

ELMHURST

The Front Porch

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September 2011

Elmhurst Welcomes New City Manager James Grabowski



Effective July 11, James Grabowski became Elmhurst's third city manager since the municipal system was adopted in 1953.

"Jim Grabowski is a wonderful choice for Elmhurst and he came out of a rigorous, national search with over 70 candidates," said Elmhurst Mayor Pete DiCianni. "Jim has great talent and skill in economic development, storm water, intergovernmental cooperation, but he also has the intangibles, such as insight and graciousness, and he is a people person. He was and is described as a 'nice guy' and that along with his professionalism is what makes him a fine choice for us."

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The mayor praised fellow members of the City Council for the many hours of research and interviews that went into the process of selecting a new city manager.

Grabowski is a credentialed city manager and formerly served as the Village Administrator of Minooka, Illinois. He holds a B.S. in Community and Regional Planning from Iowa State University and a Masters in Public Administration and City Management from Northern Illinois University. He and his wife, Kristin, are the parents of two children.

Former City Manager, Thomas Borchert, retired on June 10 after serving the Elmhurst community for 40 years, 27 of them as City Manager. Mr. Borchert and his wife, Joan, are looking forward to spending time with their four children and grandchildren. He will be missed by all those who worked with him over his long tenure with the city.

Elmhurst Municipal Property Tax Rate Compares Favorably to Area Communities

The city's 2010 property tax rate of \$0.4978 places Elmhurst close to the middle when compared to other city/village rates in DuPage County. However, it is important to consider that fire protection services in many other communities are provided by fire protection districts that levy their own property taxes. Fire protection services in Elmhurst are funded through the city budget.

When this fact is considered in the comparison, Elmhurst has the fourth lowest city property tax rate in the county, with only three communities, Glen Ellyn, Hinsdale and Oak Brook having a lower rate.

Elmhurst Remembers September 11, 2001

A special memorial service will be held on the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that took place on September 11, 2001. The service will be held at the "Elmhurst Remembers" memorial at Wild Meadows Trace on Spring Road at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 11. The event is co-sponsored by the City of Elmhurst, the Elmhurst Park District and the Elmhurst Remembers Committee.



Be Prepared with Smart 911

In an emergency situation, informed first responders are better equipped to quickly provide the most appropriate assistance. With Smart 911, firefighters responding to a house fire have the needed household details to ensure that all family members and pets are rescued. The new system provides paramedics responding

to a medical emergency with critical information, such as a hearing impairment, allergies, heart attack or stroke history, or dementia. When a child goes missing, an Amber Alert can be issued without delay if the police already have the child's photo.

Smart 911 is a new, free, county-wide program available in the Elmhurst community. The information provided by residents is protected and private. The only people who see it are the public safety personnel responding to an emergency 911 call. Your information is never sold or shared with third parties for promotional use.

To register for Smart 911, simply go to the Elmhurst website, www.elmhurst.org, and click on the Smart 911 link on the home page.

Residents who do not have a computer or access to an email address can still participate using a different program known as Premise Alert. Forms are available at City Hall (all counters) and the Police Department (front desk).

The important differences between the Premise Alert Program and Smart 911 are that with Premise Alert, you must come to City Hall or the Police Department in person and fill out the necessary information. Premise Alert only provides information, such as disabilities or special needs, for you or your family. This information is then sent to DuComm to be added to their database, and when there is a 911 call at your residence, first responders are given the information about disabilities or special needs that you provided via the Premise Alert Form.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day, October 29

The City will be participating in a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday October 29, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m in the parking lot of the Elmhurst Police Station. This program is designed to keep unused or expired prescription drugs from getting into our water system when people flush them down the toilet or pour them down drains, potentially creating a toxic cocktail of medicines that can be difficult to remove during the water purification process with the possible result of ending up in our tap water.



2010 Census Shows Population Increase



The U. S. Census conducted in 2010 showed that the Elmhurst population has increased by 1,359 residents since the previous census in 2000, from 42,762 to 44,121. This increase is important since some State of Illinois shared

revenues, such as motor fuel tax and income tax, are distributed on a per capita basis.

A population increase translates into increased revenue for the city, i.e. a bigger piece of the state pie. The population increase also makes it necessary for the city to adjust ward boundaries to even out populations in the seven wards. This adjustment is now in progress and must be completed before the next city election in 2013.

City Council Approves Water/ Sewer Rate Increase

Beginning with utility bills due in July 2011, Elmhurst utility customers noticed some changes to the rates for water and wastewater service. New rates took effect on July 1 and first appeared on the utility bills that were distributed starting in mid-July.

The impact of the combined water and sewer rate adjustments for an average four-person household is approximately \$9.12 per month, which includes a 10 percent increase in the cost of wholesale water from the DuPage Water Commission.

In addition to the rate increase, changes were made in the description of water rates on the utility bill: past utility bills identified the water rate as a "Quantity Charge." Current utility bills will separate the water rate into two categories to give customers more transparency of the costs that make up the rate. These categories and associated charges will be identified as the DuPage Water Comm Charge, which is the wholesale cost to the City of Elmhurst to purchase Lake Michigan water and the Elmhurst Charge, the cost to the City to operate, maintain and replace the entire water system. The existing description for wastewater service as a "Quantity Charge" and "Minimum Charges" for both water and wastewater service will remain the same.

The City has tried to delay and possibly avoid these rate increases by reducing and deferring expenditures. A rate increase, however, was necessary to maintain operations and system reliability. The City is committed to continuing to identify areas to cut or defer expenses without jeopardizing operations and reliability.

