

# The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

## Support Local Businesses this Holiday Season!

Think local when shopping this holiday season and support Elmhurst's retailers, restaurants, and service providers. Have someone who loves music on your gift lists this year? Visit the folks at Revolution Guitar Co (101 N. Addison), Luscombe Music (122 W. Vallette), American Music World (605 N. York), or Kenneth Stein Violins (172 N. York) for everything from retro records and sheet music to high quality instruments and more. When you shop in the Elmhurst community, the money you spend generates dollars that fix roads, pay for mosquito spraying, retain jobs, and so much more.

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When local businesses thrive, they are able to offer more benefits to employees, donate to local non-profits, and invest back into their businesses, employees, and the community. Whether you are shopping for specialty treats & toys for your pet at Ruff Life (118 W. Vallette) or pampering yourself with a relaxing experience at the soon to open Spavia (260 N. York), there is something for everyone on your list right here in Elmhurst. From the new boutique children's store, Goodkids Clothing Co (126 N. York), offering organic, sustainable children's clothing and toys to longtime Elmhurst retailers such as Bachabee's Fine Gift Boutique (116 W. Vallette) offering a wide selection of ever changing keepsakes, jewelry, and gifts to shoppers for 35 years.

Looking to give the gift of an experience this season – check out Do-It-Together Workshops (578 N. Michigan), Pinot's Palette (214 N. York), Halfway House Golf (555 S. York), The Room Upstairs (152 N. York), Pik-a-Pot-n-Paint (915 N. York), Throw Nation (630 W. Lake) or one of Elmhurst's other exceptional options for creating and sharing memories with your friends and loved ones. Local business owners look forward to seeing you, calling you by name, and helping you find the perfect gift every time.

When you stop in to the local hardware store, liquor store, repair shop, salon, or jewelry store, you'll encounter a friendly face waiting to help you find what you need from branded Elmhurst merchandise to one of a kind finds. For example, the seasoned staff at Elmhurst Photo Boutique & Gifts (535 Spring), are eager to assist patrons who wish to create personalized photographic projects of all shapes and sizes. While down the road at Stemple's Bike Shop (494 Spring) the team takes great pride in helping you choose the best cycling products and accessories for cyclists of all ages. At The Gaming Goat (152 N. York) store employees are happy to share their favorite board & card game gift ideas and are equally excited to teach you how to set-up and play the games. These are only a few examples of the extra touch local businesses provide their guests. Have a great encounter at an Elmhurst business? Share your story with our economic development team at [econdev@elmhurst.org](mailto:econdev@elmhurst.org). Thank you for shopping local this holiday season!

## Attention Residents!

Winter is here... help us help you!

Please help us keep hydrants clear of snow and please don't blow or shovel snow into the streets!



**Keep the Wreath Red Program** Each year the Elmhurst Fire Department teams up with the Illinois Fire Chief's Association and neighboring fire departments in the "Keep the Wreath Red" program. This year, the program will run for the entire month of December 2019.

The holiday fire safety program is designed to increase fire safety awareness. A holiday wreath will hang on the outside of both fire stations. In the event of a holiday-related fire, firefighters will replace one of the red bulbs with a white one. The goal is to keep the bulbs on that wreath red. Fire safety reminders for a safe holiday season include keeping live Christmas trees watered, making sure all illuminated decorations are in good condition, making sure your fireplace is in good working order, using candles with caution, not overloading extension cords or outlets with excessive holiday lights, and making sure smoke detectors work.

*All Aboard the Holly Trolley, Saturdays Nov 30 - Dec 28*  
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**City Holiday Hours** City Hall will be closed for the holidays at noon on Tuesday, December 24, all day on Wednesday, December 25 and all day on Wednesday, January 1.



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

**Mayoral State of Our City Address** Mayor Morley will deliver his 2020 "State of Our City" Mayoral Address at the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Membership Breakfast hosted by Community Bank of Elmhurst, 330 W. Butterfield Road, on Thursday, January 16th from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Space is limited. For reservations, call the Chamber office at (630) 834-6060. The program will be recorded and posted onto ElmhurstTV Youtube page and broadcasted in February on Channel 6 of Comcast.

**We're Hiring!** Looking for a new job? Visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) to find opportunities available at the City of Elmhurst!

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Steven M. Morley, Mayor  
Elaine Libovicz, City Treasurer

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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)

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#### 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

## Mayor's Message



I am saddened to share news of the passing of longtime City Clerk, Patty Spencer. Clerk Spencer lost her courageous battle with cancer on September 20, 2019. Patty served her community proudly for many years and will be greatly missed.

Patty moved to Elmhurst in 1984 with her husband Byron. Before she became a public servant, Patty worked at AT&T for twenty years, specializing in network administration. She always credited her time at AT&T for helping to develop her leadership and organizational skills and most importantly, teaching her to be a team player. Patty was offered and took an early retirement in 1988. Soon after she began a new phase of life; becoming involved in the Elmhurst community and volunteerism.

Patty was also involved as volunteer and Board Member for various organizations including but not limited to Kiwanis Club, Elmhurst Art Museum Board, Elmhurst College & Community, the Elmhurst Hospital Guild, and the Elmhurst Garden Club and was a staunch supporter of community events. Patty advocated for Cancer Awareness in the community through the Relay for Life and Edward-Elmhurst's Cancer outreach programs.

Patty Spencer was first elected as Elmhurst's City Clerk in 2005 and was most recently serving her 4th term in office. As City Clerk, Patty had many responsibilities including being the official Keeper of the City Seal, the Keeper of the City's Records, and Secretariat to the City Council. Though she did not vote on items before the Council, Clerk Spencer believed in the mantra, "Clerks Make It Work," and took her role as a direct link between residents and government very seriously. Clerk Spencer also served as the Local Election Official and the Open Meetings Act Officer for the City, ensuring that all required staff, Elected Officials, and volunteer Commissioners complete the State mandated training.

Patty was a brave person, who said what she meant and meant what she said. When I was first sworn into office, I had the privilege of sitting down with Patty, and I openly asked her how she thought I was doing. Her frank response was, "It's not how I would do it, but you are trying and I know you will get there." Patty kept me on my toes and her work ethic and dedication to serving Elmhurst encouraged me, and those around her, to want to work hard for the residents of Elmhurst.

It was a privilege to have worked alongside Patty, a truly dedicated servant to the citizens of Elmhurst. She touched the lives of many, making friends wherever she went. She will forever hold a place in Elmhurst's history and we are thankful for her dedication and service to the City of Elmhurst.

