



City Council Members Sworn In

A special ceremony was held on May 2, 2011, to swear in the seven newly elected or re-elected aldermen who will represent the city's seven wards until 2015 as members of the Elmhurst City Council. Incumbents re-elected are Diane Gutenkauf, 1st Ward; Steve



Hipskind, 4th Ward; Steve Morley, 6th Ward and Mark Mulliner, 7th Ward. Newly elected aldermen are Bob Dunn, 2nd Ward; Dannee Polomsky, 3rd Ward and Scott Levin, 5th Ward. Congratulations to the new Elmhurst City Council!

Stormwater Comprehensive Plan Coming Soon

Last June and July, the city experienced several major rainfall events that resulted in flooding from internal drainage. (Salt Creek was held back by the levee system constructed in the late 1980s.)

The stormwater overwhelmed and surcharged both the sanitary and storm sewers, and caused flooding in hundreds of Elmhurst homes. The June situation was exacerbated by a power outage that left components of the City infrastructure vulnerable and property owners without power for ejector pumps and sump pumps.

To address flooding problems such as those experienced last summer, the City of Elmhurst recently contracted with the engineering firms of Christopher B. Burke Engineering Limited (CBBEL) and RNJ Group, Inc.

The scope of work for these firms, which began working in the city earlier this spring, includes:

- Reviewing data
- Inspecting manholes
- Identifying sanitary sewer flow meters
- Assembling and installing depth/velocity probes
- Developing storm sewer computer modeling
- Gathering other information necessary to develop a Comprehensive Flood Plan.

CBBEL and RJN will continue working in conjunction with city staff to investigate and address flooding problems in parts of the community.

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Memorial Day, May 30

Liberty Fest – July 3rd and 4th





Council Approves City Budget

On April 18, 2011, the Elmhurst City Council approved a balanced 2011-2012 budget. This final step in the budget process followed an in-depth review of anticipated revenues and expenditures, while continuing to recognize current economic constraints.

Expenditures were limited to less-than-anticipated revenues to allow for modest contributions to fund balances in the Working Cash Fund and the General Fund. To accomplish this, the budget provides support for operations, services and capital at lower levels than would otherwise be appropriate to maintain infrastructure and meet community expectations.

Taxes, including property, sales and utility taxes, comprise approximately one third of total revenues for the city. Modest increases are projected in some of these General Fund revenue sources for fiscal 2011-2012. Sales tax, the largest single source of General Fund revenue, is expected to increase by approximately two percent over fiscal year 2010-2011, although remaining significantly below the 1999-2000 high.

In reviewing this revenue source, Council and staff considered the constant volatility in the automotive industry, since automotive-related sales tax constitutes a significant portion of this revenue stream. Rubbish collection fees were increased to reflect contract increases with the city's waste hauler and water/sewer rates were increased due to water consumption rate adjustments from the DuPage Water Commission.

The 2011-2012 Budget reestablishes many previously reduced levels of service, provides reasonable but limited support for infrastructure maintenance, and addresses operating, maintenance and capital expenditure needs.

In the area of personnel, the budget provides for staffing at appropriate and sustainable levels, as well as a return to appropriate levels of seasonal hiring, overtime and training.

The technology budget allocates funds for implementation of the IT comprehensive plan, including money to replace appropriate personnel, and IT hardware and software. Funding is also provided for the traditional neighborhood street repair program, as well as for a new City Hall roof, lift station green infrastructure, parking improvements, public safety equipment, flood mitigation and the remaining public improvement projects associated with the Elmhurst Memorial Hospital project.

The 2011-2012 Budget and associated documents can be found on the city's website at www.elmhurst.org by clicking first on "Finance" in the list of departments and then on "Financial Reports."

New Hospital to Open Soon

On June 25, several months ahead of schedule, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital's new 866,000 square-foot main campus at York and Roosevelt will open. The new hospital will add a new acute care hospital with 259 private inpatient suites and a medical office building to the already existing Elmhurst Memorial Center for Health. Congratulations are in order to all those who have worked tirelessly for the past several years to make the new campus a reality.

Summertime Family Fun Memorial Day – Honoring Our Armed Forces

The 93rd annual Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday, May 30, to honor current members of our military serving here or in distant lands, and to remember those who sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy. The parade will step off from the corner of York and Third at 9:30 a.m., and then travel south to Church Street and west to the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park.

The parade will be followed by a military ceremony featuring patriotic music and speeches, and the laying of wreaths. The Grand Marshal for the 2011 Memorial Day parade will be U.S. Marine Corps Major Edwin H. Walker IV, who served in the Corps during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and in Korea and Vietnam. Walker is an Anglican priest and former minister in the Episcopal Church.

Liberty Fest – July 3rd and 4th

Don't miss the celebration of America's birthday in Bensenville, in cooperation with the City of Elmhurst and the City of Wood Dale. The festivities will include a carnival, a parade, bands, and fireworks (on Sunday and Monday). For more information, please call 630-766-8200.



Four on the 4th

Elmhurst's annual Four on the 4th four-mile run will begin at 7:15 a.m. on Monday, July 4, on Prospect Avenue at Elmhurst College. This is a runner's race and does not allow any wheeled vehicles or pets. Registration is limited to the first 1,000 participants.

