



# The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

## New Developments in Elmhurst

A significant number of development projects are currently underway throughout Elmhurst, with over \$80 million in construction in the downtown area. MLE Inc. is building a new facility at 540 W. Lamont, Elmhurst BMW is constructing a new facility at 500 W. Lake, and iMotorsports (334 W. Grand) is completing a substantial addition. Elmhurst's Downtown City Centre is also bustling with activity. The Opus Group's construction of a mixed use development featuring first floor retail and 165 luxury apartments is underway at 100 N. Addison; with construction projected through the first quarter of 2019. To the north of the Opus project, Fitness Formula Club (FFC) is constructing their highly anticipated facility. The 50,000 sq. ft. luxury club complete with rooftop pool, is scheduled for completion in late 2018.



*Opus Project*



*FFC*

The York Building (134 N. York) will begin tenant build out this Spring. The York will have first floor retail and two levels of offices,

as well as a third floor event space. Construction on a new Schiller Clinic by Edward Elmhurst Healthcare is also set to begin this Spring. The new clinic will sit on the site which currently serves as their parking lot. Business will continue in their current site (172 Schiller) until the new building is ready later this year, at which time the older building site will be converted to parking for the facility. Demolitions of the former Clark Gas Station at Second & Addison and the former auto repair shop at 105 Cottage Hill are scheduled to take place in early Spring as well.



*Elmhurst BMW*

New businesses are also flourishing throughout the community with recent openings including but not limited to

Gem Carwash (964 N. York), Elmhurst Brewing Co. (171 N. Addison), Artis Assisted Living (123 W. Brush Hill), BrewPoint Roastery & Café (617 N. York), Pinot's Palette (214 N. York), American Music World (605 N. York), and Do It Together Workshops (578 N. Michigan). Sweetberry Bowls Superfood Bowls Shop (156 N. York), FFC Preview Center & Sales Office (135 Addison), and Kimmer's Ice-Cream (110 W. Park) are all opening soon.

Subscribe to the Economic Development Blog at [www.elmhurst.org/econdevblog](http://www.elmhurst.org/econdevblog) to keep up to date on what's happening in Elmhurst!

## City Working Towards Establishing New Downtown TIF

The City is in the process of proposing a new Downtown Tax Increment Finance (TIF) area. The downtown area has experienced successful growth, but there is still much work to be done to keep the central business district desirable and vibrant. Although successful in growing the downtown periphery and generating new revenue, the City's core has not seen the same revitalization, with out-of-date, smaller spaces, inefficiently designed and deteriorating buildings that are unattractive for developers. The proposed Downtown TIF will provide for necessary funding of improvements and redevelopment in the future to this area. The primary focus of the TIF will be to continue the implementation of the adopted 2016 Downtown Plan and provide opportunity for redevelopment of underutilized properties in the downtown area. The Joint Review Board met and voted 5-1 to approve the Downtown TIF. The next steps involve additional notices to the community, a public hearing on March 5th, and a final vote by Elmhurst City Council.





## City Council Approves 2018 Budget

The City of Elmhurst continues using revenues responsibly and provides essential services to the community. City Council approved the 2018 City of Elmhurst budget with operational plans for the new fiscal year. The City continues to maintain the AAA Bond Rating from Standard & Poor's Rating Service; this is the highest rating that can be assigned. The total proposed budget was almost \$164 million, of that about 20% is capital and will fund projects related to storm water upgrades and road work. The property tax has remained the same for general city operations and the City's fund balance for the general fund is within the range policy of 25-33% of operating expenditures. To view the 2018 City of Elmhurst Budget, please visit [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org).

## New Refuse Contract

The new 5 year refuse contract with Republic Services dba Allied Waste of Melrose Park will begin on April 1, 2018 and continuing until March 30, 2023. Because the contractor is remaining the same, there will **not** be a mass change out of waste and recycling totes and your pick up day will remain the same as it is currently. Some of the new features of the contract include:

- 35 gallon tote option for refuse (watch for future mailings about the program)
- Food scrap composting as part of the yard waste collection (watch for future mailings about the program)

The City will be working with the contractor to offer an electronics and other recycling program for residents.

For more information visit

[www.elmhurst.org/refuseandrecycling](http://www.elmhurst.org/refuseandrecycling)



## DMMC "Issues at Hand"

The City of Elmhurst is a proud member of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC), which recently launched a new cable show - "Issues at Hand."

Sometimes, local issues don't always receive the attention or discussion they deserve by the news media. "Issues at Hand" will raise awareness of these issues and help residents understand the impact these issues have on their daily lives and wallets. In its inaugural episode, Mayors from Addison, Naperville and Warrenville examine how a permanent property tax freeze could have wide implications, affecting basic services, quality of life and revenue for local governments and schools.

Please take a look at <http://bitly/2CNM4SS>.



## Mayor's Message



The City of Elmhurst, along with its citizens and businesses, enjoyed another terrific year in 2017. This past January, I was honored to give an update of the state of our City at the annual Chamber Membership Breakfast sponsored by Community Bank of Elmhurst, where I shared some of our City's accomplishments and reviewed what's ahead. You can view the video by visiting [www.elmhursttv.com](http://www.elmhursttv.com). Below are just a few topics that were covered.

The City has and continues to be in planning mode. If something is happening in Elmhurst it has taken months to years of planning. This is one of the reasons Elmhurst continues to be successful. Our persistence in economic development has kept us competitive. Our goal is to bring services into the area that residents want, while increasing our tax base without burdening the residents. One way to keep the City vibrant is by creating foot traffic. York Theater is a great example of a business that has consistently brought unique visitors to Elmhurst. This past year our downtown area experienced an increase in density with the opening of Elmhurst 255, a 192-unit luxury apartment complex. Currently under construction on Addison Street is Fitness Formula Club, a high-end fitness center, which is projected to bring 800-1,000 unique visits per day to the downtown area. The Opus development, a 165-unit luxury apartment complex due to come online in early 2019, will also increase foot traffic in the downtown area. This increase in density assists in keeping our downtown vibrant and desirable for visitors, prospective businesses and residents.

With the changing of the season to Spring, one thing Elmhurst residents can be sure of is rain. We understand the stormwater issues that residents have faced and are working hard to relieve these issues. We have completed 9 of 11 stormwater management projects, which have accounted for over 80 acre-feet of stormwater storage. We have made progress towards resolving these issues, but there is more to be done. We will continue to focus on this on behalf of Elmhurst.

On April 18th, I am honored to be presenting the annual Exemplary Youth Service Awards. It is a special time of the year when we recognize children in our community who have gone above and beyond with service for others. If you have someone in mind that you would like to nominate for this award, please visit the City's website, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org).

Elmhurst organizations are gearing up for some additional great events this Spring. This season, don't miss some of the City's signature events including the Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 10th, Art in Wilder Park on May 5th and 6th, and the 100th Anniversary of the Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade.

