

ELMHURST

# The Front Porch

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

December 2014

## Elmhurst Named Top 10 U.S. Town for Families

Elmhurst residents have been saying it for years, and now *Family Circle* magazine is helping spread the word. The August 2014 issue named Elmhurst as one of the Ten Best U.S. Towns for Families.

"It's an honor for Elmhurst to be recognized as a terrific place to live," Mayor Steve Morley said. "Our City provides superior services, great schools and a robust business climate."

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*Family Circle* worked with Onboard Informatics, a New York City research firm, to compile a list of 4,200 cities with populations between 10,000 and 150,000, and then culled those with a high concentration of households with median incomes between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

The magazine then measured the towns against family-friendly criteria: affordable homes, quality schools, access to health care, green space, low crime rate and financial stability.

## Elmhurst Announces New Public Works Director

The City of Elmhurst welcomes Howard Killian as its new Director of Public Works. Mr. Killian brings to the job 27 years of experience in the public sector, including the municipalities of Hanover Park, Des Plaines, Prospect Heights, Lincolnshire, and Arlington Heights. For his work he has received two Governor's Hometown Awards and the Young Leader of the Year Award from the American Public Works Association (Chicago Chapter) in 1999.

"Howard has the background and experience to manage high-profile public projects," said City Manager James Grabowski. "This was a thorough recruitment process, and his expertise rose to the top. His hiring will be key to executing a number of upcoming capital projects."

As Elmhurst's Director of Public Works, Killian oversees engineering, water and sewer operations, city street maintenance, forestry and grounds, electrical and building maintenance, and the Central Garage. He leads a department of 89 full-time employees with an operating budget of \$55.6 million.

Killian holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois; he earned his Master of Public Administration degree from Roosevelt University in 2004 and is a registered professional engineer in Illinois. Killian succeeds interim Public Works Director Steve Weinstock.

## Ring in the Holiday Season

Best wishes for a happy holiday season from the Elmhurst City Council and staff! Come ring in the season at the annual lighting of the City Centre Christmas tree on Saturday, November 29, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Taking place on the plaza adjacent to the Elmhurst Police Station, the festivities will include holiday music, caroling, and the arrival, at 6:00 p.m., of a jolly old man dressed in red to delight the young and young at heart.





Noel Talluto

## Talluto Appointed Fourth Ward Alderman

Elmhurst Mayor Steve Morley has appointed Noel Talluto as the replacement for former Fourth Ward Alderman Stephen Hipskind, who resigned in September after 10 years of service. City

Council approved Talluto's appointment at their regular meeting on Nov. 3rd and she was subsequently sworn in. Talluto will serve out the remainder of Hipskind's term as interim Fourth Ward Alderman through the Consolidated Election in April 2015.

Talluto has been active in the community during her four years as a resident, serving on the Board for the League of Women Voters and as a volunteer and den leader through Immaculate Conception School and Parish.

## December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Month

Holiday celebrations should never end in tragedy but, sadly, the December holidays are traditionally one of the deadliest times on our nation's roads and highways. If your holiday celebrations include alcohol, make sure to plan ahead for a safe way home with a non-drinking driver, and encourage family and friends to do the same. If you have to take away a friend's keys to keep him or her from driving impaired, just remember you may be saving that person's life. If you are hosting a party, make sure to serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages, and make sure all your guests leave with a sober driver. Never serve alcohol to guests under the age of 21.

In an effort to reduce the incidence of drunk or drugged driving this holiday season, the Elmhurst Police Department will ramp up enforcement of DUI laws. Remember now and throughout the year to always buckle up, and if you've had a few too many drinks, hand your keys over to a designated non-drinking driver or call a cab.

## City, Elmhurst College Partner to Offer Business Scholarships

The City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst College's corporate training division, Elmhurst Partners, will award free course scholarships to local business professionals interested in developing their skills at Elmhurst Partners' Small Business Institute.

Elmhurst Partners advances Elmhurst College's commitment to adult education and lifelong learning by providing opportunities through the Small Business Institute for business owners and professionals to develop and expand their skills.

At the September 18 City Council meeting, Elmhurst Mayor Steve Morley announced the establishment of a City of Elmhurst Small Business Institute Scholarship in the amount of \$400. The City will award this scholarship once an academic term (fall, spring, summer)

to one local business, which can apply it toward any of the programs the Small Business Institute is offering.

"This is a great opportunity for the City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst College to work together in providing support to the local business community," said Morley. "When our local businesses prosper, Elmhurst prospers."

To apply for the city scholarship, please send or email a letter to Dan Leahy (dan.leahy@elmhurst.org), Communications Manager, City of Elmhurst, 209 N. York St., Elmhurst, IL, 60126. Provide your business name and information, along with the course you're interested in taking, and what you hope to learn. For full details on each series and the courses offered, or to learn more about Elmhurst Partners, visit [www.elmhurst.edu/ep](http://www.elmhurst.edu/ep) or contact Tracy Tomasetti at (630) 617-5997 or [tracy.tomasetti@elmhurst.edu](mailto:tracy.tomasetti@elmhurst.edu).

