



# The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

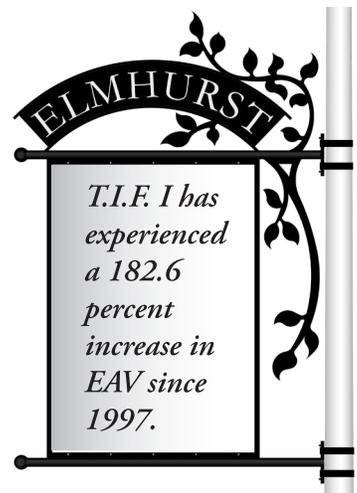
November 2011

## City Considers Economic Development Tools

The City of Elmhurst has traditionally been proactive in identifying areas within the community that would benefit from the use of various economic development strategies, including the use of Tax Increment Financing (T.I.F.) Districts. The goal of economic development is to stimulate private investment by addressing adverse conditions, including obsolete or dilapidated buildings, lack of past community planning, building code violations, excessive vacancies and inadequate utilities. The creation of a T.I.F. District allows the City to capture, for a designated time, the increased tax revenues that result from stimulating private investment in the area. These funds are then used for specific public purposes in that designated TIF area, as permitted by law, including property acquisition, relocation, renovation, demolition, site preparation and professional services. Benefits to the community as a whole include job creation, improved traffic flow and parking, shopping and recreational opportunities, improved public infrastructure, and a stronger and more diversified City tax base as a result of bolstering non-residential property taxes.

There are currently three T.I.F. Districts in Elmhurst that have resulted in the collection of over \$37 million in total cumulative property tax increment and \$5.5 million in sales tax increment. Since 1997, increases in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) in the three districts have been dramatic, especially when compared to an increase of only 58.4 percent in commercial/industrial areas in the City and 131.4 percent in the City as a whole.

T.I.F. I was established in 1986 in the Central Business District, an area that had experienced EAV decreases during some time periods. The T.I.F. increment funds collected were used to provide additional parking, improve and beautify streetscape, upgrade utilities, acquire property, provide façade enhancement grants to business owners, and encourage economic growth through retail business grants. This area has experienced a 182.6 percent increase in EAV since 1997.



T.I.F. II was created in 1993 in the Lake Street area of north Elmhurst. T.I.F. funds were used here to improve infrastructure, including street lighting and roadways. Investment in this district has resulted in a 191.8 percent increase in EAV with the construction of new businesses, including a hotel, a car dealership and a bank.

T.I.F. III was established in 1996 in the area of Illinois Route 83 and St. Charles Road. T.I.F. funds were used to rehabilitate and renovate the existing shopping center, acquire and demolish certain buildings, build new retail facilities, redevelop the City's Public Works facility and provide appropriate public improvements. T.I.F. III experienced a 164 percent increase in EAV between 1997 and 2010.

The City of Elmhurst is currently considering whether public and private goals could be achieved in other areas from the use of economic development and financing tools, including but not limited to Tax Increment Financing. To assist in this study, the City retained the services of Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc. (KMA) to determine whether the use of such tools would likely result in beneficial redevelopment

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## Holiday Tree Lighting, November 25



Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for Peace and Joy in the New Year from the Elmhurst City Council and Staff!

Mayor DiCianni will kick off the season on Friday, November 25, at the Annual City Centre Holiday Tree Lighting on the plaza adjacent to the Elmhurst Police Department. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with caroling and holiday music. Bring the family for an evening of holiday fun, including Santa's arrival at 6:15 p.m.

## City Considers Economic Development Tools *continued from page 1*

in several potential study areas. Following an extensive review of the study areas, KMA recommended that three areas have the potential to benefit from economic development and warrant further study.

The first area under consideration is North York Street, including the area contiguous to T.I.F. I in the Central Business District and the portion north of the I-290 right-of-way. Conditions that potentially qualify this area for T.I.F. designation or other economic development tools include deterioration, deleterious land use, lack of community planning, obsolescence, excessive vacancies and a lag in EAV. The KMA report suggested that the City might wish to prioritize this area for further study based on the factors mentioned above and the fact that York Street is such an important arterial roadway. There is already the possibility that, with some help, a new super food store will open in this area in the foreseeable future.

The second area under consideration, York Street and Vallette, shows evidence of deterioration, deleterious land use, lack of community planning, obsolescence, excessive vacancies and a lag in EAV, compared to the remainder of the City, according to KMA. Its location along the major north-south arterial and proximity to densely populated residential areas provide the potential for beneficial economic development. Local planning efforts, along with parking and streetscape improvements, would serve to enhance values and existing uses.

*To read the complete report from Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc., visit the City's website, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org),*

The third study area, Riverside Drive, is characterized primarily by industrial and commercial uses, and shows evidence of deterioration, deleterious land use, lack of community planning, obsolescence, inadequate utilities and a lag in EAV. The KMA report suggested the evaluation of new public improvements or land assembly and site preparation. With its frontage and visibility along Route 83, the area could potentially benefit from traffic/intersection improvements, streetscape/gateway improvements and infrastructure improvements, including costs associated with floodplain development.

To read the complete report from Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc., visit the City's website, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org), and click first on "Administration" under the department listing and then on "Tax Increment Financing." The report will appear on a list of resources on economic development. You will also be able to find additional information on T.I.F. and prior annual reports of the City's three current T.I.F. Districts.

## Ash Borer in Elmhurst

Late this summer, emerald ash borer was discovered in Elmhurst. First identified in Illinois more than five years ago, this destructive pest, native to Asia, attacks Ash trees of all types, eventually killing them. The adult emerald ash borer emerges between May and July, and the female lays numerous eggs in the tree's bark. The eggs hatch into larvae that bore into the tree and chew the inner bark and phloem, creating winding galleries that cut off the flow of water and nutrients. Currently there are no effective treatments that are appropriate for use on a large scale.



