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March 2011

2010 Storm/Flood Information Update

The City of Elmhurst recently completed a series of five educational workshops to review important areas of the City's infrastructure related to storm and flooding

The purpose of the comprehensive plan is to investigate and address flooding problems related to the June and July 2010 flood events.

concerns. The workshop topics included Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations, the Salt Creek Watershed, the Sanitary Sewer System Overview and the Storm Sewer System Overview. Commonwealth Edison concluded the series with a report on the electrical distribution system in Elmhurst. These presentations are available on the City's website: www.elmhurst.org.

In September 2010, the City requested qualifications from professional engineering consultants for the preparation of a new Comprehensive Stormwater Plan for Elmhurst. The purpose of the comprehensive plan is to investigate and address flooding problems related to the June and July 2010 flood events.

Following a review of the qualification packets by a selection committee made up of two elected officials and three staff members, four firms were chosen to be interviewed. Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd., which proposed a joint venture response to the Elmhurst flooding situation with RJN Group, Inc., is now under contract and working on the project. It is anticipated that the Council will review short-term recommendations for possible action items early this year.

Updates and interim reports will be furnished at City Council and Committee meetings, and will be posted on the City's website at www.elmhurst.org.

Q & A with Elmhurst City Manager Borchert

To Retire after 40 Years

Longtime Elmhurst City Manager, Thomas Borchert, has announced that he will retire in June following 27+ years managing the day-to-day operations of the City. Only the second individual to fill that position in Elmhurst history, Borchert began working for the City in 1971. He was appointed to his current position in 1984. His love for the Elmhurst community, his integrity and his dedication will long be remembered. Mr. Borchert kindly agreed to answer the following questions from his unique perspective.



Longtime City Manager Tom Borchert will be retiring in June.

Q: What do you think has changed the most about Elmhurst in the last 27 years?

A: If we could step back in time, we would see that every significant city building has either been completely removed and replaced, or totally renovated. New municipal buildings have been constructed, including two state-of-the-art fire stations, a modern city hall, police station and library. The wastewater treatment plant, and the storm and sanitary lift stations, were completely renovated, as well. In addition the old well water supply system was replaced with Lake Michigan water through the DuPage Water Commission and local pumping stations.

Over the same time period, the City added employees in every area of service delivery who have undergraduate and graduate degrees, professional certifications and qualifications. These combined positive changes resulted in more efficient and effective city service delivery to the community and significant advances in technology and innovation.

Q: What was the most challenging situation you ever faced as City Manager?

A: The devastating flooding that took place in 1987 was definitely the most challenging situation I ever faced during my time as City

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Manager. It was heartrending to see the devastation firsthand and hear of the losses suffered by so many homeowners.

Q: What is the most interesting thing about your job?

A: The people I have been privileged to work with are the most interesting part of my responsibility as City Manager, and at the same time the most rewarding and challenging – my fellow city staff members, elected officials and employees – and the people I have worked for – the residents and business people of Elmhurst.

Q: Where do you see Elmhurst in 25 years?

A: I am confident that Elmhurst will remain a top quality suburban community, a leader in providing excellent community services, and a city known for exceptional city services, excellent quality of life, and many educational, recreational and cultural opportunities.

Q: How do you think Elmhurst is characterized or perceived by other suburbs and cities?

A: Based on feedback from residents, and appointed and elected officials from other communities, Elmhurst is an example of what a community should be. Elmhurst practices are frequently reviewed and implemented in other jurisdictions.

Q: If you had one wish for a major project or enhancement for Elmhurst's future, what would it be?

A: I would like to see the strategic plan for the growth of the Elmhurst Historical Museum into a visitor-friendly new Heritage Center become a reality.

Q: How would you describe Elmhurst to other city managers?

A: Perhaps this question is best and most thoroughly answered by the City Manager recruitment brochure prepared by Voorhees and Associates that can be reviewed on the City website, www.elmhurst.org. Some of the descriptive adjectives used in that brochure that are particularly significant to me, not only as City Manager but also as a long-time Elmhurst resident, are charming, thriving, culturally rich, beautiful, progressive and accessible.

Q: Do you have any decisions that you'd like to take back?

A: Yes – many! But I hope that I learned from them all and am better for it.

Q: What quality or personality trait do you think served you best during your career in municipal government?

A: One word comes to mind – perseverance.

Q: What advice do you have for your successor?

A: I would advise my successor to listen carefully, not only to elected officials, appointed staff and employees, but even more importantly, to the community. The position of city manager involves, more than anything else, a commitment to do what is best for the community as a whole.



Local Elections April 5

Local elections on Tuesday, April 5, will include seven aldermanic positions – one for each of the City's seven wards. Also on the ballot will be two six-year terms on the Board of Park Commissioners and four, four-year positions for the School District 205 Board of Education.

Early Voting will take place for any registered DuPage County voters at Elmhurst City Hall, 209 N. York St., from March 14 - 31, Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For additional information, including your election day polling place, contact the DuPage Election Commission at 630-407-5600 or visit www.dupageelections.com.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Whether or not you can claim an Irish ancestor on the family tree, don't miss the fun at the 15th annual St. Patrick's Day parade



on Saturday, March 12. The parade will step off from the corner of Spring Road and Wilson Street at 12 noon, and will feature Irish dancers, bagpipes, leprechauns, marching band, clowns, choral groups and much more. For more information or to view photos from past parades, visit www.elmhurststpatparade.com.



Alive at 25

The statistics on accidents involving drivers under the age of 25 are sobering. Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for people between the ages of 16 and 24. Nearly 6,000 teens die and over 325,000 are seriously injured in traffic accidents each year. Approximately one in five new teenage drivers will be involved in a crash within the first year of becoming a licensed driver.

The factors that contribute to these chilling numbers include inexperience, distractions, peer pressure, speeding, driving with other teens in the car, and the use of alcohol and party drugs. The Elmhurst Police Department offers a free four-hour program called "Alive at 25," to teach young drivers to take responsibility for their own driving behavior and make better driving decisions.

