

March 2015

Council Votes to Reduce Taxes for Residents

Elmhurst City Council voted Dec. 15 to reduce the overall tax burden of residents by \$500,000, due to a zero-percent tax levy adjustment and a reduction of debt service levies. As a result, the average homeowner in Elmhurst (based on a market value of \$293,000) will save a little more than \$27 in taxes during the upcoming year.

Council approval was the final step in an exhaustive review of anticipated revenues, proposed operational expenditures and proposed capital improvements. This year's budget and tax levy process were notable not only for their savings for taxpayers, but for the lock-step process by which they were approved.

Elmhurst Mayor Steve Morley called the zero-increase levy fantastic news.

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"I want to thank the citizens of Elmhurst for helping us get to this favorable position," Morley said. "This is certainly good news all around."

The City has achieved its goal of maintaining a General Fund balance goal of 25-33 percent of operating expenditures. Property taxes account for approximately 20 percent of the projected General Fund revenues for 2015.

Council also approved \$3.6 million in abated debt service costs and plans to continue abating additional debt service costs for general obligation bonds for five

years. The goal is to achieve 100 percent abatement of debt service costs on general obligation bonds.

2015 Budget Approved by City Council

The City Council voted on December 1 to approve the 2015 City of Elmhurst budget, the City's operational plan for the new fiscal year, January 1, 2015-December 31, 2015. This final step of the process followed a detailed review of anticipated revenue, and proposed capital improvement and operational expenditures as submitted by department heads.

Taxes, including property sales and utility taxes, are the City's largest source of revenue, comprising 37 percent of total revenue. Sales tax is projected to increase by three percent in 2015, but remains subject to volatility in the automotive industry. Service charges, including water and sewer service fees, contribute 21 percent of municipal revenue. City officials will continue to monitor legislative proposals at the state and federal levels that could change how revenues, such as sales and income taxes, are distributed, since some of those changes have the potential to significantly impact City revenues.

The General Fund, the City's major operating fund, focuses on providing high-quality service in the most cost-effective manner. In reviewing proposed expenditures,

City officials focus on identifying and funding the most essential City services, including public safety, infrastructure and programs that impact a majority of residents. The General Fund finances public safety, public works, community development, health and welfare, and cultural and administrative functions.

Using revenues responsibly and providing essential services in an efficient and effective manner continues to be a top priority for elected officials and staff. To view the 2015 City of Elmhurst Budget, visit www.elmhurst.org and click on 2015 Budget under "Quick Links."



Consolidated Election Information & Early Voting Hours

A Consolidated Election for the election of Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District and Fire District officials will take place on Tuesday, April 7. Seven Aldermanic positions are up for election on Elmhurst City Council. 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 at Elmhurst City Hall will take place from Monday, March 23, through Saturday, April 4. To participate in early voting, you must be a registered DuPage County voter. 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.

Salt Creek Greenway Trail Supplemental Environmental Project

The Public Works Department is finalizing elements of recently installed stormwater management techniques at the pump stations along the Salt Creek Greenway Trail. This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action taken by the Illinois Attorney General and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for alleged violations of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and regulation promulgated thereunder. The SEP will manage sedimentation/siltation, aid in mineral and nutrient mitigation, aid in stormwater detention, promote indigenous plant growth and model sustainable practices for the City of Elmhurst. The four pump stations have examples of the following:

- Berkley and Adams Street Station
Rain Garden, Green Roof, and Porous Paving
- McKinley Street Station *Porous Paving*
- Harrison Street Station *Green Roof, Porous Paving*
- Jackson Street Station *Native Prairie, Porous Paving*

Each station will have a display board describing the improvements and the benefits to the environment. The City will be hosting a ribbon cutting of these improvements in April of 2015. Please look for the details in future issues of the *Front Porch* or the City website.



Addison Parking Garage Groundbreaking

The City of Elmhurst officially broke ground on the Addison Street Parking Garage on December 15, 2014. Once completed, this structure will include 16,000 square feet of retail along with 690 parking spaces. The parking deck is slated to be completed by late fall 2015.

Quarry Flood Relief Project Moving Forward

The City of Elmhurst and DuPage County have reached a formal agreement which allows work to begin on the Quarry Project.

The quarry project focuses on providing flood relief for the Walnut-Evergreen-Myrtle study area as cited in the Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., study. The proposed improvements, estimated at \$3.7 million, will consist of approximately 4,200 feet of 60 to 84-inch diameter relief storm sewer pipes with an eventual outfall to the Elmhurst Quarry. This will provide 100-year rainfall event flood protection for 76 homes located north of the Union Pacific tracks between York St. and the quarry.

Elmhurst City Council voted on Dec. 2nd to approve a proposal from CBBEL for engineering services for the quarry project. This is to include site surveys, modeling updates, preliminary and final engineering plans, coordination with the County, formal permitting and bid assistance. Council action followed the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to make the quarry project the top stormwater improvement project priority. Work could begin as soon as August 2015 with a June 2016 completion target.

In other stormwater related updates, the City allocated \$1 million of its 2015 budget for the possible purchase of properties in flood affected areas. Properties have not been identified as of yet, and Public Works will continue to evaluate this solution as part of ongoing studies. This is in addition to the \$6.8 million budgeted for stormwater capital projects.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade



Join in the fun March 7 for the 19th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The event begins at 12 noon at the intersection of Wilson Street and Spring Road. For full details, please visit www.elmhurststpatspatrade.com. Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner will serve as the Grand Marshal.

Paragon Development / Waverton Demolition

The City recently learned that Paragon, the developer who controls the site occupied by the Waverton Hotel, has a signed lease from an anchor tenant. Demolition of the Waverton has begun and the building should be fully down sometime in March. Site plans also include a nationally based coffee chain with drive-through access.

New Business Spotlight

The City of Elmhurst and the Elmhurst Economic Development Commission welcome these new businesses to town.

Affordable Tuckpointing Pros
505 W. Wrightwood
Allstate Insurance, 263 N. York St.
Anderson Pest Solutions
501 W. Lake St.
Angel Fancy Design Studio
478 S. Spring Rd.
Chang's Martial Arts Academy
681 N. York St.