## New Business Spotlight

Atkinson-O'Rourke Gallery, 116 S. York, *Art Gallery & Accessories*

Chemstation Chicago, 934 N. Oaklawn, *Chemical Manufacturing*

Hilti, Inc., 135 W. Diversey, *Construction Tools*

Krave Restaurant, 601 W. St. Charles, *Restaurant*

Mattress Firm, 301 S. Rt. 83, *Mattresses*

Meters & Controls, Inc., 499 W. Wrightwood, *Office*

Mimmo's Pizzeria, 162 S. York, *Pizza*

Modern Luxe Beauty Bar, 555 S. Spring, *Salon*

Revolution Guitar Co., 101 N. Addison, *Guitar Sales, Repair and Instruction*

The Beauty Lounge, 116 S. York, *Salon*

TW Group, Inc., 126 S. York, *Insurance Agent*

## Christmas Trees and Fire Safety



Although Christmas tree fires are not common, they are likely to be serious or even deadly when they do occur. A burning tree can quickly fill a room with fire and deadly gases. If you plan to decorate with a real tree, make sure it is fresh when you buy it. The trunk should feel slightly sticky to the touch, and the needles should be green and not fall

off when touched. Following are some other recommendations:

- Before setting up the tree, cut an inch or two from the base of the trunk
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet from any heat source
- Place it in a stand that holds an adequate amount of water and add water every day
- Use lights approved by an independent testing laboratory and replace any strings with worn or broken cords, or loose bulb connections
- Never use lighted candles on or near the tree
- Turn off tree lights before leaving home or going to bed
- Get rid of the tree as soon as it begins dropping needles.
- Check out the eye-opening video demonstrating the flammability of a dry tree versus a well-watered tree at [www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/holidays/christmas-tree-fires](http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/holidays/christmas-tree-fires).

## Premise Alert and Smart 911

Two free programs available to Elmhurst residents provide potentially life-saving information to emergency personnel when DuComm receives a 911 call. By comparing the two, you can decide if one would be beneficial to your household.

**Premise Alert** gives residents a way to alert first responders to their own or a family member's special needs, medical conditions, health challenges, or physical or mental disabilities. Having this information in advance enables emergency personnel to respond more appropriately during a crisis. Information provided is entered into the DuComm database and remains confidential. The Premise Alert Program application and other forms can be found under "E-Services" at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org). Copies are also available at the administration office on the second floor at City Hall.

**Smart 911** enables residents to build an online safety profile for their home or cell phones. Vital personal and medical information is then available to emergency responders when a call is placed to 911 from anywhere in the country where Smart 911 is in use. Information may include children's photos, home addresses of mobile phone callers, medical conditions, disabilities, and other information. Smart 911 delivers this information to the dispatcher's work station automatically when a 911 call is received.

The information provided is completely confidential and is used only if a participant calls 911. You can register for this free service at [www.Smart911.com](http://www.Smart911.com).

## City of Elmhurst Applies for Disaster Relief Funding

The City of Elmhurst has submitted a request for disaster relief funds to DuPage County for inclusion in the County's Disaster Recovery Action Plan for five proposed public stormwater improvement projects.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced in June 2014 that DuPage County will receive an additional \$18.9 million in disaster relief funds related to the flood event that occurred in April 2013. This funding is in addition to the \$7 million HUD previously approved for the county related to the same flood event.

City staff previously contacted the County as disaster relief funds were made available, but Elmhurst-specific projects could not be submitted due to HUD grant income thresholds. As a result of recent application



*As a result of recent application modifications made to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the City of Elmhurst may be eligible for this grant funding.*



Grant (CDBG), the City of Elmhurst may be eligible for this grant funding. These projects, which previously failed to qualify, are being submitted as municipal needs.

The five projects being submitted are Golden Meadows Park Stormwater Improvement Project, Madison Early Childhood Center Stormwater Improvement Project, Bryan Middle School Stormwater Improvement Project, York Commons Stormwater Improvement Project, and the Elmhurst Chicago Stone Quarry Stormwater Improvement Project.

"City staff will aggressively pursue grant opportunities," City Manager Jim Grabowski said. "The County's grant program provides

another possible outlet as we look to fund stormwater improvement projects."



## Elmhurst Police Department Wins Municipal Innovation Award

The Elmhurst Police Department's new Neighborhood Roll Call program was recently awarded the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference's "Best Innovation" award.

The Neighborhood Roll Call program, launched in the spring, has been a huge success, bringing police officers and residents together in local neighborhood settings. Neighborhood Roll Calls are held two to three times a week at various locations. The briefings increase police visibility and transparency as officers

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discuss emerging trends and recent service calls, and answer residents' questions in a non-enforcement environment.

“The roll calls have had a huge positive response, building greater partnerships between the police and the community,” said Elmhurst Police Chief Michael Ruth. “We’ve reached about 800 residents in person. Having the officers

interacting with our residents in their neighborhood and in front of their homes has been very well received and new partnerships and friendships have developed. This type of interactive partnership is great for our department and the community.”

## Snow Removal

Severe winter storms often require a full-scale snow removal fleet of 30 or more vehicles operating around the clock to clear city streets and keep them open for motorists. Snow is typically removed from the center to the curb in a series of four passes. Main roads are cleared first, followed by neighborhood streets and other less-traveled roadways. Since it is not possible to complete the operation without pushing some snow onto driveway approaches, please wait until city crews have completed their work before clearing your driveway approach. Be careful not to blow or shovel snow onto the street when clearing your property. In order to keep City Centre traffic moving, windrows may be created in the center of the street and then removed during the nighttime hours when there are fewer vehicles to impede the process. Residents can help by clearing snow from fire hydrants to enable firefighters to locate them quickly in a fire emergency. Please do not park on city streets for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more.

## Avoid Phone Scams

Don't fall victim to phone scams this holiday season. Educate yourself on the latest tricks and tactics used by scam artists. Quick tips available at [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov).



## Mayor's Message

The holiday season has arrived, and many of us will be celebrating with friends and family. Everyone is invited to start the season with two great events – at the Spring Rd. Tree Lighting on Friday, Nov. 28, and the City Centre Tree Lighting on Saturday, Nov. 29.

During this holiday season I encourage you to support the Elmhurst business community by shopping local; with gift-giving on everyone's "to do" list, this is the perfect time to visit our retailers, restaurants and service professionals. Everything you need for holiday shopping, party planning and family gatherings can be found right here in Elmhurst. Plus, by shopping local, you keep sales tax dollars in town, boosting our economic well-being and funding future needs.

