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The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

September 2014

2014 Citizen Survey Results

Results of the city's biennial citizen survey have been tabulated and will be used to prioritize city services and plan for future needs. Of the 1,600 surveys mailed in March, 717 were completed and returned by the April deadline, for a response rate of 44.81 percent. Response rates have ranged from 39.75 percent in 1998 to 55.63 percent in 2000. Higher response rates tend to better reflect the opinions of the entire community.

Although residents over the age of 65 comprised only 20 percent of the possible survey respondents, according to the 2010 U.S. Census, they accounted for more than 32 percent of completed surveys, followed by almost 25 percent for respondents between the ages of 46 and 55. Younger residents, age 45 and under, were somewhat underrepresented, accounting for only 21.78 percent of respondents.

Following are some of the significant results from the 2014 Citizen Survey:

Quality of Life questions provide a sense of residents' perceptions of various facets of life in the community. Over 96 percent of respondents, regardless of age, rated quality of life in Elmhurst as "good to excellent," the highest rating since the survey began.

Elmhurst received high marks as a "place to live" and as a "place to raise children." As a "place to retire," ratings rose over 2012 results, when that category received its lowest rating ever. This remains an area of concern in that only 53.64 percent of respondents rated Elmhurst as a "good to excellent" place to retire.

The attractiveness of public property received its highest rating since 2008, with over 93 percent in the "good to excellent" range. Ratings for private property appearance remained strong.

The survey's Public Safety questions elicit responses regarding residents' perception of safety, as well as specific emergency ambulance, fire, and police experiences. Specific questions about emergency services are much more sensitive to the opinions of the small number of residents who use those services.

Over 89 percent of respondents rated their overall feelings of safety as "safe to very safe." Perception of safety on city streets at night and in city parks rose slightly over 2012 survey results.

Ratings from residents who used Fire Department services rose.

The focus of the survey's Downtown section has gradually shifted from the City Centre to include questions about the shopping habits and interests of residents.

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■ City Centre continues to be highly rated on attractiveness, while parking convenience and availability is a concern, with just over 57 percent rating parking as “good to excellent.” Snow removal in City Centre was judged “good to excellent” by over 84 percent of respondents.

■ Elmhurst Crossing at Route 83 and St. Charles is popular among shoppers who buy in areas other than City Centre, followed by other shopping areas in the community.

■ Over 72 percent indicated that they buy groceries exclusively in Elmhurst, more than any other product. Respondents commented enthusiastically about the

new Mariano's food store and the anticipated opening of Whole Foods. Respondents appear least likely to shop for electronics, large appliances, and books in Elmhurst.

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Rock the Block Party: Sept. 5-6

SEPTEMBER 5 & 6

ROCK THE BLOCK PARTY

Elmhurst City Centre

Don't miss the first annual Rock the Block Party on Friday, September 5, 4 - 10 p.m., and Saturday, September 6, 12 noon - 10 p.m. York Street will be closed from First to Second and Schiller will be closed from York to Commerce Parkway. Great local food, beer/wine and live music, including eight local bands and more than 10 different food vendors!

Visit www.elmhurstcitycentre.com for details.

2014 Citizen Survey Results continued

In the area of Cultural Attractions, residents continue to have positive feelings about Elmhurst's cultural opportunities.

- Ratings for the Elmhurst Public Library remain very high, with 100 percent of residents rating library services as "fair to excellent." Only 9.38 percent reported that they do not use library services.
 - Residents who visited the Historical Museum dropped from 20.2 percent in 2012 to 18.77 percent in 2014. Service ratings for the museum mirror those of the library.
- Section Nine on Communications yielded interesting results on both city and private communication habits.*
- While the city's website, www.elmhurst.org, continues to grow as a place to access information and make payments, many residents indicate that they get their information from the city newsletter, *The Front Porch*. Ratings for the newsletter climbed in 2014.
 - The number of residents who connect to the Internet by way of mobile devices has increased dramatically, and is now more common than connecting at work. Home remains the most common place to use the Internet.
 - More than 82 percent of respondents have telephone land lines, down almost nine percent since 2010. The number of people who

reported never using the city website (www.elmhurst.org) was down to 27 percent from almost 37 percent two years ago.

The Budget section of the survey asks for perceptions about the value and level of city services, awareness of the budget, and effectiveness of budget-related communication.

- When rating the value of city services for the taxes and fees paid, 53.58 percent gave a "good to excellent" rating, with almost 89 percent "fair to excellent." The city's financial management rating has increased consistently, from 34.64 percent "good to excellent" in 2010, to 45.04 percent in this year's survey.
 - In terms of overall service levels, 45 percent of respondents said that service levels are "just right," a drop from 63 percent in the 2010 survey. The largest increase of "not enough" ratings were in the areas of street maintenance and stormwater and sanitary sewer management.
 - Parking enforcement received the highest number of "too much" ratings.
- City elected officials and staff would like to thank the residents who completed and returned the 2014 citizen survey. Survey results are used to plan for and prioritize city services. To view the full results of the Citizen's Survey, please visit www.elmhurst.org and go to "BoardDocs." ■

Elmhurst Fire Department Open House, Sunday, October 5

Elmhurst Fire Department will hold an open house at Fire Station #2, located at 601 S. York Road, on Sunday, October 5, from 12 noon-4 p.m. Activities will include station tours, the Fire Safety House, the Nicor booth, a live Burn Room and the Safety Trailer. Please come out and join us!

National Fire Prevention Week will be observed this year from October 5-11. The theme is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Test Yours Every Month."

The following facts from the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) highlight the importance of having working smoke alarms in your home.

- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported home fire in half.
- In fires considered large enough to activate smoke alarms, hardwired alarms operate 93 percent of the time, compared to 79 percent for battery-powered alarms.
- When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because the batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead. Since fires differ in type and intensity, the NFPA recommends that homes have both ionization and photoelectric alarms, or combination alarms.
- Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained save lives and reduce fire injuries. Since smoke spreads very rapidly,



a working alarm gives you time to get to safety. To protect yourself and your family, the Fire Department urges you to:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside every sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes need more smoke alarms. Mount alarms on the ceiling or high on the wall.
- Test smoke alarms monthly by pressing the test button. Replace batteries regularly.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years. Consider interconnecting them so that when one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.

Fifty-Six New Homes for Berteau Campus

Earlier this summer, the City entered into a subdivision and land improvement agreement with Nitti Development, LLC, for the redevelopment of the 11.2-acre site that was the former home of Elmhurst Memorial Hospital. Project goals include a development that will blend with the surrounding area, reduce traffic (relative to when the hospital was in full operation), and provide better stormwater management and additional green space.

The site is currently occupied by an outdated 240,000 square foot hospital, a four-story parking structure, and two asphalt parking lots. The new subdivision will contain 56 custom single-family homes.

