

# The Front Porch

## Citywide Newsletter

**COVID-19 PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE:** The City of Elmhurst is closely monitoring the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are asking residents to do their part to prevent the spread of the illness by following the guidelines. We all play a part in keeping our community safe at this time.

Please continue to follow healthcare professional advice to protect yourselves. Practice social distancing and wear a mask in public places. Wash your hands frequently and do not touch your face with unwashed hands.

Please visit the DuPage County Health Department COVID-19 dashboard [www.dupageco.org](http://www.dupageco.org), to find the updated number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Elmhurst.

In order to maintain progress made regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, residents are urged to follow safety guidelines and protocols in place, to help minimize the spread of illness. Failure to do so may result in increased cases of COVID-19 and the implementation of State restrictions. *(cont. on page 3.)*

### Our Community getting creative while staying positive during the State's Stay at Home Order:



Fortnight at our house during stay-at-home!- Jenny



Family Walks- Tim



Making cards for people in nursing homes-Diana



Birthday Parade for Pickles- Kristen



Spreading love on Spring Rd. -Kristin



Making dessert pizza for the family-Paola



**Support Local:** Supporting local businesses in Elmhurst is as simple as it sounds. When you make a purchase, buy it where you live. Compelling words, but exactly why should we shop local?

COVID-19 has taken a toll on many people, families, and organizations around the world. It has also resulted in difficult times for many of our local businesses, which are incredibly vital and unique to Elmhurst.

Buying in Elmhurst keeps merchants and service providers healthy and contributing to the wellbeing of the local economy. While there are added advantages to buying from the many truly local independent businesses that call Elmhurst home, that may not always be possible. The first place to start is for residents to simply keep as many of their everyday purchases here in Elmhurst from groceries to gas to services like haircuts and car repair.

To keep more money local, the Elmhurst. This can be applied to all

Making the conscious choice to shop Elmhurst stores, dine Elmhurst restaurants, and seek services from Elmhurst providers keeps our business areas active and appealing to future business investors, residents, and visitors. Keeping purchase dollars in Elmhurst also leads to keeping tax dollars in Elmhurst. Shopping local leads to revenue that our City uses to fund amenities in Elmhurst that we all enjoy and take pride in showcasing.

When we 'Support Local 60126', we make a personal statement for everyone to see that we are proud of our community and are willing to do our part in making and keeping it vibrant and self-sustaining. In doing so we share our understanding of how a local economy works and how it flourishes when everyone takes part.



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 Police (non-emergency) ..... 630-530-3050  
 Elmhurst History Museum ..... 630-833-1457  
 Request for Public Records - foia@elmhurst.org

Community Development 630-530-3030  
 Fire (non-emergency) 630-530-3090  
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 EMERGENCY 9-1-1

## 2020 - 2021 Elected Officials



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**Who is my representing alderman?** That depends on what ward you live in. Visit [elmhurst.org/wardmap](http://elmhurst.org/wardmap) to find out which ward you are in and which aldermen represent that ward.

### What is the role of an alderman?

The legislative responsibilities and policy setting authority of the City of Elmhurst rests in the City Council which consists of 14 aldermen representing the 7 wards of the City of Elmhurst. The Council, through its power to pass ordinances; approve the budget; levy taxes; award contracts; appoint certain city officers, committees and commissions, and directs the course of the City government.

### When do aldermen meet?

City Council Members meet as a whole at the Regular City Council meetings held at 7:30 pm on the first and third Mondays of each month.

Council members assemble in groups of 3-4 at Committee meetings held at 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Agenda topics are assigned to one of the following four City Council Committees: Public Works and Buildings (PWB), Public Affairs and Safety (PAS), Finance, Council Affairs, and Administration Services (FCAAS), and Development, Planning, and Zoning (DPZ).

Agenda topics can be found on [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) under "BoardDocs". If you are interested in providing feedback on a specific agenda topic, it is highly recommended that you attend a Committee Meeting. Committees discuss agenda topics at great lengths. After the Committee has gathered enough information to provide a recommendation, the Committee sends a report to the entire City Council for their vote.

Please check the City's website for meeting dates and times. The City of Elmhurst reserves the right to adjust the meeting date/time within 48 hours of the specified meeting date.

