



September 2013

## Flood Mitigation Update

**T**he City continues to work with Elmhurst residents, the Elmhurst Park District, School District and engineering consultants to identify the most effective flood mitigation projects and improvements.

The City has hosted several open house meetings to present conceptual stormwater mitigation projects. The presentations and exhibits can be viewed on the Elmhurst website at <http://www.elmhurst.org/index.aspx?NID=1273>. In addition, the City has reviewed conceptual plans with the Park District and School District, and answered concerns regarding the use of the park and/or school sites. A link to the questions and answers posed at these meetings is <http://www.elmhurst.org/index.aspx?NID=1272>.

The City is close to completing engineering work for the Southwest Elmhurst Wet Weather Storage

Facility. This project will have numerous positive impacts on the sanitary system in reducing sewer back-ups in southwest Elmhurst. Construction is anticipated to begin on this project in 2014.

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The City Council continues to review policy decisions, including cost-sharing programs, and recently approved, a cost-share program for check valves. For more information about this program and the requirements for reimbursement, please call the Community Development Department at 630-530-3029 or visit [www.elmhurst.org/DocumentCenter/View/8115](http://www.elmhurst.org/DocumentCenter/View/8115).

The City of Elmhurst is working diligently to identify and implement flooding improvements, but these issues take time. For more information regarding the current status of projects and/or policies, please check the Elmhurst website Storm Information page.

## Notify Me

**R**esidents may sign-up for text and email alerts through **Notify Me** on the City's website.

**Notify Me** allows interested parties to sign up for Storm/Flood information and City News & Events, as well as other topics of interest. Below are step-by-step instructions for signing-up for this free\* service.

From the Elmhurst Homepage, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org), select “Notify Me” on the lefthand side under “Elmhurst.” Type your email address in the box and select “Sign In.” Enter the following information: name, address, and how you heard about the “Notify Me” service.

If you wish to receive text messages, check the box “I would like to be able to receive text messages on my mobile phone” and then enter your phone number and select “Save.”

To subscribe or unsubscribe, click the message icon and/or the phone icon next to the lists to which you wish to subscribe/unsubscribe.

*\* Please note that if you sign up for text alerts, usage rates may apply through your cellular provider.*

*Sign up for Notify Me on the City's website  
[www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org).*

## Morley's 6th Ward Seat Filled

On Monday, July 1, 2013, the City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Michael Honquest to fill the remainder of the two-year term previously held by Mayor Morley. The Mayor received eight applications and interviewed all of them before selecting Mr. Honquest.

## Fire Department Open House

The Elmhurst Fire Department will team up with the National Fire Prevention Association during the week of October 6-12 to sponsor Fire Prevention Week. Activities will include an open house and fire station tours on Sunday, October 6, from noon until 4 p.m. at Fire Station #2, 601 S. York Street.

Other educational and family-oriented activities will include the Fire Safety House and the Nicor booth. The Superior AirMed1 helicopter will land at approximately 3:00 p.m. if weather permits, and there are no emergency calls.

## Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, October 26



The Elmhurst Police Department will participate in National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), on Saturday, October 26, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the police station parking lot. 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.

One of the fastest growing drug problems in the United States is the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medications, including pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, and cough remedies containing dextromethorphan (DXM).

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), more than six million people abuse prescription drugs for the first time each year. Prescription and OTC drug abuse can involve taking a medication prescribed for another person; taking a drug in a higher quantity or in a manner other than prescribed; or taking a drug for a purpose other than prescribed.

Teens are likely to consider prescription drugs safer and less addictive since they are prescribed by a physician and dispensed by a pharmacist, not realizing that they can lead to addiction, seizures, lowered heart rate and respiration, decreased cognitive function, academic and social problems, coma, and even death. Teens and young adults may use prescription and OTC drugs to stay awake and focused on studies, to be accepted by peers, to help with anxiety or sleep problems, to lose weight, or to get high.

Proper disposal of expired and unwanted medications is crucial in the battle to end prescription and OTC drug abuse.

## Illinois Prairie Path Days

September 30, 2013, marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proposal to convert the abandoned right-of-way of the Chicago Aurora & Elgin (the "Roarin' Elgin") electric train into a multi-use recreation/nature trail.

The Illinois Prairie Path was the first rail-to-trail in the U.S.

The path spans approximately 62 miles as it makes its way through three counties,

thirteen communities, and eight forest preserves. The Prairie Path traverses residential neighborhoods, downtown shopping districts, and rare segments of centuries-old prairie grass.

Residents, friends, and neighbors are invited to celebrate Illinois Prairie Path Days, Saturday, September 28, through Monday, September 30, by enjoying any or all of its 62 miles in whatever way suits you. In addition to going for a walk, run or bike ride, you might enjoy photographing, painting, or drawing wildflowers or trees; looking for wildlife and their tracks; or simply sitting by the path to enjoy its quiet beauty.



Protecting Millions of Lives

## Smart911 – Every Second Counts

In an emergency, a few seconds may mean the difference between life and death. Smart911 is a free service that allows residents to create a household Safety Profile containing all the information important to emergency responders. If the Safety Profile is in place and someone calls 911, their profile is immediately displayed to the 911 operator and is used to facilitate the best possible response. The profile can include details about household members, phone numbers, addresses (home, work, vacation homes), as well as details about medical conditions, medications, pets, vehicles, and emergency contacts.

With a Safety Profile in place, firefighters have the information they need to help them rescue all family members and pets. The Profile gives paramedics information about allergies, heart attack or stroke history, hearing impairment, dementia, or mobility issues. Smart911 saves critical minutes when a child is reported missing if police have the child's photo and can issue an Amber Alert without delay. 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](http://www.elmhurst.org) and click on the Smart911 link.

## Keeping Our Schools Safe – A Community Effort

**T**he safety of Elmhurst school children is of great concern to members of the Elmhurst Police Department, as it should be to students, parents, and all members of the community. Tragedies in the recent past have made it necessary to implement safety precautions that would have been considered extreme when many of us were of school age.

Members of the Elmhurst Police Department assist local schools in conducting lockdown drills each school year to prepare for the possibility of an armed intruder or a student with a weapon. Lockdown drills and actual lockdown situations involve locking classroom doors, closing blinds, and instructing students to leave their seats and take a concealed position of safety.

As required by state law, several other types of drills are conducted in schools housing elementary or secondary students under the age of 21. Evacuation drills are conducted to prepare for a situation during which conditions outside the school building or outside the school bus are considered safer than inside, including fire, smoke, hazardous materials, and suspicious items. At least one severe weather or

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shelter-in-place drill is conducted to prepare for the possibility of a tornado or other severe weather event.