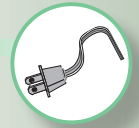
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The subdivision will be zoned R2, consistent with the properties on all four sides. Homes will range in size from 3,000 to 4,500 square feet and will be situated on lots that meet or exceed R2 lot area and frontage requirements.

Stormwater runoff will be reduced by approximately 64 percent. Impervious coverage will be reduced to approximately 50 percent in the new subdivision. The addition of a permeable U-shaped interior paver road and a minimum of 500 cubic feet of stormwater detention on each lot will also greatly improve runoff.

In order to offset the initial impact of the project, the developer will pay \$8,400 per home to School District 205 and \$1,700 to the Elmhurst Park District.

Opt Up for Cleaner, Renewable Energy



Late last spring, the city selected Constellation Energy as the electricity supplier for the renewal of its Electricity Aggregation Program. City officials negotiated a rate of 7.51 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), compared to ComEd's 2014 summer residential supply rate of 7.596 kWh. ComEd will continue to be the power delivery provider.

Crain's Chicago Business reported that the average household electricity bill will increase by about 20 percent due to the June 1 price hike. Rates are increasing across the board because of capacity charge increases designed to ensure that power generators are ready to meet electricity demand at its greatest. Power bills for Elmhurst residents will reflect these increases, but the rate will still be lower than ComEd rates. Energy bills can be reduced by becoming more energy-efficient. To schedule an energy efficiency assessment, visit Energy Impact Illinois at energyimpactillinois.org. For energy savings tips, visit the Citizens Utility Board website at citizensutilityboard.org.

Elmhurst's new supply mix decreases its dependence on coal from 44 percent to 14 percent, making it substantially cleaner than the previous mix, thereby reducing carbon emissions. Coal-fired power plants are the biggest contributors to toxic air and water pollution, and the single greatest source of greenhouse gases. In addition, City leaders renewed their commitment to cleaner energy by continuing to offset 50 percent of the energy purchased with Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). An REC is an environmental commodity that represents the added value, environmental benefits, and cost of renewable energy above conventional methods of producing electricity, i.e. burning coal or natural gas.

Purchasing RECs helps reduce the environmental footprint of electricity consumption, helps make renewable energy facilities more financially viable, and helps fund renewable energy development. Each REC represents one megawatt-hour of electricity generated from a qualified renewable energy source.

As part of the 2014 contract, residents and small businesses may increase their RECs by opting up from 50 percent to 100 percent. Opting up will result in a slight increase per kWh – 7.58 cents kWh for 36 months, compared to 7.51 cents per kWh at 50 percent RECs.

Residents and small businesses who wish to opt up to 100 percent RECs may do so at any time during the three-year contract by contacting the Constellation Call Center at 1-800-718-1493.

ComEd Smart Grid and Reliability Upgrades

At the June 2 City Council meeting, ComEd personnel provided an update concerning ongoing reliability upgrades to their power delivery system. These improvements, known as “Smart Grid” technologies, help modernize the electrical system, reduce costs, save energy, protect the environment, and increase reliability. “Smart Grid” and other improvements resulted in the best reliability performance on record in Elmhurst in 2013, an average of less than one outage (.87) during the year. “Smart Meters” are the building blocks of the “Smart Grid” system. The installation of “Smart Meters” at Elmhurst homes began in June and is anticipated for completion during 2014. For more information about the “Smart Grid” and “Smart Meters,” visit www.comed.com and click on the “Technology” tab.

Learn Not to Burn

Officers from the Elmhurst Fire Department present the "Learn Not to Burn" program to teach elementary school children how to react appropriately in a fire situation. Potentially life-saving skills taught include: how to call 9-1-1; what to do if a smoke alarm sounds; how to crawl low in a fire; and how to stop, drop, cover, and roll. Parents are encouraged to reinforce these skills by practicing them at home.

The 2014 Learn Not to Burn poster contest generated a great deal of interest with about 800 posters submitted. The winners are: Sarah from Timothy Christian School – first place; Anna from Hawthorne School – second place; and Michal from Timothy Christian – third place. Congratulations to all participating students!

No Leaves or Grass Clippings in the Street

During periods of heavy rainfall, blocked inlets often contribute to street flooding. This problem is exacerbated during the autumn months when storms are likely and trees are shedding their leaves.

City ordinances prohibit raking leaves, grass, or other debris into the street where they can impede the flow of water and/or create hazardous driving conditions. You can help alleviate this problem by keeping storm drain inlets in your neighborhood free of leaves and debris.



New Business Spotlight

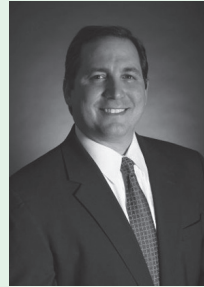
Look for these newly registered businesses around town.

Achala Services	538 North Ave.	<i>Tutoring services</i>
Artco Casket Co. Inc.	847 N. Church	<i>Wholesale distributor</i>
Asian Massage	401 N. York St.	<i>Foot massage</i>
Bass Heating & AC	655 W. Grand	<i>Heating/AC</i>
Beck's Book Store, Inc.	190 S. Prospect	<i>College Bookstore</i>
Brewpoint Coffee	124 W. Park	<i>Coffee shop</i>
El Famous Burrito*	904 N. York	<i>Restaurant</i>
Elmhurst Nails	111 W. First	<i>Nail salon</i>
La Adelita	108 W. Park	<i>Savory foods inside</i>
LED Source	475 W. Wrightwood	<i>Courageous Bakery</i>
Manny's Ale House	683 W. St. Charles Rd.	<i>Retail LED Lighting</i>
Novaspect Inc./		<i>Restaurant & Bar</i>
AW Chesterton	650 W. Grand	<i>Pump/seal repair</i>
PSAV Presentation Services	549 W. Lake St.	<i>Office</i>
Red Dragon*	117 W. First	<i>Restaurant</i>
Redco, Inc.	647 N. York	<i>Real Estate Broker</i>
Sleepy's	635 W. North Ave.	<i>Retail</i>

*Under new ownership

Mayor's Message

Elmhurst Works



Labor Day celebrates our nation's work ethic and the many achievements and contributions of its work force. Established as a federal holiday in 1894, and celebrated on the first Monday in September, Labor Day stands as a national tribute to hard work and its results.

Elmhurst is a community that understands the value of hard work and its ability to produce great results. Private development, strategic partnerships, targeted economic development efforts and forward-thinking public works projects are essential to Elmhurst's continued success.

These activities create jobs and opportunities for new workers, and residents, to make a living and contribute back to our city. The most recent Community Development report lists more than 20 current commercial projects, which total nearly \$40 million worth of investments.

In addition to commercial projects, the City of Elmhurst has made infrastructure improvements in sanitary sewer systems, pumping stations, streets and much more. None of these projects, public or private, would be possible without the outstanding efforts of city employees who work together to make these complex projects a reality.

