



City Council Approves Balanced Budget for 2012-13

The City Council voted on April 16 to approve the 2012-13 City of Elmhurst Budget, the city's operational plan for the year. Council approval is the final step in a process that involves an exhaustive review of anticipated revenues and expenditures.

Although sales tax remains the greatest single source of revenue in the General Fund, that revenue source remains almost \$3 million below the fiscal year 2000 high of \$11,323,000. Almost one third of municipal 1% sales taxes are paid as a result of automotive sales and repairs, a revenue stream that is subject to the constant volatility of the automotive industry.

As in past years, the budget identifies and funds the most essential city services, including public safety, infrastructure and other necessary programs that affect the majority of residents. Other beneficial but less essential programs were eliminated, reduced or deferred in this and past budgets. The newly approved budget focuses on maintaining current levels of spending unless an increase is absolutely necessary. Projected expenditures were trimmed close to "actual expenditures" of past years, resulting in a projected overall drop in expenditures of 11.7 percent when compared to the 2011-12 budget. An unforeseen expense poses the risk of exceeding a budgeted line item, however since the city balances by fund rather than by line item, individual line items generally balance out. Expenditures in the General Fund, the city's major operating fund, were 7.9 percent lower than in 2011-12. Revenues to the General Fund decreased by 7.3 percent, still

leaving a positive contribution of \$593,639 to help build the fund balance for future years. As the economy improves and causes housing values to rise and healthier revenue streams, city officials have the option of looking at service level increases.

Although employee wages and benefits represent a significant expense, the costs associated with city employees needs to be carefully balanced with the service level provided to the community.

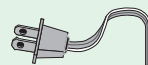
During the budget review process, all positions were reviewed in an effort to reduce future costs associated with healthcare and pensions. The newly funded position of Assistant City Manager will focus on economic development and provide supervisory responsibilities over Information Technology, Human Resources and Building/Planning. The position will also have the flexibility to address special projects as they arise. The city will undertake a comprehensive salary and benefit study through the Human Resources Department to compare positions in the city to comparable positions in other municipalities and the private sector.

Responsible use of revenues and efficient delivery of municipal services are important priorities for city officials and staff. To view the 2012-13 City of Elmhurst Budget, visit the city's website at www.elmhurst.org and click on "2012-13 Proposed Budget" under "Quick Links" on the home page.

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Electric Aggregation Update

In March a referendum passed granting the City the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for residential and some small business customers. Following the referendum a draft Plan of Operation and Governance was prepared and two public hearings were held. It is anticipated that following plan approval by the City Council, a supplier will be selected by the end of May. No rate equal to or above the current rate through ComEd will be accepted. In early June we



expect customers will receive a notice in the mail detailing the new supply rate and giving you the choice to either do nothing and stay in the program or opt out and stay with your existing supplier. If you stay with the program, look for an additional notice from ComEd verifying your change in supplier. It is currently anticipated that the program will be in place by mid-summer. Look for your notice in the mail and follow www.elmhurst.org for updates.

Share the Road

Same Road – Same Rules – Same Rights

When motorists and cyclists share the road, they follow the same rules and have the same rights. City employees recently installed 60 new “Share the Road” signs on designated bike routes throughout the community to remind motorists and cyclists to respect the rights of others using the roads. Pedestrians are urged to exercise caution when walking along city streets. Following are some tips to help everyone get where they’re going safely.

Sharing the Road – Tips for Cyclists

Remember – the same laws that apply to motorists apply to cyclists. Obey all traffic control devices and use hand signals to indicate stops and turns. Ride predictably.

- Ride as close to the right as practical and in the same direction as traffic. Signal before moving into another lane to make a turn.
- Check for traffic before entering a street or intersection. Bike defensively.
- Always wear a properly fitting helmet, even on short trips. Make yourself as visible as possible by wearing brightly colored or reflective clothing.
- In low light conditions use a white front light and a red rear light, in flashing mode if possible. You are more visible.

Sharing the Road – Tips for Motorists

- Drive with caution and reduce your speed whenever encountering cyclists, especially children who may be unpredictable and unfamiliar with traffic laws.
- Never tailgate a cyclist. Anticipate hazards and allow cyclists extra space for safety.
- Remember that bicycles are considered vehicles. Cyclists should be given the appropriate right-of-way. Allow extra time for a cyclist to cross an intersection.
- When passing a cyclist, wait for safe road and traffic conditions, and leave three feet between your vehicle and the bicycle. Check over your shoulder before moving back into the lane.



- Scan for cyclists in traffic and at intersections. Never blast your horn near a cyclist.
- Watch for cyclists when opening car doors.
- Watch for children biking on sidewalks in residential areas, especially at intersections.

Safety Tips for Pedestrians

It is both dangerous and illegal (a code violation) to walk in the street if sidewalks are available. If there are no sidewalks, pedestrians must walk on the left of the paved portion of the street or on the left shoulder facing oncoming traffic. When a pedestrian walking on the roadway meets a vehicle, the pedestrian must step off to the left. In addition:

- Avoid crossing the street in mid-block (jaywalking), especially near parked cars. At intersections, stay on the curb until oncoming traffic comes to a stop. Never assume a car will stop, even at a red light or stop sign.
- When a pedestrian signal at a crosswalk indicates “Walk,” check to make sure vehicles are not turning or running the red light, and then proceed with caution. If the “Don’t Walk” signal begins flashing when you are in the street, keep going. If the “Don’t Walk” signal begins flashing before you step off the curb, don’t enter the crosswalk.
- Remember, the potential for serious injury is great in accidents involving pedestrians and motor vehicles.