This highly interactive program, developed by the National Safety Council, uses workbook exercises, interactive media segments, group discussions, role-playing and short lectures to help young drivers develop the convictions and strategies that will keep them safer on the road. For more information, visit the City's website, www.elmhurst.org. To register for an upcoming class, call (630) 530-3113.

“Approximately one in five new teenage drivers will be involved in a crash within the first year of becoming a licensed driver.”

Premise Alert Program

A new program available in Elmhurst provides vital information to police officers, firefighters and paramedics about residents who may need special assistance or treatment during an emergency. The Premise Alert program could potentially save the life of a deaf, blind or paralyzed resident – or one who suffers from Autism or Alzheimer's disease – by providing the crucial information necessary to emergency responders.

Operators at 911 call centers (DuComm) have access to the information residents provide, and share that information with responding emergency personnel. You can fill out a Premise Alert Program form in person by visiting the Police or Fire Department, or online by visiting the City's website, www.elmhurst.org. Click on E-Services and then "Online Forms" on the drop-down menu. The information you provide will be entered into the DuComm database, and verified and updated every two years. To learn more about the program, please contact the Elmhurst Fire Department at (630) 530-3090 or the Police Department at (630) 530-3050.

Working Together – Saving a Life

One morning last fall, Bridget Simkowski, an off-duty nurse, noticed a man lying on the ground near his bicycle in the 200 block of Cottage Hill Avenue. She checked the man's vital signs and, finding no pulse, prepared to administer CPR. Other passersby stopped to offer help by calling 911 and covering the man, Charles Yardley, with a blanket.

When Elmhurst Police Officer Guy Schweik arrived on the scene, he retrieved his department-issued Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and he and Simkowski administered a shock that restored a regular heart rhythm. Yardley responded and once again began to breathe. When paramedics and firefighters arrived on the scene, they took over Yardley's care and transported him to the hospital. Less than six weeks later, a grateful Yardley was well enough to join Simkowski and the emergency responders at a City Council meeting where they were honored for saving his life.



Driving and Cell Phones

Always Dangerous – Sometimes Illegal

Although it may be tempting to stay connected at all times, safe driving requires concentration and the elimination of distractions. The consequences of distracted driving are shocking:

- In 2008, nearly 6,000 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver, and more than 500,000 were injured (NHTSA)
- Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times more likely to be involved in crashes serious enough to result in injuries. (Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety)
- Driving while using a hand-held or hands-free cell phone delays driving reaction time as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08%. (Source: University of Utah)
- The Elmhurst Police Department reminds motorists that the use of cellular phones and texting devices is restricted in Illinois under two traffic laws that became effective January 1, 2010:
 - **Cell Phones:** Drivers may not use a cellular phone at any time while on the roadway in a school or construction zone, unless dialing an emergency services agency. Further, a driver under age 19 who holds an instruction permit or graduated driver's license is prohibited from using a cellular phone on the roadway at any time, unless calling an emergency services agency. (625 ILCS 5/12-610.1)
 - **Texting:** Drivers may not operate a vehicle on the roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send or read an electronic message. This section applies at all times on the road unless the vehicle is put into neutral or park. (625 ILCS 5/12-610.2)

Keep Elmhurst roads safe for our children, pedestrians and other motorists by refraining from texting and using cell phones while driving.

Character Counts in Elmhurst

The 2011 Character Counts Community Service Awards will be presented on March 22 at Elmhurst College. The awards honor teen and adult volunteers whose unselfish contribution of time and effort has made a difference in the community. The Character Counts program is a nationwide effort to integrate the core ethical values of character, known as the "Six Pillars" – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship – into schools, business activities, government, sports programs and religious institutions. Character Counts in Elmhurst is a coalition that includes the City of Elmhurst, Elmhurst School District 205, the Elmhurst Park District, the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Elmhurst Public Library, Elmhurst College and many other businesses, organizations and individuals.



Another Award for Fire Station #2

The new Elmhurst Fire Station #2, located at 601 S. York Street, has received another award. For the past 10 years, *Fire Chief* magazine has run a prestigious competition to recognize architects



Elmhurst's Fire Station #2 was recognized for its exceptional design and construction and attention to sustainability.



and fire departments for fire station design and construction. Elmhurst Fire Station #2 was listed as recipient of the Bronze Award in the magazine's November issue.

Functionality and sustainable design were primary considerations during the planning stage for the fire station, which was designed to blend in with the surrounding neighborhood. The building's eye-catching clock tower is not only an attractive architectural feature, but is useful for hanging hoses to dry. Creating underground water storage eliminated the need for a detention pond, which maintained functionality without weakening the aesthetics of the surroundings.

One of the project challenges was to keep the existing fire station fully operational throughout construction. Upon completion of the new station, the old station was demolished.

The new station is situated on land owned by the Elmhurst Park District, which was considered unusable. The architect worked with the City and the Park District to acquire additional land owned by the railroad and located north of the former fire station to accommodate additional parking for the new fire station. Once the former fire station was demolished, the property on which it was located was returned to the Elmhurst Park District in order to create a larger contiguous green space for the community. If your group would like a tour of this award-winning fire station, please contact the Fire Department at (630) 530-3090.

Mayor's Message



The year 2010 in Elmhurst was one of encouragement and challenge.

The City added much-needed parking to our growing and successful downtown, providing over 300 new spaces for shoppers, commuters and employees. We welcomed newly opened businesses, such as Charlie's, Pints and Fanny May Candies.

One area of focus for 2011 will be the addition of retail and parking on Addison Avenue, a prime location for redevelopment. Our goal is to have shopper parking remain at no cost. With a vacancy rate in the City Centre of below four percent, it has been demonstrated that the people of Elmhurst are loyal and want to shop locally whenever possible.

A local Shop/Buy Program is expected soon, together with an automobile dealers' consortium, as joint efforts of the City's Economic Development Commission and the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry. From cars to food to everyday purchases, sales tax dollars help to keep our property taxes low while keeping city services high.

