



The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

Shop Local this Season!

This holiday season we urge you to champion the local economy by supporting Elmhurst retailers, service providers, attractions, and restaurants. Here are a few great ways everybody wins when you think local first this holiday season:



Phillips Flowers & Gifts (526 S. Spring Rd.)

Lower Taxes: In Elmhurst, and many other communities, sales taxes account for a municipality's largest source of budget revenue, often offsetting any need for a property tax increase. Purchasing local grows the Elmhurst tax base and keeps the City's portion of the property tax bill low.

Keep Money & Jobs in the Community: Approximately 68% of every dollar spent at a local small business stays in the community and approximately 44% of every dollar spent at an in-town chain outlet or big box store stays in Elmhurst. By comparison, less than 1% of every dollar spent online returns to the community. Local businesses also generate more tax revenue per sales dollar thanks to the "multiplier effect," which keeps more money recirculating in Elmhurst.

Return on Investment: Local businesses are often owned and operated by people who live in this community and are more invested in the community's future. Small businesses give more to local charities, youth teams, and community events such as the No Frills Run. The event is made possible in large part by the support of businesses like HB Jones (551 S. York), Fleet Feet Sports (124 Schiller), Olympia Chiropractic (533 S York), Fit RX (123 N. York), Kie & Kate (559 Spring), and Maxine's (122 N. York).



K & T Colors (568 S York St)

Receive Better Service & Create Personal Connections:

Local businesses often hire people with a better understanding of the products they are selling and take more time to get to know customers. Passion for their business has given the majority of community staples like Phillip's Flowers & Gifts (526 Spring), Doti Liquors (104 E. Fullerton), Luscombe Music (122 W. Vallette), and Enzee Boutique (140 N. York) a reputation for great customer service. Whether you're looking for customized R/C products at FPV Racing Hobbies (593 N. York) or planning a "treat yourself" day for someone special at Betty's Blow Dry & Beauty Bar (318 Montrose) you'll find excellent service at Elmhurst's newest businesses too.

Diverse Product Selection: Local retailers don't select products based on a national sales plan, guaranteeing a



Evelyn on Second (108 W. Second)

much broader range of product choices. Shoppers looking for unique Elmhurst themed gifts can find Elmhurst branded merchandise at a bevy of local merchants. Evelyn on Second (108 W. Second) sprinkles Elmhurst items like their "Santa Please Stop in Elmhurst" signs among

artisan-made jewelry, gifts, and accessories. Specialty items are common finds in local boutiques.

As you participate in the annual ritual of shopping over the holidays, don't forget Elmhurst is also a great place to share experiences - from the thrill of escaping The Room Upstairs (152 N. York)



Main Street Candy & Toys (123 N York Rd)

to finding a moment to relax at Hand & Stone Massage (624 N.York). Looking to grab a bite to eat while you're out, Elmhurst has you covered. Pull out the 2018 Elmhurst Dining Guide from the center of this edition of the Front Porch and make it your New Year's Resolution to try them all!

All Aboard the Holly Trolley, Dec. 9 & Dec. 16!

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City Hall Holiday Hours

City Hall will be closed for the holidays at noon on Friday, December 22 and all day on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1.

The Elmhurst City Council and City Staff wish you all a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!

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Holidays

State of the City Address

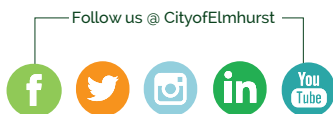
Mayor Morley will deliver his 2018 "State of the City" Mayoral Address at the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Membership Breakfast hosted by Community Bank of Elmhurst, 330 W. Butterfield Road, on Tuesday, January 9th from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Seating is limited to 150. For reservations, call the Chamber office at (630) 834-6060. The program will be taped for broadcast in February on Channel 6 of Comcast.

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

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EMERGENCY 9-1-1

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1st Ward - Marti Deuter, Mark Sabatino
2nd Ward - Norman Leader, Bob Dunn
3rd Ward - Michael J. Bram, Dannee Polomsky
4th Ward - Kevin L. York, Noel Talluto
5th Ward - Tina Park, Scott M. Levin
6th Ward - Jim Kennedy, Michael Honquest
7th Ward - Michael Brennan, Mark A. Mulliner

Mayor's Message



The holiday season has arrived and it is a special time to celebrate with loved ones and to reflect on the passing of the year. We are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful city that continues to accomplish much while moving forward.

While we reflect on our year and our blessings, let's not forget about individuals who may not be as fortunate. There are those in our city and surrounding areas who are struggling. I encourage you to look for opportunities to spread holiday cheer by finding non-profit organizations that help those in need.

There is plenty to do in Elmhurst this season. In an effort to promote experiencing the holiday season in your hometown, we will be bringing back the trolley on Saturday, December 9th and Saturday, December 16th from 10 a.m. to 10 pm. Everyone is invited to hop onboard the Explore Elmhurst Holly Trolley which will be running the same route as it did in the summer! There will be holiday fun onboard and riders will receive a guide to special offers in town and have a chance to win prizes.

Be sure to check out some of these great holiday events—Jolly Old Saint Nick Concert at Yorkfield Presbyterian Church on December 1st, the Tree Lighting in Wilder Park on December 7th, Spring Road's Sleigh Rides and Ice Sculptures and City Centre's Hometown Holiday Block Party both on December 16th. A list of all events this season is located on ExploreElmhurst.com.

Our retailers offer many unique items that you can check off your shopping list! I encourage you to shop local this season and support Elmhurst businesses. Everything you need for holiday shopping, party planning and family gathering can be found right here in Elmhurst. Plus, by shopping local, you keep sales tax dollars in town, boosting our economic well-being and funding future needs.

As I look back on 2017, I am inspired by the great things happening in our community, from thriving new businesses, exceptional events, and growth in City Council initiatives that paved the way for continued investing in Elmhurst. I know I speak for all Council when I say we are looking forward to the opportunities in 2018.

On behalf of the City of Elmhurst, I would like to extend heartfelt greetings for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and all of the best in 2018!

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

Sincerely,
Steven M. Morley, Mayor

Elmhurst Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Elmhurst proudly presents its 22nd annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 10th starting at noon. The parade will begin at the intersection of Wilson Street and Spring Road and continue north on Spring Road in Elmhurst. It's time to go GREEN! Come dressed up in your most creative & festive outfit!

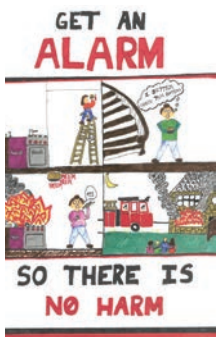


Know an Amazing Kid?

The City of Elmhurst's Commission on Youth is currently seeking nominees for its annual Exemplary Youth Service Awards, which will be presented on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Bryan Middle School. For more information and for the nomination form, please visit: www.elmhurst.org/youthaward. Deadline for submissions is March 9, 2018.

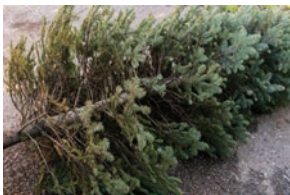
2017 Learn Not To Burn Winner

The Elmhurst Fire Department's fire safety program is taught throughout the school year to approximately 700 Elmhurst 4th grade students in all District 205, private and parochial schools. Topics covered during the program include the fire triangle, fire classifications, hazards found in the home, home escape planning and burn prevention. Each year, the "Learn Not to Burn" poster contest is held where students submit their drawings. Congratulations to this year's winner Keira! Her award winning drawing themed, "Get An Alarm So There Is No Harm" took 1st place!



Disposing of Holiday Trees & Refuse

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



2017 Outstanding Senior Citizen Awards



The Senior Citizens Commission honored exceptional and outstanding senior volunteers at a ceremony held on September 28, 2017. Award recipients were recognized for their shown commitment, kindness and generosity through selfless efforts and dedication that provide comfort and relief to the lives of the less privileged and most vulnerable. Thirteen outstanding individuals were recognized for rendering stellar public service to Elmhurst residents. These individuals do behind the scenes work, and never seek recognition for all that they do to help make our city the best it can be and what it is today- a great place to live.

