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March 2014

Hahn Street Redevelopment

On January 27, 2014, the Elmhurst City Council chose The Morningside Group as the preferred developer for the Hahn Street properties, located between York and Addison, just north of Hahn Street.

Morningside had proposed a six-story structure with a mix of residential apartments and first floor retail. The proposed development consists of 207 residential units, 12,000 square feet of retail space, 162 public parking spaces, and a 35,000 square foot public plaza along York Street. This development will offer many amenities, including a swimming pool, movie theatre and fitness center.

City staff is currently in negotiations with The Morningside Group to finalize a contract in order to begin construction.



2014 City Budget Approved by City Council

The City Council voted on December 16 to approve the 2014 City of Elmhurst Budget, the City's operational plan for the City's new fiscal year, January 2, 2014 – December 31, 2014. This final step in the process followed a detailed review of anticipated revenue, proposed capital improvement expenditures and proposed operational expenditures, as submitted by department heads.

Taxes, including property, sales and utility taxes, are the City's largest revenue source, comprising 37 percent of total revenue. Sales tax is projected to increase by three percent in 2014, but remains subject to volatility in the automotive industry. City officials have taken significant action to stabilize other revenue sources and decrease reliance on automotive-related sales. Service charges, including water and sewer service fees, contribute almost

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20 percent of municipal revenue. City officials will continue to monitor legislative proposals at the state and federal levels that could change how revenues, such as sales and income taxes, are distributed, since some changes have the potential to significantly impact City revenues.

The General Fund, the City's major operating fund, focuses on providing high quality service in the most cost-effective manner. In reviewing proposed expenditures, City officials focus on identifying and funding the most essential City services, including public safety, infrastructure and programs that impact the majority of residents. The General Fund finances public safety, public works, community development, health and welfare, and cultural and administrative functions. Staffing levels are evaluated as positions open up in an effort to reduce future costs for pensions and

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benefits associated with full-time employees. The City currently employs 259 full-time employees, six fewer than a year ago. The budget provides for a full-time Communications Manager in the City Manager's office to ensure that all communication to the public is timely and accurate and is disseminated in the most effective and efficient manner, and also to coordinate marketing efforts. Service levels in all City departments will be reviewed and increased, when necessary, as revenue levels increase.

Using revenues responsibly and providing essential services in an efficient and effective manner continue to be top priorities for elected officials and staff. To view the 2014 City of Elmhurst Budget, visit www.elmhurst.org and click on "2014 Budget" under "Quick Links."

Statewide Cell Phone Driving Ban

Late last summer, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn signed a new law that will hopefully persuade drivers to put down their cell phones and focus on the road. The new law, banning the use of hand-held phones while driving (except in an emergency), went into effect on January 1, 2014. The new law comes with steep penalties for offenders, including a \$75 fine for the first offense. Repeat offenders may be subject to fines of up to \$150 and a moving violation on their driving record. Three moving violations within a year may put the offender's license in jeopardy.

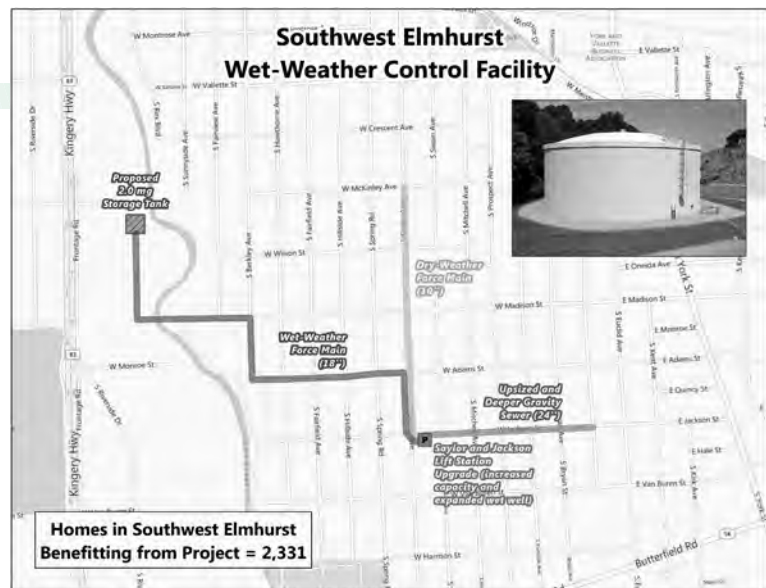
Another Illinois law that took effect on the first of the year increases penalties for drivers who injure or kill others in accidents caused by the use of electronic devices. Injury accidents caused by distracted driving may result in fines as high as \$2,500 and up to a year in jail. Motorists involved in fatal accidents may be fined up to \$25,000 and spend as many as three years in jail.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

Whether there are Irish ancestors on your family tree or not, don't miss the fun at Elmhurst's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

on Saturday, March 8. The parade will step off at 12 noon from the corner of Spring Road and Wilson Street. Bring your family and friends to enjoy Irish dancers, bagpipes, leprechauns, clowns, choral groups and more. For more information or to view pictures of past parades, visit www.elmhurststpatparade.com.



SW Wet Weather Control Facility Project

The Southwest Elmhurst Wet-Weather Control Facility (WWCF), a major proposed improvement to the City's wastewater collection system, has completed the final design phase. Construction on the project will begin this spring and is slated for completion in the winter of 2014. Approximately 2,300 homes in southwest Elmhurst, particularly those in the Saylor and Jackson Lift Station service area, will be positively impacted by the Southwest Wet Weather Control Facility Project improvements. The most significant improvements will be upgrades to the Saylor and Jackson Lift Station, including an increased wet well volume and upgrades to the pumps that will approximately triple the total station output when operating at maximum capacity.

To accommodate the additional pumping capacity, a new 18-inch diameter wet-weather force main and a two-million-gallon storage tank at the Elmhurst Water Reclamation Facility will be constructed. Improvements also include replacement of the existing 10-inch force main (already completed from Jackson Street to McKinley on Saylor Avenue) and a deeper, upsized tributary sewer along Jackson Street to provide additional protection from sewer backups to all homes within the lift station service area. The addition of the storage tank will also allow pumping to the station's current discharge location at Saylor and McKinley to be suspended during high-flow conditions, thus reducing the risk of sewer backups to all homes in the vicinity and upstream.

S.A.L.T. = Seniors and Lawmen Together

Seniors who live or work in Elmhurst are invited to participate in upcoming S.A.L.T. meetings held at 1 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: March 26, April 23 and May 28, at the Elmhurst Police Station. S.A.L.T. was formed in 1995 to reduce crimes against seniors and enhance the relationship between older residents and the police. Meetings are open to anyone interested in crime-prevention, scams, crime updates and current laws concerning the senior population. For more information, please contact the Elmhurst Police Department at (630) 530-3050.