Members of Elmhurst city staff have created a plan to prepare the community for the eventual economic and environmental impacts involved in removing and replacing approximately 2,300 Ash trees — or about 10 percent of the City's urban forest. While the realities are discouraging, Elmhurst's sound tree-planting policies have resulted in a significant diversification in tree stock. In some communities, Ash trees comprise as much as 30 percent of the overall tree population.

The obvious economic impacts of removing and replacing so many trees will be compounded by other less visible costs, including loss of shade, water, air purification, beauty, wildlife habitat, infrastructure value and property value.

Based on recommendations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Morton Arboretum, the City decided in 2009 to implement a program of preemptive removal and replacement of 115 Ash trees (5 percent) each year for the next 20 years. This plan will allow the City to spread out the cost over a longer period of time and reduce the number of trees replaced in any given year. In addition, the City's tree canopy will be replaced earlier by removing and replacing trees in marginal condition more quickly. It is hoped that these actions will prevent the City from having to work in crisis mode when it becomes necessary to remove a large number of dead and dying trees. For more information regarding the Emerald Ash Borer and its spread in Illinois, please visit [www.illinoiseab.com](http://www.illinoiseab.com).

## Stormwater Comprehensive Plan Update

Following the torrential rains in the summer of 2010, the City Council engaged two engineering firms to help the City resolve its stormwater and sanitary flooding issues. The teams of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., and The RJN Group have been working together on the numerous problems that the City experienced as a result of the extremely heavy rain. Christopher B. Burke Engineering has collected information on the City's storm sewer system and created a computer model to analyze potential improvements to help alleviate flooding. The RJN Group has worked on the sanitary side of the problem, constructing a similar computer model of the City's sanitary sewer system. Both firms have collected data via flow meters and inspections to identify sources of clean water coming into the sanitary system. The final report of the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan is due to the City Council in December 2011. Please watch the City's website, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org), for updates and information relative to the work of Burke and RJN.

## Smart911 or Premise Alert Which one is right for your family?

There are currently two free programs available to Elmhurst residents that provide valuable and potentially life-saving information to fire, police and paramedics any time a resident calls 9-1-1. Residents are encouraged to compare the benefits of the two programs – Smart911 and Premise Alert – and decide if one of them will meet their needs and the needs of family members.

### Smart911

With Smart911, individuals build an online safety profile for their home phone and cell phone. Vital personal and medical information is then available to emergency responders any time 9-1-1 is called. The additional data is far more extensive than what is typically available to 9-1-1 dispatchers and may include medical conditions, children's photos, home addresses of mobile phone callers, disabilities or other rescue-related information.

Smart911 delivers this information to the dispatcher's work station automatically when a 9-1-1 call is received at participating Public Service Answering Points (PSAPs). The service can potentially save lives by providing responders with critical additional information. It also allows citizens to easily provide and manage special needs data. The information provided remains completely confidential and is only available to emergency responders in the event the resident calls 9-1-1. Since Smart911 is a national system, it works nationwide wherever Smart911 is utilized. The same information provided by the registrant in DuPage County is available to 9-1-1

call-takers outside of DuPage County when 9-1-1 is dialed. DU-COMM strongly encourages anyone who lives, works and visits the greater DuPage County area to register for this free service by visiting [www.Smart911.com](http://www.Smart911.com).

### Premise Alert

The Premise Alert Program provides residents with a uniform method of alerting first responders about their own or a family member's special needs or disability. With advance knowledge, first responders can respond more appropriately during a crisis, evacuation or disaster. The system is beneficial for anyone with a special need, health challenge or disability, including but not limited to Alzheimer's, autism, mental health challenges, intellectual disabilities, or complex or rare medical conditions. It has been used for family members who need oxygen; for diabetic individuals who may appear to be impaired from drugs or alcohol; for stroke or Alzheimer's patients; for people who need assistance getting out of bed; for individuals who might not respond to spoken language because of a hearing impairment or language difference; and for individuals with developmental disabilities or mental health challenges. Premise Alert also allows individuals to provide valuable information to first responders about their home, such as a Plexiglas window or an indoor lock that could impede rescue. Information provided as part of the Premise Alert Program is entered into the DU-COMM CAD database and remains confidential. To register for the Premise Alert Program, visit the City's website, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org), and click on "forms" on the E-Services drop-down menu.

## Safe Holiday Shopping Tips

Holiday shopping in crowded stores and malls provides ample opportunity for criminals to put a damper on your holiday celebrations. Shoppers may be rushed and less observant. Cars are loaded with gifts and parcels, including valuable items. These suggestions from the Elmhurst Police Department are meant to help keep your holidays from being ruined by having your money or gifts stolen.

Pay by check or credit card rather than carrying large amounts of cash. Keep your wallet in your front pants pocket or coat breast pocket. Carry your handbag in front of you and close to your body, covering the flap or clasp with your arm.



Never leave a spare key in your car. Never park your car in a dark or deserted location, and always lock the doors and close the windows. Don't leave valuables in your car, either at the mall or in your driveway. Don't leave parcels visible in your car while you shop or after you get home.

Be alert and walk confidently. Notice anyone who passes you or is walking behind you. Be especially careful on crowded trains and buses, or in crowds of shoppers. If you lock parcels in the trunk of your car while you continue shopping, make sure no one is watching you.

Don't overburden yourself with bags and parcels that would make it difficult for you to keep track of your handbag or wallet, or respond to a threat. If you notice anyone who looks suspicious or appears to be watching you, report the person to the police or mall security.

If you are shopping with children, instruct them to go to a security guard or store clerk if you become separated. Tell them not to go to the parking lot to look for you or your car.

Be careful and watchful as you shop this season. Don't let a crook take the joy out of your holidays.