Senior Citizen Commission Chair, Cathy Jordan gave a short summary of each of the award recipients recognizing their accomplishments. Mayor Steve Morley thanked them for all that they do. The "2017 Outstanding Senior Citizen Service Award" was awarded to Celestia Boughner and Wayne Hoffman. The 11 individuals awarded "2017 Senior Service Award" include: Matthew Gerald, Emil Haddad, Gail Menconi, Mary Ellen Milos, Charlotte Mushow, Brian Murphy, Ann Pasnick, Ed Ronne, Joyce Ruchti, Terry Walden, and Francis Wenig.

Many lives have been brightened by the positive spirit of these senior citizens. Congratulations and thank you to all of the award recipients

Holiday Tree Lights Recycling

The City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst Park District are partnering with SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) for the annual holiday lights recycling program from Monday, November 13 to Friday, January 19. Look for the bins with the "Holiday Lights" stickers at these locations:



City Hall, 209 N. York Street: M-F: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Courts Plus, 186 S. West Avenue: M-F, 6 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat/Sun 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Park District Administrative Building, 375 W. First Street: M-F: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Abbey, 407 W. St. Charles Road: M-Th, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.; F, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Wager Community Center - 615 N. West Avenue - M-F, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Acceptable items include Italian mini-lights, traditional lights, extension cords, rope lights, and LED lights in both working and non-working condition. Lawn ornaments or other holiday decorations will not be accepted. Call Anne Scheppele at (630) 993-8941 or email ascheppele@epd.org with any questions. Additional information about recycling is available from SCARCE at www.scarcecoed.org or from Elgin Recycling at www.elginrecycling.com.



All Aboard the HOLLY TROLLEY!

Explore Elmhurst Express Trolley is back for the holidays!

The Explore Elmhurst Express Trolley is currently being decked out for the holidays! Ride the Explore Elmhurst Holly Trolley on Saturday, December 9th and Saturday, December 16th!

No tickets are needed to ride the FREE Holly Trolley connecting downtown Elmhurst with the Spring Road Business District and the York and Vallette Business District. Special Explore Elmhurst Holly Trolley signs will mark each stop.

Hop-on-board for some holiday fun between 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. While onboard, riders will receive a guide to special offers in town and have a chance to enter-to-win prizes!

Participate in these events during your Holly Trolley experience!

Saturday, December 9th

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Santa Visits City Centre Plaza (Stop #2)
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Santa's Secret Shop at Wilder Mansion (Stop #4)
2 – 2:30 p.m. – Library's Storytime on the Holly Trolley (Starting at Stop #1)
4-6 p.m. – Disney's Frozen character, Elsa rides the Holly Trolley (Starting at Stop #1)
All day special offers from participating Elmhurst businesses!

Saturday, December 16th

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Spring Road's Sleigh Rides (Stop #5)
2 – 2:30 p.m. – Library's Storytime on the Holly Trolley (Starting at Stop #1)
4-6 p.m. – Canterbury Carolers on the Holly Trolley (Starting at Stop #1)
4-8 p.m. – City Centre's Hometown Holiday Block Party (Stop #2)
All day special offers from participating Elmhurst businesses!

The Holly Trolley Route will run the same route as the summer on December 9th and December 16th from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

The Explore Elmhurst Holly Trolley is handicapped accessible and ADA-compliant. For route details and to track the trolley, please visit www.ExploreElmhurst.com/trolley.

Meet your crossing guard!

The City of Elmhurst has maintained a long-standing crossing guard program to assist school children on their daily walks to and from school. The City staffs crossing guards at 22 locations throughout the community, each school morning and afternoon. Crossing guards are strategically placed at intersections along established school pedestrian routes. Crossing guards fulfill an important role at intersections where high traffic volumes make it difficult for school children to cross safely without an adult stopping traffic for them and allowing them time to cross. Elmhurst crossing guards are part-time City employees who work under the direction of the Police Department during the school year. Crossing locations are staffed each school day by a crossing guard, and in their absence, a community service officer or police officer will fill-in, if needed, to ensure children's safe travel to or from school. Some crossing guards have been employees for more than twenty years, and form strong bonds with the students and parents they cross each day. Crossing guards are valued members of the City's public safety team, who watch out for the safety of Elmhurst's youngest residents each school day.

We're happy to introduce you to longtime Elmhurst Crossing Guard, Rick Grob!



Rick Grob, Crossing Guard on the corner of York & Arthur

Rick Grob first became a crossing guard back in 2002 in Rocky River, Ohio and after moving to Elmhurst, Illinois he became a crossing guard again in 2007. He originally thought about becoming a crossing guard after retiring. He felt it would keep him busy and allow him to interact with families and kids in the community. Rick safely walks children from Hawthorne Elementary School and Immaculate Conception Grammar School, including some students from other local schools. His favorite part of the job is meeting the children and their families and ensuring that everyone crosses safely. He wants kids to know they are safe, acknowledged, and cared for. Rick also has the great opportunity of helping his 3 grandsons cross for school each day, two of them are twins in 2nd grade at Hawthorne, and the other is in 7th grade at Sandburg. He enjoys his job and has fun with the children he helps.

Would you like to work with children, help keep them safe, provide a service to your community, and get paid to do so? Consider working as a Relief Crossing Guard! Relief School Crossing Guards occasionally fill in during the school year when coverage is needed. For further information and to apply, please visit cityofelmhurst.peopleadmin.com

The threat of winter fires is real; some winter fire facts

- Over 900 people die in winter home fires each year.
- \$2,091,000,000 in property loss occurs from winter home fires.
- 67 percent of winter fires occur in one- and two-family homes.
- Cooking is the leading cause of all winter home fires.
- 5-8 p.m. is the most common time for winter home fires.
- Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of December, January, and February.
- Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 reported home fires, and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.



Winter Fire Safety Tips

- Install carbon monoxide alarms, and test at least once a month.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and furnace every year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and nearby buildings.
- Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time

Holiday Decoration Tips to Prevent Fires

Always read manufacturer's instructions for the number of holiday light strands to connect.

40% of all home decoration fires are started by candles.

The top 4 days for home candle fires are Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.

Although live Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are extremely dangerous. On average 1 of every 34 reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in death.

A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes 1 in every 4 of the fires.

Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.

Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.



Holiday Shopper Safety

With the holidays coming up it is important to keep personal safety in mind when shopping. The Elmhurst Police Department would like to advise residents this season to be smart when shopping at stores with the following safety tips:

- Shop during the day if possible, but if you go at night bring a friend. Only bring necessary cash, cards, and identification and do not leave your purse or bags unattended.
- When placing shopping bags in your vehicle, put them in the trunk where they are out of sight. Be sure to remember to lock your vehicle when entering stores.
- Be cautious of strangers approaching you for any reason. Con artists will try to distract you with the intention of taking money/belongings.
- If shopping online, be careful of online scams, there will be plenty of fake bargains so if it sounds too good to be true it probably is! Only make purchases from reputable websites and do research on websites you are unsure about.
- Have a safe shopping trip by being alert and following these tips!

Preventing Road Rage

Road rage is when an angry driver becomes aggressive or violent towards another motorist. It's important that all drivers learn to manage their emotions so that they themselves do not engage in or become a target of road rage. Avoid road rage by following a few simple tips from the Elmhurst Police Department:

- First and foremost, be a courteous driver. Do not tailgate, glare at other drivers, or make rude gestures. Avoid any mean-spirited actions.
- If you find yourself in a situation where another motorist is clearly angry with you—rightly or not—and seems intent on following you or acting aggressively, do not get caught up in the game. Pull over in a public place and call the police or drive to a local police station

Package Theft

During the holidays there are more opportunities for packages to be stolen. Follow the Elmhurst Police Department's tips to prevent package theft:

- When making a purchase online, choose a specific delivery time if the retailer provides the option. If purchasing from a large retailer, consider having it be delivered for pick-up at one of their local stores. Ask your work if you can get packages delivered there.
- If the package is being delivered to your home take advantage of delivery alerts so you can be notified when the package arrives. Ask a trusted neighbor to take your package inside if you are unavailable to accept the delivery yourself.
- When possible, request the delivery company to hold your package at their closest pick-up facility until you can pick it up. You can also ask the shipper to require a signature confirmation of delivery to prevent packages being left when no one is home to sign. It can be helpful to provide delivery instructions so packages can be left out of sight from the front yard/road.
- Take advantage of delivery options and be vigilant in your neighborhood and report any suspicious activity to the police department.