Staying Safe in 2014

There are several services available in DuPage County that enhance the safety of Elmhurst residents through the use of modern technology. Read the following descriptions to see if one or more of these services will serve your individual or family needs.

**Smart911**Critical caller data for 911 responders

Smart911 is a free service available in DuPage County that allows individuals to

build an online safety profile for their landline and cell phone that includes vital personal and medical information. This information is available to emergency responders any time 9-1-1 is called from the person's home or cell phone. To build your safety profile, visit www.Smart911.com and provide any information you feel is important to emergency responders, such as medical information, children's photos, disabilities, home addresses of cell phone callers and other rescue-related information. The information provided remains completely confidential and is available only to emergency responders if the citizen calls 9-1-1.

Premise Alert allows residents with special needs or disabilities to complete a form that provides information for police and fire personnel responding to a 9-1-1 call. The form can be found on the DuComm website, www.ducomm.org, or picked up at the Elmhurst Police Station. Completed forms can be mailed to DuComm at 600 Wall Street, Glendale Heights, IL 60139, or returned to the Police Station.

Reverse 9-1-1 is a county-wide system that quickly places multiple phone calls to individuals in a specific geographical area to alert them to potentially dangerous weather conditions, criminal activity in the area, emergency situations, a missing and endangered person, or to request the public's assistance. If you have switched to a different telephone service provider, or to a cell phone in place of a landline, contact the DuPage County Sheriff at www.dupagesheriff.org or call (630) 407-2400 to update your phone information.

Alive at 25

According to the National Safety Council, drivers under the age of 25 are involved in about five million crashes each year. More than 9,000 young people will die as a result. Common risks that contribute to these sobering statistics include use of alcohol and party drugs, peer pressure, distractions, speeding, inexperience and underestimating risks. Alive at 25 is an interactive four-hour class developed by the National Safety Council. The class is offered free of charge by the Elmhurst Police Department to help young drivers between the ages of 16 and 24 take responsibility for their driving behavior and make better decisions when behind the wheel. For dates of upcoming classes, or to register, call Jennifer McKeown at (630) 530-3113 or send an email to jennifer.mckeown@elmhurst.org.

Clothes Dryer Safety Tips

Every year thousands of residential clothes dryer fires are reported in the U.S. You can help prevent a dryer fire by keeping these safety tips in mind.

The leading cause of home dryer fires is failure to clean lint and debris from the dryer. Never use the dryer without the lint filter and clean it after each load. Don't forget to remove lint that has accumulated around the drum. Once a year, or more often if your drying times have increased, clean lint out of the vent pipe or hire a professional to do it.

- Keep the area around the dryer free of flammable items, such as clothing, boxes and cleaning supplies. If clothing has come into contact with a flammable substance, put it outside to dry before laundering it.
- Keep the dryer in good operating condition. Have it installed and serviced by a professional. Have gas dryers inspected to make sure the gas line and connections are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap opens when your dryer is in operation. During the winter months, make sure the outdoor vent flap is not covered by snow. Always use the right plug and outlet, and make sure the machine is properly connected.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and never overload the dryer.

Turn the dryer off before going to bed or leaving home.

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Safe Biking in Elmhurst

The first major biking season since Elmhurst was designated as a Bike Friendly Community will soon begin. The City is committed to keeping roads and trails safe for all who use them. Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are encouraged to be aware of others using the community's streets and sidewalks, and make safety a priority during this upcoming biking season.

Severe Weather Preparedness

Approximately 63 percent of Illinois tornadoes occur during the months of March, April and May, and can cause personal injury and extensive property damage. The first week in March is Tornado Preparedness Week. The best way to protect yourself and your loved ones is to be informed and prepared by heeding the following suggestions.



Be aware of the weather forecast and watch for danger signs. A cloud of debris may mark the location of a tornado even if the funnel is not visible. Winds may die down and the air may become very still just before the tornado hits. It is not unusual to see clear, sunny skies behind a tornado since they usually occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm.

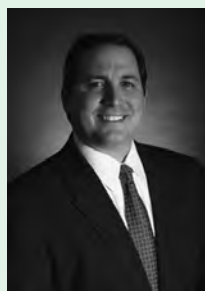
Smartphone users now have an additional resource that could potentially save their lives during severe weather. A Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) from the National Weather Service provides severe weather warnings to smartphone users in the path of dangerous weather conditions, including tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards, etc. The service is free and it is not necessary to sign up. Smartphone users are strongly encouraged not to opt out of this vital service. For information about which mobile devices are WEA-capable, visit www.ctia.org/wea or contact your wireless carrier.

Plan ahead with your family by designating a tornado shelter area in your home and holding family tornado drills. The safest place to be during a tornado is in the lowest level of the building. If there is no basement, select a windowless, interior room, such as a hallway or bathroom. If you are in your car or outdoors, take shelter immediately. If shelter is not available, lie down in a ditch or low-lying area.

Learn and teach family members the difference between a "tornado watch" and a "tornado warning." A tornado watch means that conditions are such that a tornado may occur. A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.

Develop an emergency communication plan by designating an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the family contact. Make sure family members know the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

If you are outdoors, listen for the city's radio-controlled severe weather warning sirens. They are sounded if the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for DuPage County and if the storm poses a threat to Elmhurst, or if an actual tornado or funnel cloud is sighted in or traveling towards Elmhurst. The sirens are intended to save lives by warning people who are outdoors to seek shelter immediately.



Mayor's Message

On January 28, I gave my first State of Our City address. The State of Our City is an annual opportunity in January for the Mayor of Elmhurst to address business, civic and governmental leaders on the overall "status" of the City. It began in 1998, and is sponsored by the Elmhurst Chamber

of Commerce and Industry. The last fifteen have been hosted by the Community Bank of Elmhurst. You can view the entire program by visiting the ElmhurstTV website (www.elmhursttv.com) and clicking on the YouTube button at the bottom of the page. Below are just a few of the topics that were covered:

City finances are strong with fund balances back where they belong. Retail sales tax revenues continued to rise and have increased over 40 percent since 2009.

The City of Elmhurst's bond rating was upgraded to AAA. With this upgrade, Elmhurst ranks in the top 10 percent of all municipalities in the state. The city recently refunded/refinanced some of our issued bonds resulting in a debt service savings of almost \$1.5 million dollars.

As of January 1, the city realigned its fiscal year to match our calendar year. This transition from a May 1 -April 30 fiscal year will allow for more accurate financial forecasting and more timely public works bid requests.

Our work on storm water mitigation continues. We will be selecting specific projects shortly and will be asking for cooperation and support from the Elmhurst Park District and School District 205.

Progress has been made with both the Hahn Street and Addison Street developments. The Elmhurst City Council has instructed city staff to begin negotiations with The Morningside Group for the Hahn Street retail and residential development. The Addison Street retail and parking deck project is currently before the Zoning and Planning Commission.

