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The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

September 2012

Meet the Fire Chief

Congratulations are in order to Jeff Bacidore who was recently promoted to the position of Fire Chief for the City of Elmhurst. Jeff began his career in 1980 as a paid on-call firefighter with the LaSalle Fire Department, after earning his degree in Fire Science Management from Southern Illinois University. He joined the Elmhurst Fire Department in 1985 and has now been with the City for 27 years. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1995, captain in 1998 and deputy fire chief in 2002. In his role as Fire Chief, Jeff will supervise 10 officers, 33 firefighters and 12 contract paramedics.

As far as Jeff's family is concerned, fire service is in the blood. His father was a firefighter with the LaSalle Fire Department for 50 years, serving as chief for the last 20 years of his career. Jeff's

brother is currently fire chief in LaSalle. He also has one cousin and an uncle on the LaSalle Fire Department and one cousin who is a Lieutenant on the Lombard Fire Department. Jeff has been married to his wife Vicki for 23 years. They have two sons — one is pursuing a career in fire service and the other in the military.

Until Jeff's promotion to Fire Chief, Mike Kopp was wearing two hats — fire chief and part-time assistant city manager. Mike is now the City's full-time assistant City Manager. His duties include coordinating economic development efforts, supervising human resources, information technology, and building and planning.



*New Fire Chief
Jeff Bacidore*

TIF District Analysis Continues

In TIF Districts, a base equalized assessed value (EAV) is determined and that base is used to allocate property tax revenue to taxing bodies, including school districts, park districts, libraries and cities. Any EAV increase over that base level goes into a special fund for TIF improvements, such as property acquisition, demolition, parking improvements, utility upgrades, professional services, façade renovation, streetscape improvements, and other public purposes as permitted by law. In other words, TIF Districts invest in themselves. Elmhurst has had three very successful TIF Districts in place for a number of years: TIF I in the central business district; TIF II near Lake and Walnut; and TIF III at Route 83 and St. Charles Road.

The City began review of nine other areas that might be considered for TIF designation. The review areas were all determined to have significant redevelopment potential, due to adverse conditions, including "...deterioration, deleterious land use, lack of community planning, obsolescence, excessive vacancies and a lag in EAV when compared to the remainder of the City." In 2011, the City retained the services of Kane, McKenna and Associates (KMA), Inc., to evaluate these

other areas within the City that would benefit from the use of economic development strategies.

After a thorough review of the areas proposed for economic development, the north York Street area was determined to have the best redevelopment potential. This area is from the alley south of Hahn Street on the south, to Grand Avenue on the north, including one or both sides of York Street (and other contiguous parcels east and west of York Street). On

July 2 the Joint Review Board (consisting of representatives from other affected taxing districts) reviewed the Redevelopment Plan and Project along with the Eligibility Report and determined it met the requirements of the Illinois State TIF Act. On August 6th a Public Hearing was held to better understand the concerns of the public. The City continues to work with the School District and Park District to ensure the TIF process and designation is a win/win for all those affected by the TIF. The next step in the process is for the City Council to consider the appropriate ordinances to designate the

proposed North York TIF area (TIF IV).

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Election 2012: General Election and Voter Information

Tuesday, November 6, is a General Election. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please contact the DuPage Election Commission (630)407-5600 or visit their website www.dupageco.org/Election to determine your polling place.

✓ Early Voting

Elmhurst City Hall will serve as an Early Voting location for the November 6th General Election for all registered voters of DuPage County, beginning Monday, October 22, through Friday, November 2, between the hours of 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Council Chambers (209 N. York Street). Contact the Election Commission for additional Early Voting locations and hours. To participate in Early Voting, you must be a registered DuPage County voter and present a government-issued photo ID.

✓ Absentee Voting

The DuPage Election Commission offers absentee voting to individuals who will be unable to vote in person on Election Day for one of the following reasons: absent from DuPage County; serving as an election judge outside his/her precinct; observing a religious holiday; performing official election duties or election law enforcement duties; physically incapacitated; pre-trial detainee; or called for jury duty. For information or to obtain an absentee ballot, contact the DuPage Election Commission at (630) 407-5600.

✓ Voter Registration

The City Clerk's Office provides voter registration Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for all DuPage County residents. When registering, be sure to bring two forms of identification: a current, valid photo identification card with your signature is required, together with at least one item showing your current address. You must register at least 28 days prior to an election in order to vote in that election.

✓ Grace Period Registration

Illinois law provides a grace period to register and vote for individuals who were unable to register to vote or change their address prior to the traditional deadline. The grace period is from the 27th day through the 14th day prior to an election. Registering to vote or transferring a registration and voting during the grace period may only be done in person at the DuPage Election Commission office at 421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL.

Candidate Information: 2013 Consolidated Election

Interested in running for the City Council? The following City Council positions will be up for election in the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election: Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer, and seven Aldermanic positions (one for each of the seven Wards). Residents seeking to run for local political office may pick up candidate packets from the City Clerk at the Administration Office in City Hall beginning Tuesday, September 25, 2012. The first date to circulate petitions for candidacy is Tuesday, September 25, 2012.

Candidate filing will take place Monday, December 17, 2012, through Monday, December 24, 2012* at the Administration Office in City Hall, 209 N. York St., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. M-F. If multiple candidates from the same Ward are in position at the open of business (8:30 a.m.) on Monday, December 17, 2012, they will file simultaneously and a lottery will be used to determine ballot placement on Wednesday, December 19.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (630)530-3015.

* Please note: City Hall will be closed at 12 noon on December 24 in observance of Christmas Eve; however the Administration Office will remain open until 5:00 p.m., per state law, to allow candidates to file their petitions until 5:00 p.m.

York Street Repaving Project

The York Street resurfacing project will be underway this fall for improvements from Vallette Street to South Robert Palmer Drive. The project will include removal and replacement of deteriorated sections of curb, gutter, pavement and sidewalk. The final pavement construction will include a three-inch grind of the existing concrete and a three-inch overlay of asphalt. Close to three quarters of the project costs, excluding engineering, were provided through a Federal Surface Transportation Program grant from the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. Completion is anticipated by early December.

Fire Prevention Week, October 7 - 11: "Have 2 Ways Out"

When it comes to fire safety, it's crucial to understand that fire spreads rapidly and can leave a home completely engulfed in smoke and flames in a matter of minutes. You may have as little as two minutes to get your family to safety after the smoke alarm sounds. Without working smoke alarms, you may not even become aware of the danger until it is too late to escape. Unfortunately, most children and many adults do not know how to react in a fire emergency. Creating a fire escape plan and practicing that plan at least once every six months may mean the difference between life and death. Follow these steps to create a fire safety plan for your family:

- ✓ Make sure your home has working smoke alarms, ideally in each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Push the test button to make sure they are all working.
- ✓ Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Consider having children draw a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including doors and windows. Make sure all windows and doors open easily. Purchase escape ladders and place them near second floor windows. Remember – the second way out might be through a window.
- ✓ Select an outside meeting place located within sight of your home but a safe distance from the front door, such as a light post, stop sign or neighbor's porch. Instruct all family members to meet at that spot after they have escaped. Mark the meeting location on your escape plan.