A 1K Kids' Run will begin at 8:30 a.m. that morning. Proceeds of both races benefit the Elmhurst Children's Assistance Foundation, an organization that assists families when a child is diagnosed with a serious medical condition. More information is available at www.4on4th.com.

Tips about Backyard Pool Safety

Pools, spas and water in general are attractive to children and proper precautions need to be in place to help keep the little ones safe around a backyard pool. Following is a list of requirements and common sense suggestions to implement if you have a pool.

Never leave a child alone and out of eye contact in or near a pool or spa – even for a second. There should be a “spotter” nearby anytime a swimmer of any age is in the pool. Other critical precautions include:

- Surround an in-ground pool completely by a fence, the top of which must be at least 48 inches above ground level.
- Keep chairs, tables or other objects away from the fence.
- Make sure there is a clear view of the pool or spa from the house by removing vegetation or other obstacles.
- Install an approved power safety cover on the pool.
- Always completely remove the cover before using your pool or spa to avoid the possibility of someone, especially a small child, becoming trapped under the cover.
- Drain standing water from the surface of your pool or spa cover. A small child can drown in a very small amount of water.
- Install pedestrian access gates that are self-closing with a self-latching device. Access gates must also be equipped to accommodate a locking device, such as a padlock.
- Equip all doors with direct access to the pool from the house with an alarm that produces an audible warning when the door is opened.

A backyard pool or spa can provide hours of family fun if adequate precautions are taken to keep every family member safe.



Reminders about Open Burning

The Elmhurst Municipal Code places restrictions on outdoor or portable fireplaces and other types of open burning. These

restrictions do not apply to outdoor fireplaces, charcoal grills, burners or similar devices when used solely for cooking food:

- A Fire Department permit is required. This permit is a one time only, no charge permit.
- Burn only approved fuels, i.e. propane, natural gas, charcoal or seasoned logs. Burning of lumber, unseasoned logs, yard waste, leaves, grass, paper, cardboard or garbage is prohibited.
- The outdoor or portable fireplace must be used at least 15 feet from any structure. The firebox must be located above ground level.
- There must be a portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 4-A or an adequate amount of sand, dirt or water on hand for immediate use.
- The outdoor or portable fireplace must be constantly attended by a person over the age of 17 until the fire is extinguished.
- It may never be used in such a way as to emit offensive or objectionable smoke or odors, or when atmospheric conditions or other circumstances make such fires hazardous.

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These provisions are in place to help keep people and property safe.

A NOAA Weather Radio in Every Home

Public safety officials recommend that a tone-alert radio be standard equipment in every home, along with the required smoke alarms and CO detectors. Known as the “Voice of the National Weather Service,” the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Weather Radio broadcasts constant routine weather programming, which is interrupted with a special alarm tone in situations involving imminent threat to life and property. Warnings are provided for natural disasters, such as tornados and earthquakes, environmental issues (including chemical releases or oil spills), and public safety concerns (such as AMBER alerts or 911 telephone outages).

The NOAA Weather Radio Network consists of more than 985 transmitters covering all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and U.S Pacific Territories. Routine broadcasts are specifically tailored to weather information needs of listeners within each transmitter’s service area.

Weather Radios are available in many sizes and costs with a variety of functions, and can be purchased at retail outlets, including electronics, sporting goods, boat and marine accessory, and department stores. They can also be purchased from manufacturers and online retailers. A NOAA Weather Radio is the best way to get an early warning of local severe weather or other hazardous conditions.



Like Us on Facebook

The City of Elmhurst now has an Administrative Facebook page. "Like" **Elmhurst IL** to access news and information about what is happening in our community.

City Receives 21st GFOA Award

The Elmhurst Finance Department has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association for the 21st consecutive year. The award recognizes the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for its clarity, readability and adherence to standard accounting guidelines.



Fire Department Community Services



The Fire Department provides free car seat inspections by a trained and certified Child Passenger Safety Technician.



Personnel from the Elmhurst Fire Department not only fight fires, but also provide information and resources to help ensure residents' safety.

The Fire Department provides free car seat inspections by a trained and certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. Car seat inspections can help prevent many of the tragedies involving an improperly installed car seat or a child not properly secured in the seat.

Fire Safety Programs are offered in local schools. "Learn Not to Burn" and "Cool Rules for Fire Safety" are programs the Fire Department currently presents to first and fourth grade students at Elmhurst schools. Community groups can make arrangements to have Fire Department personnel present fire safety to their group.

In addition, the Fire Department offers interesting and informative group tours of Elmhurst fire stations, while department apparatus can be made available for viewing at neighborhood block parties upon request.

Learn more about these services, as well as a variety of ways to identify and correct potential fire hazards on the city's website, www.elmhurst.org, or call the Fire Department at 630-530-3090.

Mayor's Message



We all have goals: family and business goals, short-term as well as long-term goals. These goals drive our decision-making and they require thought and planning to assure that they are achieved. While goals can and will change, the need for goals never goes away. That fact applies to your City as well.

In the immediate and long-term future, we clearly have some tasks before us. The Elmhurst City Council and I must hire a new City Manager, the first such hire in 27 years. This position is vital to our civic future and the right choice is a first step to other City initiatives.

We have an unprecedented change in leadership throughout our community. There have been or soon will be changes in the top management of our major institutions, including Elmhurst College, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, Elmhurst Public Library and the Elmhurst Park District.