Hard work by the residents and the City has paid off, as Elmhurst was recently identified as a Top 10 Town for Families in the U.S. by *Family Circle Magazine*. The article recognized Elmhurst for having a pedestrian-friendly downtown, thriving arts scene, excellent schools and a spirit of volunteerism that makes it an excellent place to call home.

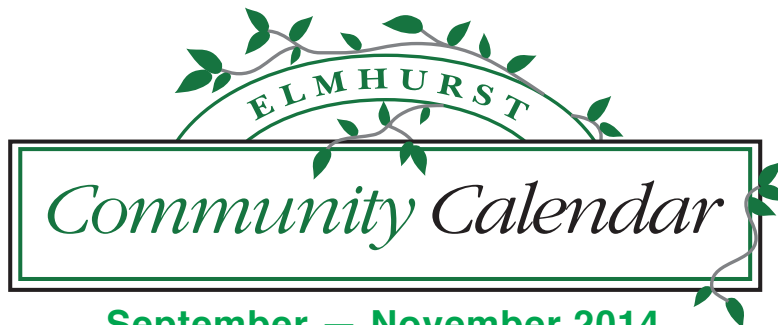
The results of our recently completed Elmhurst Citizen's Survey are posted online at www.elmhurst.org. We had an incredible response rate and results point to high levels of satisfaction in overall City operations. Our Police and Fire Departments are working each day to keep the community safe and are another major contributor to Elmhurst being a great place to live.

I look forward to working together for the future of Elmhurst. I encourage our residents to get involved by asking questions, attending meetings and getting to know your elected officials and city employees.

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

Sincerely,

Steven M. Morley, Mayor



Elmhurst Community Calendar

September — November 2014

ONGOING

September 6 – January 11, 2015

Exhibitions: Richard Koppe

This fall, in cooperation with the University of Illinois at Chicago, Elmhurst Art Museum presents the first museum exhibition of Koppe's inventive work in more than forty years, including more than 70 rarely seen paintings, prints and drawings. Koppe's modernist practice and legacy are of particular interest to EAM as we continue to explore art, architecture and design of the mid-20th century.

Elmhurst Art Museum

September 13 – January 12

In the House: Laura Davis

Continuing EAM's lively exploration and use of the Mies van der Rohe-designed McCormick House (1952), EAM is premiering an ongoing exhibition series called "In the House." On a regular basis, artists, designers and architects will be invited to respond to the modernist structure by producing a site-specific installation in the house that takes into consideration its unique space and history. The first artist invited to participate in EAM's new "In the House" series is Laura Davis, a Chicago-based artist whose sculpture and installations examine the intersection of craft, design and art.

Elmhurst Art Museum

September 15 – October 24

The Hispanic Heritage Exhibition

"Este no es un cuento de hadas/ This is not a fairy tale"

Graphic designer/illustrator, Chema Skandall, and painter/illustrator, Diana Solis, present work that is not only visually appealing but speaks to their interest, involvement and active participation within the contemporary discourse of urban art-making. Solis's acrylic and ink works on paper and Skandall's graphics are inspired by graffiti, retro culture, Mexican and pop surrealism, politics, music and underground art. Reception: Thursday, October 2, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 12 noon-10 p.m., Free
Info: 630-617-6110

Through September 28

Sox vs. Cubs: The Chicago Civil Wars

Major League Baseball in the City of Chicago is divided geographically by only ten miles, but the distance between their fan bases is far greater. In its new summer exhibit, EHM hits it out of the park highlighting the longtime rivalry between the fans of these two storied teams. This cultural history exposé covers all the bases of the crosstown rivalry to examine concepts of loyalty and fandom through videos of each team's colorful supporters; interviews with former players, sports journalists and broadcasters; and fan souvenirs and ephemera. Unlike the actual game of baseball, there are no rain-outs with this exhibit, but catch it while you can!

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Closed Holidays
FREE admission

Info: 630-833-1457, EHM@elmhurst.org

October 9-11, October 16-19

Theatre: She Loves Me

From the team that brought you *Fiddler on the Roof*, Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, comes the wonderfully human and innocently romantic musical "She Loves Me." This play takes place in the 1930s Budapest Parfumerie. Adult pen pals form a loving relationship without knowing that they are also coworkers. Comedy, tragedy, and memorable songs in this lovely heart-warming fable.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

253 Walter Street, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.

Tickets: 630-617-3005

October 18 – 30

Elmhurst College Tenth Annual Alumni Exhibition

This popular exhibition, which opens Homecoming Weekend, features new work in a variety of media by Department of Art alumni. Reception: Saturday, October 18, 5-7 p.m., shared with alumni from the physics department to celebrate the 41st 'birthday' of the Elmhurst College Particle Accelerator.

Barbara A. Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace

200 block of W. Park Ave. FREE

Info: 630-617-6110

October 24 – November 9

Frankenstein

Our fall mainstage production will be a brand new adaptation of Mary Shelley's classic horror novel "Frankenstein." Local playwright and GreenMan Theatre Troupe member Cory Sandrock, who previously adapted and directed GreenMan's production of "Nevermore: The Dark World of Edgar Allan Poe," has crafted a new script for this gothic tale of Dr. Frankenstein and his attempts to create life from death, and the tragic events that follow.

First United Methodist Church

232 South York Road

Tickets: 630-464-2646 or visit

www.greenmantheatre.com

Wednesdays through October 29

Elmhurst Farmers Market

Farm fresh to your table.

On Vallette just east of York

7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Info: www.yorkandvallette.com

October 28 – November 22

Art Exhibit

Chicago artist Steven Carrelli creates meticulously crafted drawings and paintings in which common, often disposable objects share an invented space with a variety of architectural structures and historical artworks. Using a strategy of poetic juxtaposition, he creates unexpected interactions between the monumental and the mass-produced, and explores the relationship between the permanent and the temporary. Artist reception: Tuesday, November 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

FREE

Info: 630-617-6110

November 13-15, November 20-23

Theatre: The Caucasian Chalk Circle

The Caucasus Mountains of Russia serve as a setting for this highly theatrical exploration of morality, ethics and survival, authored by Bertolt Brecht. Written on the heels of World War II, Brecht's epic parable pushes us into the chaos and aftermath of civil war. Amidst the turbulence, a governor's wife abandons her child and a servant cares for it. When peace subsides, a corrupt judge tries to determine which of the women is the true mother. In a contest of might vs. right, who wins?

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

253 Walter Street, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.

Tickets: 630-617-3005

December 1 – 12

Fall Student Art Exhibit

Accomplishments of all students enrolled in fall term art courses are highlighted. The show provides an opportunity to see the full range of media produced by art students.