As the holiday season is upon us, let's reflect and be thankful for memories shared with those who have passed and remember to cherish the moments with those who are with us. I wish you all a joyous holiday. Stay safe and warm this season. It is my honor and privilege to serve the residents and City of Elmhurst.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Morley, Mayor



**Snow Removal Procedures** 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 Weather Safety Checks** As we continue to move into the winter season, bitter cold temperatures will become more prevalent. The Elmhurst Fire Department urges all citizens to take steps to prepare themselves for extreme cold temperatures. When outside, dress appropriately and maintain personal awareness. Prepare an emergency supply for your home and a winter kit for your vehicle(s). Residents are encouraged to check on elderly neighbors and family members to ensure they are safe and as comfortable as possible. If anyone needs urgent medical treatment, contact 911 immediately.

**City of Elmhurst Warming Center** Warming centers are heated public facilities where any resident can go during periods of extreme cold temperatures to stay warm and safe. The Elmhurst Public Library has been designated as an area warming center for those who need temporary relief from the cold.

Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect, (630) 279-8696

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please call the Elmhurst Police Department for additional site referrals: (630) 530-3050 Non-Emergency number

**We're Ready for You, Winter!** Did you know that the City has a salt storage building that holds approximately 5,000 tons of salt? The building is a high arch gambrel structure that is 70 feet wide by 104 feet long. The door is 20 feet wide by 30 feet high. This type of structure allows trucks to dump inside, eliminating outdoor salt piles, preventing run off and decreasing pollution. The structure also allows public works to store enough salt to maintain safe and serviceable roadways during the winter. The adequate space allows for enough storage to avoid being susceptible to high prices during salt shortages and delivery delays during extreme winter events.



**Holiday Tree Disposal** 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.

**Holiday Light Disposal** The City of Elmhurst is partnering with SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) for the annual holiday lights recycling program. Look for the bin with the "Holiday Lights" sticker in the City Hall lobby, 209 N. York Street, open Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm.



Acceptable items include 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. Lights will be collected until January 31. Additional information about recycling is available from SCARCE at [scarcecoed.org](http://scarcecoed.org) or from Elgin Recycling at [elginrecycling.com](http://elginrecycling.com).

### Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Survey

The City is requesting public input for a new bicycle & pedestrian plan. The goal will be to provide a comfortable and safe experience for riders of all ages and skill levels, focusing on improving transportation for pedestrians and bicyclists. This plan will strive to make all modes of transportation safe, welcoming and convenient for all, including children, the elderly, and those with disabilities. By creating this plan, Elmhurst can build on its existing assets and create a healthier, more sustainable and active community. By providing more alternatives to driving, especially for single automobile trips less than a few miles, the City can help reduce traffic congestion. An increased number of people walking and biking through downtown creates economic development opportunities for the local businesses. Streets that are designed safely for pedestrians and bicyclists decrease serious crashes and increase safety for all users of the roadway, including cars. Additionally, the ability for kids to safely walk and bike to school increases health by providing an opportunity for physical activity as a part of their daily routines. The time for this plan is perfect because the state has approved 50 million dollars in funding allocated specifically for pedestrian and bicycle improvements which is anticipated to be released on October 2020. By creating and adopting this Plan, the City will be more likely to capture some of this anticipated grant funding.

For more information about the plan, upcoming public workshops, and to take a short survey to provide input, please visit [bikewalkelmhurst.com](http://bikewalkelmhurst.com).



## Take Part in the U.S 2020 Census.

**It's your civic duty** Beginning in March, residents will begin receiving postcards from the US Census Bureau with instructions on how to complete the 2020 Census. This quick and easy process is completely safe, all data you provide the Census Bureau is only used to produce statistics and cannot be released in any way that would identify you or your household. As the first modern Census, in 2020 respondents will have an opportunity to complete the Census online. You may also respond by phone. Some households may also receive paper responses to complete and return by mail. When completing the Census remember to include all members of your household including infants, non-related roommates, and those who are not US citizens. Census results allow for fair and accurate representation at the local, state, and federal level of government, provide funding for local projects such as street repairs, and supports community initiatives from public safety preparedness to quality of life and economic development growth.

Earn extra income while helping your community: The Census Bureau is now hiring thousands of temporary employees across the country including Census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. Census jobs pay well, you can make your own hours, and work from home; a great job for college students (must be at least 18), retirees, or full time workers looking for a side gig. Apply for a Census job at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>.

**Transfer Stamp Change Starting Jan 1, 2020** Attention relators, attorneys and future Elmhurst home owners. Beginning JANUARY 1, 2020 all transfer stamp request forms must be typed and submitted 72 hours prior to picking it up. Please visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) for more information.

**Park in a City Parking Deck?** Reminder! 2020 City parking deck passes for commuter and employee parking will be available for purchase Dec 2nd via mail, drop box or at the Finance Counter. No passes are required for free 3 hour customer parking spots.

**3rd Time Winners!** The City is proud to have received the Dupage Mayors and Managers Innovation Award for a third time! The award, which is voted on by municipal leaders throughout the county, is given to municipalities who have introduced an innovative service to their community.

In 2019, the City of Elmhurst won the award for ZoneScan and WaterSmart, an innovative new service that is used to detect leaks and track water usage throughout the City.

Elmhurst also received this award in 2014 for the Police Department's Neighborhood Roll Call program, which is held in the Summer months. Each week, police officers hold their roll call in different neighborhoods in Elmhurst, offering residents a chance to ask questions and learn more from the officers that patrol their streets.

Elmhurst received the award again in 2017 for the Fire Department's ALS Rapid Response, Rescue 1 fleet addition. The vehicle is a Ford Explorer that paramedics use around the clock to enhance ALS service to the residents of Elmhurst. All of the equipment including a cardiac monitor/defibrillator, ALS medications, and a Zoll AutoPulse, fits perfectly in the back of the vehicle. Additionally, the vehicle is more maneuverable through city traffic.



## Be a Recycling Super Star!

### Recycling Simplified

When it comes to recycling, everyone has a part to play. Let's work together!



**Know what to throw.**  
Make sure your recycling container only contains cardboard, paper, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs.



**Empty. Clean. Dry.**  
Keep recyclables free from food and liquid. A ketchup bottle can contaminate a whole truck of recyclables!



**Don't bag it.**  
Plastic bags get tangled in the recycling machines. Dump your recyclables directly into your outdoor bin rather than containing them in a bag.

### These items aren't recyclable



Food



Dirty paper & cardboard



Toys



Clothes & shoes



Diapers



Plastic grocery & sandwich bags

Learn more at  
[RecyclingSimplified.com](http://RecyclingSimplified.com)

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**Electronic Recycling** The City will host an Electronics Recycling event on January 25th at the Public Works Facility (985 S Riverside Drive, Elmhurst) from 8 am until noon. This event is in cooperation with DuPage County. This tax deductible collection is sponsored by eWorks ESI and open to all residents with household electronics. For a list of acceptable electronics, please contact (630) 407-6700 or visit [dupageco.org/electronicrecycling](http://dupageco.org/electronicrecycling).





