

ELMHURST

The Front Porch

C i t y w i d e N e w s l e t t e r

December 2013

Elmhurst Earns Bicycle Friendly Community Certification

Elmhurst was recently recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. This designation means that Elmhurst offers safe accommodations for cycling, in order to encourage members of the community to bike for transportation, exercise and recreation. Elmhurst is one of only eight Illinois communities that have earned Bicycle Friendly status.

The Elmhurst Bike Task Force, originally formed in 2008 by former City of Elmhurst Mayor Tom Marcucci, used the Bicycle Friendly Community application process as a road map to determining the City's strengths and weaknesses concerning bike accommodations.

In 2012, the City developed a Bike Plan as part of its Elmhurst Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted in 2013.

Along the way, many improvements were made throughout the community to make Elmhurst more bicycle friendly. Some of the changes adopted included:

- The requirement that any new construction or reconstruction in commercial zones 2 and 3 provide bike parking.

- The installation of road signs throughout the City that not only help provide bike routing information, but also raise awareness for motorists to expect bikes on the road. Greater safety for cyclists means a safer environment for pedestrians, as well, since drivers will be more aware of other users of the roadways.



- Additional bike racks were added throughout City Centre, at the Metra station and around schools.

In addition, the City and School District 205 were the recipients of an \$80,000 federal grant for the Safe Routes to Schools initiative, a program that encourages students to use active transportation methods to get to and from school.

The Bicycle Friendly Community designation has many positive benefits for Elmhurst. It provides more transportation choices for citizens, from kids to seniors. It makes Elmhurst a more livable community that is more connected, physically active and environmentally sustainable. With the Illinois Prairie Path and the Salt Creek Greenway Trail running through Elmhurst, the community has numerous opportunities for bike use.



Best wishes to all for a happy Holiday Season from the Elmhurst City Council and staff! Ring in the holidays by joining neighbors, friends, and family at the annual **City Centre tree lighting on Saturday, November 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** on the plaza adjacent to the Elmhurst Police Station. The festivities will include holiday music, caroling and Santa's arrival at 6:00 p.m.

Plan for the North York Street TIF Redevelopment

The City of Elmhurst has begun preparing a long-range plan for the North York Street Redevelopment Area (TIF District IV). The plan will help to implement improvements in economic viability, character, sense of place, mobility, transit ridership, public safety and more. The planning process will include an assessment of existing conditions and market potential for the corridor and provide specific actions and timing for implementation.

The City has developed a community outreach program to enable members of the community to get involved in each step of the planning process and be active participants — helping to define issues, establish a vision, formulate ideas and shape solutions. Community participation opportunities will take place at workshops and meetings, as well as online. A dedicated project website has been established that includes resident and business owner questionnaires, an interactive community mapping tool, meeting announcements and other project information. The website can be accessed directly from the City's home page at www.elmhurst.org.

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Month

Following are some sobering statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More than 1.2 million drivers were arrested in 2011 for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics. The average drunk driver has driven drunk 80 times before he or she is first arrested. Between 50% and 75% of convicted drunk drivers continue to drive on a suspended license.

Impairment is not determined by the type of alcohol consumed, but by the amount ingested over a specific time period. One standard drink is defined as 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of 72-proof distilled spirits, all of which contain about .54 ounces of alcohol. The average person metabolizes alcohol at the rate of approximately one drink per hour. When a person drinks faster than the alcohol can be eliminated, higher and higher levels of alcohol in the blood result. Only time will sober a person up – not taking a cold shower or drinking strong coffee.

On average, one in three people in the U.S. will be involved in an alcohol-related driving crash at some point in their lifetime. In 2011, 9,878 people in the U.S. died in drunk driving crashes – one every 53 minutes. Once every 90 seconds, a person was injured in a drunk driving accident. Alcohol-impaired driving accidents accounted for more than 30% of all traffic-related deaths in the U.S. in 2011.

On the bright side, statistics also show a marked decrease in alcohol-related driving fatalities since recordkeeping began in 1982. Approximately 60% of all traffic fatalities were alcohol-related in 1982, resulting in 26,173 deaths. By 2011, alcohol-related traffic deaths had dropped to 9,878 or 38% of all traffic fatalities. While this downward trend is encouraging, there is still work to be done to further reduce the needless deaths and injuries caused by drunk or drugged drivers.

The December holidays are traditionally one of the deadliest times on our nation's highways. There are steps you can take during the upcoming holiday season and throughout the year to help protect yourself, your family, and your friends.

- Plan ahead and always designate a non-drinking driver before a party or celebration begins.
- Never let a friend drive impaired. If you have to, take away the keys.
- If you are hosting a holiday party, offer plenty of food and alcohol-free beverages, and make sure all your guests leave with a sober driver.
- Never serve alcohol to guests under the age of 21.

The Elmhurst Police Department is participating in a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in an effort to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes with additional enforcement of DUI and seat belt laws. Remember this holiday season and throughout the year to always buckle up and, if you've had a few too many drinks, hand your keys over to a designated non-drinking driver or call a cab.

2014 Allied Waste/Republic Services Holiday Schedule

<i>New Year's Day</i>	1/1/14	Service delayed one day
<i>Memorial Day</i>	5/26/14	Service delayed one day
<i>Independence Day</i>	7/4/14	Service delayed one day
<i>Labor Day</i>	9/1/14	Service delayed one day
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	11/27/14	Wed. area – normal schedule Thurs. & Fri. areas – Service delayed one day
<i>Christmas</i>	12/25/14	Service delayed one day
<i>New Year's Day</i>	1/1/15	Service delayed one day

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

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

Ambulance Billing in Elmhurst

The City of Elmhurst contracts with Metro Paramedic Services for its 911 ambulance service. Paramedic Billing Services (PBS), a division of Metro Paramedic Services, provides the billing for these services. City of Elmhurst residents are responsible



to provide all necessary insurance information to our billing agency. This includes Medicare, primary, secondary, supplemental, auto and any other applicable insurance coverage a resident may have. Once insurance has assigned benefits according to each plan benefit, an Elmhurst resident will be responsible for any co-pay or deductible amounts according to their insurance carrier or Medicare.

If you have questions, comments or concerns about your ambulance bill, please contact Paramedic Billing Services at 630-530-2988.