Elmhurst College Frick Center, FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

December 6 – 13

Fall Capstone Exhibition

Each student works for an entire semester to create a 'body' of work in their area of concentration (i.e., painting, sculpture, digital art, graphic design or photography), a high point for every graduating art major. Reception: Saturday, December 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Barbara A. Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace

200 block of W. Park Ave. FREE

Info: 630-617-3390

Through December 31

Special Exhibit: "Faces of Eternity"

Inspired by the juxtaposition of human mortality and the timelessness of gemstones, Peruvian artist Luis Alberto Quispe Aparicio created 15 skulls, each with a distinctive personality.

Lizzadro Museum

Regular Museum Hours & Admission

SEPTEMBER

Friday, Saturday 5 - 6

Rock the Block Party

First annual Rock the Block Party. York Street will be closed from First to Second and Schiller will be closed from York to Commerce Parkway. Great local food, beer/wine and live music!

Elmhurst City Centre

Friday, Sept. 5, 4 - 10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6, 12 noon - 10 p.m.

Info: www.elmhurstcitycentre.com

Saturday - 6

Grandparent Appreciation Day

Grandparents and grandchildren can make crafts, play games, take pictures in a silly photo booth, and make a video. Light refreshments will be provided. Part of the Senior Series at the Elmhurst Public Library.

Elmhurst Public Library, Large Meeting Room
1-5 p.m. No registration required.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Elmhurst Historical Museum will be closed beginning September 29 to prepare for the new exhibit. Offsite programs will still be available during this time.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday - 6

Touch A Truck

Join us for an exciting morning of getting up close and personal with trucks and working equipment. Fire trucks, tow trucks, bobcats, cement trucks, and maybe even a visit from a helicopter! Berens Park east lot (off Walnut Street) 10 a.m. - 12 noon. All ages \$1 recommended donation per person

Wednesday - 10

AAUW Meeting

The Elmhurst Branch of AAUW will hold its first meeting of the 2014-2015 season. Members and guests are welcome for this dinner and program. Francesca's Amici, 174 N. York Street 6:30 p.m. \$28 Reservations required: Sally Schuster at 630-833-3132

Thursday - 11

The Rudolf G. Schade Lecture Series Why We Don't Win Wars Anymore

For two tumultuous decades, Thomas Ricks covered military conflicts and national security for *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*, in the process winning the Pulitzer Prize. He is the author of "Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq," a finalist for the Pulitzer and a number one *New York Times* best seller. Sponsored in part by BMO Harris Bank. Elmhurst College Frick Center, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix Info: 630-617-3390

Baseball Film Series @ EPL Concludes

"The Stratton Story." Screen this beloved baseball classic with a film historian who will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening. This is the true story of how Chicago White Sox pitcher Monty Stratton (Jimmy Stewart) returns to baseball after a major accident (1949). Not rated. Assistive Listening Devices are available for visitors with hearing loss. Elmhurst Public Library 6:30 p.m. 102 minutes. Drama. FREE Info: Call 630-833-1457 or elmhursthistory.org

Sunday - 14

Lecture: Cubed: The Secret History of the Workplace

About 60 percent of Americans work in cubicles, and 93 percent dislike them. Nikil Saval, a shrewd, perceptive, entertaining and highly informed student of the modern American workplace, supplies the answers. Elmhurst College Frick Center, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix Info: 630-617-3390

Tuesday - 16

Fall Arts Preview

Top arts critics of *The Chicago Tribune* take the stage for a spirited conversation about trends, highlights and controversies of Chicago's fall arts season. Moderated by Arts and Entertainment reporter Nina Metz. Critics: Chris Jones, Greg Kot, Howard Reich, John von Rhein, Laura Molzahn, and Michael Phillips. Sponsored by Nielsen. Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel 7 p.m. Admission: \$20 Tickets: www.tribnation.com/events

Wednesday - 17

Wilder Mansion Culinary Series

Join us at Wilder Mansion for a demo cooking class hosted by Chef Marco from Café Amano. All cooking classes feature appetizer, soup or salad, pasta or salad, entrée, and dessert. Also learn knife skills and helpful kitchen tricks. September 17, 6:30-9 p.m. - Italian Wine Country Fare. Ages 18 & up \$70 resident/\$80NR wine package; \$55 resident/\$65 non-resident soft drink package

Thursday - 18

Lecture: The Grace in Dying

A psychologist, Dr. Kathleen Dowling Singh, works with dying patients at a major hospice in Florida. Her landmark book "The Grace in Dying" is a moving illumination of the spiritual dimensions of life's final transition. Her message is one of hope, comfort and spiritual transformation. Elmhurst College Frick Center, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix Info: 630-617-3390

Friday - 19

Sox vs. Cubs Gallery Talk

Catch it while you can! Join exhibit author Richard Rothschild and learn more about the history of the rivalry in the Sox vs. Cubs exhibit before it closes on September 28. Elmhurst Historical Museum, 4 p.m. FREE

2014 York Community High School Homecoming

The York Dukes will meet the Willowbrook Warriors on the gridiron. York High School Clarence D. East Field Varsity game begins at 7:30 p.m. Info: www.elmhurst205.org/alumni.

Saturday - 20

"Rock & Mineral Identification"

An introduction to rocks and minerals. Learn hands-on identification, including hardness tests. Great for teachers and rockhounds, this program qualifies for Scout merit badges. All materials are provided. Scout groups require adult supervision. Lizzadro Museum, 10:30 a.m. Class - Ages 8 yrs. to Adult - 75 minutes Cost: \$5 per person Reservations Required: 630-833-1616

Spring Road Day

Music, moon jump, petting zoo, food and fun! Gazebo at Spring Road, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Kelly Miller Circus

The Elmhurst District 205 Foundation, with major sponsorship from the Elmhurst Jaycees, presents The Kelly Miller Circus, an old-fashioned traveling circus under the big top. Rain or shine. Sandburg Middle School grounds 345 E. St. Charles Rd. Show times 2 and 5 p.m. Discounted advance ticket prices: Adults \$16, Children (2-11) \$10, Ringside Box Seats \$25. Discounted group rates for 12 children or more. Info and tickets: www.elmhurst205.org/foundation or call 630-617-2376.

Monday - 22

The Sandwich Generation: Planning for Eldercare and Retirement

What happens when your parents begin to decline and need more care than you are capable of providing? Learn what options are available at this program presented by the Senior Resource Alliance of Chicagoland, a panel of experts in the areas of finance, estate planning, housing and health care. Part of the Senior Series at the Elmhurst Public Library. Elmhurst Public Library Large Meeting Room, 7 p.m.