**2020 Voting Information** The office of the City Clerk announces that City Hall will be an Early Voting site for the November 3, 2020 General Election. DuPage County residents can visit the Council Chambers in City Hall beginning October 19, 2020 through October 31, 2020 for Early Voting. The hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 am - 7:30 pm and Saturdays 9 am – 5 pm. For additional locations and extended hours, please visit DuPage County Election Website or call DuPage Election Commission at 630-407-5600.

**How do I register to vote?** Voter registration can be completed online and in person at City Hall with a valid driver's license until 28 days prior to an election. An extended grace period is in place only if you go to the DuPage County Election Commission (421 N. County Farm Road), all early voting locations and the day of the election (must vote immediately after). All registered voters have the option to vote by mail, early vote, or vote in person on the day of the election at their designated polling location.

**Where do I find my polling place?** Voter information specific to your address including but not limited to polling places, precinct number, representatives and aldermen is located at <https://www.dupageco.org/VoterLookup>. Just search by address and place your information in the box. \* Note this website is case sensitive, do not include the directional in your address.

**Where in Elmhurst can I sign up for voting by mail?** Mail in ballot request forms are available in the Clerk's office at Elmhurst City Hall or online. To request a mail in ballot online visit <https://www.dupageco.org/Election/VoteByMail>.

The election commission will now have vote by mail boxes located at City Hall during Early Voting Oct. 19-31.

**Can mail in ballots be tracked?** Vote by mail ballots can be tracked online at <https://dupage.ballottrax.net/voter>.

**Do you have interest in being an elected official?** Local elections are coming up on April 4, 2021. You must be a resident in the specific area designated to that elected position and registered to vote for one full year. The City Clerk's Office will be distributing election packets to interested parties starting Friday, September 4th. Visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) for more information.





## Mayor's Message

As the Fall season approaches, I am taking this opportunity to reflect on the trials that we have endured this past year.

The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, which began in March resulting in a shutdown of our community, have certainly been unprecedented and disruptive. I am thankful for community members who followed the guidelines to help flatten the curve and reduce new local cases and am eternally grateful to our front-line essential workers who provided essential services to our community when we needed it the most.

Our business community has faced hardships that have never been experienced before, but so many were resilient and innovated in still offering our community their goods and services in a safe way. Our community continues to come together to support local businesses as they work hard towards reviving after the shut down, and making accommodations to state mandates. We are thankful for this support, and ask that you continue shopping local whenever possible.

It is important to remember that this pandemic is not over, and that we must stay informed and follow the direction of healthcare professionals.

As the weather changes and we head into the cold and flu season, we must remember to stay vigilant by washing hands, social distancing and wearing masks. We all play a part in making sure our community members stay safe and in ensuring that our businesses and daily activities are not jeopardized by another shut-down. Please visit our city website for COVID updates. It is imperative that we all work together to get through this.

One of our City's core services is to ensure the safety of our Elmhurst residents and the community. We work diligently to maintain order and improve your quality of life. Our first responders go through extensive evaluation and ongoing training to ensure that we provide our community with the best. We work hard to establish trust garnered from the community that we serve.

It is important that residents understand how our police department operates. The Elmhurst Police Department normally holds annual events where the community is invited to learn more about the department, however this year these events will not be possible due to the pandemic. Therefore, I am working with City Manager Grabowski and Police Chief Michael Ruth to develop a forum on the Elmhurst Police Department's policing policies and procedures. This will include information on the extensive evaluation, ongoing training and certification processes that our officers go through. Our hope will be that it provides the community with an understanding of our department's commitment to providing the best to everyone they serve. The details of this event are currently under development. Please visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) for more information.

As your Mayor, I ask that we protect our community's values and beliefs and stand united in welcoming everyone, promoting equality and providing equal opportunity. Elmhurst is for everyone.

While we have seen our fair share of trials in 2020, there have been several events that have heightened my pride in serving as your mayor. Whether it be photos submitted by residents showing how they were staying positive during the stay at home order, virtual events or lectures by our community partners, or a safe alternative to our Annual Memorial Day, we will not forget our sense of community, even when we are forced to be apart.