Residents are reminded that city utility bills can be paid by E-Z Pay (automatic checking account deductions), by mail, in person or by using the drop box in the City Hall parking lot.

Drive Now. Text Later. You Can't Do Both.



A motorist's risk of causing a serious or even deadly motor vehicle accident is greatly increased by distracted driving. The three main types of distractions are 1) manual, where the driver takes at least one hand off the steering wheel; 2) visual, where the driver takes his/her eyes off the road; and 3) cognitive, where the driver's mind is not focused on driving. Texting or using a cell phone while driving involves at least two and usually all three types of distractions. Distracted driving takes your mind off the road for approximately four to six seconds. At a speed of 55 miles per hour, that's like driving a distance of one or two football fields without having your eyes on the road.

On January 1, 2010, a new Illinois law went into effect making it illegal to send or read text messages while driving. In spite of the new law, cell phone distractions, including texting, were the primary or secondary cause of more than 1,100 crashes state-wide in 2010. An estimated 28 percent of all traffic accidents – about 1.6 million a year in the U.S. – are linked to texting or talking on cell phones while driving. In 2009, nearly 5,500 people died and nearly 500,000 were injured in crashes related to distracted driving.

A violation of this law is considered a primary offense, which means that police officers can pull motorists over for this offense, just as they can for seat belt violations. Drivers who need to send or receive a text message must put their vehicle in park or neutral if stopped in traffic or on the shoulder. Motorists are also prohibited from using cell phones in any manner in a school or construction zone, unless they are using a hands-free device. We can make our roads and highways safer by refraining from using cell phones while driving.

Protect Your Family from Fire

The Elmhurst Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Prevention Association during the week of October 9-15, 2011, to sponsor this year's Fire Prevention Week. The theme for the 2011 campaign is "Protect Your Family from Fire" and the focus will be on preventing home fires caused by cooking, heating equipment, candles and smoking materials. The campaign also urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and a home fire escape plan.

Take your family to the Fire Department's Open House, Sunday, October 2, for demonstrations and photo ops for kids in fire gear.

Activities during Elmhurst's Fire Prevention Week will include an open house and fire station tours on Sunday, October 2, from noon until 4 p.m. at Fire Station #2, located at 601 S. York Street, and educational, family-oriented activities, including the Fire Safety House, Kiwanis Kids Pics, and the Nicor booth. The Superior AirMed1 helicopter will land at approximately 3 p.m., weather permitting, and if there are no calls. There will also be photo ops with the children dressed in fire gear.

For safety tips, resources and information for families, teachers and organizations, visit the NFPA website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Safe Use of Portable Generators

Portable generators are useful during a power outage or when remote electric power is needed, but they can also be dangerous. The primary hazards to avoid when using a generator are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from the toxic engine exhaust, electric shock or electrocution, fire and burns.

Generators can produce high levels of carbon monoxide within minutes if used in a confined space. CO cannot be seen or smelled, and even if you do not smell exhaust fumes, you may still be exposed to CO.

Do not operate the generator indoors or near openings to any building that can be occupied.



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Generators pose a risk of shock and electrocution, especially if they are operated in wet conditions. If you must use a generator when it is wet outside, protect the generator from moisture by operating it under an open, canopy-like structure on a dry surface where water cannot reach it, or puddle or drain underneath it.

Make sure to use heavy-duty extension cords that are specifically designed for outdoor use when connecting appliances to generators. Use extension cords that are long enough to allow the generator to be placed outdoors and far away from windows, doors and vents to the home.

"Learn Not to Burn" Poster Contest



City officials and staff would like to commend the fourth grade students who participated in the "Learn Not to Burn" poster contest. This important public safety program, taught by the Elmhurst Fire Department, instructs elementary school-age youngsters about fire safety and provides them with the knowledge and skills they need to react appropriately in a fire situation, including how to dial 911; crawl low in smoke; and stop, drop, cover and roll.

Congratulations to Colin from Field School who created this year's first place poster; Brooke from Lincoln School for the second place entry; Mary from Immaculate Conception School who took third place honors and all the other participants. Entries can be viewed on the city's website, www.elmhurst.org. From the home page open the Fire Department page on the drop-down menu of departments, click on "Public Education" and "Learn Not to Burn Contest Winners."

Attention: Parents of Teen Drivers

Did you know that 20 percent of all new teenage drivers are involved in a crash within their first year as licensed drivers? Statistics also confirm the tragic deaths of nearly 6,000 teens in traffic accidents each year, along with more than 325,000 serious injuries. The variables at play in these tragedies include impaired driving, inexperience, risk-taking behavior, speed, distractions, road rage, failure to use seat belts and driving with other teens in the vehicle.

The Elmhurst Police Department offers a special program called "Alive at 25" to teach young drivers to make good driving decisions that will help keep them alive to celebrate their 25th birthdays. The class is open to all teenagers who attend local public and private schools, or who live in Elmhurst. For more information or to sign up your teenage son or daughter for "Alive at 25," please call the Elmhurst Police Department at (630) 530-3050.

School Traffic Plans

Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with and follow the established pick-up and drop-off plan at their children's schools. This information is generally provided to parents at the beginning of each new school year to make these busy times of day as convenient and safe as possible. It is particularly important to always keep school fire lanes open for use in an emergency situation.

Mayor's Message



With our new City Manager James Grabowski now on board, we will continue to move ahead with several important initiatives. Many of them will be familiar, while others are still quite new and not fully reviewed at the time of this writing.