Thursday - 25

Teacher Night Out

All teachers and staff are invited to bring their school IDs to various Spring Road businesses for fun, discounts and raffles in appreciation of what you do. Spring Road Business District

Thursday - 25

Lecture - Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity

"Parenting is no sport for perfectionists," Andrew Solomon writes in "Far From the Tree," his book about what it really means to be a parent. A lecturer in psychiatry at Cornell and the winner of a National Book Award, Solomon spent 10 years interviewing more than 300 families. Elmhurst College Frick Center, 7 p.m. Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix Info: 630-617-3390

Saturday - 27

Churchville Schoolhouse Open House

Celebrate our area's longtime commitment to education at the Churchville Schoolhouse Open House. Conrad Fischer Singers will perform numbers from yesteryear, and folk singer Bucky Halker will share classic Illinois folk songs. Old-fashioned games, vintage crafts, and a story time as well. Rain or shine. Churchville Schoolhouse, 3N784 Church Road, Bensenville, 11a.m. - 3 p.m. FREE 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.: Conrad Fischer Singers 12:15 & 1:45 p.m.: Folk Singer Bucky Halker

Sunday - 28

The Smithsonian Gem Collection

In closing the popular exhibit on "Modern Designer Jewelry from the Smithsonian," Dr. Jeffrey Post, geologist and curator of gems and minerals at the National Museum of Natural History, presents the most important and awe-inspiring gems in the Smithsonian collection. Learn about the legends and lore behind famous gems and mineral species. Lizzadro Museum, 2 p.m. Youth to Adult - 60 mins. Cost: \$15 per person, Museum members \$10 Reservations Recommended: 630-833-1616

Monday - 29

Elmhurst Choral Union Auditions

Challenge your vocal and musical skills while performing with professional orchestra and soloists. Membership open to high school age and up who have previous choral experience or can read music. To reserve an evening audition, contact ECU at 630-758-1100 or elmhurstchoralunion.org.

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Wednesday - 1

The Rights of Immigrants and the Duties of Nations - The César Chávez Intercultural Lecture

Eduardo Mendieta is chair of the philosophy department at Stony Brook University. He is the author of "The Adventures of Transcendental Philosophy," and the co-editor of "Pragmatism, Nation, and Race: Community in the Age of Empire and The Power of Religion in the Public Sphere." Elmhurst College Frick Center, 4 p.m. Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix Info: 630-617-3390

Thursday - 2

The Rudolf G. Schade Lecture Series Green Capitalism

An activist and attorney specializing in environmental law, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was named one of *Time* magazine's "Heroes for the Planet" for helping lead the fight to restore the Hudson River. A professor of environmental law at Pace University, Kennedy is the author of "Crimes Against Nature" and other books. Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel, 7 p.m. Admission: \$20 Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix Info: 630-617-3390

Saturday - 4

Community Conversations: The Reality of the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act

What will the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act provide and not provide for YOU? Come and learn the reality of important mandated health coverage updates and changes that are impacting health care services. Presented by E. Byron Spencer, CEO Norman-Spencer International, Inc. Elmhurst City Hall, 209 N. York St., 10 a.m. Reservations: 630-306-7077

OCTOBER

Tuesday – 7

Panel Discussion – Human Trafficking: Here and Now

Over the past year, about 25,000 girls and women in the Chicago area were recruited for or coerced into the commercial sex industry—and the number of such victims is steadily increasing. How has human trafficking become such a big business here? And what can be done to stem the tide of sexual exploitation? A panel of top law enforcement officials and representatives of social service agencies will examine this most vexing local issue.

Elmhurst College Frick Center, 7 p.m.

Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Info: 630-617-3390

Friday, Saturday 10 – 11

Spooky Stories of the Season

GreenMan's season begins with our annual presentation of "Spooky Stories of the Season," directed by Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff. Participants from our storytelling class are selected to perform a unique collection of chilling tales and songs. This production is geared toward adult audiences and is also suitable for older children. A great fall outing for scout and youth groups, as well. Come enjoy our time-honored tradition of storytelling this Halloween season!

First United Methodist Church

232 South York Road

Tickets: 630-464-2646 or visit

www.greenmantheatre.com

Friday - 10

Tour of Richard Koppe by Chief Curator Staci Boris

Join Staci Boris, curator of the Richard Koppe exhibition, to learn more about this important artist's life and the different phases of his artistic development.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 12 noon

Saturday - 11

Safety Town Safe Trick-or-Treating

(At Annual York/Vallette Business Association Family Fall Fest)

Head over to Safety Town for some early Halloween fun and safe trick-or-treating through our kid-sized village. Kids can trick-or-treat at each "house" in Safety Town. Come dressed in your Halloween costume, and bring a goody bag. We will also have face painting for part of the morning. All Ages.

The Depot/Safety Town

10 a.m.-1 p.m., FREE!

Elmhurst Fall Fest

Petting zoo, pony rides, moon jumps, train rides, face painting, pumpkins, food and more. Sponsored by York & Vallette Business Association.

Adjacent to the Prairie Path east of York Road

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Info: 630-222-6581

Saturday, October 11

Saturday, November 8

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, pop, DJ, dodgeball and more. Waiver must be signed by parent for each participant. Ages 9-11 (Grades 4-6).

Wagner Community Center Gymnastics Center

7-10 p.m. Pre-registration required

\$12 resident/\$15 non-resident

Tuesday - 14

An Afternoon at the Pictures

Join us for a special screening of the classic musical "Singin' in the Rain." Popcorn will be served! Part of the Senior Series at the Elmhurst Public Library.

Elmhurst Public Library, Large Meeting Room

3 p.m.

Thursday – 16

Lecture — Small Screen, Big Mirror:

Television Reflections in the New Millennium

Alessandra Stanley is the chief television critic for *The New York Times*. A former Rome and Moscow bureau chief, Stanley taught a course at Princeton University entitled "Investigative Viewing: The Art of Television Criticism," which she called an "intensive introduction to criticism as it is undertaken at the highest level of a cultural institution."

Elmhurst College Frick Center, 7 p.m.

Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Info: 630-617-3390

Friday - 17

Sweetest Day Sips & Sweets

Bring your sweetie to the Wilder Mansion for a night of sweets, drinks, dancing, and fun! Indulge your senses with tantalizing sweets from the award-winning My Chef Catering; dance the night away with our rockin' DJ; and sneak away for a stolen kiss in our photo booth. Price includes open bar. Kick off Sweetest Day weekend the right way!

Wilder Mansion, 8-11 p.m.

\$50 resident/\$60 non-resident

Saturday - 18

Rock & Mineral Identification

Geologist Sara Kurth presents an introduction to rocks and minerals with hands-on identification, including hardness tests. Great for teachers and rockhounds, this program qualifies for Scout merit badges. All materials are provided. Scout groups require adult supervision.

Lizzadro Museum, 10:30 a.m.

Class – Ages 8 yrs. to Adult - 75 minutes

Cost: \$5 per person

Reservations Required: 630-833-1616

"Knot Those Pearls"

Pat Koko of the West Suburban Lapidary Club teaches knotting techniques used in necklaces & bracelets. Instruction includes discussion of beading techniques, use of tools, beads, clasp and string. All materials included. Complete a single strand faux pearl bracelet to take home. Ages 15 yrs. to adult.