Public safety personnel and school officials urge members of the community to be vigilant, and report threats or suspicious activity immediately by calling 911. Parents and visitors to our schools should always follow their school’s visitor check-in policy. Keeping our school children safe is a community effort.

### Getting Kids Safely to and from School

Before long school children will be making their way to and from school along our city streets and sidewalks. School officials and public safety personnel encourage children who do not ride a bus to school, to walk or bike in groups, or with parents — to ease congestion problems around the schools. Parents who must drive their children to and from school are encouraged to follow the established school drop-off and pick-up plans, and to respect student patrols, crossing guards, and parent volunteers.

Motorists are asked to be particularly vigilant as they drive in school zones. Remember — it is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone, unless it is a hands-free model. It is illegal to send or read text messages at any time while driving.

## Yield to Emergency Vehicles

**S**cott’s Law was passed in 2002 after Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department was struck and killed by a drunk driver while assisting at an accident scene on a Chicago expressway.

Scott’s Law requires that when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle using visual signals, motorists must yield, change to a lane away from the emergency vehicle, and proceed with caution. If a lane change is not possible because of heavy traffic, drivers must reduce their speed and proceed with caution. Violations of Scott’s Law carry a mandatory fine of \$100. Higher fines, up to \$10,000, can be imposed if a motorist’s actions cause an accident.

Driving under the influence would be considered an aggravating factor, calling for a higher fine. Driver’s license suspension is also imposed: 90 days in cases involving property damage; 180 days if the motorist’s actions cause an injury; and two years if the accident results in a death.



Motorists are also reminded that when they are approached by a moving emergency vehicle using audible and visual signals, they are required to immediately pull as far to the right as possible and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. If stopped at an intersection with two-way traffic, motorists are required to remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed. These regulations are designed to protect emergency personnel who risk their lives to serve the public.



## “Learn Not to Burn”

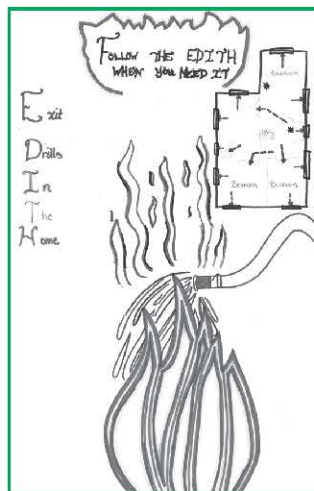
**Y**oung children tend to react in a fire situation by “hiding” from the flames in a closet or under a bed, or “running away” from them if their clothing catches fire.

The consequences of these natural tendencies can be tragic. Elmhurst Fire Department personnel provide elementary school students with the knowledge and skills they need to react appropriately in a fire situation through the “Learn Not to Burn” fire safety program.

Participants are taught potentially life-saving skills, including how to call 911; what to do if a smoke alarm sounds; how to crawl low in a fire; and how to stop, drop, cover, and roll.

The annual “Learn Not to Burn” poster contest is open to fourth grade students in Elmhurst public and private schools. The winners of this year’s contest are Julia from Visitation School, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Hannah from Lincoln School, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and Kate from Timothy

*First place winning poster by  
Julia from Visitation School*



*Second place winning poster by  
Hannah from Lincoln School*



Christian School, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Congratulations to these youngsters and all the others who participated in the contest. Visit the Fire Department page on the city’s website, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org), to view contest entries.

## Cooking Safety

Cooking has been the leading cause of home fires for many years, accounting for more than 150,000 such fires reported in the U.S. annually. Cooking fires result in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries, and approximately \$1 billion in direct property damage each year.



The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking, usually on the stovetop. The following tips will help keep you, your family, and your home safe while cooking:

- Stay in the kitchen whenever you are frying, broiling, or grilling food. If you must leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.
- When simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check the food regularly. Remain in the home while food is cooking and use a timer as a reminder.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — including oven mitts, towels, food packaging, wooden utensils, etc., away from the stovetop.
- Enforce a “kid-free/pet-free zone” of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or served. If you have small children, cook on the back burners whenever possible.
- Turn pot handles away from the stove’s edge.
- Wear clothing with short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

## Alive at 25

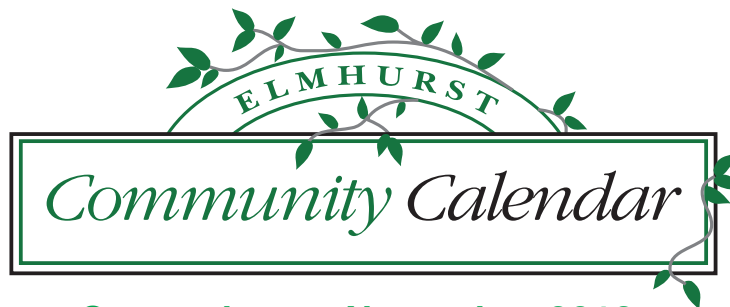
### Attention: Parents and Teen Drivers

**O**ne in every five teenage drivers is involved in an automobile accident within one year of getting his or her driver’s license. Sadly, statistics also confirm that nearly 6,000 teen drivers are killed and more than 325,000 are seriously injured on our streets and highways each year. Teens face significant risks when it comes to driving, including inexperience, driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, speed and other risk-taking behavior, distractions, failure to use seatbelts, and driving with other teens in the car.

The “Alive at 25” program is offered free of charge by the Elmhurst Police Department and teaches young drivers to make good driving decisions that will help them stay alive to celebrate their 25th birthdays. The class is open to all teens who attend local public and private schools, or who live in Elmhurst. For more information, or to sign up the teenage driver in your home, please call the Elmhurst Police Department at (630) 530-3050.

## Correction

The previous issue of *The Front Porch* failed to credit Community Bank with sponsoring the annual Four on the 4<sup>th</sup> race. Our apologies to Community Bank for the oversight!



# ELMHURST Community Calendar

## September — November 2013

### ONGOING

#### September 1- October 20

##### **Our Lives, Our Stories: America's Greatest Generation**

Explore the life arc of America's Greatest Generation – the stories of their lives from birth to old age, told in their own words – in the Midwest debut of a national traveling exhibition. Born in the 1910s and '20s, this generation was shaped by their experiences during the Great Depression and World War II, creating both the Baby Boom and the postwar economic surge. Features include personal anecdotes and photos and a variety of domestic and cultural objects and multi-media displays. An interactive kiosk with interviews of Elmhurst residents from this era offers a local perspective. Developed by the Minnesota Historical Society and toured by Mid-America Arts Alliance through NEH on the Road.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Tuesday-Sunday 1-5 p.m. FREE

#### September 1-November 30

##### **Art on the Run**

What is more fun than Saturday morning cartoons? Art on the Run, of course! At the Museum your family can create your own artwork based on the new exhibition "Inventory: The EAM Collection." Projects change often, so come back each Saturday morning. NEW! Missed Art on the Run? Projects are now available anytime at the front desk. Check out Art on the Run Boxes for art materials and instructions to make your child's museum experience memorable.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

##### **Activity**

When all the different artworks in Inventory were unwrapped, we used hundreds of special tags to track the history of each piece of art. At the Activity wall, add your own history to the exhibition by drawing or writing your favorite memories, your house, or whatever represents you – then hang your tag with all of the other tags to make a new collection on our Activity wall.