Chicago Archery, 124 W. Diversey Ave.
D/B/A Glass, 910 S. Riverside Dr.
Elmhurst Memorial Medical Group
429 N. York St.
Francesco's Italian Pizza Kitchen
570 S. York St.
Grand Ave. Motors, 556 W. Lake St.
Granitex Corp., 704 N. Larch St.

Hanes GEO Components
925 N. Oaklawn
Haven Chiropractic, 103 N. Haven
Humari Sales, Inc., 176 N. York St.
Judith B. Salon, 261 N. York St.
JX Peterbilt Elmhurst, 216 W. Diversey
Kilwins Chocolate, 148 N. York St.
Little Shopper, 697 N. York St.

MG Auto, 867 N. Addison Ave.
Park's Champion TKD
236 N. York St.
Shield Healthcare Centers
847 N. Church St.
U.S. Environmental Rental
781 N. Industrial Dr.
Vitality Women's Physical Therapy
263 N. York St.

W e l c o m e

Elmhurst Earns ESDA Accreditation

The City of Elmhurst maintained its Emergency Services Disaster Agency (ESDA) accreditation, and is one of only two accredited municipal agencies in DuPage County. Being and remaining an accredited agency requires extensive training and exercise requirements, review of plans and documents, meetings, development of an annual work plan and filing of current paperwork with the State of Illinois.

The City of Elmhurst Emergency Services Disaster Agency (ESDA) is responsible for providing a Citywide Emergency Management Program that integrates all available first responders, city departments, resources, key elected and appointed officials, and the private sector into a cohesive disaster management effort. Under the direction of the mayor, city manager, coordinator, and incident management team, the agency is responsible for the planning and preparedness necessary to coordinate the elements of an effective Emergency Management Program.

Congratulations

Career Opportunities

The City of Elmhurst is the perfect place to build on, or begin, a dynamic career. We offer rewarding opportunities for all levels, from entry level to experienced professionals. We'd love to hear more about how your talent and ambition can boost our team. To learn more about job opportunities right here in your community, or to apply online, visit www.elmhurst.org.

The City is currently seeking crossing guards for part-time employment during the school year. Help keep children and our community safe. For more information, please visit <https://cityofelmhurst.peopleadmin.com/postings/1238>.



Strategic Plan Update

In an effort to gain feedback from a variety of community stakeholders, the City hosted nine Strategic Planning Focus groups in January.

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Excellent participation resulted in a broad range of issues for staff and Council consideration. The City's leadership team and Council met for

two days in February to review, and begin prioritizing, focus group findings. Please stay tuned here or on the City's website for updates.

Citizens Police Academy

For the last 14 years, hundreds of Elmhurst citizens have gained a working knowledge of law enforcement at the Elmhurst Police Department by participating in the Citizen's Police Academy. This free, 12-week program is designed to help participants learn about laws and procedures that govern police decisions, responsibilities, personnel issues, demands and equipment. The next session of the Citizen's Police Academy will run from Wed., March 11, through Wed., May 27, weekly from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Registration is open to the first 25 individuals over age 21 who live or work in Elmhurst. More information and an application can be found on the city's website. If you have additional questions, please contact Jennifer McKeown at (630) 530-3113.

Firefighter and Police Officer Testing in 2015

The City is proactively searching for competent individuals with integrity to join the Elmhurst Police and Fire Department. We will conduct testing sometime in 2015 to establish an eligibility list for the positions of firefighter and police officer in 2015. Qualified applicants will be placed on a hiring list based upon their cumulative scores from the examination. Interested individuals can be added to a testing interest list by sending their name and email address: hr@elmhurst.org. Additional testing information will be made available in the near future.



Mayor's Message

The City of Elmhurst, along with its citizens and businesses, enjoyed another terrific year in 2014. The economy grew at a robust pace and Elmhurst continues to be a premier destination for new businesses and families alike. Eighty-one new businesses opened their doors in 2014 and new home construction was significantly up for the third

straight year. Sales taxes were up almost 15 percent in the last two years and the total valuation of construction for 2014 was \$108 million. With healthy fund balances and an increase in revenue, we were able to pass along some of that good news to our residents in the form of a \$500,000 tax reduction. Elmhurst continues to prosper and our Citizen's Survey reflected this same optimism with 96 percent of respondents rating their overall quality of life in Elmhurst as good to excellent.

As we look forward, commercial and business activity show no signs of slowing, with nearly \$100 million in development set for 2015. Whole Foods is scheduled to open in May after completing a year-long \$5 million renovation to the building that formerly housed Dominick's. On the north side, the Paragon Development (formerly the Waverton Hotel) is beginning demolition and should begin redevelopment this spring.

Our downtown continues its revitalization, as City officials broke ground on the Addison Street Parking Deck in December and look forward to its completion in the fall of 2015. With 690 parking spaces and 16,000 square feet of retail, this will be a major boon to our downtown area. In addition, two residential developments are underway and will add more than 200 new dwellings to our downtown business district. This new growth will drive incremental tax revenue and provide a boost to local businesses as new residents shop local. The vacant Plass building has been sold and redevelopment plans are being finalized.

Elmhurst Historical Museum is also focused on the future. This is evident in its newest exhibit, "By All Accounts: The History of Elmhurst," which combines the latest multi-media technologies and interactive displays. Even the past has gone digital.

Many of you are helping us plan the future through the City's Strategic Planning Efforts. Public workshops provided staff and Council with key priorities and a broad range of ideas about the future of our great City. The resulting strategic plan will be an important document in shaping the future of Elmhurst for the shared benefit of its residents, businesses and civic partners. Thank you to all who participated.

The year ahead will also see important development on projects that move us forward in our ability to effectively manage our sanitary and stormwater systems. The Southwest Wet Weather Control Facility is due to be completed this summer, bringing sanitary sewer relief to more than 2,300 homes in the southwest part of the city. Christopher Burke Engineering, Ltd., has begun design work on the Quarry project, which will mitigate stormwater and potential flooding for homeowners in the Walnut/ Evergreen/Myrtle area. With housing starts on the rise, our AAA bond rating in place and tax revenues gaining momentum, the time is right to build a future we can all be proud of. I would like to thank the residents of Elmhurst and City staff for their hard work in making Elmhurst a great place to work and live.