One of the most important decisions facing this community and city council is the replacement of our City Manager Tom Borchert who will retire at the end of June after 40 years of service to the City of Elmhurst. The City Council has hired a search firm to help us through this transition and we will be looking for community input on Wednesday, February 23, when the City will be holding a town hall meeting concerning the qualities the City is looking for in its next City Manager. I strongly encourage you to attend and have your voice heard.

In 2010, the first Declaration of Emergency in the City of Elmhurst occurred since 1987. Record rainstorms struck the region, devastating residents and businesses. In Elmhurst, nearly 750 residences were affected. During this time, the City was fortunate to have a visit from Senator Dick Durbin who helped the City secure some \$2 million in aid for rebuilding and relief support. We will continue to work tirelessly to prevent this type of occurrence in the future. In an effort to prevent future stormwater problems, the City has established a 2011 Stormwater Task Force that will work with experts in the field to analyze our infrastructure and create a comprehensive plan that the City can use to prevent future stormwater problems.

Recognizing that many individuals are hurting, the City is continuing its efforts to create jobs, recruit and retain businesses, explore infrastructure improvements, enhance local retail support and meet its basic service requirements. Building our tax base is priority number one because it keeps residential property taxes low, while providing the best in services.

The year 2011 offers promise, and, yes, continuing challenges. That promise and those challenges will be embraced and met by your City elected officials, staff and your mayor.

Peter P. DiCianni

Mayor

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Community Calendar

March — May 2011

Ongoing

March 1 – June 5



Special Exhibit: Fabulous Illinois Fluorite

This exhibit features a superb private collection of Southern Illinois fluorite, the Illinois State

Mineral. For over 150 years, Illinois mines provided this important industrial mineral to our nation. The mines in Southern Illinois yielded some fantastic specimens showing a variety of crystal structure and color.

Today the mineral is highly collectible and good Illinois specimens are becoming rare.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Regular museum hours and admission

March 22 – April 9

District 205 K-8 Exhibition

This annual exhibition highlights the artwork of talented young artists in District 205.

A variety of media is showcased in these impressive student works which have been selected for display by local art teachers.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Opening Reception March 25

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Through March 25

Women's History Exhibition

Flags and Swags by artist Mary Lou Zelazny who produces collage paintings that fuse photographic, imagery and paint. Artist reception: Wed., March 2, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.- midnight; Sat. 10 a.m.- midnight; Sun. 12 noon-midnight.

FREE

Info: (630) 617-3390

April 2 – May 1

Portfolio

These programs for high school seniors demonstrate commitment and high competency in visual art. Every high school in DuPage County, and this year, selected schools adjacent to the county, will be invited to select and submit artwork in portfolio format of their five most accomplished art students. Of this pool, twenty-five portfolios are selected for exhibition. These students demonstrate the skill, commitment and creativity of Illinois' future artists.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Opening Reception: April 2, 1-3 p.m.

Through April 3

Anne Frank: A History for Today

Learn about WWII history and the plight of the Frank family through historical photos and excerpts from Anne's diary. See a documentary,

"The Short Life of Anne Frank," and take a video tour of the Secret Annex in Amsterdam where the Franks hid for two years. *Anne Frank: A History for Today* was developed by the Anne Frank House and is sponsored in North America by The Anne Frank Center USA. Ages 10 and up with parental discretion.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

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

April 16 – May 15

Wilder Park Conservatory Spring Flower Show

Elmhurst Park District

Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE

April 26 – September 18

Toys in the 'Hood

Take a step into the playful world of toys and get to know the clever inventors behind the most popular toys of all time. Find out how Chicago became an epicenter for toy invention and production, and see prototypes of some of the classic toys created here in Chicago. View multi-media displays featuring toy inventors and their work, and try out a selection of toys at interactive stations. Recommended for all ages.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

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

Thurs., April 28 through Sun., May 1

Thurs., May 5 through Sat., May 7

Theatre: "Abraham Lincoln"

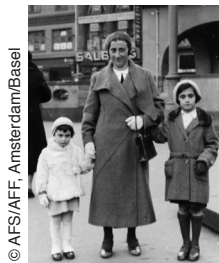
Abraham Lincoln traces the development of Lincoln as a peace-loving man caught in the perils of war. Written by John Drinkwater and adapted by Robert Brock, the play is being produced in association with "Elmhurst Reads the Civil War," Elmhurst Public Library's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

253 Walter St.

8 p.m. all days, except 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 1

Info: (630) 617-3005



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This photo of Anne, Edith and Margot Frank is part of the Anne Frank exhibit at the Elmhurst Historical Museum.

April 30 – May 29

Spring Capstone Exhibition

Elmhurst College graduating art majors show their talents. Meet the artists on Sun., May 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at both locations.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

190 Prospect Ave., and the Barbara A.

Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace

200 block of W. Park Ave.

Viewing hours: Frick Center – open each day until midnight

Accelerator ArtSpace – Tues., Thurs.,

Sat. – 12 noon - 4 p.m. FREE

Info: (630) 617-6110

May 14 – September 4

Works on Paper: Selections from the Elmhurst College Collection

Elmhurst Art Museum

Opening Reception May 20, 6-8 p.m.

MARCH

Tuesday - 1

The Bernardin Lecture

Father Jack Wall, president of Catholic Extension, will present the annual Bernardin Lecture. Topic: "Community Building in a Diverse Society."

Elmhurst College Frick Center

7:30 p.m. FREE

Info: (630) 617-3390

Saturday - 5

Courts Plus Indoor Triathlon

The annual Courts Plus Indoor Triathlon brings out some of the best athletes in Elmhurst for a fun and challenging competition! Ages 14 and up.

Courts Plus, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

\$25 Elmhurst residents/\$35 non-residents

Artist Talk: Melissa Oresky

Tour the exhibition of Melissa Oresky's latest paintings and hear her speak about the inspiration, theory and technique that goes into creating her work. All ages.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 11 a.m.