- ✓ Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street to help emergency personnel find your address. Elmhurst Code requires that the numbers be at least four inches high and in a color that contrasts with the color of the building. Avoid spelling out numbers in cursive.
- ✓ Teach family members how to use 911 to call the fire department and make sure they know they should call from a neighbor's house or a cell phone from outside the house.
- ✓ Teach family members that once they are outside, they must stay outside. Never go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, give that information to the 911 dispatcher. Firefighters have the skills and equipment to perform rescues.
- ✓ Practice your plan at least twice a year, making the drill as realistic as possible. Allow children to master the plan and practice it before holding a fire drill at night when they are sleeping. Let them know ahead of time there will be a drill that night. If a family member does not wake up to the sound of the smoke alarm, assign someone to wake that person as part of the drill and in a real fire situation. Practice crawling low under smoke, covering your mouth and nose. Teach family members to always choose the safest escape route – the one with the least smoke and heat. As you practice your plan, remember to close doors to slow down the spread of fire and give your family more time to safely escape.



Learn Not to Burn

Keeping children safe is a top priority for members of the Elmhurst Fire Department. "Learn Not to Burn" is a fire safety education program for elementary school children and is based on the National Fire Protection Association curriculum. This highly successful program teaches basic fire safety skills, such as Stop, Drop and Roll; crawl low under smoke; and how to call 911. Each year the Elmhurst Fire Department sponsors a "Learn Not to Burn" poster contest for fourth graders in the community's public and private schools. Congratulations to Katherine from Lincoln School who created this year's first place entry; Arianna from Hawthorne School who took second place honors; and Michael from Immaculate Conception Grade School whose poster took third place. All the children who participated are to be commended. Visit the Fire Department's page on the city's website, www.elmhurst.org, to view this year's winning entries.

School Safety – More than Fire Drills

School and public safety officials nationwide now take precautions in response to situations once considered unthinkable in our nation's schools — armed intruders or students with guns. Tragedies in recent years have made it necessary to add lockdown drills to the standard drills that have long been part of school safety measures. In a lockdown drill or actual lockdown situation, classroom doors are locked and blinds are closed. Students are instructed to leave their seats and sit in silence away from windows and where they cannot be seen from the door. Two lockdown drills are held each year in Elmhurst schools.

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Schools housing elementary or secondary students under the age of 21 are also required by state law to hold several other types of drills. There must be at least three evacuation drills to prepare for situations in which conditions outside the building are safer than inside, including fire, bomb threat, suspicious items or hazardous materials. Schools must also hold at least one bus evacuation drill to prepare students and personnel for situations in which conditions outside the bus are safer than inside, such as fire, suspicious items, and incidents involving hazardous materials. At least one severe weather and shelter-in-place drill is also required to prepare for tornados.

Members of the Elmhurst Police and Fire Departments monitor these safety drills, and assist, as needed, as part of a partnership between schools and public safety personnel.

Be Smart with Smart911

In an emergency situation, residents need the most efficient and appropriate assistance that can be provided by responding personnel. Smart911 gives firefighters the information they need to ensure that all family members and pets are rescued. The program provides paramedics with information about allergies, heart attack or stroke history, dementia or hearing impairment. If the police have a child's photo, already supplied through Smart911, this program can help save critical minutes when a child is reported missing, in order to issue an Amber Alert without delay.

Smart911 is a free, county-wide program available in the Elmhurst community. Information provided by residents is private and protected, and is only seen by public safety personnel responding to an emergency 911 call. To sign up, visit the city's website at www.elmhurst.org and click on the Smart911 link on the home page. If you don't have access to the Internet, you can still provide critical information about disabilities or special needs through the Premise Alert Program. Visit the Police Department or City Hall to fill out the necessary form. Information will then be sent to DuComm and added to your database. This critical information is given to emergency responders when a 911 call is placed from your home.

Door-to-Door Solicitation

No Solicitors Invited

Residents are reminded that a permit is required for persons or organizations soliciting door-to-door in Elmhurst.* The application process takes approximately three weeks and includes a background check by the Police Department. The fact that a solicitor has been issued a permit is not a city endorsement of the organization. Once approved, solicitors must wear the photo ID badge issued by the Administration Office while soliciting. Permits are available in the City Clerk's Office for the following purposes:

- ✓ To obtain orders for the purchase of goods, wares, merchandise, food items, or services of any kind.
- ✓ To obtain prospective customers for application or purchase of any type of insurance.
- ✓ To obtain subscriptions to books, magazines, newspapers or other publications.
- ✓ To obtain gifts or contributions of money, clothing, or any other valuable things for the support or benefit of a charitable or non-profit organization or project.
- ✓ Residents who do not wish to have solicitors on their property may obtain a "No Solicitor Invited" sticker from the City Administration Office at City Hall or on the city's website. Solicitors must immediately leave the premises if a "No Solicitor Invited" sticker is displayed.

* Exemptions apply to youth, age 16 or under, who are involved in fundraising programs sponsored by schools, bona fide children's organizations or youth sports. Individuals who are not soliciting funds or attempting to sell or promote goods or services of any kind are also exempt.

Mayor's Message



Our nation, state, and our wonderful City of Elmhurst are parts of our glorious democracy with all its representative benefits. We understand our elective culture, we rally in support of our independence, we stress the balance of power within the system. We value our freedoms while being a nation of laws. But there is another part of our democracy that

is vital to having everything work as it should. That vital piece is volunteerism.

We see volunteerism everywhere. It is evident in our schools. It is at the core of our non-profits. It drives many causes, helps to cure diseases, raise money and to increase awareness and knowledge on many levels. Volunteers provide willing and ready "extra hands" to get the work done. They are invaluable with their service and service is what excites them, propels them to action and provides their primary satisfaction. While "service above self" is the formal motto of Rotary International, it is the informal motto for volunteers and volunteerism throughout the world.

It's true for our City as well. Currently there are fourteen commissions and boards that assist our City and its elected leaders and staff with their service. These groups vary in size, but their overall total of involved, volunteer people is over one hundred and likely to grow in the months ahead. These individuals, your neighbors and friends, volunteer their time in service to our community. We need them to get the work done and we appreciate and applaud their service and spirit.