Whole Foods is coming to Elmhurst! They will be locating in the closed Dominick's store in the Elmhurst Crossing Center at St. Charles Road and Route 83. They expect to extensively remodel the store and will re-open sometime in early 2015.

A big "Thank You" to my fellow elected officials and City staff for all of their continued hard work over the past year.

In 2013, residents, businesses and developers continued to invest in Elmhurst at record levels. Over \$85 million dollars was spent on construction in our town. I am confident that Elmhurst will continue to prosper in 2014. I encourage everyone to visit our website, www.elmhurst.org, for updates and information regarding our great city.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the residents and the City of Elmhurst.

Steve Morley, Mayor



Elmhurst Community Calendar

March — May 2014

ONGOING

March 4 through May 11

Special Exhibit: "Italian Shell Cameos featuring the Stations of the Cross"

Carved in Torre del Grecco, Italy, these antique cameos are rarely displayed pieces from the Lizzadro Collection.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Thurs., March 13 through Sat., March 15 Thurs., March 20 through Sat., March 22

Theatre: Isn't It Romantic

By Wendy Wasserstein. Directed by Frank Del Giudice. Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning playwright Wendy Wasserstein introduces Jamie and Harriet, two post-college classmates who differ in most ways. The two deal with overbearing parents, love, sex and relationships – all while finding their individual identities, career paths and attempting to maintain a friendship. A funny and touching story about the journey to adulthood.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre, 253 Walter St.

8:00 p.m. all days

Tickets: 630-617-3005

Through March 29

Women's History Exhibition

Gilgamesh: A Drawing Installation by artist Rebecca Wolfram produces large mixed-media drawings that depict scenes from the ancient Sumerian epic of Gilgamesh. Wolfram's theme was inspired by the Kevatron Accelerator in the exhibition space. Public Reception: Tuesday, March 4, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Artist Talk, 5:00 p.m.

Elmhurst College Barbara A. Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace

200 block of W. Park Ave.

Hours: Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 12 noon-4 p.m.

FREE

Info: 630-617-6110

Fri. - Sun. April 4 through 13

GreenMan Theatre: The Laramie Project by Moises Kaufman

This play deals with the reaction to the 1998 murder of University of Wyoming gay student Matthew Shepard in Laramie, WY. The murder was denounced as a hate crime and brought attention to the lack of hate crimes laws in various states, including Wyoming. The play draws on hundreds of interviews conducted by the theatre company with inhabitants of the town, company members' own journal entries, and published news reports. It is divided into three acts and eight actors portray more than 60 characters in a series of short scenes. This play was made into a television movie, which was awarded four Emmy nominations and was honored at the Berlin film festival. Directed by David Soria. Corporate funding provided by BMO Harris Bank.

First United Methodist Church, 232 S. York Rd.

Fri. & Sat.: 7:30 p.m.; Sun.: 2 p.m.

Tickets 630-464-2646 or visit

www.greenmantheatre.org

Through April 15

Stay Fit in Elmhurst City Centre

Come downtown to get your workout in and get your extras, too! Spend \$200 or more at any of our participating fitness merchants on classes or workout sessions and get a FREE \$25 Elmhurst City Centre Gift Certificate.

City Centre

Visit www.elmhurstcitycentre.com for details

and list of participating merchants

Through April 19

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 clips, objects including his guitar and typewriter, and touch-screen interactives, this new exhibit chronicles one of the most prolific decades of Sandburg's career 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

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

Info: www.elmhursthstory.org or

630-833-1457

Through April 27

Special Exhibit: "Modern Designer Jewelry from the Smithsonian"

The exhibit features 11 pieces circa 1960 to 2010 from award-winning American jewelry designers in the National Gem Collection.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Regular Museum Hours and Admission

SpotLight

A vibrant exhibition of contemporary art about light and place, SpotLight offers an escape from seasonal darkness. Whether connected to a specific site and its history, the private experience of a place, or a response to an architectural space, the light-based sculptures, installations and videos in SpotLight transform something ephemeral and commonplace into poetic statements about memory, perception, technology and the built environment.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Thurs. - Sat. May 1-3

Thurs. - Sat. May 8-10

Theatre: Dames at Sea

By George Haimsohn and Robin Miller.

Directed by Scott Uddenburg and Amy Lyn McDonald. We're on Broadway, complete with a temperamental star, a small town girl with nothing but tap shoes and a dream, and a director needing a hit show before his theater is demolished. Add a chorus of sailors and dames for what the *New York Times* called "a little gem of a musical" in the style of legendary director Busby Berkeley. Fun for the whole family!

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

8 p.m. all days except 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. Sat.,

May 3

Tickets: 630-617-3005

Fri.-Sun. May 2 through 18

GreenManTheatre :

Harvey by Mary Chase

The season will come to a close with the spring mainstage production of "Harvey." Join us for this American theatre classic (and Pulitzer Prize-winning play) about Elwood P. Dowd, his friends and family, and his unseen (and presumably imaginary) friend Harvey — whom Elwood describes as a six-foot, three-and-one-half-inch tall pooka resembling an anthropomorphic rabbit. Directed by Jim Bruner.

First United Methodist Church

232 S. York Rd.

Fri. & Sat.: 7:30 p.m.; Sun.: 2 p.m.

Tickets 630-464-2646 or

visit www.greenmantheatre.org

Mon. - Tues., May 12-13

An Evening of Dance

A collaborative showcase of dance, featuring the choreography of both faculty and students. Evening of Dance sells out fast, so order your tickets early.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

7:00 p.m. all days – Admission \$5

Tickets: 630-617-3005

Through May 15

Spirito! Singers Auditions

Spirito! Singers is an exceptional choral organization based in the western suburbs with rehearsals held in both Elmhurst and LaGrange. Three ensembles include Bravura, young women in 9th to 12th grade, Ragazze, girls in 5th to 8th grade of Elmhurst and LaGrange, and the Men of Spirito!, who are 18 years old and up. Auditions for the 2014-2015 season will be held until May 15th in LaGrange and Elmhurst.

For more information call 630-581-5440 or visit

www.spiritosingers.org.

May 16 through Sept. 28

Exhibit – Sox vs. Cubs: The Chicago Civil Wars

New original exhibit explores the fans, the culture and the history of America's fiercest baseball rivalry.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

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

Info: www.elmhursthstory.org or 630-833-1457

MARCH

Saturday-1

Friends of the Library Annual Trivia Night

Free snacks, cash bar, raffle and trivia. Gather your friends and create a team of up to eight people (or ask to be grouped with friends you haven't yet met). The winning tables receive awesome prizes!