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## Holiday Food Drive

City employees and officials are involved during the holiday season and throughout the year in efforts to assist local needy families. Since 2004, the Public Works Garage has provided a safe and clean place for the United Community Concerns Association to store and sort donations collected during the annual holiday food drive. City employees and elected officials assist each year as food and supplies are distributed to area families. Several other food drives, sponsored by the Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry, and staffed by volunteers from United Community Concerns, are also held at the Public Works Garage.

## City Receives IDOT Grant



Statistics show that 85 percent of child safety seats are improperly installed by parents. It is the goal of the Elmhurst Fire Department and the Illinois Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Project to eliminate this alarming statistic. With that goal in mind, the Elmhurst Fire Department applied for and received an IDOT grant that will be used to provide additional training and supplies for our certified car seat technicians to aid in the correct installation of child safety seats.

The child safety seat inspection program is one of the most popular programs provided by the Elmhurst Fire Department. Last year alone, over 200 child safety seats were inspected by the department's certified technicians. Technicians are available to inspect the installation of your child's safety seat by appointment only on most Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. To make an appointment, please call 630-530-3090. It is our goal to increase the safety of children through education and increased awareness.

## Helping the Less Fortunate

You can make a difference for many area families and seniors who may face a bleak holiday season by donating a warm fleece blanket for a senior, or a new toy or game for a child or teen. A collection box, sponsored by Toys Express Children's Charity, will be located in the main lobby at City Hall throughout the month of December. A drop-box, sponsored by Metropolitan Family Services, will be located in the Police Station in November and December.

*A collection box will be located in City Hall throughout December.*

## Mayor's Message



As we approach the Holiday Season, many of us pause and take stock of the world around us. It's not a scorecard, but more of an overview, as we near the calendar year-end.

Conversations that I have been privileged to have over the past several months have told me that:

In general "things" are better than they were a year ago. Not great, mind you, but better.

There is frustration with the economy, with politics, with "business as usual."

Everyone seems to be waiting for something good to happen as a signal that finally "things" are turning around.

All of us have our own definition of "things," by the way.

In Elmhurst we have another list of "things" that are on our radar, including answers and solid planning by Commonwealth Edison concerning our electric power issues.

We have made great strides and are moving forward on several fronts:

- Our magnificent, new Elmhurst Memorial Hospital greets people every minute of the day at the southern entrance to our community.
- The City Council is taking active steps to address power, flooding and economic development. While all three of these are complex and time-consuming, there is progress.
- Our budget, while far from robust and fully restored, is balanced and providing a working surplus as we go forward.
- We have an exciting, proactive shop local effort underway entitled "GOT IT!" which you surely have noticed.
- As we research additional tax increment financing districts (TIFs), we can point to strong performances from our existing ones, and to early indications that new ones will be productive as well.

New developing business investment will mean new jobs and better finances.

As your Mayor, I am optimistic as we look to 2012 and beyond and I encourage you to be as well. The Holiday Season ahead can be a springboard to many good "things." I wish all of you joyous opportunities to share good times with family and friends.

*Peter P. DiCianni  
Mayor*





# Community Calendar

December 2011 – February 2012

## ONGOING

### December 1-February 28

#### Sled Hills and Ice Skating (weather permitting)

Three lighted sled hills are available for use at Berens Park, Crestview Park and Eldridge Park, depending on appropriate snow conditions. Only the following devices are allowed on the sled hill: plastic sleds, tubes, saucers and toboggans. All other devices are prohibited. Outdoor skating is allowed at Eldridge Lagoon. Skating is permitted when the ice reaches a consistent thickness of 8 inches. Signs and green flags will be posted when the lagoon is suitable for skating.

Elmhurst Park District

### Through December 11

#### 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.

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

#### 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

### December 14-January 15

#### Holiday Traditions Exhibit

Enjoy a new tradition by exploring this holiday-themed collection of beautiful quilts crafted by the Elmhurst Piecemakers. The unique array of quilts was designed especially for this exhibition and showcases the legendary talents and handiwork of some of the area's finest quilters. In addition, the EHM's collection of intricate turn-of-the-century Dresden ornaments will be featured.

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

### Through December 30

#### Matt Woodward: The Tremendous Alone

Woodward's massive graphic 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 the 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 4 X 4 and 6 X 6 wood posts through cutting and splitting to rebuild them as sedimentary constructions that act as a commentary on states of arrangement and deterioration.

Elmhurst Art Museum

#### Collection Highlights: New Acquisitions

New Curator Aaron Ott highlights new 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 December 31

#### Jewelry of the American Civil War Era

Exhibit features authentic early to late Victorian (1837-1885), including memento mori, grand tour and sentimental styles from the Smithsonian Institute National Museum of American History and the Louise B. Hatch Collection. Regular museum hours and admission.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

### January 5-January 18

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Art Exhibit

Young artists from local high schools display their art. Reception for the artists and their families on Wednesday, January 11, 6-8:30 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center  
Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. to midnight; Fri.-Sat.:  
8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun.: 10 a.m. to midnight  
Info: 630-617-6110 FREE

### January 13-March 10

#### Carolyn Ottmer: Spice

Ottmer's exuberant large-scale works are inspired by plant life that thrives in urban environments. Her large hanging sculptures will transform the gallery into a silver jungle.

Elmhurst Art Museum

#### David Weinberg: Mr. Wild's Garden

This exhibition highlights Weinberg's most recent narrative body of photographic works focusing on childhood memories of a strange neighbor and a mysterious overgrown garden.

Elmhurst Art Museum

#### Stephen Eichhorn: Floral Burst

Chicago-based Eichhorn creates delicate hand-cut paper collages from reproductions of grass, leaves and flowers. His painstaking and delicate method creates a complex harmony of the natural and hand-made world.

Elmhurst Art Museum

#### Molly McCracken Kumar: Blooming Atmosphere

Kumar's colorful oil paintings of abstract flora weave and flow through the composition. She seeks to find a spiritual tranquility in the delicate motifs.