Elmhurst has long prided itself on the cooperation of various community bodies in achieving City-wide objectives. This cooperation, openness and trust is due in part to relationships forged over time. With this dramatic change in leadership, new relationships must be created and encouraged, and as your Mayor, I will do everything possible to foster these efforts.

The sub-committees of the Flood Task Force will continue to move forward with their analyses and regular reports to the City Council and staff. The solutions identified will be reviewed, assessed and undertaken as approved and funded, and although it might not happen as quickly as we would like, progress will take place in flood mitigation to ensure the well-being of our citizens.

In an effort to coordinate our objectives, I will ask for neighborhood priorities throughout our community, so that they can be incorporated into City priorities. Part of this initiative will include City survey instruments with neighborhood-specific questions. This will then be used as a tool to provide improved communications with our citizens.

As the economy improves, the City will see a heightened emphasis on efforts to recruit new businesses, as well as retain existing ones — in the hopes that new jobs will be created. Retail, manufacturing, service, logistics, leisure and food and beverage businesses will all be part of our outreach.

The City will also need to participate in planning for economic growth with DuPage County and neighboring communities, as well as the expanded O'Hare airport and other major Chicago area authorities. It may be appropriate to consider new public-private partnerships and/or TIF Districts, business and wayfinding signage and civic engagements on many levels, which hopefully will translate into better financial times for Elmhurst.

We all have a stake in our City's goals and we must join together in deciding what they will be and how we all will make them a part of our vision for the future.

Peter P. DiCianni, Mayor

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Community Calendar

June — August 2011

ONGOING

June-August

Hometown Art with Heart

While you stroll the sidewalks of City Centre this summer, enjoy artfully painted Children's Benches, created this year by local schools, along with a very special selection of "Kiddie Art" sculptures!

City Centre, FREE

Wednesdays and Fridays, June through August

Art on the Run

Free family activities are offered to all visitors with price of admission. This summer, we will focus on a different artist each month whose work can be found on display in one of EAM's galleries. So get your creative juices flowing and join us this summer as we create some great art!

Elmhurst Art Museum
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Wednesdays, June 1 – October 26

Elmhurst Farmers Market

York & Vallette, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesdays, June 1 – August 31

Cool Cars Under the Stars

Rev up your engines and cruise into the heart of downtown Elmhurst for this weekly classic car show. Enjoy cool wheels, hot deals and family-friendly fun every Wednesday night all summer long!

7-9 p.m., FREE

Mondays, June 13 – July 11

Summer String Orchestra

The Elmhurst Park District and the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will offer a summer string orchestra to string players ages 12 and up of all levels who are or have been part of an orchestra. Participants will receive instruction from members of the ESO and have an opportunity to perform at a final concert upon completion of the program.

The Abbey, 407 W. St. Charles Rd., Elmhurst, 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$60; \$65 non-residents

Check out the Elmhurst Historical Museum this summer where there's lots to do for busy little hands.

Mondays, June 13 – August 1

Grades 4 and 5 Book Discussion and More!

Kids entering grades 4 and 5 can read these interesting books and join us to discuss the stories and participate in fun activities.

June 13: *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs* by Betty Birney

June 27: *Swindle* by Gordon Korman

July 11: *Extra Credit* by Andrew Clements

July 25: *Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher* by Bruce Coville

But wait ... there's MORE!!! On June 20, July 18, and August 1, join us for reader's theater, improv games, and lots of literary fun. Sign up for the package deal! Register by phone or at the Help Desk starting Saturday, May 21, with your valid EPL card and pick up the first book.

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

June 14 to August 21

Special Exhibit: "Birthstones"

See the beautiful variety of Birthstones available to the public. The exhibit features the traditional birthstones, along with their alternates. Rough mineral specimens show the natural formation of the gems.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
Regular Museum Admission
Regular Museum Hours

Thursdays, June 16, July 21 and August 18

Music at the Gazebo

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the sounds of a variety of bands and musical styles!

Prairie Path Gazebo (along Spring Rd.)
7 p.m.



Mondays, June 20, July 11 & 25 and August 8

Grades 6-8: Roving Readers

Kids entering grades 6-8 will have the opportunity to see places no one else can at this traveling book discussion. Read books selected by the Middle School Advisory Board and get together with other tweens for a lively discussion. We'll meet at the Kids' Library Help Desk and search the library for a fun place to talk. Where will it be next time? The only way to find out is to be there! Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting Saturday, May 21.

Elmhurst Public Library, Kids' Help Desk
1:30-2:30 p.m. Free

Thursday, June 23, July 21, August 11

Middle School Night at the Pool

Calling all sixth, seventh and eighth graders! Come to the pool and jam to your favorite music with DJ Stevie D from Operation Getdown Productions. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. All participants must be registered by a parent/guardian. Register at the Wagner Center beforehand or at East End Pool the day of the event. Ages 11-14.

East End Pool, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5 resident/\$6 non-resident

Through June 30

Robert Hudson: Between the Lines

Known Internationally as one of America's preeminent sculptors, Hudson's exuberantly large sculptures layer unexpected materials with references to Picasso's cubist mannerisms, Rauschenberg's aggressive collages and the bright primary color palette of Miro and Mondrian.

Elmhurst Art Museum

June 30 - September 4

Soiree: Michael Rea

Michael Rea uses unfinished woods to sculpt over-sized imposing objects as varied as musical instruments, space crafts, jet skis and tanks. Fabricating objects in such a delusional manner infuses his work with an undeniable sense of humor and wonder as Rea comments on the temporal nature of pop culture.