While we remember those closest to us, let's not forget about individuals who may not be as fortunate. There are those in our city and surrounding areas who are struggling. There are a number of non-profit organizations available in the City that help those in need. This season, I encourage you to look for opportunities to help. These cause-driven organizations are working hard to ensure everyone, young and old, has a special holiday. So let's help them spread the cheer this year.

I'd like remind everyone to be safe this holiday season. Remember to be responsible when you attend holiday parties. If you plan to drink, designate a driver or call a taxi. Share this message with your adult children. Watch out for each other. The Police Department reminds you to "Lock, Take and Hide" when you're out shopping — that is, lock your cars, take your keys and hide your valuables. Don't become a target by making it easy for someone to take your belongings.

Looking back, it was an exciting, productive year in Elmhurst. Key infrastructure projects like the Southwest Elmhurst Wet Weather Control Facility are nearing completion. Record levels of investment and economic development activities point to an upward trend. It's easy to see why we were recently named one of the "Happiest Cities in Illinois."

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It is my honor and privilege to serve the residents and the City of Elmhurst

*Sincerely,  
Steven M. Morley, Mayor*

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# Community Calendar

## December 2014 — February 2015

## ONGOING

### New Exhibit Coming Soon — “By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst”

The Museum’s entire second floor gallery is being transformed into an innovative exhibit that tells the story of Elmhurst from its earliest days to the present. *By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst* takes visitors on a journey of discovery that shows how Elmhurst has changed and grown over the past 165 years. Visitors will enjoy thoughtful displays that combine artifacts and the latest in museum technology to create an engaging and informative experience.

Elmhurst Historical Museum  
Public Opening Weekend:  
February 28 and March 1  
FREE

### December 1 – 12

#### Fall Student Exhibition

Accomplishments of all art students, including, painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, graphic design and digital art, filling the walls of the Founders Lounge.

Elmhurst College Frick Center  
190 Prospect Ave.  
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. FREE  
Info: 630-617-6110

### December 6 – 13

#### Fall Capstone Exhibition

A highpoint for every graduating art major, each graduate creates and displays a body of work in his or her area of concentration.

Barbara A. Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace  
200 W. Park Ave.  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 12 noon-4 p.m.  
Public reception: Saturday, Dec. 6, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. 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



*Elmhurst City Centre’s Holiday Family Fun Day is December 13 with a free showing of “Elf” at 9:30 a.m. and a free elf hat, as well as Santa in the plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

### January 9 – 21

#### Annual High School Art Exhibition

Ten local high schools showcase the work of their art departments. Ribbons and scholarships are awarded.

Elmhurst College Frick Center  
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. FREE  
Public reception: Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6 - 8:30 p.m.  
Info: 630-617-3390

### January 9 – April 5

#### New Traveling Exhibit –

#### “Let Children Be Children: Lewis Wickes Hine’s Crusade Against Child Labor”

A telling look at the industrialization of America, this exhibition reveals the circumstances that poor working children endured until legislation against child labor prevailed as late as 1938. Lewis Wickes Hine (American, 1874-1940) was a sociologist who was hired by the National Child Labor Committee (NCLC) in 1906 to document the harsh conditions in which children worked. Hine spent ten years photographing in the canneries, coal mines, cotton mills, farms, and sweatshops common during the early 20th century. Through the use of photography, Hine and the NCLC endeavored to gain the attention of the government and arouse public sentiment against U.S. child labor practices.

Elmhurst Historical Museum  
Tuesday - Sunday beginning January 9  
Free

### Through January 11

#### Richard Koppe

In cooperation with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), Elmhurst Art Museum presents the first museum exhibition of Richard Koppe’s inventive work in more than forty years. Including 70 rarely seen paintings, prints and drawings, the exhibition highlights Koppe’s signature canvases from the mid-20th century — from his earlier compositions of stylized fish and birds to his distinctive versions of abstract expressionism and hard-edge abstraction. This exhibition is largely drawn from UIC’s Campus Collection, to which Koppe’s estate donated nearly one thousand of his works shortly after his death. 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

### In the House: Laura Davis

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. Davis approaches the McCormick House with a passion for the modernist style (minimal form, clean lines, industrial materials), but also an awareness that in order for “less to be more,” certain exclusions were made. Her installation, *Histrionic Restoration*, reinserts these omissions into the modernist context, from the drama and stuff of everyday life, to the value of things past, to the female presence in society and art.

Elmhurst Art Museum

### January 13 – 24

#### District 205 Art Faculty Exhibition

Artists who are art educators and teach in Elmhurst Community School District 205 are featured. This display of art in a variety of media, styles and techniques provides these dedicated teachers the opportunity to ‘shine’ as artists in their own right.

Barbara A. Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace  
200 W. Park Ave.  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday:  
12 noon-4 p.m. FREE  
Public reception: Friday, Jan. 16,  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Info: 630-617-3390

### January 26 – February 28

#### Black History Exhibition

In his portraits of street people, artist Jesse Howard shows everyday people as prisoners of their time, race and surroundings. His work shows the interaction of the general public with the disenfranchised and the homeless.

Elmhurst College Frick Center  
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. FREE  
Public reception: Thursday, Feb. 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Artist talk at 5 p.m.  
Info: 630-617-6110

### February 10 – March 7

#### Paintings and Gouaches

Still-life painter Frank Trankina creates amazingly realistic works in the tradition of trompe l’oeil (‘fool the eye’). The juxtaposition of his objects (Popeye, Superman, Godzilla, etc.) form strange and surreal narratives. Public reception: Tuesday, Feb. 10, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Artist talk at 5 p.m.

Barbara A. Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace  
200 W. Park Ave.  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 12 noon-4 p.m.  
FREE  
Info: 630-617-6110

### February 20 - March 1

#### A Very B Grady Murder

This original script written by GreenMan’s own Carolyn Thomas-Davidoff is a murder mystery that spoofs the classic family TV show and adds a homicidal twist.