The City Budget for 2012-2013

The budgeting process for a complex city like Elmhurst requires a long period of time for staff to craft it, the City Manager to review and recommend it, and the City Council to assess and approve it. That process will start very soon. We look forward to an improving financial environment that can lead to a budget that is balanced, provides expected services and prepares for the future.

Comprehensive Flood Task Force

As part of the budgeting process, the recommendations of two consulting firms with which the City has contracted, as well as input from members of the Flood Task Force, will be included in the budgeting plans. It is anticipated that these initiatives will make up portions of several annual City budgets years into the future as we work together to solve these flooding problems. Our ongoing discussions with ComEd regarding the power outages experienced in Elmhurst are a part of this overall effort, as well.

Economic Development

City sales tax revenues, while rebounding somewhat, still lag from past years as we continue to emerge from the recession. We are not alone in this and many municipal mayors have expressed their concern about having adequate revenue to provide traditional municipal services.

In Elmhurst, our retail and industrial vacancy rates remain quite constant and near their historical levels. We have suffered certainly, but conditions are improving. Ongoing efforts within the retail and manufacturing areas are always active and often successful, such as the new shopping area under construction at St. Charles Road and Scott Street near Route 83.

The City's economic development efforts continue with our three existing Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIFs) within City Centre, on Lake Street and at Elmhurst Crossing, which have performed well. The Economic Development Commission, an appointed group of twelve individuals from the broader business sector, recently furnished their recommendations for additional TIFs in Elmhurst. Areas currently recommended for further study are North York Street, York and Vallette, and Riverside Drive. The review process is anticipated to take several months.

New TIFs are only one consideration within this vital area. Public-private partnerships will also be important as they have been in the past as we strive to stabilize and increase our revenue sources.

I hope that the summer months provided some opportunities for each of you to enjoy your families, your personal pasttimes and some time to relax. As the fall begins, be assured that your Mayor and City Council will continue to be engaged and proactive in the pursuit of achievements and accomplishments for Elmhurst. We look forward with great confidence.

Peter P. DiCianni, Mayor

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Community Calendar

September — November 2011

ONGOING

September 6-September 23

Hispanic Heritage Exhibition

Raul Maldonado: Drawings. Inspired by cartoons from childhood in Guanajuato, Mexico, Maldonado creates Prismacolor drawings out of poster boards fit together. Reception for the artist on Tues., Sept. 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; his talk at 5 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-midnight;
Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight
Sunday, noon-midnight. FREE
Info: 630-617-3485

September 16-December 30

Matt Woodward: The Tremendous Alone

Woodward's massive graphite works on paper are infused with a personal history that is mysteriously and hauntingly executed through an intense reductive representation of architectural details.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Glenn Wexler: Stillness in Motion

The focus of Wexler's works is the urban setting and many components that form it. Featuring images of architectural structures, signs, lighting, people, plant life, etc., installed in light-box sculptures.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Firat Erdim: The Arbor

Erdim's most recent series systematically takes apart standard wood posts through cutting and splitting to rebuild them as constructions that act as a commentary on states of arrangement and deterioration.

Elmhurst Art Museum

September 16-December 30

Collection Highlights: New Acquisitions

New Curator Aaron Ott highlights recent acquisitions to the collection that feature a variety of visual and critical thinking that defines a portion of the current contemporary art culture in America.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Through September 18

Toys in the 'Hood

Last chance to experience the playful world of Chicago's own toy invention story. See artifacts and prototypes of classic toys and games including Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys, Operation, Radio Flyer Wagons and more. View multi-media displays and discover how inventors turn their ideas into toys. Try out a selection of toys at hands-on stations in the 2nd floor gallery. All ages. Exhibit supported by Classic Cinemas, ColorGrafx and My Favorite Toy Store.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m. FREE

September 27-November 3

Joel Sheesley: "Trekking Stubborn"

Sheesley's elegant large-scale paintings offer the possibility of transcendence through a meditation on the commonplace. His work demonstrates the chance discovery of meaning in everyday life. Reception for the artist on Wed., Oct. 26, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; his talk at 5:00 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-midnight;
Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight
Sunday, noon-midnight
FREE.
Info: 630-617-3390

September 27 - December 11

Between the States: Photographs from the American Civil War

Experience the Civil War through the lenses of early American photographers in this traveling exhibition from the collections of the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography. This poignant exhibit commemorates the 150th anniversary of "Mr. Lincoln's War" through a selection of facsimile photographs depicting historical Civil War sites and circumstances by well-known photographers, including George Barnard, Mathew Brady, and Alexander Gardner and more. "Between the States" and its tour are organized by George Eastman House.

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

Letters from Home

The Civil War's local impact comes vividly to life through original artwork created by the Elmhurst Artists' Guild and inspired by Elmhurst Historical Museum's collection of Civil War era letters from area resident Frederick Fischer and his family. These artistic interpretations offer an intimate depiction of the ordeals experienced by soldiers at war and their families on the homefront. Sponsored by Dr. David Pezen Dermatology and supported by the Elmhurst Artists' Guild, Elmhurst College and Green Man Theatre Troupe.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m. FREE

October 4-December 31

Jewelry of the American Civil War Era

Special exhibit featuring authentic early to mid-Victorian (1837 to 1885) jewelry including memento mori, grand tour and fashionable gem styles from the Smithsonian Museum of American History and private collectors.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
Regular museum hours

SEPTEMBER

Friday-9

The Kelly Miller Circus

The Elmhurst District 205 Foundation, with major sponsorship from the Elmhurst Jaycees and supporting sponsorship from M&M Orthopedics, Ltd.