Elmhurst Art Museum

ONGOING

Tuesdays, July 12 – July 26

Young Adult Puppetry

Young people entering grades 6-12 can explore a fun and unique form of dramatic expression. Learn how to make and manipulate puppets, use a variety of voice techniques and present a puppet show. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting Saturday, July 2.

Elmhurst Public Library, Meeting Room 2
2:00-3:30 p.m. Free

Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 12 to 28

NEW! Elmhurst Youth Team Tennis

This exciting program, sponsored by the USTA, offers tennis fun and competition for children of all levels, including beginners. Players ages 5 to 10 will receive 30 minutes of instruction, followed by 30 minutes of team competition. Age-appropriate equipment and court sizes will make it easy for kids to get involved in the real game of tennis. Each player will receive a t-shirt, foam ball, tennis racquet, subscription to Bounce or SMASH magazine, one-year USTA junior membership and an Ace's Kids Club package (activity book, sweat band, and other fun prizes). Ages 5-10

Wilder Park

Register in-person at Courts Plus
by June 20

Fee: \$89R/NR

Tuesday, July 19 and August 2

Concerts in Wilder Park

Join the Elmhurst Community Band and Jazz Band for summer concerts in Wilder Park. Both ensembles will be led by Michael Pavlik, Director of Bands, and William Riddle, Department Chair for the Performing Arts at York High School.

Elmhurst Community Band:

July 19, 6 p.m.

Elmhurst Community Jazz Band:

August 2, 6 p.m.

FREE

Through September 4

Works on Paper: Selections from the Elmhurst College Collection

A selection of Elmhurst College's collection will highlight some of Chicago's most dynamic artists of the last four decades. Works by Ed Paschke, Gladys Nilsson, Karl Wirsum and Lorri Gunn all employ bright palettes, an abundance of pattern, very precise craftsmanship and a shared interest in popular culture.

Elmhurst Art Museum



Join the fun at the Elmhurst Historical Museum's "Toys in the 'Hood'" exhibit where you'll find old-time toys like this Radio Flyer wagon.

Through September 4

The Unsentimental Journey of Seymour Rosofsky

A prominent post-war imagist, Seymour Rosofsky's direct, brooding paintings use realism to anchor extraordinary circumstance in a familiar world. His subject matter — family, oppression, politics — become credible to the viewer even within Rosofsky's fantastical, dream-like surroundings.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Denise Burge: Original Dirt

Cincinnati-based artist Denise Burge, who approaches quilting from a painting background, uses the storytelling tradition of her hometown community in the Smokey Mountains to create work that comments on everything from her family to the natural environment.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Through September 18

Toys in the 'Hood'

Jump into the playful world of Chicago's own toy story and get to know the clever inventors behind some of the most popular toys and games of all time. See artifacts and prototypes of classic toys and games, including Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys, Operation, TMX Tickle Me Elmo and more. View multi-media displays like Toy Invention TV, which shows how inventors turn their ideas into toys. Try out a selection of toys at hands-on stations in the second floor gallery. All ages. This exhibit is supported by Classic Cinemas, ColorGrafx, and My Favorite Toy Store.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

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

JUNE

Tuesday - 7

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Annual Dinner

Join Elmhurst Symphony members and friends in a celebration of the ESO's 50th season and Stephen Alltop's 15 years as Music Director of the ESO. Silver Measure Award winners will be announced and the 70th wedding anniversary of former Award winners Arnold and Dora Schenk will also be celebrated.

Diplomat West, 681 W. North Ave.,

Elmhurst, 6:30 p.m., Cost: \$30

Thurs., Fri., Sat. and Sun. - 9 - 12

Elmhurst Jaycee's Charity Carnival

Come join the fun at the Elmhurst Jaycees Charity Carnival. Mega-passes on sale for \$50 at following locations: Elmhurst Chamber, Mehta Motors, Elmhurst Camera and at Elmhurst Jaycee's, PO Box 1041, Elmhurst, Illinois, IL 60126.

Park Ave and Prospect, Elmhurst

Hours for carnival: June 9, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

June 10, 11, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

June 12, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Saturday - 11

Battle of the Bands & Skate Park Competition

Come out and try your skills in several different competitions for this second annual event: half pipe, best trick, free skate and a game of SKATE. With three different age groups, you're guaranteed to have a good time and find skaters at your level. Later that day, head on over to the 2011 Battle of the Bands competition at 3 p.m., also at York Commons. Local teen groups will perform on stage for prizes and a chance to compete regionally in July or August. Sponsored by Suburban Bank & Trust and Motiv8 Skate Shop. Helmets are required!

Skate Competition: 11 a.m.

Battle of the Bands: 3 p.m.

Information: 630-993-8980.

Free Community Health Fair

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

Faith Evangelical United Methodist Church

111 W. North Avenue, (corner of North Avenue and York Road) Elmhurst
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Information: 630-941-0212

Wednesday – 15

Be the Artist: Gladys Nilsson

This program is designed for children ages 10-14. During the evening, participants will view work by Gladys Nilsson, an artist who paints vividly imaginative worlds in watercolor. Then create your own bright and colorful watercolor painting filled with people, animals and inventive places.