Let’s work together to keep our streets and sidewalks safe for all – pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.



Car Seat Inspections

Properly installed car seats are an absolute necessity for families with infants and young children. Many of the tragic accidents that injure or kill youngsters are the direct result of improperly installed car seats or children improperly secured in the car seat. Motorists are reminded that the police actively enforce safety seat laws. Parents or drivers are ultimately

responsible for the safety of young passengers. To assist with this important duty, the Elmhurst Fire Department provides free car safety seat inspections. The inspection and instruction takes approximately one hour and is performed by a trained and certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 630-530-3090.

Mariano's Fresh Market to Open in Elmhurst



Elmhurst Mayor Pete DiCianni makes the formal public announcement that a new Mariano's Fresh Market grocery store will be opening soon in Elmhurst

In the not-too-distant future, residents from Elmhurst and nearby communities will have an opportunity to shop at a new Mariano's Fresh Market grocery store, anticipated to be between 70 and 80,000 square feet in size. Mariano's is planning to open a store on the site of the now closed Elmhurst Ford dealership at York and Industrial Drive. The store's groundbreaking is planned for this summer with a projected opening in 2013. Between 400 and 450 new jobs as well as much-needed sales tax dollars will be generated by the new store, based on a projected \$50 to \$60 million in annual sales.

Representatives of Mariano's have stated that they will not seek sales tax rebates from Elmhurst, although they have requested assistance from a proposed new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District to help offset demolition and land costs. Tax Increment Financing is a tool the city uses to stimulate private investment in an area that is suffering from adverse conditions, such as excessive vacancies, obsolete or dilapidated buildings, and inadequate utilities. The public/private partnership between the city and Mariano's will be mutually beneficial and will allow improvements to begin in north Elmhurst after the proposed TIF District is approved.

City Receives 22nd GFOA Award

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recognizes outstanding contributions in the field of government finance through its annual award program. For the fifth consecutive year, the city's Finance Department received a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2011-2012 budget. Also, for the 22nd consecutive year, the Elmhurst Finance Department has received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for its April 30, 2011 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Congratulations

Elmhurst Police Run to Benefit Special Olympics

This summer, police officers from Elmhurst will join law enforcement personnel from around the state to increase public awareness and raise funds to help the athletes who compete in Special Olympics Illinois. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for the Special Olympics. In Illinois, thousands of officers from every branch of law enforcement will carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles in cities and towns to its final destination – the June 15th Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games at Illinois State University. The Elmhurst leg of the Torch Run will take place on Sunday, June 10, heading northbound on York Street from St. Charles Road, through the downtown area and ending at City Hall. In 2011, Elmhurst officers raised \$7,151 in donations to benefit the Special Olympics. The Torch Run will take place on the heels of another fundraiser to benefit Special Olympics – the "Cop on Top" fundraiser on Friday, June 1, at Elmhurst Dunkin' Donuts.



Stormwater Plan Update

The City continues to make progress in developing a plan to help address the flooding which occurred in Elmhurst over the past two storm seasons. In our efforts to solve the stormwater problems, the City engaged the services of the team of Christopher B. Burke Engineering and RJN Engineers to assist the City in its efforts to reduce and eliminate overland flooding and sanitary sewer backups. Their work progressed through 2011 with field work, flow monitoring, inspections and the construction of computer models for both the sanitary and storm sewers. The results of their evaluation, together with numerous alternatives for modifications, were presented to the City Council and the community at a Council meeting in December 2011.

Following the summer of 2010, Mayor DiCianni established the Mayor's Stormwater Task Force. The Task Force has taken the summary of findings provided by the consultants and is currently reviewing them. The Task Force subcommittees have been meeting on a regular basis to analyze the vast amount of data and findings produced. It is anticipated that the Stormwater Task Force subcommittees will produce a report in May for the City Council's full review. Many policy decisions and issues lie ahead, but the City has made great progress and is poised to reduce stormwater overland flooding and sanitary sewer backups in the future.

Upcoming Family Events

Honoring Our Men and Women in Uniform



Residents of Elmhurst and neighboring communities will have an opportunity on the last Monday in May to honor present and past members of our nation's armed forces. The 94th annual Memorial Day Parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. on

May 28, stepping off from the corner of York and Third. The parade will then proceed 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, speeches, and the laying of wreaths to honor the various branches of our military. The grand marshal for this year's parade will be Petty Officer Leonard F. Prescott, a World War II U. S. Navy veteran.

Four on the 4th

Elmhurst's annual Four on the 4th four-mile run will begin at 7:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4, on Prospect Avenue at Elmhurst College. This is a runner's race and does not permit wheeled vehicles or pets. The registration is limited to the first 1,000 applicants. The annual 1K Kids' Run will begin at 8:30 a.m. that morning. Proceeds of both races benefit the Elmhurst Children's Assistance Foundation that assists families when a child is diagnosed with a serious medical condition. For more information, go to www.4on4th.com.

Congratulations to DARE Graduates

Elmhurst 5th grade students who recently completed the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program are to be congratulated and commended for their commitment to live free of the negative influences of alcohol and drugs. They are invited to march in the Memorial Day Parade in recognition of their achievement.

Congratulations

Are Your House Numbers Visible from the Street?