Lizzadro Museum, 1 to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Museum members \$25.00

Reservations Required: 630-833-1616

Saturday - 18

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

The ESO opens its 54th season, "Music of the Soul," with Overture Jubilante, composed by Ronald LoPresti for the ESO 30 years ago. This Concerto Night Gala! features three outstanding young soloists, Lucie Ticho, Serena Harnack, and Daniel Kaler, Stanger Young Artist Competition winners, each playing a concerto movement with the symphony. Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra rounds out the program.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

7 p.m.

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

Friday - 24

Artist Talk: Laura Davis

Meet *In the House* artist Laura Davis and hear her take on modern design and architecture and how her sculptural assemblages and placement of vintage objects respond to the house designed by Mies.

Elmhurst Art Museum

6:30 p.m.

Saturday - 25

Booiful Saturday

Come to the heart of downtown Elmhurst for a free Halloween movie at the York Theatre and trick-or-treating for kids aged 12 and under throughout City Centre. Free family fun!

Elmhurst City Centre

Info: www.elmhurstcitycentre.com

Saturday - 25

Storytime and Art!

Come as a family to enjoy stories and a craft. Librarians from Elmhurst Public Library will share fun tales, music and action rhymes to help celebrate EAM's new exhibitions. Ages 3-6 With Adult

Elmhurst Art Museum

10:45 a.m.

Sunday - 26

"Earth's Early Fossils – Nature's Experiments"

The earliest soft-bodied animals of Earth evolved in the pre-Cambrian Era during the Ediacaran Period when the entire planet was largely frozen over. The worm-like animals, fronds, disks, and other oddities bear little resemblance to modern animals. Biologist, Donald Baumgartner, presents this amazing part of the Earth's history. A variety of Ediacaran fossils will be available for viewing and for sale.

Lizzadro Museum, 2 p.m.

Sunday Lecture: Youth to Adult – 60 minutes

Regular Museum Admission

Reservations Recommended: 630-833-1616

Fall Band Concert

Elmhurst College Wind Ensemble, Judy Grimes conductor, and Symphonic Band, Ross Kellan, conductor.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

3 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3515

Thursday – 30

The Abraham Joshua Heschel Lecture

An expert on modern Israel, Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie has written widely on issues of peace and security in Israel. He also is a pioneer in interfaith relations who has addressed both the churchwide assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the convention of the Islamic Society of North America.

Elmhurst College Frick Center, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$10: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Info: 630-617-3390

Friday – 31

Jazz at the Mill

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

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre, 253 Walter St.

7:30 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3515

NOVEMBER

Saturday - 1

Spirito! Autumn Voices Gala

Please join us for dinner, open bar and unique auctions. There will be a special performance by all three Spirito! Singers ensembles. Meet our Service Award winners, Elmhurst residents Joe and Susan O'Neil, who have worked extremely hard for A New Day In Cambodia.

Drury Lane, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace

6 - 12 p.m.

Info: www.spiritosingers.org

or call 630-581-5440.

Sunday - 2

"Modern Gem Carving with Luis Alberto"

Lapidary artist Luis Alberto Quispe Aparicio will demonstrate his process and technique for carving gemstones. His lecture will include the inspiration for creating a series of carved objects, including the "Faces of Eternity" collection of skulls. Learn about his collaborative effort with his sister, a jewelry designer and metalsmith, and the survival of their family-run lapidary business.

Lizzadro Museum, Demonstrations: 1 & 3 p.m.

Lecture: 2 p.m. Youth to adult.

Cost: \$10 per person, Museum members free

Reservations recommended

NOVEMBER

Thursday - 6

District 205 Inducts "Dukes of Distinction"

The York Distinguished Alumni Program (YDAP) will honor its second round of graduates who have distinguished themselves through significant and extraordinary accomplishments, service and/or outstanding contributions to society.

York High School Commons, 355 W. St. Charles
Info: www.elmhurst205.org/alumni or
call 630-941-4719

Friday, Saturday 7 - 8

Fourth Annual Wilder Mansion Holiday Market

Enjoy one-of-a-kind arts, crafts, jewelry, handbags, children's clothing, gourmet food and unique holiday gifts from over 50 artisans and culinary food vendors. Presented by Edward Jones.

Wilder Mansion, November 7, 4-9 p.m., Free
November 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission
Contact Roz Long at roz@rglmarketingforhearts.com or 630-712-6541

Friday - Sunday 7 - 9

Elmhurst Children's Theatre: "Honk!"

Elmhurst Children's Theatre proudly announces "Honk!" as its fall show. This delightful adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's story of "The Ugly Duckling" promises a quackingly good time. Audition details will be posted soon.

Sandburg Middle School, 345 E. St. Charles Rd.
Nov. 7, 7 p.m.; Nov. 8, 2 & 7 p.m.; Nov. 9, 2 p.m.
Info: www.elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com

Saturday - 8

Mid-Century Modern Roadshow

Bring your collectible mid-century objects and art to EAM's Mid-Century Modern Roadshow to learn more about your modern treasures and what they may be worth! First enjoy an overview of twentieth century design by Richard Wright, President and Founder of Wright Auction, Chicago. Then share your items with specialists in the field of modern design and decorative arts, including David Carter from Pegboard Modern, Don Schmaltz and Jared Peterson from Circa Modern, and Susan Klein Bagdade, director of Richard Norton Gallery and an expert in modern art and costume jewelry.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 1 - 4 p.m.
Free with Museum Admission

Planning for the Future

Carol Raso, Community Resource Coordinator for Elderworks, shares information for seniors and their family, including housing, in-home care, financial help and other resources that can be used by seniors and their families to help plan for the future at little or no cost. Sponsored by the Senior Citizens Commission and the City Of Elmhurst.

Elmhurst City Hall, 209 N. York St., 10 a.m.
Reservations: 630-306-7077

Sunday-9

Philharmonic Orchestra Concert

Joanne May, conductor.
Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
3 p.m. FREE
Info: 630-617-3515

Lecture: Heroic Conservatism

Michael Gerson writes a nationally syndicated column for *The Washington Post*, and is a senior advisor at ONE, a bipartisan organization dedicated to the fight against extreme poverty and preventable diseases. He served as a top aide to President George W. Bush.

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

Monday -10

Veteran's Day Band Concert

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

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

Wednesday - 12

Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows

The Elmhurst Branch of AAUW and the Elmhurst Public Library cosponsor this program about Vivian Maier, a North Shore nanny and an amateur street photographer who took more than 1,000,000 photos during her life. Join dramatic book reviewer Jenny Riddle as she brings to life Vivian's fascinating story.

Elmhurst Public Library, 7 p.m.

Thursday - 13

The Cardinal Bernardin Lecture

"Against the Tide: The Radical Leadership of Pope Francis" is the title of this lecture. John Allen is the senior Vatican analyst for CNN and *The Boston Globe*, the former Vatican correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter*, and a journalist other reporters look to for the inside story on the largest religious communion.