Winter Weather Reminders

Driving in Snowy or Icy Conditions

The best advice for driving in severe winter weather is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it. If you must drive, wait until city snowplows and/or sanding trucks have completed their work. Slow down and allow plenty of extra time to reach your destination. Leave at least three times more space than usual between your vehicle and the one in front of you. Apply the brakes gently to avoid skidding and ease off the brake if the wheels start to lock up. Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses, and infrequently traveled roads, which ice over faster than other road surfaces. Make sure your car is in good operating condition by checking the following before the worst of the winter weather arrives:

- Ensure that headlights, taillights and brake lights are clean and in good working order. Remember, Illinois law requires that headlights be turned on whenever wipers are in use or when visibility is less than 1,000 feet.
- Check the condition of your wiper blades and make sure you have plenty of washer fluid.
- Have your battery tested to avoid being stranded in the cold in a car that won't start.
- Check the tread and inflation of your tires, including the spare. Install good quality snow tires or carry tire chains, especially if you travel long distances.
- Be sure that your vehicle has plenty of antifreeze.
- Make sure that your brakes are in good working condition.
- Never let your car run low on fuel during the winter months. Running out of gas a long way from home is especially dangerous in cold weather.
- Keep equipment in the car that you might need, such as a shovel, jumper cables, a bag of salt or cat litter, a working flashlight and extra batteries, an ice scraper and snow brush, and extra windshield cleaner.
- Take warm clothing and blankets with you, especially if you are driving long distances in wintry conditions.
- Make sure your cell phone is with you so you can call for help in an emergency.

"Leave at least three times more space than usual between your vehicle and the one in front of you."

Stay safe by driving carefully during the coming months of snowy and icy roadways.

Front Porch Newsletters Online

Did you know that the current and past Elmhurst quarterly newsletters are available on the City website. Just visit www.Elmhurst.org and click on "City Newsletter" under the "Residents" button.

Snow Removal



Quick and efficient snow removal is vital to safe driving within the Elmhurst community. During a heavy snowfall, 30 or more vehicles normally work around the clock to clear streets and keep them open for motorists. Main roads are always cleared first, followed by neighborhood streets and less traveled roadways. The operation continues, day and

night, until all city streets are open. Snow is typically removed from the center of the street to the curb in a series of four passes. It is inevitable that some snow will be pushed onto driveway approaches during this process.

Here are some things residents can do to help during the winter months.

- Wait until the street is cleared before removing snow from driveway approaches.
- Do not park on city streets for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more.
- Do not blow or shovel snow onto the street when clearing sidewalks and driveways.
- If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home, keep it free of ice and snow so that firefighters can locate and get to it quickly in a fire emergency.
- Be a good neighbor by helping elderly neighbors with snow removal, and by keeping school bus stops and school crossings clear.

Sky Lanterns – Illegal in Illinois

The Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) recently issued a notice officially banning the use, distribution, and retail sale of sky lanterns in the State of Illinois, adding sky lanterns to the list of Prohibited Consumer Fireworks. A number of other states have issued or are considering similar bans on these dangerous devices.

Also known as floating lanterns or aerial luminaries, sky lanterns pose a serious risk for injuries, fires and automobile accidents. The paper lantern contains a small candle or fuel cell that, when lit, heats the air in the lantern, causing it to rise into the air. Sky lanterns float wherever the wind takes them until the flame goes out, often traveling for long distances. There is no way to control their final destination, which may be in a wooded area, on a rooftop, or in the middle of a busy highway. They are still extremely hot when they land and have been known to start residential and forest fires. The Federal Aviation Association has also raised concerns regarding the possibility of sky lanterns being sucked into the engines of airborne aircraft.

For more information on Illinois fireworks laws, visit the OSFM website at www.sfm.illinois.gov/commercial/pyrotechnicsfireworks/index.aspx.

Making the Holidays a Little Brighter

Gifts for Needy Children or Seniors

Some local families and seniors struggle to provide for basic needs throughout the year and, without our help, will find the holidays pretty bleak. We can make the season a little brighter by donating a toy or game for a child (infant to age 17) or a warm fleece blanket for a senior. A donation drop box, sponsored by United Community Concerns Association (UCCA), will be located at the police station from November 29th through December 24th. However, gifts must be dropped off no later than 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, in order to be delivered this holiday season. Gifts should be left unwrapped to aid in the sorting process. UCCA is a volunteer organization that targets Elmhurst School District's neediest children, and provides food, referrals, and services to these children in an effort to combat hunger. Another drop box, sponsored by Toys Express Children's Charity, will be located at City Hall during the month of December. Working together, we can make the holidays a little brighter for needy families in our community.

Holiday Food Drive

City employees and officials are involved during the holiday season and throughout the year in efforts to assist needy families. Donations of food collected during the annual United Community Concerns food drive and for the Mobile Food Pantry are stored and sorted at the Public Works facility. In 2012, close to 1,300 boxes of food, paper products, and cleaning supplies were delivered to over 300 Elmhurst families. Residents who would like to help in this worthwhile effort will find collection boxes for canned goods and other staples at the Elmhurst Public Library, the Elmhurst Park District Courts Plus, and the Elmhurst YMCA. Donations are also appreciated, with over 99% of funds collected going to feed those in need in our community. For more information, visit the UCCA website at www.ucca-elmhurst.org.



Congratulations to Elmhurst Police Explorer Post 66!

Members of Elmhurst Police Explorer Post 66 are to be commended for their accomplishments at the annual Illinois Explorers Competition in Springfield in August. Explorer Post 66 competed against approximately 275 other explorers representing some 75 individual teams and posts from all over the state, earning a trophy in almost every competition they entered, including first place finishes in crime scene response, drill and ceremony, rapid response and physical fitness. The post was further honored when the members were selected by the competition committee to serve as the honor guard for the closing ceremonies. For more information, visit the Elmhurst Police Explorer website at www.elmhurstpoliceexplorers.com.



Mayor's Message

It has been an interesting time as I settle in as the new Mayor of Elmhurst. The amount of information available to me is nearly limitless, as are the opportunities to attend events and meetings on behalf of Elmhurst. As Mayor, my time is filled with meetings, briefings, signings, interviews, conversations, discussions, debates, pictures and handshakes. I find there is always more to learn and room to grow in this new role. It is a privilege to represent our City, and I appreciate the opportunity to connect with the people and businesses of Elmhurst.