FREE with the price of admission

Sunday - 6

Anne Frank's Diary: Book Discussion

Elmhurst Historical Museum invites the public to read the book, *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* (the definitive edition) and join in a book discussion in the Education Center led by two former Elmhurst District 205 teachers, Gail Sperry and Ellen Braun. Books are available at the Elmhurst Public Library. Light refreshments will be served; no reservations required. All ages welcome.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 2-3 p.m. FREE

MARCH

Sundays - 6 & 20

Family Open Swim

Splashtacular fun at York High School's swimming pool.

York High School

1-4 p.m. FREE with 2010 Elmhurst Park

District pool pass

Call: (630) 993-4724 for information

Tuesday - 8

Genevieve Staudt Guestship

Dr. Marla Brettschneider, professor of political philosophy and coordinator of women's studies at the University of New Hampshire, will give her lecture "Taking Diversity Seriously."

Elmhurst College Schaible Science Center
Illinois Hall

4 p.m. FREE

Info: (630) 617-3390

Wednesday - 9

Woodrow Wilson Lecture

Journalist and author, Sharon Brownlee, a senior fellow at the New American Foundation, will discuss the ills of the U.S. health care system. Topic: "Killing Us Softly: The Real Health Care Reform We're Still Not Talking About."

Elmhurst College Schaible Science Center
Illinois Hall

7 p.m. FREE

Info: (630) 617-3440

Thursday-Saturday - 10-12

Theatre: "Quilters"

A musical about the texture and fiber of the lives of American pioneer women.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

8 p.m. all performances

For tickets, call: (630) 617-3005

Saturday - 12

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Come celebrate the day when all Elmhurst is Irish, featuring floats, music, marching bands and characters of all sorts. Sponsored by the Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Committee.

Parade runs from Wilson and Spring north to the railroad tracks

12 noon parade start. FREE

Info: (630) 834-0300

Sunday - 13

Spring Band Concert

Elmhurst College Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands present their annual spring concert.

Elmhurst College

Hammerschmidt Chapel

3 p.m. FREE

Info: (630) 617-3515

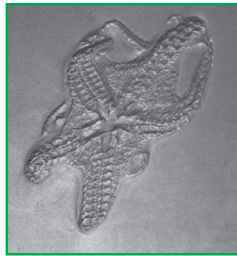
Sunday Sunday: Tin Can Planters

How does your garden grow? Kids will get a head start on the season by creating a recycled tin can planter filled with spring plants. Ages 4-12 with an accompanying adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

Members: FREE: Non-Members: \$2



beautifully preserved crinoids, starfish and trilobites remain rare. Museum geologist Sara Johnson presents the history and unique geologic formation of the Bundenbach fossils, as well as the technology used in analyzing them. See a special exhibit of the "Bundenbach Fossils," on display through April 3.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Lecture: Youth to Adult, 2 p.m. - 60 mins.

Regular Museum Admission

Reservations: (630) 833-1616

Tuesday - 15

Still Speaking: Conversations on Faith

Walter Brueggemann (Elmhurst Class of 1955), UCC minister and professor emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, will lecture in conjunction with the College's year-long focus on religion.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

7 p.m. FREE

Info: (630) 617-3390

Wednesday - 16

Be the Artist: Sherry Giryotas

Tour the Chicago Sculpture International Invitational exhibition featuring seven artists whose pieces explore the relationship between humans and environment. Students will make small-scale sailing vessels similar to those of artist Sherry Giryotas. For children ages 10-14.

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

\$8 for Elmhurst Art Museum members

(\$10 for non-members)

To register, please call: (630) 993-8901

Thursday - 17

Tea Time Talk: Susan B. Anthony

Celebrate Women's History Month with first-person presenter Lynn Rymarz who brings to life the story of suffragist and human rights advocate Susan B. Anthony. The program examines Anthony's lifelong fight for women's voting rights. Refreshments served following program.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1 p.m. FREE



On Sunday, March 13, at the Elmhurst Historical Museum, kids ages 4-12 can get a head start on the season by creating a recycled tin can planter filled with spring plants.

Sunday - 13

Bundenbach's Golden Fossils

During the 1800s, pyritized Devonian age marine fossils were collected from slate quarries in Bundenbach, Germany. The

Saturday - 19

Elmhurst Senior Citizens Commission Community Conversations

Session discusses senior opportunities for activities in Elmhurst. Panel of experts will share their expertise about programs and activities that are fun, interactive and available for seniors in the Elmhurst Community.

Elmhurst City Hall, 209 North York St.

10 a.m., reserved seating

Reservations required: (630) 306-7077

Monday - 28

Sacred Conversation with Father Michael Pfleger

Father Pfleger, activist priest and pastor of St. Sabina Parish in Chicago, will discuss race and issues of social justice.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

4:30 p.m. FREE

Info: (630) 617-3390

APRIL

Sunday - 3

Brahms: A German Requiem

Elmhurst Choral Union, professional orchestra and soloists, present an emotionally powerful portrayal of hope and comfort. Brahms personally selected Bible verses about Heaven, composing a very personal and moving requiem in memory of his mother.

Elmhurst College

Hammerschmidt Chapel, 3 p.m.

Adults \$25, Seniors \$23, Students \$10

Info: www.elmhurstchoralunion.org or

(630) 758-1100

Tuesday - 5

Grade 2 and 3 Book Discussion:

Shipwreck Search by Sally M. Walker

Deep under the Atlantic Ocean, divers found a shipwreck like no other. It was the H. L. Hunley, a submarine that sank during the Civil War. Scientists from all over the world were interested. How would they open the submarine and what would they find inside? Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card, and pick up a copy of the book starting Tuesday, March 1.

Elmhurst Public Library, Storytime Room

3:30-4:30 p.m. FREE

Wednesday - 6

The Roland Quest Lecture

Bishop John Shelby Spong, a prolific author and the retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, will present "Homosexuality: The Battleground for a Dying Form of Christianity," as part of the College's focus on religion "Still Speaking: Conversations on Faith."

Elmhurst College Frick Center

7 p.m. FREE

(630) 617-3390

Thursday - 7

Girlfriends Getaway

Grab the girls and head to the heart of downtown Elmhurst for a night filled with fabulous shopping, hospitality, special offers and services. Goodie-filled tote bags to the first 300 attendees, plus enter to win a \$250 City Centre spending spree.