When emergency personnel are needed, finding the right address quickly can be a matter of life and death. Take a look at your house number from the street some dark and stormy night. Is the house number completely visible and readable? Is the lighting adequate for someone in a vehicle to read it easily? Elmhurst Municipal Code requires that numbers be attached in a conspicuous place above or at the side of the building's front door. The numbers must be at least four inches in height and in a color that contrasts with the color of the building. Numbers spelled out in cursive should be avoided because they are particularly difficult to read at night and during bad weather.

Mayor's Message



For my column in this issue of the *Front Porch*, I'd like to provide you with some things that are on my mind and on your City's agenda over the next several months. Some new things, some standard things, and some ongoing things make up the list.

In addition, I'd like to direct your attention to the budget article on page one. In April the City Council passed the 2012-13 City of Elmhurst budget. The annual budget provides us with a roadmap for the next year and funds essential City services, including public safety, infrastructure and other programs that impact the majority of our citizens. See page one for more details.

We are pleased to report that Mariano's Fresh Market is coming to Elmhurst! There is a larger story about this on page 3 of this newsletter, but I want to note it here as well. This is one of the biggest, new, economic development projects in my time as Mayor and certainly one of the biggest in recent memory. On March 9, I joined with Robert Mariano, Chairman of Roundy's of Milwaukee, to make the public announcement. We staged the event at the former Ford dealership site on North York Street, the future location for Mariano's. The store will be a bonanza for the North York area, which also is under serious consideration as Elmhurst's fourth TIF district.

Three TIF districts are now under consideration by the City Council. These areas include North York Street, Riverside Drive and York and Vallette. There are currently three, successful TIFs in Elmhurst: City Centre, Lake Street and Elmhurst Crossing. TIFs have been very helpful to our City for many years and we believe that they will be going forward as well.

The Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been coordinating a City-wide effort to promote shopping local with its catchy "GOT IT" campaign. You can't "miss it" and it's working too. If you can buy it in Elmhurst, be sure to do so. It means a great deal to all of our businesses and to the benefits that come from local sales taxes to our City budget.

The ongoing matter of our stormwater problems and possible solutions continues with certain committees reviewing the consultant report and preparing their recommendations for City Council consideration. The problems are varied and the solutions complex and costly. It is taking time to move this along but it will be time well-invested since it will result in the right answers and the right projects and prioritization. You can keep updated on this topic by using the City web site, www.elmhurst.org

I recommend that you use the City website to also keep informed about a variety of other topics. The site is a wealth of information and details about our City. Additional useful websites include: www.exploreelmhurst.org — the Visitor and Tourism site, www.elmhurstchamber.org — the Chamber's site and even www.elmhursttv.com — the site for local cable television programs such as Elmhurst Our Kind of Town and Elmhurst Now! Bookmark these sites and others on your computers and phones. I think you will be glad that you did.

Have a wonderful summer!

Peter "Pete" DiCianni
Mayor

ELMHURST Community Calendar

June — August 2012

ONGOING

Thursdays, June 1-August 31

Drop-In eReader Help

Stop by the second floor information desk to get one-on-one help downloading EPL books to your device. Get help downloading eBooks to your eReader or eAudiobooks to your iPod/MP3 Player. Bring your laptop, eReader device and any device cords.

Elmhurst Public Library

June 1-September 1

Tropical Plant Display

Take time to enjoy the displays of exotic foliage and flowering tropical plants in the Wilder Park Conservatory.

Wilder Park Conservatory

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

June 2-August 11

Summer Reading at Elmhurst Public Library

Summer Reading at Elmhurst Public Library kicks off Saturday, June 2. This year's theme is "Dream Big" and participants can win big exciting prizes like pizza, museum passes and ice cream. As kids complete booklogs, they'll be able to take their chances with the Prize Wheel.

Elmhurst Public Library

June 4-August 10

Teacher's Discovery Presents Vincent Van Gogh Exhibit

During his lifetime, Van Gogh sold only one painting. This exhibit focuses on the artist's misunderstood genius during his life and how it transformed his work into some of the most treasured of all time.

Elmhurst Public Library

Tuesdays, June 5-July 31

June 5-July 31

Yoga in the Galleries

The architecture and art of Elmhurst Art Museum provides a special place for contemplation while practicing yoga. Surround yourself in the quiet of the Museum before the doors open to the public and invest in an hour-long yoga session. Classes will rotate through our gallery spaces. Punch cards may be purchased at the Museum front desk during open hours. Drop-ins welcome. Students must supply their own yoga mats and equipment. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Elmhurst Art Museum

8:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. No class July 3.

4 sessions: \$50 8 sessions: \$90

June 6 through August 22

Cool Cars Under the Stars

Please join us for free family fun at Cool Cars Under the Stars. Check out our website at www.elmhurstcitycentre.com for great specials from our merchants all summer long.

Elmhurst City Centre

Wednesdays 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. FREE

June 9-September 9

Special Exhibit: Healing Stones

This special exhibit features an alternative use of minerals and rocks as a healing modality. The exhibit sheds light on how the stones are used and what stones connect to different parts of a person's life.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Mondays, June 11-July 9

Summer String Orchestra

The Elmhurst Park District and the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will offer a summer string orchestra for players ages 12 and up at 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.