They are involved with architecture, police and fire, the library, youth, economic development, historic preservation, senior citizens, veterans and zoning and planning. They meet regularly throughout the year. They serve without payment and often with very few people even being aware of their involvements. They represent our local democracy in action.

You can become one of them. If you visit the City's web site at www.elmhurst.org, go to the "Government" tab at the top, and then scroll down to "Commissions and Boards." There you will find the entire list of volunteer opportunities. You will even find an online form for you to use if you wish to be considered for any openings. I encourage you to consider it.

Beyond these chances to serve, there are many, many more. You can join a service club; the hospital, college, all of our museums, the park district and other organizations all have meaningful endeavors that require volunteers and their abundant talents. The overall point, of course, is that if you are inclined to want to help...you can!

Volunteers are special individuals. They fill a unique niche and do so with purpose and principles. As your mayor, I thank them. As a fellow citizen, I thank them. I urge you to do the same.

Peter "Pete" DiCianni

Mayor



Community Calendar

September — November 2012

ONGOING

Saturdays this Fall

Art on the Run

Swing by EAM this fall for a free, fun and educational arts project for you and your kids. Projects change bi-weekly, so come back to create something new. Free with admission. Elmhurst Art Museum, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

September 4-October 3

Hispanic Heritage Exhibition

Internationally known printmaker Nicolás de Jesús is known for his satirical style that incorporates images of skeletons playing out the human comedy. A native Nahua Indian from a small village in Mexico, he is an advocate for the rights of indigenous peoples. Reception for the artist on Thursday, September 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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

September 8 through January 5, 2013

No Rules: Contemporary Clay

The second in a series of exhibitions exploring recent ceramic production, Contemporary Clay concentrates on clay-based work of a nonfunctional nature and takes a variety of forms — from large- and small-scale sculpture to community-based walks, to performance and video. These works underscore clay's enduring popularity and adaptability to contemporary concerns. Opening Reception: September 7, 6:30 p.m.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Through September 30

Sweet Home Chicago: The History of America's Candy Capital

Final month! From Fannie May and Brach's to Tootsie Rolls, Lemonheads and more — Chicago has a tasty history of producing candy loved the world over. Learn about Chicago's candy-making history and why the city has been a sweet spot for creating confections. Experience interactive displays, watch a video hosted by Bill Kurtis, see interesting artifacts and take the Twisted Candy Challenge to test candy-wrapping skills.

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

October 2-January 6, 2013

Special Exhibit "Florentine Mosaics"

The Museum's 50th Anniversary Celebration exhibit features amazing pictures created from natural stone. This unique art form, still being practiced today, began in Florence, Italy, centuries ago. This exhibit will feature portraiture, landscapes, flowers and birds.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
Regular Museum Hours & Admission

October 9-November 9

The Art of Susan Frankel

Susan Frankel's work focuses within the traditions of still-life painting and pictorial space, with an emphasis on her collection of hats — lively descriptions of hat forms and materials with meshes, dashes, squiggles and lines, patterns and space — with more abstract recent work. Reception for the artist on Tues. Oct. 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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

October 19 - November 4

GreenMan Theatre: "Macbeth"

This is GreenMan Theatre's first foray into Shakespeare and shows the destruction that follows when ambition goes beyond moral constraints. Directed by GreenMan Theatre's Artistic Director David Soria. Join us for our nine weekend performances.

United Methodist Church
232 S. York, Elmhurst
For tickets call 630-464-2646
or visit www.greenmantheatre.com

October 26-January 6, 2013

Centuries of Progress: American World's Fairs, 1853-1882

The history of the American World's Fairs comes to Elmhurst in a national traveling exhibition documenting the spectacle and wonder of the stateside World's Fairs. Visitors will experience over 125 fair objects, photographs, video and memorabilia and see a special feature, "Elmhurst Goes to the Fair," showcasing rare artifacts from the museum's collection plus a highlight on former resident and international World Fair promoter, Thomas Barbour Bryan. Organized by the Hagley Museum and Library and toured by Exhibits USA, a national program of Mid-America Arts Alliance.

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

SEPTEMBER

September

Library Card Sign-up Month

Sign up for a Library card at EPL (or just use your current valid EPL card!) and you can take part in fun and games, and even win some cool prizes! Stop by the library anytime in September for details.

Thursday-6

The Rudolf G. Schade Lecture

Democracy Forum: Judge Richard A. Posner is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, and the author of nearly 40 books on an astonishing array of topics, including economics, jurisprudence, aging, terrorism and sex. Topic title: "The Crisis of Capitalist Democracy."

Elmhurst College
Hammerschmidt Chapel, 7 p.m.
Admission \$10. Info: 630-617-3390

Saturday-8

Touch a Truck

An exciting morning of getting up close and personal with trucks and working equipment you can even climb and pretend to operate one yourself! Fire trucks, tow trucks, bobcats, cement trucks, police cars, buses, army vehicles, ambulances and maybe a visit from a helicopter. All ages.

Berens Park East Parking Lot
10 a.m.-noon. \$1 donation to Recreation Assistance Fund

City Souvenirs Elmhurst Walks

Join artists Nicole Seisler and Liene Bosquė for a two-hour walk and experience the tactility of Elmhurst. Participants will use blocks of wet porcelain to make impressions of architectural details and urban surfaces, thus physically recording the history of Elmhurst and leaving their personal mark in a growing collection of City Souvenirs. Impressions will be on display in the Museum. Dress for the weather and wear good walking shoes.

Meet at Elmhurst Art Museum, 2 p.m.
No advance registration required. Free

Thursday-13

Churchville Schoolhouse: One Room, Many Lessons

Guy Todnem, adjunct professor, author and historian, shares testimonials and archive photos of one-room schoolhouses from days gone by. His research on the history of the public school, particularly one-room schoolhouses, portrays stirring stories of the personal perseverance and determination that led to modern day education for America's school children. Part of the ongoing "It's History" series of adult programs. Limited on-site parking is available.

Churchville Schoolhouse
3N784 Church Road, Bensenville, 1 p.m. FREE
Reservations required. Call 630-833-1457 or ehm@elmhurst.org

"Giving Women the Access Code"

Maria Klawe, mathematician and computer scientist, has been president of Harvey Mudd College since 2006. At that time, the number of female computer graduates from her college was in the single digits. She turned that around, and in 2012, about 40 percent of Harvey Mudd's computer science degrees went to women.