City Centre, 5-9 p.m. FREE

Saturday -9

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra's 50th Anniversary Benefit Gala

Join the ESO as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary with a salute to the past and a look forward to an exciting future. A 6 p.m. reception will be followed by a performance by the ESO Reunion Orchestra. After dinner, enjoy a concert featuring flutist Mary Stolper and harpist Janelle Jansen Lake. Dancing rounds out this wonderful evening of celebration.

Marriott Oak Brook Hotel
1401 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook
6 p.m., \$125 per person

Dinosaur Discoveries

Children become dinosaur detectives with "Paleontologist Illinois Bones" to learn about the world of dinosaurs. Fossils and props are used to create an awareness of dinosaur characteristics. Live animals show how dinosaurs are related to animals living today. Ages 4 yrs. to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
2 p.m. - 50 minutes, \$4/person
Lizzadro Museum members: \$2
Reservations: (630) 833-1616

Sunday - 10

Holocaust Guestship Lecture

Novelist and former Catholic priest James Carroll, the author of *Constantine's Sword*, which charts anti-Semitism on the part of the Catholic Church, presents "Holocaust Memory: The Unfinished Christian Reckoning."

Elmhurst College Frick Center
7 p.m. FREE
Info: (630) 617-3390

Tuesday - 12

Film: "Prisoner of Her Past"

Chicago Tribune film critic Howard Reich will present a screening of his documentary *Prisoner of Her Past*, his mother's journey.

Elmhurst College Schaible Science Center, Illinois Hall, 7 p.m. FREE
Info: (630) 617-3390

Careers in the Arts Day

This program presents an opportunity for students interested in a career in the arts to learn more about the current job market and obtain practical advice from a panel of six art professionals.

Elmhurst Art Museum
10-11:30 a.m. FREE

Sunday - 17

Sunday Funday: April Showers Umbrellas

The spring forecast might include rain, but it will be all sunshine underneath this colorful umbrella.

Kids will decorate a mini-umbrella to keep April showers at bay. Ages 4-12 with an accompanying adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center, 1-3 p.m.
Members: FREE; Non-Members: \$2



Your little ones won't want to miss the Egg Hunt, April 23, 10 a.m., at Wilder Park.

Monday -18

Book Discussion: *Lincoln and His Boys* by Rosemary Wells

Meet eleven-year-old Willie and his brother Tad Lincoln, before and during their father's presidency. Their mischief-making and free spirits brought out Abraham Lincoln's playful side and helped him through the dark days of the Civil War. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card, and pick up a copy of the book starting Saturday, April 2.

Elmhurst Public Library, Storytime Room
4-5 p.m. FREE. Grades 4 & 5

Tuesday -19

Middle School Book Discussion: *Secrets of a Civil War Submarine* by Sally M. Walker

Mystery, heroism and cutting-edge science are featured in this account of the sinking and recovery of a Confederate submarine, the H.L. Hunley. The Hunley earned a prominent place in history on February 17, 1864, when it became the first submarine ever to sink an enemy ship. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card, and pick up a copy of the book starting Saturday, April 2.

Elmhurst Public Library, Storytime Room
4-5 p.m. FREE

Wednesday - 20

Be the Artist: Portfolio

Portfolio features artwork from high school seniors in DuPage, Kane and Will Counties. Tour the galleries to view these unique portfolios and then use your own creative spark to design your own mini-portfolio! For children ages 10-14.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30-8 p.m.
\$8 for Elmhurst Art Museum members
(\$10 for non-members)
To register, please call: (630) 993-8901

Thursday - 21

Tea Time Talk: The Medical Side of the Civil War

Author and history professor Glenna Schroeder-Lein gives an overview of the development of mass medical care during the Civil War, with a focus on the establishment of hospitals, caregiver roles and common diseases that plagued soldiers. Refreshments served immediately following in the Glos Mansion lower level.

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

Saturday - 23

Wilder Park Egg Hunt

Arrive before 10 a.m. (the hunt starts at 10 a.m. sharp!) and bring your own basket to collect all the goodies. The bunny has promised to stay awhile after the hunt, so bring your camera for a picture. Co-sponsored by the Elmhurst VFW. Ages 1-10.

Wilder Park
10 a.m. FREE

Spring Road Egg Hunt

Bring your basket to collect candy filled eggs! Gazebo at the Prairie Path on Spring Road
1 p.m. (sharp)
FREE

Saturday - 30

An Author Visit with Sally M. Walker

Sally M. Walker, the author of more than 50 books, will share her experiences as a writer. Walker's book *Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H.L. Hunley* won the 2006 Robert F. Sibert Award for nonfiction. It takes readers on an amazing voyage of history, mystery and treasure, as scientists recover and excavate the interior of the H.L. Hunley, the first submarine to sink an enemy ship in battle. Her book *Shipwreck Search* presents the same story for younger readers. Walker will also bring her suitcase of treasures, including fossils, rocks and book-making magic. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting Saturday, April 2. Grades 2-8.

Elmhurst Public Library, Meeting Room 2
1-2 p.m. FREE

Saturday-Sunday, April 30 and May 1

Art in the Park

Find unique, artist-created jewelry, ceramics, photography, sculpture, furniture, glass, fiber works and paintings. Artists will be exhibiting works for sale all weekend long. Enjoy live entertainment on stage and an assortment of food for sale by select vendors.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Family Activities, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. FREE
Raku in the Park(ing Lot) - Join in a fun-filled activity at Raku in the Park(ing Lot) where you can pick a pot to glaze. Watch as it is fired right before your eyes and then bring home with you that day. Observe potter demonstrations and shop for some ready-made raku vessels created by local artists.

Cost: \$15/person

Children's Activity- Stop by the free children's activity tent to create your own artistic bugs that are perfect to decorate your garden, or to keep indoors as a "pet."