Knights of Columbus Hall

537 S. York Rd., Elmhurst

\$25 per person; \$20 per person for Friends' members

Info: elmlib.org/friends

Sunday-2

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

Don't miss the opportunity to be there when the ESO and Apollo Chorus of Chicago once again join forces for a thrilling concert featuring two choral masterpieces. Mozart's masterwork, Mass in C minor, brims with soaring vocal lines and awe-inspiring choruses, and Dvořák's Te Deum is a musical tour-de-force, full of fervor and rich harmonies.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 3 p.m.

Adults: \$32; seniors: \$30; students: \$9; group and family rates available

MARCH

Thursday - 6

Marten Stromberg Lecture: Sandburg in Elmhurst

Marten Stromberg, writer of the Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst exhibit, and rare books curator at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, discusses his experience working on the exhibit and shares insights on Sandburg's life, passion, and body of work created during the era he lived and worked in Elmhurst.

Elmhurst Historical Museum, 7:00 p.m. FREE
Info: www.elmhursthistory.org or 630-833-1457

Brave New Media World

By the age of 25, Chris Hughes had helped to create two of history's most successful start-ups, Facebook and the social media machine that made Barack Obama president. Hughes believes in the future of considered, meticulous, in-depth journalism and its crucial role in a free society. The Roland Quest Lecture Series.

Elmhurst College Frick Center, 190 Prospect
7:00 p.m. – Admission \$10
Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix
Info: 630-617-3390

Friday-7

The Elmhurst College Governmental Forum

The Honorable James R. Thompson, Moderator

The fifth most populous state in the Union, Illinois is an agricultural and industrial giant, a major source of human talent and natural resources, and a center of the nation's corporate and cultural life. The state's 37th and longest-serving governor, Jim Thompson, leads a lively panel discussion on a great state's problems and promise.

Drury Lane Conference Center
Oakbrook Terrace, 7:30 a.m.
Admission \$25 (includes full breakfast)
Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix
Info: 630-617-3390

Book Discussion: Dawn Light—Dancing with Cranes and Other Ways to Start the Day by Diane Ackerman

Celebrated storyteller-poet-naturalist Diane Ackerman explores a year of dawns across the seasons, from bird and animal behavior, to the light of dawn, dawn rituals across the world, and the many connotations of the word "dawn."

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday - 8

Elmhurst St Patrick's Day Parade

Begins 12 noon at Wilson and marches north up Spring Road.

Info: (630) 834-0300

Tracing Cast Shadows Workshop with Artist Paola Cabal

Workshop will encourage young artists to look closely at the interaction between light and the objects it hits. Participants will use clamp lights, colored papers, and dark and light media to trace cast shadows, studying how light passes around solid objects, such as our bodies, and through transparent materials, such as glass or plastic. Age 6-12.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday-9

Elmhurst Symphony Musicians at Mayslake

"Beautiful Baroque" features Stephen Alltop on harpsichord with principal players from the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra in delightful sonatas for violin, flute, cello and harpsichord by Bach, Telemann and Rameau. The intimate setting of the Peabody Mansion is a perfect place to enjoy the sparkling beauty of these masterpieces.

Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 31st St., Oak Brook, 3 p.m.
Adults \$25; seniors \$23; students \$7

Sunday-9

Lessons of Columbine

On April 20, 1999, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold murdered 12 fellow students and a teacher at Columbine, their high school in suburban Denver. Dave Cullen spent a decade researching and writing the definitive story of an American tragedy that continues to haunt our schools and society.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
7:00 p.m. – Admission \$10
Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix
Info: 630-617-3390

Sundays-9 & 23

Family Open Swim at York High School

Come join us for some splashtacular fun! Lap swimming, open swim and diving boards will be available. All ages.

York High School, 1-4 p.m. Free

Wednesday-12

Elmhurst Children's Theatre Auditions for Unintentionally Hilarious Sketch Comedy Group

Directed by professional comedian, actor, theatre arts educator and ECT alum Tim Soszko, kids will write and perform their own original comedy sketches at Teen Comedy Fest in Chicago, as well as a local Elmhurst venue.

Auditions March 12
Open to 6th-8th grade students in Elmhurst
For information about Sketch Comedy and summer ECT classes, visit
www.elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com

Thursday-13

Trivia Night for Charity

Test your trivial knowledge and have some fun while supporting Family Shelter Service. Raffle prizes and team prizes for first, second and third place teams. Proceeds support the programs of Family Shelter Service, which offers shelter, counseling and court advocacy for victims of domestic violence. Sponsored by the Junior Board of Family Shelter Service, with all proceeds and a portion of the food sales benefiting Family Shelter Service.

Fitz's Spare Keys, 119 N York St, Elmhurst
7 p.m.; Trivia begins 7:30 p.m.
\$10 Donation at the door
Info: 630-221-8290 ext. 7110 or
www.familyshelterservice.org

Silent Film Series: Sherlock, Jr.

Join film critic, author, and editor-in-chief of Chicago Sun-Times Media Local Robert 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. A film projectionist and amateur detective (Buster Keaton) is framed for theft, and dreams he solves the crime (1924). Comedy. 45 minutes.

Elmhurst Public Library, 7 p.m. FREE
Reservations requested, call 630-279-8696 or elmhurstpubliclibrary.org.
Info: www.elmhursthistory.org or elmhurstpubliclibrary.org.
Call 630-833-1457 or 630-279-8696

Friday-14

Artist Talk: Dana Major

Dana Major's multimedia work explores how perception creates reality. Her installations, performances and fabrications frequently involve optical illusion, LED technology and phenomena of light. Hear more about the interactive Shadow Matrix she produced for SpotLight.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday-15

Elmhurst College Evening of Scholarships

The fifth annual Elmhurst College Evening for Scholarships gala, a fundraiser for student scholarships, will be emceed by CBS 2 Chicago news anchor Rob Johnson, and will feature a live auction.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
6:00 p.m. Cocktails; 7:00 p.m. Dinner
Tickets: \$200 per person; \$2,500 for a Light of Knowledge Sponsor table
Additional sponsorships available
Info: 630-617-3407

World Music Festival Concert

Lauded as a "tightly crafted and beautiful instrument," the Kontras String Quartet is rapidly becoming one of the most vibrant young string quartets on the scene. Kontras began its professional touring career in 2009 and has been garnering acclaim ever since. Its members include violinists Dmitri Pogorelov and Francois Henkins, violist Ai Ishida and cellist Jean Hatmaker, who hail from four different parts of the world – Japan, Russia, South Africa and the U.S.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
7:30 p.m. Admission \$15
Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/worldmusicfestival

Sunday-16

Elmhurst College Spring Band Concert

Wind Ensemble conducted by Judy Grimes, and the Symphonic Band conducted by Ross Kellan.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
3:00 p.m. FREE
Info: 630-617-3515

Monday-17

Islam Is a Foreign Country

Zareena Grewal is a historical anthropologist and documentary filmmaker who teaches American studies and religious studies at Yale. Her research centers on issues of race, gender, religion and nationalism within a wide spectrum of Muslim communities in the United States.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
7:30 p.m. – Admission \$10
Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix
Info: 630-617-3390

Tuesday-18

Gender, Race and the Future of Education

Shannon Sullivan teaches and writes at the intersections of feminist philosophy, critical philosophy of race, American pragmatism and continental philosophy. She currently is completing a book on the physiology of racist and sexist oppression. The Genevieve Staudt Intercultural Lecture

Elmhurst College Frick Center, 4 p.m.
Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix
Info: 630-617-3390

Friday-21

Book Party!