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

Sincerely,  
Steven M. Morley, Mayor



## PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO HELP KEEP ELMHURST OPEN BY SLOWING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19:

- Wear a face mask when social distancing cannot be maintained and where required, specifically in public places.
- A minimum of 6-ft of social distancing is required from any individual who does not reside in your home.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Clean and sanitize commonly used surfaces.
- If you have traveled to a COVID-19 hotspot, the Illinois Department of Public Health recommends a stay home period of 14 days from the time you left an area with widespread or ongoing community spread. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html>
- Group gatherings of more than 50 persons are to be strictly avoided.
- Stay home when you are sick or experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing.
- Avoid contact with others that are sick or experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

You can check on Elmhurst's (region 8) current status. The map includes information regarding ICU bed availability, illness admissions, and daily increases. View the map at [www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics).



### Impact Your Community:

#### Complete Your 2020 Census

It's not too late to complete your 2020 Census. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. School lunches, housing assistance for older adults, transportation planning, support for first responders and families in need; these are only a few examples of how Census funding shapes different aspects of the Elmhurst community every day. The 2020 Census is happening now. You can self-respond to the Census online, by phone, or by mail through September 30, 2020.



The 2020 Census asks a few simple questions about you and everyone who was living with you on April 1, 2020. If you are responding for your home, count everyone who was living and sleeping there most of the time as of April 1, 2020. This includes young children, foster children, roommates, and any family members or friends who are living with you, even temporarily.

Right now, Census takers are actively visiting households (single family, apartments, condos, townhomes) that have not yet self-responded to the 2020 Census. Census takers will wear masks and follow local public health guidelines when they visit your home. All census takers complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing and other health and safety protocols before beginning their work in communities. If someone visits your home this year to collect information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure they have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. If you still have questions about their identity, you can contact the regional census center to speak with a Census Bureau representative at (312) 579-1500. Home visits will occur between 9am-9pm.

The 2020 Census belongs to us all. If you know someone who has not yet responded, please encourage them to do so today online at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov), over the phone, or by mail. Everyone Counts Elmhurst.



**Fire Prevention Week** The Elmhurst Fire Department will be celebrating National Fire Prevention Week from October 4th-10th. This year's Fire Prevent theme is **"Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!"**. This year, the Open House event will be held virtually and posted online. Stay tuned for more information!

**Elmhurst Fire Department Blood Drive** A blood drive will take place at the Elmhurst Fire Station, 601 S. York Street on Saturday, October 17th from 9am-3pm. COVID-19 has impacted blood supply and donations are needed. The blood drive will take place in mobile coach buses and social distancing recommendations will be followed to keep donors and staff safe. To schedule an appointment, please call 877-258-4825 or visit [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org).

**Mayor appoints new Aldermen** Mayor Morley appointed new aldermen to vacant seats in the 1st and 4th Wards at the City Council Meeting held on Monday, July 20, 2020. While many applicants were qualified and eligible for the vacant positions, The City Council unanimously approved his recommendation to appoint Jennifer Veremis as alderman in the 1st Ward and Brian P. Cahill as alderman in the 4th Ward.



Longtime resident, Jennifer Veremis will hold the 1st Ward Aldermanic seat after the resignation of Mark Sabatino. Veremis is a seasoned Elmhurst business owner and community advocate who is passionate about contributing to the vibrancy of Elmhurst. Veremis served on the City Centre Board of Directors and is a strong advocate for small businesses. She is also a certified business coach and active volunteer, leader, and trainer for the USO of Illinois.

*"I am eager to contribute and collaborate to help our City as we weather our current and future challenges. I will treat my new position with the integrity and dignity the residents deserve,"* states Veremis.

18-year resident, Brian P. Cahill will take the vacant 4th Ward seat after the resignation of Kevin York. Cahill exhibits leadership as President & CEO of a business and has experience in both the medical and manufacturing fields. He is an active community member who volunteers on youth sports teams and through his church parish. Cahill believes that his leadership skills provide him with the ability to listen, reason and problem solve in order to make decisions based on a variety of factors.



*"I feel that my experience provides me with a well-rounded background that I can apply to continue to make our City a wonderful place to live and raise a family,"* states Cahill.

Veremis and Cahill will serve as Aldermen until the next election in Spring 2021.

