



The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

New Developments in the Downtown Area

The excitement of traveling through downtown Elmhurst is contagious. Economic growth in both commercial and residential development is at an all-time high.

The foresight of the City Council approving the 690-space Addison Avenue parking deck has proven to be the catalyst to redevelopment in the downtown area. Once the Parking Deck was approved, City Hall received numerous inquiries from developers interested in participating in the growth of this economically viable area.

Elmhurst's Central Business District is bustling with development activity. The former Plass site, 134 N. York Street, was recently demolished to provide new retail space on the ground level, office space on the second floor, and luxury condominiums on the upper level.

The 100 N. York Street building at the northwest corner of York and First Street is in the process of being redeveloped including façade beautification.

Along Addison Avenue, at 100 N. Addison is a proposed mixed-use development, which includes 160 apartments and approximately 7,000 square feet of retail space on the first floor. These apartments will help to satisfy the demand for additional residences in the downtown area.

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Further north on Addison Avenue across from the Parking Deck will be the location of a popular health club, Fitness Formula Clubs (FFC). The three-story fitness center, projected to be open in Spring 2017, will serve residents and rail-based commuters in

its prime location just steps from the Elmhurst Metra Station. This recreation facility is projected to bring 1,500 people per day into the downtown area.

Further north, between Addison Avenue and York Street is Elmhurst 255, also known as the Hahn Street Redevelopment Project. This project is anticipated to have its first tenants in the Fall of 2016 and will feature 192 luxury apartment units above 12,000 square feet of first-floor retail, along with 150 public parking spaces and a community plaza.

The City Council has effectively used Tax-Increment Financing (TIF) to encourage redevelopment with the goal of keeping Elmhurst a premier destination to live, work, and conduct business, giving developers and business owners the confidence to invest over \$125 million in our Central Business District.

Have you signed up for our E-News?

Stay on top of events, updates and happenings in your city by signing up for our E-Newsletter. This monthly news contains quick updates from the City of Elmhurst.

To sign up, visit www.elmhurst.org, then go to "Residents" and "City Newsletter."



New Stormwater Management Website

The City has launched a new website, designed to keep residents informed and updated on stormwater and sanitary projects in Elmhurst.

The site, www.elmhurststormwaterplan.org, shares all information relevant to stormwater management throughout the City, including stormwater communication, meetings and news, engineering studies, and stormwater mitigation drawings and reports. The site also provides information on the status of stormwater management projects ranging from conceptual, in design, under construction, and complete. Additionally, the site includes a blog allowing residents to subscribe to updates on specific projects of interest.

The proper resources are imperative to residents who experience flooding issues in their home. The City's new site includes homeowner resources to identify the different types of flooding and information on home protection against flooding. The site also provides quick access to the City's stormwater policies and resources, and an easy way to connect with City Staff to report flooding or request more information on specific residential issues.

Residents interested in receiving news on stormwater management projects in Elmhurst are encouraged to visit the site and sign up for the Stormwater Management Plan quarterly E-Newsletters and news alerts on specific projects through the project blogs.

City Enhances its Economic Development Team

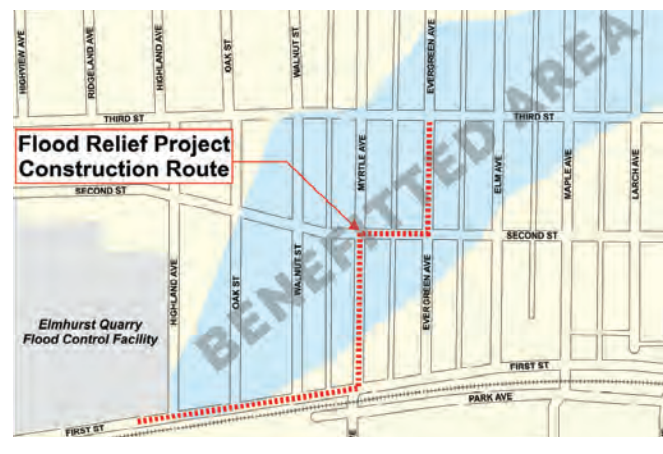
The City recently made a strategic move to enhance its Economic Development team by adding a full-time Business Development Coordinator. The main focus of this new role will be identifying and attracting new businesses to the community, supporting the growth and development of existing businesses, and administering incentive based programs. This role will represent the business viewpoint when working with other City Departments and City elected and appointed officials in development and implementation of City policies and programs designed to strengthen all business districts. In addition, they will attend trade shows and sales conventions as a representative of the City, research and recommend new programs and revisions to existing programs, engage with local professional groups to increase the City's profile in the business community, and assist in fulfillment of the Economic Development Commission's objectives.

Largest Stormwater Improvement Project since the '90s Begins

On February 8th, the City began its largest stormwater project since the early '90s, the **Walnut/Myrtle/Evergreen Stormwater Improvement Project**. This project entails the construction of a series of storm sewer pipes along various streets and a drainage outfall to the Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility to provide overland flood relief to the area.

In the early '90s, the City and DuPage County constructed the Elmhurst Levee and Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility projects to protect Elmhurst residents from Salt Creek overtopping its banks.

This new project, anticipated to be completed by November 2016, will provide 20 acre-feet of flood relief to 76 homes that experience structural overland flooding. The total cost of this project is projected to be \$4.5 Million.



City's New Website, Coming Soon!

The City will be launching a new and improved website in late April 2016. The City's website is the central outlet for communicating with the general public. The new site will be easy to navigate with a streamlined, clean design. Content will be updated and relevant so that citizens needing to conduct business, obtain pertinent information, and be in the general "know" of the City's functions and services, will be able to obtain information within 1 to 3 clicks. Stay tuned for this change coming late this spring!

Community Safety

Smoke Alarm Accessories for the Hearing Impaired

Smoke alarms save lives. However, people who are deaf or hard of hearing may not be able to depend on the traditional smoke alarm to alert them of a fire. Installing smoke alarm accessories made for alerting people who are deaf or hard of hearing is imperative for their safety. There are several accessories that are recommended for installation in homes where a person who is deaf or hearing impaired resides.



Smoke alarm strobe light accessories should be placed throughout the home. The strobe lights visually alert the hearing impaired of a fire condition. When people who are deaf are asleep, a high intensity strobe light is required along with a pillow or bed shaker to wake them up and alert them to fire conditions so they can escape. These devices are activated by the sound of a standard smoke alarm.