Come to the museum for an afternoon of books, fun, and games celebrating art. In conjunction with SpotLight, museum staff and librarians from the Elmhurst Public Library will share stories and activities about using light as a way to make art. Register with the Elmhurst Public Library (630)279-8696 beginning Sat., Mar. 1. Grades 1-3
Elmhurst Art Museum, 4 - 5 p.m.

Saturday-22

Rockin' Lock-In

Join us for a fun night. Fee includes open gymnastics, slice of pizza with a bottle of water or can of pop, DJ, dodgeball, and more. Pre-registration is required.

Wagner Community Center, 7-10 p.m.
Ages 4th-6th grade; \$12R/\$15NR

"Embellished Bones: Woven Stone Art"

Visiting artist Sandra Wilcoxon will discuss and demonstrate techniques used in creating her unique woven stone and bone sculptures. A display will include some larger works on bison and ram skulls. Visiting artists at the Museum are sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
Lecture – Adult - 2 p.m. - 60 minutes
Regular Museum Admission
Reservations Recommended: 630-833-1616

Sunday-23

Bridal Show at Wilder Mansion

Find everything you need to plan your perfect wedding with our 25 hand-picked vendors. Mario Tricoci and My Friend's Place Salon will also be on hand for hair and airbrush makeup demos. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Meagan Dovidio at mdovidio@epd.org. All ages. Wilder Mansion, 211 Prospect, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free

YDAP Holds Second Annual Try-Athlon

Organize your team to compete in bowling, bag toss, 8-ball pool competition, while raising money for a great cause! No need to be a York alum. Cash prizes for first, second and third place teams, plus Split the Pot drawing. Fitz's Spare Keys, 119 N. York, Elmhurst. Check-in at 12 noon. Bowling shoes included \$40 for a team of four; \$100 sponsorship includes one team registration. Visit www.elmhurst205.org/Alumni_Try-Athlon or call 630-941-4719.

Monday-31

York Distinguished Alumni Nominations Due

The York Distinguished Alumni Program (YDAP) will close its nomination process for 2014 on March 31. Visit the York Alumni webpage at www.elmhurst205.org/Alumni for more information or contact the District 205 Office of Alumni Relations/Communications at 630-941-4719. To access the online nomination form directly, go to www.elmhurst205.org/14DOD.

APRIL

Tuesday-1

Bookmaking Workshop

Make your own book to take home at this DIY workshop – sewn books, flip books, and fold-out books. Best for Grades 2-6. Elmhurst Public Library, 2 – 3 p.m. FREE. Register with valid Elmhurst Public Library card in person or by phone: www.elmhursthistory.org or Call 630-833-1457 or 630-279-8696

Thursday-3

Sandburg Poetry Slam

Sandburg's free verse poetry was a radical departure from tradition and resembles the spoken word performed at poetry slams. York High School's poetry slam club and their teacher will lead a workshop to get inspired and write slam-worthy poetry. Afterwards, participants can join the high school club members on stage to perform (public welcome). Pizza dinner and snacks. Middle and high school students. Elmhurst Public Library, Workshop: 3-6 p.m. Public Performance: 6 p.m. FREE. Register by phone 630-279-8696 or at www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

Friday-4

Artist Talk: Daniel Miller

Daniel Miller uses an array of technologies, integrating code and mechanical form, to investigate space, ecology, and the contemporary landscape. His domed scale model of Chicago simulates the full rotation of the sun and moon, demonstrating the shifting effects of light and darkness on the city. Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday - 6

Elmhurst Choral Union: Heavenly Haydn

Guest conductor Scott Uddenberg leads Elmhurst Choral Union, soloists, and orchestra in works by classical music's cheeriest composer, featuring Haydn's justly famous "Lord Nelson" Mass. Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel 3 p.m. Adults \$25, Seniors \$23, Students \$10. Tickets at elmhurstchoralunion.org or 800-838-3006

Thursday-10

The Irish Literary Renaissance

A former altar boy from County Wexford, Colm Tóibín is the celebrated author of several novels and several acclaimed collections of stories and essays. A regular contributor to *The Dublin Review* and the *Penguin Book of Irish Fiction*, he recounts the rise of modern Irish literature. Elmhurst College Frick Center, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix Info: 630-617-3390

Silent Film Series: The Kid

Join film critic, author, and editor-in-chief of Chicago Sun-Times Media Local Robert K. Elder for a foray into silent film classics. Screening films from the 1920s that Sandburg himself reviewed while film critic for the *Chicago Daily News*, Elder will provide context and background. In Charlie Chaplin's first full-length film, *The Little Tramp* finds an abandoned infant and for five years raises him to be his partner in petty crime (1921). Dramatic comedy. Elmhurst Public Library 7:00 p.m. 68 minutes. FREE. Reservations requested, call 630-279-8696 or elmhurstpubliclibrary.org. More info: www.elmhursthistory.org or elmhurstpubliclibrary.org. Call 630-833-1457 or 630-279-8696

Friday-11

Artist Talk: Dana Carter

Using the windows of her studio space, natural light, and art materials, Dana Carter stages "light events" that take form in a variety of media. Carter engages in various rituals that alter the light and shadow of her environment. Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday-12

Community Conversations

Presentation by Angela Bensen, caregiver specialist and senior counseling expert from Metropolitan Family Services, focuses on changes in Medicare that have the greatest impact on seniors and how to navigate these changes. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Senior Commission. Elmhurst City Hall, 10:00 a.m. Space is limited. Reservations required: 630-306-7077

Elmhurst College Recycling Extravaganza

For more information and a list of acceptable items, visit www.elmhurst.edu/sustainability or email sustainable@elmhurst.edu. Elmhurst College Alexander Street parking lot 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Sunday-13

"Elizabeth Taylor's Collection"

Steven Zick, Vice President and Director for Christie's in Chicago, presents the landmark auctions of The Collection of Elizabeth Taylor at Christie's New York in 2011. With every single item sold, the sale drew unprecedented interest from bidders throughout the world. Her collection included jewelry, fashion, decorative arts and film memorabilia. Mr. Zick is also a charity auctioneer and lectures on art and appraisal-related topics nationwide. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art Sunday Lecture – Adult - 2 p.m. - 60 minutes Regular Museum Admission Reservations Recommended: (630) 833-1616

Annual Spring Choral Concert

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, directed by Susan Moninger, and Women's Chorus, directed by Donna Tallman. Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel 2 p.m. FREE. Info: 630-617-3515

Thursday-17

Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt

Grab your flashlight and hunt for eggs filled with candy, gift certificates, money, and other prizes. Bring a flashlight and a bag or basket to put your eggs and prizes in. Wilder Park, 8 p.m.