Elmhurst Art Museum

#### Meghan McCook: Hive Series

McCook's Hive series of blown glass terrariums seamlessly blend the artist's concern for functional craft with artistic exploration. The brightly colored plant formations intuitively match the natural forms created by the glass.

Elmhurst Art Museum

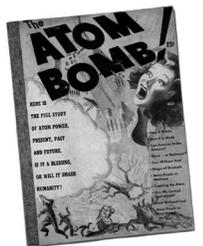
### January 24-March 18

#### Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow: Living with the Atomic Bomb, 1945-1965

The dropping of the atomic bomb on Japan in 1945 marked the end of World War II but resulted in a new threat:

the uncertainty of the Atomic Age. This traveling exhibition from ExhibitsUSA explores the ways in which Americans lived with the daily fear of atomic war, and how government responded to the growth of atomic powers and the onset of the Cold War. Through interesting period artifacts and displays, "Alert Today" shows how Americans were inundated with multi-media propaganda that warned of the dangers of atomic energy and reflected a nervous public and shifting global politics.

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



# ONGOING

**February 14-March 15**

## **Joan Truckenbrod: Video Sculptures "Spiritual Ritual"**

A pioneer in digital art, Joan Truckenbrod probes rituals and ceremonies embedded in the digital realm. The installations engage invisible and visible phenomena from the natural world with contemporary social patterns.

Elmhurst College

Barbara A. Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace  
200 West Park Avenue

Tues., Thurs., Sat.: Noon-4 p.m.

Info: 630-617-6110

**February 21-March 24**

## **Women's History Exhibition: Mary Lou Stewart**

Artist and Chair of the Elmhurst College Department of Art, Mary Lou Stewart shows her work from her 2011 sabbatical in this exhibition of improvisational patterns. These large-scale pieces are made of multiple hand-painted and stamped panels.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to midnight;

Friday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.;

Sunday 10 a.m. to midnight, FREE

Info: 630-617-6110

# DECEMBER

**Thursday-1**

## **Old-Fashioned Tree Lighting**

Everyone is invited to enjoy some entertainment, treats, and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the local pantry near the Community Tree.

Elmhurst Park District, Wilder Park

6:30 -7:30 p.m.

**Thursday-Saturday-1-3**

## **Theatre: The Lower Depths**

Considered 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

8:00 p.m. General admission \$7

Info: 630-617-3005

**Friday-2, 9, 16**

## **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Capstone Exhibition**

A high point for every graduating art major, each graduate creates and displays a body of work in his or her area.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m. to midnight

Friday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. to midnight. FREE

Info: 630-617-6110

**Saturday-3,10,17**

## **Santa Saturdays in Elmhurst City Centre**

Come meet Santa in your own hometown! Bring the kids to "Sing-a-Ling with Santa" at Fitz's Spare Keys on December 3 and 17 and "Lunch with Santa" at Angelo's Ristorante on December 10. For details please visit [www.elmhurstcitycentre.com](http://www.elmhurstcitycentre.com)  
Elmhurst City Centre

*The Elmhurst Park District offers three lighted sled hills for winter fun. See page 1 of this calendar for details.*

**Sunday-4**

## **The Fashions and Styles of Jewelry throughout Queen Victoria's Reign**

Presented by British gemologist Stephen Forward, FGA, DGA, and owner of Beverly R Jewelry in Chicago. Forward is a leading purveyor of high quality antique jewelry. The unique styles of Victorian jewelry will be discussed, including the pieces on special exhibit at the museum.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

2 p.m. Regular museum admission

**Elmhurst Choral Union: Joy to the World**

Elmhurst Choral Union, professional orchestra, and soloists present a concert of carols and Christmas songs in delightfully fresh arrangements, including a set by "Diamond Music" composer Karl Jenkins. Start your holidays off right with music!

Elmhurst Choral Union

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel  
190 Prospect Avenue, 3 p.m.

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

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

or 630-758-1100

**Wednesday-7**

## **Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols**

An Elmhurst College tradition that features musical works and readings in celebration of the Holiday Season.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

4 p.m. and 7 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

**Friday-Saturday-9-10**

## **An Evening of Dance**

A collaborative showcase featuring both faculty and student-choreographed works.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

253 Walter Street, 7 p.m. Admission \$5

**Saturday-10**

## **Second Saturdays: Matt Woodward**

Try your hand at reductive drawing after seeing work by Matt Woodward. Get a little messy covering your paper in graphite and then using an eraser. "Take out" the graphite to reveal the paper underneath. Family programming.

Elmhurst Art Museum

11 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 per child

## **Sleigh Rides and Ice Sculptures**

Free sleigh rides, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies while viewing ice sculptures up and down Spring Road.

Prairie Path & Spring Rd., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Info: (630) 279-8474

**Sunday-11**

## **Sunday Funday: Holiday Gift Workshop**

Kids can get creative and get in the spirit by making a festive Jingle Bell Door Hanger—perfect for holiday giving to teachers, relatives and friends. Decorate a gift bag to make it ready to present to someone special. Drop-in family craft workshop for ages 4-12 with an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

Members: Free, Non-Members: \$2



**Sunday-11**

## **Elmhurst College Philharmonic Orchestra Concert**

The Philharmonic Orchestra, formerly known as the College's Chamber Orchestra, performs some of its favorite selections under the direction of Professor Joanne May.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

3 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3515

**Monday-12**

## **Elmhurst College Symphonic Band Concert**

The Symphonic Band will be performing some of their favorite instrumental selections in their winter concert. Conducted by Ross Kellan.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

7:30 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3515

**Thursday-15**

## **Holiday Music by the Festive Singers**

Ring in the holiday season with an unforgettable musical experience. The Festive Singers regularly grace the stages of Drury Lane Theater, Chicago Lyric Opera, Chicago Symphony Chorus and the Light Opera Works. They will perform their impressive repertoire of yuletide carols. Refreshments served immediately following the program.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

1 p.m. FREE

**Saturday-17**

## **Create a Gem Tree**

Lapidaries Bill and Lois Zima of the Des Plaines Valley Geological Society teach how to create a small tree using gemstones and wire. These beautiful trees never need water and make a great gift. All materials are included. Ages 9 to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

1-3 p.m.