An individual who is hard of hearing should also consider adding a smoke alarm alert device that produces a loud, mixed low-pitched sound. This equipment is activated by the sound of the smoke alarm and is usually installed next to the bed. Recent research shows that a loud, mixed low-pitched sound is more effective for waking people of all ages than the loud high-pitched sound of a traditional smoke alarm.

If you or someone you know is hearing impaired, please ensure their home is equipped with life saving smoke alarm accessories designed for the hearing impaired. Please call the Elmhurst Fire Department's non-emergency line at 630-530-3090 for more information.

Severe Weather Warning Sirens



Spring weather can bring severe storms to the area. When severe weather, such as a tornado threatens the community, Outdoor Warning Sirens will be activated. If severe weather is approaching Elmhurst, and the warning sirens are heard, seek shelter immediately and monitor a television or radio for further instructions.

The City activates a monthly scheduled test of the City's emergency warning siren system at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. If you hear the alarm at this time, please be reminded that it is only a test. Sign up at www.elmhurst.org or www.weather.com to get notifications of severe weather conditions.

Illinois License Plate Renewal Notice

The State is no longer sending mailed notices for license plate renewal stickers and for vehicle emissions testing. If your plate sticker has expired, you will receive a ticket. In order to get the renewed license plate stickers, all cars must have emissions testing every other year. Please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com for more information.

Alive at 25

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for persons between the ages of 16 and 24. The National Safety Council, a leader in driver improvement training for more than 40 years, developed Alive at 25 to specifically reach drivers in this age group. Alive at 25 is a driver intervention program that zeroes in on this group of drivers to teach them to take responsibility for their own driving behavior by making better driving decisions.

This highly interactive four-hour program uses exercises, interactive media segments, group discussions, role-playing, and instruction to help young drivers develop convictions and strategies that will keep them safer on the road.



The Alive at 25 program is offered by Elmhurst police instructors to teens that attend local public and private high schools at no cost. For more information about the next Alive at 25 classes, please call the Elmhurst Police Department at (630) 530-3050.

Emergency Alerts

Safety is a priority in Elmhurst, which is why we offer several ways to notify the community during a crisis. We want our residents to have access to important emergency information at all times. Visit www.elmhurst.org and subscribe to the following tools the City uses to communicate during an emergency:

- **CodeRED Emergency Alert System**
- **"Eye on Elmhurst" News Flash**
- **City of Elmhurst Twitter Page**
- **City of Elmhurst Facebook Page**



City Council Approves 2016 Budget

Using revenues responsibly and providing essential services in an effective manner continues to be a top priority for Elected Officials and City Staff. On December 21, 2015, City Council approved the 2016 City of Elmhurst budget, the City's operational plan for the new fiscal year. A detailed review of anticipated revenue, proposed capital improvements and operation expenditures was collected and presented to City Council. To view the 2016 City of Elmhurst Budget, please visit www.elmhurst.org and click on 2016 Budget under "Quick Links."

2015 City Financial Overview

Affirmation of the City's AAA Bond Rating: The City of Elmhurst AAA bond rating from Standard & Poor's Rating Service was affirmed with the issuance of General Obligation Bond Series 2015. The upgrade was achieved in 2013. The AAA rating is the highest rating that can be assigned. This rating is very significant to the City's ability to issue debt at low interest rates. It reflects the City's strong economy, powerful flexibility and performance, well-bulit liquidity position and management. In Illinois, 30 of 310 rated municipalities have a AAA rating.

Sales Tax Revenue Increase: Sales tax revenue increased by 7% in 2015 compared to 2014. Total sales tax revenue represents about 27% of the City's total General Fund revenue.

Property Tax Reduction: For the second consecutive year, the City Council significantly reduced the debt service on the property tax bill. The 2015 debt service on the tax bill was reduced by \$590,000 compared to 2014, in addition to the debt service reduction on the 2014 tax bill of \$500,000 compared to 2013. Therefore, the debt service reduction for the 2015 tax bill compared to 2013 is \$1,090,000, or about \$60 per average household.



Mayor's Message

On January 12th, I was honored to give my third State of Our City Address where I shared some of the City's accomplishments in 2015 and reviewed what is in store for 2016. You can review the video by visiting www.elmhursttv.com. Below are just a few topics that were covered.

Keeping Elmhurst a great city is a team effort that involves hundreds of employees, dozens of elected officials, hundreds of volunteers and thousands of citizens of Elmhurst. Our city is a city that can't be beat. All of us contribute to making Elmhurst a great place to work, stay, raise a family and run a business.

2015 was another year of prosperity and success for Elmhurst. Economic growth and development continued at a record pace. Elmhurst continues to be a premier destination for families and businesses alike. We are a city that cares, and a city that works. We are a city that strives to be better, and a city that takes strides to do so. Our finances are stronger than they have ever been. For the third year in a row, we've achieved AAA bond rating which allows us to save the taxpayers millions of dollars. Sales tax revenues in Elmhurst are up 7%, which tells us that people want to shop in Elmhurst. In 2014, we were able to reduce the burden of property tax by approximately half a million dollars. In 2015, we were able to lower taxes an additional \$590,000.

For the third year in a row, we issued over 100 new single family permits for the construction of new homes in Elmhurst. This is 2X more than any other community in DuPage County, which gives us an optimum example of how people are choosing Elmhurst now more than ever. Commercial development in Elmhurst has skyrocketed with over \$45 million of commercial development permits issued in 2015. As we move forward in 2016, we have no signs of slowing down with the anticipated opening of several new developments including the Hahn Street Redevelopment Project known as Elmhurst 255, the former Plass Appliance site at 100 N. York Street, and the former Waverton Hotel site which will be the home of a new L.A. Fitness and Starbucks. The new Addison Street Parking Deck is open and will support new developments coming to our downtown area. A Draft Downtown Plan highlighting improvements that can be made to the downtown area was presented to residents in January and will be finalized this spring. The plan will be used as the City's official guide to direct growth, investments and development in the future.

Our work on stormwater management continues with six new projects planned this year. In 2015, we held several Stormwater Communication Meetings with the Elmhurst Park District and School District 205 to discuss intergovernmental agreements for the use of park and school land to alleviate flooding in residential areas. The City launched a new website, www.elmhurststormwaterplan.org, which we will use to communicate our stormwater management issues and improvement projects to the public. I encourage you to visit the website and sign up for alerts to receive project updates.

I want to thank the residents of Elmhurst for their support. It is my honor and privilege to serve the residents and the City of Elmhurst.

Sincerely,
Steven M. Morley, Mayor



Community Calendar

March 2016 — May 2016

ONGOING

Ongoing exhibit

"By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst"

Take an interactive journey through Elmhurst history! Experience engaging towers filled with one-of-a-kind objects, compelling photos, and first-person video accounts from locals. Check out the award-winning, tabletop map that exposes Elmhurst, and take a seat in the mini-theatre to view an original documentary on Elmhurst history.