Citizen Police Academy

Congratulations to the recent graduates of the Fall 2017 Citizens Police Academy!

The next class will begin in March 2018. In this 12- week program you will gain an understanding on how the Elmhurst Police Department operates in providing the best in class service and safety to Elmhurst residents. For more information, email policeinfo@elmhurst.org.



City Snow Removal

Following a snowfall, main roads are cleared first, followed by neighborhood streets and other less-traveled roadways. Snow is typically removed from the center to the curb in a series of four passes. Residents are reminded to please wait until city crews have completed their work before clearing your driveway approach because it is not possible to complete plowing without pushing some snow onto driveway approaches. During plowing operations, windrows of snow may be created in the center of the street and then removed during the night time hours when there are fewer vehicles to impede the process. Please avoid shoveling or blowing snow into the street when you are clearing your property. Residents can also help by clearing snow from fire hydrants to help firefighters locate them quickly in an emergency. Please remember, too, that parking is not permitted on city streets for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more.

Winter Water Conservation

Of course, we should be trying to conserve water year-round, but here are some ways to specifically prepare for winter-time water wasters.



Drip your faucets.

- Wait...how can dripping your faucets save water – doesn't that use more water? Yes and no. When temperatures drop below freezing, leaving your faucets to drip when you're asleep or not home will help prevent a pipe from bursting. You waste a whole lot more water from a leaky or gushing pipe than you do from taking this precaution!
- Keep warm air on the water pipes. If you have water pipes behind walls, they could freeze and burst. Keep your pipes exposed to warm air to reduce pipe freezing.
- Want to take the conservation a step further? Stick a large pot or a bucket under the faucet that you're dripping. You can use that water to flush the toilet or water plants, so it won't go to waste!

Winterize your pipes.

- Turn the water off to your outside spigots and disconnect your garden hoses.
- Preventing burst pipes and leaks are your best bets when it comes to conserving water in winter. On top of dripping your faucets, it's a good idea to make sure outdoor pipes, like the ones running to your backyard spigot, are wrapped. This way, when temperatures drop below freezing, they stay warmer than the air and are less likely to develop leaks or burst.

Welcome New Elmhurst History Museum Director, David Oberg!



The City of Elmhurst is pleased to announce the appointment of Dave Oberg as Director of the Elmhurst History Museum. Dave comes to the position with an extensive background in the museum field including former executive director of Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum. In addition to managing the staff and developing strategic direction for the Museum and Churchville Schoolhouse, Dave will also lead the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation and serve as a

department head for the City of Elmhurst. Welcome Dave!

Utility Billing Corner

Would you like to save time, paper, envelopes and stamps receiving and paying your bimonthly utility bill? Residents and businesses served by City of Elmhurst water, sewer, and refuse can receive their bills via regular mail only (default method), e-mail only, or by both e-mail and regular mail. If you would like to start receiving your bill via e-mail, simply go to the City of Elmhurst website, www.elmhurst.org and click on the payments tab at the bottom right of the page. Following the directions, users can view billing history for their account and sign up for e-billing.

Residents and businesses can also sign up for E-Z Payment, whereby utility bill payments are paid electronically from the customer's bank account on the due date. Again, go to the City's website home page, click on "permits and forms" (bottom left of page), and download the Utility Billing E-Z Pay Application/Authorization Form (PDF), which can be found under the heading "Finance Forms". After completing the form and attaching a voided check, customers can drop the information off at City Hall, send by mail, or fax to (630) 530-6403.

Did you know:

- A house or business with a small leak that is not repaired loses 39-227 cubic meters (10,200-60,000 gallons) of water each billing period which can result in substantial water and sewer charges for water that is "wasted".
- A garden hose left on can have 2.5 cubic meters (650 gallons) flow through it each hour.
- One type of water loss that many people do not notice is a leaky toilet as you can't always see or hear the leak. Check toilets regularly by putting food coloring in the toilet tank and wait an hour or so without using or flushing. If the bowl water turns the color of the food dye, there is a leak and a part such as the overflow pipe or plunger ball/flapper should be adjusted or repaired/replaced.
- Another way to check for leaks is to read your meter before bed and read it again first thing in the morning. Assuming nobody has used water in the middle of the night, the reading should remain the same. If the reading has changed, there is a water leak somewhere in the home or business.

Should you have questions regarding your utility account or need additional information regarding payment options, feel free to call the Utility Billing Collections office at (630) 530-3110 or (630) 530-3111.

Let the Holidays Begin: Jolly Old St. Nick Concert is Dec. 1



On December 6th, many Europeans celebrate St. Nicholas Day and many of our well-known Christmas traditions emerged from this holiday. The Elmhurst History Museum invites residents to celebrate this tradition and Elmhurst's roots with a concert of German carols and an appearance by Jolly Old St. Nick. The 4th annual Jolly Old St. Nicholas Concert takes place on Friday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Yorkfield Presbyterian Church, located at 1099 South York Street in Elmhurst. The festivities will be led by Jolly Old St. Nicholas who will share the legendary story that made him renowned around the world. St. Nick will be joined by two choirs that have been performing in the Elmhurst area for 80+ years, the Damenchor (Women's Chorus) and the Männerchor (Men's Choir). Admission is FREE, and no reservations are required. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Last Call for Disco Demolition Exhibit

This popular exhibit is entering the final innings and closes on Dec. 31. Be sure to stop in with family and friends over the holidays to see the story chronicling the misadventures of Steve Dahl and fans at Comiskey Park in 1979.



Freedom: A History of US opens in January

EHM looks forward to the opening of our next exhibit from the Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History—*Freedom: The History of US*. The exhibit opens January 11 through March 11, 2018. Many timely themes are explored related to the pursuit of freedom in our country. School or adult groups interested in booking a visit and learning about related educational materials should contact Jessie Sekiya at 630-530-6879 or jess.sekiya@elmhurst.org.

Shop Local for Eclectic Gift Giving

The Elmhurst History Museum's gift shop is brimming with fun and unique history-related gifts for the season! A few ideas include: Disco Demolition tee shirts and books, Elmhurst 60126 coffee mugs and pint glasses, hand-painted Elmhurst signs, Churchville Schoolhouse and Glos Mansion ornaments, matted photos from the collection, water bottles...and much more. An Elmhurst Heritage Foundation membership also makes a great gift for new neighbors and family members. Stop by the gift shop soon for easy local holiday shopping.



Citywide Water Meter Changeout Project



The City of Elmhurst's Water Meter Changeout Team is in the process of assembling the final plans for the Citywide Water Meter Changeout Project. Residents will be notified via mail once the project begins and again when they need to schedule their appointment.

Here are some reminders to ensure a seamless transition from the old meters:

- The water meter change out is MANDATORY for ALL RESIDENTS.
- The city is laid out in sections; each section will have their water meters replaced at their assigned time frame.
- Please call & schedule your water meter replacement as soon as you receive the water meter post card.
- You will be sent 3 post cards reminding you to schedule your water meter replacement; failure to schedule will result in your water being shut off.
- Please ensure your current meter is accessible BEFORE your scheduled water meter replacement; failure to make your water meter accessible will prevent you from having your meter changed & will cause you to reschedule your appointment.
- A person 18 years + must be present at the time of your scheduled water meter replacement.
- The entire water meter replacement should take approx. 30min.
- For water billing questions, please call the City's Utility Billing Department (630) 530-3111.
- For water meter installation questions, please call Siemens (866) 260-3176.
- For a video on the water meter change out process, additional information, FAQ, etc. please visit the Water Meter Change Out site: www.elmhurst.org/watermeterchangeout

Additionally, here's a quick recap of the reasons behind the water meter project & what you can expect from your new water meter.