Elmhurst College
Frick Center Founder's Lounge
7 p.m. Admission \$10. Info: 630-617-3390

Saturday-15

Author Book Signing with Leslie Goddard

Author, historian and Sweet Home Chicago exhibit collaborator, Dr. Leslie Goddard will be on hand to sign copies of her book, *Chicago's Sweet Candy History*, a new release from Arcadia Books that is the basis for the exhibit. Books will be available for purchase at \$22 each.

Elmhurst Historical Museum, 1-4 p.m. FREE

Spring Road Day

Fun for kids of all ages. Pony rides, petting zoo, Moon Jump, live music, balloon art & face painting, visits by Elmhurst Fire and Police Departments, food and fun!

Spring Road, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free

SEPTEMBER

Saturday-15

Soapstone Carving

Lapidary Lorel Abrell teaches participants how to successfully carve soapstone, using simple tools and techniques for carving this soft and inexpensive material. Learn the basics from blocking out a design to final polish, and take home your own creation. All materials are included. Ages 9 yrs to adult

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. \$15/person
Reservations required: 630-833-1616

Monday-17

Elmhurst Choral Union Auditions

Love to sing? Challenge your vocal and musical skills while performing with a professional orchestra and soloists. Membership is open to high school age and up who have previous choral experience or can read music.

To reserve an audition appointment, contact ECU at 630-758-1100 or elmhurstchoralunion.org.

Thursday-20

Democracy Forum: Jerry Reinsdorf

"The Economics of Sports and of the Real World"

The majority owner of the Chicago Bulls and Chicago White Sox, Jerry Reinsdorf has shaped the modern era of two professional sports, developing policy on labor relations, equal employment opportunities and the new media.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
7 p.m. Admission \$10. Info: 630-617-3390

Friday-21

The Kelly Miller Circus

The Elmhurst District 205 Foundation, with major sponsorship from the Elmhurst Jaycees and additional sponsorship from M&M Orthopedics, Ltd., presents this rain or shine old-fashioned traveling circus under the big top.

Sandburg Middle School grounds
345 E. St. Charles Rd., 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Advanced ticket prices for adults \$14
Children (2-11) \$8, ringside box seats \$23
Discounted group rates for 12 children or more
For info or tickets visit www.elmhurst205.org/foundation or call 630-617-2376

York High School Distinguished Alumni Program Kick-Off Event

Elmhurst District 205 is launching a new York Distinguished Alumni Program for exemplary YCHS graduates. To learn more about this exciting program, join special guests and York Alumni at the Kick-Off Event held in conjunction with York's Homecoming.

Silverado Grill Alumni Tent, 447 Spring Road
8:30 p.m. Info: <http://goo.gl/pou8b>

Saturday-22

Fishing Derby

At the Elmhurst Park District's Annual Fishing Derby, kids ages 3-14 who are registered can fish for prizes. All kids must be supervised. Food and beverages available for purchase. You must provide your own fishing pole.

Eldridge Park Lagoon, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
\$8 resident/\$10 non-resident

Rock & Mineral Identification

Geologist Sara Johnson presents an introduction to rocks and minerals. Learn how to make a basic mineral test kit. Great for teachers and rockhounds, this program qualifies for Boy & Girl Scout merit badges. All materials provided. Ages 8 yrs. to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
10:30 a.m. - 75 minutes, \$5/person
Reservations required: (630) 833-1616

Sunday-23

The Roland Quest Lecture

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"

Rebecca Skloot's best-selling book is both a family drama and a medical mystery. Henrietta Lacks, a poor farmer and mother of five, died of cancer at 31 years of age in 1951. Unbeknownst to her family, her cells were used by biotechnology companies to develop (and profit from) countless medical breakthroughs.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
7 p.m. Admission \$10. Info: 630-617-3390

Thursday-27

"Willpower: Rediscovering the Greatest Human Strength"

Social psychologist Roy Baumeister discovered that the will, like a muscle, can actually be toned and strengthened by purposeful "exercise." His book, *Willpower*, has been called "immensely rewarding, filled with wise advice and insightful reflections on the human condition."

Elmhurst College Frick Center
7 p.m. Admission \$10. Info: 630-617-3390

Saturday-29

Celebrate Smithsonian Museum Day – "Contemporary Stone Mosaics"

As a Smithsonian Affiliate, the Lizzadro Museum will feature a special exhibit from the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. At 2 p.m., mosaicist Gwyn Kaitis will present contemporary mosaic techniques using natural materials. Youth to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 2 to 3 p.m.
Regular Museum admission or free with Museum Day Ticket available at www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday

OCTOBER

October

Holiday Tree Sale

Order a festive Nova Scotia Balsam tree for your front yard from the Elmhurst District 205 Foundation's holiday tree sale. All proceeds support educational grants and programs that benefit Elmhurst Public School students. Outdoor yard trees, as well as beautiful indoor Douglas and Fraser Firs may also be purchased for pick-up in early December.

Cost: \$18 per tree; group orders of 10 or more delivered free on November 24
Place your order beginning October 1 by visiting www.elmhurst205.org/foundation or call 630-617-2376

Monday-1

Suburban Corruption Forum

"Green Grass and Graft: Corruption in the Suburbs"

Dr. Dick Simpson, former Chicago alderman and current Head of the Political Science Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will discuss his recently released report, which details corruption in Chicago's suburbs.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
7 p.m. Free. Info: 630-617-6146

Wednesday-3

The César Chavez Intercultural Lecture "From Cloning to Cell Therapy: A Life in Science"

An internationally recognized molecular biologist and former vice president for research at Northwestern University, Lydia Villa-Komaroff was only the third Mexican-American woman to earn a science doctorate in the U.S. She was also one of six scientists profiled in the PBS series *Discovering Women*.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
4 p.m. Admission \$10
Info: 630-617-3390



Florentine Mosaic portrait of Joseph Lizzadro, the Museum's founder, was created from over 1,400 pieces of natural stone and took over four years to create in the Lastrucci workshop.

Thursday-4

"Justice and Compassion in an Age of Demonization"

Bishop V. Gene Robinson is the Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire. Ordained in 1973, he made history three decades later when he became the first openly gay person to be consecrated a bishop in the worldwide Anglican communion. His appearance is presented in cooperation with The Church of Our Saviour, celebrating its 150th anniversary in Elmhurst.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
7 p.m. Admission \$10. Info: 630-617-3390

Friday - Saturday - 5-6

GreenMan Theatre: "Spooky Stories of the Season"

An evening of Stories and Songs developed from a storytelling class taught by Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff. The chilling tales come from participants chosen after completion of the storytelling class. Don't be afraid to join us for some scary moments.

United Methodist Church, 232 S. York
Elmhurst
For tickets call 630-464-2646 or visit www.greenmantheatre.com

Saturday-6

Community Conversations: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Update

What will the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provide and not provide? Come and learn about important and dated health coverage updates and changes that will impact the health care services you receive. Presented by E. Byron Spencer, C. Norman Spencer International, Inc.