Elmhurst History Museum • FREE

elmhursthistory.org or 630-833-1457

Ongoing exhibit

Special Exhibit "Symbolism in Chinese Jade"

The Lizzadro Museum's permanent collection of jade carvings is filled with auspicious Chinese symbolism. This exhibit focuses on a selection of carvings from the Qing Dynasty and translates the hidden meanings in their visual motifs.

Lizzadro Museum

Adults \$5., Seniors \$4., Students & Teens \$3., 7 to 12 yrs. \$2., Under 7 yrs. Free.

Friday Free Admission

Saturday 3/5 - Sunday 5/8

Exhibition - PRESENCE

Elmhurst Art Museum presents the first solo exhibition for multi-media artist David Wallace Haskins. Haskins' innovative works aim to inspire awe and wonder while connecting people through shared experiences.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Museum Admission

Monday 3/7 - Saturday 4/16

Women's History Art Exhibition:

Polar Nights Olivia Petrides

Petrides' drawings are immersive, large-scale abstractions based on her direct observation of the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights. She uses simple tools—ink, gouache and paper—and the basic element of drawing—the line—to reenact the forcefulness and sublime effect of the ever-shifting aurora.

Barbara A. Kieft

Accelerator • FREE

Saturday 3/19-Sunday 5/29

Patios, Pools & the Invention of the American Backyard

Explore the mid-century backyard from the rise of suburbs and tract houses, to the beauty of postwar garden design and the birth of the environmental movement. Filled with vintage photographs, historic drawings, and period advertisements, the exhibition reveals how these spaces became an integral part of American popular culture. This event is presented by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition.

Elmhurst History Museum • FREE

elmhursthistory.org or 630-833-1457

Tuesday 3/29-Saturday 4/2

Outdoor Poetry Illustrated!

Join us throughout Spring Break week at the EPL Kids' Library and Elmhurst History Museum where you can pick up a coloring sheet featuring a poem about the great outdoors. Illustrate the poem and return it to either EPL where it will be displayed or EHM where it will be shared on Facebook. All ages.

Elmhurst History Museum &

Elmhurst Public Library

During Museum and Library hours • FREE

Now - Saturday 4/30

York Distinguished Alumni Program (YDAP)

YDAP recognizes and honors York High School alumni who have distinguished themselves through significant and extraordinary accomplishments or through service and an outstanding contribution to society. To nominate a deserving alum for 2016 and/or for further information, please visit the YDAP page at www.elmhurst205.org/yardap or contact Melea Smith/Debbie Hollstein in the District 205 Office of Communications/Alumni Relations: 630-941-4719.

MARCH

Friday- 3/4

Members' Preview and Reception for David Wallace Haskins: PRESENCE

Elmhurst Art Museum

6-9PM • FREE with Museum Admission

Saturday- 3/5

Elmhurst St Patrick's Day Parade

20th annual parade on Spring Road - from marching bands, bag pipers, dancers to clowns and more - a local day to enjoy with your neighbors - elmhurststpatparade.com

Spring Road • Noon • FREE

Thursday- 3/10

Criminal (In) Justice: Reframing the System, Redeeming the Individual

A lifelong champion for social justice, Nadine Strossen was the first woman to head the American Civil Liberties Union, the nation's largest and oldest civil liberties organization. The author of more than 300 published works, Strossen has written, lectured and practiced in the areas of constitutional law, civil liberties and international human rights. The National Law Journal has twice named Strossen one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America." The Rudolf G. Schade Lecture on History, Ethics and the Law sponsored in part by BMO Harris.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

7PM • \$10 General Admission

Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Thurs, 3/10 - Sat, 3/12; Thurs, 3/17 - Sat, 3/19

The Tempest, Elmhurst College Theatre Directed by Janice Pohl

Shakespeare crafts a storytelling storm, a vortex of sleep and dreams in this masterful play from the later years of his career. The magic of Prospero leads us from shipwreck through rebellion, vengeance and captivity. Young lovers embody hope, and illusion gives way to a sea

change with some promise for humanity's future.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre • 8PM

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

Friday- 3/11

2016 Foundation Gala-Friends Making a Difference

Join The Elmhurst District 205 Foundation and a community of caring friends at the newly renovated Drake Hotel for a fun evening that will raise funds to benefit educational programs and enhancements for Elmhurst Public Schools. Enjoy open bar, plated dinner, raffles, and live auctions in an elegant atmosphere—all while making a difference in education! Visit www.elmhurst205.org/foundation_2016gala for details.

Drake Oak Brook Hotel • 6:30-10:30PM

\$175 per person / tables of 10 @ \$1,500.

Fri., 3/11 Application Due, Wed., 4/27 Event

Know an Amazing Kids?

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 Wednesday April 27, 2016. Nominations will be accepted now through March 11th. Please visit www.elmhurst.org to download a form or complete the nomination online.

Sandburg Middle School

7PM • FREE

Saturday- 3/12

Kapoor, Klein, Turrell: David Wallace Haskins In Context, A Talk by Annie Morse, Senior Lecturer at The Art Institute of Chicago

Art Institute Educator Annie Morse will discuss Haskins' work and its connections to the influential work of three renowned artists—Anish Kapoor, Yves Klein and James Turrell—who also explore space, light, natural phenomena and color.

Elmhurst Art Museum

2PM • FREE with Museum Admission

"Geology as Destiny: Across the Chicago Portage, a story of Glaciers, Voyageurs, & Carp!"

Geologist, David Dolak presents Chicago's pre-eminence as the largest metropolitan area in North America is a result of the fortuitous conditions of access across the Mid-Continental watershed divide created by glacial processes over the past 10,000 years. The Chicago Portage water passage has been used by Native Americans, European voyageurs, and was exploited by the famous reversal of the Chicago River. This led to great economic and population growth in the Region along with environmental costs.