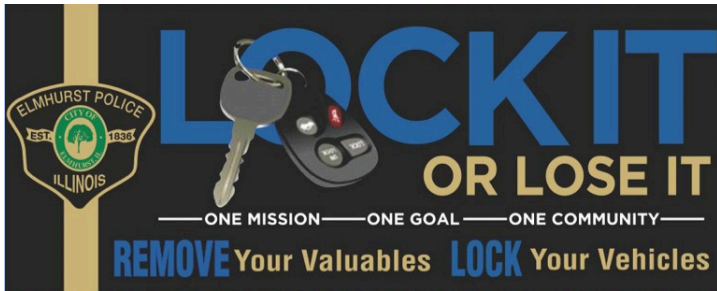
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who serve this City. Elmhurst has over 290 full time employees, over 200 part time employees, 17 boards and commissions with over 100 members, 17 elected officials, and over 40 library and museum volunteers. These people work daily to make Elmhurst the town that we know and love. Their efforts towards improvements, safety and innovation do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.

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

Sincerely,  
Steven M. Morley, Mayor



## Community Safety



With recent crime trends escalating in the Chicagoland area, it is imperative now more than ever that residents lock their doors for the overall safety of themselves, their neighbors, and the Elmhurst community.

The reality is that criminals are targeting areas where they know residents are leaving doors unlocked. Elmhurst is one of the areas that has been targeted. Together as a community, we can take a stance against this targeted crime by making a simple change in our lifestyle habits by **LOCKING OUR DOORS**.

Three elements must be present for a crime to occur: **Desire**, **Ability**, and **Opportunity**. If any one of these elements is removed, the triangle cannot be formed and the crime will not occur. You cannot eliminate a criminal's desire to commit a crime, and you have no control over a criminal's ability to commit a crime. You can, however, remove the criminal's opportunity to burglarize your home or vehicle by locking your doors and windows and securing your property out of view.

The Crime Triangle



You can help yourself, your family and your neighbors by:

- Always locking your vehicles, house, garage, and bicycles.
- Immediately calling 9-1-1 to report suspicious noises, people, or cars.

Together, we can prevent burglary and theft in Elmhurst.

**One Mission • One Goal • One Community**

### Outdoor 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](http://www.elmhurst.org) or [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) to get notifications of severe weather conditions.



### Coyote Sightings

Coyote sightings, particularly in the springtime, have become predictable in DuPage County as human encroachment shrinks natural habitats. Do not be unduly alarmed if you should see a coyote but do exercise caution—especially with regard to young children and pets. Please be aware that removing food sources can be a factor in keeping coyotes away—if possible, keep garbage cans inside and do not leave small pets unattended outside. You should not assume that a coyote is aggressive simply by its presence; however, if you do see a coyote behaving aggressively, please call 9-1-1 to have an officer respond. For more information on coyote coexistence visit: [www.coyotecoexistence.com](http://www.coyotecoexistence.com)



### Change your clocks, change your batteries

It's that time of year again! As we change our clocks ahead on March 11th, take the time to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries for the safety of everyone in your home.



### CodeRED

Are you signed up to receive emergency alert notifications from the City? Visit the City's website and sign up for CodeRED today.



### Citizen's Police Academy

Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is one of the most popular community programs put on by the Police Department, and the next session will begin on March 14, 2018! CPA provides residents with an opportunity to see the workings of their police department "up close and personal" while learning about the history and some of the specialty units within the department. Classes are held for 12 consecutive Wednesday evenings, and the program is free of charge but is limited to those who live or work in Elmhurst. Applications are available on the City website ([Elmhurst.org](http://Elmhurst.org)) or at the front desk of the police department. For more information, please contact us by email at [policeinfo@elmhurst.org](mailto:policeinfo@elmhurst.org) or phone (630-530-3061).



## Stormwater Mitigation Project Updates

In 2018, the City of Elmhurst will continue to undertake several additional stormwater infrastructure improvement projects aimed to reduce overland flooding. Nine projects were completed between 2015-2017 throughout the City. The focus of the remaining projects in 2018 will be the southwest side of the City; the largest area affected by overland flooding over the last decade.

**The projects scheduled to begin construction in 2018 include:**

### Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project (SESMP)–Phase I

The proposed improvements consist of the construction of relief storm sewers along Jackson Street, Prospect Avenue, Parkside Avenue, Bryan Street, and Harrison Street, to a proposed 21 acre-foot detention basin to be constructed on the City owned property located south of Messiah Lutheran along Butterfield Road. The detention basin will be over 30-feet deep and will utilize a new pump station to slowly drain the stormwater after the end of the storm event. This project will provide flood reduction benefits of roughly 6-inches for approximately 121 homes in the southwest side of Elmhurst and will protect 75 of those homes from 100-year structural overland flooding.

### Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project (SESMP)–Phase II

This project will consist of the installation of a new detention basin on the property the City recently purchased at 250 W. Jackson Street. This land was purchased from the adjacent Christ United Church. The new detention basin will have a total storage capacity of approximately 11 ac-ft. During 100-year rain events this project and the Phase I project combined will remove 90 homes from structural inundation and will provide up to 1.2 ft of flood reduction benefits for the southwest side of Elmhurst.

In total the City will invest over \$25.0 million in construction costs from 2015-2018 to complete 11 stormwater projects that will provide approximately 114 acre-feet of new stormwater detention volume to the City's infrastructure. These improvements will provide 100-year overland flood protection for over 300 homes throughout the City.

## Vehicle Sticker Reminder

City vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by May 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.



## Benefits of a Knox HomeBox

The Elmhurst Fire Department has begun a residential Knox HomeBox program available to residents with special needs. A Knox HomeBox is a rapid-entry system designed to provide secure emergency access to a home or property to those living alone or with a history or medical or mobility issues.



When a fire breaks out or there is a medical emergency, a Knox HomeBox allows the Fire Department to gain immediate access to the home without forced entry damage or delay. The boxes are a metal box with a door hanger attached and are meant to be placed over the top of the resident's front entry door. Inside the box, a key to the residence is securely placed for access by the Elmhurst Fire Department only. For information on obtaining a Knox HomeBox, please call 630.530.3090.

## Elmhurst College Recycling Extravaganza - April 28

On Saturday, April 28, the Alexander Street parking lot at Elmhurst College will turn into a Recycling Extravaganza, a place to bring a variety of items that will be recycled, reused and kept out of landfills. Acceptable items include electronics of all kinds, building supplies, clothing, bicycles, carpeting, home goods and much more.



Several nonprofit social service and green-focused organizations also will be at the Extravaganza, a partnership between Elmhurst College and the City of Elmhurst. The Recycling Extravaganza is open to the public.