Elmhurst City Hall, 209 North York
Call for reservations: 630-306-7077

Tuesday-9

The William R. Johnson Intercultural Lecture "The Science of Sexual Orientation"

Neuroscientist Simon LeVay trained at Cambridge University and served on the faculty at Harvard Medical School and the Salk Institute for Biological Studies. In 1991 he reported on a difference in the brain structure of gay and straight men. He will discuss whether the science of sexuality is relevant to the societal status of sexual minorities.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
4 p.m. Admission \$10. Info: 630-617-3390

Thursday-11

The Niebuhr Forum on Religion in Public Life — "Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics"

The author of *Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics*, Ross Douhat is a Catholic conservative and the youngest opinion columnist in the history of *The New York Times*. His book is a compelling critique of contemporary Christianity and he advocates a return to authentic tradition and genuine communitarianism.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
7 p.m. Admission \$10. Info: 630-617-3390

Thursday-Sunday-11-14

Theatre: *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

Music and lyrics by William Finn, book by Rachel Sheinkin, directed by Janice Pohl, this celebrated musical, which won two Tony Awards, chronicles the journey of six quirky middle school kids as they vie for a coveted spelling championship and learn important lessons about winning, losing and growing up.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre
253 Walter Street

Thursday-Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.
Tickets: 630-617-3005

Saturday-13

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Opening Night

The ESO begins its 52nd season, "The Power of Music," with "Classical Giants," featuring ESO principal horn, Philip Stanley; ESO Associate Concertmaster, Kate Carter, violin; and Music Director Stephen Alltop, harpsichord, playing symphonies of Haydn and Mozart, Haydn's Concerto for Violin and Harpsichord in F Major and Mozart's Horn concerto in E-flat.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
149 W. Brush Hill Road, 7 p.m.

Adults \$31; students \$7; subscriptions, group and family rates available

Heritage Day at Churchville Schoolhouse & Fischer Farm

Join in a festive community celebration of local history. Meet the Churchville Schoolhouse school marm and learn about life inside the one-room schoolhouse circa the 1850s. Tour the historic structures on the nearby Fischer Farm homestead, find out about the schoolhouse restoration project, take a photo with President and Mrs. Lincoln, hear Civil War era music by the Conrad Fischer singers and play traditional games of the era.

Churchville Schoolhouse & Fischer Farm
Homestead
3N784 Church Road, Bensenville
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. FREE

Safe Trick-or-Treating at Fall Fest

Come dressed in your Halloween costumes and bring a goody bag! Will also feature face painting in the morning and safe trick-or-treating in Safety Town. Other amusements near The Depot may include pony rides, petting farm, moon jump and more! All ages.

Safety Town/The Depot, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday-14

Chamber Music at Bethel

This concert highlights the talents of violinist Sharon Chang, cellist Jocelyn Butler and pianist Jeffrey Panko, when music by jazz composer Fred Hersch shares the bill with Romantic gems by Brahms, Franck and Rachmaninoff.

Bethel United Church of Christ
315 E. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst, 3 p.m.
Adults, \$20; seniors \$18; students \$5;
family \$45
Series subscriptions available. Call 630-279-4040 or visit www.musicatbethel.com

The Agape Ringers in Concert

Chicago's Premier Handbell Ensemble dazzles with energy, precision, and musicality. Performance features Handel's *Passacaglia*, *Stars & Stripes Forever*, *Sway*, and many others. Concert recorded for the group's first DVD.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
149 West Brush Hill Road, 4:00 p.m.

Free will offering

Info: www.agaperingers.org

Thursday-18

The Niebuhr Lecture: "Apocalypse Now: Revelation So No One Is Left Behind"

The Reverend Barbara Rossing is professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and previously served as chaplain to Harvard Divinity School. Her book, *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation*, is a trenchant critique of fundamentalist "Left Behind" theology.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
7 p.m. Admission \$10. Info: 630-617-3390

Character Counts! All Six Pillars

Celebrate Character Counts! and Red Ribbon Week with the schools and the community. Program will introduce the animal characters of the Six Pillars of Character. Stories, arts and crafts. All ages.

Wagner Community Center
6:30-7:15 p.m. FREE

It's History: Chicago's 1933 Century of Progress Exposition

Historian Rick Rann will talk about his passion for World's Fair memorabilia and share items from his personal collection from Chicago's 1933 Century of Progress Exposition. Find out about many curiosities of the 1933 World's Fair – including the Zephyr train, Sally Rand and the Graf Zeppelin, and observe rare artifacts and newsreels. Part of the ongoing "It's History" series of adult programs. No reservations required.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center, 7 p.m. FREE

Thursday-Saturday-18-20

Theatre: *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

This celebrated musical, which won two Tony Awards, chronicles the journey of six quirky middle school kids as they vie for a coveted spelling championship and learn important lessons about winning, losing and growing up.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre
253 Walter Street. Thurs-Sat 8 p.m.
Tickets: 630-617-3005

Friday - Sunday-19-21

Elmhurst Children's Theatre: *Anything Goes!*

Bring the whole family and enjoy these talented youth as they present this toe-tapping Cole Porter classic.

Bryan Middle School
10/19: 7 p.m. 10/20: 2 and 7 p.m.
10/21: 2 p.m. Tickets sold at the door: \$8.
Info: www.elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com

Saturday-20

Midnight Masquerade

Celebrate Sweetest Day among friends at the Party of the Season—the eighth annual Midnight Masquerade fundraiser hosted by The District 205 Foundation, which supports education in Elmhurst through grants, programs and instructional enhancements. This year's event launches a new campaign that supports STEM education in our public schools. Live music, dancing, appetizers and desserts, cash bar, raffles, and silent auction.

River Forest Country Club
15W468 Grand Avenue, Elmhurst
7:30 to 12 midnight
Tickets: \$100 / \$120 after October 5
Info: 630-617-2376
www.elmhurst205.org/foundation

Electronics Recycling

Elmhurst College will host a fourth electronics recycling event. State law prohibits consumers from disposing of electronic items with ordinary trash, and landfills are prohibited from accepting them. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit www.elmhurst.edu/sustainability. A second Recycling Extravaganza will take place in April. Elmhurst College Mill Theatre parking lot (corner of Park and Myrtle), 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Info: email sustainable@elmhurst.edu.

Sunday-21

Elmhurst College Fall Band Concert

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

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

Thursday-25

Meet Me at the Fair: Celebrating Centuries of Progress

The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation invites the community to an evening at the historic Wilder Mansion to celebrate the opening of the Centuries of Progress exhibit at the Elmhurst Historical Museum. Wine tasting, craft beers, appetizers and silent auction. Proceeds benefit museum exhibits and programs at the Churchville Schoolhouse.