Sandburg School, 345 E. St. Charles Rd.
Show times: 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Advanced ticket prices: Adults \$14
Children 2-11 \$8
Ringside box seats \$23. Discounted rates for 12 children or more available.
For more Info: visit www.elmhurst205.org/foundation or call 630-617-2328

Saturday-10

Touch a Truck

Everyone can touch, feel and climb through a variety of trucks and vehicles, including a fire truck, rescue truck, backhoe, dump truck, cement truck, bus, Jewel truck and more! Bring the entire family and your cameras.

Berens Park parking lot, east lot (off Walnut Street), 10 a.m. - 12 noon
All ages-parent must attend
Fee: \$1 donation per person day of event

Kite Flight & Design

The sky's the limit as participants build and design their own operational kite. A kit, supplies and instruction will be provided for participants. Completed kites will be flown in Berens Park with assistance from Park District staff.

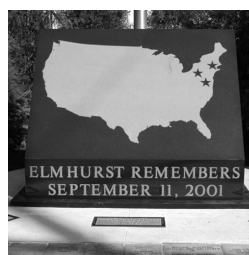
Berens Park Pavilion B, 12 noon-1:30 p.m.
Fee: \$10 resident. \$12/non-resident

Sunday-11

Elmhurst Remembers – 10 Years After

Come join the Elmhurst community in a tribute and rededication of our city's memorial to 9/11, built in 2003. A major goal of the afternoon will be to retell the story of that day. Event will include readings by Elmhurst residents, as well as remarks from elected representatives.

Wild Meadows Trace - Spring Road
& the Illinois Prairie Path, 1 p.m. FREE



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SEPTEMBER

Sunday-11

Sunday Funday: Personalized Note Cards

In an age of instant communication, note writing takes on greater meaning. Participants will create personally decorated note cards to send to someone special. No reservation required. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 2-3 p.m.

Members: FREE Non-Members: \$2

Monday-12

Cesar Chavez Guestship

Gary Chico, chairman of the Illinois State Board of Education, will give the Chavez Lecture as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

4 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

Thursday-15

Rudolf G. Schade Lecture

Democracy Forum: Michael Eric Dyson. The Reverend Dyson, ordained Baptist minister, radio host and professor of sociology at Georgetown University, will speak on "Dr. King for the 21st Century."

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

7 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

Tea Time Talk: Louisa May Alcott

Before she rose to international celebrity with the publication of *Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott published her first successful work, *Hospital Sketches*, an engaging account of her turn as a nurse for wounded soldiers during the winter of 1862-63. Historian and actress Leslie Goddard portrays Alcott's characteristic humor and pathos and reveals much about women's lives during the American Civil War.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1 p.m. FREE

Saturday-17

Spring Road Day

Fun for kids of all ages: pony ride, petting zoo, Moon Jump, live music, balloon art, visits by Elmhurst Fire & Police Departments, food and fun.

Spring Road at the Prairie Path

11am - 3pm

Monday-19

Elmhurst Choral Union Auditions

Love to sing? Challenge your vocal and musical skills while performing with a professional orchestra and soloists. Membership is open to high school age and up who have previous choral experience or can read music. To learn more and set up an audition appointment, contact ECU at www.elmhurstchoralunion.org or call 630-758-1100.

Thursday-22

Rudolf Schade Lecture

Jeffrey Toobin, lawyer, author and legal analyst for CNN and *The New Yorker*, discusses "The Supreme Court: Inside a Secret World." His talk is part of the College's focus on democracy and civic engagement.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

7 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

Saturday-24

Smithsonian Museum Day

Features a Victorian era brooch from the Smithsonian Hall of Gems. Stone hunt for children and adults.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Free admission for Museum Day ticket holders available online at smithsonianmag.com/museumday.

Fishing Derby

Registered kids, up to age 14 with supervising adult, can fish for prizes. Food and beverages available to purchase. Bring your own fishing pole.

Eldridge Park Lagoon, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cost: \$8 resident/\$10 non-resident

Sunday - 25

Churchville Schoolhouse Open House

The doors of the Churchville Schoolhouse will be open for an afternoon of music and history as part of Elmhurst's ongoing commemoration of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Listen to musical entertainment of the era by students from Conrad Fischer School and Dean Milano, and hear about Civil War veterans who lived in the area and are buried nearby. Complimentary refreshments. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation.

Churchville Schoolhouse, 3N784 Church Road, Bensenville

1-4 p.m. FREE

Friday-30

Democracy Forum

Pulitzer Prize-winner, bestselling author and executive editor at Random House Jon Meacham will present the second annual Niebuhr Forum on Religion in Public Life.

Elmhurst College Chapel, 7 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

OCTOBER

Saturday-1

Fall into Fun

Color, paint and piece together small crafts. Includes fall snacks and punch, along with a game of miniature golf. For additional fun, bring your own pumpkin to paint.

The Hub at Berens Park

10:30 a.m.- 12 noon, Ages 5-10

Fee: \$13 resident. \$15 non-resident

Tuesday-4

Grades 2 and 3 Book Discussion: Martin Bridge Ready for Takeoff! by Jessica Scott Kerrin

Read this book and join other kids to talk about the story and participate in fun activities. Meet Martin Bridge, a boy whose plans for a brilliant rocket, a substitute bus driver and a very old hamster go terribly wrong in this lively trio of stories. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card and pick up a copy of the book starting Saturday, September 17.