The Recycling Extravaganza will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 28, in Elmhurst College's Alexander Street parking lot. To facilitate traffic flow, vehicles must enter at Prospect Avenue and Walter Street. For more information, visit [elmhurst.edu/sustainability](http://elmhurst.edu/sustainability) or email [sustainable@elmhurst.edu](mailto:sustainable@elmhurst.edu).

As a result of the annual Elmhurst Recycling Extravaganzas, hundreds of tons of electronics, as well as tens of thousands of pounds of carpeting, scrap metal and books, hundreds of bicycles and truckloads of clothing and other unwanted items have been diverted from landfills. In addition, the donations will benefit many nonprofit service organizations and ultimately will help scores of individuals and families.

## 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.





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## ELMHURST

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## March - May 2018

## ONGOING

### Ongoing Exhibit

#### By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst

Experience the latest enhancements to this interactive journey through Elmhurst history. Take a trip back in time via the tabletop map, explore the object towers and watch a video on Elmhurst history. View the History Spotlight in the second floor hallway that showcases special objects and photos from the museum's collection that currently features items from Elmhurst's airport.

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

### Nomination deadline, March 9

#### Award Ceremony, April 18

#### 2018 Exemplary Youth Service Awards

Know an amazing kid? The City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth is now accepting nominations for the 2018 Exemplary Youth Service Awards. Ceremony and reception will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00pm at Sandburg Middle School. For more information and to nominate a deserving youth, please go to [www.elmhurst.org/1291/Exemplary-Youth-Service-Award](http://www.elmhurst.org/1291/Exemplary-Youth-Service-Award). Deadline for nominations is March 9, 2018

### Through March 11

**Freedom: A History of US** Last call! The struggle and never-ending pursuit of freedom for Americans is explored in this national touring exhibit from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, illuminating critical figures and events from the Revolutionary War to the Civil Rights Era. 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.

Elmhurst History Museum • FREE  
elmhursthistory.org

### Through March 18

**IN THIS HOUSE: Paula Crown, Michelle Grabner, Brad Killiam, Tony Tasset, and James Welling** The installations by these 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

### Exhibit continuing through March 31, 2018

**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

### March 10 - April 21

**Spring Members Show** Contemporary artworks by 50 local artists in a variety of media and

styles, most available for purchase. Meet the artists at a reception open to public, Friday, March 16, 2018 from 7-9pm. Open 11-5 Tu W Th Sa Su / 11-7 Friday. \$9 adults/ \$8 seniors/ EAM members, students & under 18 free. 1st Friday of month all free.

Elmhurst Art Museum: Elmhurst Artists' Guild  
Gallery • [elmhurstartistsguild.org](http://elmhurstartistsguild.org)

### March 17-May 6

**Rescuer of Once Loved Things: The Art of Donna Castellanos** Donna Castellanos collects and transforms everyday objects, which she calls "once loved things", into a bold hands-on exhibit. Visitors experience the museum galleries as if they were at home; each room includes worn and well-loved items that share a commonality, from repurposed encyclopedias to antique musical instruments. Both nostalgia and inclusion are strong motifs throughout the exhibition, as visitors are invited to add their own contributions.

Elmhurst Art Museum • Museum Admission  
630-834-0202 • [elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://elmhurstartmuseum.org)

### March 23 - June 17

**Snoopy and the Red Baron** The World War I Flying Ace debuted in 1965, and the character has become one of most recognizable Peanuts personas. This new traveling exhibit from the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center in Santa Rosa, CA tells the full story of the charismatic and beloved character from its early origins to Schulz's detailed WWII research. Learn about this favorite Peanuts storyline through reproductions of Schulz's original comic strip artwork; WWII artifacts, film, rare collectibles, photos and more.

Elmhurst History Museum • FREE  
630-833-1457 • [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org)

### April 21 - June 2

**Artwork of Terri Shimkus** The World War I Flying Ace debuted in 1965, Mixed media artwork by local artist, Terri Shimkus. Meet the artist at a reception open to the public, Friday April 27, 2018. Open 11am-5pm Tu Th W Sa Su / 11am-7pm Friday

Elmhurst Art Museum: Elmhurst Artists' Guild  
Galley • \$9 adults/ \$8 seniors/ EAM members, students & under 18 free. 1st Friday of month all free. • [elmhurstartistsguild.org](http://elmhurstartistsguild.org)

## MARCH

### Thursday, March 1

#### Mercy-ing Repaying the Gift of Redemption

Daniel Geiter was a struggling college student and a convicted felon when Sister Susan Sanders helped him get the support he needed to stay in school- and eventually earn a doctorate. Today, Geiter is repaying that gift as the founder of a nonprofit that helps other former inmates pursue a college education. At Elmhurst College, the two will talk about their experience. The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Lecture.

Elmhurst College Frick Center Founders Lounge  
7:30 PM • FREE • 630-617-5186

### Friday, March 2- Sunday, March 4

**Cheers to you, Kid! A NEW MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE SHOW** - 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!" Friday, March 2nd @ 7pm; Saturday, March 3rd @ 7pm; Sunday, March 4th @ 6pm • \$55 pp  
Angelo's Ristorante • [greenmantheatre.org](http://greenmantheatre.org)

### Saturday, March 3

**Rock and 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.

Lizzadro Museum • 10:30 AM  
\$5 per person, museum members \$3.00  
[lizzadromuseum.org](http://lizzadromuseum.org)

**Rockin' Jewelry for Kids** Children can 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.

Lizzadro Museum • 1:30 PM • \$10 per person  
[lizzadromuseum.org](http://lizzadromuseum.org)

### Saturday, March 3

**Elmhurst Lions Pizza Party** The Lions Pizza Party has been a longtime favorite of families in the area. Money raised at the Pizza Party helps those in our community who need assistance with vision, hearing, or other support services such as providing eyeglasses, vision screenings, and hearing exams. \$8.00 per adult; \$35 for family of 5 or more; FREE for children 6 and under

Sandburg Middle School • 5-7 PM  
[elmhurstlions.org](http://elmhurstlions.org)

### Sunday, March 4

**One Earth Film Festival** For the 4th consecutive year, Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and Elmhurst College partner to bring you a One Earth Film Festival screening. This year's movie is HAPPENING: A Clean Energy Revolution, highlighting clean jobs, forward-thinking leaders and healthier communities. For tickets or to see a full list of Festival movies: <https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/films-az>

Schaible Science Center, Elmhurst College  
1 PM • Free, with suggested \$7 donation.

**Gallery Talk: Civil War Letters** Join local historian and former EHM curator Nancy Wilson as she sheds light on the museum's collection of 29 letters sent to early Elmhurst resident Frederick Fischer while he served in the Union Army. Topics include the family's life in Elmhurst, recurring themes found in the letters, and the process of preserving these unique letters for museum use and future generations. No registration required, first floor gallery.