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

Sincerely,
Steven M. Morley, Mayor



ELMHURST

Community Calendar

March — May 2015

ONGOING

Spirito! Singers Auditions

Spirito! Singers is an exceptional choral organization based in the western suburbs with rehearsals held in both Elmhurst and LaGrange. Three ensembles include Bravura, young women in 9th to 12th grade, Ragazze, girls in 5th to 8th grade of Elmhurst and LaGrange, and the Men of Spirito!, who are 18 years old and up. Auditions for the 2015-2016 season will be held in Elmhurst and LaGrange.

Info: 630-581-5440 or www.spiritosingers.org

Opens February 28

"By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst"

Be among the first to experience the history of Elmhurst in a whole new way as visitors take a journey of discovery exploring how Elmhurst has changed and grown over the past 165 years. The Museum's entire second floor gallery will be transformed into an innovative new exhibit that tells the story of Elmhurst from its earliest days to the present. Learn about Elmhurst history through touch-screen displays, an interactive tabletop map, fascinating object towers, and see a documentary on Elmhurst history in the mini-theatre. Join us for the Public Grand Opening Weekend with special activities, music, and refreshments on February 28 and March 1 (see March 1 listing in this calendar).

Elmhurst Historical Museum

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

March 1-31

Get Fit in City Centre

Get Fit in City Centre and earn \$25 in City Centre Gift Certificates! Spend \$200 at one or more of our fitness merchants during March, bring your receipts into the City Centre office and earn your \$25 gift certificate.

City Centre

Details and list of participating merchants at www.elmhurstcitycentre.com

March 2- April 1

Women's History Month Exhibition:

Coming into Bloom

Judith Raphael's paintings focus on images of people with the goal of describing human nature, psychologically and metaphorically in visual form. In the last decade she began concentrating on the subject of young girls, a theme, she says, that evolved naturally from her life with younger sisters, her granddaughters and daughter.

These images show the courage and endurance of young girls, as well as the vulnerability of childhood and the need for protection on our fragile planet. Public Reception: Wednesday, March 4, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; artist talk at 5:00 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

190 Prospect Ave. FREE

Info: 630-617-6110

March 12-April 16

Living Large

The work in this exhibition by Elmhurst College art faculty members Geoff Sciacca and Dustan Creech expresses their concern for the environment and responds to their following notions: "We give up farmland for subdivisions so we can build oversized homes to hide ourselves and all that we've accumulated. Like our homes and our cars, our appetites and our sense of entitlement have grown. We are a nation of consumers, yet are never actually satisfied. We care only about ourselves – we are truly living the American Dream!" Public Reception: Thursday, March 12, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; artist talk at 5:00 p.m.

Elmhurst College

Barbara A. Kieft Accelerator ArtSpace

200 block of W. Park Ave. FREE

March 15 through April 12

Special Exhibit "Chicago's Championship Rings"

Created from gold and gemstones and designed to capture the spirit of historical moments in Chicago Sports History. This exhibit is an exclusive look at the iconic symbols created for Chicago Sports Championship teams.

Lizzadro Museum

Through April 5

"Let Children Be Children" Exhibit

This compelling traveling photography exhibit from the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film reveals the circumstances poor working children endured until legislation against child labor prevailed in 1938. Lewis Wickes Hine (1874-1940) was an American sociologist whose photographs captured his abiding concern for children, immigrants, and working-class people. He documented the harsh conditions in which children worked as America became a more industrialized nation in the early 20th century. His photos gained the attention of government officials and aroused public sentiment against child labor practices in the United States.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

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

April 17 - May 3

Cash On Delivery!

Directed by David Soria and written by Michael Cooney, this breakneck British farce follows Eric Swan, who (aided by his uncle and unbeknownst to his wife) has pocketed thousands of pounds through fraudulent government claims. When his tenant opens the door to the DSS Inspector, hilarity follows, along with the undertaker, bereavement counselor, psychiatrist, a fiancée, a corpse, and a rather rebellious washing machine, among others. This show is a full-on farce, complete with slamming doors, dead bodies, lies, mistaken identities, and a little cross-dressing, too.

First United Methodist Church

232 S. York, Elmhurst

Info: www.greenmantheatre.org

Thurs- Sun, April 23-26

Thurs-Sat, April 30, May 1-2

Theatre: The Last Cyclist

The time is 1944. The place is Czechoslovakia. A community of artists in the Terezin Ghetto hold open rehearsals for their play, "The Last Cyclist," determined to demonstrate their resilience and protest the totalitarianism that has robbed them of everything. This gallows-humor cabaret mercilessly lampoons the Nazi regime and the absurdity of all hatred.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

Thurs-Sat 8 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m.

Tickets: (630) 617-3005 or mill@elmhurst.edu

May 1- May 31

Elmhurst Memory Jar Project

Participate in building a collaborative exhibit with us! Oscar Wilde wrote that, "Memory... is the diary that we all carry about with us." The Elmhurst Historical Museum invites you to share a memory that tells your personal story. Participants will place an item in a Mason jar that sparks a memory, and then write a few lines about the object's story on the Memory Jar tag. Bring your own item to display or use provided craft supplies. The jars will be displayed in the first floor museum gallery throughout the month and may be collected to take home at the end of the exhibit.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

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

MARCH

Sunday - 1

Exhibit Public Grand Opening

Discover Elmhurst's storied past and take part in the special public grand opening of the new Elmhurst history exhibit, "By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst." Live music, trivia games, and family-friendly activities will be offered throughout the weekend to celebrate the opening of this exciting new exhibit. Cupcakes, coffee, and hot apple cider will be provided in the Education Center.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

1-5 p.m. FREE

Monday - 2

My Elizabeths: A Biographer and her Subjects

Megan Marshall's Pulitzer Prize-winning work *Margaret Fuller: An American Life* established her as one of the nation's foremost biographers. *New York Times* critic Dwight Garner called it "as seductive as it is impressive" with "the grain and emotional amplitude of a serious novel." Marshall considers the peculiar relationship between biographer and subject and explores the challenges of making sense of other lives lived in other times.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

Founders Lounge, 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10

For tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

MARCH

Tuesday - 3

"Composting Matters"

Elmhurst Garden Club and Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition are jointly presenting this community-wide program featuring speaker Kay McKeen of SCARCE (School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education). The program will teach how composting works, how to start and manage a home bin and the benefits of composting for plants and the environment. Composting is easy and natural, saves money, conserves water and replenishes nutrients to the soil. Not an EPL-sponsored event.