Fee \$20 per person

Reservations required: 630-833-1616

**Friday-23**

## **Holiday Getaway**

Celebrate the holiday season at Elmhurst Art Museum. Create ornaments, decorate gift boxes and make holiday cards for your friends and family. Wrap up the fun with a visit from Santa and story time with cookies and milk led by the Elmhurst Public Library. While you're here, visit the Museum shop for last minute gifts. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver at all times. Suggested donation is \$5 per child.

Elmhurst Art Museum

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

# JANUARY

## Sunday-8

### Sunday Funday: Winter Sky Viewfinder

The clear winter night sky makes stars easier to see and constellations, such as the Big Dipper and Orion the Hunter, easier to identify. Kids will make a constellation viewer to help them practice night sky watching. Drop-in family craft workshop for ages 4-12 with an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1-3 p.m., FREE

Members: Free Non-Members: \$2

## Saturday-14 (Oak Brook)

### Sunday-15 (Elmhurst)

### Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

The ESO presents an offering of "Baroque and Classical Gems" featuring Chicago Symphony Orchestra cellist Katinka Kleijn in Haydn's brilliant *Cello Concerto in C*. Complementing Haydn's sparkling *Symphony No. 57* will be the elegant *First Orchestral Suite* of Bach and Handel's charming *Organ Concerto* that imitates the cuckoo and the nightingale and features Stephen Alltop as organ soloist.

*Mayslake Peabody Estate*

1717 W. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Oak Brook, 7 p.m.

*Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church*

149 W. Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst, 3 p.m.

Adults: \$31 Students: \$7

Group and family rates available

## Saturday-14

### Second Saturdays: Carolyn Ottmer

Create your own silver sculptures like Carolyn Ottmer. Use aluminum foil and pipe cleaners to form an interesting piece influenced by botanical shapes and forms. Family programming.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

\$5 per child

## Sunday -15 & 22

### Family Open Swim at York High School

York High School's swimming pool will once again be available for Elmhurst Park District pool pass holders and residents on specific days. Lap swimming and diving boards will also be available for use.

Elmhurst Park District

Info: 630-993-4724

## Monday-16

### Day Off? Drop In: Sun Catchers

Need a fun activity for a dreary winter day off school? Chase the winter blues away by making a sparkly sun catcher to place in the window and brighten spirits. Drop-in family craft workshop for ages 4-12 with an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

Members: Free Non-Members: \$2



See the Festive Singers at Elmhurst Historical Museum on December 15.



Elmhurst Historical Museum presents family craft programs on Sunday Funday and select school holidays.

## Thursday-26

### Espionage: A Cold War Weapon

**SPECIAL EVENING EVENT!** Chicago area resident Werner Juretzko is a former G-2 U.S. Army Intelligence Operative who conducted authorized undercover espionage missions during the Cold War. In 1955 he was apprehended by the notorious East German secret police. Hear the story of Juretzko's missions behind the Iron Curtain and the six years he spent as a prisoner in the infamous torture chambers beneath Berlin. NOTE: The museum will be open for curator tours after the program.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 7 p.m. FREE

## Saturday-28

### Elmhurst Symphony Stanger Young Artists Auditions

Everyone is invited to hear over 20 outstanding young instrumentalists from the western suburbs perform before judges to compete for the opportunity to appear as guest soloist with the Elmhurst Symphony in concert. Come and go as you wish during the day.

Buik Recital Hall, Irion Music Building

Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect

8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

# FEBRUARY

## Thursday-Saturday-2-4

### Theatre: The Birthday Party

*The Birthday Party* is Harold Pinter's first "comedy of menace," transplanted from England to 1950s America. A darkly humorous look at Cold War paranoia, the pressure for conformity and the individual's need for resistance.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

253 Walter Street, 8 p.m. \$5

Info: 630-617-3005

## Friday-3

### Sweetheart Dance

A magical evening with Mom or Dad includes dinner and dancing fun. Registration deadline is January 27. Register both child and parent. Registration is not taken at the door, so be sure to register early.

Monty's Banquet Room, Bensenville

6-9 p.m. Dinner served 6:30 p.m.

Ages 3-13. \$25 residents/\$35 non-

residents/\$25 additional child

Register by Jan. 27 at [www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org)

## Tuesday-7

### Martin Luther King Jr. Guestship: Malcom X

Manning Marable finished his life's work, which was a researched biography of Malcolm X, but passed away just days before it was published. Wendy Wolf, his editor, will be here to talk about his book. A book signing will follow.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

4 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

## Wednesday-8

### Bernardin Guestship

Father Robert Barron, acclaimed author, speaker and theologian, will speak on "Evangelizing the Culture." Father Barron is the founder of Word on Fire programs and host of *Catholicism*, a documentary series and study program about the Catholic Faith.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

7:30 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

## Thursday-9

### Lecture: Religion, Democracy and Civic Engagement

Robert Putnam, "the most influential academic in the world today," according to the *London Sunday Times*, will be giving a lecture on religion, democracy and civic engagement.

Elmhurst College

Hammerschmidt Chapel

7 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

## Saturday-11

### Second Saturday: Steven Eichhorn

Have you ever made a collage? Make one tonight after viewing the stunning floral collages created by artist Steven Eichhorn. We'll provide magazines, scissors, paper and glue. You provide the creativity! Family programming.

Elmhurst Art Museum

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

\$5 per child

## Sunday-12

### Sunday Funday: Ladybug Valentine Tic-Tac-Toe

Think outside the card and make an adorable Ladybug Valentine Tic-Tac-Toe Game to play with family and friends—perfect for gifts or indoor play. Drop-in family craft workshop for ages 4-12 with an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

Members: Free, Non-Members: \$2

# FEBRUARY

## Sunday-12 & 26

### Family Open Swim at York High School

The York High School swimming pool will once again be available for Elmhurst Park District pool pass holders and residents on specific days. Lap swimming and diving boards will also be available for use.