Elmhurst Art Museum

#### September 14, October 12 & August 9

##### **African Drum Circle**

Free event open to all ages and requires no musical experience. African drums and other rhythm instruments provided. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Facilitated by John Scoville, a professional percussionist.

Luscombe Music, outside, weather permitting  
122 West Vallette  
3-4 p.m. FREE

#### September 17- October 17

##### **The Hispanic Heritage Exhibition:**

##### **Xavier Nuez - Photographs**

Reception for the artist on Thursday, September 19, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-midnight; Saturday 10

a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday noon-midnight

FREE Info: 630-617-6110

#### September 21-February 5, 2014

##### **Inventory: The EAM Collection**

Inventory: The EAM Collection unpacks the Museum's vault and fills the galleries from floor-to-ceiling with art. Never before has the entire building been dedicated to EAM's holdings – until now. This ambitious exhibition provides unprecedented access to EAM's unique collection and includes notable artists whose work spans three centuries, such as Thomas Eakins, Frederic Remington, Sonia Delaunay, Abbott Pattison, Peter Saul and EAM's own founder, Eleanor King Hookham – all ripe for interpretation and discovery.

Elmhurst Art Museum

#### September 26-28, October 3-6

##### **Theatre: Noises Off**

Written by Michael Frayn and directed by Alan Weiger. Farces are meant to be funny, but the British troupe finds chaos in all the wrong places. A final dress rehearsal, a performance and closing night reveal on-stage hijinks and backstage relations. Winner of multiple awards, this crisply written farce is an absolute, figurative and literal riot.

Mill Theatre, 253 Walter Street, 8 p.m.

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

#### October 1-October 28

##### **October Holiday Tree Sale**

Honor the Elmhurst Community's holiday tradition and 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, enhancements and programs that benefit the students of Elmhurst public schools. Individual orders of outdoor yard trees, as well as beautiful indoor Douglas and Fraser Firs (\$56-\$80) may also be purchased for receipt December 7.

Delivery on November 30

Yard tree cost is \$19 and group orders of four or more will be delivered free of charge.

Place your order beginning October 1 at

[www.elmhurst205.org/foundation](http://www.elmhurst205.org/foundation)

or call 630-617-2376.

#### October 21-November 23

##### **The Art of Christopher Cannon**

A display of "re-structured" toys and works on paper. Reception for the artist on Tuesday, October 22, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-midnight; Saturday 10

a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday noon-midnight

FREE Info: 630-617-6110

#### Through October

##### **Elmhurst Farmer's Market**

Continuing through last Wednesday in October.

On Vallette just east of York

Wednesdays from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Through November

##### **Elmhurst Photo Boutique Classes**

Photographer Erica Benson will hold classes throughout the year. The five-week class covers camera functions, lighting, composition and how to photograph various subjects.

Elmhurst Photo Boutique; \$65/person

Info: 630-400-7242 or [benson.ERICA1@gmail.com](mailto:benson.ERICA1@gmail.com)

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#### November 8- April 20, 2014

##### **Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst**

Prairie poet, journalist, movie critic, family man, political activist, author — Carl Sandburg wore many hats during the 1920s when he resided with his family in Elmhurst. This original exhibit features rare photos, video footage and artifacts related to Sandburg from his prolific Elmhurst years. The exhibit profiles one of America's most influential literary figures who ascended to international fame as one of our country's most beloved poets, an Illinois Poet Laureate and winner of two Pulitzer Prizes.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Tuesday- Sunday 1- 5 p.m. FREE

## SEPTEMBER

#### Thursday-5

##### **"We're Not Broken: Empowering Students with Learning Differences"**

Jonathan Mooney is a rebellious, uplifting voice who will strike a chord with anyone who has had a hard time marching in step with a culture of "normality." He honors even the most radical cognitive and physical differences, and celebrates the achievements of everyone who must learn to live in beautifully original ways.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

7 p.m. Admission \$20 Info: 630-617-3390

#### Friday-6

##### **The Kelly Miller Circus**

The Elmhurst District 205 Foundation, with major sponsorship from the Elmhurst Jaycees, and platinum sponsorship from Kensington School, presents The Kelly Miller Circus.

Sandburg Middle School grounds

345 E. St. Charles Rd.

4:30 and 7:30 p.m. (rain or shine)

Advanced ticket prices for adults \$16 and

children (2-11) \$10, ringside box seats \$25.

Discounted group rates for 12 children or

more are available.

Tickets and info: [www.elmhurst205.org/foundation](http://www.elmhurst205.org/foundation) or call 630-617-2376.

#### Saturday-7

##### **Touch a Truck**

Join us for an exciting morning of getting up close and personal with trucks and working equipment kids can even climb on and pretend to operate themselves! \$1 recommended donation per person to benefit Rec Assistance.

Elmhurst Park District, All Ages

Berens Park east lot (off Walnut Street)

10 a.m.- noon

#### Tuesday-10

##### **"The Death and Life of the Great American School System"**

Diane Ravitch wants to know what makes schools work. A historian of American education at NYU who served in the administration of the first President Bush, she defies easy ideological labeling with a clear head and open mind that insists on seeing what the data really tells us about testing, choice, charter schools and other fashionable reforms.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

7 p.m. Admission: \$20 Info: 630-617-3390



# SEPTEMBER

## Thursday-12

### "Eighteen Years in the Eye of the Storm"

Since 1995, Paul Vallas has brought a tough, hands-on corporate style to the leadership of some of the nation's largest and least settled school systems in Chicago, Philadelphia, New Orleans and elsewhere. He has advanced reforms that have shaped the workings of schools across the United States.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

7 p.m. Admission \$10 Info: 630-617-3390

### It's History: The Forgotten Civil Rights

#### Movement of the 1930s-1940s

Erik Gellman, author and Roosevelt University history professor, explores the interracial movement in the 1930s to beat back fascism – both at home and abroad – to preserve and expand America's democracy. Gellman will discuss the Chicago context of the struggle – including the 1936 formation of the National Negro Congress, the organizing of steel mill and packinghouse workers, and the artistic Renaissance that took place in the "City of Big Shoulders" – and the important legacy left in its wake. Part of the "It's History" series of programs for adults.