Elmhurst Public Library, 7 p.m.

Reservations: 630-426-9789 or ecoolcities@gmail.com. Space is limited

Thursday - 5

Sister Simone Campbell: A Nun on the Bus

In 2010, Sister Simone Campbell came to public attention as the author of the "nuns' letter," an argument in support of health care reform. As the leader of Nuns on the Bus cross-country tours, she has advocated for immigration reform and defended social programs against proposed cuts. She tells her inspiring story of social justice advocacy rooted in faith.

Elmhurst College

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

Cost: \$10

For tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Friday - 6

First Friday Gallery Talk

Dive deep into Elmhurst history with professor and author Dr. Virginia Stewart. Dr. Stewart served as an exhibit writer for the new exhibit, "By All Accounts: The History of Elmhurst," and she will explore different exhibit themes and interesting objects with gallery visitors.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

4 p.m. FREE

Saturday - 7

Elmhurst St Patrick's Day Parade

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

Info: www.elmhurstspatsparade.org

(630) 834-0300

Sunday - 8

Reading Changes Lives

Robert Shindler was looking for ways to help his son overcome a reading deficiency when he decided to volunteer with the Literacy Center of Chicago. Working with a diverse group of adult learners, Shindler received his own education about the realities of learning disabilities and adult illiteracy. A Chicago-based attorney and author, Shindler now leads Reading Changes Lives, an initiative to promote literacy as a matter of social justice.

Elmhurst College Frick Center

Founders Lounge, 7 p.m. Cost: \$10

For tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Thursday - Saturday 12 - 14

Theatre: No Exit

Jean-Paul Sartre's No Exit brings to the stage an incredibly compelling and uncomfortably relatable story about three people trapped in Hell. Garcin, Ines, and Estelle discover how much a life without true courage, forgiveness, and empathy can weigh on a soul. With nothing to do but talk with one another, for the rest of eternity, Hell is other people.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

253 Walter St., 8 p.m. Cost: \$5

Tickets: (630) 617-3005 or mill@elmhurst.edu

Saturday - 14

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

In a feast for the eyes and ears, "Carnival of the Animals" will delight family members of all ages. Dancers from the DuPage Dance Academy and narrators from First Folio Theater Company will help bring Saint-Saëns' sparkling score to life. Also on the program are Ralph Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending" and music by Ravel and Ibert.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

7 p.m.

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

Sunday - 15

Elmhurst College Spring Band Concert

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

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel

3 p.m. FREE

Info: 630-617-3515

Saint-Saëns' "Carnival of the Animals"

As a special treat for families, the ESO will present Saint-Saëns' "Carnival of the Animals" with members of the DuPage Dance Academy and a narrator from First Folio Theater Company bringing the music to life. There will be an instrument "petting zoo" courtesy of Luscombe Music along with other activities for children.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

3 p.m.

General admission (16 and up) \$8; child \$5

Monday - 16

The Qur'anic Vision for a Global Society

Katrin Jomaa teaches political science and philosophy at the University of Rhode Island. Her interdisciplinary research encompasses classical and modern political philosophy, as well as Islamic thought and Qur'anic exegesis. She is particularly interested in the relationship between politics and religion in the Middle East. Part of the al-Ghazali Lecture Series

Elmhurst College Frick Center

Founders Lounge

7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Wednesdays, March 18, April 15, May 20

Wilder Mansion Culinary Series

Looking to learn a new dish this spring? 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 & up.

Wilder Mansion

6:30-9 p.m.

Cost: \$55 resident/\$65 non-resident soft

drink package; \$70 resident/\$80 non-

resident wine package

Thursday - 19

The Cross and the Lynching Tree

With two seminal works, *Black Theology and Black Power* (1969) and *A Black Theology of Liberation* (1970), James Cone won recognition as a powerful and important theological voice. His work provided a reconsideration of Christianity from the perspective of the black community in America. Cone is a professor of theology at Union Theological Seminary. Part of The Niebuhr Forum on Religion in Public Life

Elmhurst College Frick Center

Founders Lounge, 7 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Thursday - 19

Exemplary Youth Service Awards

The City of Elmhurst's Commission on Youth will present its annual Exemplary Youth Service Awards program.

Sandburg Middle School, 7 p.m.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the City at (630) 530-3010 by March 16

Friday - 20

Curator's Gallery Talk

Elmhurst Historical Museum's curator of exhibits, Lance Tawzer, will be in the first floor gallery in the "Let Children Be Children" exhibit to talk with visitors and delve into the poignant work of American photographer Lewis Wickes Hine.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

4 p.m. FREE

Friday - Sunday 20-22

Mary Poppins

Elmhurst Children's Theatre proudly presents Mary Poppins.

Bryan Middle School, 111 West Butterfield, Elmhurst

Fri. 7 p.m., Sat. 2 & 7 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 and available at the door

For group sales of 15 or more and for additional information, please visit:

elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com

Saturday - 21

Elmhurst Quarry Tour

Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility, a site generally closed to the public. In observance of National Flood Awareness Week, tour participants will learn about the quarry's history, visit various areas, including private quarry platforms, and see how DuPage County Stormwater Management currently operates the facility to reduce flooding. Tours will depart from Elmhurst Historical Museum via coach bus every 30 minutes from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and last approximately two hours. Following the quarry tour, museum visitors may join a guided tour of the "By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst" exhibit and enjoy a brief film on the quarry's history. Co-presented by DuPage County Stormwater Management, Elmhurst Historical Museum and Elmhurst Park District. To request accommodations for visitors with disabilities, please e-mail EHMAccess@elmhurst.org or call 630-530-6879 at least three weeks prior.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person

To register, visit www.epd.org starting Feb. 28

Rockin' Lock-In

Grab your friends and join us for a fun night at the Wagner Community Center, including open gymnastics, slice of pizza, drink, DJ, dodgeball, and more. Pre-registration and parent-signed waiver required.