Elmhurst Park District  
Info: 630-993-4724

## Wednesday-15

### Movies of the Cold War Era

SPECIAL EVENING EVENT! Elmhurst Historical Museum and Elmhurst Public Library present a film screening and discussion at the library with Professor Ron Falzone, an award-winning screenwriter and senior faculty member at Columbia College Chicago's film department. Participants will watch the noted Cold War movie, "*The Woman on Pier 13*," (starring Laraine Day, Robert Ryan and John Agar), a chilling film noir depiction of what happens when paranoia and propaganda meet. Professor Falzone will lead a discussion following the film.

Elmhurst Public Library  
6:30 p.m. FREE  
Registration required, call Elmhurst Public Library at 630-279-8696

## Thursday-16

### Quest Lecture: The Art and Science of Memory

Joshua Foer, author of *Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything* and 2006 U.S.A. Memory Champion, will lead a lecture about memory. This lecture is part of the Elmhurst Science Talk series.

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

## Friday-Sunday-17-19

### Elmhurst Children's Theatre: Bye Bye Birdie

Musical comedy favorite *Bye Bye Birdie* is presented by young Elmhurst actors in fifth to eighth grade. A fun time for the whole family!

Bryan Middle School  
111 W. Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst  
Fri. 7:00 p.m.  
Sat. 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Sun. 2:00 p.m.  
Individual tickets sold at the door:  
\$7 adults, \$6 students & seniors  
www.elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com for special offers for groups of 12 or more

## Friday-Sunday-17-26

### GreenMan Theatre's Murder, Mystery, Dinner Theatre

This year's production "How the West Was Done In" has something for everyone: mystery, murder, music, comedy, singing, dancing and a delicious dinner.

Angelo's Ristorante  
247 North York, Elmhurst  
Fri./Sat.: 7 p.m. Sun.: 6 p.m.  
For tickets call 630-464-2646 or visit  
www.greenmantheatre.com

## Sunday-19

### Quest Lecture: The Story of Cancer

Cancer specialist Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee won a Pulitzer Prize for his book that traces the history of cancer from its first documented appearances through the epic battles of the 20th century to cure, control and conquer it.

Elmhurst College  
Hammerschmidt Chapel, 7 p.m. FREE  
Info: (630) 617-3390

## Friday-Sunday 24-26

### 45th Annual Elmhurst College Jazz Festival

This year's festival guest artists/judges include Jeff Hamilton (drums), Christoph Luty (bass), and Tamir Hendelman (piano) on Friday; and Wayne Bergeron (trumpet), Mark Colby (tenor saxophone), and Denis DiBlasio (baritone saxophone), with the North Texas One O'clock Lab Band on Saturday; Sunday night's performance by The Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra. For cost, weekend hours and feature performances and college bands performances, visit [www.elmhurst.edu/jazzfestival](http://www.elmhurst.edu/jazzfestival).

Elmhurst College  
Hammerschmidt Chapel  
Info: (630) 617-5534

## Saturday-25

### Elmhurst Choral Union: Medley of Melodies

Elmhurst Choral Union gives back to the community in this concert of choruses and solos from opera, Broadway and Glee. Hear the singers in a fun and friendly setting.

Elmhurst Choral Union  
First United Methodist Church  
232 South York  
7 p.m. Free-will donation  
Info: [www.elmhurstchoralunion.org](http://www.elmhurstchoralunion.org) or call  
630-758-1100

## Saturday-25 (Chicago)

## Sunday-26 (Elmhurst)

### Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

The ESO and Apollo Chorus of Chicago join forces around two magnificent and stirring masterpieces: Handel's *Dettingen Te Deum* and Mozart's *Requiem*. Handel's work brims with the composer's sense of grandeur and ceremony, from rousing trumpet fanfares to majestic choruses. Mozart's *Requiem* holds a special place in the hearts of music lovers and, balancing fire and solemnity, it reflects the highest aspirations of the composer who was Amadeus, "*Beloved of God*."

Rockefeller Chapel  
University of Chicago  
5850 South Woodlawn Avenue  
Chicago  
7:30 p.m. Saturday  
Contact Apollo Chorus for tickets  
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church  
149 West Brush Hill Road  
Elmhurst  
3 p.m. Sunday  
Adults: \$31 Students: \$7  
Group and family rates available

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

### Elmhurst Art Museum

150 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 834-0202  
[www.elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org)

### Elmhurst City Centre

2 City Centre, Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 993-1600  
[www.elmhurstcitycentre.com](http://www.elmhurstcitycentre.com)

### Elmhurst Choral Union

P.O. Box 1493, Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 758-1100  
[www.elmhurstchoralunion.org](http://www.elmhurstchoralunion.org)

### Elmhurst College

190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 617-3390  
[www.elmhurst.edu](http://www.elmhurst.edu)

### Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 833-1457  
[www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org)

### Elmhurst Park District

225 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 993-8901  
[www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org)

### Elmhurst Public Library

125 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 279-8696  
[www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org)

### Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

Performances at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 155 W. Brush Hill Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
Mailing address:  
P.O. Box 345, Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 941-0202  
[www.elmhurstsymphony.org](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org)

### Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 833-1616  
[www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)

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[www.elmhurststpatssparade.com](http://www.elmhurststpatssparade.com)  
Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra  
[www.elmhurstsymphony.org](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org)  
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[www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)  
Spring Road Business Association  
[www.springroad.com](http://www.springroad.com)  
York & Vallete Business Assoc.  
[www.yorkandvallette.com](http://www.yorkandvallette.com)

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

## Character Counts in Elmhurst

The City of Elmhurst participates in the nationwide initiative known as Character Counts, established to advocate core ethical values through the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Character Counts encourages the integration of these values into government, schools, sports, businesses and religious institutions. Organizations, agencies and businesses are encouraged to nominate groups or individual volunteers — youth or adult — who personify these character traits and whose service makes a difference in the organization or in the community.