Wagner Community Center

615 N. West Avenue, 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$60; \$75 non-residents

Register at www.epd.org or by calling 630-993-8929

June 15-August 25

Summer Exhibitions

For summer 2012, new work from six contemporary American artists — Michael Ferris, Heather Becker, John Dempsey, Billy Tokyo, Anders Nilsen and Casey Roberts — contribute to a summer hot-house of engaging exhibitions inside and out at the Museum. Also come to view Deborah Doering's installation using giant paper stencils to deconstruct language into a code of design and symbols on the south lawn of EAM.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Through September 30

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

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, interesting artifacts and take the "Twisted Candy Challenge" to test candy-wrapping skills. Ages 8 to adult.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Tuesday-Sunday 1-5 p.m. FREE

JUNE

Friday-1

Hershey Track & Field Competition

Come out and show off your running, jumping and throwing skills for a chance to advance to the state meet in Chicago or even the national meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Registration is required. Call 630-993-8901 for more information. Ages 9-14.

York High School Track

5:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

Saturday-2

The Spirito! Singers

The Spirito! Singers present their annual spring concert "Amazing Grace" under the direction of Artistic Director Molly Lindberg. Special guest artists are the Allegro! Violin Ensemble of Western Springs. For tickets visit our website www.spiritosingers.org or call 1-877-8WE-SING.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

155 Brush Hill Road

Tuesday-5

New Plants for 2012

Karin Heier and Peggy Kotecki of Schwartz Nursery will bring traditional perennials and shrubs to show and introduce new varieties of plants that are suitable for our area. Plants will be available for purchase at end of program.

Community Bank of Elmhurst

133 N. York Road, second floor

7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. FREE



This work by Michael Ferris is among the pieces by contemporary American artists on display at the Elmhurst Art Museum, June 15 - August 25

JUNE

Friday-8

Paint Out

Fuel your creative juices! Create a painting in a fun and approachable manner through guidance from capable teaching artists. Paint Out classes are great for groups of friends and perfect for an evening of relaxed socialization. Complimentary wine and scrumptious chocolates are catered by Elmhurst's own Chow. By evening's end, go home with your own bragworthy picture to grace your wall. All skill levels welcome. All materials provided. Advance registration is required. Please register on our website.

Elmhurst Art Museum

6-9 p.m. \$38/participant

Saturday-9

Special Kids Carnival Day

Special needs children and adults, along with their families, are invited to attend the annual "Special Kids Carnival Day" at the Elmhurst Jaycees' Carnival. A selection of appropriate rides will be open. In addition, "ride buddies" will be available to ride along with anyone needing assistance. All participants must register at the Special Kids table located at the Carnival entrance. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. For more information call 630-530-7700 or visit www.specialkidsday.org.

Location: Between Prospect & Myrtle on Park

10 a.m.-12:00 p.m. FREE

Rock and Mineral Identification

Geologist Sara Johnson presents an introduction to rocks and minerals. Learn how to make a basic mineral test kit. Hands-on identification procedures include observation skills and hardness tests. Great for teachers and rockhounds, this program qualifies for a Boy & Girl Scout merit badge. All materials are provided. Reservations required. Call 630-833-1616. Ages 8 years to adult. Program lasts 75 minutes.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
10:30 a.m. Admission \$5

Tuesday-12

Bluejay Backer Golf Outing

The 30th Annual Elmhurst College Bluejay Backer Golf Outing at Bloomingdale Golf Club. Registration and silent auction begins at 10 a.m. with an 11 a.m. shotgun start. Reception at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. Info: Call Vicky Ferguson at 630-617-3140

Bloomingdale Golf Club
181 Glen Ellyn Road, Bloomingdale

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Annual Dinner

Join Elmhurst Symphony Association members and friends to celebrate the conclusion of the ESO's 51st season and to hear a preview of next season's exciting concerts. Winners of the Silver Measure Award for volunteer service to the Symphony will be announced.

Diplomat West, 681 West North Avenue
Elmhurst, 6 p.m.

Cost: \$32

Tuesday-12

Concerts in Wilder Park

Spirito! Singers sponsored by Community Bank of Elmhurst. All ages welcome.

7 p.m. FREE

Friday-15

Friday Night at the Museum: An Evening of Readings and Music with Anders Nilsen and Friends.

Take advantage of our late hours and free admission and enjoy informative artist-led talks, panel discussions and special programming. No reservations required.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6 p.m. FREE

Saturday-16

Teen Battle of the Bands

The Elmhurst Park District's Teen Battle of the Bands features local teen bands performing and competing in downtown Elmhurst. The winning band will compete in the regional Battle of the Bands competition through the Illinois Park & Recreation Association with the potential to go to the state finals in August at the Illinois State Fair.

Addison Street Parking Lot
3 – 9 p.m. FREE

Stone Hunt

This hands-on activity allows children and adults to search for gemstones and mineral specimens among more common rocks and minerals and learn how to distinguish between them. Each rock or mineral found is identified and can be taken home. Reservations are recommended.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
2 p.m. 45 minutes. Ages 5 to adult



Elmhurst College's Summer Extravaganza will take place on June 16

Saturday-16

Summer Extravaganza

Elmhurst College will host its 17th Annual Summer Extravaganza. This free outdoor concert will feature Grammy Award winner Dee Dee Bridgewater, accompanied by the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Lawn chairs and picnics welcome.

