months always bring an increase in the number of people using City sidewalks, including walkers, joggers, and parents pushing strollers or walking with small children. Residents are encouraged to avoid parking across neighborhood sidewalks. Offenders may be ticketed and fined.

Managing Wildlife Problems

For tips on managing wildlife problems on your property, go to the City website at www.elmhurst.org and click on "Wildlife Management" under "Quick Links." You'll find simple ways to make your property less attractive to wildlife.

Responsible Pet Ownership

If you own a pet, please be aware of City ordinances:



- Owners are required to clean up after their pets when walking them on public sidewalks, parkways, in City parks or along the Prairie Path.
- Pets may not be allowed to trespass on private property anywhere in the City.
- Dogs must be properly restrained by means of a leash or chain attached to the collar or harness any time they are off their owner's property.

Keep in mind that violations may result in a ticket and a court-ordered fine of up to \$1,000.

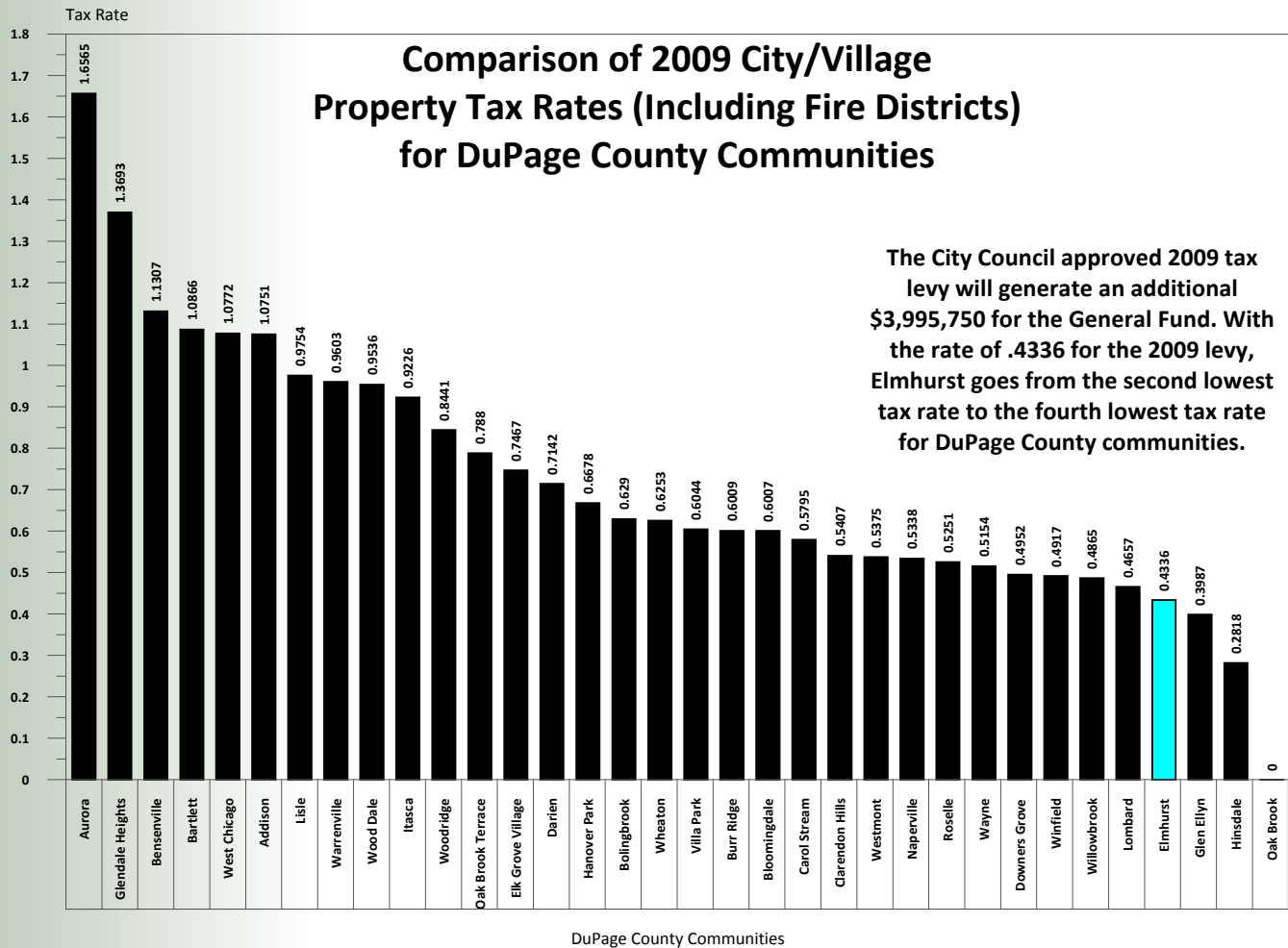
Mosquito Spraying

As the mosquito population increases during the summer, so does the potential for an increase in cases of West Nile Virus. Residents can help by eliminating standing water where mosquitoes breed. You can reduce your personal risk by using insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors, particularly during dawn, dusk and early evening hours. Elmhurst helps control the spread of this potentially serious illness by reducing the mosquito population through operations that include surveillance, monitoring and spraying. The operations are performed by Clarke Mosquito Control Company, using environmentally sensitive agents. For more information or to be informed of upcoming spraying operations, call Clarke directly at 1-800-942-2555.

Garage Sale Sign Changes

Garage sales provide a great opportunity to sell items you no longer want, make a little tax-free income and socialize with neighbors. Municipal regulations allow up to two garage sales in a calendar year. Signs advertising such events may be placed on your own private property or that of others with their permission, and now may be placed on City parkways no more than 24 hours before the garage sale begins and must be removed no more than 12 hours after the sale ends.

Garage Sale



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

Website homepage: www.elmhurst.org