Elmhurst History Museum • 2 PM • FREE  
630-833-1457 • [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org)

### Wednesday, March 7

#### Stay Tuned: A Conversation on Law and Ethics

**With Preet Bharara** As U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, Preet Bharara earned a reputation as one of the nation's most aggressive and outspoken prosecutors. He is the host of *Stay Tuned with Preet*, a podcast about justice and fairness. At Elmhurst, he will delve into some of today's most pressing issues during a conversation with Elmhurst College Professor of Philosophy Katrina Sifferd. The Rudolf G. Schade Lecture on History, Ethics and Law.

Elmhurst College: Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel • 7 PM • \$10 • 630-617-5186  
elmhurst.edu/cultural

### Thursday, March 8 - Saturday, March 17

**Life Is A Dream** Pedro Calderon de la Barca's best-known play, *La Vida es Sueno* (Life is a Dream) is a classic Spanish allegory of fate versus free will, reality versus dreams, and a father's love versus his child's ambition. Thurs. - Sat., March 8 - 10 and March 15 - 17 (Thurs. - Sat. - 8:00 p.m.), Saturday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Elmhurst College: Mill Theatre  
Get tickets by calling (630) 617-3005 or email  
mill@elmhurst.edu

### Saturday, March 10

**The Art of Jewelry Design** Professional, award-winning jewelry designer, Brenda Smith presents her motivation to create wearable art. Her creative process includes noble metals and gemstones to adorn others. Discover her inspiration and choice of materials for expression. See two of Brenda Smith's pieces in the Smithsonian Gems exhibit.

Lizzadro Museum • 2 PM  
\$10.00 per person, museum members free.  
lizzadromuseum.org

**Spring Road St. Patrick's Day Parade** Starts at noon. elmhurststpatparade.com

### Sunday, March 11

**Free Family Open Swim** 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.

York High School • FREE • epd.org

### Elmhurst Symphony Concert: Verdi's Requiem

Embrace pure musical magic when the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra, Apollo Chorus of Chicago and stellar soloists combine forces in one of the most moving works to ever flow from the heart of Verdi. Adults \$40, seniors \$37, students \$12. Group and family rates available.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church  
3 PM • 630-941-0202 • elmhurstsymphony.org

### Wednesday, March 14

**Teen Job/Volunteer Fair** Learn about volunteer and paid work opportunities with local organizations. Grades 6-12. Sponsored by the City of Elmhurst, District 205, Elmhurst Public Library, Elmhurst YMCA, Elmhurst Kiwanis, Elmhurst Park District, and Elmhurst Juniors. Hosted by Elmhurst Commission on Youth.

York High School Commons Area  
3-6 PM • FREE

### AAUW March Meeting-Current Issues in Public Education

AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch member Jennifer Aldred, Ph.D., will update, educate, and lead a discussion on the topics of early childhood education, full-day kindergarten, and school vouchers.

Elmhurst Public Library • 7-9 PM • FREE  
aauwelmhurst.org

### Sunday, March 18

**Wilder Mansion Bridal Show** Find everything you need to plan your perfect wedding - taste and sip decadent offerings from our preferred caterers, get exclusive deals and individual consultations from some of the best wedding vendors in Chicagoland, and sample salon stylings from the pros. From stationary to make-up artists, fine art photographers to models in designer wedding gowns, there is something for every style and budget.

Wilder Mansion • 11 AM - 3 PM • FREE • epd.org

### Saturday, March 24

**Family Day: Scavenger Hunt** We invite you and your family to take a closer look at the exhibition with a scavenger hunt. Search the exhibition galleries to find hidden images as well as cleverly reused and transformed found objects. When your search is completed, you are invited to dig through a treasure chest to find salvaged materials for your very own assemblage art piece.

Elmhurst Art Museum • 1-4 PM  
Museum Admission • 630-834-0202  
elmhurstartmuseum.org

### Saturday, March 24 - Saturday, March 31

**Snoopypalooza Scavenger Hunt** Kick off Spring Break Snoopypalooza Week by picking up a clue sheet at Elmhurst History Museum and use your detective skills to track down Snoopy at hidden locations in Elmhurst City Centre. Collect stamps at each location and return to the museum to claim your prize! All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Museum hours: Tues.-Fri. and Sun., 1-5 p.m. Saturday 10 am-5 pm. (closed Monday).

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

### Tuesday, March 27

**Snoopypalooza: Drop In and Draw Snoopy** Visit the *Snoopy and the Red Baron* exhibit for artistic inspiration and learn to draw Snoopy and friends in our Education Center. New characters begin every 15-20 minutes. All ages. Drop in, no registration required.

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

### Wednesday, March 28

**Snoopy Storytime & Dance Party** Come to Elmhurst History Museum for a special before-hours program for preschoolers. Listen to Snoopy stories, explore the exhibit, meet Snoopy himself, and dance with him to classic Peanuts tunes. Age: Toddlers and up with adult. Drop in, no registration required.

Elmhurst History Museum • FREE • 10-11 AM  
630-833-1457 • elmhursthistory.org

### Thursday, March 29

**Science of Flight Drop-in STEM Party** Drop in at EPL to learn about the science of flight and do hands-on science activities in this interactive program. Valid EPL cardholders only. Pick up tickets at Kids' Help Desk starting at 9:00 a.m. morning

of program. All ages. Presented in conjunction with the Elmhurst History Museum's Snoopy and the Red Baron exhibit as part of Spring Break Snoopypalooza.

Elmhurst Public Library - 2-3 pm - FREE  
elmhurstpubliclibrary.org or (630) 279-8696

**Wilder Park Flashlight Egg Hunt** Teens, grab your flashlights and join us for the teens only Flashlight Egg Hunt in Wilder Park. Join your friends in the frenzy as you search for prize eggs filled with candy, gift certificates and other great prizes. Ages 11-16.

Wilder Park • 8 PM • FREE • epd.org

### Friday, March 30

**Snoopypalooza: Snoopy Craft Time** Make your own aviator goggles and red scarf just like Snoopy wears when he faces the Red Baron. Check out the *Snoopy and the Red Baron* exhibit and pose for photos. Cost: \$3 per participant (payable at the door). Registration required: Call 630-530-6879 or email at jess.sekiya@elmhurst.org. All ages accompanied by an adult.

Elmhurst History Museum • FREE  
10 AM - 2 PM • \$3 per participant  
630-833-1457 • elmhursthistory.org

### Saturday, March 31

**Egg Hunt in Wilder Park** Join Elmhurst Park District at this annual spring event! The Easter Bunny arrives at 9 a.m. and be ready for the egg hunt at 10 a.m. sharp. The egg hunt will be followed by our Doggie Eggstravaganza at 10:30 a.m., when the fun goes to the dogs. Prizes will be awarded for best doggie costume so make sure to dress for the occasion. Presented by The Schiller Team, Suburban Bank & Trust and Edward-Elmhurst Health.