Do you know an outstanding volunteer? Someone that goes above and beyond in our community? Coming this spring—2012 Service Awards sponsored by the City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth. Watch for further details on the City's website at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org).



## Police Explorers Receive 10 Trophies

Congratulations to the Elmhurst Police Explorers who came home from the Illinois Explorers Competition with ten trophies in a competition against approximately 275 other young people from throughout the state. Events included accident investigation, hostage negotiation, felony suspect arrest, drill competition, physical fitness, uniform inspection, building searches, and the like. The Elmhurst Police Explorers is a youth program for boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 22 who are interested in law enforcement and criminal justice. They meet weekly for presentations and training, and assist the police with various community events. To find out more about the Explorer program, visit their website at [www.elmhurstpoliceexplorers.com](http://www.elmhurstpoliceexplorers.com).

## Holiday Hours at City Hall

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, for Thanksgiving. City Hall will close at noon on Friday, December 23, and will be closed all day on Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2. Meetings of the standing committees, normally held on the fourth Monday, will be held on Tuesday, December 27. The first City Council meeting for 2012 will take place on Tuesday, January 3.



## Leaf Collection and Yard Waste

For 2011, yard waste collection will end the week of November 28 and resume during the first week in April 2012.

The last free leaf collection will be on November 30, December 1 or 2, whichever is your regular collection day. Please remember that it is a violation of city ordinances to rake or blow leaves into the street where they often block storm drains or create unsafe driving conditions. Violations can result in fines of up to \$500.



## Winter Weather Reminders

The winter season, with its snow, ice and cold, can create unique challenges and hazards for motorists, pedestrians, residents and city workers. The following tips can help keep the wintertime safer for all.

### Snow Removal

During and after snowstorms, and depending on the size and severity of the storm, a full-scale snow removal fleet of 30+ vehicles is used to clear streets and keep them open for motorists.

Typically, snowplow operators remove snow from the center of the street to the curb in a series of four passes. Main roads are cleared first, followed by neighborhood streets and other less-traveled roadways.

During heavy snowfalls, especially if the snow is accompanied by windy conditions, the operation can be time-consuming, and continues day and night until completed. Because it is inevitable that snow will be pushed onto driveway approaches, homeowners are encouraged to wait for city crews to complete their work before clearing private property approaches. Residents are asked not to blow or shovel snow onto the street when clearing sidewalks and driveways. Parking on the street is not allowed for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more.



## Wipers and Lights

Motorists are reminded that Illinois Vehicle Code 12-201 (b) requires the use of headlights, not only from sunset to sunrise, but also any time snow, rain, ice, fog or other weather conditions require the use of windshield wipers. Headlights must also be used any time a person or vehicle on the highway is not clearly visible at a distance of 1,000 feet.

## Sump Pumps

Allowing sump pumps to discharge water onto city streets or sidewalks is illegal and can create icy and dangerous conditions for motorists and pedestrians during periods of cold weather.

## Safe Wintertime Driving

Snow and ice present unique challenges and often dangerous driving conditions. Remember to buckle up, keep windows free of snow and ice, adjust your speed and following distance, and allow extra time to reach your destination safely.



## Fire Hydrants

Unfortunately, fires don't take a holiday during the winter months and it is vital for Fire Department personnel to be able to locate fire hydrants quickly during emergencies. Please keep hydrants visible by clearing away snow and ice.

## Holiday Fire Safety Tips

Every year during the holiday season, fires in the U.S. claim the lives of more than 400 people, injure over 1,600 and result in more than \$990 million in property damage. You can greatly reduce your chance of becoming a holiday fire casualty by following some important precautions from the Elmhurst Fire Department.

Christmas trees can become completely engulfed in flames in a matter of minutes, rapidly filling a room with fire and deadly gases. Select a real tree very carefully, making sure the needles are green and don't break easily. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Bounce the tree on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has probably dried out and is a fire hazard. Keep the tree away from heat sources and always keep the tree stand filled with water. Don't keep a tree up any longer than two weeks.

Before putting up holiday lights, inspect them carefully for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear. Use only lighting that has been approved by a testing lab. Don't link more than three light strands together unless the directions indicate that it is safe to

do so. Check the wires periodically – they should never be warm to the touch. Turn holiday lights off when they are going to be unattended.

Use only non-flammable or flame-retardant holiday decorations. Never place decorations near heat vents, candles or fireplaces. Never put holiday wrapping paper in a fireplace where it can throw off dangerous sparks and embers, or cause a chimney fire.

Play it safe by not using lit candles as decorations. If you do light candles, make sure they are in stable holders where they cannot be easily knocked over. Keep them away from other decorations, including greenery. Never leave the house or retire for the night with candles burning. Never go near a real tree with lit candles, lighters or matches.

Make sure you have a working smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test your alarms monthly, and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries.

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### City of Elmhurst

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

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

#### City Hall Hours

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

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

Administration .....630-530-3010  
Community Development .....630-530-3030  
Police (non-emergency) .....630-530-3050  
Fire (non-emergency) .....630-530-3090  
Elmhurst Historical Museum ....630-833-1457  
Elmhurst Public Library .....630-279-8696  
Request for Public Records - FOIA@elmhurst.org

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

#### Aldermen

1st Ward - Paula Pezza, Diane C. Gutenkauf  
2nd Ward - Bob Dunn, Norman Leader  
3rd Ward - Michael Bram, Dannee Polomsky  
4th Ward - Stephen W. Hipskind, Kevin York  
5th Ward - Chris Healy, Scott Levin  
6th Ward - Steven M. Morley, Jim Kennedy  
7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Patrick Wagner

## Holiday Refuse Collection

During Thanksgiving week, refuse collection will be delayed by one day for residents whose normal collection day is either Thursday or Friday. During the Christmas and New Year's weeks, refuse collection will be delayed by one day for all residents.