Current Water Meters:

- 20+ years old
- Starting to fail in their ability to register water consumption accurately
- The City collects reads for billing once every other month on an Automated Meter Reading platform that operates on the 950 MHz spectrum
- The City only collects consumption in the Cubic Meter or Thousand Gallons unit of measurement
- Reads are taken directly from collection and placed in the billings

New Water Meters:

- No moving parts
- Covered by a 20 year warranty that they will register consumption at or above 98% accuracy for the entire 20 years.
- The City will collect reads on every meter, every hour, of every day down to the 1/10th of a Gallon, allowing for the monitoring of leaks.
- The City will have an Automated Metering Infrastructure in place whereby the reads will be sent via radio frequency signal once a day.
- The new meters will transmit for less than a second per day and will transmit on the 450 MHz spectrum, allowing for less exposure than the 950 MHz.
- The City will implement a customer portal whereby every resident will have access to all of their consumption; you will have the ability to manage your consumption and set up automatic notification for potential leaks.
- Earlier this year, a number of resident's water meters were changed out as a beta test. The response was very positive on how professional the installers were and how little time it took for the water meters to be replaced.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 2017 - February 2018

ONGOING

Ongoing Exhibit

By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst

Experience the latest enhancements to this interactive journey through Elmhurst history. New photos have been added to the engaging tabletop map, highlighted in the Chicago Tribune's "50 Museum Marvels" guide (July 2017). The latest History Spotlight currently features items from one of Elmhurst's first businesses, the Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Quarry. Elmhurst History Museum • FREE
elmhursthistory.org or 630-833-1457

Ongoing Exhibit thru December 31

Disco Demolition: The Night Disco Died

Last call! Experience the interactive exhibit inspired by the book by Steve Dahl with journalist Dave Hoekstra and photographer Paul Natkin chronicling Disco Demolition Night in 1979. Learn about the event through a timeline of the day, take a disco vs. rock quiz, view artifacts from Dahl's personal collection, see a custom-made guitar on loan from Cheap Trick's Rick Nielsen, check out the jersey worn by White Sox catcher Mike Colbern on Disco Demolition night, and more.

Elmhurst History Museum • FREE
elmhursthistory.org or 630-833-1457

Ongoing Exhibit thru March 18

Special Exhibit "Smithsonian Gems"

American jewelry designers and phenomenal gemstones are featured in this exclusive exhibit from the gem vaults of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

Lizzadro Museum • Museum Admission
lizzadromuseum.org

December 2 - January 7

Wilder Park Conservatory Holiday Flower Show

Escape the cold and get in the holiday spirit at Wilder Park Conservatory's stunning holiday floral display.

Wilder Park Conservatory • FREE • epd.org



December 17 - January 26

Winter Members Show

Contemporary artworks by local artists in a variety of media and styles. Reception, Dec 22, 2017 7-9pm, free to the public. Great opportunity to purchase a unique and quality holiday gift. Sales benefit the artists, the EAG and the Elmhurst Art Museum.

Elmhurst Artists' Guild Gallery at Elmhurst Art Museum • FREE EAM Members, Students, Children; Adults \$9; Seniors \$8

Through January 7

Hebru Brantley: Forced Field

Hebru Brantley's solo show of new work is influenced by an array of pop culture icons, street art pioneers, and historical figures such as the Tuskegee Airmen from WWII.

Elmhurst Art Museum
Museum Admission • elmhurstartmuseum.org

Through January 7

Alex Chitty: They will bloom without you

The Chicago-based artist Alex Chitty created an exhibit for the McCormick House, only one of three single-family homes designed by Mies van der Rohe.

Elmhurst Art Museum
Museum Admission • elmhurstartmuseum.org

January 20 - March 4, 2018

Gertrude Abercrombie: Portrait of the Artist as a Landscape

The dream-like imagery and enigmatic paintings by Gertrude Abercrombie include spare interiors and illusionary landscapes. Her works, which were historically important in Chicago, have been referred to as "psychic self-portraits".

Elmhurst Art Museum
Museum Admission • elmhurstartmuseum.org

January 20 - March 18, 2018

Paula Crown, Michelle Grabner, Tony Tasset, and James Welling

The installations by these four artists respond to the minimal design of Mies van der Rohe's McCormick House as well as its history as a domestic space.

Elmhurst Art Museum
Museum Admission • elmhurstartmuseum.org

January 12- March 11

Freedom: A History of US

The evolving concept of freedom and its pursuit is explored in this touring exhibit from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, illuminating critical figures and events from our nation's birth until 1968. Highlights include: reproductions of a rare 1776 printing of the Declaration of Independence, a secretly printed draft and official copy of the U.S. Constitution, Lincoln's handwritten speech notes, and letters by Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, and Martin Luther King, Jr. The exhibit is supplemented with Elmhurst materials including a 1924 KKK rally flyer, manuscripts related to the Elmhurst Fair Housing Ordinance, and correspondence from veterans from the Civil War and WWI eras.

Elmhurst History Museum • FREE
elmhursthistory.org or (630) 833-1457



January 14 - March 11

Free Family Open Swims

Have a fun-filled time at York High School's swimming pools on select Sundays. This free program is part of a cooperative agreement between Elmhurst School District 205 and the

Elmhurst Park District. Lap swimming, open swim and diving boards will be available.

Open swims on January 14th & 28th, February 11th & 25th, and March 11th • York High School
FREE for Elmhurst residents • epd.org

January 27 - March 10

Nature vs. Nurture: Then & Now

Watercolor paintings by Elmhurst College graduate, Randi Holt, inspired by her wild backyard. Ceramic works by local artist, Cecilia Dohra. Both are members of the Elmhurst Artists' Guild. Meet the artists at the opening reception Feb 2, 2018, 7 - 9pm, free to the public.

Elmhurst Artists' Guild Gallery at Elmhurst Art Museum • FREE EAM Members, Students, Children; Adults \$9; Seniors \$8



DECEMBER

Friday, December 1

Annual Festival of Lessons & Carols

The Elmhurst College Festival of Lessons and Carols draws together the campus and community to open a joyful and spiritual season. The Festival of Lessons and Carols is an Elmhurst College tradition that bridges the season of Advent and Christmastide. Held since 1961, the Festival consists of nine Scriptural readings that tell the story of the birth of the Messiah, interspersed with choral music. The Elmhurst College Concert Choir will perform time-honored songs to accompany each reading and set the holiday mood.

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel • FREE
4:00 PM & 7:00 PM • 630-617-5186

Jolly Old St. Nicholas Concert

Kick off the holiday season with the 4th annual celebration of Elmhurst's German roots. Elmhurst's authentic German choirs, Damenchor and Männerchor, will perform traditional German carols. Jolly Old St. Nick joins the festivities to share his legend and take photos with kids. Hot cocoa and cookies provided. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Cash donations for the giving tree to support Yorkfield Food Pantry gratefully accepted. No registration required, all ages welcome.

Yorkfield Presbyterian Church • FREE • 6:30 PM
630-833-1457 • elmhursthistory.org



Saturday, December 2, 2017

Hometown Holiday Family Fun Day

FREE showing of "Elf" (rated PG) at the York Theatre. Doors open at 9:00 am and the movie begins at 9:30 am. Free elf hats to all the kids! Santa visits in the City Centre Plaza from 10 am to 1 pm.



City Centre Plaza • 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
FREE • elmhurstcitycentre.com

Aidan Shea Foundation Greek Gods in the Gutter

Family bowling night with food, drinks, silent auction, kids prize room, gift card grab bag and music!

Fitz's Spare Keys • 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
\$75 adults, \$30 kids
facebook.com/aidansheafoundation/

Sunday, December 3



Elmhurst Choral Union: The Many Moods of Christmas

Elmhurst Choral Union & Orchestra perform John Rutter's dynamic Gloria, choral legend Robert

Shaw's four imaginative suites of Christmas carols, The Many Moods of Christmas, and more.