**Sign up for CodeRED...** It's the way the City notifies you in the event of an emergency when we require you to take action. Help us get you the information you need... sign up at [Elmhurst.org/CodeRED](http://Elmhurst.org/CodeRED).

**Dryer Vent Safety** When was the last time you had your dryer vent cleaned? Lint and debris can build up in your clothes dryer duct causing your dryer to work overtime, creating potentially hazardous conditions including dangerous levels of carbon monoxide in your home or even a fire. Be sure to have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional and do not use the dryer without a lint filter. Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry and remove lint that has collected around the drum. Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you. Keep dryers in good working order!



**Fireplace Safety** As you relax in front of your fireplace the last thing you are likely to be thinking about is the condition of your chimney or if the liner is intact. However the Elmhurst Fire Department encourages you have it cleaned and inspected before you light those winter fires. Dirty chimneys can cause chimney fires, which damage structures and destroy homes and property. Indications of a chimney fire have been described as creating loud cracking and popping noise with a lot of dense smoke, and an intense odor.



Fireplaces, and vents should be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances. Cleaning, maintenance, and repairs should be done if necessary. Even if you don't use your chimney much, animals may build nests in the flue or there may be other types of deterioration that could make the chimney unsafe to use.

**Shopper Safety Tips** 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:



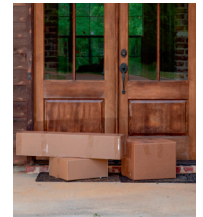
- Shop during the day if possible, but if you go at night bring a friend. Only bring necessary cash, cards, and identification and do not leave your purse or bags unattended.
- When placing shopping bags in your vehicle, put them in the trunk where they are out of sight. Be sure to remember to lock your 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!


**Beware of Phone Scams** The Elmhurst Police Department would like to remind residents to beware of telephone scams. A commonly reported phone scam involves a young adult calling for Grandma or Grandpa and asking for help because they've been arrested out of the country and need bond money to be wired. These are clever scams because when they hear a voice saying, "Grandma, it's me . . . I need help," the grandparent usually responds with the name of their grandchild, saying, "Johnny, is that you?" The offender is then armed with the name of his/her "character," and, if Grandpa or Grandma starts to have doubts, can use their false identity to convince them, saying, "Grandma, it's Johnny, remember? Help me, I need money right away."

Victims of phone scams also commonly report that they received calls from the IRS saying "you owe money and will be arrested if you don't wire money or provide a credit card or banking information immediately". THE IRS WILL NOT CONTACT YOU BY TELEPHONE OR EMAIL! If the IRS needs to reach you, they will do so through the U.S. Mail, and you will never have to provide immediate funds without time for explanation. If you receive calls of this nature, please hang up!

**Prevent 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.



**Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade** Don't miss the 24th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 7th 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! 

### 2019 Outstanding Senior Commission Awards

The Senior Citizens Commission honored exceptional and outstanding senior volunteers at a ceremony held on November 7, 2019. 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. Alderman Marti Deuter thanked them for all that they do. The "2019 Outstanding Senior Citizen Service Award" was awarded to Mary Jo Corbe and Kim Hlavenka. The 5 individuals awarded "2019 Senior Service Award" include: Pat Campbell, Joan Hoff, Margaret Franson Pruter, Sheila Reiter and Stanley Zawila.

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

**City of Elmhurst Mitten Tree** Help kids, teens and adults stay warm this winter by donating gloves, mittens, scarves and socks to our Mitten Tree. Fasten your donations on the Christmas tree in the center foyer of City Hall (209 N. York St.). Clothes pins are in the basket at the Fire Department Administration counter. Mittens, socks, scarves and gloves will be distributed by Yorkfield Food Pantry in Elmhurst. The Mitten tree will accept donations until December 31st.

**Winter Driving Tips** Elmhurst Police see an increase in traffic crashes when driving conditions are less than optimal. Many crashes can be prevented if motorists follow these tips:

- Drive slowly. It's much harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow covered surface.
- When driving on the road, increase your following distances enough so there will be plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.
- As always, buckle up and do not engage in risky behaviors such as texting or driving impaired.

**Frozen Pipe Prevention** Frozen water pipes are a common problem in cold climates, affecting a quarter-million families each winter. In addition to taking the usual preventive precautions, here are a few steps you can take to keep your pipes from turning frigid nights into inconvenient, and expensive ordeals.

The three central causes of frozen pipes are quick drops in temperature, poor insulation, and thermostats set too low. You can prepare your home by doing the following:

Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces and attic, even if you live in a climate where freezing is uncommon. Exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing. Remember, the more insulation you use, the better protected your pipes will be.

Seal leaks that allow cold air inside near where pipes are located. Look for air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents, and pipes, and use caulk or insulation to keep the cold out. With severe cold, even a tiny opening can let in enough cold air to cause a pipe to freeze.

Before winter hits, disconnect garden hoses and, if possible, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.

A trickle of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight, preferably from a faucet on an outside wall.

Keep your thermostat set at the same temperature during both day and night. You might be in the habit of turning down the heat when you're asleep, but further drops in the temperature - more common overnight - could catch you off guard and freeze your pipes.

Open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to un-insulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.

**Run of the Month** The Elmhurst Fire Department received the Elmhurst Edwards Healthcare "Run of the Year" for 2019. This is the third year in a row that firefighters and paramedics have been awarded this honor. This year's incident was for treatment provided to a patient who was in cardiac arrest. The patient had lost consciousness and drove his vehicle up onto a front lawn where he was unresponsive. Upon arrival of our first responders the patient was removed from the vehicle, treated for his symptoms, and a clear report was given to Elmhurst Hospital so cardiac catheterization lab could be put on standby. The patient received additional treatment and was discharged a week later.

**Are you signed up for WaterSmart?** We will send you alerts when leaks are detected, saving you money for wasted water consumption. Visit [Elmhurst.org/watersmart](http://Elmhurst.org/watersmart) for more information!



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Museum Hours: Tues-Sun 1-5 p.m.,  
Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Closed Mondays & Holidays

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**All Aboard for New 'On the Right Track' Exhibit** On October 25, 1848, the first Galena & Chicago Union train rolled west from Chicago and chugged its way to the end of the line in what is now Oak Park. This historic moment ushered in a new era in transportation, especially for small towns developing west of the city like Cottage Hill (Elmhurst's original name). The expansion of the railroads put many towns on the map, forever shaping regional settlement in Chicago, its suburbs, and throughout the Midwest.