MAY

Tuesday - 3

Jazz at the Mill

Catch the Elmhurst College Jazz Band, directed by Doug Beach and the vocal group Late Night Blues, directed by Sue Moninger. On Wednesday, May 4, the Jazz Lab Band and the vocal group Blue take the stage.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre
253 Walter St., 7:30 p.m. FREE
Info: (630) 617-3515

MAY

Friday - 13

Retirement Dinner for Tom Borchert

The Elmhurst community is invited to join in a public celebration – “Making Elmhurst History through Leadership” – honoring retiring City Manager Tom Borchert. The evening includes dinner, cash bar and a special presentation. Proceeds benefit The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation.

Diplomat West Banquets
681 W. North Ave., Elmhurst
6:30 p.m. Cost: \$75 per ticket
Tickets: Call (630) 833-1457 or go to
www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org

Saturday - 14

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

Join the ESO, the Elmhurst College Choir, the Elmhurst Choral Union and guest soloists to culminate a stellar 50th anniversary season with Haydn’s “The Creation,” one of the greatest masterworks of all time. From its groundbreaking overture to its joyous final chorus, Haydn’s incomparable imagination delivers one of the most enjoyable offerings in all of music.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
155 W. Brush Hill Rd., 7 p.m.
Adults \$31; Students \$7
Group and family rates available

Spring Road Pet and Bike Parade

Pre-parade festivities include moon jump, face painting, pet portraits and bike decorating. Then march your pets, decorated bikes or stuffed animals in the parade. Afterwards, show off your pet’s talent with pet tricks.

Pre-parade activities start 11:30 a.m.
Parade kicks off at 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Ahlgrim Funeral Home
(567 Spring Road)
FREE

Sunday - 15

Elmhurst Museum Day

Celebrate International Museum Day with all four Elmhurst Museums. Park at one museum and ride a complimentary trolley to each location for exhibit tours, crafts, fun activities, and a chance to earn great prizes. Light refreshments – all ages welcome.

Elmhurst Art Museum: View current exhibits and construct your own mini-art gallery

Elmhurst Historical Museum: See the *Toys in the Hood* exhibit, make a spinning top and enjoy refreshments

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art: See *Fabulous Illinois Fluorite* exhibit and go on a stone hunt for rocks and minerals

Theatre Historical Society of America: Tour the permanent exhibit and test your movie palace knowledge 1-5 p.m. FREE at all Elmhurst Museums



A complimentary trolley will ferry visitors to all four museums on Museum Day, Sunday May 15. Admission is free.

Wednesday – 18

Be the Artist: Karl Wirsum

Take a closer look at artwork by Chicago artist Karl Wirsum, known for his colorful animated figures. For children ages 10-14.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30-8 p.m.
\$8 for Elmhurst Art Museum members
(\$10 for non-members)
To register, please call: (630) 993-8901

Thursday - 19

Tea Time Talk: Meet Harriet Beecher Stowe

Harriet Beecher Stowe was a New England housewife, mother of six, and fervent abolitionist who stirred America’s conscience with her powerful book, *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*. Professional storyteller and actress, Paddy Lynn, portrays Stowe in honor of the author’s 200th birthday. Refreshments served immediately following in the Glos Mansion lower level.

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

Friday – 20

18th Annual Sugar Creek Open

The 18th Annual People for Elmhurst Parks Foundation/Kiwanis Sugar Creek Open is scheduled for Friday, May 20, at Sugar Creek Golf Course. This event benefits both Kiwanis projects and the People for Elmhurst Parks Foundation’s Recreation Assistance Fund, providing financial assistance to Elmhurst residents faced with financial hardship.

Elmhurst Park District
Fee: \$50 per golfer/9 holes of golf
\$55 per golfer after May 13
Fee includes catered lunch from local restaurants
Register by calling: (630) 993-8925
Registration deadline is May 13

Saturday -21

Bike Rodeo

Dust off your bike and head over to Safety Town Village to kick-start your summer cycling season with a bike safety review, equipment check, and of course, a bike ride! All ages.

10 a.m.-12 noon. FREE
Info.: (630) 993-8901

Monday - 30

Memorial Day Events

The 93rd Annual Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade in downtown Elmhurst will be followed by the Post-Parade Military Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park at 11 a.m. Co-sponsored by the City of Elmhurst, Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Elmhurst American Legion THB Post 187 and Elmhurst Veterans of Foreign Wars Walter A. Glos Post 2048. Steps off from York and Third 9:30 a.m.

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.elmhursthhistory.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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Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry
www.elmhurstchamber.org
Elmhurst Choral Union
www.elmhurstchoralunion.org
Elmhurst City Centre
www.elmhurstcitycentre.com
Elmhurst College
www.elmhurst.edu
Elmhurst Historical Museum
www.elmhursthhistory.org
Elmhurst Park District
www.epd.org
Elmhurst Public Library
www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org
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.

A Helping Hand for Elmhurst Seniors

Volunteers make a big difference during Senior Chore Days. The program helps eligible seniors prepare their homes for the coming season and provides opportunities for individuals, families and organizations to volunteer a few hours for a worthy cause. Senior Chore Days will be held the weekends of May 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22. Seniors and volunteers who would like to participate should call the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at (630) 620-0804.



Yard Waste Collection Resumes

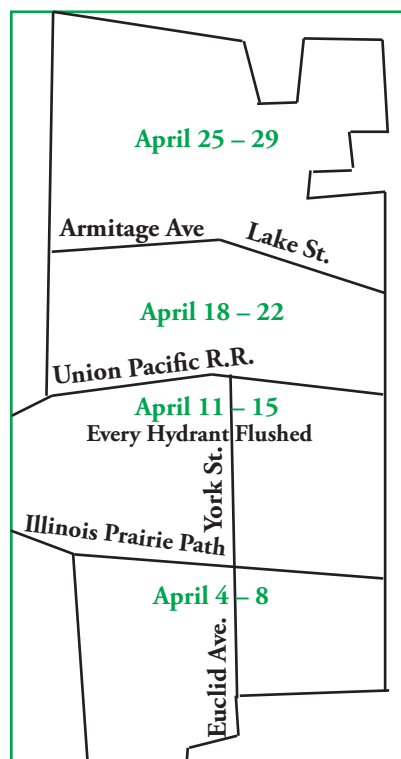
Yard waste collection will resume on your regular refuse collection day during the week of April 4. Yard waste includes leaves, brush, shrubbery trimmings, twigs, dead flowers and weeds (with soil removed). Sod, rocks, earth, vegetable plants and fruit are not considered yard waste and should be discarded with other refuse. Yard waste must be placed in 30-gallon Kraft paper bags or in 33-gallon garbage cans clearly marked "Yard Waste Only." (Labels are available at the Public Works counter in City Hall.) Each bag or can may not weigh more than 50 pounds and must have a clearly visible yard waste sticker affixed. Residents may dispose of two bundles of brush each week at no additional cost. Bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds and may not exceed four feet in length. Branches may not exceed four inches in diameter.