Saturday-19

Egg Hunt & Doggie Eggstravaganza

Bring your own basket to collect all your new-found goodies, and a camera for a photo with the Easter Bunny. The hunt starts promptly at 10 a.m. and is over within seconds, so get there early! Wilder Park, 10 a.m. (arrive early), Ages 1-10

Easter Egg Hunt at the Gazebo

Sponsored by the Spring Road Business Association, the "hunt" starts promptly at 1 p.m. with hundreds of eggs. Easter Bunny, too! Wild Meadows Trace behind the Gazebo at Spring Road, 1:00 p.m. promptly

Wednesday-23

Science and Art: All Together Now

Julia Keller is a novelist, journalist, teacher and determined polymath. She has taught at Princeton, Notre Dame, the University of Chicago and Ohio University. With the skills and perspective of a natural synthesizer, she uncovers the commonalities of science and art. Elmhurst College Frick Center, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix Info: 630-617-3390

Thursday-24

Authors Visit Elmhurst

Gary Krist and Jeffrey Gusfield provide the final *Elmhurst Reads: Notorious Chicago* event with a discussion about the most notorious times in the most notorious city: Chicago! Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel 7 p.m. Free. Info: elmplib.org/notorious

Friday-25

Artist Talk: Jan Tichy

Jan Tichy explores contemporary sites and photographic histories through his innovative use of light-based media. He will discuss the influence of modernist László Moholy-Nagy on his practice, his projections at Mies' Crown Hall, and his collaborative, public art installation Project Cabrini. Elmhurst Art Museum 6:30 p.m.

Saturday-26

Prairie Path Clean-Up

A great opportunity for volunteers to give back to the community and help protect this amazing resource. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Bike Task Force and coordinated with the Illinois Prairie Path Foundation and the Elmhurst Park District. Meets at the old train depot at the Prairie Path and York Street 9 a.m. to 12 noon (rain or shine) Sign up at: biketaskforce@elmhurst.org

"Rock & Mineral Identification"

Geologist Sara Johnson presents an introduction to rocks and minerals. Learn to identify minerals with hands-on identification, including hardness tests. Great for teachers and rockhounds. Qualifies for Scout merit badges. Includes all materials. Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art Scout groups require adult supervision Activity – Ages 8 yrs. to Adult 75 minutes – Classes 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. (adults only) Admission: \$5.00 per person, Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616

Sunday-27

Wilder Park Conservatory Grand Re-Opening

Join us for a special reception to commemorate the re-opening of the Wilder Park Conservatory. Wilder Park Conservatory 225 Prospect, Elmhurst 3 p.m.

APRIL

Sunday-27

Holocaust Guestship Lecture One Woman Play – ETTY

Actor/writer Susan Stein plays Etty Hillesum, a young woman appointed by the Nazis to the Jewish Council in Holland. Her diaries became the oasis of Etty. Stein portrays Etty, demonstrating her yearnings, her fears, her intimate relationship with God, as well as with the close friends who helped make life in the Amsterdam ghetto somewhat palatable.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
7:00 p.m. FREE
Info: 630-617-3360

MAY

Thursday-1

Girlfriends Getaway in Elmhurst City Centre

Grab your girlfriends and head to the heart of downtown Elmhurst for an evening of shopping, dining and specials from all your favorite merchants. Free goodie bags to the first 400 shoppers. Enter to win a City Centre Shopping Spree, too!

City Centre, 5 - 9 p.m.

Saturday-3 and Sunday-4

18th Annual Art in the Park

Elmhurst's 18th Annual Art in the Park in Wilder Park with Presenting Sponsor Room & Board will feature over 100 artists and their original creations. Enjoy an eclectic array of other activities, including kids' art activities, School of Rock with performances by local high school musicians, a food vendor court, and gourmet food gift section. Wilder Mansion will be open for coffee, pastries, and lunch provided by Café Amano on both days from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The Elmhurst Art Museum will be open free to the public from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The event is produced by RGL Marketing for the Arts, Inc., and sponsored by the Elmhurst Park District.

Wilder Park
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information, please contact roz@rglmarketingforthearts.com or visit www.rglmarketingforthearts.com.

Sunday-4

Philharmonic Orchestra Concert, conducted by Joanne May

Spend an afternoon in the serene setting of Hammerschmidt Chapel for a performance by the College's Philharmonic Orchestra.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
3:00 p.m. FREE
Info: 630-617-3515

Wednesday-7

National Walk and Bike to School Day

National Bike to School Day provides an opportunity for schools across the country to join together to celebrate and to build off the energy of National Bike Month.

Info: www.walkbiketoschool.org

Thursday-8

District 205 Top Pizza Fundraiser

The District 205 Foundation will host its third annual Top Pizza event at the Commons of York Community High School. Bring friends and family to sample pizzas from local restaurants. This family-friendly fundraiser benefits educational programs supported by the District 205 Foundation for Educational Excellence.

The Commons of York Community High School
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Info: www.elmhurst205.org/foundation

Thursday-8

Harvey Milk, Proposition 8 and Me

Dustin Lance Black is a director, producer, screenwriter and social activist in the tradition of Harvey Milk. Black's credits include the movie J. Edgar and the play 8, which portrays the closing arguments in the federal trial that led to the overturning of California's Proposition 8 and the establishment of marriage equality in the nation's largest state.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
7:00 p.m.
Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix
Info: 630-617-3390

Saturday-10

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

In one of the ESO's most eventful season finales ever, music from Walt Disney's landmark film Fantasia takes center stage. Stravinsky's Rite of Spring, one of the most astounding pieces in music history, will be presented with a multi-media salute on its 101st anniversary. Over 100 strings combine with full winds and brass as the York High School Symphony strings join the ESO in Night on Bald Mountain. Dances from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker ballet will please listeners of all ages.

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

"Creative Crossweave Bracelet"

Pat Koko of the West Suburban Lapidary Club teaches an intriguing and fun bracelet technique using braided bead thread, crystals and seed beads. Students will learn a pattern that they can easily replicate on their own. All materials included. Necessary tools will be available. Complete a lovely bracelet to wear or give to a mom. Beginner to advanced.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary History
1 - 3 p.m.
\$40.00 per person
Museum Members: \$35.00
Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616

Monday-12

Elmhurst College Band Concert

Wind Ensemble, Judy Grimes, conductor;
Symphonic Band, Ross Kellan, conductor.
Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
7:30 p.m. FREE
Info: 630-617-3515

Thursday-15

Why Teach? In Defense of a Real Education

Mark Edmundson teaches English at the University of Virginia. His recent book, *Why Teach?*, "reminds us of the power strong teachers have to make students rethink who they are and who they might become," says Michael S. Roth, president of Wesleyan U. in a *New York Times* review. "This is what a real education is all about."