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel • 3:00 PM.
\$25 adults, \$23 seniors, \$10 youth (7-22)
elmhurstchoralunion.org • 800-838-3006

Wednesday, December 6

Special Kids Day Holiday Party

Celebrate the holidays with Special Kids Day at our FREE annual party for children (of all ages!) with disabilities and their families in an environment planned for the unique needs of special kids. Every child can take a keepsake photograph with Santa and will be given a gift bag. Face painters, balloon twisters, a unique craft project, live music, story time, delicious homemade cookies, and even a quiet room add up to make a memorable celebration. There will be plenty of handicapped parking. Reservations are not required, so come when it best fits your family's schedule. Every child goes home with a keepsake photograph with Santa and a gift bag.



Wilder Mansion • 3:30 PM - 8:00 PM • FREE
skd.org

Thursday, December 7

Tree Lighting in Wilder Park

Join Elmhurst Park District in this annual holiday celebration in Wilder Park. Featuring holiday entertainment, a special visitor from the North Pole and children's activities in Wilder Mansion, this tree lighting will put you in the spirit of the season. Sponsored by Edward-Elmhurst Health, Mariano's and Brewpoint.



Wilder Park • 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM • FREE • epd.org

Saturday, December 9

Explore Elmhurst Express Holly Trolley

All Aboard the Explore Elmhurst Holly Trolley, running the same route as the Summer on December 9 & December 16 from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. For route details and to track the trolley, visit ExploreElmhurst.org.

Hometown Holiday Family Fun Day

FREE showing of "The Grinch" (rated PG) at the York Theatre. Doors open at 9:00 am and the movie begins at 9:30 am. Free reindeer antlers to all the kids. Santa visits in the City Centre Plaza from 10 am to 1 pm.

City Centre Plaza • 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM • FREE
elmhurstcitycentre.com

Cartooning Family Day at the Elmhurst Art Museum

Come join teaching artist Vincent Lotesto for a cartooning activity based on our current exhibition, Hebru Brantley: Forced Field. Kids and adults will be participating in a fun "character design challenge" that will help them to create their own unique superheroes, villains or anime-inspired characters! Demonstrations will be given and all materials will be supplied.

Elmhurst Art Museum • 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Museum Admission • elmhurstartmuseum.org

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 rockhounds and scout badges. Scout groups require adult supervision.

Lizzadro Museum • 10:30 AM • \$5 per person;
Museum Members \$3.00 • lizzadromuseum.org

Rockin' Jewelry for Kids

This beginner's class allows children to make their own gemstone jewelry to keep. Choose two different types of jewelry to make with stones from the Museum Shop and learn how to work with jeweler's tools. Completes Girl Scout Jewelers badge.

Lizzadro Museum • 1:30 PM • \$10 per person
lizzadromuseum.org

Santa's Secret Workshop

Santa's Workshop is a special place just for kids where they can purchase inexpensive holiday gifts for those they love. It will be stocked with great gifts for Mom, Dad and more! Parents will be treated to refreshments and a holiday movie while kids shop upstairs. Free to the public. Presented by Lakeside Bank.

Wilder Mansion • 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM • FREE
epd.org

Elmhurst College: An Evening of Dance

A collaborative showcase of dance, featuring choreography of both faculty and students. Evening of Dance sells out fast, so order your tickets early. For more information, call (630) 617-3005.

Elmhurst College: Mill Theatre • 7:00 PM
\$5.00 • 630-617-5186

Sunday, December 10

Book Signing with DJ Mitch Michaels

Mitch Michaels has been rocking Chicago airwaves for decades, and has written a new book about his colorful experiences, *Doin' the Cruise: Memories from a Lifetime in Radio and Rock & Roll*. Join us for a meet-and-greet/book signing with this popular radio personality and Disco Demolition participant. Books available in the Museum gift shop for \$20 each, while supplies last. Free admission, no registration required.

Elmhurst History Museum • 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
FREE • 630-833-1457 • elmhursthistory.org

Elmhurst College: Philharmonic Orchestra Concert

For concert information, call (630) 617-3620.

Elmhurst College: Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel • 3:00 PM • 630-617-5186
Email [Joanne May \(jmay@elmhurst.edu\)](mailto:Joanne.May@elmhurst.edu)

Monday, December 11

Elmhurst College: Wind Ensemble and Symphony Holiday Band Concert

For concert information, please call (630) 617-3515

Elmhurst College: Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel • 7:30 PM • 630-617-5186
Email thorenpen@elmhurst.edu

Saturday, December 16

Sleigh Rides and Ice Sculptures

Walk up and down Spring Road to see the Ice Sculptures sponsored by some local businesses. New this year is the demonstration of the creation of an ice sculpture. Come and watch the sculptor in action as he turns a block of ice into a beautiful masterpiece for the holidays. Enjoy an old fashioned sleigh ride (or wagon ride in the event there is no snow), visit with Santa and warm up with hot chocolate and cookies. The event is sponsored by the Spring Road Business Association.

Spring Road by the Gazebo near the Prairie Path
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM • FREE • springroad.com

Family Holiday Party at Elmhurst Art Museum

Join us for our annual Family Holiday Party. Enjoy hot cocoa, cookies and art activities along with a surprise visit from Santa at 2 pm.

Elmhurst Art Museum • 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Free with museum admission

Explore Elmhurst Express Holly Trolley

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Hometown Holiday Block Party

Bring the family to the heart of downtown Elmhurst for a holiday party with all your neighbors! There'll be music, Santa visits and free kiddie train rides for the kids. Adult beverages will be available for purchase.

City Centre Fountain Plaza • 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
FREE • elmhurstcitycentre.com

Saturday, December 16

Sounds of the Season

The Agape Ringers, Chicago's Premier Handbell Ensemble, will perform with guest artist New Tradition Chorus, a barbershop ensemble. This yearly extravaganza features seasonal favorites in new and interesting arrangements. Check out our videos on youtube. Discount pricing available through December 4.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

4:00 PM • \$19, \$25, \$35

agaperingers.org

Saturday, December 16 & Sunday, December 17 Christmas in Elmhurst

Our Choir, Orchestra and Soloists warmly invite you to celebrate Christmas with us through music! This year's Concert will include a unique presentation from Moody Radio's Jon Gauger. Invite a friend, and come celebrate with us!



York High School

Performing Arts Auditorium 7:00 PM • FREE

westsub.net or 630-530-5018

JANUARY

Saturday, January 6

Dino Activity Day

Drop-in at the Museum and learn more about fossils with hands-on activities! See and touch real fossils, put together 3-D puzzles of dinosaur bones, and make your very own fossil imprint to take home!

Lizzadro Museum • 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$5 per person, Museum Members Free

lizzadromuseum.org

Wednesday, January 10

AAUW January Meeting -Equal Means Equal

View the movie Equal Means Equal, with a discussion to follow. This movie examines both real-life stories and precedent-setting legal cases which offer a compelling look at how women are treated in the United States today.

Elmhurst Public Library • 6:30 PM

FREE • aauwelmhurst.org

Friday, January 12

ECPA Broadway in Elmhurst

Enjoy an Evening of Broadway Classics. A production to Benefit Elmhurst Centre for Performing Arts featuring artists from the western suburbs and the Elmhurst community Performance at 7:00 pm followed by a dessert reception

Timothy Christian School Auditorium

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM • \$20 for adults, \$18 for

seniors and students ecpa-elmhurst.org

Saturday, January 13

Say Bones! Dinosaur BINGO

Who are your favorite dinosaurs? Is it the mighty T-Rex? Or maybe the stealthy Velociraptor? Make your choice and come play "Say Bones!" a fossil-filled version of the classic Bingo! Led by Ron Solberg, you'll learn about million-year old fossils such as trilobites and crinoids while playing the classic game. Geared for grades 3-5, adults are

welcome to play too! Rock and fossil prizes will be awarded!

Lizzadro Museum • 2:00 PM • \$5.00 per person;

Museum Members \$3.00 • lizzadromuseum.org

Elmhurst Symphony Musicians at Mayslake

"Vivaldi's The Four Seasons" features violin phenom and Stradivarius Society recipient Joshua Brown playing Vivaldi's well-loved music, and dazzling concertos showcase Elmhurst Symphony string principals.