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

Cost: \$8 for EAM members/Elmhurst residents and \$10 NM/NR

Registration: 630-993-8901

Saturday – 18

Geode-Collecting Field Trip

Collect geodes near the Mississippi River. Hilltop quarry yields abundant and fascinating geodes, along with other minerals and fossils. Trip includes tour guides, motor coach, collecting and on-site cracking fees.

Field Trip, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

\$99/per person

Reservations Required: 630-833-1616

Summer Extravaganza

Elmhurst College hosts its 16th annual Summer Extravaganza. Free, outdoor concert will feature Dennis Mackrel (drums), Byron Stripling (trumpet) and Bobby Floyd (piano, organ, keyboards), accompanied by the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Lawn chairs/picnics welcome. Elmhurst College Mall
190 S. Prospect Ave., 6:30 p.m., FREE
Info: 630-617-3390

Tuesday – 21

Summer Fun & Games: Make Your Own Yo-Yos

This summer, EHM's Education Center turns into toy land every Tuesday afternoon with a different toy-themed craft activity. Kids will make a yo-yo and learn a few tricks to impress friends. No reservations required. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

1-3 p.m. \$2 Non-Members, \$1 Members

Thursday - 23

Tea Time Talk: Playing for a Living--Chicago's Toy History

Tim Walsh — author, toy inventor and exhibit collaborator — will discuss Chicago's toy invention history. Walsh will relate some of the intriguing stories behind many famous toys invented in Chicago and share his own toy invention experiences. Part of the monthly adult program series of exhibit tours, performances and lectures. Refreshments served immediately following in the Glos Mansion.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

1:00 p.m. FREE

Saturday - 25

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

The ESO debuts at Cantigny Park with "An American Salute." Celebrate patriotic classics by composers John Philip Sousa, Aaron Copland and John Williams, among others, and support the ESO. Concerts are on the lawn, so bring lawn chairs and picnics and wear your red, white and blue!

Cantigny Park, 1S151 Winfield Road
Wheaton, 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 in advance

\$15 on concert day.

Info: 630-260-8162 or www.cantigny.org

Sunday – 26

Toy Fair Extravaganza

It's a fun-for-all! Don't miss one of the summer's hottest events to celebrate the new "Toys in the 'Hood" exhibit. Enter a Lincoln Log building contest, play games on the museum grounds, win cool prizes, play "Blurt" with the game's inventor, eat ice cream, tour the exhibit...and lots more. All ages.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

1-5 p.m. FREE

Tuesday – 28

Summer Fun & Games: Craft-a-Kite

EHM's Education Center turns into toy land every Tuesday afternoon with a different toy-themed craft activity. Kids will create high-flying kites with colorful tails. No reservations required. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

\$2 Non-Members, \$1 Members

JULY

Thurs, Fri., Sat. & Sun. - 1, 2, 3, and 4 Fourth of July Celebration

The City of Bensenville Liberty Fest, a four-day celebration in cooperation with the City of Elmhurst, will feature music, as well as a carnival and a variety of great food. On the Fourth of July, come to enjoy the fireworks display from our next door neighbors at the River Forest County Club.

Redmond Park, Bensenville, IL

Info: www.bensenville.il.us/

Tuesday – 5

Summer Fun & Games: Roaring Race Cars

EHM's Education Center turns into toy land every Tuesday afternoon with a different toy-themed craft activity. This week, customize a mini race car with colors, stickers and more. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

1-3 p.m. \$2 Non-Members, \$1 Members

Sunday - 10

Elmhurst Garden Club Garden Walk and Faire

The Elmhurst Garden Club presents its Sixteenth Annual Garden Walk and Faire, "An Afternoon in the Garden." Visitors will begin by obtaining a garden guide at the Garden Club booth in Wilder Park, where they can enjoy exploring the conservatory and the award-winning herb garden. The Faire, featuring booths with varied and unique items, will be held in Wilder Park, while an art exhibit will be held in historic Wilder Mansion. Lunch available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Wilder Mansion. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the event.

Wilder Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Info: www.elmhurstgardenwalk.com.

Tuesday – 12

Summer Fun & Games: Crazy Kaleidoscopes

EHM's Education Center turns into toy land every Tuesday afternoon with a different toy-themed craft activity. Make a kaleidoscope with all kinds of crazy colors. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

\$2 Non-Members, \$1 Members

Sunday - 17

Vintage Base Ball Game

Experience America's pastime played by 1850s rules when the Chicago Salmon vintage team takes on the Elmhurst All-Stars. Between-inning activities, prizes and more. Co-sponsored by Elmhurst Historical Museum, Elmhurst Heritage Foundation and Elmhurst Park District. Bring a chair or blanket. All ages.

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

Tuesday – 19

Summer Fun & Games: Rubber Ducky Designers

EHM's Education Center turns into toy land every Tuesday afternoon with a different toy-themed craft activity. Design a special look for an adorable rubber ducky. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

\$2 Non-Members, \$1 Members

Thursday - 21

Tea Time Talk: Inside the World of Model Making

Meet Dean Milano, collector and former product designer at Revell Inc. Milano will give an insider's perspective on Revell-Monogram's history of more than 60 years of creating authentic scale model kits for generations of enthusiasts. Part of the monthly adult program series of exhibit tours, performances and lectures. Refreshments served immediately following in the Glos Mansion.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

1:00 p.m. FREE

JULY

Saturday - 23

Smalley Pool Cardboard Boat Regatta

Your mission is to build a boat out of cardboard and duct tape that is capable of being launched and paddled across the pool while holding two people! Each age group will have the opportunity to win different awards. Registration packets can be picked up at the Wagner Community Center and East End or Smalley Pools. Ages 6 and older.