Elmhurst College Frick Center
7:00 p.m.
Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix
Info: 630-617-3390

Jazz at the Mill

Elmhurst College Jazz Band, director Doug Beach; Vocal Jazz "Late Night Blues," Susan Moninger, director.

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

Friday-16 and Saturday-17

Spirito! Spring Concert

Join the Spirito! Singers for an evening of inspirational music with "Lean On Me."

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
7:30 p.m.
Info: 630-581-5440 or www.spiritosingers.org.

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-17

Pet Parade

The Spring Road Business Association will be hosting its annual Pet Parade. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Ahlgrim Funeral Home parking lot with Pet Portraits, Bike Decorating, Face Painting and a "Moon Jump." The parade steps off at 1:00 p.m. up Spring Road to the Silverado Grill where Pet Tricks and Awards will be given. A great event for the entire family!
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday-18

Elmhurst Museum Day

Hop aboard the trolley to celebrate the cultural arts and International Museum Day with all three Elmhurst Museums. Park at one museum and ride the complimentary trolley to each location for free admission, amazing exhibits, fun activities, crafts and more. Collect a stamp at all three museums to be entered in a drawing for great prizes. Light refreshments at Elmhurst Historical Museum. All ages welcome.

Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst Historical Museum, Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
1 - 5 p.m. FREE
Info: 630-833-1457

Notify Me

Residents are reminded of a free* service provided by the City that allows people to sign up for text and/or email alerts regarding City news, events and other topics of interest. Simply visit the City's website, www.elmhurst.org, click on "Notify Me" from the home page and fill out the online form that appears.

* If you sign up for text alerts, your cellular provider may charge usage fees.

No Wake on City Streets

Following severe rain storms, motorists are urged to help reduce or prevent additional property damage by avoiding flooded streets. The waves created by vehicles on flooded streets pushes water higher and may cause flooding in areas that might otherwise remain dry. If you must drive on a flooded street to get home, please drive very slowly without creating a wake. Residents can also help prevent street flooding by raking leaves and debris away from storm drains in their neighborhoods to allow stormwater to flow easily into the storm sewer system.

Senior Chore Days

Volunteers are needed to assist eligible seniors with springtime chores, such as replacing storm windows with screens, planting flowers, and cleaning up winter debris. Senior Chore Days, sponsored by the City of Elmhurst and the DuPage Senior Citizens Council, will be held during the first three weekends in May. Interested seniors and volunteers are asked to contact the Senior Citizen Council at (630) 620-0804.



Prescription Take-Back Day

In September of 2010, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) launched the first National Prescription Take-Back Day. Since that time more than 3.4 million pounds (1,733 tons) of medications have been removed from circulation. Proper disposal of unwanted or expired medication is crucial in the battle against prescription drug abuse and contamination of municipal water supplies. The Elmhurst Police Department will participate in National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 26. Residents are urged to go through their medicine cabinets and bring unwanted or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter meds to the parking lot of the Elmhurst Police Station between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste



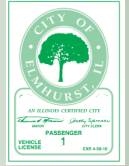
Residents are reminded that the household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off facility in Naperville is open and available to all Illinois residents. Facility hours are on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm, except on holidays. This is one of only three such facilities in the state. It is located behind Fire Station #4 at 1979 Brookdale Road in Naperville. HHW is defined as materials purchased for cleaning or maintaining a home. Business waste is not accepted. For more information call (630) 420-6095.

Yard Waste Collection to Resume in April

Beginning on your regular collection day during the first week in April, yard waste will be collected each week. Yard waste includes weeds, dead flowers, leaves, brush, shrubbery trimmings and twigs. Please remember that a yard waste sticker is required and must be clearly visible on each container or bag. Residents may also dispose of two bundles of brush each week at no additional cost. For more information about yard waste, recycling and refuse, visit the City's website, www.elmhurst.org.

City Vehicle Stickers Required by May 1

Any vehicle registered or garaged within Elmhurst city limits must have a current vehicle sticker displayed no later than May 1. Stickers are sold at a discount between March 1 and April 30, and at the regular price thereafter. If your sticker application does not arrive in the mail, you may print one from the city's website, www.elmhurst.org, pick one up at City Hall, or call to have one mailed. To avoid lines and save time, residents are encouraged to mail the fee and the completed application or drop it off in the white mailbox in the City Hall parking lot. The sticker and receipt will be mailed back to you. The money collected through the sale of vehicle stickers goes into the City's General Fund and is used for roadway maintenance and construction.



New Dates for Spring Clean-Up

The city's annual Spring Clean-Up for residents living within city limits will be held on three consecutive Saturdays. If your refuse is normally collected on Wednesday, your Spring Clean-Up pickup will be on Saturday, April 26. If your normal collection day is Thursday, your Clean-Up day will be on Saturday, May 3. If your refuse is normally picked up on Friday, Spring Clean-Up will be on Saturday, May 10. Items other than large appliances, furniture and bulky items must be placed in bags or boxes weighing no more than 50 pounds. Please visit the city's website at www.elmhurst.org for more information and for a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items. You may also contact the Community Development Department in person or by phone at (630) 530-3020.

Call JULIE at 811 Before Digging

Call J.U.L.I.E.



Hundreds of times each day, underground utility lines are accidentally damaged by homeowners or professional excavators who fail to notify their state's one-call center (JULIE in Illinois) before they dig. Every project that involves digging, big or small, runs the risk of striking underground utility

lines and potentially causing environmental or property damage, costly delays and even personal injury. Many such accidents involve landscaping or fence building projects. Homeowners and professionals are required to call JULIE at 811 at least 48 hours or two business days before beginning any job that involves digging. The call and the utility locating service are both free. A locator will be sent within 48 hours to mark the approximate location of underground lines, cables, and pipes. *Remember – safe digging is no accident.*

Citizen's Police Academy

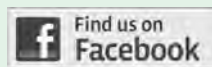
The Elmhurst Police Department will offer a free 12-week program this spring to adults (over age 18) who would like to gain a working knowledge of law enforcement and the Elmhurst Police Department. Participants will gain a better understanding of day-to-day operations and the laws that influence decision-making within the department. Classes will include laws of arrest; defensive tactics; crime scene analysis; investigations; interviewing and interrogation; community-oriented policing; K-9; traffic stops; and internet investigations. This session of the Citizens Police Academy will begin on Wednesday, March 12, and end on Wednesday, June 4. Weekly blocks of instruction are held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Each session can accommodate 25 students over age 18 who live or work in Elmhurst. Applications can be submitted online or picked up at the Police Station. For more information, please contact Commander Robert J. Nicholas at (630) 530-3057.