Wagner Community Center

7-10 p.m.

Ages 9-11 (Grades 4-6)

Cost: \$15 resident/\$18 non-resident

Saturday, March 21, April 18 and May 9

"Rocks & Mineral Identification"

Geologist Sara Kurth presents an introduction to rocks and minerals. Learn to identify minerals through basic hands-on identification, including observation skills and hardness tests. Great for teachers and rockhounds, this program qualifies for Boy & Girl 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 - 22

Bridal Show

You are cordially invited to the Second Annual Wilder Mansion Bridal Show. Taste and sip decadent offerings from our preferred caterers. Get exclusive deals and one-on-one consultations with the very best vendors in Chicagoland. Sample salon stylings and airbrush make-up from the pros. Find everything you need to plan your perfect wedding! All Ages.

Wilder Mansion, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free
Call (630) 993-8186 to RSVP

"The Ivory Dilemma"

Robert Weisblut, President of the International Ivory Society, will present a lecture concerning the current legal regulations/restrictions on ivory, ideas under consideration for a USA response, and proposals to actually help protect African elephants. Participants are welcome to bring one to two pieces for show and analysis as to age, country of origin and type of ivory. Ivory analysis before and after the lecture.

Lizzadro Museum, 2 p.m. - 60 minutes
Cost: \$10 per person. Youth to Adult
Reservations Required: (630) 833-1616

Tuesday - 31

Sun Print Workshop at Elmhurst Public Library

Celebrate Spring Break week by creating a beautiful sun print. Participants will use sunlight to create unique prints and learn about different photography techniques, such as those used by Lewis Wickes Hine in the Elmhurst Historical Museum's current "Let Children Be Children" exhibit. Register with the Elmhurst Public Library in person, by phone, or online with your valid EPL card starting at 9 a.m., Saturday, March 14. Co-presented by Elmhurst Historical Museum and Elmhurst Public Library.

Elmhurst Public Library, 2 - 3:30 p.m. FREE

APRIL

Thursday - 2

Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt

Grab your flashlight and hunt for prize-filled eggs in Wilder Park under the stars. Eggs will be filled with candy, gift certificates, money, and other prizes. Please bring a flashlight and bag or basket to put your eggs in. Ages 11-16.

Wilder Park, 8 p.m., Free

Spring Break Movie at the Library: Newsies

Bring the kids to see one of America's favorite musicals, based on the story of the New York City newsboy strike of 1899. When newspaper boys are exploited by their bosses, the young people set out to enact change. Starring Christian Bale. Rated PG. 1992. 125 minutes. Assistive Listening Devices available for visitors with hearing loss. Tickets will be available at Elmhurst Public Library on the day of the program. Co-presented by Elmhurst Historical Museum and Elmhurst Public Library.

Elmhurst Public Library, 2 p.m. FREE

The Conservative Case for Gay Marriage

Journalist and author Andrew Sullivan wants to redeem American conservatism from what he sees as the fundamentalist excess of the Republican far right wing. Sullivan warns against the creation of America's first fundamentally religious political party, arguing instead for a secular, fiscally restrained conservatism. Join Sullivan for his provocative take on how the Right has gone wrong.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
Founders Lounge, 7 p.m. Cost: \$10
Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Friday - 3

First Friday Gallery Talk

Dive deep into Elmhurst history with professor and author Dr. Virginia Stewart as your guide. Dr. Stewart served as an exhibit writer for the new exhibit, "By All Accounts: The History of Elmhurst," and she will explore different exhibit themes and interesting objects with gallery visitors.

Elmhurst Historical Museum, 4 p.m. FREE

Saturday - 4

Egg Hunt

Join us for the annual Egg Hunt in Wilder Park! Bring a basket for goodies, and a camera for photos with the Easter Bunny.

Wilder Park, 10 a.m.

Hunt, Hop & Shop

Hunt, Hop & Shop brought to you by the Elmhurst Park District and Elmhurst City Centre! The fun starts in Wilder Park for the Annual Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Following the hunt, hop on over to City Centre and enjoy the FREE movie "Hop" at 11 a.m. at the York Theatre. After the movie, every child will receive their own bunny ears with lots more all over the heart of downtown Elmhurst.

Begins Wilder Park, 10 a.m.

Info: www.elmhurstcitycentre.com

Doggie Eggstravaganza

Dogs that enjoy the thrill of the hunt or just like to romp can join us at our Egg Hunt for Dogs. Prizes and treats will be hidden in colorful holiday eggs throughout Wilder Park. Dogs must be leashed and wearing current rabies tags. Don't forget a basket to collect your goodies, and a camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny. Prizes for best costume.

Wilder Park, 10:30 a.m., Free

Easter Egg Hunt at the Gazebo

The Spring Road Business Association will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt, as well as an appearance by the Easter Bunny. "Hunt" starts promptly at 1 p.m.

Wild Meadows Trace (just behind the Gazebo at Spring Rd. and the Prairie Path)
1 p.m. Sharp

Tuesday - 7

A German Life: Against All Odds Change is Possible

Service of Remembrance and Holocaust Education Project

The son of a decorated Nazi officer, Bernd Wollschlaeger is the author of *A German Life: Against All Odds Change Is Possible*, which recounts his struggle to reconcile the truth about Nazi Germany with his father's past. Wollschlaeger eventually converted to Judaism and lived in Israel before relocating to Florida, where he is a practicing family physician with a specialty in addiction medicine.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
Founders Lounge, 7 p.m., Free

Saturday - 11

Community Conversations: 40 Reasons in 40 Minutes

Join us for an informative and educational presentation sponsored by the Elmhurst Senior Commission featuring Michael Lo Cicero, Elmhurst resident and licensed attorney for over 30 years, practicing in the area of Estate Planning. He will provide an overview of basic estate planning, including wills, trusts, Power of Attorney for Health Care and Powers of Attorney for Finance, and also answer general questions.