Wilder Mansion, 211 Prospect Avenue
6-9 p.m. Cost: Non-Members \$60/
Members \$45
Call 630-833-1457 for reservations or
visit www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org

Friday-Saturday-26-27

World Music Festival

Celebrating the musical heritage of Ireland and the Caribbean. Guest artists include Irish fiddler and Grammy Award nominee Liz Carroll, as well as Liam Teague, one of the world's top steelpan drummers. Also featuring Elmhurst College's Jazz Band, Philharmonic Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble and "Late Night Blues" Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre
7:30 p.m. Friday
Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt
Chapel
7:30 p.m. Saturday
Tickets: 630-617-3515

Saturday-27

Halloween Town

An evening of safe Halloween fun as Wagner Community Center is transformed into Halloween Town. This event features traditional carnival games with prizes, inflatables, a haunted house, a costume contest and more. Children and parents are encouraged to wear costumes. Your wristband allows you unlimited access to all activities. Register for this event and receive your wristband at the Wagner Community Center.

Wagner Community Center
3- 5 p.m. 1-9 years (with parent)
\$10 wristband per child
7-9 p.m. 10 years old and up
\$10 wristband per child

Boo-tiful Saturday

Kids ages 12 and under are invited to trick-or-treat throughout City Centre in their Halloween costumes. Please visit www.elmhurstcitycentre for all the boo-tiful details!

Monday-29

Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying

A 14-year veteran in the field of social work, Sarah Migas has a long history as an educator and social worker who has worked locally and globally on behalf of children. She currently is the Internet Safety Specialist for the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
4 p.m. FREE. Info: 630-617-3284

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

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Friday-2

Jazz at the Mill

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

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

Medusa: A Performance

Join ceramist and performance artist Teri Frame for a unique sensory experience. Frame utilizes raw clay masks as a means of exploring traditional notions of beauty. Medusa: A Performance addresses a beauty and serenity that digresses and degrades into visual and aural dissonance.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m. Free

Saturday-3

Spirito! Autumn Voices Fundraising Gala

Join Spirito! and honored guest CBS-2 news anchor Rob Johnson in an evening of fundraising and song. Rob is the recipient of the 2012 Spirito! Autumn Voices Service Award, which will be presented to him at this event. Open bar, hors d'oeuvres and sweets, raffles, silent and live auctions and entertainment – including a spine-tingling, one-of-a-kind performance by the three Spirito! ensembles.

Drury Lane Oak Room, 100 Drury Lane
Oakbrook Terrace, 6 p.m.- midnight
Tickets \$85

For info or tickets call 630-941-0744 or visit
www.spiritosingers.org/autumnvoices.
www.facebook.com/spiritosingers

Monday-5

Veterans' Day Band Concert

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

Butterfield and Spring Roads, 7:30 p.m. FREE
Info: 630-617-3515

Friday-Saturday-9-10

2nd Annual Wilder Mansion Holiday Market: Arts, Crafts and Seasonal Gifts

This event features over 50 artists and culinary food vendors selling holiday gifts, holiday gourmet food, jewelry, handbags, kids' clothing, ceramics, glass and fiber. Benefit will support the United Community Concerns Association, which provides food and food certificates to families in need from Elmhurst School District 205. Tickets are available Friday evening at the door. Cash, check and Visa/Mastercard are accepted. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Park District and produced by RGL Marketing for the Arts, Inc.

Wilder Mansion, Benefit: Friday 4-9 p.m.
Tickets: \$20 – available at the door – includes one glass of wine & appetizers provided by Café Amano. Cash/check/Visa/MasterCard
Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free admission
For further info contact Roz Long at roz@rglmarketingforthearts.com or call 630-712-6541.

Saturday-Sunday - 10-11

Lizzadro Museum's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Artists from the Lastrucci workshop in Florence, Italy, will be at the Museum to demonstrate and lecture on the Florentine Mosaic technique called the "joining together of hard stone," used for centuries in the Tuscany region of Italy. Each piece of stone is hand-cut to fit precisely together to create amazing pictures.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Saturday Demonstration: 1 p.m.- 60 minutes,

Lecture: 2 p.m. - 45 minutes

Sunday Demonstrations: 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. - 60

minutes, Lecture: 2 p.m. - 45 minutes

Regular Museum Admission

Reservations Recommended: 630-833-1616

Saturday-10

Community Conversations: Acting on Your Mind

Helga and Tony Noice from Elmhurst College share interactive and enjoyable ways to enhance memory, comprehension, problem-solving and creativity in both college students and older adults.

Elmhurst City Hall, 209 North York
10 a.m.

Call 630-306-7077 for reservations

Sunday-11

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

In "Heroic Beethoven" Elmhurst native and Chicago Symphony trumpet star John Hagstrom returns to the ESO to play Hummel's Trumpet Concerto. Stanger Young Artist winner Susie Lee performs music by Saint-Saens and Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 and Coriolan Overture will add heroic highlights. Young area brass players participate in ESO's FANFARE PROJECT, performing a commissioned work.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
149 W. Brush Hill Road, 3 p.m.

Adults \$31; students \$7; subscriptions,
group and family rates available.

Thanksgiving Holiday Wreaths

Get inspired by the beauty of fall and create your own grapevine wreath to decorate a welcoming door or window during the Thanksgiving season. Makes a wonderful hostess gift for relatives and friends. Family workshop for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No reservations required.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

1-3 p.m. \$5 non-members; \$3 members.

Fall Choral Concert

The Elmhurst College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Susan Moninger, and the Women's Chorus, under the direction of Donna Tallman.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
2 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3515

Wednesday-14

The Cardinal Bernardin Lecture

"Bioethics, Justice and the Common Good"

Lisa Sowle Cahill has taught theology at Boston College since 1976. Her research interests include bioethics, the study of the profound philosophical implications of biological and medical procedures, treatments and technologies. She is an expert in the history of Christian ethics and is a past president of the Catholic Theology Society of America.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
7:30 p.m. Admission \$10.