Christmas trees will be collected without a refuse sticker on your normal collection day during the first and second weeks in January. Please remember to remove all ornaments, lights and nails. Do not put trees in plastic bags.

Holiday wreaths, garlands, wrapping paper and packing peanuts may be discarded with regular household refuse. Gift boxes that measure no more than three feet by three feet are recyclable if flattened and bundled or bagged.

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### House Numbers

Time can be a critical factor in an emergency situation, but before firefighters, police officers or paramedics can provide the needed assistance, they must be able to find the right address. Elmhurst Municipal Code requires that numbers be attached to every building in the community "in a conspicuous place at the side of or above the front door of the building." The code requires the numbers to be at least six inches in height in a color that contrasts with the building color. Please avoid using numbers spelled out in cursive since they are particularly difficult to read at night and during stormy weather.



## Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

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

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

### Churchville Schoolhouse Event Puts Civil War in Perspective



A crowd of more than 450 people commemorated the Civil War on September 25th at the historic Churchville Schoolhouse. The Conrad Fischer Elementary School Singers, directed by Ms. Louise Darning,

presented songs and lively dances from the 1800s. Dramatic readings of Civil War letters by GreenMan Theatre Troupe engaged the audience. The crowd heard remarks by Elmhurst Mayor Pete DiCianni and Bensenville Mayor Frank Soto, and many visitors explored the renovated Schoolhouse, which dates to the 1850s. The event served as the kick-off of the Elmhurst Historical Museum's two Civil War exhibits, "Between the States" and "Letters from Home," which are on display at Elmhurst Historical Museum through December 11, 2011. For more information, go to [www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org).

### "Letters from Home" Artists Collaborate on Special Exhibit

Members of the Elmhurst Artists' Guild collaborated with the Elmhurst Historical Museum by creating original artwork inspired by the museum's collection of Civil War era letters for the "Letters from Home" exhibit. Exhibit co-curators Lance Tawzer (second from left) and Karen Exiner (center) are shown at the opening reception with two special historical guests. The event was sponsored by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, and the exhibit is sponsored by Dr. David Pezen, Board Certified Dermatologist.



### Great Holiday Gift Ideas

Visit the Museum Shop for many wonderful gift items, including books, ornaments, cards and much more. Also consider the gift of membership in the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation for a family or friend — please visit [www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org](http://www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org) or call 630-833-1457.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS



#### "Holiday Traditions"

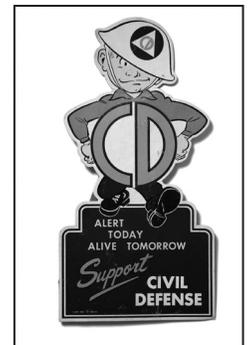
**Dec. 14-Jan. 15, 2012**

A festive exhibition of holiday quilts from the Elmhurst Piecemakers and intricate Dresden ornaments from the EHM collection.

#### "Alert Today, Alive Tomorrow"

**Jan. 24-Mar. 18, 2012**

EHM presents a new traveling exhibition depicting how Americans experienced the atomic threat as part of their daily lives following World War II.



#### "Sweet Home Chicago"

**May 8-Sept. 16, 2012**

An all new original EHM exhibit tells the colorful story of how Chicago evolved into the nation's candy-making capitol.

#### "Centuries of Progress"

**Oct. 23, 2012-Jan. 6, 2013**

This national traveling exhibition explores the vision and progressive ideas put forth in 17 American World's Fairs presented from 1853 to 1982.

*Watch our calendar of events for many exhibit-related programs, speakers and events. For the latest information, please visit our website at [www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org).*



## Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot

Every Thanksgiving morning since 1984, Elmhurst residents and friends have gathered at the starting line to burn off some calories, and also raise money

to help the hungry and needy. The first Turkey Trot, held 27 years ago, included 74 runners and walkers, and brought in just over \$500. Last year's event brought in over \$140,000, with thousands of participants flooding the streets of Elmhurst. In the last 22 years, the Turkey Trot has raised over \$1.5 million to support the food pantries of the Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation, the homeless shelters of DuPage PADS, and the needy families and seniors identified by United Community Concerns.

Due to the tremendous success of the Turkey Trot over the past 27 years, there is a new course this year that will provide a safer fun run for all and showcase parts of our beautiful city. The new route for 2011 will be entirely on street pavement. The 5K fun run begins promptly at 9 a.m. at the intersection of York and South Streets. St. Charles Rd. and York St. will be closed from 8:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (approximate reopen time), but efficient detours are in place to minimize inconvenience. This year's Turkey Trot will benefit six charities exclusive to DuPage County. They are United Community Concerns, DuPage PADS, People's Resource Center, West Suburban Community Pantry, Loaves and Fishes Community Pantry, and Catholic Charities-Emergency Services/DuPage. Please check the Turkey Trot website periodically for updates and inquiries: [www.dangibbonsturkeytrot.com](http://www.dangibbonsturkeytrot.com).



## 2012 Allied Waste Holiday Schedule

<i>New Year's Day</i>	1/1/12	Service delayed one day
<i>Memorial Day</i>	5/28/12	Service delayed one day
<i>Independence Day</i>	7/4/12	Service delayed one day
<i>Labor Day</i>	9/3/12	Service delayed one day
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	11/22/12	Wed. area – normal schedule Thurs. & Fri. areas – Service delayed one day
<i>Christmas</i>	12/25/12	Service delayed one day
<i>New Year's Day</i>	1/1/13	Service delayed one day

Note: Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Columbus Day and Veteran's Day do not affect the service schedule.

Note: If there are any questions or for a missed pickup, please call Allied Waste at 708-345-7050.



### The Front Porch

## City of Elmhurst

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