Elmhurst Historical Museum Education Center  
7 p.m. FREE

## Saturday-14

### 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 years to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 10 a.m.-noon  
Fee \$15 per person; Museum members \$10  
Reservations required: 630-833-1616

## Monday-16

### 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 evening audition appointment, contact ECU at 630-758-1100 or [elmhurstchoralunion.org](http://elmhurstchoralunion.org).

## Thursday-19

### The Roland Quest Lecture

#### "The Rise of the Creative Class"

What do colleges and universities bring to a society? Among other things, they form the basis of great cities where smart people want to live. Richard Florida established the significance of an emerging "creative class" in a best-selling book that has confirmed his reputation as a preeminent urban theorist.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel  
7 p.m. Admission: \$20 Info: 630-617-3390

## Saturday-21

### Rock & 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 Boy & Girl Scout merit badges. All materials are provided. Ages 8 years to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art  
10:30 a.m. 75 minutes

Admission \$5 per person; Members \$3  
Reservations required: 630-833-1616

## Saturday-21

### Fishing Derby

Kids registered from the age of 2-14 can fish for prizes. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Make sure to bring your fishing pole!

Elmhurst Park District

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

\$8 Resident/ \$10 Non-Resident

### National Gymnastics Day

Turn the world upside down on National Gymnastics Day. This fun-filled open house includes physical fitness activities and challenges using the gymnastics equipment at Wagner Community Center. This is a drop-in activity; parent/guardian must sign a waiver form and accompany their children during the event.

Elmhurst Park District, Ages 2-12.

Elmhurst Gymnastics Center (at Wagner Community Center)

2 - 5 p.m. FREE Info: 630-993-8900

## Sunday-22

### The Niebuhr Forum on Religion in Public Life

#### The Reverend Al Sharpton

Alfred Charles Sharpton Jr. is a Baptist minister, a veteran social activist, an outspoken radio and television host, a former candidate for president and a leading figure in the struggle against racial prejudice and injustice.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

7 p.m. Admission: \$20 Info: 630-617-3390

## Monday-23

### The Rudolf G. Schade Lecture Series

#### "Savage Anxieties: The Invention of Western Civilization"

Robert A. Williams Jr. is a leading expert on Native American law and the rights of indigenous peoples. A member of the Lumbee Indian Tribe, he teaches law at the University of Arizona and is the author of *Savage Anxieties: The Invention of Western Civilization*. He proposes a wide-ranging re-examination of the Western world's history, told from the perspective of civilization's war on tribalism as a way of life. Sponsored in part by BMO Harris Bank.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

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## Wednesday - 25

### An Afternoon for Veterans

The Elmhurst Historical Museum invites local veterans (who have served in any capacity) and their families for a special afternoon in their honor. Guided tours at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. will explore the "Our Lives, Our Stories" exhibit. Complimentary refreshments served in the Education Center.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

1-3 p.m. FREE

Reservations requested: Call 630-833-1457 or e-mail [ehm@elmhurst.org](mailto:ehm@elmhurst.org) (please mention preferred tour time slot). Call to make arrangements for groups of 10 or more.

## Friday-27

### York Homecoming Alumni Mixer

The York Distinguished Alumni Program (YDAP) is sponsoring its second annual Homecoming Mixer – a great opportunity to reconnect with high school classmates and support the Dukes of Distinction awards. DJ, Split the Pot Raffle and York student parking pass auction & more.

Doc Ryan's, 490 Spring Road, Elmhurst  
Begins 5 p.m.

Visit [www.elmhurst205.org/alumni](http://www.elmhurst205.org/alumni) or call 630-941-4719.

## Friday-27

### Curator's Tour

Curator's Tour led by Staci Boris, EAM Chief Curator  
Elmhurst Art Museum, 1 p.m.

## Saturday-28

### Celebrate Smithsonian Museum Day – Geode Find

As a Smithsonian Affiliate, the Lizzadro Museum will feature a special exhibit from the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. Children and adults can participate in "Geode Find," an activity to find and crack open your very own geode to take home. Free admission will be offered to visitors presenting a Museum Day Ticket available online at [smithsonianmag.com/museumday](http://smithsonianmag.com/museumday). The Museum Day Ticket provides free admission to one person and a guest. Ages 5 years to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Regular museum admission or free with Smithsonian Museum Day Ticket. Museum members free.

# OCTOBER

## Friday-4

### Artist Talk by Phyllis Bramson

Distinguished artist Phyllis Bramson speaks about her lively figurative painting practice that she calls "love and affection in a hostile world." Inventory shows her painting "Idle Hours," 2000.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m.

10-Year Anniversary

### 10th Anniversary of the "New" Library Building

Tours, programs, exhibits, and more.

Elmhurst Public Library, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Free. Info: [www.elmlib.org/10year](http://www.elmlib.org/10year) or

630-279-8696

## Saturday-5

### Storytime at the Museum!

Come as a family to enjoy an interactive storytime with art-filled stories, stylish rhymes and a fabulous craft to celebrate art and art museums! Best for ages 3-8 with an adult. Co-organized with the Elmhurst Public Library.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 10:30 a.m.

### Rock to Gem: A Fascinating Journey

What makes a gemstone unique among rocks?

This presentation includes the geology of a gem's formation and the gemology of how a gem is identified. Hands-on activities teach the basics of gemstone identification. Presented by geologist Sara Johnson, M.S. and gemologist Sakina Bharani, G.G. Lecture/activity for ages 16 to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

2-3:30 p.m.

Admission \$10 per person; Members free

Reservations required: 630-833-1616

## Tuesday-8

### "The Trouble with Boys"

Young males begin to struggle the moment they enter a classroom and account for only 43 percent of Americans enrolled in college. The Pulitzer Prize winner Peg Tyre presents years of research from schools around the country on why boys are the new academic underdogs.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

7 p.m. Admission: \$10 Info: 630-617-3390

## Thursday-10

### The Rudolf G. Schade Lecture

#### "The Shame of College Sports"

Last year in *The Atlantic* magazine, Taylor Branch published what the commentator Frank DeFord said "may be the most important article ever written about college sports." The real scandal, says Branch, is the very structure of college sports, wherein athletes generate billions of dollars for big universities, while earning nothing for themselves. Sponsored in part by BMO Harris Bank.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

7 p.m. Admission: \$20 Info: 630-617-3390

### Thursday-10

#### A College at War: Women Working for Victory in WWII

Before and during World War II, college women – like so many others – were concerned about the nation entering the war and helped to bring about victory through activism, factory work, and military service. Rockford College history professor Catherine Forslund examines experiences on the home front and abroad, revealing women's vital commitment and contributions made in civilian and military life while facing great difficulties. Part of the ongoing "It's History" series of exhibit-related lectures and programs for adults.