Elmhurst Public Library, Storytime Room

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

Thursday-6

Niebuhr Forum: Jon Meacham

Jon Meacham, executive editor and vice president at Random House and Pulitzer Prize winner, will present "The Content of our Character: Race, Politics, Religion and Culture and How Traditions Unite and Divide Us." Meacham is the former editor of *Newsweek* and a commentator on politics, history and religion in America.

Elmhurst College

Hammerschmidt Chapel, 7 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

Quest Lecture Series/ Science Talk

Dr. Paul Anastas, assistant administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and science advisor to the agency, will present "Designing Tomorrow."

Elmhurst College

Hammerschmidt Chapel, 7 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

Saturday-8

12 Years of Safe Trick-or-Treating

Join in celebrating a safe Halloween with trick-or-treating in the Safety Town Village. Additional activities include pony rides, petting farm and moon jump. This event is in cooperation with the York & Vallette Business Association and the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce.

Safety Town at the Depot

511 S. York Road

10-a.m.-2 p.m. All ages with parent

Firat Erdim: Build a Tall Wooden Sculpture

Use a box, wood pieces, glue and your imagination to create a sculpture like that of artist Firat Erdim. Adults free with admission. Free admission for kids. \$5 materials charge. Elmhurst Art Museum, 10-11 a.m.

Sunday - 9

Sunday Funday: Decorative Picture Frames

Preserve a favorite moment in history in a customized 4"x 6" picture frame decorated with beads, glitter, stickers and more. Makes a perfect gift! No reservation required. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

Members: FREE, Non-Members: \$2

Wednesday-12

William R. Johnson Guestship Lecture

This lecture will be presented by Michael Schiavi, associate professor of English at the New York Institute of Technology and author of "Celluloid Activist: The Life and Times of Vito Russo."

Elmhurst College Frick Center

4 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

Saturday-15

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

The ESO begins its 51st season, "Towards the Future," with "Rich Ridenour Returns: Music From the Stage and Screen." Ridenour, beloved by audiences for his artistry at the piano and the wit he brings to his performances, returns for an evening of beautiful music and fun, playing hits from the stage and screen. Stanger Audition winner Kiyoshi Hayashi, an outstanding young violinist, plays music by Wieniawski. Rossini's overture from "The Barber of Seville" opens the program.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

155 W. Brush Hill Road

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

Group and family rates available

Thursday-20

Quest Lecture Series

Democracy Forum: Naomi Wolf

Author and political consultant Naomi Wolf has written seven books, including the New York Times bestsellers: *The Beauty Myth*, *The End of America* and *Give Me Liberty*. Her talk is entitled "Citizen Empowerment 101."

Elmhurst College

Hammerschmidt Chapel, 7 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

Tea Time Talk: History through Storytelling with Jim May

Jim May is an authentic American storyteller who speaks in the natural, matter-of-fact style of the small town raconteurs who have passed down their stories for generations. An Emmy award-winning performer, May's witty and heartwarming storytelling style has captivated television, radio, school and festival audiences across the country.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

1 p.m. FREE

Friday/Saturday-21/22

World Music Festival Concert

Program blends Indian, U.S. and Afro-Caribbean musical traditions. Guest artists include Eguie Castrillo, Victor Mendoza, Jeff Queen, Ray Vega, Jason Koontz, Sid Nivas and Arjun Chandy with the Elmhurst College Philharmonic Orchestra, Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble "Late Night Blues."

7:30 p.m. Friday, Buik Recital Hall

7:30 p.m. Saturday

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel

Tickets: 630-617-3515



Saturday-22

Midnight Masquerade VII- Black and Orange Ball

Seventh annual dinner dance fundraiser Midnight Masquerade, hosted by The District 205 Foundation, supports education in Elmhurst, including Thiems Grants that impact the classroom and Study Skills Academies for students. Dinner, live music, dancing, cash bar, and bidding on a variety of items with online, silent and live auctions. Semi-formal dress, with a touch of black and orange or costumes equally encouraged.

River Forest Country Club

154W468 Grand Avenue

7 p.m. to midnight

Tickets: \$70, \$80 after Oct. 1

Info: 630-617-2328

www.elmhurst205.org/foundation

Community Conversations Sponsored by the Senior Citizens Commission

Join us for an informative presentation entitled "You and Elder Law." Sit back and relax as you learn about long-term planning from Rick Niksic, who is a specialist in Elder Law. When your family is facing the rigors of long-term illness, you don't have to be alone. Rick will share his expertise on estate protection, Medicaid crisis solutions, long-term care planning and veteran's benefits.

Elmhurst City Hall

209 North York Road, 10 a.m.

Reservations required: 630-306-7077

Sunday-23

Elmhurst College Fall Band Concert

The Elmhurst College Wind Ensemble, directed by Judy Grimes, and the Symphonic Band, directed by Ross Kellan. Talented musicians from campus, as well as adults from the community.