email: 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

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1st Ward - Diane C. Gutenkauf, Paula Pezza
2nd Ward - Patricia Shea, Norman Leader
3rd Ward - Susan J. Rose, Michael Bram
4th Ward - Stephen W. Hipskind, Kevin York
5th Ward - Chris Nybo, Chris Healy
6th Ward - Steven M. Morley, Jim Kennedy
7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Patrick Wagner

Going Green – Rain Barrels

The City of Elmhurst, in cooperation with The Conservation Foundation, has developed a program whereby the City will sell plastic rain barrels to residents at a discounted rate. The rain barrels are pre-used shipping containers (typically for food transport) and have been saved from going to landfills.

Rain barrels help homeowners divert water from downspouts for use in landscape and garden irrigation. This diversion reduces water consumption and saves homeowners money.

The black plastic barrels hold 55 gallons and measure approximately 48 inches high and 24 inches in diameter. All necessary hardware, together with a screened top, is included. The cost is \$90. For more information regarding the installation and use of rain barrels, call Mary Ohler at the City of Elmhurst Water Reclamation Facility at 630-530-3779, or go to the City's web site, www.elmhurst.org, and look under "Green Living Elmhurst."



Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

Phone: 630-833-1457 www.elmhursthistory.org

Issue 2

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

Magical History Tour Rolls into Elmhurst

This summer, Elmhurst residents and visitors will get a touch of magic with their summer fun, as Elmhurst Historical Museum debuts the original exhibit, "The Magical History Tour." Museum visitors will discover the history and mystery of magic through this new family-friendly summer exhibit that examines the different types of magic and the legendary magicians who developed this amazing performance art. The Museum tapped into the extensive collection of Marshall Brodien (remember Wizzo from the Bozo Show?) who is generously loaning many magic-related tricks and artifacts from his personal collection. Elmhurst Historical Museum will be hosting a number of exciting events throughout the summer months, so be sure to check www.elmhursthistory.org for the latest information. "The Magical History Tour" is on display June 15 through September 12, 2010. General Admission is free, and exhibit hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m.