Angelo’s Ristorante, 247 N. York  
Five performances  
Info: [www.greenmantheatre.org](http://www.greenmantheatre.org)

## Elmhurst Historical Museum galleries closed through January 8, 2015

Elmhurst Historical Museum galleries are closed through January 8, 2015, for important facility upgrades and installation of new exhibits. Please join us January 9, 2015, for a new exhibit, *Let Children Be Children*. Follow us on Facebook or check our website at [www.elmhursthistory.org](http://www.elmhursthistory.org) for the latest details.



# DECEMBER

## Wednesday - 3

### Special Kids Day Holiday Party

Special Kids Day is designed for children of ALL ages with special needs, as well as their siblings and families, to celebrate the joy of the holidays in an environment planned for their unique needs. Every child can take a keepsake photograph with Santa and will be given a gift bag. Face painters, balloon twisters, a unique craft project, live music, story time, delicious homemade cookies, and even a quiet room add up to make for a memorable celebration. There will be plenty of handicapped parking for this free event. No appointment or reservation is required, so feel free to come when it best fits your family's schedule. Special Kids Day is a registered 501c3 not for profit organization, operated and run by volunteers.

Wilder Mansion, 211 S. Prospect, 3:30 – 8 p.m. Free

Info: [www.specialkidsday.org](http://www.specialkidsday.org) or e-mail [rich@skd.org](mailto:rich@skd.org).

## Thursday - 4

### Tree Lighting in Wilder Park

Join the holiday spirit in an old-fashioned celebration at Wilder Park. Enjoy entertainment, holiday treats, live reindeer and a visit from Santa.

Wilder Park, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

## Friday - 5

### Annual Festival of Lessons & Carols

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

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel  
4 p.m. and 7 p.m. FREE  
630-617-3360

### Jolly Old St. Nicholas Concert

The Elmhurst Historical Museum invites you to celebrate St. Nicholas Day and our area's German roots! Now in its 78th year, Elmhurst's own Damenchor, or Women's Chorus, will perform German carols and the audience can join in a sing-along. St. Nicholas will introduce himself and explain the celebration. Be sure to snap a pic with St. Nick! Hot cocoa provided. Children are encouraged to wear pajamas.

Buik Recital Hall in Irion Hall  
Elmhurst College  
190 Prospect Ave.  
7 - 8:15 p.m., FREE



Elmhurst City Centre's polar bear makes his annual appearance in the plaza.

## Saturday - 6

### "Rock & Mineral Identification"

Geologist Sara Kurth presents 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. Ages 8 yrs. to adult. Scout groups require adult supervision.

Lizzadro Museum, 75 minutes – 10:30 a.m.

Admission: \$5 per person

Reservations Required: 630-833-1616

## Saturday - 6 and Sunday - 7

### The Spirito! Singers Winter Concerts: The Seven Joys of Christmas

Begin your holiday season with the joy of song! Come join us for a day of magnificent and inspirational music.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

December 6, 7 p.m.

December 7, 3 p.m.

Info and tickets: [www.spiritosingers.org](http://www.spiritosingers.org) or 630-581-5440.

### Theatre: An Evening of Dance

A collaborative showcase of dance, featuring the choreography of both faculty and students.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

253 Walter St., 7 p.m., Admission: \$5

Tickets: 630-617-3005

## Monday - 8

### Elmhurst College Holiday Band Concert

Come out for an evening filled with music from the Symphonic Band, conducted by Ross Kellan.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

7:30 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3515

## Friday - 12

### Book Discussion – The Third Coast: When Chicago Built the American Dream

Read Chicago native Thomas Dyja's critically acclaimed history of Chicago at mid-century, featuring many of the incredible personalities that shaped American culture, such as Mahalia Jackson, Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Sun Ra, Simone de Beauvoir, Nelson Algren and Mayor Richard J. Daley. Dyja recreates the story of the city in its postwar prime and explains its profound impact on modern America. This book provides a rich context for the mid-century works of Richard Koppe. Discussion led by Elmhurst Public Library staff and held in EAM's McCormick House.

Elmhurst Art Museum, 6:30 pm



Elmhurst Choral Union in concert

## Saturday - 13

### Holiday Family Fun Day in City Centre

Bring the kids for the second annual FREE showing of "Elf" at the York Theatre. Free elf hats for all the kids! Santa and the Mrs. will be in the City Centre Plaza for photos from 11 am to 1 pm.

York Theatre  
9:30 a.m.

### Sounds of the Season

Annual Holiday Concert featuring The Agape Ringers and guest artist Rosewooden Carols, A Marimba Quartet. This Christmas extravaganza will include old favorites as well as new holiday selections.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church  
4 p.m.

Cost: \$18 by 11/30, \$25 at the door, \$35 patron seating

Tickets at [www.AgapeRingers.org](http://www.AgapeRingers.org).

## Sunday - 14

### Elmhurst Choral Union: Handel's Messiah

Celebrate with this Christmas classic, presented by Elmhurst Choral Union with professional orchestra and soloists. A portion of ticket sales benefits ChildServ.

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Chapel  
3 p.m.

Adults \$25, Seniors \$23, Students \$10

Tickets: [elmhurstchoralunion.org](http://elmhurstchoralunion.org) or 800-838-3006

## Friday - 19

### Celebrate Solstice!

EAM is alive with the holiday spirit! Bring the whole family to enjoy holiday treats, seasonal drinks, music and a visit from Santa. Stop by the Education Center to create your own holiday ornaments or pose for a festive 1950s photo in Mies van der Rohe's McCormick House.