The Elmhurst History Museum explores 170 years of railroading history in the new exhibit, "On the Right Track: By Rail to Chicago & Beyond." The exhibit, open from November 14, 2019 through March 29, 2020, takes a look at how the railroad carved out the suburban landscape and considers how people in the Chicago area experienced the railways as both passengers and employees. The exhibit explores early railroading history in Chicago and chronicles various railroads that traversed the city including the Chicago & North Western; Union Pacific; Milwaukee Road; Chicago, Aurora & Elgin, and more.

"On the Right Track" was developed and designed in-house by the Elmhurst History Museum staff and is sponsored by Community Bank of Elmhurst and Prairie Forge Group. It includes many interesting artifacts, video footage, historical photos and provides an inter-generational experience for young train fans with hands-on learning stations including a wooden train play area, working telegraph equipment for sending Morse code, and an interactive track switching game. The museum has planned many engaging programs in the coming months, so please see the calendar section of this newsletter or [www.elmhursthistory.org](http://www.elmhursthistory.org) for more information. Be sure to stop by Elmhurst History Museum this season with your family and friends to take in this exciting new exhibit. All aboard!



**Jolly Old St. Nick is Back on Dec. 6** On December 6, many Europeans celebrate St. Nicholas Day and some of our best-known Christmas traditions emerged from the holiday. The Elmhurst History Museum invites residents to celebrate this tradition and Elmhurst's German roots with a concert of authentic carols and an appearance by Jolly Old St. Nick on Friday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Yorkfield Presbyterian Church 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. He'll 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. Willkommen!



### Support the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation

The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation provides important support for the Elmhurst History Museum and Churchville Schoolhouse in so many ways through advocacy, education and fundraising. This past year, that support included essential funding for exhibits and programs, underwriting of transportation costs for Elmhurst students to visit the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse, presenting the 5th Annual Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest and more. We invite every Elmhurst resident to support their efforts by becoming a member or making a year-end donation, and we encourage Elmhurst businesses to sponsor a future exhibit. Find out more at [elmhurstheritagefoundation.org](http://elmhurstheritagefoundation.org), and thank you for making history with us!

### 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 Saturdays from 10am - 10pm, November 30th through December 28th!

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.

Holly Trolley Route will run the same route as the summer. Hop-on-board for some holiday!

The Explore Elmhurst Holly Trolley is handicapped accessible and ADA-compliant. For additional information and to track the trolley, please visit. [ExploreElmhurst.com/trolley](http://ExploreElmhurst.com/trolley)



**ComeEd Preventative Tree Maintenance** ComEd will be trimming or removing trees near power lines that have been affected by the Emerald Ash Borer. This is necessary in preventing safety hazards and power outages. Additionally, if a tree or branch has the potential to interfere with power lines, side trimming or tree removal is required. Trees and other vegetation cause about 13 percent of all power outages. Preventative tree maintenance helps ensure fewer power outages caused by trees. For more information, please visit [ComEd.com/Trees](http://ComEd.com/Trees).

### Stormwater Update

In 2019, the City of Elmhurst completed two large-scale infrastructure projects aimed at reducing overland flooding in southwest Elmhurst. These projects were the Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project (SESMP) - Phase I and Phase II. They will collectively provide flood reduction benefits for the neighborhood bounded by Spring Road, Jackson Street, Bryan Street, and Butterfield Road. Included are 2 new detention basins, with a total capacity of 31.2 ac-ft (equal to over 23 football field covered in 1 foot of water), that will store overland flood waters during extreme rain events. Collectively, these two significant projects will assist 121 homeowners in the southwest side of Elmhurst. In total, the City has completed 11 projects since 2015 throughout Elmhurst, creating more than 112 ac-ft of new storage with construction costs over \$25M, to help over 350 homes.

The City has also purchased homes in the Saylor/Swain/Vallette neighborhood in an effort to continue mitigation throughout Elmhurst. The City is currently investigating all possible engineering options to assist residents in this neighborhood who experience structural flooding. Engineering will be on-going through the winter of 2019-2020.

Please visit [www.elmhurststormwaterplan.org](http://www.elmhurststormwaterplan.org) for more project information.



**Holiday Toy Drive** The City of Elmhurst will be collecting toys for children in need this holiday season. Drop new, unwrapped toys in the bins located at City Hall (209 N. York St.), Fire Station 1 (404 N. York St.), Fire Station 2 (601 S. York St.), and the Elmhurst Police Station (125 E. 1st Street) by December 20th.



**Home Builders Association Award** The City of Elmhurst recently received the Home Builders Association Key Award for Municipality of the Year. The Association awards architects, builders and designers in the greater Chicago area for their exceptional work. Elmhurst is the 3rd municipality to be recognized by the association in 47 years. The Municipality of the Year Award recognizes the City of Elmhurst for its growth and development, as well as innovative planning and decision making which has led to economic growth.

**Historic Preservation Commission** The Historic Preservation Ordinance for the City of Elmhurst was adopted in 2006. The ordinance provides a mechanism for the identification, designation and protection of buildings and other sites determined to be of historical or architectural significance to the City. The Historic Preservation Commission is an advisory Commission that functions to review potential landmarks, conduct surveys of areas with historical and architectural significance and provide information on the historic and architectural heritage of the City. If you are interested in learning more about the landmark designation process for your property please contact Eileen Franz at 630-530-3121.

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## December 2019 - February 2020

### ONGOING

#### Ongoing Exhibits

**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.

**Elmhurst History Museum • FREE**  
elmhursthistory.org

**On the Right Track: By Rail to Chicago & Beyond** What role did railroads play in shaping regional settlement and transportation, and how do railroads manage to keep all those trains on track today? Through fascinating artifacts and interactive multi-media displays, visitors will discover how Chicago's railroads helped create the suburban landscape as we know it today.

**Elmhurst History Museum • FREE**  
elmhursthistory.org

#### What Came After: Figurative Painting in Chicago: 1987 - 1998

This exhibit is a survey of diverse interests in the figure as a subject, the human condition, and an interest in personal iconography. Many have struggled with understanding and processing the term 'Chicago Imagism' since it was first used in the early 1970's. What Came After better defines and celebrates this later generation of artists, which have been called third generation Imagists, Post-Imagists, and the Chicago School.