Communication is a top priority for me. I want our residents to be well-informed on issues of interest. I encourage everyone to visit the City's website for updates on various City affairs that are beginning, in process, or decided within Elmhurst. The site provides background and details on current issues and events. Please take advantage of the "Notify Me" feature under the "E-Services" tab, which allows you to register for email/text notifications by specific program/project to keep you updated on its progress. You will also find contact information for your elected leaders and staff on the website at www.elmhurst.org.

As we head into December, here are some matters of note: Our City is in the process of moving to a calendar year budget from its previous May to April cycle. The 2014 budget is currently being reviewed by the City Council. This timing shift is an important fiscal change and will result in improved efficiency, since we will be better able to budget and plan.

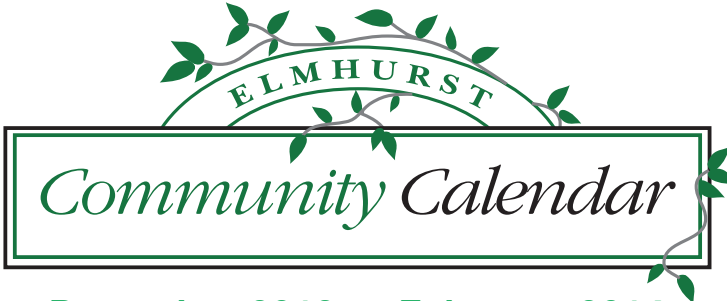
The Addison parking deck will soon be reviewed by the Zoning and Planning Commission. This structure will include retail space on the first floor and a parking deck above. A recent independent parking study presented to the City Council concluded that parking is a key component for future redevelopment of the central business district. The City Council voted to move forward with this proposal because of its long-term, positive impact on the parking needs of the downtown area.

The Hahn Street redevelopment is also making progress; the two finalist developers presented further information on their proposals to the City Council on November 12. This project is a combination of retail, residential and parking components. Find more details on the City website.

Approximately \$35 million dollars in total commercial development is currently underway in Elmhurst, not including the Addison and Hahn projects. As of November 1, 96 new home permits had been issued this year. It's easy to sometimes overlook the regular activity steadily going on around us, but our City progresses. Sales tax revenue is up, and our fund balances are the best we have seen in over 10 years.

This time of year also means that the holidays are approaching. I want to extend my best wishes to you, your family and/or your business this holiday season. Don't ever hesitate to introduce yourself to me if you see me at a community function, city meeting or social event. As your Mayor, I want to know how you are feeling about your home community and how you see your City and elected leaders performing. It is an honor to serve you.

Steve Morley, Mayor



Elmhurst Community Calendar

December 2013 — February 2014

ONGOING

Through January 5

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

Through January 26

Special Exhibit: Scottish Jewelry

Features over 20 pieces from the Lizzadro Collection, including antique crest and kilt pins, brooches and bracelets. Queen Victoria popularized this unique lapidary art form in the 19th century. The jewelry emphasizes Scottish symbolism and gemstones in handmade silver work. Scottish Jewelry lecture on December 14 at 2 p.m. Reservations recommended.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Regular Museum hours and admission

Through February 28

Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst

Prairie poet and newspaperman, family man and political activist, Lincoln biographer and children's book author: Carl Sandburg was a man of many talents and passions during the 1920s when he resided with his family in Elmhurst. Through rare photos, film, artifacts and touch-screen interactives, this new exhibit chronicles one of the most prolific decades of Sandburg's life when he penned the *Rootabaga Stories*, completed *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years*, traversed the country collecting folk songs for *The American Songbag*, and wrote numerous poems depicting his disillusionment with life in our rapidly changing nation.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Tuesday-Sunday FREE

December 1-February 2014

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

Every Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

December 1-February 2014

Activity

When all the different artworks in inventory were unwrapped, we used hundreds of special tags to track the history of each piece. 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

Special Exhibit: Modern Designer Jewelry from the Smithsonian

Eleven award-winning American jewelry designs from 1960 to 2010 in the National Gem Collection.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Regular Museum hours and admission

Elmhurst Photo Boutique Classes

Photographer Erica Benson will be holding photography classes throughout the year.

The five-week class covers camera functions, lighting, composition and how to photograph various subjects.

Elmhurst Photo Boutique

Thursday 6-8 p.m. \$65 per person

For more information contact the instructor at 630-400-7242 or benson.eric1@gmail.com

December 7-14

Fall Capstone Art Exhibition

A highpoint for every graduating art major, each graduate creates and displays a body of work in his or her area. Reception for the artists Saturday, December 7, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Barbara A. Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace

200 West Park Avenue

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: Noon - 4 p.m.

FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

December 21-February 28

Kids' Winter Reading Program

Head to the Library to escape the harsh weather. Get your ticket to imagination and fun with Elmhurst Public Library's Kids' Winter Reading Program: Escape at Elmhurst Public Library! Kids age 2 through grade 8 can join the Winter Reading Program. They'll receive a bookmark and a booklog to record the books they read. Kids who reach their reading goal by February 28 earn stickers, prizes and a ticket for the grand prize raffle and get their names posted on the "Fantastic Fish" bulletin board. Register at the Kids' Help Desk with your valid Elmhurst Public Library card anytime from December 21 until February 28.

Elmhurst Public Library

January 10-22

15th Annual High School Art Exhibition

Ten local high schools showcase the work of their art departments. Ribbons and scholarships are awarded. Reception for the artists and their families on Wednesday, January 15, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

8:30 a.m.- 10:30 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

January 18-February 2014

SpotLight

SpotLight includes artists whose light-based works are inspired by or connected to a place. Site-specific and recent sculpture, installation, video and photography by Dana Carter, Spencer Finch, Dana Major, Jeroen Nelemans, Jason Peot, Jan Tichy, Monika Wulfers and others illuminate EAM during the dark winter months. Opening reception on Friday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Elmhurst Art Museum

January 22-February 28

Black History Exhibition: "Here We Go"

Max Sansing's portraits are inspired by people he has met and those close to him who have either helped him overcome his own struggles or have defied their own odds. Public reception: Wednesday, February 19, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.; artist talk 5 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-6110

February 1-14

Shop, Dine and Be Mine Promotion

Shower the ones you love with gifts from the merchants you love! Visit www.elmhurstcitycentre.com for Valentine's Day Specials for all the loves of your life.