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

### Saturday-12

#### Rock & 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 Boy & Girl Scout merit badges. All materials are provided. Ages 8 years to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art  
10:30 a.m. 75 minutes

Admission \$5 per person; Members \$3  
Reservations required: 630-833-1616

#### Multi-Strand Bead Stringing

For those times when a single strand is not enough, learn to combine various beads and chain to create one piece of jewelry with a layered look. Students will receive kits to complete a 3-strand necklace. Use of jewelry-making materials and tools will be taught. Take home a multi-strand necklace of your own creation. Ages 16 years to adult.

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

Admission: \$35 per person  
Museum members \$30  
Reservations required: 630-833-1616

#### York & Vallette Elmhurst Fall Fest

Rides, games, food, pumpkins and more.

York Road at the Prairie Path  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: 630-832-4550

#### Heritage Day

Join in a community-wide celebration of the fall season and local history at the Churchville Schoolhouse and Fischer Farm. Ride a complimentary shuttle between the adjacent historical sites for family-focused activities. Tour the Churchville Schoolhouse, meet school marm Esther Fischer to find out how schoolchildren learned in the Roaring '20s, participate in a spelling bee and hear live music of the era. At Fischer Farm, explore the historic buildings, make a craft, hear the country sounds of the White Saddle Band and see the Ft. Dearborn militia and Taylor's Battery Cannon historic reenactors. Picnic food available for purchase and \$5 wristband (kids under 12) for pony rides, petting zoo and one pumpkin at Farm only. Co-presented by Elmhurst Historical Museum and Bensenville Park District.

Churchville Schoolhouse, 3N784 Church Rd.  
Fischer Farm

16W680 Old Grand Avenue, Bensenville  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Free at Schoolhouse; \$5 wristband at Fischer Farm (kids under 12)

#### Safety Town Safe Trick-or-Treating at Family Fall Fest

Head over to Safety Town for some early Halloween fun and safe trick-or-treating at the kid-sized village. Come dressed in your Halloween costume and bring a goody bag!

Elmhurst Park District, All Ages  
The Depot/Safety Town, 511 South York Road  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. FREE

### Friday-18

#### The Art of Collecting: A Talk by Art Collectors Peter and Eileen Broido

Generous donors to EAM's Collection, the Broidos have acquired contemporary art since the late '60s. Their prestigious collection holds a wide range of work from established, emerging and mid-career artists from around the world.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, Saturday & Sunday 18-20

#### Elmhurst Children's Theatre Presents "Annie"

Leapin' lizards! The popular comic strip heroine takes center stage in one of the world's best-loved musicals with the iconic songs "Tomorrow" and "Hard-Knock Life."

Bryan Middle School, 111 W Butterfield  
October 18 at 7 p.m., October 19 at 2 and 7 p.m. and October 20 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 at the door  
Info: [elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com](http://elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com)

### Saturday-19

#### Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

"Among Friends" opens the Elmhurst Symphony's exciting 2013-14 season, "Music Among Friends," with dramatic works of the late Romantic era, featuring sisters and Elmhurst natives Kate Hatmaker and Jean Hatmaker playing Brahms' musical gem, Concerto for Violin and Cello in A minor. Also on the program are Dvořák's Seventh Symphony and the 2013 Stanger Young Artist winner, violinist Jennifer Cha.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 7 p.m.  
Adults \$32, seniors \$30, students \$9;  
subscriptions, group and family rates available

#### "Jewelry Trend: Steampunk"

Visiting Artist Jill Buckingham presents the current Steampunk fashion in jewelry design. Learn what influenced this retro-Victorian trend, including literature, film and artists. See how Steampunk is used in jewelry design and where to see more of it. The lecture includes a discussion on how artists can use fashion trends in jewelry.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art  
Lecture – Youth to Adult – 2 p.m.

60 minutes  
Regular Museum Admission  
Reservations Recommended

### Sunday-20

#### Elmhurst College Fall Band Concert

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

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

### Tuesday-22

#### "Technology: Passport to Personalized Education"

Daphne Koller, founder of Coursera, is a passionate advocate for technology's potential to improve learning outcomes while lowering costs, and to "open doors that otherwise would remain closed for the millions here and abroad who lack access to good in-person education."

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel  
7 p.m. Admission: \$20 Info: 630-617-3390

### Wednesday-23

#### "The LGBT Student and the Culture of Respect"

Eliza Byard is executive director of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, the largest organization in the nation working to build in our schools a culture of respect for all students.

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

### Saturday-26

#### World Music Festival

The Elmhurst College Philharmonic Orchestra with guest artists Ian Maksin (Russia-cello), Jennie Brown (Asia-flute), Mariachi Real de Jalisco (Mexico) and Elmhurst College Dancers (various cultures, including Argentina).

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel  
7:30 p.m. Tickets: 630-617-3515

#### Midnight Masquerade 2013

Celebrate at the Party of the Season – the Midnight Masquerade, the ninth annual fundraiser hosted by The District 205 Foundation for Educational Excellence. The Foundation provides community support for education through its campaign to support STEM education in the middle schools, Thiems Grants, and the Study Skills Academies. Enjoy lighter fare, desserts, cash bar, live music, silent auctions and raffles. Buy tickets before Oct 11th to be entered into a drawing for an iPad mini.

River Forest Country Club  
15W468 Grand Ave.

7 p.m. to midnight

Tickets: \$100 Info: 630-617-2376

[www.elmhurst205.org/foundation](http://www.elmhurst205.org/foundation)

#### Elmhurst City Centre

Boo-tiful Saturday in Elmhurst City Centre! Bring the family to the heart of downtown Elmhurst to enjoy a free movie and trick-or-treating with stops at all your favorite merchants. Visit [elmhurstcitycentre.com](http://elmhurstcitycentre.com) for all the details.

## NOVEMBER

### Friday-1

#### Book Discussion: Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund De Waal

A family memoir – a WWII tale – a detective story, Edmund De Waal traces the path of his inheritance: a collection of 264 tiny Japanese wood and ivory carvings called netsuke and discovers his family's history, rise to prominence, fall back into obscurity and the objects they revered enough to save through it all. Co-organized with Elmhurst Public Library, where books are available.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m.

Reservations appreciated, but not required.  
630-834-0202.

#### 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 St.  
7:30 p.m. FREE Info: 630-617-3515

### Friday-Sunday-1-24

#### "Lucky Stiff" by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

GreenMan Theatre Troupe has announced the first production of the 2013-2014 season: the musical comedy "Lucky Stiff." The fall musical will be directed by Craig Gustafson, who has previously directed shows for GreenMan and many other theaters in the Chicago area.

The musical director will be Kathleen Dooley, who has worked as musical director with Gustafson on "Assassins" and "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." "Lucky Stiff" is a zany, offbeat and humorous murder mystery farce with slamming doors, mistaken identities, six million bucks in diamonds and a corpse in a wheelchair.