Elmhurst College

Hammerschmidt Chapel

3 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3515

Saturday-29

Boo-tiful Saturday

Kids come dressed in your Halloween costumes to enjoy a magic show and watch a movie at the York Theatre, then trick-or-treat at downtown City Centre businesses. York Theatre doors open at 9 a.m. and trick-or-treating takes place from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Elmhurst City Centre. FREE

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NOVEMBER

Tuesday-1

Grades 2 and 3 Book Discussion:

PeeWee's Tale by Johanna Hurwitz

Read the book and meet with other kids to discuss the story and take part in entertaining activities. PeeWee is not your average guinea pig. He learns to read from the newspapers that line his cage. But soon PeeWee finds himself lost in the wilds of New York City's Central Park. How will he survive? Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card and pick up a copy of the book starting Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Elmhurst Public Library, Storytime Room

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

Thursday-3

Jazz Lab Band "Blue"

Come hear some great jazz tunes – old and new.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

253 Walter Street, 7:30 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3515

Friday-4

Jazz Band and "Late Night Blues"

Hear the Elmhurst College Jazz Band, under the direction of Doug Beach and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble's "Late Night Blues," under the direction of Susan Moninger, perform some of their favorite jazz tunes.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

253 Walter Street, 7:30 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3515

Monday-7

Annual Veterans Tribute Concert

In honor of our veterans, the Elmhurst College Wind Ensemble, directed by Judy Grimes, will present its annual tribute concert.

Elmhurst American Legion Hall

Butterfield and Spring Roads

7:30 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3515

Friday-11

Wilder Mansion Holiday Market

Presented by Harris Bank, this market features one-of-a-kind arts, crafts and seasonal gifts. This is a benefit for United Community Concerns Association. Ticket price of \$20 includes glass of wine and appetizers. Please contact roz@rglmarketingforhearts.com to reserve tickets.

Wilder Mansion

Friday 4-9 p.m. \$20 (Benefit)

Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE

November

Saturday-12

Glenn Wexler: Create Your Own Lightbox Sculpture

View dramatic and visually stunning works by Glenn Wexler. Make a light box using supplies available at the workshop. Adults free with admission/kids free admission.

Elmhurst Art Museum
10-11 a.m. Cost: \$5 for materials

Sunday-13

Chamber Ensembles Concert

Enjoy music performed by Elmhurst College string, brass and woodwind ensembles and spend your Sunday evening with us.

Elmhurst College Buik Recital Hall
7:30 p.m. FREE
Info: 630-617-3515

Fall Choral Concert

The Elmhurst College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Susan Moninger and the Women's Chorus, under the direction of Donna Tallman, perform the choral repertoire they've worked on during their fall semester.

Elmhurst College
Hammerschmidt Chapel
2 p.m. FREE
Info: 630-617-3515

Sunday Funday: Thanksgiving Wreaths

Bring the beauty of fall colors to your front door by making a seasonal Thanksgiving wreath to welcome friends and relatives. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

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

Thursday-17

Tea Time Talk: Reflecting Our Lives, Recording History

Chicago Tribune photographer Scott Strazzante explores the importance of photography as a medium to record history and talks about his role as "the eyes of Chicago" on the city's streets. Strazzante has worked as a general assignment photographer at the *Tribune* since 2001 and is a seven-time Illinois Photographer of the Year and two-time Southern Photographer of the Year.

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

Thursday-Sunday-17-20

Theatre: The Lower Depths

Originally performed in December 1902 at the Moscow Art Theatre, this play was an instant success. Considered to be Maxim Gorky's best play, it is the first staged work about the lower class written from a sympathetic point of view.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre
253 Walter Street
Thursday-Saturday 8 p.m.
Sunday 2 p.m.
Tickets: 630-617-3005

Friday-18

Holiday Tree Lighting

Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and more while local area children sing holiday tunes.

Spring Road at the Prairie Path
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday-19

Lapidary Activity Day

Learn how gemstone jewelry is made and the types of lapidary art with members of the West Suburban Lapidary Club. See demonstrations of cabochon cutting, silversmithing, wirewrapping, beading and carving. Participate in activities and free jewelry cleaning. A great way to find out more about lapidary art and learn a new hobby!

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE

Saturday/Sunday-19-20

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

The ESO presents "A Planetary Excursion" featuring *The Planets*, Gustav Holst's work of incredible power and color. John Williams' *Star Wars Suite* features the ESO side-by-side with young musicians from Glenbard East High School to bring to life Darth Vader, Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and others. The Elmhurst College Women's Choir also performs.

November 19-7:30 p.m.
Biester Auditorium, Glenbard East High School, 1014 S. Main St., Lombard
November 20-3 p.m.
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
155 W. Brush Hill Rd.
Adults \$31. Students \$7
Group and family rates available

Friday-25

Gingerbread House Workshop



Looking for something different to do the day after Thanksgiving that doesn't involve shopping? Round up the family and start a new holiday tradition by decorating a festive Gingerbread

House. One small house plus decorations and supplies will be provided. Reservations required. Call 630-833-1457 to reserve a place.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center, 10 a.m or 1 p.m.
Members: \$20
Non-Members: \$25 per project

City Tree Lighting

Kick off the magic of the season with this City holiday tradition. Enjoy caroling, holiday cheer, the lighting of the City tree and a visit from Santa Claus.

Elmhurst City Centre Police Plaza
First St. & Commerce Parkway
5:30-7 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.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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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.

Senior Chore Days – Volunteers Needed

Each year before winter arrives, some of Elmhurst's senior residents living on a limited income need a helping hand with storm windows and/or yard work. Senior Chore Days, sponsored by the DuPage Senior Citizens Council, will be held on the first three weekends in November. Potential volunteers and qualified seniors who need help with these chores are encouraged to call the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at (630) 620-9794.

Labor Day Reminders

City Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 5. The City Council meeting normally scheduled for that evening will be held the following evening. Refuse pickup will be delayed by one day for all residents.