Elmhurst City Centre

February 4-March 11

Elmhurst Children's Theatre Winter Class

Join Elmhurst Children's Theatre for "Storybook to Stage," where students will put their favorite stories and characters on the stage! Class involves dramatic interpretation, character voice and movement, and students will also learn theatre terminology and techniques. For grades 1-3.

Elmhurst Children's Theatre

Tuesdays

For registration visit

www.elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com

February 21-March 2

GreenMan Theatre – Doubtful Abbey: Murder and Mayhem at Fussworthy Manor

GreenMan Theatre Troupe presents an original script by Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff. This dinner theatre murder mystery event helps GreenMan raise funds necessary to operate throughout the year. "Doubtful Abbey" is set on the palatial estate of the Fussworthys in Britain during World War II. Guests are gathered for a birthday party for the Dowager Duchess, Lady Delores Fussworthy. It is also, unbeknownst to the hosts, a gathering to raise funds for a West End musical. A jewel heist and murder ensue. There will be five performances.

Angelo's Ristorante

247 North York Road

For tickets call 630-464-2646 or visit

www.greenmantheatre.com

DECEMBER

Monday-2, Tuesday-3, Wednesday-4

United Community Concerns 35th Annual Holiday Food Drive: Sorting and Packing

Adult volunteers are needed to sort and pack food boxes for over 300 families with children in Elmhurst schools who are experiencing difficult times.

Elmhurst Public Works Garage
985 S. Riverside Drive
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more info: email ucca@gmail.com or ucca-elmhurst.org



Wednesday-4

Special Kids Day Annual Holiday Party

Come celebrate the season at the annual holiday party for children with special needs and their families. Every child has the opportunity for a personal visit with Santa and will receive a photo, goody bag and a sampling of homemade holiday treats. Each child will also have the opportunity to make a holiday craft and be able to watch and enjoy live entertainment. Founded in 1990, Special Kids Day has touched the lives of hundreds of kids who have physical and developmental disabilities through this event and other events throughout the year, which include a Special Kids Day Carnival, Special Kids Day Circus Experience and Special Kids Zoo Day. Handicapped parking will be available at the Wilder Mansion, an Elmhurst Park District Facility. Special Kids Day is a registered 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization, and all donations made to Special Kids Day are tax deductible. For more information on the event or to donate please visit www.specialkidsday.org.

Wilder Mansion
211 Prospect Avenue
3:30-8 p.m. FREE

Thursday-5

Tree Lighting

Get in the holiday spirit with an old-fashioned celebration in Wilder Park featuring entertainment, including Radio Disney, as well as treats and of course, Santa Claus. Wilder Mansion will be open for attendees to decorate holiday treats with Mariano's. If your family or group is interested in purchasing a tree to decorate, visit Wagner Community Center to register and pick out your tree location by November 30. All ages.

Wilder Park and Wilder Mansion
175 Prospect

6-7:30 p.m. FREE, \$45 to purchase a tree

Friday-6

Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols

Join us for a yearly holiday tradition that presents readings and a selection of holiday music performed by the College's vocal ensembles.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
190 Prospect Avenue
4 and 7 p.m. FREE
Info: 630-617-3360

Friday-6

Hometown Holiday Walk

Come to the heart of downtown Elmhurst to shop, dine and be merry! Enjoy the hometown hospitality and specials our unique merchants have to offer. Free goodie bags to the first 400 shoppers who stop into our Holiday HQ (aka the City Centre Office). Enter to win a \$500 City Centre shopping spree.

Elmhurst City Centre
11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday-7, Sunday-8

The Spirito! Singers Christmas Concerts:

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Come join us for a day of beautiful, inspirational music! For more information about our concert tickets, audition information and to listen to beautiful music of Spirito!, visit our website at www.spiritosingers.org or call 630-581-5440.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
Saturday-7 p.m.
Sunday-3 p.m.

An Evening of Dance

A collaborative showcase of dance, featuring works choreographed by Elmhurst College faculty and students.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre
253 Walter Street
7 p.m. Admission: \$5
Tickets: 630-617-3005

Sunday-8

Elmhurst College Philharmonic Orchestra Concert

Join us for an afternoon of orchestral music under the direction of Professor Joanne May.

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

Exhibit Gallery Talk

Drop by the Elmhurst Historical Museum for a gallery talk in the *Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst* exhibit with curator Lance Tawzer. All ages are welcome.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
2-3 p.m. FREE

Monday-9

Elmhurst College Holiday Band Concert

Come out for an evening filled with holiday music. Ross Kellan conductor.

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

Wednesday-11

Documentary Screening and Director Q & A: The Day Carl Sandburg Died

Shown on the PBS series "American Masters," this film provides an in-depth look at the intriguing and prolific poet and author. Beginning with his modest upbringing in Illinois, the documentary traces the highs and lows of Sandburg's high-volume career and personal life. Peter Seeger, Studs Terkel and Sandburg's surviving daughter are some of the remarkable figures featured who discuss Sandburg's life, works and legacy. Following the screening, the film's director, producer and writer, Paul Bonesteel, will video conference in with the audience to discuss the seven years he spent researching Sandburg and answer questions. Reservations requested.

Elmhurst Public Library
6:30 p.m. FREE
Call 630-279-8696 or
visit elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

Saturday-14

Hometown Holiday Family Fun Day

Bring the family and make it a hometown holiday! Free showing of *Elf* at the York Theatre at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Candy Walk at all your favorite merchants. Free movie, free music, free treats and so much more!

Elmhurst City Centre
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday-14

United Community Concerns Association 35th Annual Holiday Food Drive: Food Delivery

Volunteers with muscle are needed to deliver food boxes to over 300 families with children in our Elmhurst schools who are experiencing difficult times.

Elmhurst Public Works Garage
985 S. Riverside Drive
8-9 a.m.

For more info: email ucca@gmail.com or ucca-elmhurst.org

Sounds of the Season

Annual Holiday Concert featuring The Agape Ringers and guest artist Pan Go Steel Trio. This Christmas extravaganza will include old favorites as well as new holiday selections.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 4 pm
\$16 by 11/15, \$19 by 12/6, \$25 at the door,
\$35 patron seating
Tickets at www.agaperingers.org

Sunday-15

Elmhurst Choral Union: Make We Merry

Elmhurst Choral Union and orchestra perform music for Christmas, including a recent work by Karl Jenkins, the world's most recorded living classical composer. Make your holiday more merry with this great concert! Tickets at elmhurstchoralunion.org or 800-838-3006.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
3 p.m.
Adults \$25, Seniors \$23, Students \$10

Wednesday-18

Wilder Mansion Culinary Series: Holiday Appetizers

Looking to learn a new dish? Join us at Wilder Mansion for a demo cooking class hosted by Chef Marco from Café Amano. Participants will also learn knife skills and helpful kitchen tricks. Price includes tax and gratuity. Beverage option for wine or soft drinks only. Ages 18 and up.