Norman P. Smalley Pool

8 a.m. - 12 noon

Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and first heat starts at 9 a.m.

Fee: \$12R/\$14NR

Info: 630-993-4724

Tuesday - 26

Summer Fun & Games:

Build-a-Teddy Bear

EHM's Education Center turns into toy land every Tuesday afternoon with a different toy-themed craft activity. Make a small and cuddly teddy bear friend. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

1-3 p.m. \$2 Non-Members

\$1 Members

Thursday - 28

Young Inventor's Challenge Workshop

Aspiring toy inventors will learn how to participate in the Young Inventor's Challenge, a contest held in conjunction with the Chicago Toy and Game Fair at Navy Pier. Gina Manola – owner of CALICO, an award-winning toy and game design studio and driving force behind the annual challenge – will inspire participants to create a winning game or toy concept. Ages 7-14.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

\$10 Non-Members, Members \$8

Reservations required:

630-833-1457.

"The Decision of Their Lives: the Great Migration and the American Story"

Pullitzer Prize-winner Isabel Wilkerson, author of *The New York Times* bestseller, *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, presented by Elmhurst College and the Society for Values in Higher Education.

Elmhurst College

Hammerschmidt Chapel

7 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

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

AUGUST

Tuesday - 2

Summer Fun & Games: Portable Game Boards

EHM's Education Center turns into toy land every Tuesday afternoon with a different toy-themed craft activity. Create a portable felt game board perfect for family vacations. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

1-3 p.m. \$2 Non-Members, \$1 Members

Thursday-Sunday 4-7

AAUW Annual Used Book Sale

Used books, CDs, DVDs and videos will be available at the Annual Used Book Sale sponsored by AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch. Proceeds benefit AAUW educational grants and local scholarships.

Conrad Fischer Elementary School (888 North Wilson Street, Elmhurst)

Thurs. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.;

Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 3 p.m.

FREE on all days except Thursday:

\$10/person and \$10/scanner.

Info: 630-808-3533

Friday, August 5

The Chicago Imagists and the Figurative Tradition

Chicago Imagist and Elmhurst College Curator Suellen Rocca explores the Imagists' highly original expressions of the figure.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m.

Reservations required for this free lecture:

630-834-0202 x 116

Tuesday - 9

Summer Fun & Games: Toy Catapults

EHM's Education Center turns into toy land every Tuesday afternoon with a different toy-themed craft activity. Kids can unleash their creativity and make a mini catapult perfect for hurling mini balls and action figures. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

1-3 p.m. \$2 Non-Members, \$1 Members

Sunday - 14

Make & Take Model Mania

Drop in at the Education Center for an afternoon of making authentic Revell model cars. Participants will assemble snap-together models; no glue or paint necessary. No reservations required. Ages 6+ with an adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

1-3 p.m. \$5 per project

Tuesday - 16

Summer Fun & Games:

Slithering Slime

Join us for the final session of Summer Fun & Games. Make some oozy, gooey, slithering slime to mold and shape for hours of fun. Ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

\$2 Non-Members, \$1 Members

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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www.elmhurstchamber.org

Elmhurst Choral Union

www.elmhurstchoralunion.org

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Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade

www.elmhurststpatparade.com

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

www.elmhurstsymphony.org

Lizzadro Museum Lapidary Art

www.lizzadromuseum.org

Spring Road Business Association

www.springroad.com

York & Vallette Business Assoc.

www.yorkandvallette.com

Watch for Sidewalk Sammy

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



Call JULIE Before Digging

Before beginning home improvement projects that involve digging, such as installing a fence or deck, or simply planting a tree, don't forget to call JULIE at 811 or 1-800-892-0123. Member utility companies will send a locator to mark their underground facilities using paint and/or flags. Once you know the approximate location of utility lines, you can dig safely. The call to JULIE and the utility locating services are free. Digging without making that call may result in service disruption to an entire neighborhood, injuries to yourself or others, and/or potential fines and repair costs.

Vehicle Sticker Reminder



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

Mosquito Spraying

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

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

Congratulations to Elmhurst 5th graders who recently completed the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program! These youngsters are to be commended for their commitment to live free of the negative influences of drugs and alcohol. They have learned to recognize and resist the subtle pressure to experiment with harmful substances. The efforts of Elmhurst police officers to keep kids away from dangerous substances are appreciated.

Holiday Reminders

City Hall will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, and on Independence Day, Monday, July 4. The City Council meeting normally scheduled for Monday, July 4, will be held the following evening. Refuse collection will be delayed by one day during the last week in May and the first week in July.

Is Your Grass Too High?

It is apparent to anyone who walks, bikes or drives in Elmhurst that many residents take pride in their beautiful lawns and summertime flower displays. Please remember that the Elmhurst City Council passed an ordinance several years ago requiring that grass, other than ornamental grasses, be trimmed to a height of eight inches or less.

Parking across Sidewalks Prohibited

During the summer months, Elmhurst's sidewalks are used by walkers, joggers, and families with small children in strollers. Residents are reminded to avoid parking across neighborhood sidewalks. Offenders may be ticketed and fined for violating this city regulation.