Trick or Treating in Elmhurst

Official hours for trick-or-treating in Elmhurst will be between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Halloween – Monday, October 31. Parents are encouraged to accompany young children and teach older kids to approach only well-lit homes, avoid entering a home to receive a treat, stay away from dark or deserted-looking areas, cross only at intersections and watch for approaching cars.



Treats should be carefully inspected at home and fruit should be washed and cut into pieces. Motorists are reminded to be mindful of the presence of children in our neighborhoods during the afternoon and evening hours on Halloween. Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Street Flooding

During the autumn months, inlets can be easily clogged with leaves and other debris, causing street flooding. You can help prevent this problem by raking leaves and other debris away from the storm drain inlets in your neighborhood.

Free Leaf Pick-Up at the Curb

Leaves will be picked up without charge on your regular collection day: November 2, 3 or 4 and November 30, and December 1 or 2. Residents who wish to participate are asked to place leaves on the parkway only in clearly marked garbage cans, cardboard boxes or Kraft paper bags. Leaves may not be raked into the street or mixed with other types of yard waste. Garbage cans and containers other than Kraft bags will be left on the parkway after the pick-up.



Please note that in order to save the cost of printing and mailing and in the interest of being green and using less paper, the city will not be mailing out brochures regarding this pick-up as in the past.



Honoring Area Veterans

A special ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Veterans' Day, Friday, November 11. Elmhurst residents and visitors are invited to join city officials and members of local veterans' organizations at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park to honor current and past members of our nation's armed forces.

E Z Payment for City Utility Bills

By filling out a simple online form, residents can have city utility bills automatically deducted from a checking account on the due date. A billing statement will still be sent to inform the customer of the amount that will be deducted. From the city's website, www.elmhurst.org, click on "Departments," and follow the drop-down menus to "Finance," "Utility Billing" and finally to "Payment Options." Vehicle stickers can also be purchased online and payments can be made for parking tickets.

Police Explorer Open House, Sept. 12

The Elmhurst Police Department will hold an Open House on Monday, September 12, at 7 p.m., at the Elmhurst Police Station to welcome new members to the Police Explorer Program. This youth-based program is open to young men and women between the ages of 14 and 22, who want to learn about careers in law enforcement and criminal justice, and experience firsthand many aspects of law enforcement work.

Explorers work closely with Elmhurst police officers, participating in ride-alongs, explorer competitions, traffic stop training, K-9 demos, community service and physical fitness activities. The program emphasizes youth leadership and responsibility, character development and good citizenship. Participants develop confidence and professionalism that will benefit them in future endeavors. For more information, please visit www.ElmhurstPoliceExplorers.com.

City Working to Become More Bicycle-Friendly

Elmhurst received an honorable mention from the League of American Bicyclists for its work toward creating a more bicycle-friendly city. Although the award fell short of the city's ultimate goal of being designated as a Bicycle-Friendly Community, cycling enthusiasts in Elmhurst are determined to continue working toward that goal.



An Important Parking Reminder

The Elmhurst Police Department reminds motorists to park within a foot of the curb, especially in areas where parking is allowed on both sides of the street. This requirement is particularly important in an emergency situation when a fire truck must be able to pass safely between the parked cars. Additionally, parking is not allowed within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, within 20 feet of an intersection or across sidewalks.

Are Your Alarms and Fire Extinguishers Still on the Job?

Smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers should be part of the safety equipment in every household, but they can only protect your family and home if they are operational when you need them. The average life span and replacement recommendations vary according to type, age and manufacturer, but the following information can be used as a general guideline.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes without smoke detectors or without working detectors. Approximately one-third of smoke alarms in the U.S. are past their recommended life span. The National Fire Protection Association recommends that residential fire alarms be replaced according to manufacturer's instructions or after ten years (the average life span of newer models).

After ten years, alarms accumulate significant levels of dust, dirt and air-borne impurities that can affect the sensors. Replacing smoke alarms every ten years also allows you to upgrade to current models with a variety of new options and improvements. Write the purchase or replacement date with a marker on the inside of the alarm. Batteries should be replaced every year.

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Carbon Monoxide detectors should be replaced at least every five years, unless the manufacturer specifies a shorter or longer life span. Some have an average life span of only two years, while others last as long as 10.

It is important to be aware that the test button on a CO alarm only tests the battery and circuitry – not the sensor. Testing at least once

a month is important, especially during heating season when doors and windows are normally closed. Batteries should be replaced and the unit should be cleaned with a vacuum annually. The sensor component of the detector should be replaced every two years. Most units sound an alarm when the sensor needs to be replaced.

Fire extinguishers should be replaced according to manufacturer recommendations, generally between three and twelve years, depending on the manufacturer and model. An annual visual inspection should include the following steps:

- Check to ensure that the pull pin is firmly in place
- Check the pressure gauge to make sure the needle is firmly planted in the green
- Check the nozzle to make sure it is free of debris and insects
- Visually inspect the extinguisher for dents, leakage and corrosion
- Make sure the unit is within the manufacturer's recommended life span. The life span is usually printed somewhere on the label and the year of manufacture on the bottom of the cylinder.

If your extinguisher fails even one of these steps, it should be replaced.

Proper disposal of smoke alarms, CO detectors and fire extinguishers is important. Smoke alarm batteries and plastic covers can be recycled, and the unit can then be sent back to the manufacturer via surface mail or UPS Ground.