Elmhurst Park District
Wilder Mansion, 211 Prospect 6:30-9 p.m.
\$55 resident (soft drink package)/\$54 non-resident (soft drink package); \$70 resident (wine)/\$80 non-resident (wine)

Friday-20

Solstice Party

EAM is alive with the holiday spirit! Enjoy holiday treats, seasonal drinks, music and a visit with Santa. Stop by the education center to create your own holiday decorations or pose for a festive 1950s photo in Mies van der Rohe's McCormick House.

Elmhurst Art Museum
3-8 p.m. FREE

Saturday-21

Annual Spring Road Sleigh Ride and Ice Sculptures

Come join us at Spring Road and the Prairie Path to visit with Santa in the Gazebo and take a horse-drawn sleigh ride. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided by the Spring Road Business Association.

Spring Road Business Association
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

JANUARY

Saturday-4

Dinosaur Day

Chase away the winter blahs and participate in dinosaur-related activities for all age levels. Activities include assembling large wooden dinosaur skeletons, excavating bones and assembling them, dinosaur floor puzzles and fossil scavenger hunt. Ages 5 years to adult. Estimated time for each activity is 10 to 60 minutes.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Regular Museum admission

Saturday-4

Sandburg Story Time

Carl Sandburg lived in Elmhurst and wrote stories and poems that shine through American history. Come as a family to celebrate Sandburg's January 6th birthday as children's librarians share traditional American stories, Sandburg poems, folksongs and more. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your valid EPL card starting at 9 a.m. on the day of the program. Best for ages 3 to 8.

Elmhurst Public Library
10:30-11:15 a.m. FREE
Info: 630-279-8696 or
elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

Sunday-5

Carl Sandburg's 136th Birthday Celebration

Join in the party to celebrate the birthday of Carl Sandburg, Elmhurst's own "Poet of the People." Folk singer Bucky Halker will perform a selection of folk songs from Sandburg's *American Songbag* collection at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Enjoy birthday cake at 3 p.m. and take a family-friendly tour of the exhibit.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
2-4 p.m. FREE

Saturday-11

Rockin' Lock-In

Grab your friends and join us for a fun night at the Wagner Community Center. Fee includes open gymnastics, slice of pizza, one can of pop, DJ, dodgeball and more. Waiver must be signed by parent for each participant. Fourth to sixth grade.

Elmhurst Park District
Wagner Community Center
615 N. West Avenue
7-9 p.m.
\$10 resident/\$12 non-resident

Thursday-16

Silent Film Series: *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*

Join film critic, author and *Sun-Times Media Local* editor-in-chief Robert K. Elder for a delightful foray into silent film classics. Screening films from the 1920s that Carl Sandburg reviewed while film critic for the *Chicago Daily News*, Elder will provide context and background for modern-day filmgoers during the ongoing series. Considered one of the best horror movies of the silent film era, the sinister Dr. Caligari is a "mad doctor" who, along with his sleepwalking companion, is accused of murder. 1920. Horror. 71 minutes. Reservations requested. Call 630-279-8696 or elmhurstpubliclibrary.org.

Elmhurst Public Library
7 p.m. FREE

Summer Recreation Open House

Hundreds of summer camps and activities will be present with options for your child's summer 2014 plan. The camps range from local day camps to overnight camps from across the country. From camps that are STEM-focused, to sports and drama, there truly is something for everyone. Camps and activities are geared to children age kindergarten through high school.

York High School Commons
6 - 8 p.m.

Saturday-18

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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. 75 minutes.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
10:30 a.m. Admission: \$5 per person,
Museum members: \$3
Reservations required: 630-833-1616.

Saturday-18

Elmhurst Symphony Musicians at Mayslake

Don't miss the first-ever collaboration of the First Folio Theater and the ESO in a theatrical presentation of Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, the age-old story of the devil, a soldier and a mysterious violin. You'll also be treated to virtuosic solo performances by Concertmaster Rika Seko and Principal Bass Allison Gaines with Stephen Alltop conducting.

Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 31st Street
Oak Brook
2:30 p.m.
Adults \$25; Seniors, \$23, Student \$7

Sunday-19

Exhibit Gallery Talk

Drop by the Elmhurst Historical Museum for a gallery talk in the *Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst* exhibit with curator Lance Tawzer. All ages are welcome.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
2-3 p.m. FREE

Sunday-26

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

The ESO and First Folio Theater collaborate for the first time in an exciting theatrical presentation of *The Soldier's Tale* by Stravinsky. The score sparkles with memorable solos for each member of the ensemble in this age-old story of the devil, a soldier and a mysterious violin. Also on the program is Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
3 p.m.
Adults \$32; Seniors, \$30; Students \$9;
subscriptions, group and family rates
available.

Saturday-31

Middle Eastern Dance Recital and Concert

Members of the Elmhurst College *Middle Eastern Dance, Through History to Today* class will share both the dance and percussion performances. The evening will feature diverse dances of Egypt, Turkey, Morocco and Persia.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre
8 p.m. Admission: \$5
Tickets: 630-617-3005

FEBRUARY

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Wagner Community Center
615 North West Avenue
7-9 p.m.
\$12 resident/\$15 non-resident



The Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will take place on Friday, December 6, 4 and 7 p.m., Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel.

Sunday-2

Light Opera Workshop

The Elmhurst College Music and Theatre Departments will present a program that features Elmhurst College students performing beguiling and entertaining gems from opera and musical theatre. A delight for audiences of all ages.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
3 p.m. FREE Info: 630-617-3005

Thursday-6, Friday-7, Saturday-8

Theatre: *Gruesome Playground Injuries*

By Rajiv Joseph; directed by Amanda Wicklund. Witness and explore the calamities and absurdities of love and the human condition in this dark comedy of friendship.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre
8 p.m. Admission: \$5 Tickets: 630-617-3005

Friday-7

Tiaras & Ties: Daddy/Daughter Princess Ball

Come and join us for the event that celebrates that every girl is a princess and her Daddy is her prince. There will be dancing, entertainment, party favors, refreshments and appetizers. A special photo of each Princess and her Dad is included. Registration deadline is January 31.