Elmhurst City Hall
10 a.m.
Reserved Seating
Reservations: (630) 306-7077

Sunday - 12

Spring Choral Concert

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, directed by Susan Moninger and Women's Chorus, directed by Donna Tallman, present their annual choral concert.

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

Monday - 13

The Legacy of Ben Bradlee: Journalism Then and Now

Few journalists have influenced their own times as profoundly as Carl Bernstein. When he and Bob Woodward broke the Watergate story for the *Washington Post* in the early 1970s, they helped define modern investigative journalism and changed the way a generation regarded those in power. For 40 years, his reporting and writing have offered access to often-hidden worlds of authority and influence. Bernstein offers a revealing look at media and government from Watergate to the present.

Elmhurst College Frick Center
Founders Lounge
7 p.m.
Cost: \$10
Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Wednesday - 15

Youth Job/Volunteer Fair

The City of Elmhurst's Commission on Youth - in conjunction with the Elmhurst Park District, Elmhurst Public Library, YMCA, Kiwanis and Junior Women's Club, will hold a Youth Job/Volunteer Fair.

York High School Commons
3:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Info: www.elmhurst.org

Thursday - 16

Top Pizza

Love pizza? Come to the York High School Commons for Top Pizza 2015 and taste an amazing array of scrumptious pizzas made by our local pizzerias. You may even find a new favorite! Proceeds from this family-friendly event support the programs of The District 205 Foundation for Educational Excellence that benefit students at all thirteen public schools.

York High School Commons
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Admission is \$10.
Info: www.elmhurst205.org/foundation

Elmhurst Trivia Night at Pints

Round up your friends and wow your neighbors with your amazing knowledge of Elmhurst history! Join in the fun at Pints for Elmhurst Trivia Night. Participants will compete with other trivia teams to win exciting prizes and learn about Elmhurst history.

Pints, 112 S. York St.
8 and 9 p.m. FREE

Saturday - 18

Elmhurst College Recycling Extravaganza

A variety of items will be collected for reuse or recycling during Elmhurst College's popular Recycling Extravaganza. Acceptable items include electronics, building supplies, clothing, bicycles, appliances and much more. For more information, including a complete list of items that will be collected, visit www.elmhurst.edu/sustainability or email sustainable@elmhurst.edu.

Alexander St. parking lot Elmhurst College
(www.elmhurst.edu/campusmap)
Vehicles must enter at Prospect Ave. and Walter St.
9 a.m.- 12 noon FREE

APRIL

Sunday - 19

Elmhurst Choral Union: Glorious Puccini
Elmhurst Choral Union, soloists, and orchestra perform opera excerpts and sacred music filled with great melodies.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
Adults \$25, Seniors \$23, Students \$10
Tickets at elmhurstchoralunion.org or
800-838-3006

Wednesday - 22

Housing & Transportation Fair

Meet us at the Fair and bring a friend! Learn about transportation and housing services for seniors in Elmhurst at this event sponsored by the Elmhurst Senior Commission. Information will be provided for available transportation in Elmhurst and housing option information that will include independent living, assisted living, supportive living and skilled nursing services. Apply for your drivers license or State photo ID card. Handicapped accessible with parking available.

Wilder Mansion, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
No reservations required

Saturday - 25

Annual Prairie Path Clean Up

Help maintain this community gem.
Meet at the old train depot along the Prairie Path, just east of York Road
9 a.m. to 12 noon
For more information or to volunteer please email: bob.hoel@comcast.net

Tuesday - 28

Jazzathon

Come and enjoy great music.
Silverado Grill
447 Spring Road, Elmhurst
6-10 p.m.
Reservations: Silverado Grill at
(630) 833-1602

Thursday - 30

Inside the Hot Zone

Twenty years ago, Richard Preston's nonfiction thriller *The Hot Zone* introduced readers to the alarming story of the Ebola virus. With outbreaks escalating in West Africa, Preston's book has reappeared on the *New York Times* bestseller list, and he has returned to reporting in attempts to stop the virus and the suffering it causes. Join him as he tells the story of the fight against an invisible killer.

Elmhurst College
Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel
7 p.m.
Admission \$10
Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Girlfriends Getaway

Grab your girlfriends, your mom and/or your daughter and join us in downtown Elmhurst for Girlfriends Getaway. Free goodie bags to the first 400 shoppers! Great specials all over the area from many of your favorite merchants. Enter to win one of three Elmhurst City Centre Shopping Sprees.
Downtown Elmhurst
5 to 9 p.m.
Info: www.elmhurstcitycentre.com

MAY

Saturday & Sunday, 2-3

Art in the Park

Join us for the 19th annual juried show of fine arts, craft and design. Featuring over 100 Midwest artists, food vendors, kid's court, and live acoustic entertainment. Wilder Mansion will serve coffee, pastries, and lunch provided by Cafe Amano from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. both days.
Wilder Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Free

Sunday - 3

Philharmonic Orchestra Concert, conducted by Joanne May

Spend an afternoon in the serene setting of Hammerschmidt Chapel for a performance by the College's Philharmonic Orchestra.
Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
3 p.m. FREE
Info: 630-617-3515

Wednesday - 6

Jazz at the Mill

Featuring the Elmhurst College Jazz Lab Band and the vocal jazz ensemble "Blue."
Elmhurst College Mill Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
FREE
Info: 630-617-3515

Friday - 8

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Elmhurst Historical Museum, 4 p.m. FREE

Saturday - 9

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

Feed your soul with two of the most glorious masterpieces of 19th-century French music: Fauré's "Requiem" and Franck's "Symphony in D minor." Tower Chorale, Elmhurst Choral Union, soprano Josefien Stoppelenburg and baritone Evan Bravos join the ESO in "Glories of French Music" to bring the season to a triumphant close.