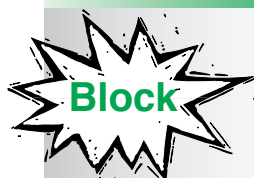
Dr. Harlan Tarbell, former Elmhurst resident, magician and magic teacher, will be a focal point of "The Magical History Tour" at Elmhurst Historical Museum this summer.



The Chicago Salmon Vintage Base Ball team will be in town on July 18 to take on the Elmhurst All-Stars for an old style game.

Vintage Base Ball Game on Deck

Elmhurst residents are once again invited to Berens Park on Sunday, July 18, at 1:00 p.m., for an afternoon of good, old-fashioned fun. Bring your family, friends and neighbors out to watch a Vintage Base Ball Game played by 1850s rules as the Elmhurst All-Stars take on the vintage Chicago Salmon team. This version of the game is quite different from modern baseball, and no sliding, swearing, stealing, or spitting is allowed! This free event has been a hit for baseball and history fans of all ages the past three years, and is co-sponsored by Elmhurst Historical Museum, Elmhurst Heritage Foundation and Elmhurst Park District. Please bring your own chair or blanket.



Permits for Neighborhood Parties

Neighborhood block parties are a great way to renew old friendships and begin new ones.

To schedule one, look for the permit application on the City's website at www.elmhurst.org/DocumentView.aspx?DID=509 or pick one up at the Community Development counter. For more information, please call 630-530-3038.



The Summer Fun & Games program will take place on Tuesdays throughout the summer featuring magic-themed crafts.

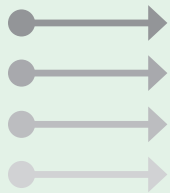
Abracadabra! Summer Fun & Games Program Appears at EHM

We're conjuring up magical fun all summer long! Elmhurst kids and their caregivers are invited to drop in every Tuesday at the Elmhurst Historical Museum's Education Center for a different magic-themed craft activity. By the end of summer, kids will have a complete bag of tricks to amaze friends and family. The magical craft program takes place June 22 through August 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is

\$2 per participant, age four to 12. For more information, go to www.elmhursthistory.org.

Summer Fun & Games Schedule

June 22	Disappearing Trickster Ball
June 29	Magician's Bag of Tricks
July 6	Presto Magician Hat
July 13	Flying Hummingbird Cards
July 20	Abracadabra Magic Wands
July 27	Fortune Teller's Crystal Ball
Aug. 3	Miraculous Floating Ball Trick
Aug. 10	Mystifying Egg-and-Scarf Trick
Aug. 17	Make-Your-Own Juggling Balls



Beware of Scams

The spring and summer months inevitably bring an increase in cases involving con artists who prey on seniors and uninformed citizens. These unscrupulous individuals are actually professional criminals. They knock on doors and identify themselves as City utility workers, roofers, water contractors, driveway sealers or tree trimmers.

Their goal is to steal money, either by charging exorbitant rates for inferior or non-existent work, or by stealing money or valuables hidden in the house. Their methods include frightening the resident by saying there is a serious problem that needs to be fixed immediately or tricking the homeowner into leaving the house while an accomplice enters the unlocked home.

Here are some tips to protect yourself and help the police catch these criminals.

1. Never open your door to a stranger or let a stranger into your home. Call 911 immediately if someone pushes their way in.
2. Never leave your home unlocked or go into the backyard with a stranger.

3. Never hide large sums of cash in your home. These criminals know how to find your best hiding places.
4. Never hire a stranger who appears at your door to do unsolicited work in or around your home. Reputable contractors do not sell their services door-to-door.
5. Ask for identification from anyone claiming to be a City employee or a contractor. If they refuse, call 911 immediately with a description of the person and their vehicle.
6. Call 911 right away if you observe suspicious activity or see a strange vehicle parked or cruising around in your neighborhood.
7. Since these criminals tend to victimize seniors, keep a protective eye out for your older neighbors.

If you have any questions or need additional information on these or other common scams, call Detective Commander Dan Buenz at 630-530-3074 or Detective John Tarpey at 630-530-3129.

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The Front Porch

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Elmhurst, IL 60126

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