Lizzadro Museum • Lecture 2PM - 60 minutes

Adults \$5., Seniors \$4., Students & Teens \$3., Reservations 630-833-1616



Sunday, 3/13

Before-Hours 100th Birthday Party @EPL

Kick off Elmhurst Public Library's 100-year celebration with a special event: Bring the family to enjoy a morning at the Library before everyone else arrives! We're hosting a pancake party, fun activities, music performances, and more. Pick up tickets from the Welcome Desk starting at 9AM on Feb. 27 with your valid Elmhurst Public Library card. More info: elmlib.org/100

Elmhurst Public Library • FREE

Two seatings: 9-10:30AM or 11AM-12:30PM

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert—Mendelssohn's Elijah

Mendelssohn's portrayal of the prophet Elijah is one of the most dramatic of all oratorios. With a flow of stirring choruses, heartfelt arias and theatrical interplay, Mendelssohn's gifts as a composer of vocal music are on full display with a cast of soloists and the Apollo Chorus of Chicago. Contact 630-941-0202, esoboxoffice@gmail.com, or www.elmhurstsymphony.org.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

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

Thursday, 3/17

Third Thursday Gallery Talk: By All Accounts

Explore Elmhurst history with a facilitator on the first Saturday of each month, discovering the exhibit's many interactive elements including the award-winning interactive Elmhurst map. Learn how to use the map to take a trip back in time to discover Elmhurst's past. Location: 2nd floor gallery.

Elmhurst History Museum • 7PM • FREE

Friday 3/18 - Sunday 3/20

Elmhurst Children's Theatre: Guys and Dolls

The production of Guys and Dolls is entertainment you can bet on. Get a group of 12 or more together and receive discounted tickets. For details, contact Michelle Maiers at 630-832-0667 or mmaiers@elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com.

Bryan Middle School

Friday, March 18, 7PM; Saturday, March 19, 2PM & 7PM; Sunday, March 20, 7PM

\$8 per ticket. Group sales of 12 or more are \$6 per ticket. Group sales are limited.

Saturday 3/19

Gallery Talk: Patios, Pools & the American Backyard

The "Patios, Pools & the Invention of the American Backyard" exhibit reveals many intriguing themes. Unravel these topics with Vicki Nowicki, a local environmentalist and horticulturist, who will discuss the exhibit from her perspective. Attendees will receive seeds and a discount coupon to use at Pints (112 S. York St.) good for that day. Location: 1st floor gallery. elmhursthistory.org or 630-833-1457

Elmhurst History Museum • 2 PM • FREE

Sunday 3/20

Wilder Mansion Bridal Show

Find everything you need to plan your perfect wedding at our Bridal Show, an event featuring our favorite vendors. Visit www.wildermansion.org for more information or call (630) 993-8186 to add your name to our guest list.

Wilder Mansion • 11AM-3PM • FREE

Wednesday 3/23

Elmhurst Youth Commission 2nd Annual Teen Job/Volunteer Fair

The Elmhurst Commission on Youth is hosting

the 2nd annual Teen Job/Volunteer Fair. Please contact Jackie Tamer at 773-882-7105 with any questions.

York High School Commons • 3-6PM • FREE

Thursday 3/24

Flashlight Egg Hunt in Wilder Park

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

Wilder Park • 8PM • FREE

Saturday 3/26

Egg Hunt at Wilder Park

Join us for the annual Egg Hunt in Wilder Park! Bring a basket for goodies and be ready to go at 10AM sharp. Visit www.epd.org for more information. FREE

Doggie Eggstravaganza

An egg hunt that's gone to the 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! www.epd.org

Wilder Park • 10:30AM • FREE

"Hop", Shop and Meet the Easter Bunny

Hop on over to Elmhurst City Centre for a FREE showing of "Hop" at the York Theatre at 11AM. Free bunny ears to all the kids following the movie. The Easter Bunny will be greeting families in the plaza from 12:30 to 2:30. For more information, please visit www.elmhurstcitycentre.com.

Easter Egg Hunt at the Gazebo

The Spring Road Business Association will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt in Wild Meadows Trace just behind the Gazebo at Spring Road and the Prairie Path. The "hunt" starts promptly at 1PM with hundreds of eggs. The Easter Bunny will also be present in the Gazebo for pictures after the hunt.

Wild Meadows Trace • FREE

Panel Discussion: Artists Working with Light, Time and Space

Chicago artists David Wallace Haskins, Snow Yunxue Fu and Kathleen McCarthy discuss their multidisciplinary practices that bridge architecture, sculpture and painting, and their shared use of light, space, time, and sound to explore concepts of mystery, the Sublime, and interior/exterior spaces. Panel is moderated by EAM Chief Curator Staci Boris.

Elmhurst Art Museum

2PM • FREE with Museum Admission

Tuesday 3/29

Tom Osborne A Lifetime of Lessons, On and Off the Field

Over his 25-year career as head coach at the University of Nebraska, Osborne's Cornhuskers compiled a 255-49-3 record, including three national championships. After retiring in 1998 with his final national championship in hand, he was almost immediately inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Widely known for his leadership, integrity and compassion, Osborne founded the TeamMates program to support school-age youth, help them graduate from high school and pursue a post-secondary education. The Roland Quest Lecture Series.

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel

7PM • FREE

Thursday 3/31

A Bug's Life Screening

Celebrate spring break and the great outdoors with a free screening of A Bug's Life. Co-presented by Elmhurst History Museum and Elmhurst Public Library for the "Patios, Pools & the Invention of the American Backyard" exhibit. Register at EPL at elmhurstpubliclibrary.org. All ages. Assistive listening devices available.

Elmhurst Public Library • 2PM • FREE

APRIL

Friday 4/1

World Premiere of Myrios by David Wallace Haskins, An Interactive Event

Haskins' new work Myrios is an interactive installation event that syncs visitors' mobile devices together in real-time to create connected fields of light and sound. Bring as many mobile devices as you own (tablets and smartphones, must be Android or Apple iOS).

Elmhurst Art Museum

6-9PM • FREE with Museum Admission

Sunday 4/3

Elmhurst Choral Union: Divine Dvorak

Elmhurst Choral Union, orchestra, and soloists perform sacred music filled with beautiful melodies. Tickets at elmhurstchoralunion.org or 800-838-3006.

Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College

3PM • Adults \$25, Seniors \$23, Youth \$10

Thursday 4/7

Silent Spring: Leslie Goddard as Rachel Carson

While aesthetically pleasing, lush lawns can come at a price. Conservationist Rachel Carson's monumental book, Silent Spring (published in 1962), documented the damaging effects that pesticides used in farming and gardening had on the environment. Join popular first-person interpreter Leslie Goddard portraying the legendary biologist to learn more about Carson's role and experiences in shaping the environmentalism we know today.

elmhursthistory.org or 630-833-1457

Elmhurst History Museum

2 PM • \$5 Suggested Donation; Free to Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Members

Friday 4/8 - Sunday 4/24

The Arabian Nights

The amazing tales of The Arabian Nights come alive in a mesmerizing blend of storytelling, with music, song, humor, and wonderment. "A storybook world come to life...a celebration of the salutary powers of storytelling."