**Elmhurst Art Museum**  
elmhurstartmuseum.org

**The McCormick House** This exhibition, will present a full domestic presentation in Mies van der Rohe's McCormick House for the first time in the museum's history. The show curated by interior architect Robert Kleinschmidt will present visitors with classic mid-Century furniture of the time period as well as historic images showing how residents lived in the home and explanations about the preservation and restoration process

currently underway.  
**Elmhurst Art Museum**  
elmhurstartmuseum.org

#### December 1 - January 3

**Elmhurst Artists' Guild Winter Members Show** Elmhurst Artists' Guild presents its Winter Members Show featuring a wide variety of artwork from local talented artists. Opening Reception is on Friday, December 6th, at 7pm. The exhibition will include paintings, mixed-media, drawings, 3-dimensional works, and more. Many pieces are available for purchase and make excellent holiday gifts.

**Elmhurst Artists' Guild**  
elmhurstartistsguild.org

#### December 7 - January 12, 2020

**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 21 - February 29, 2020

**Kids Winter Reading: Paws for Tales** When winter winds howl, warm up with a good book and join the Kids' Winter Reading Program. Kids who reach their reading goals by Feb. 29 receive prizes, including coupons for Skyzone and Legoland! Register at the Kids' Help Desk with your valid Elmhurst Public Library card anytime from December 21 until February 28.

**Elmhurst Public Library • FREE**  
elmplib.org

#### Ongoing: January 5-February 23

**Free Family Open Gym** Get your game on and have some free family gym time at Churchville Middle School this winter. All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

**Churchville Middle School –**

**Sundays, 10:30 am-1:30 pm**  
FREE • epd.org

#### Saturdays through December 28

**Explore Elmhurst Holly Trolley** The Explore Elmhurst Trolley is back for the holiday edition! The trolley will follow the same route as the summer trolley program. Tickets aren't required for the trolley – just hop on for some holiday fun.

**Saturdays from Nov. 30 - Dec. 28**  
10 am - 10 pm • FREE  
ExploreElmhurst.org

#### February 21 - March 1

**Speakeasy or Die Hard 2** GreenMan Theatre's latest murder mystery dinner theatre production is set in Chicago in the "Roaring '20s" at the height of Prohibition. Our popular dinner shows offer a family-style dinner, comic action, songs and dances, and audience participation including opportunities to guess the murderer(s) and to win costume prizes. Reservation required.

**Angelo's Ristorante • Fridays & Saturdays 7 pm, Sundays 6 pm**  
\$55 Admission • For reservations visit, greenmantheatre.org

## DECEMBER

#### December 2 - December 4

#### UCCA 41st Annual Holiday Food Drive

The UCCA needs volunteers to help sort and pack food boxes for Elmhurst Community District 205 children and their families in need. Please join us to help end hunger in our community!

**Elmhurst Public Works Garage**  
9 am - 3 pm

#### Wednesday, December 4

**Special Kids Day Holiday Party** Come join us for our annual FREE holiday event for children of ALL ages with special needs, their siblings and families to celebrate the joy of the holidays in an environment planned for their unique needs. Every child can take a keepsake photograph with Santa and will be given a gift bag. Face painters, balloon twisters, a unique craft project, live music, story time, delicious homemade cookies, and even a quiet room add up to make a memorable celebration. There will be plenty of handicapped parking. No appointment or reservation is required.

**Wilder Mansion • 3:30 pm - 8 pm**  
FREE • specialkidsday.org

#### Thursday, December 5

**Tree Lighting in Wilder Park** Join Elmhurst Park District as we kick off the holiday season. Meet with Santa or head into Wilder Mansion to write him a letter. Sit down for a winter tale courtesy of Elmhurst Public Library. Plus, enjoy holiday entertainment, face painting, cookie decorating and more! Sponsored by Edward-Elmhurst Health and Timothy Christian Schools.

**Wilder Park • 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**FREE • epd.org**

#### Friday, December 6

**The Festival of Lessons and Carols** A beloved Elmhurst College tradition, the Festival of Lessons and Carols bridges the season of Advent and Christmastide with nine Scriptural readings, interspersed with choral music, that tell the story of the birth of the Messiah.

**Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel**  
**Elmhurst College • 4 pm & 7 pm**  
**elmhurst.edu/events • FREE**

**Jolly Old St. Nick Concert** Ring in the holiday season with Elmhurst's annual celebration of the city's German roots. Listen to traditional carols performed by the Damenchor and Männerchor authentic German choirs. Jolly Old St. Nick joins the festivities to explain his legendary story and pose for photos with guests. Enjoy hot cocoa and sweet treats—kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas. Cash donations for the Yorkfield Food Pantry Giving Tree are gratefully accepted. No registration required, all ages welcome.

**Yorkfield Presbyterian Church**  
**9 am - 8 pm • elmhursthistory.org**

**Holiday Designer Pop-Up Shop** In tandem with special holiday decor in the McCormick House, celebrate the holidays with us at this pop-up shop featuring designer goods by local businesses and artisans.

**Elmhurst Art Museum • 4 pm - 9 pm**  
**\$15 Admission • registration required**  
**elmhurstartmuseum.org**

#### Saturday, December 7

##### **Santa's Workshop at Wilder Mansion**

A holiday store just for kids! Santa's Workshop is a special place just for children where they can purchase inexpensive holiday gifts for those they love, including mom, dad, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, friends and pets! Items are kid-priced and kid-friendly.

**Wilder Mansion • 1 pm - 4 pm**  
**epd.org**

**Hometown Holiday Family Fun Day** Free showing of "Elf" at the York Theatre! Doors open at 9 am, movie starts at 9:30 am. (Seating is limited to the first 750 people). Free elf hats for all the kids. Santa will be in the City Centre Fountain Plaza for visits and pictures, DJ and dancing in the plaza, too!

**York Theatre & City Centre**  
**9:30 am - 1 pm • FREE**  
**elmhurstcitycentre.com**

#### Saturday, December 14

**Hometown Holiday Family Fun Day** Free showing of the popular animated holiday film, The Polar Express, on the big screen at the York Theatre! Kids can get a free engineer's hat while supplies last. After the movie, stop by Elmhurst City Centre plaza to see the festive holiday display, take photos with Santa, and hear holiday tunes, snap a Polar Express picture, and pick up a "golden ticket" and coloring sheet. Doors open at 9 am.

**York Theatre & City Centre**  
**9:30 am - 1 pm • FREE**  
**elmhurstcitycentre.com**

**Sleigh Rides & Ice Sculptures** Walk up and down Spring Road to see the Ice Sculptures sponsored by businesses. Enjoy an old fashioned sleigh ride (wagon ride in the event there is no snow), visit with Santa and warm up with hot chocolate and cookies.