Info: 630-617-3390

Thursday-15

It's History: Saving a Century of Progress

Todd Zeiger, Director of the Northern Regional Office of Indiana Landmarks, presents the history of the "Homes of Tomorrow," five homes from the 1933 World's Fair that were transported across Lake Michigan to a permanent location in Indiana. Hear the fascinating story of how these homes – now listed in the National Register of Historic Places – have been maintained and restored over the last 80 years. Part of the ongoing "It's History" series of adult programs. No reservations required.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center, 7 p.m. FREE

Addresses for organizations regularly featured in the Elmhurst Community Calendar

Elmhurst Art Museum

150 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 834-0202
www.elmhurstartmuseum.org

Elmhurst City Centre

2 City Centre, Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 993-1600
www.elmhurstcitycentre.com

Elmhurst Choral Union

P.O. Box 1493, Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 758-1100
www.elmhurstchoralunion.org

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.elmhursthistory.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, 149 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

Saturday-17

"Lapidary Day"

Demonstrations by artists from the West Suburban Lapidary Club will include beading, silversmithing, cabochon cutting, wire wrapping, faceting, hands-on activities and free jewelry cleaning. This event is a great way to learn more about lapidary art.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
Free Admission, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday-23

Welcome Santa!

Please join us as we welcome Santa to town to light up the city's tree in the Police Plaza. Caroling and holiday fun to start the season off right!

City Centre Police Plaza, 5 p.m.

Sunday-25

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

The ESO leads off a three-concert series at Mayslake with "Romancing the Violin," featuring violinist Rika Seko and pianist Stephen Alltop, who will offer a sumptuous array of Romantic music by Dvorak, Schumann, Sarasate and Heifetz. Seko, Concertmaster for the Elmhurst Symphony, is a virtuoso known for her dark and warm tone and distinctive interpretations.

Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 West 31st Street, Oak Brook, 3 p.m.
Adults \$25; seniors, \$23; students \$7;
3-concert subscriptions \$65
Call ESO at 630-941-0202.



Got It! . . . In Elmhurst

Why should residents shop in Elmhurst when there are malls close by or when online shopping is so convenient? Here are some very good reasons.

Shopping locally generates nearly 26 percent of Elmhurst's tax revenue. Taxes from retail sales provide revenue for vital city services, such as police and fire protection, and street maintenance.

- ✓ Higher retail sales revenue decreases dependency on property taxes and other forms of municipal revenue.
- ✓ For every dollar spent at a locally owned independent store, 68 cents stays in the community in the form of taxes, payroll and other expenditures. For every dollar spent at our national chain businesses, 43 cents stays here.
- ✓ Many local businesses are owned by fellow residents who provide jobs for neighbors and friends.
- ✓ Elmhurst has so much to offer – convenience, competitive prices, great selection and friendly service.

So remember – whatever you're looking for, big or small, SHOP ELMHURST FIRST.

Trick or Treat

Motorists are cautioned to watch for small trick-or-treaters in our neighborhoods during the afternoon and evening hours on Halloween. Official hours for trick-or-treating are between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31. Parents are encouraged to accompany small children and instruct older kids to cross only at intersections, watch out for cars, approach only well-lit homes, and avoid dark or deserted areas. All treats should be inspected at home, during which time parents can reduce the amount of chocolate and other goodies their children consume by eating it themselves.

Free Leaf Pick-Up at the Curb

The annual display of fall colors is inevitably followed by piles of leaves to be disposed of. Residents are reminded that the city's waste hauler will offer several free leaf collection periods during the late fall: the first during the week of October 29 and the second during the week of November 26. Leaf pick-up takes place on your regular refuse collection day. Leaves must be kept separate from other yard waste and placed at the curb in clearly marked garbage cans, cardboard boxes or Kraft paper bags. Boxes and cans will be left on the parkway following the collection. Leaves and grass clippings may not be raked into the street where they can easily clog storm drain inlets and obstruct the flow of storm water. Residents can help by raking leaves and debris away from storm drain inlets in their neighborhoods.



Holiday Reminders

Refuse collection will be delayed by one day for the entire community during the week of Labor Day, Monday, September 3. City Hall will be closed for that holiday. The council meeting normally scheduled for that evening will be held on Tuesday, September 4.

Senior Chore Days

Sponsored by the DuPage Senior Citizens Council, Senior Chore Days help connect volunteer workers with those most in need – our senior residents. Elderly neighbors and friends with limited income often need help with storm windows and yard work before the arrival of winter. Senior Chore Days will be held during the first three weekends in November. Qualified seniors who need help, as well as potential volunteers, are encouraged to contact the DuPage Senior Citizen's Council at (630) 620-9794.

Honoring Area Vets on Veterans Day

Residents of Elmhurst and neighboring communities are invited to attend a special ceremony to honor current and past members of our nation's armed forces at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 11. The ceremony is held to demonstrate to members of our military that we remember and honor them for their service and sacrifice.



Police Explorer Open House

Are you interested in Law Enforcement? Would you like to go on a Police Ride-along? Join the Elmhurst Police Explorers. The Elmhurst Police Explorers is a program for both males and females between the ages of 14 and 22 who have taken an interest in law enforcement and criminal justice. Attend their Open House meeting on October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Elmhurst Police Department. For more information, please visit their website at www.ElmhurstPoliceExplorers.com.

Protecting Our Schoolchildren

Elmhurst children will soon be sharpening their pencils, loading their backpacks and beginning a new school year. Their safety should be a top priority not only for parents and school officials, but also for every motorist using the streets near our schools. Children who do not ride the bus are encouraged to walk or bike in groups, or with parents to alleviate congestion around schools. Parents who drive their children are encouraged to be patient and follow established school pick-up and drop-off plans. Please respect crossing guards, parent volunteers and student patrols, and set a good example for your children.

Remember — it is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone, unless it is a hands-free model. It is a violation of state law to send or read text messages at any time while driving. You can be pulled over for this offense.



CFL Safety and Disposal

Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) consume much less power and last much longer than comparable incandescent bulbs. CFLs, however, contain a small amount of toxic mercury, sealed within the glass tubing. No mercury is released when the bulbs are intact or in use, but they should be handled carefully while being removed from packaging, and installed or replaced. Always screw and unscrew the bulb by its base rather than by the glass. Never forcefully twist a CFL into a light socket. When a CFL breaks, some of the mercury is released as mercury vapor. To minimize exposure, follow these EPA-recommended clean-up steps. Before clean-up, have all people and pets leave the room. Ventilate the room by opening a window or door for at least 15 minutes. Shut off your central air conditioning or heating. When it is safe to return to the room, put on protective gloves and thoroughly scrape up broken glass and visible powder using stiff paper or cardboard. Use sticky tape to pick up remaining fragments or powder. Never use a vacuum to clean up debris from a broken bulb. Seal the glass and powder tightly in a glass jar or plastic bag. Wash your hands with soap and water after clean-up. Broken CFLs are legally considered a hazardous material and may not be disposed of with regular refuse. Burned out, unbroken CFLs are accepted for recycling at both local Ace Hardware stores (First Street and S. York Street), and at other locations in the area.