First United Methodist Church

232 S. York, Elmhurst

Sat. 4/9 @ 1:30PM., Sat. 5/14 @ 10:30PM

"Rock & 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. Scout groups require adult supervision.

Lizzadro Museum

75 minutes - Ages 8 yrs. to Adult

\$5.00 per person, Museum Members \$3.00

Reservations Required: 630-833-1616

Saturday 4/9

Canine Care Walk

Dogs and dog lovers are invited to attend the 7th Annual Canine Carewalk at Elmhurst College, hosted by the College's Pre-Veterinary and Animal Welfare Society
Elmhurst College Mall • 10AM • FREE

Community Conversations

Deceptive Fraud Practices and Scams

Find out valuable tips and information that will help protect you from deceptive fraud practices and scams. Presentation provided by Betsy D'Onofrio and a representative from the Elmhurst Police Department. RSVP 630-306-7077. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Senior Citizens Commission.

Elmhurst City Hall, Council Chambers
10AM • FREE

Electronics and Metals Recycling Event

We will be Recycling ALL electronics, Appliances, Car/truck batteries, Crayons, X-Ray film, car parts, ALL Metals, steels and irons, non parishable foods for Yorkfield Pres and IC food Pantries and clothes for First Baptist of Elmhursts clothes closet. For a full list of acceptable on non acceptable items, check us out on Facebook at Heavenly Angels Recycling. Direct all questions to HeavenlyAngelsRecycling@yahoo.com or Matt 630-215-8611

First Baptist Church of Elmhurst
York and St Charles Rd. • 8AM-1PM

Magritte: The Mystery of the Ordinary, Lecture by Stephanie D'Alessandro

Belgian Surrealist artist René Magritte was a master at "defamiliarizing the familiar," a strategy used to challenge notions of perception by exhibiting artist David Wallace Haskins. Stephanie D'Alessandro, curator of the acclaimed 2014 Magritte exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago, will speak about Magritte's uncanny ability to transform the everyday into indelible, dreamlike images, and will be introduced by David Wallace Haskins.

Elmhurst Art Museum
2PM • Free with Museum Admission

Lecture: Putting the 'Burbs into Context

Join Roosevelt University history professor Margaret Rung as she traces the development of suburbia locally and nationally. Rung will examine the growth of consumer culture, shifting gender roles, race relations and the invisible legacies (and traumas) of the Great Depression and World War II that shaped domestic life in the 1950s.

Elmhurst History Museum Education Center
2PM • FREE

Sunday 4/10

Spring Choral Concert -Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Women's Chorus

Directed by Susan Moninger, the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers perform a special assortment of classical and cultural arrangements that are sure to please all audiences. The Women's Chorus, under the direction of Donna Tallman, delights all ages with their array of musical numbers. Alumni are invited to participate in the singing of the Alma Mater during this show.

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel
2PM • FREE

Thursday 4/14

Top Pizza 2016

District 205 Foundation for Educational Excellence is once again hosting its Top Pizza Event. For \$10 per person, guests will taste a variety of Elmhurst pizzerias specialty pizzas as well as cheese and sausage varieties and get to vote for their favorites. Grab dinner to or from sports activities, or before the always amazing York High School musical! Proceeds benefit instructional programs and educational enhancements for Elmhurst Public Schools. Visit www.elmhurst205.org/foundation_pizza to purchase tickets.

York High School Commons
5:30-7:30 PM • \$10

100 Heartbeats, Jeff Corwin

Emmy-winning television host, author and biologist Jeff Corwin works for the conservation of endangered species and ecosystems around the globe. For nearly 20 years, Corwin has produced and hosted a variety of popular television series broadcast on Disney Channel, Discovery Channel, NBC, Animal Planet, Travel Channel and the Food Network. Corwin is executive producer and host of the award-winning weekly series *Ocean Mysteries*, airing weekends on ABC. The Roland Quest Lecture Series.

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel
7PM • \$10

Friday 4/15

Spirituality in an Age of Violence:

Al-Ghazali's Relevance Today

Mustafa Abu Sway is dean of Islamic Studies at Al-Quds University, Jerusalem. He also was a Fulbright Scholar at Florida Atlantic University, and a visiting professor at Bard College in New York. Through his writing and worldwide lectures, Professor Abu Sway has contributed to studies on Imam Al-ghazali, classical and contemporary islamic issues, and the Palestinian question. He is also active in interfaith circles. Professor Abu Sway also is a frequent guest on Al-Jazeera, BBC, CNN and other media outlets. The al-Ghazali Lecture.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge
7:30PM • FREE

Saturday 4/16

"Snuff Bottle Collecting"

Long before cigarettes were introduced to China, tobacco was sniffed. Personal bottles containing snuff were made of various gem materials, glass, and porcelain. Michael Hughes, Chinese Art Specialist and Appraiser will present the styles of snuff bottles and include examples from the Lizzadro Collection on display.

Lizzadro Museum
Lecture - Adult - 2PM - 60 minutes
\$10.00 per person, Museum Members FREE
Reservations Recommended 630-833-1616

Tour and Mindfulness Workshop with Artist David Wallace Haskins and Dr. E. Paul Holmes, Professor of Psychology at the University of Chicago.

Elmhurst Art Museum
2PM • FREE with Museum Admission

Recycling Extravaganza

The Alexander Street parking lot at Elmhurst College will become a Recycling Extravaganza, where people can bring a variety of electronic waste and other household items that will be recycled, reused, repurposed and kept out of

landfills. A complete list of acceptable items will be available at www.elmhurst.edu/sustainability. Paper shredding also will be available. Note: This year, televisions cannot be accepted due to the recycling costs. Email any questions to sustainable@elmhurst.edu. To facilitate traffic flow, vehicles must enter at Prospect Avenue and Walter Street.)

Alexander Street Parking Lot • 9AM-noon
www.elmhurst.edu/campusmap

Sunday 4/17

Understanding the Holocaust

Rabbi Steven Bob

Since 1981, Rabbi Steven Bob has served as senior rabbi of Congregation Etz Chaim of DuPage County, which serves more than 550 families in the western suburbs. He also is an adjunct faculty member at Wheaton College and Elmhurst College, where he is a founder of the Holocaust Education Program. Rabbi Bob's involvement and leadership in the wider community includes chairing the DuPage Interfaith Resource Network and serving as recording secretary of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Holocaust Intercultural Lecture and Service of Remembrance.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge
7PM • FREE

Thurs, 4/21 - Sun, 4/24; Thurs, 4/28 - Sat, 4/30

Kate and Sam Are Not Breaking Up,

By Joel Kim Booster

Directed by Andrew Behling

Kate and Sam are Hollywood's most popular couple and they're calling it quits. Amidst media and message board speculation, their biggest fan plans to convince them otherwise. Kate and Sam must reconcile and rekindle their relationship or accept grizzly repercussions. This sinister and savage comedy pits perceptions of reality against living vicariously through the rich and famous. What happens to our understanding of consequences when we live on the internet?