**The Gazebo on Spring Rd**  
**11 am - 2 pm • FREE • springroad.com**



**Family Holiday Party** Celebrate the holidays with us! See the special holiday display in the McCormick House, enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, and hands-on art activities along with a surprise visit from Santa at 2 pm. Free with museum admission.

**Elmhurst Art Museum • 1 pm - 4 pm**  
**elmhurstartmuseum.org**

#### Sunday, December 15

**The Music of Christmas: Elmhurst Choral Union** Conductor Scott Uddenberg leads the chorus, professional orchestra and soloists in Vivaldi's Gloria, along with Christmas music from Home Alone, Alfred Burt carols, and a sing-a-long. A pre-concert lecture by composer David DeVasto begins at 2:00.

**Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel**  
**Elmhurst College • 3 pm**  
**elmhurstchoralunion.org**

## JANUARY

#### Saturday, January 11

##### **Exhibition Tour with Artist and Exhibition Organizer, Phyllis Bramson**

Artist and Organizer of What Came After: Figurative Painting in Chicago 1978-1998 will lead a tour of the current exhibition. This program is sponsored by the Terra Foundation for American Art and is free with museum admission or current membership.

**Elmhurst Art Museum • 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm • elmhurstartmuseum.org**

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

Enjoy an afternoon of magical music in the beautiful surroundings of Mayslake when members of the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Music Director and Conductor Stephen Alltop, showcase Mozart's genius in this engaging concert that also features the contrasting music of Stravinsky. The afternoon concludes with a surround-sound performance of Mozart's Ave verum corpus with all instrumental forces combined.

**Mayslake Peabody Estate**  
**1717 W. 31st St. Oak Brook, IL**  
**2:30-4 pm • elmhurstsymphony.com**

**Train Songs of America** Folk musician Dean Milano presents an engaging musical program of train-themed songs from America's past—both well-known favorites and a few obscure selections as well. The program includes a slideshow featuring photos and artwork of trains throughout history. All ages welcome and registration is required. Program takes place in the Education Center. Registration is required.

**Elmhurst History Museum**  
**Education Center 2 pm - 3 pm • FREE • To register for this event visit, elmhursthistory.org**



#### Thursday, January 16

**"State of Our City" Mayoral Address - Membership Breakfast** Elmhurst Mayor Steve Morley will deliver his annual "State of Our City" Mayoral Address at the Chamber's Membership Breakfast sponsored by Community Bank of Elmhurst. Registration required.

**Community Bank of Elmhurst**  
7:30 am - 9:30 am  
elmhurstchamber.org

**Wine Dinner Benefiting Synapse House** Come in from the cold and join us at Adelle's of Wheaton for a memorable dinner to benefit Synapse House of Elmhurst. The evening will feature a very special, three-course meal perfectly paired with delicious wines by Chef John Anderson. Pre-registration required.

**Adelle's Fine American Fare**  
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
\$85 per person  
synapsehouse.org

#### Monday, January 20

**National MLK Day of Service** The MLK Day of Service honors Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a "day ON, not a day off." Intended to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, and create solutions to social problems, all in order to move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community." Work on projects benefiting Elmhurst and surrounding communities, and learn more about volunteer opportunities in the area.

**Elmhurst Public Library**  
Large Meeting Room • 1 - 5pm  
Grades 9 - 12 • elmplib.org

#### Wednesday, January 22

**Utility Bill Clinic** Join Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and CUB for a free Utility Bill Clinic. Bring current copies of your gas, electric and phone bills for a CUB representative to review. You'll learn: how to spot unnecessary charges on electric, natural gas, and phone bills; which energy efficiency programs and rebates can lower your bill; what to watch for when shopping around in the energy market; and your options when it comes to phone, TV and internet. Registration required.

**Elmhurst Public Library - Kossman Room** • 10 am - 12 pm  
To register, please call CUB at 312-263-4282 ext. 111 or email events@citizensutilityboard.org with the subject line "Elmhurst 1/22".

#### January 24 - January 26

**NEWSIES by Elmhurst Children's Theatre** Set in turn-of-the-century New York City, Newsies is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right! Newsies is packed with non-stop thrills and a timeless message, perfect for the whole family and every audience.

**Timothy Christian School**  
Friday, January 24 at 7 pm.  
Saturday, January 25, at 2 pm  
& 7 pm. Sunday, January 26, at 2 pm • For tickets visit, [www.elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com](http://www.elmhurstchildrenstheatre.com)

**Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert: Mozart Magic** Mozart's genius is on display in this engaging concert which also features the contrasting neo-baroque music of Stravinsky. Members of the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Music Director and Conductor Stephen Alltop, conclude the afternoon with a surround-sound performance of Mozart's Ave verum corpus with all instrumental forces combined.

**Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church** • 149 W. Brush Hill Rd.,  
3-5 pm • [elmhurstsymphony.com](http://elmhurstsymphony.com)

#### Sunday, January 26

**Chicagoland: City and Suburbs of the Railroad Age** Join Dr. Ann Durkin Keating, professor of history at North Central College, as she discusses the influence of the railroad in the 19th century in northeastern Illinois through a slide lecture. Dr. Keating is an accomplished author of many publications including Chicagoland: City and Suburbs of the Railroad Age (University of Chicago Press, 2005), and she is co-editor of the Encyclopedia of Chicago. Online registration required.

**Elmhurst History Museum**  
Education Center • 2 pm - 3 pm  
• FREE to Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Members, \$5 Non-Members • To register for this event visit, [www.elmhursthismuseum.org](http://www.elmhursthismuseum.org)

#### Thursday, January 30

**Legal Marijuana: What Does This Mean For Teens?** A guide to the law, vaping, and teen health. The cultural shift has reached a new peak in Illinois with the passing of recreational

marijuana legislation. How are parents supposed to approach this with their kids? Is it harmful or not? Matthew Quinn, LCPC, CADC will be speaking to the community about the history of the legislation. He will focus on the key risks associated with teen use such as brain development and the risk for progression. For this event, the focus is on youth, not adults. Hosted by the City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth

**Elmhurst Public Library**  
7 pm - 8:30 pm  
FREE for all community members. No registration required

## FEBRUARY

#### Saturday, February 1

**Family Day Workshop** Children and parents are invited to participate in this hands-on workshop inspired by the current exhibitions. Available to all ages.

**Elmhurst Art Museum** • 1 pm - 4 pm  
Free with museum admission or current membership. Kids free.  
[elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://elmhurstartmuseum.org)



#### Saturday, February 8

**Cabin Fever Fun Fest** Beat the winter blues at our free family friendly event! Come to Courts Plus for games, crafts and plenty of fitness fun, including obstacle courses, tennis, Zumba and climbing wall!