Wilder Park • 10 AM • FREE • epd.org

**Spring Road's Easter Egg Hunt** Visit with the Easter Bunny - Bring your basket to collect candy-filled eggs!

Spring Road @ the Gazebo near the Prairie Path • Egg hunt starts at 1 PM sharp.  
springroad.com/our-events/

## APRIL

### Saturday, April 7

**Springtime Family Fun Day** Come to the heart of Downtown Elmhurst for some Springtime Family Fun! FREE showing of "The Peanuts Movie" at the York Theatre at 9:30 am. (Doors open at 9 am). Snoopy will be in the City Centre Plaza for pictures after the movie. There will be a DJ, dancing and prizes in the plaza til 1 pm.

York Theatre and Elmhurst City Centre  
Fountain Plaza • 9:30 AM - 1 PM  
FREE • elmhurstcitycentre.com

**The Peanuts Movie with Snoopy Meet & Greet** View *The Peanuts Movie* (2015) on the big screen at York Theatre! Snoopy and his team take to the skies to pursue their arch-nemesis, while Charlie Brown begins his own epic quest back home to win the love of his life (1 hr. 28 min., rated G). After the movie (11:00 a.m.-noon), Snoopy will be in Elmhurst City Centre Plaza for photo ops and other fun activities.

9:30 AM • FREE • elmhursthistory.org



**Artist-led Tour and Activity** Join artist and educator Donna Castellanos on a tour of her exhibition, highlighting common items that she has repurposed. She will then lead a hands-on art making activity with items acquired from SCARCE, an award-winning environmentally conscious nonprofit.

Elmhurst Art Museum • 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
Museum Admission • 630-834-0202

## **Exhibition Tour at Elmhurst Art Museum**

Join us for an in-depth look at the current exhibition *Rescuer of Once Loved Things: The Art of Donna Castellanos*.

Elmhurst Art Museum • 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
Museum Admission • 630-834-0202  
elmhurstartmuseum.org

## **Sunday, April 8**

**Can Poetry Be Written After Auschwitz?** Jill Pelaez Baumgaertner is a poet and emerita professor of English at Wheaton College. As a scholar, her interest in religion and literature keeps pushing her back to the Holocaust as "the occasion when all of the central questions about God's justice and love, and humanity's capacity for evil, rise to the surface." Baumgaertner is the author of several books of an about poetry, including *What Cannot Be Fixed (2014)*, *Finding Cuba (2001)* and *Flannery O'Connor: A Proper Scaring (1998, 2013)*.

Elmhurst College: Frick Center, Founders Lounge • 7 PM • FREE • 630-617-5186

## **Tuesday, April 10**

**EAM/EPL Book Discussion | "The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan** A charming, clever, and quietly moving debut novel of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives, and the surprising connections that bind us.

Elmhurst Art Museum • 6:30 PM - 8 PM  
Free and open to the public. Please register in advance • 630-834-0202  
elmhurstartmuseum.org

## **Wednesday, April 11**

### **AAUW April Meeting-World Relief DuPage/**

**Aurora** Lauren Nadolski Meier from World Relief DuPage/Aurora will describe the services provided by the agency to assist refugee families as they begin their lives anew in the United States.

Elmhurst Public Library • 7 PM - 9 PM  
FREE • aauwelmhurst.org

## **Thursday, April 12**

### **Elmhurst Symphony Musicians at Mayslake:**

**Bach and Beyond** Be in the audience on a delightful spring evening when Elmhurst Symphony Music Director and Conductor, Stephen Alltop, harpsichord; Jean Hatmaker, cello; and Josefien Stoppelenburg, soprano, share an engaging array of solos, duets and trios in the beautiful space of Mayslake Peabody Estate.

Mayslake Peabody Estate • 7:30 PM  
Adults \$25; seniors \$23; students \$7  
630-941-0202 • elmhurstsymphony.org

## **Friday, April 13**

**Have No Fear: Jewelry Fashion Show** Join us for a runway fashion show featuring the handmade

wearable art by exhibiting artist Donna Castellanos. She has created a line of wearable artwork available for purchase exclusively at the Elmhurst Art Museum and Victoria's on Main. Tickets \$10 per person. Food and beverages will be provided.

## **April 13 - April 29**

**Monstrous Regiment** The comic fantasy *Monstrous Regiment* is an adaptation of the best-selling 2003 Discworld novel, which premiered to great praise at Chicago's Lifeline Theatre in 2014. The play is a wickedly funny look at the absurdities of war and the ambiguities of identity as our heroine, Polly Perks, must disguise herself as a young man to join the army in the search for her missing brother. In her quest, she soon discovers that she's not alone in protecting a secret and that nothing in war is as it seems.

First United Methodist Church  
Fri & Saturday at 7:30pm; 2pm on Sundays  
\$17.00 Adults / \$15.00 students & seniors  
greenmantheatre.org

## **Saturday, April 14**

**Community Conversations** What is Ewan? For 20 years the Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network has provided financial assistance to families and individuals experiencing tough times such as job loss, disability, divorce or sudden unforeseen circumstances that leaves them unable to pay a bill. EWAN is a place you can turn to for help. Presented by Jackie Crnkovich, Executive Director of Ewan. Reserved Seating-- Call-630-306-7077. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Senior Commission

10:00 A.M. at Elmhurst City Hall • FREE

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

**Rockin' Jewelry for Kids** Children can 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.

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

## **Sunday April 15**

### **Elmhurst Symphony: Sing of Spring Benefit**

**Gala** Join friends of the Elmhurst Symphony at its festive benefit gala, Sing of Spring, for cocktails, dinner, and a program featuring the music of George Gershwin as performed by ESO Music Director and Conductor Stephen Alltop and soprano Josefien Stoppelenburg. \$150 per person; \$275 per couple

Katherine Legge Memorial Lodge  
elmhurstsymphony.org • 630-941-0202

## **Friday, April 20**

**Mother Son Dance** Calling all moms! It's your turn to have a special night with your favorite guy! Join Elmhurst Park District for an evening of dinner and dancing. A photo of you and "your guy" is included. Register both adult and child for event. Registration opens February 24.

Diplomat West Banquets • 6-9 PM

\$35 resident/\$44 non-resident • epd.org

## **Saturday, April 21**

### **Courts Plus Health and Wellness Fair**

Discover tips and resources for maintaining a healthy lifestyle! Meet with personal trainers, complete a free health screening and pick up free samples from health vendors. Attendees can win raffle prizes and giveaways. Stop by and receive a two-week free trial membership to Courts Plus!

Courts Plus 9 AM - 12 PM • FREE  
courts-plus.com

**Artist-led Tour and Activity** Join artist and educator Donna Castellanos on an in-depth tour of her exhibition. She will then lead a session in which participants are invited to use found materials to make their own artwork.