Wilder Mansion, 211 Prospect
\$40 resident couple/\$50 non-resident couple;
\$22 additional daughter resident/\$28 additional
daughter non-resident; Ages 3-13

Saturday-8

Elmhurst Symphony Stanger Young Artists' Auditions

You are invited to hear outstanding high school instrumentalists from the western suburbs as they compete in the annual Stanger Auditions for the opportunity to play a concerto movement with the Elmhurst Symphony. Those attending are free to come and go throughout the day. The Stanger Auditions are generously co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
8:30 a.m. FREE

Sunday-9

Lecture: Bill Nye

Bill Nye, the Science Guy was a PBS Kids Show about science that originally aired from 9/10/93 to 6/20/98, hosted by science educator William "Bill" Nye. Each episode taught a specific topic in science. During its run, the show won 19 Emmy Awards. Bill also recently competed on *Dancing With the Stars*.

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

Wednesday-12

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Guestship "We Shall Overcome — When?"

Dr. Shaun Harper is on the faculty in the Graduate School of Education, Africana Studies and Gender Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, where he also serves as director of the Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education.

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

FEBRUARY

Thursday-13

Lecture: "Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth"

Dr. Reza Aslan is an associate professor of Creative Writing at the University of California, Riverside, a research associate at the University of Southern California Center on Public Diplomacy, and a contributing editor for *The Daily Beast*. His books offer an interpretation of the life and mission of the historical Jesus.

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

Silent Film Series: *The Extra Girl*

Join film critic, author and editor-in-chief of *Sun-Times Media Local* Robert K. Elder for a delightful foray into silent film classics. Screening films from the 1920s that Carl Sandburg reviewed while film critic for the *Chicago Daily News*, Elder will provide context and background for modern-day filmgoers. The charming Mabel Normand stars as a small-town girl who receives a Hollywood studio contract by mistake. 1923. Romantic comedy. 68 minutes.

Elmhurst Public Library
7 p.m. FREE
Reservations requested: 630-279-8696 or
elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

Friday-14, Saturday-15, Sunday-16

Elmhurst Children's Theatre Presents "Willy Wonka"

Roald Dah's "Willy Wonka" follows enigmatic candy manufacturer Willy Wonka as he stages a contest by hiding five golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whoever comes up with these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. Four of the five winning children are insufferable kids; the fifth is a likeable young lad named Charlie Bucket who takes the tour in the company of his equally amiable grandfather. The children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules in the factory or suffer the candy factory consequences. This scrumdillyumptious musical is guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth!

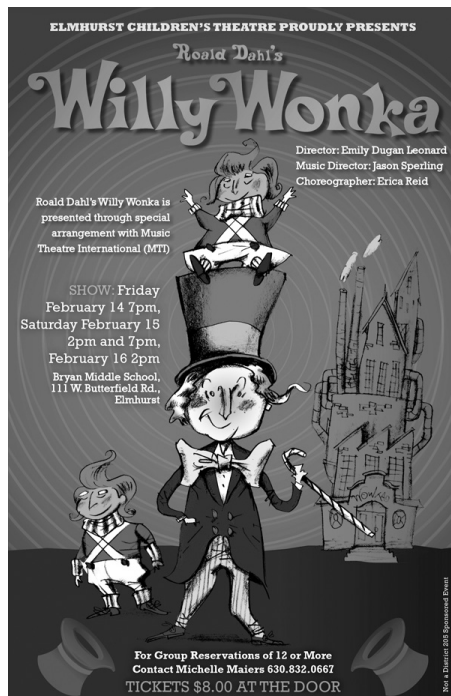
Bryan Middle School
111 West Butterfield Road
Tickets are \$8 at the door
February 14-7 p.m./February 15 - 2 and 7 p.m. February 16-2 p.m.
For information on Willy Wonka tickets and current ECT classes, visit
www.elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com

Sunday-16

President's Day Lecture: *Lincoln's Ladder to the Presidency*

Guy Fraker, Lincoln scholar and author of *Lincoln's Ladder to the Presidency*, will discuss how Lincoln's years on the Eighth Judicial Circuit in Central Illinois not only grew his law practice, but helped to build a solid political base that paved the way to his nomination and election to the presidency. Following the program, Elmhurst Historical Museum curator of exhibits, Lance Tawzer, will lead a Gallery Talk as visitors tour the exhibit, *Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst*.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
Education Center
2 p.m. FREE



Elmhurst Children's Theatre presents "Willy Wonka," February 14-16, Bryan Middle School.

Wednesday-19

Wilder Mansion Culinary Series: A Taste of Italy

Looking to learn a new dish in 2014? Join us at Wilder Mansion for a demo cooking class hosted by Chef Marco from Café Amaro. All cooking classes will feature five courses: appetizer, soup or salad, pasta or salad, entrée and dessert. Participants will also learn knife skills and helpful kitchen tricks. Price includes tax and gratuity. Beverage option for wine or soft drinks only. Ages 18 and up.
Wilder Mansion, 211 Prospect
\$55 resident (soft drink package)/\$65 non-resident (soft drink package); \$70 resident (wine)/\$80 non-resident (wine)

Thursday-20, Friday-21

Saturday-22, Sunday-23

47th Annual Elmhurst College Jazz Festival

This year's festival starts with a Thursday evening concert by the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Festival judges include Andy Martin (trombone), Bobby Shew (trumpet), and Gary Smulyan (saxophone). Sunday evening the judges and the College's Jazz Band will perform. For performance schedules and tickets, visit www.elmhurst.edu/jazzfestival.
Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
Info: 630-617-5534

Friday-21

Girls' Nite Out: Wine Tastings, Small Bites, Pampering, Boutiquing and Art

A fun-filled girls' night out at Wilder Mansion! Visit the best that Elmhurst has to offer: sip a new wine, taste-test a new appetizer, enjoy a 5-minute massage, indulge in chocolate, dip your hands in paraffin, learn a new makeup technique, and shop til you drop. Bring your girlfriends and enjoy your night, your way, your fun! Ages 21 and older.