Prevent Street Flooding

Residents are asked to keep neighborhood inlets free of leaves and debris to enable storm water to drain quickly during and after heavy rainfalls. Residents who live in an area with storm ditches are also reminded to keep ditches free of branches and debris to help prevent street and neighborhood flooding.

Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Fire hydrants within the community are flushed annually to ensure proper operation and adequate water supply for emergency use. Public Works personnel will conduct this year's flushing operation from April 4 to 29. The work takes place Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Signs will be posted in affected areas prior to the work being done. See map for details.



Keep Home/Vehicles Locked

Unlocked doors make your property an easy target for burglars, thieves and other criminals. Burglarizing an unlocked home, garage or vehicle is much more appealing to a criminal than breaking in. It takes little effort to gain entry and doesn't cause the noise or attention associated with forced entry to a door or window. Recent Elmhurst police reports demonstrate the dangers of leaving property unlocked:

- After running a short errand, a resident walked into his home and came face-to-face with a burglar who had walked in through the unlocked back door.
- A man fleeing from police after committing armed robbery and vehicle theft in another community, came to Elmhurst and took refuge in an unlocked car in a resident's driveway.
- A man walked into the home of an elderly resident through the unlocked front door and attempted to defraud the homeowner with a home repair scam.

Although these incidents fortunately ended without harm to Elmhurst residents, they point out the importance of locking your doors.

Annual Spring Clean-Up



The City will once again provide Spring Clean-Up for residents living within incorporated City limits. This annual event will take place on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day during the week of April 11, 2011. Acceptable items include appliances, furniture, carpet rolls (no more than five feet long and two feet in diameter), fixtures, up to two cubic yards of construction and demolition debris (equal to eight 33-gallon cans), landscape timbers in three foot-pieces, hardened paint in cans, and bulk items. Items other than large appliances, furniture and bulk items must be placed in bags, cans or boxes weighing no more than 50 pounds each.

The following items are not acceptable during Spring Clean-Up: ammunition, large automotive parts, car batteries, tires, boats, snowmobiles, snow blowers, riding mowers, hazardous or medical waste, concrete blocks, bricks, cement, asphalt, radioactive materials, explosives and fluids. For a more detailed description of Spring Clean-Up, visit the City website at www.elmhurst.org and click on "Departments," "Public Works," and "Special Programs." You can also get information by calling (630) 530-3020 or stopping by the Public Works counter in City Hall.

Refuse and Recycling Questions



For all information and questions about refuse, recycling or yard waste, including a missed pickup, Elmhurst residents must now call Allied Waste at 708-345-7050 and ask for "Elmhurst Customer Service."

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 City's website,
 www.elmhurst.org.
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Permits Available at City Hall

Permits are required for certain types of construction and are available at the Community Development counter in City Hall. If you are planning a remodeling or construction project this spring, please be aware that permits are required for the following types of home projects.

- Siding and window replacement
- Porches, patios, decks, fences, gates, signs and driveways
- Sheds, accessory buildings, and attached or detached garages
- Swimming pools and hot tubs
- Interior remodeling and additions
- Air conditioning installation
- Generators and outdoor fireplaces
- New home construction
- Electrical or plumbing work

Community Development personnel are also available to provide information about block parties, code enforcement, economic development, planning and zoning. For more detailed information about building permits and codes, visit the City's website, www.elmhurst.org. Please be aware that personnel from the Building Department, the Public Works Department and the Fire Department are all available to answer your questions at the Community Development counter.

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

Aldermen

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

Tornadoes – Nature's Most Violent Storms



Tornadoes are spawned by powerful thunderstorms and can strike with little or no warning, causing fatalities, injuries and widespread damage in a matter of seconds. Although tornadoes can occur at any time of the year, almost two-thirds of Illinois tornadoes occur between March and May.

About half occur between 3 and 7 p.m.

A “TORNADO WATCH” means that tornadoes are possible. Be aware of approaching storms by watching the sky and staying tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television. A “TORNADO WARNING” means that a tornado has been sighted or is indicated by weather radar. Watch for the following danger signs: dark or greenish sky; large hail; a large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating); or a loud roar, similar to the sound of a freight train. If you see an approaching storm or notice any of these warning signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately.

Prepare your family for a possible tornado by holding tornado drills and designating the safest possible shelter areas at home, school and work. If Elmhurst is under a TORNADO WARNING, seek shelter immediately. If you are in a building, go to the basement or to the center of an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a closet or interior hallway. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between yourself and the outside. If possible, get under a sturdy desk or table and use your arms to protect your head and neck.

If you are in a vehicle, get out immediately and seek shelter on the lowest floor of a nearby building. Be aware that mobile homes offer little protection from tornadoes. If you are outside with no shelter nearby, lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover your head with your arms. Be aware of the potential for flooding and flying debris.

Elmhurst employs six radio-controlled outdoor severe weather warning sirens to give the earliest possible warning of an approaching tornado. Located strategically throughout the community, these sirens provide the most complete coverage and are sounded if the National Weather Service issues a TORNADO WARNING for DuPage County, or if a storm or tornado poses a threat to the community. For more information about tornados and how to prepare for severe weather, please visit www.fema.gov/hazard/tornado/index.shtm.