Elmhurst College Mall
6:30 p.m. FREE Info: 630-617-3390

Tuesday-19

Summer Fun & Games:

Fabulous Flower Pots

Drop in at the Elmhurst Historical Museum's Education Center on Tuesday afternoons all summer for craft fun. Participants will decorate a flower pot to give as a gift or keep and watch as blooms grow. A packet of seeds is included to start a colorful flower garden. For children ages 4-12 with a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center
1-3 p.m. Members \$1/Non-members \$2

Thursday-21

Chef Gale Gand: Tales from the Pastry Kitchen

Elmhurst Historical Museum presents Gale Gand – renowned pastry chef of Chicago's four-star TRU restaurant, cookbook author and television personality – who will share her experiences satisfying Chicago's sweet tooth at the Elmhurst Public Library. Gand will be selling and signing a selection of her recent cookbooks. More info at www.elmhursthstory.org. Reservations required; call 630-279-8696.

Elmhurst Public Library, 6:30 p.m. FREE

Music at the Gazebo

Free concert featuring big band, folk and more.

Wild Meadows Trace Park
Prairie Path and Spring Road
7 p.m. FREE

Friday-22

Friday Night at the Museum: Artist Talk with Michael Ferris and Eleanor Spiess-Ferris moderated by Curator Aaron Ott.

Make EAM part of your weekend plans. Take advantage of our late hours and free admission and enjoy informative artist-led talks, panel discussions and special programming. No reservations required.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6 p.m. FREE

Saturday-23

ESO Concert: Salute to Broadway

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert. The ESO returns to Cantigny Park with "Salute to Broadway!" Enjoy favorites from "Oklahoma," "My Fair Lady," "Les Miserables" and "Carousel!" along with well-loved patriotic numbers. Concerts are on the lawn, so bring lawn chairs and picnics.

Cantigny Park, 1S141 Winfield Road
Wheaton, 8 p.m.

Tickets: Members \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door; Non-members \$12 in advance; \$18 at the door. Call 630-260-8162 or visit www.cantigny.org/events.

Sunday-24

Sweet Home Spectacular

It's a family fun-for-all! Join in a high-energy special event celebrating the "Sweet Home Chicago" exhibit. All are invited to sing, dance, clap (and even sneeze) along with award-winning musician and author Jim Gill at 2 p.m. Take a tour of the exhibit and enjoy refreshments, face painting, games and activities on the museum grounds. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for concert seating. Details at www.elmhursthstory.org.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
1-4 p.m. Concert at 2 p.m. FREE

Tuesday-26

Summer Fun & Games: Create-Your-Own Compass

The history of the world might have been very different if explorers didn't have compasses to navigate across the ocean. Kids will make their own compass and learn about lodestone, a naturally magnetic stone that led to the invention of the first compass almost 2000 years ago. For children 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center
1-3 p.m. Members \$1/Non-members \$2

JUNE

Friday-29

Stars & Stripes Workout & BBQ

After you burn off the calories with an exciting lineup of group exercise classes, treat yourself to a delicious bbq dinner. Fun activities for kids and open Fit4Life and climbing wall. All ages welcome. Free admission to Courts Plus members plus one guest. Non-members and additional guests are \$10 each.

Courts Plus, 186 S. West Avenue
6 - 10 p.m.

Saturday-30

Library Lock-In

Spend the night in the library! Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for an evening of fun locked in the library. There are games, movies, food, music and tons of laughs!

Elmhurst Public Library, 7 p.m. to midnight
Visit <http://bit.ly/LockinEPL>

JULY

Tuesday-3

Summer Fun & Games: Festive Tambourines

Participants will create a one-of-a-kind jangling tambourine personalized with bells, string and creative artwork – just the thing for leading an impromptu Independence Day parade. For children ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center

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

Sunday-8

Elmhurst Garden Club Garden Walk & Faire

The Elmhurst Garden Club presents its 17th Annual Garden Walk and Faire “An Afternoon in the Garden.” Visitors begin the Walk by obtaining a garden guide at the Garden Club booth in Wilder Park, where they can also enjoy exploring the Park District’s Conservatory and the award-winning herb garden, which is featuring Chinese herbs this year. The Faire, featuring booths with varied and unique items, will be held in Wilder Park. Art by local artists will be exhibited in historic Wilder Mansion. Deli lunches will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$15 or at the event for \$20. More info available at www.elmhurstgardenwalk.com

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

Tuesday-10

Summer Fun & Games: Pocket Sundials

Long before there were clocks and watches, people used sundials to tell time (even George Washington carried one in his pocket). Participants will make a natural time-piece (instructions included) to become a sundial expert. For children ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center, 1-3 p.m.
Member \$1/Non-members \$2



Children learn to distinguish gemstones and mineral specimens from common rocks at the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Tuesday-10

Concerts in Wilder Park

Elmhurst Summer String Orchestra sponsored by Community Bank of Elmhurst.

Wilder Park

All ages welcome, 7 p.m. FREE

Friday-13

Friday Night at the Museum: Artist Talk with John Dempsey moderated by Curator Aaron Ott

Take advantage of our late hours and free admission and enjoy informative artist-led talks, panel discussions and special programming. No reservations required.

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

Saturday-14

Second Saturdays: Michael Ferris

Families enjoy a morning of artistic creation every Second Saturday at Elmhurst Art Museum. Gather inspiration from the complex surfaces of Michael Ferris’ sculpture. Dive into creating your 3D work of art using paint and other provided materials that will allow you to experiment with ideas that express yourself. All ages welcome. Materials and instruction included. No reservation required. Suggested donation: \$20.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Fossil Collecting Field Trip

Travel by motor coach to Farm Quarry in Durand, Illinois. Collect Ordovician Period (450 million years old) marine fossils in dolomite. Collectible fossils include: brachiopods, cephalopods, corals, crinoids, gastropods, snails and more. Ages 8 years to adult. \$45 per person. Reservations required: 630-833-1616

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday-17

Concerts in Wilder Park

Elmhurst Community Band sponsored by Community Bank of Elmhurst. All ages welcome.