Wilder Mansion, 211 Prospect
4 - 9 p.m.
\$10R/\$15NR

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.elmhursthhistory.org

Elmhurst Park District

375 W. First St., 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 School District 205

162 S. York St., Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 834-4530
www.elmhurst205.org

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

Performances at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126
Mailing address:
P.O. Box 345, Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 941-0202
www.elmhurstsymphony.org

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 833-1616
www.lizzadromuseum.org

Saturday-22

Elmhurst Choral Union: Medley of Melodies

Elmhurst Choral Union gives back to the community in this concert of choruses and solos from opera, Broadway and the *Great American Songbook*. Hear the singers in a fun, casual setting.

First United Methodist Church, 232 S. York
Free-will donation
Info: 630-758-1100 or
elmhurstchoralunion.org

Thursday-27

Lecture: "The Mystery and Art of Living"

Peabody Award-winning broadcaster Krista Tippett is best known for creating and hosting the public radio program *On Being* (formerly *Speaking of Faith*), distributed and produced by American Public Media. The program is currently broadcast on more than 200 public radio stations in the U.S. and globally via NPR Worldwide, its website and its podcast.

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

Heads Up! JULIE Has a New Phone Number

You can now reach JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) from a land line or a cell phone by simply calling 811. Every project, whether big or small, that involves digging runs the risk of striking underground utility lines and potentially causing environmental or property damage, costly delays, or even personal injury. Remember – safe digging is no accident. Call JULIE at 811 before you dig.

811

Elmhurst Receives Budget Award for Seventh Consecutive Year

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) recently recognized the City of Elmhurst for meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting for the seventh straight year. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is based on the budget's proficiency as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

Free Curbside Leaf Collection

The last free leaf collection for the year will take place on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day during the first week in December – December 4th, 5th and 6th. Leaves must be placed at the curb in clearly marked garbage cans, cardboard boxes, or Kraft paper bags. Leaves may not be placed in plastic bags or mixed with other types of yard waste. Cans and boxes will be left on the curb following the leaf collection. Yard waste collection will resume during the first week in April. Residents are reminded that raking leaves, grass clippings, or other debris into the street, or placing containers in the street, are both prohibited by city ordinance.



Disposing of Holiday Trees and Refuse

Christmas trees will be picked up without a refuse sticker if placed at the curb on your regular refuse collection day during the first and second week in January. After that, a sticker is required. All ornaments, lights, and nails must be removed. Trees may not be placed in plastic bags. Wrapping paper, packing peanuts, garlands, and wreaths may be included with regular refuse. Boxes may be recycled if they measure no more than three feet by three feet, have been flattened, and bagged or bundled.

Holiday Hours



City Hall offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. City Hall will also be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 24, and all day on Wednesday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday, and again on Wednesday, January 1.

City Surveys to be Mailed Earlier in 2014

Since the City of Elmhurst is now on a calendar-year rather than a fiscal-year budget, the city's biennial survey will be mailed out early in 2014, rather than during the summer as in the past. A total of 1,600 surveys will be mailed to a randomly selected cross-section of community residents. If you receive a survey, please fill it out as completely as possible and return it by the deadline, or complete it online. Your priorities, concerns and impressions are important. As in the past, survey results are used to prioritize services and plan for the community's future needs.



Inoperable Vehicles

Residents are reminded that the Elmhurst Municipal Code prohibits parking or storing inoperable vehicles in residential areas in public view. This regulation pertains to any vehicle with a condition that renders it inoperable, including flat tires, broken windshields, mechanical problems, dead batteries, etc.

Sump Pump Discharge

Residents whose sump pumps are not connected to the city storm sewers are reminded that sump pumps may not be allowed to discharge water onto city streets and sidewalks. This practice is illegal and creates hazardous conditions for both motorists and pedestrians.

Senior Transportation – Transition to Ventra

CTA and Pace have a new fare payment system known as Ventra that is designed to make it faster and easier for seniors to access transit throughout the region. If you are currently enrolled in the RTA's Reduced Fare, Ride Free or ADA Paratransit program, there is no need to reapply or have a new picture taken. All those currently enrolled in the program should have their new cards mailed to them by the end of November. The new cards need to be activated by calling the number on the sticker on the permit. If you have not received your new card or if you would like more information about the program, please call RTA Customer Service at 312-913-3110.

Important Refuse and Recycling Reminders

City ordinances do not permit refuse or recycling to be placed at the curb more than 24 hours before the scheduled pickup time. On scheduled pickup days, all garbage and recycle containers are to be placed on the city parkway. Containers must be at least three feet apart and three feet from any permanent objects, such as fire hydrants and street lights. Containers must be removed no later than 12 hours following the regularly scheduled day for pickup. Refuse and recycling may not be placed on the street where it is a hazard to motorists and can impede snow removal. Containers placed in the roadway may not be picked up and the City is not responsible for damage to containers caused by snowplows. During Thanksgiving week, refuse collection will be postponed by one day for residents whose normal collection day is on Thursday or Friday. During the weeks of Christmas and New Years, refuse collection will be delayed by one day for all residents.



Emerald Ash Borer in Elmhurst

Residents may have noticed that forestry crews have removed an increasing number of ash trees from city parkways due to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation. Unfortunately, this is a trend that will continue with greater frequency for the foreseeable future. However, the city's management program, in place now for several years, has helped to minimize the negative impacts of ash tree canopy loss.

The emerald ash borer is a small, metallic green, non-native, invasive pest, whose larvae feast on the trunks of ash trees, cutting off their ability to transport nutrients, and ultimately causing the tree's decline. Ash trees can be infested with EAB for several years before the tree begins to demonstrate signs of infestation. Symptoms of EAB include canopy dieback, D-shaped exit holes, shoots sprouting from the tree trunks, and S-shaped larval galleries beneath the bark.



The Illinois Department of Agriculture officially confirmed an Elmhurst infestation on August 31, 2011, when samples were taken from a suspect tree that was being removed due to its declining condition. EAB was first discovered in North America in 2002, and in Illinois in 2006. The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA) has since confirmed EAB infestations in half of Illinois counties and has issued a quarantine affecting all or parts of the northeastern-most counties of the state. As part of a cooperative agreement with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), IDA is responsible for EAB survey, control/eradication, and outreach. Currently, 20 states and parts of Canada have been confirmed to be infested with EAB.