Mayslake Peabody Estate • 2:30 PM

630-941-0202 • Adults \$25; seniors \$23;

students \$7 • elmhurstsymphony.org

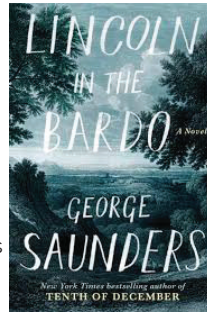
Thursday, January 18

Book Discussion: Lincoln in the Bardo

Read the engrossing 2017 novel *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders, join in a book discussion, and enjoy after-hours access to exhibits. It's February 1862, the Civil War is on, and President Lincoln's son has died. This critically-acclaimed and often strangely-told novel blends fact and fiction into a moving and original exploration of the father-son relationship, grief, and the power of good vs. evil. Co-presented by Elmhurst Public Library and EHM. Register: 630-530-6879.

Elmhurst History Museum • FREE

elmhursthistory.org



Saturday, January 20

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 rockhounds and scout badges. Scout groups require adult supervision.

Lizzadro Museum • 10:30 AM • \$5 per person;

Museum Members \$3 • lizzadromuseum.org

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Lizzadro Museum • 1:30 PM • \$10 per person

lizzadromuseum.org

Artist Talk: Michelle Grabner

Come hear from the artist, curator, and writer Michelle Grabner speak about her current exhibition.

Elmhurst Art Museum • 1:30 PM

Museum Admission • elmhurstartmuseum.org

Tuesday, January 23

Elmhurst Choral Union: Singer Auditions

Singers interested in singing with a full orchestra and challenging their vocal skills are invited to audition for Elmhurst Choral Union. Membership is open to singers with previous choral experience or the ability to read music. Openings are available in all voice ranges. To reserve an audition appointment on Tuesday evening, January 23, leave a message at 630-758-1100 or

through the contact page at elmhurstchoralunion.org. A volunteer will respond to schedule an audition time. Auditions involve a vocal warm-up and a piece of the singer's choice. Concert rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 30 on the campus of Elmhurst College.

Friday, January 26

Elmhurst College: Middle Eastern Dance Recital and Concert

Members of the Elmhurst College class Middle Eastern Dance Through History to Today will share both dance and percussion performances.

Elmhurst College: Hammerschmidt Memorial

Chapel • 7PM • FREE • 630-617-5186

Sunday, January 28

Elmhurst Symphony: "Vivacious Vivaldi"

Frolic with violin phenom and Stradivarius Society recipient Joshua Brown through Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, and revel in Corelli and Handel concertos with principal players of the ESO. Pre-concert lecture with Dr. Ted Hatmaker is at 1:45 p.m.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church • 3:00 PM

Adults \$35, seniors \$32, students \$12.

Subscriptions, group and family rates available.

elmhurstsymphony.org

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 1 - Saturday, February 3 Escanaba in Da Moonlight

On the eve of deer hunting season, Rueben Soady comes to a terrifying realization; he is about to become the oldest Soady man to have never bagged a buck! Fearing the lifelong shame of being branded "the buckles Yooper," Reuben calls upon his Ojibwa wife's hunting rituals, bringing along his reluctant father and brother. But, unexplainable things begin happening around the Soady Deer Camp, and it becomes clear that Reuben is in way over his head.

Elmhurst College - Mill Theatre • \$5.00

Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. For tickets, please contact the box office at (630-617-3005).

Saturday, February 3

Family Day at the Elmhurst Art Museum

A day of hands-on art projects themed around the current exhibition, Gertrude Abercrombie.

Elmhurst Art Museum

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Museum Admission

elmhurstartmuseum.org



Saturday, February 10 Olympic Rocks

Geared for middle and high school students competing in Science Olympiad tournaments, this class delves into the world of rocks and minerals. Hand samples will be available, covering most of the S.O. specimen list. Topics include quick ID tips, Bowen's Reaction Series, and general rock information. Students are encouraged to sign up as a team or as an individual. Please bring all your questions for this informal practice session!

Lizzadro Museum • 10:30 AM

\$5 per person; Museum Members \$3.00

lizzadromuseum.org

Saturday, February 10

2018 Educational Foundation Gala

Join an impassioned community of friends that want to provide enhanced and innovative learning opportunities for all students in Elmhurst Public Schools. This year's District 205 Foundation Gala promises to be another entertaining and successful evening featuring open bar, plated dinner, dancing, raffles, games and an amazing silent auction. Space is limited for this really fun and very important fundraiser so be sure to purchase tickets early @ elmhurst205.org/foundation

The Hyatt Lodge, Oak Brook • 6:00 PM - midnight • \$175 per person

Sunday, February 11

The Lincolns Present: The Genesis of the Gettysburg Address

Join President Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln on the eve of his birthday to hear about the genesis of his most famous speech, "The Gettysburg Address." Brought to life by first-person history presenters Max and Donna Daniels, learn the context of the address and their time in the White House, participate in a Q&A session, and take a photo in the "Freedom: A History of US" exhibit. All ages welcome. Registration required: elmhursthistory.org or call 630-530-6879.

Elmhurst History Museum • 2:00 PM
Free to Members, \$5 Non-Members
elmhursthistory.org

Wednesday, February 14

AAUW February Meeting - Amelia Earhart

Actress and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. will present her dramatic portrayal of Amelia Earhart, the first woman aviator to pilot herself across the Atlantic Ocean. This program is co-sponsored with the Elmhurst Public Library. AAUW members do not need to register for this program.

Elmhurst Public Library • 7 PM • FREE
aauwelmhurst.org

Saturday, February 17

Stanger Young Artists Audition

The Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst and the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra will conduct the annual Robert Stanger Young Artists Concerto Audition for area high school instrumentalists. You may come and go throughout the day to hear outstanding young musicians perform before a panel of judges; the winner of the Audition will play a concerto movement with the Elmhurst Symphony during its 2018-19 season. Three runners-up will perform for local groups. All winners receive cash awards.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church • FREE
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM • elmhurstsymphony.org

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lizzadromuseum.org

Rockin' Jewelry for Kids

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Jeweler's badge.

Lizzadro Museum • 1:30 PM • \$10 per person
lizzadromuseum.org

Mystery at the Mansion

Come for a cocktail, stay for a murder! Join your fellow sleuths as we unravel the mystery of a Hollywood homicide. There will be total audience participation as you follow the clues. Light appetizers, sweets, cocktails and coffee will be served. 21 and older. Visit www.epd.org to register.

Wilder Mansion • 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
\$70 Residents/\$80 Non-Residents

Wednesday, February 21

The Martin Luther King Jr. Intercultural Lecture

Dr. Bernard Jakes' commitment to the less fortunate has earned him national recognition from the syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show by presenting him with The Biggest Giver Award for community excellence. His commitment to social justice, coupled with his humanitarian efforts led to his being inducted into the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of International Preachers of Morehouse College. He also serves as Co-Chaplain for African American students at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Elmhurst College Frick Center, Founders Lounge • 4:00 PM • \$10.00 - free for Elmhurst College students, faculty, staff and alumni
630-617-5186

February 22 - February 25

51st Annual Jazz Festival

2018 Jazz Festival: Headliners include: Arturo O'Farrill and the Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra; Maria Schneider Orchestra; Sean Jones; Jiggs Whigham, Matt Wilson and collegiate groups from across the country.

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel
For tickets and schedule information, visit Elmhurst.edu/jazzfestival

February 23 - February 24

Cheers to you, Kid!

Recipe for murder: take one well-known bar in Boston, add characters in a desperate race to stop criminals from taking a time-travel machine back to World War II Germany, stir vigorously, and "Cheers! Here's looking at you, kid!"

Angelo's Ristorante • 7 p.m.
greenmantheatre.org

Saturday, February 24

Phenomenon In Gems

Explore the remarkable optical illusions of colored gems. Sakina Bharani, Gemologist & Museum Docent will discuss different light effects in gems creating beautiful and rare phenomena such as stars, cats eyes, adularescence in pearls, aventurescence in Gold-Stone and many more. Where on earth can we find them? After the lecture join a guided tour of the Smithsonian Gems exhibit.