First United Methodist Church  
232 South York Road

Tickets: 630-464-2646 or visit  
[www.greenmantheatre.com](http://www.greenmantheatre.com)



# NOVEMBER

## Saturday-2

### Rock & 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 Boy & Girl Scout merit badges. All materials are provided. Ages 8 years to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

10:30 a.m. 75 minutes

Admission \$5 per person

Museum members \$3

Reservations required: 630-833-1616

### Spirito! Autumn Voices Fundraising Gala

Join Spirito! and honored guest Dan Gibbons in a joyful evening of fundraising and song. The 2012 honoree, Rob Johnson of CBS-2 News, will present this year's award to Dan, in recognition of the work he has done in our communities to serve the most basic of human needs. A surprise for guests this year will be an appearance by famed baritone from the Metropolitan Opera of New York, the Lyric Opera of Chicago and premier opera companies around the world – Bradley Garvin. Open bar, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and sweets, raffles with unique silent and live auctions and entertainment — including an unexpected performance by the 3 Spirito! ensembles.

Drury Lane Oak Room, Oakbrook Terrace

6 p.m.- midnight Tickets are \$100

For info or tickets, call 630-941-0744 or visit

[www.spiritosingers.org](http://www.spiritosingers.org) or

[www.facebook.com/spiritosingers](http://www.facebook.com/spiritosingers).

### Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Gala

The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation invites the community to a special Gala Celebration in support of the Visionary Voices campaign, a critical fundraising effort to create a new "History of Elmhurst" exhibit at the Elmhurst Historical Museum. The evening features dinner, open bar, musical entertainment, live and silent auctions, and celebrity emcee Channel 7's Janet Davies. Sponsorship opportunities.

Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

6 p.m. Tickets \$125

Tickets and info: 630-833-1457 or

[www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org](http://www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org).

## Sunday-3

### Elmhurst Symphony Musicians at Mayslake

ESO principal harpist Janelle Lake brings her Lake Effect Trio to Mayslake to present an all-Debussy program, "Debussy's Harp," commemorating the 151st anniversary of the composer's birth. Kimberly Sopata, flute, Janelle Lake, harp, and Terese Parisoli, viola, celebrate Debussy's multifaceted composition style with a program featuring Sonata for Flute, Harp and Viola.

Mayslake Peabody Estate

1717 31st St., Oak Brook, 2:30 p.m.

Adults \$25; seniors \$23; students \$7

## Thursday-7

### District 205 Inducts "Dukes of Distinction"

The York Distinguished Alumni Program (YDAP) will induct its inaugural class of "Dukes of Distinction" to honor eight alumni who have distinguished themselves through significant and extraordinary accomplishments, service and/or outstanding contributions to society. Recognitions include Dr. John Baumrucker, Ron Guenther, John Hagstrom, Dr. Peter Holbrook, Dr. Claudia Lucchinetti, Ken Paulson, the family of Dr. Charles Tilly and Dr. Sidney Carne Wolff.

York High School Commons

355 W. St. Charles Road

Reception beginning at 6 p.m.; program to follow.

Info: [www.elmhurst205.org/alumni](http://www.elmhurst205.org/alumni) or call

630-941-4719

## Friday-8

### Art Museum Book Party!

Love to read? Love museums? Love art?

Enjoy all three when you read *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L.

Konigsburg and join us for fun trivia about the book, games and crafts all focusing on awesome museum art. This timeless book tells the story of two siblings' mysterious adventures living among the masterpieces at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Reservations appreciated, but not required. Co-organized with Elmhurst Public Library.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 4-5 p.m.

Info: 630-834-0202

## Friday-8

### Artist Talk by Helen Maurene Cooper

Represented in EAM's Collection with the vibrant photograph *Junk 'n Juice*, 2009, Chicago artist Helen Maurene Cooper discusses her love and investigation of Chicago's unique nail art scene.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m.

## Saturday-9

### Wilder Mansion Holiday Market

Enjoy one-of-a-kind arts, crafts, jewelry, handbags, children's clothing, gourmet food and unique holiday gifts from over 50 artists and culinary food vendors at the Third Annual Holiday Market at Wilder Mansion. All ages. Contact [roz@rglmarketingforthearts.com](mailto:roz@rglmarketingforthearts.com) for more information.

Wilder Mansion, 211 Prospect

10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE

## Sunday-10

### What Roger Ebert Meant to Us

Roger Ebert was the most famous movie critic of his generation and one of the most respected. How did a movie critic win a Pulitzer Prize and become a national cultural icon? And how did he become a figure of grace in the face of suffering? A panel that includes an Ebert competitor (Michael Phillips of the *Chicago Tribune*), a colleague (Neil Steinberg of the *Sun-Times*) and a protégé (Ignatiy Vishnevsky of [rogerebert.com](http://rogerebert.com) and Ebert Presents: At the Movies) will discuss these and other questions. Rick Kogan, veteran of the *Chicago Daily News*, *Sun-Times* and *Tribune* will be the moderator.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

7 p.m. Admission \$20 Info: 630-617-3390

## Monday-11

### 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.

Elmhurst American Legion Hall

Butterfield and Spring Roads

7:30 p.m. FREE Info: 630-617-3535

## Saturday-16

### Lapidary Day

See demonstrations by artists from the West Suburban Lapidary Club, including beading, silversmithing, cabochon cutting, wire wrapping and faceting. Free hands-on activities and jewelry cleaning. This event is a great way to see the Museum and learn about lapidary art. All ages.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission

## Sunday-17

### 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

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

#### Elmhurst Art Museum

150 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 834-0202

[www.elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org)

#### Elmhurst City Centre

2 City Centre, Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 993-1600

[www.elmhurstcitycentre.com](http://www.elmhurstcitycentre.com)

#### Elmhurst Choral Union

P.O. Box 1493, Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 758-1100

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

#### Elmhurst College

190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 617-3390

[www.elmhurst.edu](http://www.elmhurst.edu)

#### Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 833-1457

[www.elmhursthistory.org](http://www.elmhursthistory.org)

#### Elmhurst Park District

375 W. First St., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 993-8901

[www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org)

#### Elmhurst Public Library

125 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 279-8696

[www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org)

#### Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

Performances at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 345, Elmhurst, IL 60126

(630) 941-0202

[www.elmhurstsymphony.org](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org)

#### Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL

60126

(630) 833-1616

[www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)

## Sunday-17

### Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

Back by popular demand, "Surround Sound II" will be a thrilling array of sonic experiences combining brass, percussion and strings with the vibrant voices of the Spirito! Singers and the renowned handbell ensemble, The Agape Ringers, in an afternoon of music by Purcell, Handel, Gabrieli and others. The grand finale will be the talk of the town as all three groups transform the performance space into one grand instrument.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

3 p.m.