Elmhurst Art Museum  
3 - 8 p.m. Free

## Saturday - 20

### Sleigh Rides and Ice Sculptures

Stroll up and down Spring Road to see the ice sculptures sponsored by local businesses. Enjoy an old-fashioned sleigh ride (wagon ride if there is no snow), visit with Santa and warm up with hot chocolate and cookies.

The Gazebo on Spring Road  
and the Prairie Path  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

# JANUARY

## Saturday - 3

### "Dinosaur Discoveries"

Children become dinosaur detectives with "Paleontologist Illinois Bones" to learn about the world of dinosaurs. Fossils and props are used to create an awareness of dinosaur characteristics. See live animals and how they are related to dinosaurs. Interactive Lecture - Ages 4 yrs. to adult.

Lizzadro Museum

2 p.m. - 50 minutes

Admission: \$5 per person

Reservations Recommended: 630-833-1616

## Monday - 12

### Elmhurst Children's Theatre Auditions

Elmhurst Children's Theatre seeks the world's most "uncanny nanny" for our Spring Production of MARY POPPINS! Students enrolled in Elmhurst schools in grades five through eight are invited to bring their best singing and acting skills.

Epiphany Lutheran Church, 314 W Vallette

Callbacks January 13

Info and to sign up for an audition:

www.elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com

## Saturday - 17

### Elmhurst Symphony Musicians at Mayslake

In "Viva Vivaldi!" you will be amazed by the stellar gifts of young violinist Garam Kim playing Vivaldi's popular *The Four Seasons*. ESO Concertmaster Rika Seko and Assistant Concertmaster Kathleen Carter will be featured in Vivaldi's Concerto Grosso in D minor and Bach's Concerto for Two Violins. This will be a hot ticket in a cold month!

Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St.

Oak Brook

2:30 p.m.

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

## Wednesday - 21

### Wilder Mansion Culinary Series

Looking to learn a new dish this year? Join us at Wilder Mansion for a demo cooking class hosted by Chef Marco from Cafe Amano. All cooking classes feature five courses: appetizer, soup or salad, pasta or salad, entree and dessert. Participants will also learn knife skills and helpful kitchen tricks. Ages 18 and up.

Wilder Park Mansion, 6:30-9 p.m.

\$55 resident/\$65 non-resident soft drink package; \$70 resident/\$80 non-resident wine package

## Friday - 23

### Gallery Talk

Drop by the *Let Children Be Children* exhibit to take a deeper look at the exhibit with Labor Historian and Folk Musician Bucky Halker.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

4 p.m. FREE

## Saturday - 24

### "Form Follows Function: Interpreting Dinosaurs Through Their Anatomy"

Dinosaurs have captured our collective imagination since Sir Richard Owen first described them in 1842. Their great size alone makes them unique in the history of terrestrial vertebrates. But their bones raise many questions. What did they look like? Were they fast or slow? How did they feed? How did they defend themselves? Using actual fossils, field paleontologist Rob Sula will interpret the lives and behaviors of dinosaurs. Lecture - youth to adult.

Lizzadro Museum

2 p.m. - 60 minutes

Regular Museum Admission

Reservations Recommended: 630-833-1616

## Saturday - 24

### Lecture Series - Looking and Learning: How Lewis Hine Came to Photograph Children

In this illustrated talk, Carl Fuldner, a photography specialist and instructor in the University of Chicago's Art History Department, will discuss Lewis Hine's life and influences, and his legacy for photography. Highlighting Hine's background as a progressive educator, Fuldner will examine how Hine transformed the camera into a tool for affecting social change. Visit the exhibit before or after the lecture. The Museum will be open from 1 to 5 p.m.

EHM Education Center, 2 p.m. FREE

### "Rock & Mineral Identification"

Geologist Sara Kurth presents 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. Class - ages 8 yrs. to adult. Scout groups require adult supervision.

Lizzadro Museum

10:30 a.m. - 75 minutes

Admission: \$5 per person

Reservations Required: 630-833-1616

## Sunday - 25

### Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

Enjoy some of the greatest hits of the Baroque era in "Visual Vivaldi" when young phenom Garam Kim plays *The Four Seasons*. As a special bonus, Vivaldi's work will be accompanied by video images created especially for the performance by artist Ben Whitehouse. ESO Concertmaster Rika Seko and Assistant Concertmaster Kathleen Carter play Vivaldi's Concerto Grosso in D minor and Bach's Concerto for Two Violins.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

3 p.m.

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

groups and family rates available

## Wednesday - 28

### Summer Recreation Open House

District 205 PTA is proud to host the 13th Annual Summer Recreation Open House. The goal of this event is to give parents the opportunity to "one-stop-shop" for summer recreational and educational programs for children of all ages and abilities (pre-K through high school). This open house is provided at no charge to parents or camps/organizations.

York Community High School

355 W. St. Charles Road

6 - 8 p.m. Free

Info: email sroh205@gmail.com

## Friday - 30

### Middle Eastern Dance Recital and Concert

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

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

7 p.m. Free

Tickets: 630-617-3005

# FEBRUARY

## February 1-14

### Valentine's Day Specials

Love is in the air in Elmhurst City Centre! Valentine's Day Specials from all your favorite local merchants! Check [www.elmhurstcitycentre.com](http://www.elmhurstcitycentre.com) for special offers.

City Centre

## Friday - 6 through Sunday - 8

### Thursday - 12 through Sunday - 15

### Theatre: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Nothing ever seems to go right for "Good ol' Charlie Brown," the central character in the Charles M. Schultz classic comic strip "Peanuts." It was with this inspiration that writer/composer Clark Gesner created the musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m.; Sun. 2 p.m.

For tickets: 630-617-3005

## Friday - 6

### Tiaras and Ties:

### Daddy/Daughter Princess Ball

Come join us for the event that celebrates that every girl is a princess, and her daddy is her prince. Dinner, dancing, and entertainment, and a special photo of each princess and her dad is included. Registration deadline is January 30.