**Courts Plus** • 9 am - 11:30 am • FREE  
[courts-plus.com](http://courts-plus.com)

**D205 Foundation Gala** Support excellence and innovation for all public school students in Elmhurst at the annual District 205 Foundation Gala. A privately funded, non-profit organization, the D205 Foundation is dedicated to providing additional resources to students and teachers across District 205.

**Medinah Country Club** • 6:30- 11 pm  
For tickets & sponsorship visit, [elmhurst205.org](http://elmhurst205.org)

**Thursday, February 13**  
**Next Stop Elmhurst: An Exploration of Elmhurst Railroads Past and Present**

New Throwback Thursday Lecture series! Elmhurst History Museum's curator of exhibits, Dan Bartlett, will talk about the earliest history of the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad through the western suburbs, its operations, and how the coming of that first rail line from Chicago affected the communities along its path. Free program, online registration is required.

**Elmhurst History Museum Education Center • 3 pm • FREE**  
**To register for this event visit, [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org)**

**Saturday, February 15th**  
**Elmhurst Symphony Stanger Audition**

The public is invited to attend the 2020 Dr. Robert Stanger Young Artists Audition. Those attending this free event may come and go throughout the day. Conducted by the Elmhurst Symphony Association and sponsored by the Elmhurst Kiwanis Club and the former Auxiliary of the ESO, the audition offers a forum in which outstanding high school instrumentalists can compete for the opportunity to perform a concerto movement with the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra. Students will play music by a wide range of composers and for several different instruments. Monetary awards are given to the four top performers; the first-place winner will perform with the ESO during its 2020-21 season.

**Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church • 149 W Brush Hill Rd**  
**8:30 am - 4 pm**  
**[elmhurstsymphony.com](http://elmhurstsymphony.com)**

**Monday, February 17**

**Family Day Workshop** Children and parents are invited to participate in this hands-on workshop inspired by the current exhibitions. Available to all ages.

**Elmhurst Art Museum • 1 pm - 4 pm**  
**Free with museum admission or current membership. Kids free.**  
**[elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://elmhurstartmuseum.org)**

**February 20 - February 23**  
**Elmhurst College Jazz Festival**

Each February, the best college jazz bands in the country converge on the Elmhurst College campus for three days of performances and education. The bands take turns performing for some of the greatest names in professional jazz today, who offer critiques and award a variety of honors.

The professionals cap off each night of the Festival with a rousing performance of their own. Featured performers include The World Famous Count Basie Orchestra, The Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra, and many more.

**Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel**  
**Elmhurst College • Tickets & schedule available at [elmhurst.edu/jazzfestival](http://elmhurst.edu/jazzfestival)**

**Sunday, February 23**

**Gallery Talk: On the Right Track Exhibit**

More is learned during the research phase of an exhibit than can possibly be included in our gallery. Join curator of exhibits, Dan Bartlett, as he shares in-depth details about Chicagoland railroad history, the effect of the railroad on Elmhurst and other suburbs, and the creation of the On the Right Track exhibit. Drop-in adult program takes place in the first floor gallery, no registration required.

**Elmhurst History Museum Education Center**  
**2 pm - 2:30 pm • FREE**

**Saturday, February 29**

**Be an Informed Citizen** Looking to learn how to discern real from fake news, decide among candidates for the March 12, 2020 primary election, or just become a more engaged American? This is the program for you to learn about various strategies and resources to help you do your civic duty.

**Elmhurst Public Library - Meeting Room B • 2 pm - 3:15 pm • [elmplib.org](http://elmplib.org)**

**Elmhurst Lions Club 34th Annual All You Can Eat Pizza Party** Join the Elmhurst Lions Club for our 34th Annual All You Can Eat Pizza Party Fundraiser. The Pizza Party Fundraiser is sponsored by the Elmhurst Lions Club. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to support charities in the local area.

**Sandburg Middle School**  
**5 pm - 7 pm**  
**Single ticket price \$8.00, Family price (5 or more) \$35.00, 6 years old and under - - FREE**

**Medley of Melodies: Elmhurst Choral Union** Singers let their hair down in a lively mix of choruses and solos from jazz, pop, classical, and folk. Tickets are not required for this musical evening of giving back to the community. Free-will donations will be taken, to benefit Elmhurst Choral Union's programs.

**First United Methodist Church**  
**7 pm • [elmhurstchoralunion.org](http://elmhurstchoralunion.org)**

**Addresses for organizations regularly featured in the Elmhurst Community Calendar:**

**Elmhurst Art Museum**  
150 Cottage Hill Ave.  
(630) 834-0202  
[elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://elmhurstartmuseum.org)

**Elmhurst City Centre**  
2 City Centre (630) 993-1600  
[elmhurstcitycentre.com](http://elmhurstcitycentre.com)

**Elmhurst Choral Union**  
P.O. Box 1493 • (630) 758-1100  
[elmhurstchoralunion.org](http://elmhurstchoralunion.org)

**Elmhurst College**  
190 Prospect Ave. • (630) 617-5186  
[elmhurst.edu](http://elmhurst.edu)

**Elmhurst History Museum**  
120 E. Park Ave. • (630) 833-1457  
[elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org)

**Elmhurst Park District**  
375 W. First St. • (630) 993-8901  
[www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org)

**Elmhurst Public Library**  
125 Prospect Ave. • (630) 279-8696  
[www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org)

**Elmhurst School District 205**  
162 S. York St. • (630) 834-4530  
[elmhurst205.org](http://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](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org)

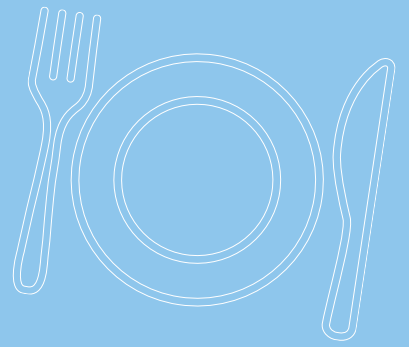
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## 2020 restaurant guide