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

Friday and Saturday, 15 - 16

Spring concert "Homeland"

Come join us for a day to celebrate spring and our Homeland with inspirational music!
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
7:30 p.m.
Concert tickets and audition information:
www.spiritosingers.org or call 630-581-5440

Saturday - 16

Pet Parade

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

Begins Ahlgrim Funeral Home parking lot
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 16 - 17

An Evening of Dance

A collaborative showcase of dance, featuring the choreography of both faculty and students. Tickets sell out fast, so order your tickets early.
Elmhurst College Mill Theatre, 7 p.m.
Cost: \$5
Tickets: (630) 617-3005 or mill@elmhurst.edu

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.elmhursthistory.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

Sunday - 17

Elmhurst Museum Day

Jump on board the trolley as it rolls through Elmhurst to celebrate the 19th annual Elmhurst Museum Day at Elmhurst's own local museums. Enjoy a fun, educational afternoon commemorating International Museum Day, a worldwide event that recognizes the important cultural value of museums. Park at one museum and ride a complimentary trolley to each location for free exhibit admission, special family-focused activities, refreshments, and more. Collect a stamp at all three museums for a chance to enter a drawing for great door prizes. All ages welcome!

Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst Historical Museum, Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
1 - 5 p.m. FREE

Thursday - 28

Elmhurst Symphony Musicians at Mayslake

Enjoy a beautiful spring evening of toe-tapping music when the Elmhurst Symphony String Ensemble performs works by Gershwin and Duke Ellington, including "Take the 'A' Train," "Caravan," "Mood Indigo," and selections from "Porgy and Bess," in the beautiful setting of Mayslake Peabody Estate.

Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 31st St., Oak Brook, 7:30 p.m.
Adults \$25; seniors \$23; students \$7



City Launches New E-Newsletter

There's a new way to stay on top of events, updates and happenings in your city – our e-newsletter. Launched late in 2014 as a part of the City Communications Plan, this monthly update contains quick bursts of information in a phone-friendly format. The e-news also includes a round-up of popular community links and easy connections to city social media outlets. To sign up for the City e-newsletter, visit www.elmhurst.org, then go to "Residents" and "City Newsletter."

Vehicle Sticker Reminder

City vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by May 1 on all vehicles registered or garaged within city limits. Stickers are sold at a discount from March 1 through the end of April. After May 1, vehicle stickers are sold at full price. If your application does not arrive in the mail, print one from home from the City's website (www.elmhurst.org), pick one up at City Hall or call to have one mailed. Although stickers may be purchased in person, we encourage residents to save time and purchase their vehicle sticker online, using the vehicle ID number on the pre-printed renewal application. You can also mail the completed application along with the fee to City Hall or utilize the white drop box in the parking lot. Your stickers, along with a receipt, will be returned to you by mail. Money collected through the sale of vehicle stickers goes into the City's General Fund and is used for roadway maintenance and construction.



Spring Clean-Up



The City's annual Spring Clean-Up will be held on the following Saturdays – April 11 for those with a Wednesday garbage pick-up; April 18 for those with a Thursday pick-up; and April 25 for those with a Friday pick-up. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items, visit the City's website at www.elmhurst.org. Items other than large appliances, furniture and bulk pieces must be placed in bags, cans or boxes weighing no more than 50 lbs. each.

Yard Waste Collection Resumes April 1

Residents are reminded that yard waste collection will resume during the week of April 1 on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day. The following are considered yard waste – leaves, brush, shrubbery trimmings, twigs, dead flowers and weeds with the soil removed. A clearly visible yard waste sticker is required on each bag or container. Residents may also dispose of two bundles of brush each week at no additional cost. For more information on yard waste, recycling and refuse collection, visit www.elmhurst.org.

Lend Seniors a Helping Hand

Senior Chore Days will be held on the first three weekends in May. This special program is sponsored by the City of Elmhurst and the DuPage Senior Citizens Council to assist eligible seniors with springtime chores, including replacing storm windows with screens, cleaning up winter debris or planting a few flowers. Interested seniors and potential volunteers are asked to contact the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at (630) 620-0804.

Alive at 25

Drivers under the age of 25 are involved in about 5,000,000 crashes each year; more than 9,000 young people will die as a result. Common risks that contribute to these statistics include use of alcohol and party drugs, peer pressure, distractions, speeding, inexperience and underestimating risks. Alive at 25 is an interactive four-hour class developed by the National Safety Council. The class is offered by the Elmhurst Police Department to help young drivers between the ages of 16-24 take responsibility for their driving behavior and make better decisions behind the wheel. For more information and class dates, contact Jennifer McKeown at (630) 530-3113.

City Code Updates – Addresses, Exterior Surfaces

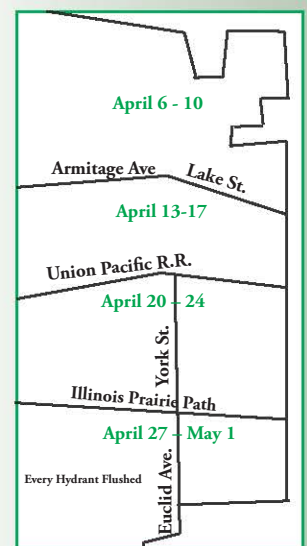
Code requires all exterior surfaces of your home, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, porches, trim, decks and fences, be maintained in good condition. Exterior wood shall be protected from the elements by paint or other protective covering or treatment. Peeling or chipping paint on any exterior wood surfaces must be removed and the surface repainted. All exterior metal surfaces must be maintained and kept free of rust or corrosion.

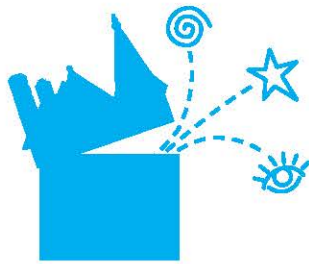


Code requires all residential homes and commercial properties have their address numbers displayed. Numbers should be 4 - 6" in height, of a contrasting color or finish to the applied base and attached to the front of the building. Elmhurst Code Enforcement will be performing a city-wide inspection and sending a notice to those residents and businesses who are lacking the proper address numbers.

Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

Community fire hydrants are flushed yearly to ensure that they are operating properly and that an adequate amount of water is available for the Fire Department during an emergency. Public Works personnel will conduct annual hydrant flushing April 6 - May 1. The operation will take place Monday-Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Signs will be posted in affected areas before the work begins.





Elmhurst Historical Museum

2014 By the Numbers

As the Elmhurst Historical Museum prepares its 2014 Annual Report, the staff wanted to share some of the interesting highlights and achievements of the year with Elmhurst residents. These numbers reflect some of the many ways the Museum fulfills its mission to engage people with history through thoughtful collection, enlightening exhibits and diverse educational opportunities. Thanks to all of our Elmhurst supporters who explored an exhibit, checked out a lecture, came to an event, became a member, visited the Churchville Schoolhouse, researched their home, or experienced the EHM in any way. The full version of the 2014 Annual Report will be posted on our web site at elmhursthistory.org soon.

\$300,000

raised by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation's *Visionary Voices* campaign

884

children learned about local history at Churchville Schoolhouse

101

Galloping Stick Horses created during Summer Fun & Games

84,000

people saw the "Sweet Home Chicago" traveling exhibit in Elgin

550

visitors stopped by on Elmhurst Museum Day

79

slides of Elmhurst in 1950s – 70s added to the Collection

17,000th

record added to EHM's Collection Management System

250

baseball fans cheered at the Kane County Cougar Game

3

prestigious museum industry awards received for exhibits

2,989

views of the most popular Throwback Thursday image on Facebook

157

guests heard German carols at the Jolly Old St. Nicholas Concert

1

Chicago Tribune Best of 2014 honor for "Sox vs. Cubs" exhibit



Most popular #TBT image



Churchville Schoolhouse Open House



National AASLH Award of Merit



Elmhurst Historical Museum

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Issue 1

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

Closed Mondays & Holidays

Elmhurst Quarry Tours Scheduled for March 21

The Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility is a familiar site to locals, yet few have ventured inside since it is generally closed to the public. If you've ever wondered what goes on at the quarry and how it functions to help reduce flooding, then sign up to take a behind-the-scenes tour on Saturday, March 21.

Elmhurst residents and interested visitors will have a rare opportunity to tour the quarry, learn about its history, visit various areas, including private quarry platforms, and see how DuPage County Stormwater Management operates the facility. This special program is presented in observance of National Flood Awareness Week to foster a greater understanding of how the county manages floodwater.

The Elmhurst Quarry Tours are co-presented by DuPage County Stormwater Management, Elmhurst Historical



The Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Co., c. 1960. EHM Collection.

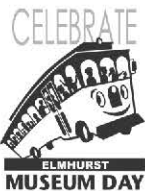
Museum, and Elmhurst Park District. The tours, which will be led by DuPage County staff, will depart from Elmhurst Historical Museum on March 21 via coach bus every 30 minutes from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and will last approximately two hours. The cost is \$5 per person. Following the quarry visit, participants may join a guided tour of the Elmhurst Historical Museum's new exhibit, "By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst," and enjoy a brief film on the quarry's history.

Quarry tour registration is available through Elmhurst Park District's web site at www.epd.org beginning February 28. To request accommodations for visitors with disabilities, please email EHMaccess@elmhurst.org or call 630-530-6879 at least three weeks prior to the tour. For more information, visit www.elmhursthistory.org or call the Elmhurst Historical Museum at 630-833-1457.

Elmhurst Museum Day

Sunday, May 17, 2015 1-5 p.m.

FREE admission at Three Elmhurst Museums



Jump on board the trolley as it rolls through Elmhurst to celebrate the 19th annual Elmhurst Museum Day at all three Elmhurst museums!

Enjoy a fun and educational

day to celebrate International Museum Day, a worldwide event that recognizes the important cultural value of museums. Walk or park at one museum and ride a complimentary trolley to each location for free exhibit admission, special family-focused activities, refreshments, and more. Collect a stamp at all three museums for a chance to enter a drawing for great door prizes. All ages welcome! More info: call 630-833-1457 or see web sites below.

Locations and Activities:

Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 Cottage Hill Ave.,
www.elmhurstartmuseum.org

Elmhurst Historical Museum, 120 E. Park Ave.,
630-833-1457, www.elmhursthistory.org

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, 220 Cottage Hill Ave., www.lizzadromuseum.org

GRAND OPENING: New Elmhurst Exhibit Opens February 28

Elmhurst Historical Museum and the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation invite all residents to be among the first to experience the history of Elmhurst in a whole new way through a dynamic and interactive new exhibit. "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. The Museum's entire second floor gallery will be transformed into an innovative exhibit that tells the story of Elmhurst from its earliest days to the present. Visitors will enjoy thought-provoking displays that combine artifacts with the latest in museum technology to create an engaging and informative experience.

- Watch a large-scale photograph of York Street in the 1920s come to life
- Time travel through the streets of Elmhurst with an interactive table-top map
- Experience many engaging visuals and touch screen displays
- Relax inside the mini-theatre and see a video sharing the story of Elmhurst people and places from the past and present



Cottage Hill Avenue, 1937. EHM Collection.

You're invited *By All Accounts*
The Story of Elmhurst

**Public Grand Opening Weekend with special activities and refreshments
Feb. 28 and Mar. 1 FREE ADMISSION.**



Got Drugs?



Police Host Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday, April 25

The Elmhurst Police Department will host a Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Elmhurst Police Department.

Look through your medicine cabinets and bring expired or unwanted medications. For those unable to attend, please remember the Elmhurst Police Station houses a permanent drop-off box for safe disposal of unused prescription drugs.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), drug overdose death rates in the United States have more than tripled since 1990. In 2012, 41,502 people died from drug overdoses, with the majority overdosing on prescription drugs. Prescription painkillers (or opioid pain relievers) are to blame in nearly three quarters of such tragedies.



The Front Porch

City of Elmhurst

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Elmhurst, IL 60126

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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

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2nd Ward - Bob Dunn, Norman Leader

3rd Ward - Dannee Polomsky, Michael Bram

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