Mayor Morley states, *"I believe both Jennifer and Brian will do an outstanding job in representing their wards and I am thankful for their commitment in serving the residents of Elmhurst in this capacity."*

### City of Elmhurst Mobile App...

**Coming Soon!** The City of Elmhurst will soon be launching a mobile app and reporting system called Elmhurst Connect. The system's primary function will be to provide residents with a citizen engagement tool, allowing them to report a concern and quickly find answers to common questions received by the City. Requests will go directly to the appropriate staff member(s) and the requestor will receive real time updates, improving the City's overall customer service and transparency. Please stay tuned for the app's official launch date and more information about this new service!







## Explore Elmhurst Events

### ONGOING

**Elmhurst University:** For upcoming events, visit [elmhurst.edu/events](http://elmhurst.edu/events)

**Elmhurst Art Museum:** Self-Guided Architecture Walking Tour, September 10, 2020-February 14, 2021. Free with museum admission. [www.elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org)

**Elmhurst Public Library:** One Book, One Community, Fall 2020, We Fed An Island by José Andrés, [elmlib.org/onebook](http://elmlib.org/onebook)

### SEPTEMBER

**Elmhurst History Museum:** Leslie Goddard Presents: Alice Paul—Winning Votes for Women, starts Sunday, September 27 9AM. Visit [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org) (Programs page) on 9/27/20 and click link to view pre-recorded program

**Elmhurst Artists Guild:** Fall Elmhurst Artist's Guild Member Show, September 6th, 150 S. Cottage Hill <https://www.elmhurstartistsguild.org>

**D205 Foundation:** Annual Holiday Tree Sale. orders due by September 30th. Visit [www.elmhurst205.org/district/foundation](http://www.elmhurst205.org/district/foundation)

**Elmhurst Art Museum:** Family Weekend: Chalk the Lot, September 26 and 27, 2020, 11-5pm Elmhurst Art Museum and Library Parking Lot Free, Registration begins September 1 [www.elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org)

**AAUW- Elmhurst Branch:** Monthly meeting Sept 9, 2020 WED 7:00 PM ZOOM meeting email [info@aauwelmhurst.org](mailto:info@aauwelmhurst.org), see website for program: <https://elmhurstarea-il.aauw.net>

### OCTOBER

**Elmhurst Art Museum:** S.I.P. & Support the Museum, Virtual Wine Tasting Fundraiser. October 3, 2020, 7pm. Registration required. See website for more details. [www.elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org)

**Synapse House** Virtual Synapse House Gala, Saturday, October 3rd, 7-8 PM Virtual Live Stream. [www.synapsehouse.org](http://www.synapsehouse.org)

**Elmhurst Art Museum:** Virtual Lecture: Wright's Roots, October 14, 2020, 7 pm, Virtual event, Vimeo Non-members \$10, Members Free. Registration required. [www.elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org)

**Elmhurst University:** Homecoming 2020, October 1-4, [elmhurst.edu/homecoming](http://elmhurst.edu/homecoming)

**AAUW- Elmhurst Branch:** Montly Meeting, Oct 14, 2020 WED 7:00 PM ZOOM meeting email [info@aauwelmhurst.org](mailto:info@aauwelmhurst.org) see website for program: <https://elmhurstarea-il.aauw.net>

**Elmhurst TV** Have you subscribed to Elmhurst TV on YouTube? The City produces local programs like Elmhurst parades, concerts, museum exhibits, featured businesses and City Council Meetings that are available on YouTube and local access cable television. It's a great way to catch a glimpse of our community's vibrancy!

**Elmhurst History Museum:** Churchville Schoolhouse 10th Anniversary Video Commemoration Starts Saturday, October 17, 9AM Access: Visit Programs page at [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org) on 10/17 for link to view pre-recorded presentation

**Elmhurst History Museum:** Edgar Allen Poe: Spooky Stories from the Schoolhouse Starts Friday, October 23 9AM [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org) (Programs page) on 10/23/20 and click link to view pre-recorded program

**Elmhurst History Museum:** Stars, Stripes & Strategy: A Brief History of the Presidential Campaign Poster Starts Thursday, October 29 9AM [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org) (Programs page) on 10/29/20 and click link to view pre-recorded lecture

### NOVEMBER

**Elmhurst Art Museum:** Virtual Exhibition Tour: Mies vs. Wright, November 11, 2020, 7pm, Virtual event, Vimeo Free. No registration required. [www.elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org)

**Elmhurst Library:** Family Scavenger Hunt, Nov. 2-28, Elmhurst Public Library, [elmlib.org/scavenger](http://elmlib.org/scavenger)