Lizzadro Museum • 2:00 PM
Regular Museum Admission; Museum Members Free • lizzadromuseum.org

Elmhurst Choral Union: Medley of Melodies

Elmhurst Choral Union members sing a lively mix of choruses and solos from Broadway, opera, folk and novelty songs. Meet the singers in a casual setting. Tickets are not required for this musical evening of giving back to the community.

1st United Methodist Church, 232 S. York
7:00 PM • Free-will donation
elmhurstchoralunion.org • 630-758-1100

Addresses for organizations regularly featured in the Elmhurst Community Calendar:

Elmhurst Art Museum

150 Cottage Hill Ave. • (630) 834-0202
www.elmhurstartmuseum.org

Elmhurst City Centre

2 City Centre • (630) 993-1600
www.elmhurstcitycentre.com

Elmhurst Choral Union

P.O. Box 1493 • (630) 758-1100
www.elmhurstchoralunion.org

Elmhurst College

190 Prospect Ave. • (630) 617-5186
www.elmhurst.edu

Elmhurst History Museum

120 E. Park Ave. • (630) 833-1457
www.elmhursthhistory.org

Elmhurst Park District

375 W. First St. • (630) 993-8901
www.epd.org

Elmhurst Public Library

125 Prospect Ave. • (630) 279-8696
www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

Elmhurst School District 205

162 S. York St. • (630) 834-4530
www.elmhurst205.org

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

Performances at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church • 149 W. Brush Hill Rd.
Mailing Address P.O. Box 345
(630) 941-0202
www.elmhurstsymphony.org

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill Ave. • (630) 833-1616
www.lizzadromuseum.org



All-Access City Guide available at ExploreElmhurst.com.

For information on placing an event in the next Front Porch Newsletter or on the Explore Elmhurst online community calendar, contact explore@elmhurst.org.

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2018 restaurant guide

Italian

Angelo's Ristornate

247 N. York St.
630-833-2400
angelosonyork.com

Armand's Restaurant

105 W. First St.
630-782-5800
armandspizza.com

Francesca's Amici

174 N. York St.
630-279-7970
miafrancescas.com

Livia Italian Eatery

116 E. Schiller St.
630-402-6195
liviaitalianeatery.com

Melina's Tratoria

940 N. York St.
630-834-4374

Pazzi di Pizza

105 S. York St.
630-279-2323
pazzidipizza.com

Roberto's Ristorante & Pizza

487 S. Spring Rd.
630-279-8486
robertosristorante.com

Two Brothers Restaurant

128 W. Park Ave.
630-8330414
twobrothersristorante.com

Bbq

Barbeque Jim's

Catering Only
630-346-3215
barbequejimscatering.com

Red Arrow Tap Room

Vegetarian Options
111 E. First St.
630-501-1322
redarrowtaproom.com

151 Kitchen & Bar

151 N York St.
331-979-7198
151elmhurst.com

Marco's Table

Private Events &
Cooking Classes
126 N York St.

Flight 112

112 W Park Ave.
630-758-0808
flight112wine.com

American Contemporary

American Family Dining

Back Alley Burger

609 W St. Charles Rd.
630-516-1755
backalleyburger.com

Beerheads

100 N York St.
630-433-2337
beerheadbar.com

Buffalo Wild Wings

149 N York St.
630-832-2999
buffalowildwings.com

Cottage Hill Station

122 S York St.
630-279-3130
cottagehillstation.com

Doc's Victory Pub

490 S Spring Rd.
331-225-2277
docsvictorypub.com

Elmhurst American Legion

310 W Butterfield Rd.
630-833-7800
americanlegionthb187.org

Elmhurst Brewing Co.

171 N Addison Ave.
elmhurstbrewingcompany.com

Fitz's Pub

172 N Addison Ave.
630-530-0777
fitzspub.com

Fitz's Spare Keys

119 N York St.
630-379-5007
fitzssparekeys.com

H.B. Jones

551 S. York St.
630-782-5669
hamburgerjones.com

Hamburger Heaven

Rootbeer Stand - Seasonal
281 N York St.
630-832-3535
hamburgerheavenelmhurst.com