Inoperable Vehicles Prohibited

Elmhurst Municipal Code 12.02 (l) prohibits storing or parking junk cars or inoperable vehicles in residential districts. This regulation applies to any unlicensed vehicle or one with flat tires, broken windshield or other conditions that make it inoperable.



Reminders for Pet Owners

Summer is just around the corner and pet owners are reminded of city ordinances involving responsible pet ownership.

- Animals can suffer greatly from extreme temperatures, either hot or cold. Please be aware of weather changes and provide proper shelter, water and food for pets.
- Owners are required to clean up after their pets on public sidewalks, parkways, city parks, private property or along the Prairie Path.
- Dogs must be properly restrained by a leash or chain, six feet or less in length, attached to the collar or harness whenever the dog is off the owner's property. Dogs are not allowed to trespass on private property.
- Dogs and cats must be licensed and registered each year on or before May 1, and have a valid rabies tag affixed to their collars.
- Excessive barking is considered a nuisance under city ordinances and may result in a citation being issued.

City ordinances allow no more than four dogs, cats or combination of the two upon any property within the city. A litter may be kept no more than four months from birth. Keep in mind that failure to comply with these regulations may result in a ticket and a court-ordered fine of up to \$1,000.

Curfew Reminder

Parents and teens are reminded that young people under the age of 18 are required to abide by city curfew regulations all year, whether school is in session or not. Elmhurst's curfew is from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Sunday through Thursday and from midnight on Friday and Saturday until 6:00 a.m. the following morning. A minor in any public area in the city after curfew must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or responsible companion at least 21 years of age and approved by the teen's parent or legal guardian. Teens who are engaged in a business or occupation authorized by the state for a person under 18 to perform are allowed to be out after curfew.





Landscaping with Native Plants

Unlike traditional landscaping which involves removal of native plants and planting of extensive lawns, natural landscaping requires less active maintenance, including mowing, fertilizing and pesticide treatment.

The use of native plants in place of some lawn areas also promotes cleaner air, since one hour of mowing creates the same amount of air pollution as driving a car for more than 300 miles.

A well-designed landscape includes native plantings and low-maintenance areas wherever possible, minimizing the need for supplemental water and chemicals with the potential to pollute surface and ground water supplies. It also provides food and cover for birds and other wildlife, and contributes to the health of local waterways. The addition of mulch adds nutrients to the soil and greatly reduces water evaporation and runoff. Natural landscaping is characterized by native plants that are not only attractive but also easy to maintain and resistant to stress.

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City Hall Hours

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

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

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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

Making Elmhurst More Bicycle-Friendly

The city is committed to making our community more bicycle-friendly and, to further that goal, has installed additional bike racks near the downtown Metra station and in shopping areas throughout the city. The location of the racks makes it more convenient for commuters to bike to the station, and for shoppers and bicycle enthusiasts to ride throughout the city.

It is important for bicyclists and motorists to safely share city streets. Bicyclists are required to obey all motor vehicle laws and traffic control signs, ride in the direction of traffic, and signal when turning or stopping. A front headlight is required for nighttime biking, while helmets, bright or reflective clothing, and defensive riding are crucial. Motorists must maintain three feet between their vehicle and a cyclist, and treat cyclists with the same respect as other motorists on the road.

If a stolen or lost bicycle is recovered by the police, it will be returned to the owner if it is registered with the city. With a little information, i.e., make, model and serial number, you can fill out the registration form online at www.elmhurst.org. From the home page, simply click on "Departments" and then "Finance" where you will find the bicycle registration form to complete and print out. Forms can be turned in to the police station or the finance counter at City Hall and you will be given a registration sticker for your bicycle. Bike registration is free and is good for five years.



Construction Permit Reminder

Before you begin a remodeling or construction project this season, please remember that permits are required for certain types of projects and are available at the Community Development counter in City Hall.

Projects that require a permit include the following: air conditioning installation; generators and outdoor fireplaces; porches, patios, decks, fences, gates, signs and driveways; sheds, accessory buildings, and attached or detached garages; siding and window replacement; swimming pools and hot tubs; interior remodeling and additions; new home construction; and electrical or plumbing work. For more detailed information about building permits and codes, visit the city's website, www.elmhurst.org.



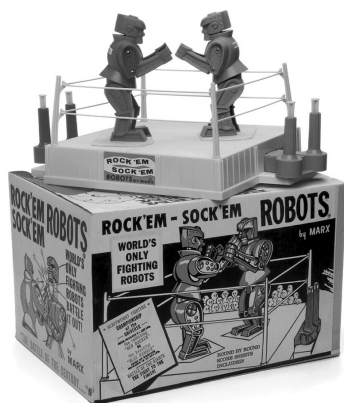
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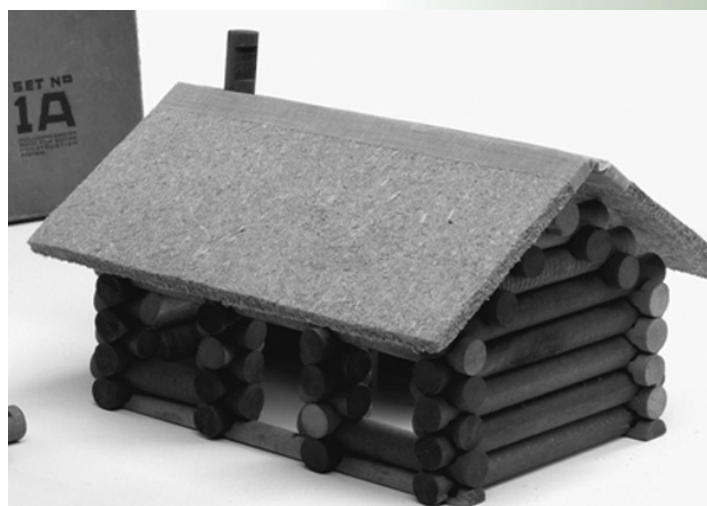
Phone: 630-833-1457 www.elmhursthistory.org