Elmhurst Art Museum • 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM 630-834-0202 • elmhurstartmuseum.org

## **Sunday, April 22**

### **The Real Red Baron: Manfred von Richthofen**

**& the WWI Aviators** Join University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign history professor, author, and scholar Peter Fritzsche as he explores the myth and reality of the chivalrous solo pilots who played a legendary role during World War I and across the 20th century. Learn about the origins of the "dog fight" and its obsolescence by the end of the Great War, which killed off many of the most famous aces (including Richthofen). Learn about new squadron leaders like Hermann Goering who followed the WWI aces.

Elmhurst History Museum • 2 PM  
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630-530-6879 • elmhursthistory.org

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Free to Members, \$5 Non-Members  
630-530-6879 • elmhursthistory.org

## **Thursday, April 26**

**2018 Top Pizza taste of Elmhurst** Pizza vendors from across our fair city and beyond will be generously offering their pie creations for tasting, and guests will get to vote for their favorites--all for a good cause! A variety of specialty pizzas as well as cheese and sausage varieties will be available. Grab dinner to or from activities, or before the always amazing York High School musical. Proceeds benefit Foundation programs that enhance education for students in all thirteen public schools.

York High School Commons • 5:30 - 7:30 PM  
\$10 • elmhurst205.org/foundation

## Thursday, April 26

**Author Visit: Devin Murphy** The only thing better than reading a great book is meeting the great mind that produced that book. Join us for an evening with acclaimed author Devin Murphy as he shares his experience writing his debut novel, *The Boat Runner*, described by *The New York Times* as "chilling" and "riveting." It's the little-known story of young Dutch boys used by the Third Reich and the courageous boatmen who risked their lives to sabotage the Nazis and transport refugees. After, enjoy a brief Q&A and book signing.

Elmhurst Public Library: Large Meeting Room  
7-8:30 PM • FREE • [elmlib.org/author](http://elmlib.org/author)

**Elmhurst H2O: Our Water Supply and Our Connection to Salt Creek** Learn about the Elmhurst Public Water Supply, the Clean Drinking Water Act, the annual Consumer Confidence Report, and challenges facing today's public water systems. We'll also touch on Elmhurst's connection to Salt Creek, how stormwater impacts the waterway, and future plans to protect the Creek. Opportunity for Q&A will follow the presentation. Hosted by Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and League of Women Voters of Elmhurst. This is not an Elmhurst Public Library-sponsored event.

Elmhurst Public Library • 7 PM • FREE  
630-426-9789

## Friday, April 27th - Sunday, April 29th

### Fiddler On The Roof Spring Musical

Spring Musical performance from local 5th - 8th grade Elmhurst students. Friday, April 27th at 7pm; Saturday, April 28th at 2pm and 7pm; Sunday, April 29th at 2pm

Sandburg Middle School • \$8  
[elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com](http://elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com)

## Sunday, April 29

**Elmhurst Kitchen Expedition** The Elmhurst Kitchen Expedition showcases seven stunning kitchens in Elmhurst decorated by local designers and florists. The Expedition is a great way to support local charities while gathering inspirational design ideas. The event begins with a coffee and pastry kickoff at Dan Wangler Builders. Tickets may be purchased by visiting [www.elmhurst-juniors.org](http://www.elmhurst-juniors.org). Proceeds from the Expedition will benefit Synapse House and the Elmhurst Junior Women's Club Charity Fund.

138 W. Park Ave • 11am - 1pm Kickoff  
12 - 5PM Expedition

\$35. \$40 after April 1st • [elmhurst-juniors.org](http://elmhurst-juniors.org)

## Saturday, April 28

### Elmhurst Choral Union: American Voices

Elmhurst Choral Union and Orchestra present great American poetry set by great American composers. Walt Whitman, Robert Frost, and Thomas Jefferson provide the inspiration for music by Howard Hanson, Randall Thompson, Morten Lauridsen, and Eric Whitacre. Elmhurst Choral Union is joined by a professional orchestra under conductor Scott Uddenberg. Tickets are available from [elmhurstchoralunion.org](http://elmhurstchoralunion.org), 800-838-3006, or at the door.

Elmhurst College: Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel • 3 PM • 800-838-3006  
\$25 adults, \$23 seniors, \$10 youth  
[elmhurstchoralunion.org/tickets/](http://elmhurstchoralunion.org/tickets/)

# MAY

## Saturday, May 5

### Elmhurst Symphony Concert: European Romance

Stellar performances and exquisite music bring the Elmhurst Symphony's season to a rousing conclusion when the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's principal second violin, Baird Dodge, joins the ESO in an evening of audience favorites. Also on the program is the 2017 Stanger Audition winner, violist Aditi Prakash. Adults \$35, seniors \$32, students \$12. Subscriptions. Group and family rates available

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church • 7 PM  
[elmhurstsymphony.org](http://elmhurstsymphony.org) • 630-941-0202

## Saturday, May 5 - May 6

### Elmhurst's 22nd Annual Art in Wilder Park

22nd Annual Art in Wilder Park presented by Brewpoint Coffee will feature over 130 Midwest Artisans selling their unique one of a kind art. Kid's Court, Food Vendor Court/Gourmet Food Gift Section, and Entertainment. Wilder Mansion will be selling coffee, pastries, and serving lunch. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Park District and Produced by Roz Long (RGL Marketing for the Arts). For further information please contact [rozlong28@gmail.com](mailto:rozlong28@gmail.com).

Wilder Park • 10 AM - 5 PM  
[rglmarketingforthearts.com](http://rglmarketingforthearts.com)

**Art in Wilder Park at Lizzadro Museum** Members of the West Suburban Lapidary Club will be demonstrating forms of lapidary art. Saturday May 5 @ 10-5, Sunday May 6 @ 1-5

Lizzadro Museum • FREE • [lizzadromuseum.org](http://lizzadromuseum.org)

## Saturday, May 12

**Green Garden Fair** Purchase locally grown, certified organic seedlings and other items for your summer garden and receive green gardening/living tips from local environmental action organizations. Proceeds benefit our Church Ministries.

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
FREE • 9 AM - 12 PM • [elmhurstucc.org/](http://elmhurstucc.org/)

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Lizzadro Museum • 1:30 PM • \$10 per person  
[lizzadromuseum.org](http://lizzadromuseum.org)

## Wednesday, May 16

### Bus Tour: First Division Museum at Cantigny

Explore World War I history on an adult field trip to the newly redesigned First Division Museum at Cantigny. After the guided tour, participants will have the opportunity to explore the picturesque grounds on their own before departing. Fee includes roundtrip bus transportation and guided tour. Register online or call 630-530-6879.

Elmhurst History Museum

\$15 Members. \$20 Non-Members  
630-530-6879 • [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org)

## Thursday, May 17

**Eco Car Show** Interested in a Eco-friendly vehicle to help save gasoline, and possibly the planet? Representatives from Tesla, Elmhurst Cool Cities, and Fox Valley Electric Auto Association show off green options, answer questions, and give test drives. (Valid drivers license required) No registration required.