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre
Thurs- Sat 8PM; Sun 2PM
For tickets, email mill@elmhurst.edu
or call (630) 617-3005

Saturday 4/21

Third Thursday Gallery Talk: By All Accounts

Explore Elmhurst history with a facilitator on the first Saturday of each month, discovering the exhibit's many interactive elements including the award-winning interactive Elmhurst map. Location: 2nd floor gallery. elmhursthistory.org or 630-833-1457

Elmhurst History Museum • 7PM • FREE

Saturday 4/23

Health & Wellness Fair at Courts Plus

Stop by the Courts Plus Health & Wellness Fair and receive a free 2 week trial membership. Meet with personal trainers, have a free health screening, grab some free samples from vendors and enter for raffle prizes and giveaways. Visit www.courts-plus.com for more information.

Courts Plus • 9AM - noon • FREE

Girlfriends Getaway

Come explore the heart of downtown Elmhurst and enjoy the 10th annual Girlfriends Getaway! Check into the Girlfriend's Lounge (ie. the City Centre office) and enter to win our biggest sweepstakes ever! Great specials from many of your favorite City Centre shops & restaurants. Visit www.elmhurstcitycentre.com for more details.. Noon-7PM

Saturday 4/23

"Crystal Bowls Sound Healing"

Marian McNair, MATC, MFA will demonstrate the healing power of crystal bowl vibration. Doctors have recognized sound therapy as a beneficial factor in overall wellness and relaxation. Learn the science behind sound therapy, followed by a demonstration. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and bring yoga mats for the demonstration.

Lizzadro Museum

Lecture/Demonstration Ages 16 yrs. to Adult • 2PM – 90 minutes

\$10.00 per person, Museum Members \$5.00.

Reservations Rec. 630-833-1616

Thursday 4/28

The Ninth Annual Elmhurst College Governmental Forum, Zachary Fardon, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois

Zachary Fardon is the top federal law enforcement official in the Northern District of Illinois, which covers 18 counties across the top tier of the state and a population of approximately 9 million people. His office is widely recognized for numerous significant investigations and prosecutions involving international terrorism and terrorism financing, public corruption, corporate fraud, violent crime and narcotics. In January, his office won a sweeping victory when a jury convicted a former Chicago city official of taking up to \$2 million in bribes and gifts in the "red light camera" public corruption case in Chicago.

Oak Brook Hills Resort

Admission: \$25.00 (includes lunch)

Tickets: www.elmhurst.edu/tix

Book Discussion, On Looking: A Walker's Guide to the Art of Observation by Alexandra Horowitz

Join us in reading and discussing On Looking: A Walker's Guide to the Art of Observation by Alexandra Horowitz. A scientist and author, Horowitz explores experience and perception as she shows us how to practice, "the observation of trifles." Artist David Wallace Haskins will take part in the discussion, a partnership with Elmhurst Public Library. Books are available at EPL; discussion takes place in the McCormick House at EAM.

Elmhurst Art Museum • 6:30PM

FREE with Museum Admission

Saturday 4/30

Concert by Ensemble G.P.

Enjoy a classical music concert by Ensemble G.P. Chicago area flutists Stefanie Abderhalden and Jennifer Wilhelms perform their program Synchronie, which explores music written in the 20th and 21st centuries by American and Japanese composers and features a variety of flutes including piccolo, alto flute, bass flute and slide whistle. The duo describes the music as clever, playful and elegant, with the capacity to startle and generate a sense of mystery.

Elmhurst Art Museum • 5PM

FREE with Museum Admission

Elmhurst Symphony Musicians at Mayslake—Brass Blow-Out!

No strings attached! No reeds allowed (or aloud!) Enjoy a fun concert that showcases the Orchestra's brass quintet in the intimate and acoustically beautiful Mayslake Peabody Estate. From medieval castles to New Orleans speakeasies to recent concert hall works, these outstanding musicians will take you on a little historical tour of brass music and their

instruments.

Mayslake Peabody Estate,

1717 W. 31st Street, Oak Brook • 2:30PM

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

Prairie Path Clean Up

A rain or shine event of community volunteers. All volunteers are welcome, student service hours are available. Please call Jon Schroeder at 630-833-4437 for more information and to volunteer.

Municipal parking lot behind the Knights of Columbus Hall • 9AM

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Look through your medicine cabinets and bring expired or unwanted medications to the Elmhurst Police Department for our Prescription Drug Take-Back Day!

Elmhurst Police Station • 10AM-2PM

Saturday 4/30 - Sunday 5/1

Art in the Park

Join us for the 20th annual juried show of fine arts, craft and design. Featuring over 100 Midwest artists, food vendors, kid's court, and live acoustic entertainment!

Wilder Park, 10AM-5PM, FREE

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Wednesday 5/4

Mid-Century Mod Cocktail Party

Channel your inner Don or Betty Draper and join us for "the most" cocktail party celebrating the 1950s and early '60s with drinks and throwback bites you'll dig. Costumes are welcome and optional—but don't be a square! Register at elmhursthistory.org, click on "Adult Programs."

Pints, 112 S. York St. • 7PM

Cost: \$15 EHF members / \$18 non-members

National Walk & Roll to School Day

National Bike Month will be celebrated in May, in coordination with the League of American Bicyclists (www.bikeleague.org). The fifth annual National Walk/Bike to School Day is set for Wednesday, May 4 and will be celebrated by Elmhurst K-8 schools sometime that week. More information to follow from District 205. 8AM •FREE

Friday 5/6

Walking in Time, Interactive Event and Workshop by David Wallace Haskins

David Wallace Haskins debuts Walking in Time, an interactive installation event that leads visitors on an exploration of time and space across the museum campus. Bring your smartphone or tablet. Families and children 6+ especially welcome.