A computerized inventory of all Elmhurst parkway trees, conducted in 2009, indicates that Elmhurst had approximately 2,300 ash trees, which is only 10% of the city's total canopy. While this may seem like a lot of trees, in some cities and towns, up to 40% of their tree canopy is composed of ash trees. Fortunately, as a Tree City USA community, the City of Elmhurst has practiced planting a variety of species to avoid a major devastation of the community's canopy.

To proactively limit the potential damage from an EAB infestation, the City of Elmhurst began to assess, evaluate, cull, and remove stressed and damaged ash trees. Since the 2009 survey, the city has conducted a program of pre-emptive removal and replacement of ash trees as part of a conservative, yet effective management plan, removing approximately 650 ash trees. The benefits of a pre-emptive ash removal/replacement plan include the following:

- 1) The incremental removal of ash trees reduces the immediate financial burden of waiting until the trees are in a dead or dying condition, spreading removal cost out over time;
- 2) The reforestation efforts result in earlier canopy replacement and spread the replanting cost over time
- 3) Ash trees in marginal condition are removed at an advanced rate and replaced with high quality, non-ash trees
- 4) The city can budget in a pro-active and sound manner instead of in crisis mode
- 5) The plan has reduced the total number of ash trees the city has to address now that an infestation has been found, and the program has switched to a dead and dying tree removal program

As a Tree City USA, Elmhurst is committed to managing its urban forest in a pro-active and environmentally sound manner. As the ash tree population decreases in the city, a wide variety of trees will be planted as replacements to minimize the potential for future infestations.

For more information about Emerald Ash Borer, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-530-3020.

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City Hall Hours

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 Elaine Libovicz, City Treasurer

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Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

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

I s s u e 4

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

New Exhibit: *Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst* Chronicles the Prairie Poet

November 8, 2013 – April 20, 2014

Most Elmhurst residents are familiar with Carl Sandburg, especially since a middle school in town is named in his honor. However, some locals may not realize the reason for the honor: the prairie poet lived in Elmhurst at 331 S. York Street from 1919 until 1928. He and his wife, Paula, raised their three daughters here: Margaret, Helga and Janet.

In 1919, Sandburg wrote of his new home in a letter to a friend:

*"We suddenly picked up all our chattels and flitted away from Maywood, where we owned a place, and moved into debt at Elmhurst with wonderful pines and poplars and a chance for the daughters to sit with values of silence if they so choose."*¹

During this decade in Elmhurst, Sandburg commuted downtown to his day job as a reporter and movie critic for the *Chicago Daily News*. It was a prolific period of his life as he worked feverishly on various projects: he penned the children's favorite *Rootabaga Stories*, completed *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years*, tirelessly travelled to collect folk songs from across the country for *The American Songbag*, and wrote numerous poems depicting the grit and disillusionment of life in a rapidly industrializing America.

Sandburg was a Renaissance man of many talents, ambitions and passions during his time in Elmhurst. The new exhibit, *Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst*, shares his story through rare photos, film, artifacts and touch-screen interactives. The exhibit profiles one of America's most influential literary figures, a Pulitzer Prize winner who ascended to international fame from his humble roots in Illinois.

Be sure to see *Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst* at the Elmhurst Historical Museum in the coming months. Many fascinating exhibit-related programs (see the calendar section of this newsletter) will be taking place both at the museum and at the Elmhurst Public Library during the exhibit's run, including lectures, silent film series, documentary screening, poetry slam workshop, children's story time – and even a birthday party for Carl on January 5. The exhibit is open through April 20, 2014, and admission is free. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 1 until 5 p.m. For more info, visit www.elmhursthistory.org.

¹From *Carl Sandburg: A Biography* by Penelope Niven



Members of the Sandburg family pictured at their Elmhurst family home include (standing) Sandburg's mother, Clara, and Carl with daughters Helga (L) and Janet. Used by permission, Rare Book & Manuscript Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Search the EHM Collection with New Website Feature

The Elmhurst Historical Museum's website at www.elmhursthistory.org has a new way to search highlights of the museum's permanent collection. Go to the home page lower left corner, and click on "Search Collection Highlights" to view more than 400 photographs and objects related to Elmhurst history.



Nov. 28: 30th Annual Turkey Trot

Every Thanksgiving morning since 1984, Elmhurst residents and friends have gathered at the starting line to burn off some calories, and more importantly, to raise money to help the hungry and needy. The first Turkey Trot held 29 years ago included 74 runners and walkers, and brought in just over



\$500. To-date, the Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot has raised over \$2.65 million dollars. The funds have provided nearly three million meals over the years to needy DuPage families and the event brings families and our community together on a day for giving thanks. Last year's race hosted more than 8,000 attendees at the event, putting the predicted

expectancy for this year at nearly 10,000 people.

Due to the tremendous success of the Turkey Trot over the past 29 years, there is a new course this year that will provide a safer run for all, ample room for growth, and at the same time, showcase the downtown and other parts of the community. The new route for 2013 will include 100% street pavement. The 5K fun run begins promptly at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Park Avenue and Adell. York Street from North Avenue to St. Charles Road will be closed for a short time, but efficient detours are in place to make your inconvenience minimal. Road closure: 8 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. [approximate reopen time]. Please check the new Turkey Trot website periodically for updates and inquiries: www.dangibbonsturkeytrot.com

Putting a Freeze on Winter Fires



According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), residential fires are more prevalent during the winter than in any other season. There is an increase in the incidence and severity of fires in December and early January, partially due to the use of candles and

Christmas trees. If you decorate with candles, consider using battery-operated flameless candles instead of traditional candles. If you use lit candles, put them in sturdy candle holders where they cannot be easily knocked down. Keep them at least 12 inches from anything that can burn and out of the reach of children. Never go near a Christmas tree with a lit candle or any other open flame. Extinguish candles whenever you leave a room or when you retire for the night, and never use them in bedrooms or sleeping areas.

Although Christmas tree fires are not common, they are likely to be serious when they occur. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases. If you decorate with a real tree, make sure it is fresh when you buy it. The trunk should feel sticky to the touch. The needles should be green and hard to pull back from the branches. Bounce the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree was cut too early and has probably dried out, making it a fire hazard. Never place the tree close to a heat source, such as a fireplace or heat vent, which will dry it out. Never leave your tree up for more than two weeks, and keep the tree stand filled with water at all times. For an eye-opening video demonstrating the flammability of a dry tree versus a well-watered tree, check out www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/holidays/christmas-tree-fires. Keep the holidays a festive green by using candles carefully and keeping Christmas trees well-watered.



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