Carbon monoxide detectors can be disposed of with normal trash once the batteries have been removed. Dispose of batteries with other hazardous waste. For fire extinguishers, follow instructions on the unit, or contact the manufacturer for information on proper disposal.



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

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Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

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

Issue 3

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

Elmhurst Historical Museum portrays a house divided through two new exhibits

In 2011, citizens of the United States marked the 150th anniversary of the commencement of the Civil War, a conflict that nearly destroyed the country in its infancy.

Here in Elmhurst, residents have attended a number of lectures, book discussions, films and programs, to try and gain more understanding into the events and differences that pitted countrymen against each other.

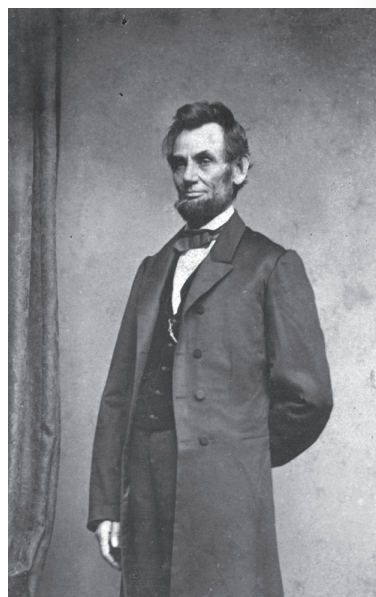
As part of this continuing exploration of Civil War history, and to bring the year of remembrance to a fitting close, the Elmhurst Historical Museum is proud to present two tandem exhibits with a common theme: communication during the Civil War. One exhibit transports visitors to the 1860s through the photographer's lens; the other interprets an intimate collection of letters from a local family through the perspectives of Elmhurst artists.

Both exhibits will be on display from September 27 through December 11 at the Elmhurst Historical Museum. Following is a brief summary of these two different yet related exhibits:

Between the States: Photographs of the American Civil War from George Eastman House

The George Eastman House International Museum of Photograph and Film in Rochester, New York, is known throughout the world for its vast collection, which includes more than 400,000 photographs and negatives dating from the invention of photography to the present day.

"Between the States" is a traveling exhibition commemorating Mr. Lincoln's War through a selection of facsimile photographs of historical Civil War sites and circumstances. The exhibit features rare photos by some of America's earliest photographers including George Barnard, Mathew Brady and Alexander Gardner.



"My greatest aim has been to advance the art of photography and to make it what I think I have, a great and truthful medium of history."

— Mathew B. Brady

E. & H.T. Anthony & Co. ABRAHAM LINCOLN from Brady's National Portrait Gallery, January 8, 1864. Collection of George Eastman House.

Letters from Home

The importance of letter writing in history comes home as visitors experience the Civil War from a local perspective through original artwork created by the Elmhurst Artists' Guild and inspired by the Elmhurst Historical Museum's collection of Civil War era letters. These letters – from area resident and Civil War veteran Frederick Fischer and his family members – are on exhibition for the first time, and offer a vivid and intimate depiction of the ordeals experienced by soldiers in battle and their families on the homefront.

Recorded excerpts from the letters will be heard in the gallery with details of skirmishes with confederate soldiers, the drudgery of daily duties, and even the sad news of a sibling's death in the line of duty. This exhibit is sponsored by David Pezen, MD, Board Certified Dermatologist.

The Elmhurst Historical Museum invites all Elmhurst residents to experience the Civil War through these two poignant exhibits. The museum's hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., and admission is free. For more information, go to www.elmhursthistory.org.

Save the Date: Churchville Schoolhouse Open House, Sept. 25

Everyone is invited to the historic Churchville Schoolhouse, located on Church Road just north of Grand Avenue, on Sunday, September 25, from 1 to 4 p.m., for an afternoon filled with history, music and much more. This National Register of Historic Places site will be open to the public throughout the afternoon for a Civil War-era history experience. For more information, go to www.elmhursthistory.org or call 630-833-1457.

Rain barrels Available at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Residents can save money and use water from a downspout to water their gardens and flower beds by using a recycled rain barrel, available through the city. The barrels are sold at a discounted cost of \$90 each. The black 55-gallon recycled barrel is 48 inches high and 24 inches in diameter, and comes with a screen cover and two connection spigots fitted at the top and bottom. For more information, or to purchase a rain barrel, contact the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 630-530-3779.



www.elmhurst.org

Explore Elmhurst Regularly

The city's website, www.elmhurst.org, is constantly updated, improved and expanded to provide the most complete and up-to-date information available about city services, events, meetings and resources. Check back regularly to learn more about your Elmhurst community.



The Front Porch

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Why U Should Shop Local? Got It!



The City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry have teamed up to encourage all residents and businesspeople to Shop Elmhurst First through the Got It! informational campaign.

Got It! debuted communitywide on a special foldout cover for the 2011-12 Elmhurst Community Directory. Some 19,000 Elmhurst residences and businesses received the Directory via the mail in September.

Even in these challenging economic times, retail sales across Elmhurst (including purchases of food and beverages) still generate more than 25% of the City's tax revenue vital to municipal services such as law enforcement, fire protection and street maintenance.

A typical household generates \$28 per month on "everyday" purchases. If all 16,000 households in Elmhurst bought local, nearly \$5.4 million in retail sales taxes would remain at home.

Equally significant, 68 cents of each \$1 spent at locally-owned independent stores stays in Elmhurst in taxes, payroll and more.

To learn more about Got It!, visit ExploreElmhurst.com.

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