Elmhurst Art Museum

2PM • FREE with Museum Admission

Saturday 5/7

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert—Mutual Admiration Society: Beethoven, Mozart and Tchaikovsky

The season concludes with a celebration of friendship and music as Rika Seko, celebrating 20 years as concertmaster of the ESO, performs Mozart with her longtime friend, violist Anibal Dos Santos. The program also features bold and compelling works by Beethoven (Overture to Egmont) and Tchaikovsky, whose Symphony No. 4 offers beloved melodies and a high-octane orchestral finale. Contact 630-941-0202, esoboxoffice@gmail.com, or www.elmhurstsymphony.org

elmhurstsymphony.org

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church • 7PM

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

Saturday 5/14

Gallery Talk: Patios, Pools & the American Backyard

The "Patios, Pools & the Invention of the American Backyard" exhibit raises several intriguing threads. Delve into these topics with Alan C. Watkins, a landscape architect who will discuss the exhibit from his perspective.

Elmhurst History Museum • 2PM • FREE

Sunday 5/15

20th Annual Elmhurst Museum Day

Celebrate the BIGGEST Museum Day ever! Jump on board the trolley as it rolls through town to celebrate Elmhurst Museum Day at three local museums and the cultural campus Wilder Park. Ride the trolley to each location for free admission, activities, refreshments, and more. This year, the fun spills into Wilder Park where the Elmhurst Park District Conservatory joins in the party, food trucks will be available for picnics, and Elmhurst Public Library hosts games storytimes for kids.

Elmhurst Art Museum

Elmhurst History Museum

Elmhurst Public Library

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

1-5PM • FREE

Thursday 5/19

Third Thursday Gallery Talk: By All Accounts

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Elmhurst History Museum • 7PM • FREE

Friday 5/20

Sustainable Home Landscaping

Join local award-winning garden educator, environmentalist, and practicing landscape horticulturist Vicki Nowicki of The Land Office in Downers Grove as she shares tips and practical knowledge to show how to introduce native and edible species into your own yard. Attendees will receive heirloom tomato or other seeds, and discounted drink coupons for Pints. RSVP at elmhurstpubliclibrary.org or 630-279-8696.

Elmhurst Public Library • 7PM

Saturday 5/21

Green Garden Fair

Pre order organic, locally grown vegetable and herb seedlings from Sweet Home Organics at <http://sweethomeseedlings.myshopify.com/> and pick up at the Fair. A limited selection of seedlings will also be available at the Fair. Get your gardening questions answered by U Of I Extension Master Gardeners and visit our "Green" Exhibitors.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
10AM-1PM • FREE

All Church Yard Sale

Come shop thru our array of treasures such as household items, kitchenware, women, men's and children clothing, accessories, jewelry, clothing and you name it! Proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
9AM-2PM • FREE

Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Don't miss out on the fun on March 5th for the 20th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade! The event begins at noon at the intersection of Wilson Street and Spring Road. For full details, please visit www.elmhurststpatparade.com.



Early Voting, General Primary Election

City Hall will be an Early Voting site for the March 15, 2016 General Primary Election. DuPage County residents can visit the Council Chambers in City Hall beginning February 29, 2016 through March 12, 2016 for Early Voting. The hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 7:30 pm and Saturdays 9 am – 5 pm. For additional locations and extended hours, please visit www.dupageco.org/election or call the DuPage Election Commission at 630-407-5600.

Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy is a 12-week program designed to give the citizens of Elmhurst a working knowledge of Law Enforcement and the Elmhurst Police Department. The program is free of charge and is limited to 25 students per session. Participants must be over the age of twenty-one and live or work in Elmhurst. Spring classes will be at the Elmhurst Police Department's Training room, located at 125 E. First Street, Wednesdays, March 9 - May 25 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Please contact Jami Carrington at (630) 530-3061 for additional information, or visit www.elmhurst.org.



Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Elmhurst Police Department will host a Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 30th, from 10 a.m. to 2 pm in the parking lot of the Elmhurst Police Department. Prescription painkillers (or opioid pain relievers) are to blame in nearly three quarters of tragedies caused by drug overdose. If they're in your home, get rid of them! 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.



Vehicle Sticker Reminder

City vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by May 1st on all vehicles registered or garaged within city limits. Stickers are sold at a discount from March 1 through April 30. Applications will be mailed to residents, and are available to download at www.elmhurst.org. Stickers can be purchased in person, online or 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.



Recycling your Smoke Detectors

Elmhurst Fire Stations 1 & 2 and City Hall will now be collecting smoke detectors for recycling. Smoke detectors have a life span of 10 years and should be replaced after that period. Many smoke detectors are ionized and contain a small amount of radioactive materials and household hazard waste sites will not accept them. How do you know if your smoke detector is ionized? The back of the detector will have a warning about the material.



Residential Warnings on IRS Scams

The Elmhurst Police Department has been alerted to individuals calling local residents claiming to be IRS agents and asking for personal information, which is then used for purposes of identity theft.

Please be aware that the Internal Revenue Service does not contact taxpayers on the phone or by email to obtain information and, if you should receive such a call or email, it is not legitimate. Do not provide the caller with any personal information.

If you are able to obtain the caller's number on your caller ID, call 9-1-1 to report the scam to the police. If you have any questions regarding suspicious phone calls you have received, please contact the Elmhurst Police Department non-emergency line at (630) 530-3050. For more information about IRS-related scams, visit www.irs.gov.





Placement of Refuse Containers

On scheduled pickup days, all garbage and recycle containers are to be placed on the city parkway. Containers placed on the street are at risk of not being picked up. As a reminder, please place containers 3 ft. away from any permanent objects such as fire hydrants and streetlights.

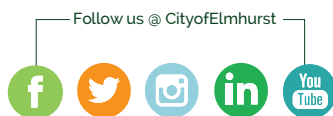
Spring Clean-Up

The City's annual Spring Clean-Up will be held on the following Saturdays – April 23rd for those with a Wednesday garbage pick-up, April 30th for those with a Thursday pick-up, and May 7th 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.

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(630) 530-3000 • Website: www.elmhurst.org

To learn about job opportunities through the City of Elmhurst, please visit www.elmhurst.org.



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

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

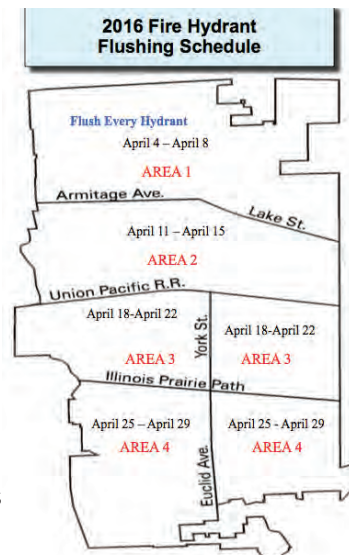
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Community Development630-530-3030
Police (non-emergency)630-530-3050
Fire (non-emergency)630-530-3090
Elmhurst Historical Museum ... 630-833-1457
Elmhurst Public Library630-279-8696
Request for Public Records - foia@elmhurst.org
EMERGENCY 9-1-1

Aldermen

1st Ward - Marti Deuter, Mark Sabatino
2nd Ward - Bob Dunn, Norman Leader
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4th Ward - Noel Talluto, Kevin L. York
5th Ward - Scott Levin, Chris Healy
6th Ward - Jim Kennedy, Michael Honquest
7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Patrick Wagner

Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

Each year, community fire hydrants are flushed 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 4 – April 29. The operation will take place Monday-Friday between 7:30 am and 3:00 pm. Signs will be posted in affected areas before the work begins.