Ages 3 and Up.

Monty's Banquet Hall, 703 S. York

Bensenville

6-9 p.m.

\$30 resident/\$38 non-resident

## Saturday - 7

### Elmhurst Symphony Stanger Young Artist Auditions

Hear outstanding high school musicians from throughout the area audition before a panel of judges for the opportunity to play a concerto movement with the Elmhurst Symphony at the opening concert of its 2015-16 season. Come and go as you like during the day. Don't miss hearing these talented young people perform!

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free

### "Rock & Mineral Identification"

Geologist Sara Kurth presents 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. Class - ages 8 yrs. to adult. Scout groups require adult supervision.

Lizzadro Museum

10:30 a.m. - 75 minutes

Admission: \$5.00 per person

Reservations Required: 630-833-1616

## District 205 Foundation Silver Ball

The Silver Ball is a 25th anniversary celebration and fundraiser that will feature an open bar, plated dinner, live and silent auctions and live musical entertainment by The Ripleys. Funds raised will help fund the Mobile Learning Initiative in conjunction with District 205, as well as the Thiems Educational Grants and the Study Skills Academy.

The Drake Hotel, 2301 S. York Road

Oak Brook

6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$150 each

Info: 630-617-2328 or [www.elmhurst205.org/foundation\\_25](http://www.elmhurst205.org/foundation_25)



# FEBRUARY



*The Agape Ringers will perform on December 13*

## Sunday - 8

### Lecture: Michio Kaku — The Future of the Mind

A theoretical physicist, best-selling author and one of the most widely recognized figures in science, Michio Kaku is an international authority on both Einstein's unified field theory and how scientific research can anticipate business trends. He appears regularly on science documentaries, but has also appeared on *60 Minutes* and *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart.

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

## Tuesday - 10

### Deadline for Exemplary Youth Service Awards Nomination

Know an amazing kid? The City of Elmhurst's Commission on Youth is currently seeking nominees for its annual Exemplary Youth Service Awards program, which will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015. Nominations accepted Dec. 1 through Feb. 10.

Please visit [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org) to download a form or complete the nomination online

## Thursday - 12

### Julie Nixon Eisenhower

#### Inside the Whitehouse: Then and Now

The best-selling author and younger daughter of President Richard M. Nixon discusses the unparalleled thrills and challenges of the presidency and life in the White House.

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

### Lecture Series — Children at Work: The History of Child Labor in the U.S.

Join history professors Erik Gellman (Roosevelt University, Chicago) and Katherine Turk (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) who will discuss turn-of-the century efforts to document and regulate child labor in the U.S. Discover how unions, muckraking journalists and other reformers exposed exploitation and called for new rights and protections at work. Visit the exhibit before the lecture. The Museum will be open from 1 to 7 p.m.

EHM Education Center  
7 p.m. FREE

## Wednesday - 18

### Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture

#### The Strange Eventful History of Young Soul Rebels

Daniel McNeil, author of numerous academic articles about the cultural history of the transatlantic, has taught courses on media, culture and society in Canada, the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

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

## Wednesday - 18

### Wilder Mansion Culinary Series

Looking to learn a new dish this year? Join us at Wilder Mansion for a demo cooking class hosted by Chef Marco from Cafe Amano. All cooking classes feature five courses: appetizer, soup or salad, pasta or salad, entree and dessert. Participants will also learn knife skills and helpful kitchen tricks. Ages 18 and up.

Wilder Mansion  
6:30-9 p.m.  
\$55 resident/\$65 non-resident soft drink package; \$70 resident/\$80 non-resident wine package

## Friday - 20

### Gallery Talk

Drop by the *Let Children Be Children* exhibit to take a deeper look at the exhibit with Carl Fuldner, Photography Specialist and Instructor, University of Chicago.

Elmhurst Historical Museum  
4 p.m. FREE

### Girls Nite Out

Enjoy a fun-filled girls night out at Wilder Mansion! Sip a new wine, taste-test an appetizer, enjoy a five-minute massage, indulge in chocolate, dip your hands in paraffin, learn a new make-up technique and shop till you drop. Ages 21 and up.

Wilder Mansion  
4-9 p.m.  
\$10 resident/\$15 non-resident  
Pre-registration is preferred but tickets are available at the door



*Check out "Dinosaur Discoveries" on Jan. 3 at the Lizzadro Museum*

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

### Elmhurst Art Museum

150 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 834-0202  
[www.elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org)

### Elmhurst City Centre

2 City Centre, Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 993-1600  
[www.elmhurstcitycentre.com](http://www.elmhurstcitycentre.com)

### Elmhurst Choral Union

P.O. Box 1493, Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 758-1100  
[www.elmhurstchoralunion.org](http://www.elmhurstchoralunion.org)

### Elmhurst College

190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 617-3390  
[www.elmhurst.edu](http://www.elmhurst.edu)

### Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 833-1457  
[www.elmhursthstory.org](http://www.elmhursthstory.org)

### Elmhurst Park District

375 W. First St., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 993-8901  
[www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org)

### Elmhurst Public Library

125 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 279-8696  
[www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org)

### Elmhurst School District 205

162 S. York St., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 834-4530  
[www.elmhurst205.org](http://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](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org)

### Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 833-1616  
[www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)

## Sunday - 22

### "Understanding Climate Change"

Have you ever wondered about all the hype surrounding the topic of climate change? This is your chance to learn how Earth's climate has changed throughout time and how scientists make predictions about the future of our planet's climate. Steve Vavrus, a senior scientist at the Center for Climatic Research in Madison, Wisconsin, will present the dynamic relationship climate has on our ecosystem. He will discuss how we can better understand climate changes by looking at past environments. Youth to adult.