Donate Unused Bicycles, Sat., April 9

That old bike in your garage might seem like clutter to you but it could lead to employment and a life with dignity for someone who is struggling to become self-sufficient. A unique charity, called Working Bikes Cooperative, will accept donated bikes this spring. The organization will restore the bicycles and turn them into reliable transportation for people in need. Please drop off bikes you no longer want to the parking lot on the west side of the police station, 125 E. 1st St., just east of York Road, on Saturday, April 9, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. To learn more, visit www.workingbikes.org. Working Bikes Cooperative, a non-profit organization sponsored by the Elmhurst Bicycle Task Force, gives away more than 5,000 bikes in the United States and in impoverished nations. Your donated bike can make a big difference in someone's life.





Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

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

I s s u e



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

Anne Frank: A History for Today Continues through April 3

Nearly 70 years ago, a young girl named Anne Frank started on a journey by writing in the pages of a small, cloth-covered diary that she was given on her thirteenth birthday. That diary has become one of the most widely read books of all time and has been translated into 67 languages.



What is it about Anne Frank's story that still resonates with people today? Elmhurst Historical Museum presents a window into the Frank family's experience and the events that impacted their fate in the exhibit, *Anne Frank: A History for Today*, which continues at the Elmhurst Historical Museum through April 3, 2011. This traveling exhibition from the Anne Frank Center USA tells the story of the Holocaust through photos from the Frank family scrapbook, excerpts from Anne's diary and images of the historical events that took place around them during the turbulence of World War II.

The exhibit is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and admission is free. For more information and to view a number of additional online resources related to the exhibit, go to www.elmhursthistory.org and look under "current exhibits." Be sure to experience this educational and moving exhibit before it closes on April 3.



***Toys in the 'Hood'* Moves in April 26th**

Pop quiz... what do the following have in common: Operation, Beanie Babies, Radio Flyer, and Lincoln Logs? The answer is that they are all toys or games that were invented right here in the Chicago area. Chicago's long-standing connection to the world of toys has resulted in the creation of some of the most iconic toys of all time, and today Chicago is known as an international epicenter for toy invention and production.

So who are these toy makers, where do they get their innovative ideas, and how do they turn them into toys? Find out by dropping in at Elmhurst Historical Museum in the coming months to see "Toys in the 'Hood,'" a playful, interactive new exhibit for all ages that relates Chicago's toy history. *Toys in the Hood* will be on display April 26 through September 18, and a number of fun events and programs are planned throughout the summer, including an Open House and Toy Fair in June. Check out the EHM web site at www.elmhursthistory.org for details.

2011 Exhibition Schedule

Through April 3	<i>Anne Frank: A History for Today</i>
April 26-Sept. 18	<i>Toys in the 'Hood'</i>
Sept. 27-Dec. 4	<i>Between the States: Photographs of the American Civil War from George Eastman House</i>
Sept. 27-Dec. 4	<i>Letters from Home</i>
Dec. 9-Jan. 29	<i>Holiday Quilts from the Elmhurst Piecemakers</i>

Become a Member of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation

Did you know that membership in the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation offers many valuable benefits at both the Elmhurst Historical Museum and Churchville Schoolhouse? Join the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation to receive:

- Invitations to special events and programs
- Discounts in the Museum Gift Shop
- FREE Sunday Funday and select programs for family members
- Reduced fees for programs and events
- Membership in the nationwide Time Traveler program

Join today... go to www.elmhurtheritagefoundation.org.

City Vehicle Stickers – May 1 Deadline

Roadway maintenance and construction is funded in part by money collected through the annual sale of vehicle stickers. May 1 is the deadline to purchase and properly display your vehicle sticker by affixing it to the lower right corner of the windshield. A vehicle sticker is required on any vehicle registered or garaged within the Elmhurst corporate limits. Stickers are sold at a discount from Tuesday, March 1, through Friday, April 29. If you do not receive a renewal application in the mail, please print one from the City's website, www.elmhurst.org, pick one up at City Hall or call 630-530-3117/3118 to have one mailed.

To save time and avoid long lines, vehicle stickers may be mailed to the City or purchased online at www.elmhurst.org. From the City's home page, click on E-Services and scroll down to E-Pay. Your receipt(s) and sticker(s) will be mailed to you. Please notify the City if your license number changed when you obtained new Illinois license plates.



Stray and Feral Cats

Hundreds of unwanted or abandoned cats wander our neighborhood streets in search of food and shelter. Well-meaning residents may take pity on them and begin to feed them. Unfortunately, feeding stray cats without spaying or neutering them usually only compounds the problem, since one female may have up to three litters of kittens each year. Trapping and euthanizing stray cats is, at best, a costly and temporary fix.

The City of Elmhurst is one of many communities that endorses the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program as a humane and cost-effective way of reducing the population of stray cats. Communities that endorse TNR see dramatic declines in the number of cats and kittens at local shelters. Under TNR, both stray cats and feral cats (i.e., those born in the wild and unlikely to be tamed) are humanely trapped, vaccinated against rabies and other diseases, and neutered by veterinarians. While the cat is under anesthesia, the tip of its left ear is painlessly trimmed off. This "ear-tipping" is the universal sign of a feral cat that has been spayed or neutered. Kittens and tame cats are then available

for adoption. Healthy feral cats are returned to their familiar habitat to live out their lives. TNR breaks the otherwise endless cycle of over-population.

The City of Elmhurst endorses Feral Fixers, a DuPage County not-for-profit organization recognized for its dedication to TNR. Feral Fixers' resources can help reduce Elmhurst's homeless cat population. More information can be found at www.elmhurst.org.



Bike Task Force Annual Clean-Up of the Illinois Prairie Path

The Elmhurst Bike Task Force will again this year organize volunteers to clean up trash along the Illinois Prairie Path. The event will be held on Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Trash bags will be provided by the Elmhurst Park District. Volunteers will meet at the Old Train Depot at the Prairie Path and York Road. For more information and to sign up as individuals or groups, please contact Bob Hoel at BikeTaskForce@elmhurst.org.



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