Stormwater Management on Residential Properties

Residents are reminded that gutter downspouts must be directed to the front or the rear of their property. Sump pump discharge that is above ground must be directed to an area on your property that can absorb this water before it reaches any adjacent properties or a city sidewalk. It is important for property owners to do their best to manage the stormwater that is generated from their property.

City Code Updates - Exterior Surfaces

Spring is here! Check the outside of your home for possible damages caused by the harsh winter elements. City 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.

Explore Elmhurst Express Trolley

IT'S COMING BACK! The City's Trolley Program will return this summer with some exciting new offers! The trolley will operate on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from June 3rd - September 18th. Stay tuned for more details!



Elmhurst History Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst • Phone: 630-833-1457

elmhursthistory.org • EHM@elmhurst.org • FREE

Museum Hours: Tues-Sun 1-5 p.m., 3rd Thurs 1-8pm, Sat 10-5 p.m., Closed Mondays & Holidays

Issue

Elmhurst Historical Museum's New Name and Logo Debut March 1

Changing from the name "Elmhurst Historical Museum" to "Elmhurst History Museum" may not seem like a big deal to most people, but to the staff at the Elmhurst History Museum it represents a new era in the Museum's own history.

The transition to Elmhurst History Museum takes place starting March 1, 2016 and rolls out throughout the year as the Museum integrates the new name, logo, and look into all of its communication tools. The name change is a result of the Museum's strategic planning process and is intended to clarify and strengthen the Elmhurst History Museum's image and position in the marketplace. According to Brian Bergheger, Director of Elmhurst History Museum, the change is well-founded.



"Changing the name is a business decision that has been considered carefully," Bergheger said. "Too often, the public has mistakenly identified the museum as a 'historical society' and they associate this term with institutions that are not open to the general public or are exclusively for members. While many historical societies have deep roots and serve their communities well, we are in the museum business and have a professional staff that fulfills our institutional mission to engage the public with history through collection, exhibits, and diverse educational experiences."

"Extensive research, focus groups, and consultation preceded this change," Bergheger continued. "An in-depth strategic planning process identified branding and marketing as critical goals, and this name change is the first step in rebranding the museum for a new generation. We are excited to bring the new brand to life and look forward to continuing to build the brand in the coming years."

As part of the rebranding initiative, Elmhurst History Museum will launch a new web site in June 2016 (no change in the URL – it remains elmhursthistory.org), and the new look will be fully integrated by 2017.

Smithsonian's *Patios, Pools* Exhibit Debuts March 19

EHM is proud to be the first Chicago-area stop for a new Smithsonian exhibit, "*Patios, Pools* & the Invention of the American Backyard," on view March 19-May 29. Elmhurst is the ideal setting to present this exhibit exploring the mid-century backyard from the rise of the suburbs and tract houses and the beauty of postwar garden design to the birth of the environmental movement.



Smithsonian Institution, American Gardens Archives, Roche Collection

Through rare photos, historic drawings, and period ads, "*Patios, Pools*, & the Invention of the American Backyard" draws from the collections and research of the Smithsonian Gardens' Archives of American Gardens. The exhibit is organized for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), and is sponsored locally by Bartlett Tree Experts, with additional support from: American Gardens, Inc.; Baralt's Custom Landscapes, Inc.; McFarlane Douglass & Companies; NightLight, Inc.; Erwin Steinhebel & Sons, Inc.

A local component will be added with Elmhurst residents' photos from the 1950s-60s showing how their families used the outdoor space during this era. A Family Guide is available and a family-friendly interactive feature has been added to engage younger children. Check out the calendar section in this newsletter for the full slate of programs including Spring Break activities, a Mid-Century Mod Cocktail Party, an appearance by first-person presenter Leslie Goddard, gardening lectures and more! For the latest information, visit elmhursthistory.org.

The Biggest Museum Day Ever!
Sunday, May 15, 1-5 p.m.
Free admission, trolley, activities and more at 3 Elmhurst museums, Wilder Park, Elmhurst Public Library!

Summer Volunteers Needed

Calling all high school teens with an interest in history, museums, and working with visitors! Join our corps of awesome teen volunteers to help out with our summer exhibit, kids' programs, events, and more. To apply, go to elmhursthistory.org and download an application in the volunteer section or contact nancy.himmes@elmhurst.org.



Addison Avenue Parking Deck- Now Open!

The Addison Avenue Parking Deck, located at 145 N. Addison Avenue, opened to the public at 7 a.m. on Friday January 15th and is now open to all patrons 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



The development of the deck took just over a year, breaking ground on December 1st, 2014. City Manager Jim Grabowski stated, "The highly anticipated opening of the Addison Avenue Parking Deck is now here. We are confident that the new 690 parking spaces available to Elmhurst patrons will provide a necessary service to the downtown area."

According to City Code, the City of Elmhurst holds the responsibility of providing parking to employees and patrons in the downtown area. This parking lot allows

shoppers, commuters, and employees the opportunity to park in a central location in the developing downtown area.

On January 25th, City Officials and community representatives gathered to officially open the parking deck with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mayor Morley, who addressed the crowd stated, "This parking deck shows a commitment from the City to the growth of our downtown. We have \$50 million in commercial investments coming to the Addison Avenue area. With all of this new development, you need parking."



The parking deck has themed levels, designed to provide parking patrons with colorful, clear ways of finding their vehicle. The themed levels are represented by Elmhurst Institutions. Each level is designated for the following specified parking patrons:

LEVEL 7- PART TIME AND EMPLOYEE PERMIT PARKING
LEVEL 6- PAY BY SPACE PARKING (\$2/DAY)
LEVEL 5- EMPLOYEE PERMIT PARKING
LEVEL 4- FREE SHOPPER PARKING (3 HR)
LEVEL 3- FREE SHOPPER PARKING (3 HR)
LEVEL 2- FREE SHOPPER PARKING (3 HR)
LEVEL 1- HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PARKING



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