Lizzadro Museum  
2 p.m. - 60 minutes  
Regular Museum Admission  
Reservations Recommended: 630-833-1616

## Saturday - 28

### Elmhurst Choral Union: Medley of Melodies

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

First United Methodist Church  
232 S. York, 7 p.m.  
Free-will donation  
Info: [elmhurstchoralunion.org](http://elmhurstchoralunion.org) or 630-758-1100



## Hands on the Wheel and Eyes on the Road

The Illinois law banning the use of hand-held mobile phones to talk or text while driving took effect almost a year ago. Motorists can talk and drive only if they use hands-free devices. Violators face fines starting at \$75 and repeat offenders risk having their driver's license suspended. For your own safety, and that of your passengers and other motorists, keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road while driving.

## Car Seat Inspections

Many of the tragic accidents that injure or kill children are a direct result of an improperly installed car safety seat or a child improperly secured in the car seat. The Elmhurst Police Department actively enforces safety seat laws, but the ultimate responsibility for a child's safety rests in the hands of the parent or the driver of the vehicle. To assist parents and caregivers, the Elmhurst Fire Department offers free car seat inspection and instruction as a service to the community. The service takes about an hour and is performed by trained and certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. For an appointment or more information, please call 630-530-3090.



## City Council Candidate Information

Candidates for the seven aldermanic positions on the April 7, 2015, ballot may pick up their packets at the Administration Office in City Hall. Candidate filing will take place Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., beginning on Monday, December 15, and ending on Monday, December 22.

## City Hall Holiday Hours

City Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28. City Hall will also be closed from 12 noon on Wednesday, December 24, and all day on December 25 for the Christmas holiday, as well as on Thursday, January 1.

## Last Curbside Leaf Collection for 2014

Your last opportunity to dispose of autumn leaves will be on your regularly scheduled collection day during the first week in December. Leaves must be placed at the curb in clearly marked garbage cans, cardboard boxes, or Kraft paper bags. Cans and boxes will be left on the parkway. Leaves may not be put in plastic bags or mixed with other types of yard waste or refuse. Please remember that leaves, grass clippings, and other debris may not be raked or blown into the street where they impede the flow of storm water.

## People Helping People

Unemployment and financial hardship can put a damper on the holidays for local families and seniors. You can make the season a little brighter by donating a new toy or game for a child (infant to age 17), or a soft, warm fleece blanket for a senior. A drop box, sponsored by United Community Concerns Association (UCCA), will be located in the police station through December 24; gifts should be left unwrapped for sorting and must be dropped off by 9:00 a.m. on December 11 in order to be delivered this season. A Toy Express Children's Charity drop box will be located at City Hall during December.

Food donations will be collected again this year for the annual UCCA food drive and for the Mobile Food Pantry. Collection boxes for canned goods and other staples will be located at the Elmhurst Public Library, the Elmhurst Park District Courts Plus, and the Elmhurst YMCA. Donations are sorted and stored at the Public Works facility. Monetary donations are also welcome and over 99 percent of funds collected are used to feed the needy of Elmhurst. Catch the spirit of the season by brightening the holidays for someone else.



## Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot

The biggest event in Elmhurst on Thanksgiving morning will be the 31st annual Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot when some 9,000 runners and walkers will gather at the starting line to burn off calories and raise money to help the hungry and needy. When the event began in 1984, there were 74 participants and a total of \$520 was raised. In 2013, a record-setting 8,685 Turkey Trotters participated. To-date, the Turkey Trot has raised over \$2.65 million and provided more than three million meals. For course information, race day schedule, history, or to register online, visit the Turkey Trot website at [www.dangibbonsturkeytrot.com](http://www.dangibbonsturkeytrot.com).

## 2015 Allied Waste/Republic Services Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1	Service delayed one day
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25	Service delayed one day
Independence Day	Saturday, July 4	No change in schedule
Labor Day	Monday, September 7	Service delayed one day
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26	Service delayed one day
Christmas	Friday, December 25	Service delayed one day

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

For questions or a missed pickup, please call Allied Waste/Republic Services at 708-345-7050.



## Winter Weather Reminders



Old Man Winter, with his snow, ice, and cold, creates challenges and hazards for motorists, residents, pedestrians, and city workers. The following tips can help make the winter season safer and more convenient for everyone.

### Heating Season Safety

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) warns that December, January, and February are the peak months for home heating fires. The main cause of home heating fires is placing things that can burn — including upholstery, curtains, Christmas trees, or clothing — too close to heating equipment. Keep flammable things at least three feet away from heating equipment, such as fireplaces, furnaces, wood stoves, and space heaters. Stationary or portable space heaters are responsible for an estimated three out of four deaths occurring in home heating fires. You can keep your home safer by turning off space heaters before leaving the room or

retiring for the night. Install sturdy screens on fireplaces to keep sparks from flying into the room and burn only dry, seasoned wood. Allow ashes to cool before disposing of them in a metal container that is kept a safe distance from your home. Install smoke alarms and test them at least monthly. Stay warm and stay safe this winter by heating your home safely.

### Frozen Pipes

Once the temperature starts dropping outside, you should take measures inside to keep your pipes from freezing. Although some methods may go against your instinct to conserve water and heat, the extra expense may prevent a hefty repair bill. The pipes most likely to freeze are those on outside walls or where the water service enters the home through the foundation. These steps will help prevent the problem.

#### Preventing Frozen Pipes

- If there are water supply lines in your garage, keep the outside door closed as much as possible.
- If you plan to travel during cold weather, set your thermometer no lower than 55° F.
- If you have kitchen or bathroom plumbing against exterior walls, open cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the pipes.
- If severe cold is forecast, let cold water drip from all faucets served by exposed pipes. Even a trickle of water helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- For a long-term solution, add insulation to your attic, basement, or crawl space to help maintain higher temperatures in those areas.