Mack's Golden Pheasant

668 W North Ave.
630-279-8544
macksgoldenpheasant.com

Meatheads

143 N York St.
630-607-0188
meatheadsburgers.com

Monster Eats

116 W Park Ave.
630-530-8646

Nana's Hotdogs

582 W. Lake St.
630359-3507

Red Arrow Tap Room

111 E First St.
630-501-1322
redarrowtaproom.com

Southtown Hotdogs

103 E Vallette St.
630-832-4550

The Silverado Grill

447 S Spring Rd.
630-833-1602
thesilveradogrill.com

Yorky's

836 N York St.
630-530-2776
yorkysfastfood.com

Grocery Store Prepared Foods

Fruitful Yield

135 N Addison Ave.
630-530-1445
fruitfulyield.com

Jewel Osco

944 S York St.
630-834-0006

153 E Schiller St.

630-530-8790
jewelosco.com

Mariano's

678 N York St.
630-782-0017
marianos.com

Whole Foods Market

215 S IL Route 83
630-993-7600
wholefoodsmarket.com



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Asian

Bambu Thai Cuisine

1035 S York St.
630-993-9392
bambuthai.com

East Wind Restaurant

422 N York St.
630-617-9722
eastwindelmhurst.com

Emperor's Kitchen

1022 S York St.
630-530-9888

Hunan Palace

583 N York St.
630-832-3900
elmhursthunanpalace.com

Kan Ya Ramen & Sushi

108 E. Schiller St.
331-225-2459

Nathan's Noodles

683 N York St.
630-834-1966
nathansnoodles.com

Red Dragon

117 W First St.
630-832-8326
reddragonchinesedelivery.com

Sakana Japanese Fusion

111 W Second St.
630-833-4030
sakanajapaneseefusion.com

Sushi Nest

113 N York St.
630-833-5088
sushinest.com

Sushi Time

113 N York St.
630-279-3388
oursushitime.com

Zenwich

Specialty Sandwiches
416 N York St.
630-359-5234
eatmyzenwich.com

Wine Bar Plus

Cuvee Cellars

545 S Spring Rd.
630-833-2300
cuveecellars.com

Flight 112

112 W Park Ave.
630-758-0808
flight112wine.com

Tannins Wine Bar & Boutique

112 N York St.
630-834-4800
tanninswine.com

Breakfast Plus

151 Kitchen & Bar

Weekend Brunch
151 N York St.
331-979-7198
151elmhurst.com

Beerheads

Weekend Brunch
100 N York St.
630-433-2337
beerheadbar.com

Christopher's Restaurant

691 N York St.
630-530-1890

Courageous Bakery

108 W Park Ave.
630-834-2253
courageousbakery.com

Egg Harbor Café

140 N Robert Palmer Dr.
630-758-1010
eggharborcafe.com

Elmhurst Family Restaurant

441 W Lake St.
630-279-0444
elmhurstfamilyrestaurant.net

Fred's Place

544 W Lake St.
630-834-2426

Fresh Start Café

1038 S York St.
630-279-9997
freshstartcafeinco.com

Krave Restaurant

Open 24-Hours
601 W St. Charles Rd.
630-279-8800
krave-restaurant.com

Mack's Golden Pheasant

Sunday Brunch
668 W North Ave.
630-279-8544
macksgoldenpheasant.com

Mr. G's Restaurant & Pizza

929 S York St.
630-279-8887

Nu Crepes

115 W Schiller Ct.
630-577-7558
www.nucrepes.com

Oasis Restaurant

671 E North Ave.
630-832-2234

Our Kitchen

363 W Lake St.
630-279-3738

Panera Bread

108 W North Ave.
630-833-5001
panerabread.com

Prairie Café

109 W Vallette St.
630-279-7711

Rainbow Café

254 N York St.
630-433-2490
rainbowcafeelmhurst.com

Steaks & Seafood

100 South Chop House

100 S York St.
630-782-9091
100southchophouse.com

Victory Meat & Seafood

116 N York St.
630-359-5599
victorymeatandseafood.com

Fast Food with Drive-thru

Arby's

340 N York St.
630-530-0072
arbys.com

Burger King

436 N. York St.
630-279-7833
620 W. North Ave.
630-834-8161

176E. Butterfield Rd.
630-833-5570
bk.com

Chick-Fil-A

235 S Il Route 83
630-279-2263
chick-fil-a.com

KFC

872 N York St.
630-832-5141
kfc.com

McDonalds

920 N York St.
630-832-9633
190 E Butterfield Rd.
630-832-6962
mcdonalds.com

Nana's Hotdogs

582 W. Lake St.
630-359-3507

Portillo's Hot Dogs

155 S IL Route 83
630-530-8451
portillos.com

Wendy's

956 N York St.
630-530-5041
wendys.com

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Mexican & Southwestern

Chipotle

353 S Il Route 83
630-617-5016

139 N York St.
630-834-0932
chipotle.com

Cilantro Taco Grill

677 N York St.
630-359-4864
cilantrotacogrill.com

El Famous Burrito

904 N York St.
630-516-0905

Guac n Tacos

116 N York St.
331-225-2498

Los Fernandez Rosticeria

522 W North Ave.
630-834-0106
losfernandezrosticeria.com

Currito

Globally Inspired
272 N York Rd
630-501-0568
currito.com

Courageous Bakery

108 W Park Ave.
630-834-2253
courageousbakery.com

Flour to Empower

Inside Synapse House
561 N York St.
877-932-1120
flourtoempower.org

Lezza Spumoni & Desserts

544 S Spring Rd.
630-530-0630
lezza.com

Bakery

Nothing Bundt Cakes

355 S Il Route 83
630-225-8300
nothingbundtcakes.com

Smallcakes - A Cupcakery

623 W North Ave.
630-359-4903
smallcakeselmhurst.com

Pubs & Grills

Arena Sports Bar & Grill

630 W Lake St.
630-832-3742
arenasportsgrille.com

Beerheads

100 N York St.
630-433-2337
beerheadbar.com

Buffalo Wild Wings

149 N York St.
630-832-2999
buffalowildwings.com

Cottage Hill Station

122 S York St.
630-279-3130
cottagehillstation.com

Doc's Victory Pub

490 S Spring Rd.
331-225-2277
docsvictorypub.com

Elmhurst American Legion

310 W Butterfield Rd.
630-833-7800
americanlegionthb187.org

Elmhurst Brewing Co.

171 N Addison Ave.
elmhurstbrewingcompany.com

Fitz's Pub

172 N Addison Ave.
630-530-0777
fitzspub.com

Fitz's Spare Keys

119 N York St.
630-379-5007
fitzssparekeys.com

H.B. Jones

551 S York St.
630-782-5669
hamburgerjones.com

Mack's Golden Pheasant

668 W North Ave.
630-279-8544
macksgoldenpheasant.com

Manny's Ale House

683 W St. Charles Rd.
630-617-8700
mannysalehouse.com

Pints

112 S York St.
630-833-4303
pintselmhurst.com

Red Arrow Tap Room

111 E First St.
630-501-1322
redarrowtaproom.com

Riley's Gathering Place

590 S York St.
630-530-0858
rileyselmhurst.com

Spring Inn

552 S Spring Rd.
630-833-2755

The Club Shot & Beer

113 N Addison Ave.
630-832-0113

The Silverado Grill

447 S Spring Rd.
630-833-1602
thesilveradogrill.com



Frozen Treats & Chocolate Sweets

Brain Freeze

Catering Only
630-337-5271
brainfreezeelmhurst.com

Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins

936 N York St.
630-530-9292

508 W North Ave.
630-279-1933

195 E Butterfield Rd.
630-833-3535
dunkindonuts.com

Fannie Mae Candy

116 N York St.
630-279-0018
fanniemae.com

Hamburger Heaven

Rootbeer Stand - Seasonal
281 N York St.
630-832-3535
hamburgerheavenelmhurst.com

Kilwins Elmhurst

148 N York St.
630-903-6056
kilwins.com

Kimmer's Ice Cream

110 W Park Ave.
kimmersicecream.com

Lezza Spumoni & Desserts

544 S Spring Rd.
630-530-0630
lezza.com

Oberweis Dairy

1018 S York St.
630-782-0141
oberweis.com

TCBY & Mrs. Fields Cookies

158 N York St.
630-832-8300
tcby.com

Tropical Sno

Seasonal
122 N York St.
708-505-9766
tropicalsno.com

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Pizza & More

Armand's Restaurant

105 W First St.
630-782-5800
armandspizza.com

Bacci Pizza

162 N York St.
630-782-9900
baccipizzaelmhurst.com

DiLeo's Pizzeria

193 E Butterfield Rd.
630-782-5700
dileospizzeria.com

Domino's Pizza

1036 S. York St.
630-834-0200
pizza.dominos.com

Fratellos Pizzeria

426 N York St.
630-993-1122
fratellospizzeria.com

Lou Malnattil's Pizzeria

Carry-Out/Delivery Only
110 W Park Ave.
630-516-0800
loumalnatis.com

Mama Maria's Pizza

130 W Vallette St.
630-832-0555
mamamariaselmhurst.com

Mr. G's Restaurant & Pizza

929 S York St.
630-279-8887

Nancy's Pizza

940 N York St.
630-834-4374

Pazzi di Pizza

Woodfire
105 S York St.
630-279-2323
pazzidipizza.com

Pizza Palace

117 N Addison Ave.
630-834-5900
elmhurstpizzapalace.com

Roberto's Ristorante & Pizza

487 S Spring Rd.
630-279-8486
robertosristorante.com

Rosalia's Deli

Woodfire
247 N York St.
630-516-3354
rosaliasdeli.com

Rosati's Pizza

687 N York St.
630-279-1998
rosatispizza.com

Sarpino's

623 W North Ave.
630-279-2900
gosarpinos.com

Two Brothers Restaurant

128 W Park Ave.
630-8330414
twobrothersristorante.com

Deli & Sandwiches Plus

Fulla Balogna

118 S York St.
630-279-7990
fullabalogna.com

Jersey Mike's Subs

297 N York St.
630-832-9700
jerseymikes.com

Jimmy John's

1035 S York St.
630-834-1600
696 S North Ave.
630-833-0000
jimmyjohns.com

Monster Eats

Chef Inspired
116 W Park Ave.
630-530-8646

Panera Bread

108 W North Ave.
630-833-5001
panerabread.com

Potbelly Sandwich Shop

544 W St. Charles Rd.
630-532-5820
potbelly.com

Prairie Café

109 W Vallette St.
630-279-7711

Rosalia's Deli

247 N York St.
630-516-3354
rosaliasdeli.com

Subway

113 E Schiller St.
630-530-8845
183 S IL Route 83
630-941-8181
1034 S York St.
630-834-4885
subway.com

Chow

Catering Only
630-530-8646
chowtogo.com

Zanzi's Italian Deli

113 W First St.
630-530-0010
zanzisitaliandeli.net

Flavah

Chef Inspired
570 S York St.
630-433-2323
flavahfood.com

Zenwich

Asian Inspired
416 N York St.
630-359-5234
eatmyzenwich.com

Coffee and ...

BrewPoint Coffee

124 W Park Ave.
224-542-8263
brewpoint.coffee

BrewPoint Lexicon Café

Inside Elmhurst Public Library
125 S Prospect Ave.
brewpoint.coffee

BrewPoint Roastery & Café

617 N. York
brewpoint.coffee

Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins

936 N York St.
630-530-9292

508 W North Ave.
630-279-1933

195 E Butterfield Rd.
630-833-3535
dunkindonuts.com

Elijah's Specialty Coffee & Tea

136 W Vallette St.
630-530-2864
elijahscoffee.com

Gloria Jean's Coffees

111 E First St.
gloriajeans.com

Pilot Pete's Coffe & Treats

Inside Elmhurst Metra Station
128 W First St.
773-263-0696

Starbucks

164 N York St.
630-834-1326

680 E North Ave.
Drive-thru
630-993-0028

155 E Brush Hill Rd.
Inside Elmhurst Hospital
331-221-1000

624 N York St.
Drive-thru
224-545-3067
starbucks.com