### Italian

**Angelo's Ristornate**  
247 N York St.  
630-833-2400  
angelosonyork.com

**Francesca's Amici**  
174 N York St.  
630-279-7970  
miafrancescas.com

**Mangia Napoli**  
940 N York St.  
630-834-4374  
mangianapoli.com

**Roberto's Ristorante & Pizza**  
487 S Spring Rd.  
630-279-8486  
robertosristorante.com

**Armand's Restaurant**  
105 W First St.  
630-782-5800  
armandspizza.com

**Livia Italian Eatery**  
116 E Schiller St.  
630-402-6195  
liviaitalianeatery.com

**Pazzi di Pizza**  
105 S York St.  
630-279-2323  
pazzidipizza.com

**Two Brothers Restaurant**  
128 W Park Ave.  
630-833-0414  
twobrothersristorante.com

### American Contemporary

**151 Kitchen & Bar**  
151 N York St.  
331-979-7198  
151elmhurst.com

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

**Market Table**  
130 N York St.  
630-359-5869  
mtcateringandevents.com

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

### American Family Dining

**BeerHead Bar & Eatery**  
100 N York St.  
630-433-2337  
beerheadbar.com

**Elmhurst Brewing Co. Brewery**  
171 N Addison Ave.  
630-834-2739  
elmhurstbrewingcompany.com

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

**Red Arrow Tap Room**  
111 E First St.  
630-501-1322  
redarrowtaproom.com

**Buffalo Wild Wings**  
149 N York St.  
630-832-2999  
buffalowildwings.com

**Fitz's Pub**  
172 N Addison Ave.  
630-530-0777  
fitzspub.com

**Mack's Golden Pheasant**  
668 W North Ave.  
630-279-8544  
macksgoldenpheasant.com

**Southtown Hotdogs**  
103 E Vallette St.  
630-832-4550

**Cottage Hill Station**  
122 S York St.  
630-279-3130  
cottagehillstation.com

**Fitz's Spare Keys**  
119 N York St.  
630-379-5007  
fitzssparekeys.com

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

**The Silverado Grill**  
447 S Spring Rd.  
630-833-1602  
thesilveradogrill.com

**Doc's Victory Pub**  
490 S Spring Rd.  
331-225-2277  
docsvictorypub.com

**Fry the Coop**  
*Nashville Hot Chicken*  
632 W North Ave.  
630-359-5223  
frythecoop.com

**Nana's Hotdogs**  
582 W Lake St.  
630-359-3507

**Yorky's**  
836 N York St.  
630-530-2776  
yorkysfastfood.com

**Elmhurst American Legion**  
310 W Butterfield Rd.  
630-833-7800  
americanlegionthb187.org

**H.B. Jones**  
551 S York St.  
630-782-5669  
hamburgerjones.com

**Throw Nation**  
630 W. Lake St.  
630-832-3742  
thrownation.com

### Grocery Store Prepared Foods

**Fruitful Yield**  
135 N Addison Ave.  
630-530-1445  
fruitfultyield.com

**Jewel Osco**  
944 S York St.  
630-834-0006

**Mariano's**  
678 N York St.  
630-782-0017  
marianos.com

**Whole Foods Market**  
215 S IL Route 83  
630-993-7600  
wholefoodsmarket.com

153 E Schiller St.  
630-530-8790  
jewelosco.com

### BBO

**Red Arrow Tap Room**  
*Vegetarian Options*  
111 E First St.  
630-501-1322  
redarrowtaproom.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  
elmhursthunapalace.com

**KanYa Ramen**  
108 E. Schiller St.  
331-225-2459

**Nathan's Noodles**  
683 N York St.  
630-834-1966  
nathansnoodleselmhurst.net

**Ni Hao**  
116 W Park Ave.  
630-903-6624  
nihaotogo.com

**Red Dragon**  
117 W First St.  
630-832-8326  
reddragonchinesedelivery.com

**BNK: Thai & Sushi**  
111 W Second St.  
630-833-4030  
sakanaelmhurst.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

**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

**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

**Stray Hen Café**  
105 S York St.  
630-359-5282  
strayhencafe.com

**Sweetberry Bowls**  
156 N York St.  
331-225-2970  
sweetberrybowls.com

## Drive-thru Options

**Arby's**  
340 N York St.  
630-530-0072  
arbys.com

**Burger King**  
620 W. North Ave.  
630-834-8161

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

**Chick-Fil-A**  
235 S IL Route 83  
630-279-2263  
chick-fil-a.com

**Culver's**  
436 N York St.  
630-359-5345  
culvers.com

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

**Nana's Hotdogs**  
582 W Lake St.  
630-359-3507

**McDonalds**  
920 N York St.  
630-832-9633

190 E Butterfield Rd.  
630-832-6962  
mcdonalds.com

**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

## Chicken

**Chick-Fil-A**  
235 S IL Route 83  
630-279-2263  
chick-fil-a.com

**Fry the Coop**  
*Nashville Hot Chicken*  
632 W North Ave.  
630-359-5223  
frythecoop.com

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



## 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  
elfamousburrito.com

### Guac n Tacos

116 N York St.  
331-225-2498

522 W. North Ave  
Coming Soon  
New 2nd Elmhurst Location  
with expanded offerings  
guacntacos.com

### Currito

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

## Bakery

### 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

### Nothing Bundt Cakes

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

### Smallcakes - A Cupcakery & Creamery

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

## Breweries, Pubs & Grills

### 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. Brewery

171 N Addison Ave.  
630-834-2739  
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

### Throw Nation

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

## Frozen Treats & Chocolate Sweets

### 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  
fanniemaecandy.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.  
630-903-6618  
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

### Smallcakes - A Cupcakery & Creamery

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

**Johnny & Tony's Italian Beef & Pizzeria**  
426 N. York St.  
630-993-1122  
johnnyandtonysitalianbeef.com

**Mama Maria's Pizza**  
130 W Vallette St.  
630-832-0555  
mamamariaselmhurst.com

**Mangia Napoli**  
940 N York St.  
630-834-4374  
mangianapoli.com

**Mr. G's Restaurant & Pizza**  
929 S York St.  
630-279-8887

**Pazzi di Pizza**  
Woodfire  
105 S York St.  
630-279-2323  
pazzidipizza.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.  
630-833-0414  
twobrothersristorante.com

## Deli, Sandwiches, Wraps & More

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

**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

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

**Panera Bread**  
108 W North Ave.  
630-833-5001  
panerabread.com

**Prairie Café**  
109 W Vallette St.  
630-279-7711

**Potbelly Sandwich Shop**  
544 W St. Charles Rd.  
630-532-5820  
potbelly.com

**Rosalia's Deli**  
247 N York St.  
630-516-3354  
rosaliasdeli.com

**Sweetberry Bowls**  
156 N York St.  
331-225-2970  
sweetberrybowls.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

**Zanzi's Italian Deli**  
113 W First St.  
630-530-0010  
zanzisitaliandeli.net

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

## Coffee and ...

**BrewPoint Coffee**  
124 W Park Ave.  
224-542-8263  
brewpointcoffee.com

**BrewPoint Lexicon Café**  
*Inside Elmhurst Public Library*  
125 S Prospect Ave.  
brewpointcoffee.com

**BrewPoint Workshop & Roastery**  
617 N York  
224-254-7134  
brewpointcoffee.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

**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 Coffee & 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