Corner of Prospect and Park, just south of the Elmhurst Public Library • 6-8 PM  
FREE • [elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://elmhurstpubliclibrary.org)

**Taste of the Town: Food for Life** Save the Date for Taste of the Town: Food for Life, an Elmhurst food and drink sampling featuring food, wine and beer tastings, cooking demonstrations by local chefs, and live music. Proceeds will benefit United Community Concerns Association to help feed local families in need.

Wilder Mansion • 6-10 PM • \$60 in advance, \$70 at the door • [ucca-elmhurst.org](http://ucca-elmhurst.org)

## Saturday, May 19

**Spring Road Pet Parade** Enjoy a bounce house, face painting, and even more fun activities. The Pet Parade will kick off at 1:00pm, southbound on Spring Road to the Prairie Path where it will turn around and return to Silverado Grill's parking lot where pet tricks will occur. Registration starts at 11:30 AM. Silverado Grill parking lot • FREE  
[springroad.com](http://springroad.com)

## Sunday, May 20

**Museum Day in Elmhurst** Ride the trolley as it rolls through Elmhurst to celebrate Museum Day in Elmhurst. Visit all 3 locations: The Art Museum, History Museum, and Lizzadro Museum. Park at one museum and ride the complimentary trolley to each location. Collect a stamp at all locations for a chance to win a prize.

Elmhurst History Museum, Elmhurst Art Museum, Lizzadro Museum • FREE • 1-5 PM  
630-833-1457

## StoryWalk Celebration at the Playground for Everyone

Celebrate Elmhurst Public Library's first StoryWalk at Butterfield Park! Read *It's Ok To Be Different* by Todd Parr as you walk along Elmhurst's popular "Playground for Everyone." Bring a picnic blanket for a storytime at the playground and add your artistic touch to a community weaving project. It's sure to be an afternoon of fun that celebrates inclusion and friendship. No registration required.

Butterfield Park • 1-4 PM • FREE  
Storytimes: 1:30-2 p.m. and 2:30-3 p.m.  
[elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://elmhurstpubliclibrary.org)

## Friday, May 25 - Subject to change

**School's Out Party!** School's Out for Summer!! Come celebrate the kick off of summer in the City Centre Plaza! Free goodies for all the kids. DJ, Dancing and Prizes too!!

City Centre Plaza • FREE  
[elmhurstcitycentre.com](http://elmhurstcitycentre.com)

## Monday, May 28

### Elmhurst 100th Memorial Day Parade

9:30 AM kickoff at 3rd and York St.  
For more information visit [Elmhurst.org](http://Elmhurst.org).



## Keep Inlets Clean

To reduce street flooding, the City is asking the public to help clean the inlets and storm drains in front of their residences or businesses. Use a rake or a shovel to clear leaves, limbs, and debris from the storm drain. Do not put your feet or hands into the storm drain because of potential hazards that have collected in the drain. Do not try to remove the grate, only the debris on top of the grate.

The best time to inspect the storm drain in front of your house or business is prior to a rain event and right after a rain, snow, or ice storm. If a clogged storm drain cannot be cleared, notify the City that help is needed. Call 630-530-3020 and report the specific location.

Please do not rake or blow the leaves from your yard into the street. Bag them at the curb and prepare them for curbside pickup by your garbage hauler. For leaves that have fallen into the street, please keep them out of the curb line, where they will block the path of rainwater.

## Spring Clean Up Dates

The City's Annual Spring Clean-Up dates are:

- If your normal collection date is Wednesday, your Spring Clean-Up will be on Saturday, April 7th.
- If your normal collection date is Thursday, your Spring Clean-Up will be on Saturday, April 14th.
- If your normal collection date is Friday, your Spring Clean-Up will be on Saturday, April 21st.



Yard waste is not included in the Spring Clean-Up, but will be collected if properly prepared, stickered, and set out on your regular collection day. Please do not put material at the curb for Spring Clean-Up until the day prior to the event. Reminder: It is illegal to put electronics at the curb for pick-up at any time, including Spring Clean-Up. For additional information please call the Public Works Department at (630) 530-3020 or Republic Services at (708) 345-7050.

## Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Don't miss out on the fun on March 10th for the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.elmhurststpatparade.com).



## Prescription Drug Take-Back Day



The Elmhurst Police Department will hold their Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in conjunction with the Elmhurst College Recycling Extravaganza Event on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to noon in Elmhurst College's Alexander Street Parking Lot. 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 prescription drugs.

## Recycling your Smoke Detectors

Elmhurst Fire Stations 1 & 2 and City Hall are now 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 hazardous 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.



## Now Hiring New Crossing Guards!

Excellent opportunity for retirees, college students, and those interested in part-time work. Interested applicants can submit an application online at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org).

## Adopt a Fire Hydrant!

The Elmhurst Fire Department is asking residents to adopt a fire hydrant near your home! It is vital for fire responders to quickly gain access to hydrants in order to extinguish a fire. By adopting a fire hydrant, you would be volunteering to clear all snow, grass/weeds and any debris from around the fire hydrant. You will also be asked to call Public Works if there is any damage or leaks. Families will get an adoption plaque bolted to the hydrant with their name on it. This is a free volunteer service and there are 2,400 hydrants looking to be adopted in Elmhurst. To apply, call 630-530-3090 or visit [www.elmhurst.org/firedepartment](http://www.elmhurst.org/firedepartment).



**Adopt Me!**

## Memorial Day Parade

The 100th Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade will step off on May 28th at 9:30 a.m. from the Elmhurst City Centre at Third and York and will proceed to the Elmhurst Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park. Following the parade is a Post-Parade Military Ceremony at Wilder Park.



## Upcoming General Primary Election

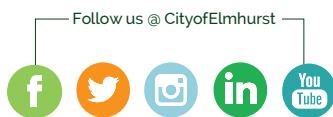
The General Primary Election for nomination of Federal, State, and County Officials and for the election of Precinct Committeemen will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Early voting will take place from Monday, March 5, 2018 through Saturday, March 17, 2018 at City Hall Council Chambers. The hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

### City of Elmhurst

209 N. York St., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
(630) 530-3000 • Website: [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org)

To learn about job opportunities through the City of Elmhurst, please visit [www.elmhurst.org](http://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

City Manager.....630-530-3010  
Community Development .....630-530-3030  
Police (non-emergency) .....630-530-3050  
Fire (non-emergency) .....630-530-3090  
Elmhurst History Museum..... 630-833-1457  
Elmhurst Public Library .....630-279-8696  
Request for Public Records - [foia@elmhurst.org](mailto:foia@elmhurst.org)  
EMERGENCY 9-1-1

#### Aldermen

1st Ward - 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

## Stormwater Management on Residential Property

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.