Wilder Park, 7 p.m. FREE

Summer Fun & Games: Make-Your-Own Monocular

Learn about nature and science by assembling a genuine monocular with 3X magnification to take outside for a close-up view of birds, plants and insects. For children ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

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

Thursday-19

It’s History: The History of Blommer Chocolate

On a breezy Chicago day, passersby on the near north side can smell the pungent aromas of roasted cocoa beans emanating from the Blommer Chocolate Company. Mike Auda of Blommer Chocolate will share the story of this family-run Chicago institution that started in 1939 and has become the largest chocolate manufacturer in North America. Part of the ongoing “It’s History” series of adult programs held in the Education Center.

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

Music at the Gazebo

Free concert featuring big band, folk and more.

Wild Trace Meadow Park
Prairie Path and Spring Road
7 p.m. FREE

Friday-20

Paint Out

Fuel your creative juices! Create a painting in a fun and approachable manner through guidance from our capable teaching artists. Paint Out classes are great for groups of friends and perfect for an evening of relaxed socialization. Complimentary wine and scrumptious chocolates are catered by Elmhurst’s own Chow to enhance your experience. By evening’s end, go home with your own bragworthy picture to grace your wall. All skill levels welcome. All materials provided. Advance registration is required. Please register on our website.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6-9 p.m.
\$38/participant

Saturday-21

Scrimshaw Activity

Visiting artist Richard Kovanda presents the art of scrimshaw — a popular folk art form made famous by New England whalers of the 19th century. Today ivory substitutions are used to create beautiful ink etchings. Learn from a master artist the tools and techniques of this unique art form. Tools and materials are provided to make your own creation to take home. Ages 9 years to adult. Reservations required: 630-833-1616. \$15 per person.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
1-3 p.m.

Cyanotype Workshop with Casey Roberts

Explore how artist Casey Roberts pushes the Civil War era technology of cyanotype into the 21st century. Casey will share his process for painting with this light sensitive medium through the use of controlled chemical reactions. Ages 14 and older. All materials provided. To register call 630-834-0202 X 116. Fee is \$40.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tuesday-24

Concerts in Wilder Park

Elmhurst Community Jazz Band sponsored by Community Bank of Elmhurst. All ages welcome.

Wilder Park, 7 p.m. FREE

Summer Fun & Games: Leapin’ Lizards!

Calling all reptile lovers! Kids will give bendable slithering “Lizzy the Lizard” a colorful decorative coat to create a unique playtime pet. For kids 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

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

July

Friday-27

Friday Night at the Museum: Artist Talk with Heather Becker moderated by Curator Aaron Ott

Take advantage of late hours and free admission and enjoy informative artist-led talks, panel discussions and special programming. No reservations required.

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

Tuesday-31

Summer Fun & Games: Shark Tooth Necklaces

Yikes, it's Shark Week! Dive into the amazing world of sharks and celebrate the beginning of Shark Week on the Discovery Channel. Participants will make an authentic shark tooth necklace embellished with decorative beads. For children 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

Members \$1/Non-members \$2

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Thursday-Sunday 2-5

AAUW Used Book Sale

Thousands of used books, CDs, DVDs and videos will be available at the Annual Used Book Sale sponsored by the Elmhurst Branch of AAUW. Well organized into over 30 different categories, the four-day sale features a large Children's Section as well as a Collector's Area. Proceeds benefit AAUW educational grants and local scholarships. Barrels for donating books and other items will be available at various locations in Elmhurst and Addison beginning June 10.

Conrad Fischer Elementary School

888 North Wilson Street, Elmhurst

Thurs. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

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

Free admission all days except for Opening Night fee (Thursday) of \$10 per person plus \$10 per scanner.

Call 630-834-1426 for further details or email pingbok@comcast.net.

Tuesday-7

Summer Fun & Games: Hand Puppet Fun

Kids can choose from a whole menagerie and color a clever animal hand puppet to put on a puppet show for friends and family. For children ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1-3 p.m.

Members \$1/Non-members \$2

Thursday-9

It's History: Adventures in Candyland

Third generation candy maker Amy Wertheim of R.G.W. Candy Company will share the company's tradition of making small batch, hand-dipped chocolates, toffees, caramels and more on the family farm in downstate Illinois since 1942. Find out how this small town company brings their hand-crafted products to market. And yes, samples will be available for tasting. Part of the ongoing "It's History" series of adult programs.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center, 1:00 p.m. FREE

Friday-10

Friday Night at the Museum:

Conservation & Collection: Heather Becker, CEO, Chicago Conservation Center

Take advantage of our late hours and free admission and enjoy informative artist-led talks, panel discussions and special programming. No reservations required.

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

Saturday-11

Second Saturdays: Billy Tokyo

Families enjoy a morning of artistic creation every Second Saturday at Elmhurst Art Museum. Create an imaginary character inspired by the totems of Billy Tokyo.

Utilizing pre-cut shapes of paper and foam, assemble the pieces to craft a personalized image. All ages welcome. Materials and instruction included. No reservation required. Suggested donation: \$5.