Issue 2

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



Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots was a hit game from the Marvin Glass toy invention studio in the '60s.



Lincoln Logs were invented in Chicago by John Lloyd Wright.

From Tree Town to Toyland

Elmhurst is transforming into Toyland this summer with Toys in the 'Hood, the new exhibit that tells Chicago's own toy story. Did you know that iconic toys, such as Radio Flyer Wagons, Tinker Toys, Uno, Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots and many more, were created by clever inventors right here in the Chicago area?

Toys in the 'Hood will be on display throughout the summer, and is appropriate for all ages. Elmhurst Historical Museum is kicking up the fun factor with many playful events and programs. To name a few:

June 26: Toy Fair Extravaganza – Check out the new exhibit, meet toy inventors, and play games on the museum grounds. Participate

in a Lincoln Log building contest, and play a game of Blurt with the game's inventor. Fun, prizes, refreshments and lots more!

June 23: Classic Chicago Toys – Tea Time Talk will move to the fourth Thursday in June to bring author, exhibit collaborator and toy inventor Tim Walsh to the Education Center. Tim will discuss the inventors behind some of Chicago's classic toys beloved by generations, and Chicago's history of toy and game invention.

More programs will be added to the summer schedule, so be sure to check www.elmhursthistory.org for details.

Summer Fun & Games = Affordable Family Fun

Speaking of toys, the popular Summer Fun & Games program is back again on Tuesday afternoons with affordable crafty fun for kids. Of course, this year the theme is all about toys and games. Children and their caregivers can drop by the Education Center for a different toy-themed craft workshop every week from June 21 through August 16. The cost is \$2 for non-members — members only \$1 per program. For the latest details, go to www.elmhursthistory.org.

Here's the schedule for 2011:

June 21	Make-Your-Own Yo-Yos	June 28	Craft-a-Kite
July 5	Roaring Race Cars	July 12	Crazy Kaleidoscopes
July 19	Rubber Ducky Designers	July 26	Build-a-Teddy Bear
Aug. 2	Portable Felt Game Boards	Aug. 9	Toy Catapults
Aug. 16	Slithering Slime		

Remember: Summer Fun & Games programs are half-price for family members of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, so now is an ideal time to become a member. Please visit www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org to purchase online.

Vintage Base Ball is Back

The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation is once again presenting the annual Vintage Base Ball Game on July 17 with the Chicago Salmon old-time team taking on the Elmhurst All Stars. This is an opportunity to see America's favorite pastime played by rules of the 1850s, and it's a one-of-a-kind living history experience. This free event takes place at 1:00 p.m. at Berens Park. Bring a lawn chair, your family and friends....and play ball!



Route 20 (Lake Street) Reconstruction

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be reconstructing a segment of Route 20 (Lake Street) through the City of Elmhurst. The general project limits are Lake Street from east of Walnut Avenue to east of York Street, including part of the I-290 interchange and the section of York Street from north of Burger King to North of the Lake Street intersection.

This project will include roadway reconfiguration, pavement reconstruction, streetlight relocation and replacement, and fence removal and replacement. Underground utility work will include storm sewer repairs.

This project will significantly improve the "rideability" of this segment of roadway and will eliminate the current "scissors" ramp configuration. The contractor for this project is Martam Construction.

Work commenced the week of April 4, 2011, with project completion slated for the summer of 2012. For more information, please visit the City's website, www.elmhurst.org. Questions and comments may be directed to the IDOT website: www.dot.state.il.us/contact.html.



Use Caution with Fireworks

Residents are reminded that fireworks that are not sold legally within Illinois are also not legal to possess or explode within Elmhurst. This prohibition includes any device that produces a temporary audible or visible exhibition by means of explosion, combustion or detonation (i.e. firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, bombs).

During the summer months, especially around July 4th, the police receive many reports of fireworks being exploded in residential neighborhoods and reports of injuries associated with illegal fireworks. When the police respond to such reports, the fireworks are confiscated and the offender(s) may even be arrested. Devices such as sparklers, snakes or glow worm pellets, smoke devices, and trick noisemakers are not considered fireworks and are allowed at any time. Be aware, however, that even devices that seem harmless, such as sparklers, burn at temperatures in excess of 1,000 degrees and can cause severe burns, especially in the hands of young children.

New Signage Regulations: Garage Sale Signs

The Elmhurst City Council recently approved changes to the city's Municipal Code regarding garage sale signs. To view the entire section regarding signs, go to the city's website under Departments, Community Development, Planning and Zoning, Zoning Ordinance. Garage sale signs are covered in section 11.6 (j), Private Sale Signs. For further information, please call 630-530-6177.



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