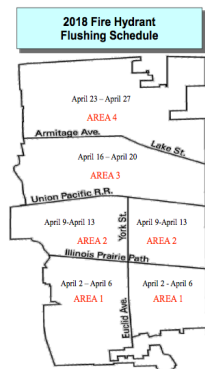


## City Code Updates - Exterior Surfaces

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.

## Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

City of Elmhurst Water Distribution crews will begin the annual fire hydrant flushing program on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Crews will flush and inspect nearly 2,400 City owned fire hydrants during the course of program. The flushing program is divided into 6 sections, south to north. The hydrant flushing process takes four weeks and will be completed by the end of April. Normal flushing will occur between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during this project.



## Know an Amazing Kid?

The City of Elmhurst's Commission on Youth is currently seeking nominees for its annual Exemplary Youth Service Awards, on April 18 at 7:00 PM at Sandburg Middle School. All volunteers, nominators, and their

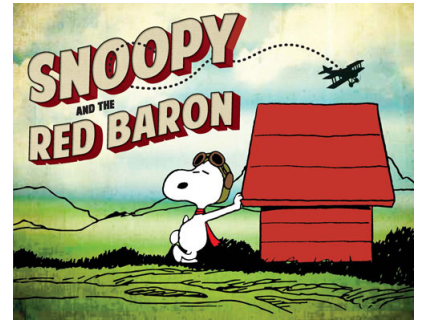
guests will be invited and all nominated will be recognized as part of the program. There are some amazing kids doing wonderful service for others in Elmhurst. Please consider nominating an individual or group, elementary school through high school. For more information and to obtain the nomination forms, please visit <http://www.elmhurst.org/1291/Exemplary-Youth-Service-Award>. Nominations will be accepted until March 9.



## Snoopy and the Red Baron Lands in Elmhurst

Charles Schulz introduced Snoopy as the World War I Flying Ace in 1965, and over the decades he has become one of the most recognizable and beloved Peanuts characters. The popular aviator lands in Elmhurst this spring when a new national traveling exhibition from the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center in Santa Rosa, CA makes its debut at the Elmhurst History Museum.

*Snoopy and the Red Baron* will be on display at the Elmhurst History Museum from March 23 through June 18, 2018. The exhibit tells the full story of the charismatic character from its early origins to the detailed World War I research that Schulz brought to the strips for authenticity. Visitors will learn about this favorite Peanuts storyline through high resolution reproductions of Schulz's original comic strip artwork; World War I artifacts; photographs; film clips, and themed objects inspired by Snoopy as the Flying Ace—from toys and model airplanes to dolls, books, and more. Museum visitors can also step into character as the Flying Ace by donning aviator caps and goggles for a photo-op next to Snoopy's doghouse.



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The *Snoopy and the Red Baron* exhibit is geared to all ages and provides an opportunity for inter-generational learning and quality time. The EHM staff has planned a full slate of fun, hands-on activities including **Spring Break Snoopypalooza** with a full week of free and affordable family-focused programs including: a Snoopy Scavenger Hunt, Snoopy Storytime and Dance Party, a Science of Flight STEM program at Elmhurst Public Library, and a Snoopy Craft Time where participants can make their own aviator goggles and red scarves. In addition, in April the York Theatre will present a free screening of *The Peanuts Movie* with a Snoopy Meet & Greet in City Centre Plaza, and a Cartooning Workshop is planned for April 14. For adults, a fascinating program on the Real Red Baron, Manfred von Richthofen, takes place on April 22 and a tour at the First Division Museum at Cantigny is on May 16.

Look for all the details in the Elmhurst History Museum's Spring Calendar of Events, follow our Facebook page, or go to [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org) for the latest information. Make way for the WWI Flying Ace, landing in your hometown this spring.

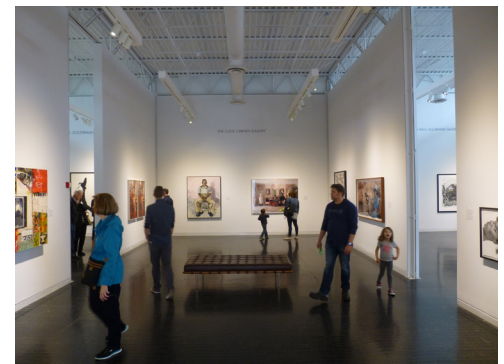
## ELMHURST MUSEUM DAY!

**Save the date: Sun. May 20, 1-5 p.m. • FREE**

Ride the Explore Elmhurst Trolley to experience free exhibits and fun activities at Elmhurst's own museums:

- Make an art project at Elmhurst Art Museum
- Design paper airplanes, try out a flight simulator, and get Peanuts face painting at Elmhurst History Museum
- Create rock critters at Lizzadro Museum

For more information, visit [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org)



To support students in Sonoma's K-12 schools who were victims of recent fires in the Santa Rosa area, EHM is collecting monetary donations for Creative Sonoma's Teaching Artists recovery project. Donate in our gift shop or online (see our website for details). Thank you for your support.

## City receives recognition for Green Fleet

This past fall, the City of Elmhurst was honored by the Chicago Area Clean Cities Executive Board with the CACC Green Fleet Leadership Award, for having the greatest increase in petroleum reduction through the use of biodiesel over the previous 12 month period.

In addition to all City diesel powered equipment and vehicles using biodiesel, the City has made strides in incorporating other alternate fuel technologies. The City currently operates 9 hybrid cars and small trucks, along with 2 electric Ford Focus vehicles. Additionally, through a grant from Chicago Area Clean Cities, the City has purchased 3 hybrid Hi Ranger tree trimming trucks. The booms on these trucks operate off the battery power while the truck is parked, eliminating the need to have the engine running while tree trimming work is being performed.

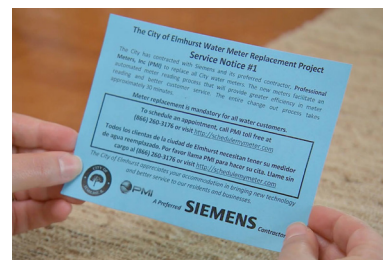
New to the fleet operations this year is a propane filling station at the Public Works Facility which will initially serve 14 public works vehicles which were recently converted to run on propane with an IEPA grant. The vehicles converted include 2 water main break repair trucks, 1 van, 7 pickup trucks, 2 medium duty trucks and 2 dump trucks.



## Citywide Water Meter Changeout

This City is in the process of conducting a citywide water meter change out, requiring all residential and commercial water meters to be replaced.

The project is expected to take place through September 2018. All residents will receive a series of postcards with instructions to schedule an appointment for your water meter replacement. The City asks that residents be responsive and schedule your appointment once you receive this notification. For more information on the City of Elmhurst's Water Meter Changeout Project, please visit [www.elmhurst.org/watermeterchangeout](http://www.elmhurst.org/watermeterchangeout).



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