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

Tuesday-14

Summer Fun & Games: Back-to-School Tote Bags

Participants will go green and personalize a unique canvas tote bag to carry lunch and supplies to school. For children ages 4-12 accompanied by a caregiver.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Education Center

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

Thursday-16

Music at the Gazebo

Free concert featuring big band, folk and more.

Wild Trace Meadow Park

Prairie Path and Spring Road

7 p.m. FREE

Saturday-18

Soapstone Carving

Lapidary Lorel Abrell teaches participants how to successfully carve soapstone. Simple tools and techniques are used in carving this soft and inexpensive material. Learn the basics from blocking out a design to final polish. Take home a carving of your own creation. All materials are included.

Ages 9 to adult. Fee: \$15 per person.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Reservations required.

Call 630-833-1616.

Saturday-25

Fossil Collecting Field Trip

Travel by motor coach to Irene Quarry in Belvidere, Illinois. Collect Ordovician Period (450 million years old) marine fossils in dolomite limestone. Collectible fossils include: brachiopods, cephalopods, corals, crinoids, gastropods, snails and more. Ages 8 to adult. Fee: \$40 per person.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Reservations required.

Call 630-833-1616.

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

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Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade

www.elmhurststpatricksparade.com

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

www.elmhurstsymphony.org

Lizzadro Museum Lapidary Art

www.lizzadromuseum.org

Spring Road Business Association

www.springroad.com

York & Vallette Business Assoc.

www.yorkandvallette.com

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

Curfew Reminder for Teens and Parents



Young people under the age of 18 are required to abide by city curfew regulations throughout the year. 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.

During curfew hours, any minor in a public area 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. An exception is made for teens engaged in a business or occupation which Illinois laws authorize a person under 18 to perform. Teens and parents are reminded that the driver's license of a 16-year-old is not valid if the driver is in violation of Illinois curfew hours.

Mosquito Spraying

Elmhurst contracts with Clarke Mosquito Control Company to provide mosquito surveillance, monitoring and spraying services to help control the population of these pests and reduce the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses. Residents are asked to do their part by eliminating standing water where mosquitoes breed. You can reduce your personal risk by using an insect repellent containing DEET anytime you are outdoors at dawn, dusk or during early evening hours. For more information or to be informed of upcoming spraying operations, please call Clarke directly at 800-942-2555.

Vehicle Sticker Reminder

Owners of vehicles registered or principally housed in Elmhurst are reminded that May 1 was the deadline to purchase and display an Elmhurst vehicle sticker. Failure to comply may result in a \$25 fine during May and \$50 after June 1.



Holiday Hours at City Hall

City Hall will be closed on Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, and on Wednesday, July 4. City Council standing committee meetings scheduled for May 28 will be held the following evening.

Dig Safely: Call JULIE



If you are planning an outdoor project that includes any type of digging, keep in mind that the law requires you to call JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) two working days before you dig, regardless of depth or project size. Your call to JULIE will alert utility companies to mark the location of underground facilities and allow you to dig safely. Unsafe or careless digging can result in liability, property damage and personal injury. Loss of utilities can leave communities without vital police, fire and medical protection. Dig safely this summer. Call JULIE at 811 or 800-892-0123.

Citizen Survey: A Snapshot of Our Community



Later this summer the city will mail 1,600 citizen surveys to a randomly selected cross section of Elmhurst residents. The survey provides important information to elected officials and staff regarding the priorities, concerns and impressions of respondents. Results are used to prioritize services and plan for future needs. If you receive a survey, please fill it out as completely as possible and return it to City Hall by the deadline or you can choose the option to complete the survey online. Your opinions are important and make a difference in the services provided by the city.

Garage Sales

A yard or garage sale is a great way to get rid of unwanted items, make a little extra cash and socialize with the neighbors. Elmhurst residents are allowed to hold up to two garage sales a year. No permit is required. Signs advertising the sale must be posted only on private property, never on parkway trees or grass, or on telephone or light poles. Be a good neighbor and remove the signs as soon as the sale is over.

Block Parties

Neighborhood block parties provide a great opportunity for neighbors to socialize and families to enjoy the warm days of summer. To schedule a block party, call the Public Works Department at 630-530-3020. To invite the Fire Department to attend your block party, call 630-530-3090. Fire personnel enjoy the opportunity to give short presentations about fire trucks and the equipment they carry, and provide photo opportunities for the children.

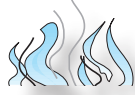
Be a Responsible Pet Owner



Pet owners should be aware of the following city ordinances:

- Clean up after pets when walking them on public sidewalks or parkways, in city parks or along the Prairie Path.
- Don't allow pets to trespass on private property anywhere in the city.
- When off its owner's property, a dog must be properly restrained by means of a leash or chain, six feet or less in length, attached to the collar or harness.
- Dogs and cats must be licensed and registered annually by May 1. They must also have a valid rabies tag affixed to their collars.
- Never leave a barking dog outside to annoy neighbors. Excessive barking is considered a nuisance under city ordinances and may result in a citation.
- No more than four dogs, cats or combinations of the two can be kept on any property within the city, with the exception of a litter of puppies or kittens, which can be kept for no more than four months after birth.
- Keep in mind that violations may result in a ticket and a court-ordered fine of up to \$1,000.

Grilling Safety Tips



Burgers and brats on the grill are a common sight in backyards throughout the community during the summer months. The Fire Department offers the following tips to keep your cookouts fun and memorable for all the right reasons.