Adults \$32, seniors \$30, students \$9;

subscriptions, group and family rates available

## Friday-22

### World Music Festival

The Elmhurst College Percussion Ensemble Concert. Brazilian Workshop Festival. Guest artist is Geraldo D'Oliveira.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

7:30 p.m. Tickets: 630-617-3515

## Saturday-30

### Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive via an Elmhurst Fire Truck to help Mayor Morley light the tree at 6 p.m.. Shop, dine and be merry in Elmhurst City Centre!

Elmhurst City Centre, 5-7 p.m.



## Senior Chore Days

The Senior Chore Days program, sponsored by the DuPage Senior Citizens Council, helps to connect volunteer workers with elderly residents with limited income who need help with yard work before winter begins.

The work is limited to raking and bagging leaves, and trimming small bushes (no more than five feet in height). Senior Chore Days will be held in Elmhurst during the first three weekends in November. Qualified seniors are asked to contact the DuPage Senior Citizen's Council at (630) 620-0804 no later than mid-September to apply. Volunteers can sign up by calling the same number.



## Trick or Treat

Official hours for trick-or-treating in Elmhurst will be between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Halloween, Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Parents are urged to accompany small children as they trick-or-treat at the homes of relatives, neighbors, and friends. Older kids should be cautioned to approach only well-lit homes, avoid dark or deserted areas, cross only at intersections, and

watch out for cars. Motorists are cautioned to be especially vigilant on city streets during trick-or-treat hours. All treats should be inspected when the trick-or-treaters return home.

## Residential Downspouts

Residents are reminded that gutter downspouts must be directed to the front or rear of their property. Sump pump discharge that is above ground must be directed to an area on your property that can absorb this water before it reaches any adjacent properties or a city sidewalk. All property owners must do their very best to manage the water that is generated from their property.

## No Leaves or Grass in the Street

Blocked inlets often contribute to street flooding during periods of heavy rainfall, especially during the autumn months when trees are shedding their leaves. Residents are reminded that city ordinances prohibit raking leaves, grass clippings, and other debris into the street where they impede the flow of stormwater and create hazardous conditions for motorists. You can help prevent flooding problems by keeping storm drain inlets in your neighborhood free of debris.



## No Wake

You can help prevent and reduce additional flooding damage to your neighbors by avoiding driving down flooded streets. Driving on a flooded street creates waves and pushes water higher, flooding areas that otherwise would have stayed dry. Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not drive down a flooded street.

## Elmhurst Transitions to New Garbage Toters

The transition to the new toters under the City's new contract with Allied Waste/Republic is complete. The process was lengthy and involved, and over 25,000 new recycling and refuse toters were delivered and collected. With the rollout complete, the toters have been well received by the residents. The new toters allow for additional refuse and recycling material to be placed curbside, while saving on costs for residents.

## Honoring Our Veterans

The Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park will be the site for a special ceremony on Veterans Day – Monday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m. Residents and friends are invited to join city officials and members of local veterans' organizations to honor current and past members of our nation's armed forces.



## Free Curbside Leaf Pick-Up

The beautiful, sunny days of summer are inevitably followed by cooler days and a glorious display of fall colors. Once the annual color show is over, residents are left with piles of leaves to dispose of. The city's contract waste hauler will offer residents who live within city limits free leaf collection on November 6, 7, and 8, and again on December 4, 5, and 6, on your regular collection day. Residents are reminded to keep leaves separate from other yard waste and place leaves at the curb in clearly marked garbage cans, cardboard boxes, or Kraft paper bags. Cans and boxes will be left on the parkway following the collection.

## Police to Hold Explorer Open House, October 7

The Elmhurst Police Department will be holding an open house to welcome new members to its youth Police Explorer program on Monday, October 7, 7 p.m. The Police Explorer Program is a youth-based program open to young people between the ages of 14 and 21 who are interested in learning more about careers in law enforcement and criminal justice, and who want firsthand experience in various aspects of law enforcement work. Participants are involved in ride-alongs with Elmhurst police officers, explorer competitions, traffic stop training, K-9 demos, community service, and physical fitness activities. Interested young people are invited to attend.



## Protect Yourself against Consumer Fraud

According to the Better Business Bureau, there are more than 30 million victims of consumer fraud annually – about 10% of the U.S. population. Seniors are often the targets because they generally tend to be more trusting. Listed below are some of last year's most common scams, according to the Better Business Bureau.

- **Identity Theft** is the use of another person's personal or financial information to perpetrate fraud or deception, typically for economic gain. Identity theft crimes include credit card fraud, phone or utility fraud, bank fraud, etc. Take precautions to protect valuable identifying information, such as Social Security numbers, bank account and credit card numbers, telephone calling card number, etc. For more information on protecting yourself from identity theft crimes, visit the U.S. Department of Justice website at <http://www.justice.gov/criminal/fraud/websites/idtheft.html>.
- **Phony Charity Scams** use social media to take advantage of tragedies, such as the Newtown shootings, the Boston Marathon

bombings or the Texas fertilizer plant explosion. Often, the phony "charity" name is similar to that of a well-known charity. Check out the charity on the Better Business Bureau website at <http://www.bbb.org/us/charity> before making a contribution.

- **Phishing Scams** use fraudulent emails disguised as official requests to trick people into providing sensitive information, including credit card or banking details. The fake website may look almost identical to the official site. Never respond to unsolicited emails or click on links they contain.
- **Emergency Scams or "Granny scams"** involve a caller claiming to be a relative, often a grandchild, who is out of town and in trouble, and asks you to wire money to them. Contact another relative to check out the story.
- **Sales Scams** include door-to-door, telephone or Internet solicitors selling various types of services or merchandise. Never let a door-to-door salesperson in your home. Never provide financial or personal information over the phone or via the Internet unless you initiated the contact. Don't make purchases without checking out the company and the product.
- **Home Repair Scams** are common following a devastating flood, hurricane, earthquake, tornado, or other disaster. Check the Better Business Bureau at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) for reliable contractors in your area.
- **Lottery Scams** request that you send a fee so that you can claim your prize. Never pay money to claim a prize or enter a sweepstakes.
- **Prepayment Scams** request a payment to "secure" a nonexistent loan. Never wire or send money to someone you don't know.
- **Fake Check Scams** offer money to put an advertising logo on your car. Be aware that the check is likely to bounce.
- **Employment Scams** generally offer easy work and quick money with no experience or skill necessary. Research the job and the company to make sure they are legitimate.

In addition, you can also reduce your risk of falling victim to a scam or fraud by taking these precautions.