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

Friday - 14

A Playful Abstraction: The Mid-Century Art of Richard Koppe, Harry Bertoia, Alexander Calder

Lynne Warren, who curated the MCA's acclaimed exhibition "Alexander Calder and Contemporary Art: Form, Balance, Joy," explores the sense of playfulness and joy found in the works of three artists whose paintings and sculptures embody mid-twentieth century American modernism.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday - 15

"Rock & Mineral Identification"

An introduction to rocks and minerals. Learn hands-on identification, including hardness tests. Great for teachers and rockhounds, this program qualifies for Scout merit badges. All materials are provided. Scout groups require adult supervision. Ages 8 yrs. to Adult.

Lizzadro Museum, 10:30 a.m. 75 minutes
Cost: \$5 per person
Reservations Required: 630-833-1616

Sunday - 16

Fall Choral Concert

The Elmhurst College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, directed by Susan Moninger, and the Women's Chorus, directed by Donna Tallman.

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

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

Classical Perfection features Brahms' treatment of St. Anthony Chorale and acclaimed pianist Alan Chow's performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor, a work of great poetic depth offering not only pianistic brilliance but also lovely woodwind solos. The afternoon concludes with Borodin's Symphony No. 2—a standard of the Russian symphonic repertoire and a favorite of concertgoers.

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

Tuesday - 18

Craft Day: Holiday Cardmaking

This holiday season, wow your friends and family by creating your own uniquely styled holiday cards. Materials will be provided. Part of the Senior Series at the Elmhurst Public Library.

Elmhurst Public Library, Large Meeting Room
3 p.m.

Thursday - 20

Elmhurst Symphony Musicians at Mayslake

In Beautiful Bach, ESO Principal Cellist Sara Sitzer with Music Director Stephen Alltop perform the Three Sonatas for Viola da Gamba and Harpsichord by Johann Sebastian Bach. These sonatas blend movements of great poignancy with some of the most virtuosic music ever written

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

for this combination of instruments. Audience members will have an opportunity to see artwork painted on the harpsichord's soundboard and learn just how a harpsichord works.

Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 31st St., Oak Brook
7:30 p.m.

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

Saturday - 22

"Lapidary Day"

See demonstrations by artists from the West Suburban Lapidary Club, including beading, silversmithing, cabochon-cutting, wire wrapping and faceting. Free hands-on activities and jewelry cleaning. All ages.

Lizzadro Museum, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Free

Friday - 28

Tree Lighting

Bring your family and friends to help Santa light the Christmas Tree with hot chocolate and cookies.

Spring Road and the Prairie Path
6 - 7 p.m.

Saturday - 29

Holiday Tree Lighting

Please join us in City Centre to kick off the holiday season in style! Free family fun! Music, kiddie train rides, goodies too. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive in style on one of Elmhurst's finest firetrucks to help light up the City's tree.

Elmhurst Police Plaza
Info: www.elmhurstcitycentre.com



Honoring Our Veterans

Residents and friends are invited to honor current and past members of our armed forces at a special ceremony on Veterans Day – Tuesday, November 11. The ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park at 10:30 a.m.

Senior Chore Days

Volunteers are needed to help elderly residents with raking leaves, bundling branches, and cleaning up their yards before winter arrives. Senior Chore Days, sponsored by the DuPage Senior Citizens Council, will be held on the first three weekends in November. Qualified seniors and potential volunteers are encouraged to call the Council at (630) 620-0804.

Refuse/Recycling Collection Reminders

Residents are reminded of Municipal Code regulations regarding refuse/recycling collection.

- Don't place refuse and recycling on the parkway more than 24 hours before your collection day.
- Remove containers from the parkway within 12 hours after your pickup day.
- Place refuse and recycling in containers in such a way that the contents can't be scattered by animals or blown about.
- Never place electronics of any kind on the parkway for collection. Recycling bins must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day to ensure they will be picked up.



No Parking Vehicles across Sidewalks

Residents are reminded that Elmhurst Municipal Code prohibits the parking of vehicles across sidewalks.

Holiday Reminders

City Hall will close to observe Labor Day on Monday, September 1. The City Council meeting will be held the following evening. Refuse collection for all residents will be delayed by one day during the Labor Day week.

Trick or Treat Hours

Young princesses, super-heroes, and villains will be trick or treating between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. (official hours in Elmhurst) on Halloween, which falls on Friday, October 31. Young children should always be accompanied by an adult. Older kids should be cautioned to approach only well-lit homes, never enter a home to receive a treat, avoid dark or deserted-looking areas, and be aware of vehicular traffic. Treats should be inspected at home where fruit can be washed and cut up. Happy Halloween!



Police to Host Explorer Open House

An open house will be held at the Elmhurst Police Station on Monday, October 6, at 7 p.m., to welcome new members to the youth Police Explorer Program. The program is open to young people between the ages of 14 and 21 who want to learn more about criminal justice and law enforcement. All interested young people are welcome to attend.

"No Wake" on Flooded Streets

Following heavy rainfall events that cause flooding, residents are asked to help prevent and/or reduce additional damage by not driving on flooded streets. Vehicles create waves that push water onto areas that might otherwise have stayed dry.

Sanitary System Improvements

In July 2010, a major summer storm passed through the City causing major flooding and sanitary backups into basements. Particularly hard hit was the southwest portion of the City tributary to the Saylor and Jackson Sanitary Lift Station. In response, a Comprehensive Flooding Plan was completed to evaluate both the City's storm and sanitary systems. The sanitary system evaluation was completed by RJN Group, Inc.

Improvements to the Saylor and Jackson Lift Station were among their recommendations. These improvements are known as the Southwest Elmhurst Wet Weather Control Facility (WWCF), recommended for implementation by the Sanitary Task Force comprised of City residents, which the City set up in response to the July 2010 event.

The design was completed earlier this year, and Phase 1 — the Saylor Avenue Dry Weather forcemain — was completed recently. Construction is now in progress on the next phase and will include the following:

Jackson Street Sewer and Wet Weather Forcemain

This project will increase the diameter of the Jackson Street sanitary sewer from 18" to 24" to help convey more flow to the Saylor and Jackson Lift Station. This forcemain, which is almost entirely underground, will activate during major storm events to convey sanitary sewer water quickly to the treatment plant.

Lift Station and Storage Tank

There will be significant improvements to the Saylor and Jackson Lift Station, including a new wet well, new dry and wet weather pumps, new piping, new electrical system and new controls. The two-million-gallon storage tank built south of the main treatment plant along Salt Creek will store excess water during severe storm events.

Protecting our Children

As we head into fall, the safety of Elmhurst children on their way to school should be a top priority for every motorist using city streets near our schools. Children who do not ride a bus are encouraged to walk or bike in groups, or with parents, to alleviate congestion around schools. Parents who drive their children are encouraged to be patient and follow established school pick-up and drop-off plans. Please respect crossing guards, parent volunteers, and student patrols, and set a good example for your children.