- Propane and charcoal barbeque grills should only be used outdoors, well away from the home, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area and never leave the grill unattended. Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources. Never add any flammable liquid to a fire.
- Keep the grill clean by removing grease buildup from the grill and the trays below the grill.
- After grilling, let the coals cool completely before discarding in a metal container.
- Before grilling on a propane grill for the first time each year, check for leaks in the gas tank hoses by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If you have a leak that does not stop or if you smell gas while cooking, get away from the grill and call 911.

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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
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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. Hipkind, Kevin York
5th Ward - Chris Healy, Scott Levin
6th Ward - Steven M. Morley, Jim Kennedy
7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Patrick Wagner

Community Safety

Safety First This Summer

Fireworks, cookouts and swimming in the backyard pool are wonderful ways to spend the warm days of summer. Here are some common sense rules to help make the summer memorable for all the right reasons.

Backyard Pool Safety Tips

Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death of children under the age of five in the United States. Following is a list of regulations regarding pools and some common sense precautions to help prevent needless tragedies.

- In-ground pools must be completely surrounded by a fence, the top of which is at least 48 inches above ground level.
- Pedestrian access gates must be self-closing and have a self-latching device. Access gates must also be equipped to accommodate a locking device (padlock).
- All doors with direct access to the pool (i.e. from the house) must be equipped with an alarm that produces an audible warning when the door is opened.
- The pool must be equipped with an approved power safety cover.
- Adequate supervision is an absolute necessity. Never leave a child alone, out of eye contact, in or near a pool or spa – even for a second. Do not allow a swimmer of any age to swim without a “spotter” nearby.
- Never place chairs, tables or other objects near the pool or spa fence that could allow a youngster to climb over.
- Remove vegetation or other obstacles to assure a clear view of the pool or spa from the house.
- 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 any standing water from the surface of your pool or spa cover. A toddler or small child can drown in a very small amount of water.

Following proper precautions can help keep our summertime activities safe and enjoyable.



Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

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

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

Unwrap Chicago's Candy-Making History

Elmhurst residents with a sweet tooth are in for a treat this summer, as "Sweet Home Chicago: The History of America's Candy Capital" rolls into town. "Sweet Home Chicago" is a new exhibit from the Elmhurst Historical Museum staff that is sure to be popular this summer with visitors from throughout the Chicago area. From Fannie May and Brach's Candies to Tootsie Rolls, Frango Mints, Lemonheads and more – Chicago has a tasty history of making candy loved the world over. Visitors will learn how and why the city became such a sweet spot for creating confections through nostalgic photographs, interesting artifacts, a video presentation narrated by Bill Kurtis, and a number of engaging interactives. Museum visitors of all ages won't want to miss the "Twisted Candy Challenge" in the second floor gallery, where potential candy factory workers can test their candy twisting skill. The "Sweet Home Chicago" exhibit is for ages eight to adult, and will be on display through September 30, 2012. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., and admission is free.



Sweet Home Spectacular = Major Summer Fun

Calling all families looking for summer fun! Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 24, when the "Sweet Home Spectacular" takes place on the grounds of the Elmhurst Historical Museum from 1 to 4 p.m. Enjoy this free special event featuring a concert by Jim Gill, a family favorite with his unique sing-along, clap-along, dance-along brand of musical fun. This celebration of the "Sweet Home Chicago" exhibit will include refreshments, exhibit tours and lots more. Check our web site for the latest details at www.elmhursthistory.org.



See Jim Gill on June 24 during "Sweet Home Spectacular"

Summer Fun & Games Start on June 19

Looking for some crafty fun for the kids on summer afternoons? The Elmhurst Historical Museum will offer Tuesday afternoon drop-in craft programs from June 19 through August 14 for children ages 4 through 12. Each week, kids will make a different craft from 1 until 3 p.m. The cost is only \$1 for members, \$2 for non-members. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. For a complete listing of programs, go to www.elmhursthistory.org in the Programs & Events section (under the Family Programs tab), or look in the *Front Porch* city calendar in this newsletter.



Stop by the Education Center at EHM on Tuesdays for Summer Fun & Games

More Evening Programs Added

In response to requests from Elmhurst Historical Museum patrons, the staff has expanded the offering of adult programs to include more evening programs. For more information, watch your mail for the quarterly calendar of events or visit our web site for the latest information.

Community Safety

Crime Prevention Tips

The Elmhurst Police Department would like to remind residents to do the following to reduce their likelihood of becoming a victim of crime.

Always be alert to suspicious activity, individuals and vehicles in your neighborhood. Get a license plate number and a description of the person or vehicle, and call 911 immediately. Trust your instincts. If something doesn't look right, it probably isn't.

Call 911 if you hear someone repeatedly ringing your doorbell, or knocking urgently on your door or that of a neighbor to determine if anyone is at home.

Most residential burglaries occur during daylight hours when residents are at work or school. Set your burglar alarm every time you leave home, even for a short

time. Display security system signs or decals on your doors and windows.

If you won't be home until after dark, use both interior and exterior lighting. Put some interior lights on timers, and install interior and exterior motion detection lighting.

Make sure doors and windows are locked any time you leave home. Lock vehicles and roll windows up, even when the cars are parked in your driveway. Never leave valuables, such as purses, wallets, cash, computers, GPS units and other electronics, in sight. Leave unneeded credit cards, passports and electronics safely at home.

We can work together to make our community and our neighborhoods safer by taking all reasonable precautions to protect our homes, families and property. Be aware of what's going on around you. If a person, vehicle or activity appears suspicious, don't hesitate — call 911 right away.

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