- **Register your phone number** with the National Do Not Call Registry at 1-888-382-1222.
- **Opt out of pre-approved credit offers** by calling 1-888-567-8688. This type of correspondence can be stolen out of your mailbox or your garbage and used by unscrupulous people.
- **Keep your Social Security card** in a safe place. Don't carry it with you.
- **Check your bank and credit card statements each month.** Review your credit report annually.
- **Sign up for direct deposit** rather than having Social Security, retirement or disability checks mailed to you.

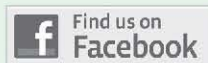
Remember you are the first line of defense against scams and frauds. Protect yourself by being alert and aware, by asking questions, and by checking things out for yourself.

### City of Elmhurst

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(630) 530-3000

Website: [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org)

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#### City Hall Hours

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

Steven M. Morley, Mayor  
Patty Spencer, City Clerk/OMA Officer  
Elaine Libovicz, City Treasurer

Administration .....630-530-3010  
Community Development .....630-530-3030  
Police (non-emergency) .....630-530-3050  
Fire (non-emergency) .....630-530-3090  
Elmhurst Historical Museum ....630-833-1457  
Elmhurst Public Library .....630-279-8696  
Request for Public Records - [foia@elmhurst.org](mailto:foia@elmhurst.org)  
EMERGENCY 9-1-1

#### Aldermen

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



## Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

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

Issue 3

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

### Traveling Exhibit on “America’s Greatest Generation” Makes Midwest Debut

**W**ho speaks for the experiences of a generation and their impact on the world around them? What experiences help to create a sense of shared identity?

The Elmhurst Historical Museum presents the Midwest debut of a national traveling exhibit focused on these questions. *Our Lives, Our Stories: America’s Greatest Generation*, which is open August 30 through October 20, 2013, explores the life arc of a single generation—the stories of their lives, told in their words—from birth to old age. The exhibit draws on memories and oral histories gathered by the Minnesota Historical Society to help understand who these people really were.

Born in the 1910s and 1920s, this generation was decisively shaped by their experiences during the Depression and World War II. They went on to make the Baby Boom, shape the economic boom of the postwar era, and to become some of the 20th century’s most influential figures. Today—well into the 21st century—we are all living with their legacy.

*Our Lives, Our Stories* features a variety of domestic and cultural objects and multi-media interactive displays. In addition, the Elmhurst Historical Museum staff is adding a local connection

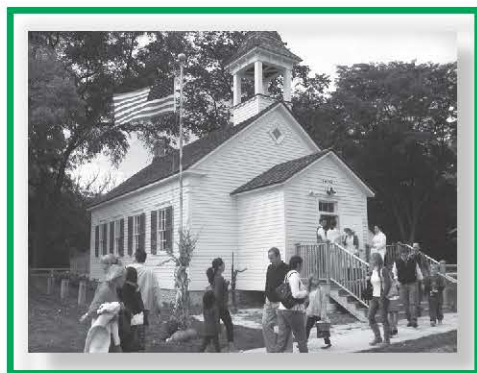


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with taped interviews featuring members of this generation who lived in the Elmhurst area. The exhibit is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

*Our Lives, Our Stories: America’s Greatest Generation* was organized by the Minnesota Historical Society and has been made possible by NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information and related programs, visit [www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org).

### Celebrate Heritage Day at Fischer Farm and Churchville Schoolhouse



Elmhurst residents are invited to celebrate the fall season and local history on Heritage Day 2013 at the Churchville School and Fischer Farm in Bensenville on Saturday, October 12, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Visitors to the adjacent historical sites, located near the intersection of Grand Ave. and Church Road, will enjoy a variety of family-centric activities. At the Churchville Schoolhouse, guests will meet the schoolmarm inside

the circa 1846 schoolhouse, participate in an old-fashioned spelling bee, hear live music from the '20s and '30s, see vintage Model Ts and Elmhurst Fire Department's antique fire truck and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Visitors to the Fischer Farm can explore the historic buildings, participate in craft activities, see the Fort Dearborn Militia historic reenactors, and purchase picnic food. The Fischer Farm also has \$5 wristbands for kids under 12 for pony rides, a petting zoo, and a pumpkin (while supplies last). This event is co-presented by Elmhurst Historical Museum and Bensenville Park District. More info: [www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org).

### Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Presents Gala on November 2

The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation invites the community to a gala evening on Saturday, November 2, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. The evening will include dinner, open bar, musical entertainment, and live and silent auctions. ABC Channel 7's Janet Davies will serve as the celebrity emcee for the evening, and tickets are \$125. The gala event is part of an ongoing campaign to raise essential funds to create an engaging, new History of Elmhurst exhibit for the Elmhurst Historical Museum. The new exhibit will provide a multi-generational learning experience for museum visitors and feature the latest technologies and interactive elements to share the stories of Elmhurst history. For reservations and ticket information, visit [www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org) or call 630-833-1457.





# Using Portable Generators Safely

**P**ortable generators are internal combustion engines used to generate electricity during power outages or when remote power is needed. To remain safe, be aware of the inherent hazards associated with the use of portable generators, including shocks and electrocution; carbon monoxide poisoning; fires; and noise and vibration.

## Shock or Electrocution

- Never attach a generator directly to a structure's electrical system unless a qualified electrician has properly installed the generator with a transfer switch.
- Always plug electrical appliances directly into the generator using the cords supplied by the manufacturer or other grounded (i.e. three-pronged), heavy-duty cords. Never use frayed or damaged extension cords.
- Keep the generator dry by protecting it with a canopy in rainy or wet conditions. Never manipulate a generator's electrical components if you are wet or standing in water.

## Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Make sure your generator is properly ventilated. Never use it indoors or in an enclosed space, such as a garage, basement, or crawl space. Make sure the generator has three to four feet of clear space on all sides and above to ensure proper ventilation.
- Never place a generator near a door, window, or vent that could allow carbon monoxide to enter and build up in occupied spaces.

*Generators get hot while in use and remain hot for long periods after use.*

- If you or others exhibit symptoms of CO poisoning, such as headache, dizziness, nausea, or tiredness, get to fresh air immediately and seek medical help. Do not re-enter the area until trained personnel have determined that it is safe.

## Fire Hazards

Generators get hot while in use and remain hot for long periods after use. Fuels can ignite when spilled on hot engine parts. Before refueling, shut down the generator and allow it to cool.

- Store and transport gasoline or other fuels in approved containers that are vented and labeled with their contents.
- Keep fuel containers away from flame-producing and heat-generating devices, such as the generator itself, water heaters, cigarettes, lighters, and matches. Never smoke near fuel containers. Vapors can travel long distances to ignition sources.
- Never store fuel in your home.

## Noise and Vibration Hazards

The excessive noise and vibration produced by a generator can cause hearing loss and fatigue. Keep portable generators as far away as possible from work and gathering areas. Wear hearing protection if this is not possible.

When using a portable generator during a power outage, it is important to remember that they can be dangerous if used incorrectly.



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