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(630) 530-3000

Website homepage: www.elmhurst.org
email: webmaster@elmhurst.org

City Hall Hours

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

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

Administration630-530-3010
Community Development630-530-3030
Police (non-emergency)630-530-3050
Fire (non-emergency)630-530-3090
Elmhurst Historical Museum630-833-1457
Elmhurst Public Library630-279-8696
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

What is Public Safety Radio Interoperability?

In 2010, the DuPage County ETSB approved the use of Motorola's StarCom21 digital-trunked radio system to create the DuPage County Emergency Dispatch Interoperable Radio System (EDIRS). The new system provides a single radio network for police officers, firefighters and paramedics to communicate with agencies at the county, state and federal level during day-to-day operations, as well as during disasters.

The StarCom21 system was an existing interoperable radio system used by agencies in more than 24 counties in Illinois, and will be used by more than 61 police, fire and ems agencies in DuPage County. Through the use of state-of-the-art digital radio technology, radio signals on the DuPage EDIRS are greatly enhanced, resulting in clearer, stronger and more effective emergency radio communications for the Elmhurst Fire and Police departments. A large part of the equipment and operating air time costs are being funded by federal and ETSB grant money.

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Prior to the new system going live, tests were conducted in the City of Elmhurst to assess the coverage and clarity of the new system, as well as the efficiency of the new radio equipment. In May 2012, the Elmhurst Police Department became active operational members on the DuPage EDIRS system, with officers utilizing the system daily. The Elmhurst Fire Department is expected to soon follow, with an anticipated switchover in late 2012. The many benefits realized with the new DuPage EDIRS will help the Elmhurst Fire and Police departments to continue to provide excellent service to the residents of the City.

Portable Generator Safety

When using a portable generator during a power outage, it is important to remember that they can be dangerous if used incorrectly. Like all internal combustion engines, generators produce carbon monoxide and must be properly ventilated. Never use a generator indoors or near windows, doors or vents. Do not operate the generator inside the garage, even if the door is open. To avoid electrical shock or electrocution, keep the generator dry and never attach it directly to the home's electrical system without a properly installed transfer switch. Use only undamaged, heavy-duty, three-pronged extension cords. Never store fuel indoors and always shut off the generator before refueling.



Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

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

I s s u e 3

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

New Exhibit Showcases American World's Fairs

What do the telephone, the Ferris Wheel, a 28,000-pound typewriter, and nylon stockings have in common? They were just a few of the thousands of products, curiosities, and inventions that made their debut at one of 17 international fairs held on American soil.

The national traveling exhibition *Centuries of Progress: American World's Fairs, 1853-1982* makes its Midwest debut in October at the Elmhurst Historical Museum. The exhibit presents a remarkable overview of more than a century of American World's Fairs, emphasizing the technological, cultural, and political advances that have formed American society. Visitors will experience over 125 objects, photographs, and ephemera from fairs beginning with the 1853 Crystal Palace exhibition in New York through the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee.



Thomas Barbour Bryan

The museum is adding a special feature entitled "Elmhurst Goes to the Fair" that showcases artifacts from the Elmhurst Historical Museum's own collection and highlights former Elmhurst resident Thomas Barbour Bryan. Bryan was a prominent Chicago businessman who served as a commissioner for the 1892 Columbian Exposition and traveled throughout Europe to gain audiences and endorsements from many crowned heads to win support for the Fair.

Centuries of Progress will be open October 26, 2012 through January 6, 2013. Admission is free. This exhibition is organized by the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, Delaware, and is toured by ExhibitsUSA, a national program of Mid-America Arts Alliance.

Heritage Day at the Churchville Schoolhouse

All are invited to travel back in time at the Churchville Schoolhouse and Fischer Farm homestead on Saturday, October 13, for the annual **Heritage Day** festival from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. For the first time, the Churchville Schoolhouse will be included in this cooperative celebration of history and heritage. Participants will meet Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, play traditional games of the Civil War era, tour the historic buildings, enjoy musical performances by the Conrad Fischer School Singers, and much more. Location: Grand Avenue and Church Road in Bensenville.

Save the Date: A Special Evening Event

The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation presents a celebration of the opening of the Centuries of Progress exhibit on Thursday, **October 25, 2012**, at the historic Wilder Mansion from 6 until 9 p.m. Wine tasting, craft beers, appetizers, music and more are planned for this wonderful event. All proceeds will benefit future exhibits and programs at the Churchville Schoolhouse. For tickets, information, or sponsorship opportunities, please call 630-833-1457.



LAST CALL: Sweet Home Chicago Exhibit Closes Sept. 30

Don't miss it! Sweet Home Chicago closes at the end of September, so be sure to catch this highly praised exhibit before it moves on.



Dispose of Expired or Unwanted Medications

Collection Event, Saturday, September 29

If your medicine cabinet contains expired drugs and medications you no longer use, you may be inadvertently contributing to a rapidly growing drug problem – abuse of potentially dangerous prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. Data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health demonstrates that nearly one-third of youngsters who used drugs for the first time in 2009 began by using a prescription drug for non-medical reasons. Many teens consider these drugs safer and less addictive than street drugs because they are prescribed by a doctor and dispensed by a pharmacist. They may experiment with prescription or OTC drugs to lose weight, fit in, have more fun or even to study more effectively. Teens may not even realize they are doing anything illegal and may be unaware of the dangers involved in combining these substances with other drugs or alcohol. Prescription drug abuse can lead to addiction, decreased cognitive function, social and academic



problems, seizures, lowered heart rate and respiration, coma and even death.

Proper disposal of expired and unwanted medications is crucial in the battle to end abuse of prescription and OTC drugs. To assist in that effort, the Elmhurst Police Department will again participate in the

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on Saturday, September 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the police station parking lot. During the April collection, 450 pounds of medications were turned in for destruction in Elmhurst alone. Since the event was held in 2010, over 774 tons of medications have been removed from circulation nationwide. Residents are encouraged to look through their medicine cabinets and bring unwanted and/or expired prescriptions and OTC meds to the police station on Take-Back Day. Please note that hypodermic needles are not accepted.

Electronics Recycling



Elmhurst College will host a fourth recycling event on Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the parking

lot of the Mill Theatre at the corner of Myrtle and Park Streets. Electronics of all kinds will be accepted. This is particularly important because consumers are prohibited by state law from disposing of electronic items with ordinary trash; and landfills are prohibited from accepting them. Electronics can be broken down into glass, plastics and metals, and then reused in manufacturing. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit the Elmhurst College website at www.elmhurst.edu/sustainability.

A second Recycling Extravaganza will be hosted in April where a number of non-profit social service and green-focused organizations will be on hand to accept unwanted items.



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