#### Thawing Frozen Pipes

If you turn on the water and get only a trickle, it is likely that your pipes are frozen. Keep the faucet open to help melt the ice in the pipe and get the water flowing again.

Apply heat to the frozen pipe by wrapping it in an electric heat pad or towel soaked in hot water, or by applying warm air using a hair dryer or a portable space heater. Continue to apply heat until full water pressure is restored. Never use any device with an open flame, such as a blowtorch, charcoal stove, or propane or kerosene heater.

Check all other faucets in your home. If one pipe freezes, others may also be frozen. If you are unable to locate or access the frozen area, or if you are unable to thaw the pipes using these steps, call a licensed plumber.



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#### City Hall Hours

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

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Steven M. Morley, Mayor

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Elaine Libovicz, City Treasurer

Administration..... 630-530-3010

Community Development ... 630-530-3030

Police (non-emergency) ..... 630-530-3050

Fire (non-emergency) ..... 630-530-3090

Elmhurst Historical Museum 630-833-1457

Elmhurst Public Library ..... 630-279-8696

Request for Public Records - [foia@elmhurst.org](mailto:foia@elmhurst.org)

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

#### Aldermen

1st Ward - Diane C. Gutenkauf, Marti Deuter

2nd Ward - Bob Dunn, Norman Leader

3rd Ward - Dannee Polomsky, Michael Bram

4th Ward - Noel Talluto, Kevin York

5th Ward - Scott Levin, Chris Healy

6th Ward - Jim Kennedy, Michael Honquest

7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Patrick Wagner



## Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst • Free

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

Closed Mondays & Holidays

### Visitor's Note: Museum galleries closed

Museum galleries are closed through January 8, 2015, for important facility upgrades and installation of new exhibits. While the galleries are closed, offsite programs, school services and reference services continue to be available Monday through Friday. Please call 630-833-1457 or email [EHM@elmhurst.org](mailto:EHM@elmhurst.org) for more information or to make an appointment.



### Special Event: Jolly Old St. Nicholas Concert

**Date:** St. Nicholas Eve,  
Friday, December 5

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:15 p.m., FREE

**Location:** Buik Recital Hall in  
Irion Hall, Elmhurst College  
190 S. Prospect Ave.

Celebrate St. Nicholas Day and our area's German roots! Now in its 78th year, Elmhurst's own Damenchor, or Women's Chorus, will perform German carols and the audience can join in a sing-along. St. Nicholas will introduce himself and explain the celebration. Be sure to snap a pic with St. Nick! Hot cocoa provided. Children are encouraged to wear pajamas.

### Traveling Exhibit:

*Let Children Be Children: Lewis Wickes Hine's  
Crusade Against Child Labor*

January 9 – April 5, 2015

The Elmhurst Historical Museum presents a traveling exhibit that showcases the hardships suffered by children, some as young as five years old, who were part of the nation's workforce at the turn-of-the-century. The photographic exhibit is a telling look at the industrialization of America and reveals the circumstances that poor working children endured until legislation against child labor prevailed as late as 1938.



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### New Exhibit: *By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst*

**Opens February 28, 2015**

The Museum's entire second floor gallery is being transformed into an innovative exhibit that tells the story of Elmhurst from its earliest days to the present. *By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst* takes visitors on a journey of discovery that shows how Elmhurst has changed and grown over the past 165 years. Visitors will enjoy thoughtful displays that combine artifacts and the latest in museum technology to create an engaging and informative experience.

- A large-scale photograph of York Street in the 1920s comes to life
- An interactive table-top map allows time travel through the city
- Kinetic-type graphics and touch screen displays throughout
- A mini-theatre experience showcasing Elmhurst's people and places



Photograph: York Street, looking north from First Street. c.1937.  
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Save the Date: Jan. 8, 2015  
Member/Donor Preview Reception





# Refuse and Recycling Reminders

## Deep Frying a Turkey?

### *What NOT to Do with the Oil*

If you plan to deep fry a turkey this holiday season, it's important to know what NOT to do with the oil after Thanksgiving dinner.



### *First — never pour oil or grease into a sink or toilet.*

Greasy substances, such as vegetable oil, lard, butter, margarine, or shortening, have been found to be one of the main culprits in blocking sewer pipes and causing backups. Grease clings to the inside of sewer pipes and, over time, will build up and block the pipe. Garbage disposals do not prevent grease from building up in your pipes. Greasy substances should be collected in a disposable container and discarded with your regular refuse.

### *Second — never pour oil or grease into a storm drain.*

Many people erroneously believe that storm drains are connected to the sanitary sewer system and that storm water is treated at sewage treatment plants. This is not true – storm water is not treated. Everything that goes into storm drains, including cooking oil, motor oil, grease, chemicals, pesticides, household cleaners, and solvents, is transported by water into creeks, streams, and lakes where it poses a serious risk to birds, fish, and other aquatic life. You can help keep our waterways pollution-free by properly disposing of polluting substances.

## Christmas Tree and Holiday Light Disposal

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

Instead of sending holiday lights to the landfill, drop your dead lights off at Courts Plus (186 S. West Avenue), Wagner Community Center (615 N. West Avenue), City Hall (209 N. York Street) or the Park District Administrative Building (375 W. First Street) through Jan. 26, 2015 (look for the bins with the "Holiday Lights" stickers). The City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst Park District are partnering with SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education) and Elgin Recycling for the fifth annual holiday lights recycling program. Acceptable items include Italian mini-lights, traditional lights, extension cords, rope lights, and LED lights in both working and non-working condition. The holiday lights recycling program runs through January 26, 2015. Call Anne Scheppele at (630) 993-8941 or email [ascheppele@epd.org](mailto:ascheppele@epd.org) with any questions. Additional information about recycling is available from SCARCE at [www.scarcecoed.org](http://www.scarcecoed.org) or from Elgin Recycling at [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com)



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