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City Hall Hours

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

Steven M. Morley, Mayor
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Administration630-530-3010
Community Development630-530-3030
Police (non-emergency)630-530-3050
Fire (non-emergency)630-530-3090
Elmhurst Historical Museum630-833-1457
Elmhurst Public Library630-279-8696
Request for Public Records - foia@elmhurst.org
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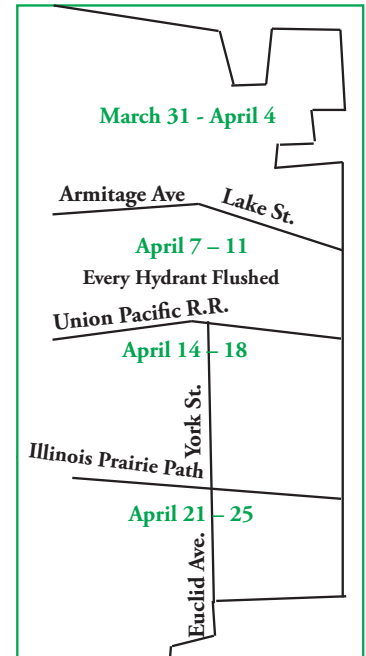
Aldermen

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

Fire Hydrant Flushing

March 31 - April 25

The city's annual fire hydrant flushing will be conducted by Public Works personnel between March 31 and April 25. See map for details and watch for signs in affected areas before work begins. The operation will take place Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. This procedure is necessary to ensure that hydrants are operating properly and will provide adequate water during a fire emergency.



Car Seat Inspections



Securing children in properly installed car seats is not only required by law, but it saves lives and prevents many needless injuries. Child passenger safety is a top priority for both the Elmhurst Police and Fire Departments. Motorists are reminded that Elmhurst police officers actively enforce safety seat laws. The Elmhurst Fire Department offers free car seat inspection/instruction sessions as a community service to assist parents and caretakers with this important responsibility. Each session takes approximately one hour and is performed by a state-certified technician. Inspections are performed on Mondays and Fridays at 1:15 and 2:00 pm, and on Saturdays at 9:00 and 10:15 am, if technicians are available. Technicians cannot accommodate walk-ins. An appointment is required. Please call (630) 530-3090 for an appointment.

When Do You Need a Permit?

Before beginning a construction project this spring or summer, keep in mind that permits are required for certain types of projects, including new home construction; interior remodeling and additions; revisions to electrical service, plumbing and fixtures; swimming pools and hot tubs; air conditioners and generators; outdoor fireplaces; porches, patios and decks; fences and gates; attached or detached garages; accessory structures and sheds; driveways; signs; siding; and window replacement. Permits are available at the Community Development Department in City Hall. For more information about building permits and codes, visit www.elmhurst.org, or call (630) 530-3030.



Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

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

I s s u e



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

2014 Exhibition Schedule

Elmhurst Historical Museum is proud to present an eclectic and engaging array of exhibits throughout the year. For the most current information, visit www.elmhursthistory.org.

FINAL WEEKS: Carl Sandburg in Elmhurst

Closing April 19, 2014

Carl Sandburg, America's Prairie Poet, called Elmhurst home for nearly a decade. Find out about the many hats Sandburg wore during the early 1920s as he raised his young family in the suburbs.



- Explore rare photos from the University of Illinois' Carl Sandburg Collection.
- See film taken at the family's residence, and view personal objects, including Sandburg's guitar, visor, and typewriter.
- Watch a documentary and hear folk songs from Sandburg's American Songbag.
- Use touch-screen displays to learn more about one of our country's most important literary figures.

Fall 2014

A new exhibit on the History of Elmhurst will open at Elmhurst Historical Museum, taking visitors on a journey to explore people, places, and events from Elmhurst's past. Look for special opening events and programs.

Hop Aboard the Trolley for Elmhurst Museum Day

Don't let the trolley pass you by! On Sunday, May 18, from 1-5 p.m., the annual Museum Day celebration takes place in Elmhurst. The City of Elmhurst is fortunate to have three unique museums to foster one of the most vibrant cultural arts scenes in the western suburbs – the Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst Historical Museum, and Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art – all located within walking distance from downtown Elmhurst. Museum Day is an opportunity to visit them all for FREE admission, interesting exhibits, crafts and activities, and lots more. Participants visiting all three museums will be eligible to win some great prizes, and a complimentary trolley will shuttle guests between all three locations.

At the Elmhurst Historical Museum, visitors will experience the latest exhibit, *Sox vs. Cubs: Chicago's Civil Wars*. In addition, cookies and lemonade will be on hand for Museum Day participants. Take advantage of this special opportunity to explore YOUR local cultural gems. Hop aboard the trolley for the 18th annual Elmhurst Museum Day.

May 16 – September 28, 2014



The fans, the culture and the history of America's fiercest baseball rivalry are explored in Elmhurst Historical Museum's newest exhibit.

Foundation Membership Has Its Privileges

The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation invites all Elmhurst residents to become members in 2014. Members receive many benefits including invitations to exclusive exhibit receptions, the Heritage Connection member newsletter, discounts at the Museum's gift shop, reduced rates for programs and children's activities, and benefits at other museums across the country through the Time Traveler's program. Special two-year membership rates! Please join us today! Call 630-833-1457 or visit www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org.

Important Dates

April 12: Recycling Extravaganza at Elmhurst College

Many of the items we are tempted to throw away because we no longer need them or because we've upgraded to a newer model can be recycled and put to good use by someone else. Residents are encouraged to bring useable items to the Recycling Extravaganza in the Alexander Street parking lot at Elmhurst College on Saturday, April 12, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Acceptable items include electronics of all kinds (including broken electronics), working small appliances, books, clean clothing and accessories, bicycles, eye glasses, hearing aids, burned out CFLs, fluorescent lights and much more. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items, visit the Elmhurst College website at www.elmhurst.edu/sustainability.

May 7: National Walk and Bike to School Day

National Bike to School Day, held on Wednesday, May 7, provides an opportunity for schools across the country to join together to celebrate and to build off the energy of National Bike Month. Almost 1,000 local events in 49 states and the District of Columbia take place to encourage children to safely bicycle or walk to school.

Cleaning up the Prairie Path

The sixth annual Prairie Path Clean-Up will take place on Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 am until 12 noon — rain or shine. Volunteers will meet at the old train depot at the Prairie Path and York Street, where assignments will be made and trash collection bags will be given out by the Elmhurst Park District.



Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, old boots or shoes and gloves, since some debris has blown into the underbrush. This event is sponsored by the Elmhurst Bike Task Force and coordinated with the Illinois Prairie Path Foundation and the Elmhurst Park District.

This is a great opportunity for volunteers to give back to the community and help protect this amazing resource. To sign up, send an email to biketaskforce@elmhurst.org.



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