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City Hall Hours

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

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

Administration630-530-3010
Community Development630-530-3030
Police (non-emergency)630-530-3050
Fire (non-emergency)630-530-3090
Elmhurst Historical Museum630-833-1457
Elmhurst Public Library630-279-8696
Request for Public Records - foia@elmhurst.org
EMERGENCY 9-1-1

Aldermen

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

Elmhurst Establishes Prescription Medication Drop Box

To provide citizens with an easy, secure and safe way to dispose of prescription drugs, the City of Elmhurst has established a prescription pill and medication drop box. The permanent drop box will be housed in the lobby of the Elmhurst Police Department, 125 E. First Street.



This new service will help keep unwanted, expired or unused medications out of the hands of individuals who might otherwise abuse them. Many abusers, a high percentage of which are teens, report having obtained their controlled substances from the homes of family and friends.

The following items are acceptable for disposal: prescription and over-the-counter medications, pet medications, samples, vitamins, liquids and creams. Unacceptable items include needles, IV bags, biohazardous waste, thermometers and hydrogen peroxide.

If at all possible, medications should be left in their original containers. Place any loose medications into sealed plastic bags. Ensure any liquid medication is enclosed in secure containers and placed in a plastic bag prior to deposit. Place in the collection box located inside the lobby of the Elmhurst Police Station (125 E. First St.) available 24/7.

An added benefit of this service is the removal of these substances from the water supply. When improperly disposed of in the toilet or other outlets, synthetic chemicals can bypass the normal water-treatment process and leak into our environment and ground water supplies.

New Single Family Home Stormwater Management Policy

The City Council recently approved an amendment to the Elmhurst Municipal Code regarding stormwater management for new single family homes. The new policy's goal is to lessen or avoid personal hazards and property damage resulting from flooding by providing storage volume to offset the increase in stormwater runoff volume that may result from a redeveloped property. The following requirements have been added to Chapter 14 of the Elmhurst Municipal Code.

— Each new home development must provide stormwater storage that promotes stormwater infiltration into the ground and volumetric storage of additional runoff. This may be accomplished by way of a permeable paver driveway or patio, a dry well, a detention area or rain garden, or an underground concrete vault. The stormwater storage system must be designed by a licensed civil engineer and shown on the site plan submitted to the city. The stormwater storage system must be designed to a maximum of 60 percent allowable impervious lot coverage of the residential property.

— Sump pumps and downspouts cannot be directly connected to the storm sewer system.

It is anticipated that these revisions will improve the performance of the city's stormwater collection system.



Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst • Free

Phone: 630-833-1457 • www.elmhursthistory.org • EHM@elmhurst.org

Issue 3

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

Closed Mondays & Holidays

Coming Soon to the Elmhurst Historical Museum:

New Elmhurst History Exhibit — By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst



Photograph, York Street, c. 1930 M2010.1.67

Discover EHM's new, permanent exhibit that focuses on the many voices that have come together for more than 160 years to make Elmhurst what it is today. This state-of-the-art educational experience allows visitors to connect to the community's past, present and future, in a new and exciting way. Interact with multimedia displays powered by the latest technology. Hear from local community members as they share their firsthand accounts and personal perspectives about what makes Elmhurst the diverse community it is today. Enjoy a thoughtful collection of artifacts set in modern displays with updated graphics. While an enlightening experience for visitors of any age, a special effort has been made to spark the interest and curiosity of school children and teens.

Celebrate the grand opening of the new exhibit by attending one of the many planned events. Check our website for the latest details at www.elmhursthistory.org.

Visionary Voices

The Next Chapter in Elmhurst History

By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst exhibit was made possible by the generous support of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation's Visionary Voices campaign. Be a part of it — our town, our history, our heritage. Become a member and enjoy the many great benefits. To donate, visit www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org or call 630-833-1457.

Catch It While You Can!

Sox vs. Cubs: The Chicago Civil Wars

Closes September 28, 2014



Major League Baseball in the City of Chicago is divided geographically by only ten miles, but the distance between fan bases is far greater. In its summer exhibit, EHM hits it out of the park highlighting the longtime rivalry between the fans of these two storied teams. This cultural history exposé covers all the bases of the crosstown rivalry to examine concepts of loyalty and fandom through videos of each team's colorful supporters; interviews with former players, sports journalists and broadcasters; and fan souvenirs and ephemera. Unlike the actual game of baseball, there are no rain-outs with this exhibit.

Special Note: The Museum galleries will be closed beginning September 29 to prepare for the new exhibit. Offsite programs and reference services will be available during this time.

Family Event: Churchville Schoolhouse Open House

Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. FREE

**Location: Churchville Schoolhouse, 3N784 Church Road,
Bensenville (North of Grand Avenue)**

Go back to school with EHM! Celebrate our area's longtime commitment to education at the Churchville Schoolhouse Open House. The Schoolhouse, built c. 1846, will be open to the public. Conrad Fischer Singers will perform numbers from yesteryear and folk singer Bucky Halker will share classic Illinois folk songs. Old-fashioned games, vintage crafts, and a story time are sure to engage the young and young at heart. Lemonade and light refreshments are provided. Rain or shine.

General Election and Voter Information

A General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 4. Poll hours are from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. For information on your polling place or other voting/election topics, including a sample ballot, visit www.dupageco.org/election or call the DuPage Election Commission at (630) 407-5600.

Early Voting

Early voting at Elmhurst City Hall will take place from Monday, October 20, through Saturday, November 1. To participate in early voting, you must be a registered DuPage County voter, and show a government-issued photo identification. Hours for the Elmhurst Early Voting site will be 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturdays. For additional locations and extended hours for Early Voting, visit www.dupageco.org/election or call the DuPage Election Commission at (630) 407-5600.

Voter Registration

DuPage County residents can register to vote at the City Clerk's office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at least 28 days prior to the next election. When registering, be sure to bring two forms of identification with you, one of which must have your correct address on it. To register, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age on or before Election Day (17 years of age prior to a Primary Election), live in your election precinct at least 30 days prior to the next election, not be convicted or in jail, and not claim the right to vote anywhere else. Individuals who are unable to register or change their address prior to the traditional 28-day deadline may do so in person at the DuPage Election Commission office at 421 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton during the grace period.

Free Curbside Leaf Collection

It happens every year – Mother Nature provides a spectacular display of fall colors that turns into huge piles of leaves. Free leaf collection to residents who live within city limits will take place on November 5, 6 and 7, and again on December 3, 4 and 5, on your regular collection day. Leaves must be kept separated from other yard waste and placed at the curb in clearly marked cans, cardboard boxes, or Kraft paper bags. Cans and boxes will be left on the parkway following collection.



Although leaves may be placed in marked cans, please be aware that a combination of precipitation and low temperatures may cause the contents to freeze. Frozen cans cannot be emptied by our service provider.



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