**AAUW- Elmhurst Branch:** Monthly meeting Nov 11, 2020 WED 7:00 PM ZOOM meeting email [info@aauwelmhurst.org](mailto:info@aauwelmhurst.org) see website for program: <https://elmhurstarea-il.aauw.net>

**Elmhurst History Museum:** Frank Lloyd Wright and the Architecture of Space. Starts Sunday, November 1 9AM [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org) (Programs page) on 11/1/20 and click link to view pre-recorded lecture

**Elmhurst Public Library and Elmhurst History Museum Host:** Virtual Family Workshop—Art Glass Made Wright Thursday, November 5 Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m. [elmlib.org](http://elmlib.org)

**Elmhurst History Museum :** Facebook Live Gallery Talk—Frank Lloyd Wright: Architecture of the Interior Sunday, November 15 Time: 12:00 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/elmhursthistorymuseum/>



**Elmhurst Farmers Market,** June - October on Wednesdays from 7am-1pm, York & Vallette [yorkandvallette.com](http://yorkandvallette.com)

**Visit ExploreElmhurst.com and Explore Elmhurst Facebook page for up-to-date information on events and business offerings in Elmhurst!**



## Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan - Submit your photos!

The City of Elmhurst is continuously looking for ways to improve the City's sustainability efforts. The update to the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is one way to encourage healthy and safe modes of transportation while reducing automobile emissions. By making walking and biking safer and more convenient, we can encourage a healthier community and planet. Join us in celebrating walking and biking in Elmhurst by participating in the Walk, Bike, Snap Elmhurst sweepstakes!

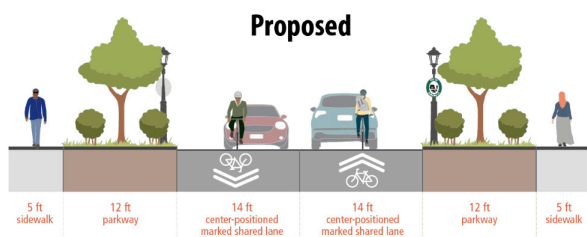
**How to enter:** As Elmhurst's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan winds down, the City invites residents to hit the streets and snap pictures of their top priorities for implementation.

**To participate:** Check out the Story Map or view the PDF for detailed improvements recommended for intersections and streets. Visit the site of your favorite improvement (safe walking or biking there is encouraged!). Snap and submit a photo and tell us why it matters to you. All photo submissions will be entered into a sweepstakes with five winners selected at random to win a gift card and goody bag. Select photo entries and stories may also be included in the final plan.

**Background on the Plan:** In August 2019, Elmhurst began an update of its Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, with the goal of developing a roadmap for improving streets and intersections for safe walking and biking. During the summer and fall, hundreds of residents, business representatives, and local agencies participated in identifying areas in need of improvement by responding to a survey, an online map, attending the open house, and talking to the project team at community events. Although the city's Bike and Pedestrian Plan is winding down, it's not too late to learn about the recommendations and get involved!

Using feedback from the community, the City and project team developed draft recommendations, which were presented to the community for feedback in the spring and summer of 2020. The input is now being incorporated into a draft plan, which will be available for residents to review early this coming fall at [bikewalkelmhurst.com](http://bikewalkelmhurst.com).

If you want to provide direct feedback on the plan recommendations, you can still provide feedback on the draft recommendations by submitting a comment to the project site. Once the draft plan is complete, it will be presented to City Council for adoption.



## Youth Panel Discussion on Empathy, Awareness, Inclusion and Equality

The City's Commission on Youth will be holding a virtual event on October 8th at 7 p.m. that will focus on topics aimed to build empathy, awareness, inclusion and equality for Elmhurst youth. Topics will include prevention of bullying of all forms including race and religion. The details of this event are being finalized. Panel speakers include the City's social worker, Stephen Buhr, LCSW, the Elmhurst Public Library's social worker, Tracey Orickm and Keina Winters, LCPC, therapist who specializes these topics. Please visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) for the latest information on this event.



## Know an amazing

**kid?** The City of Elmhurst's Commission on Youth is currently seeking nominees for its annual Volunteer of the Year Award, which will be presented at a city hall

meeting in council chambers at a later date. The volunteer and their guests will be invited to city hall that evening. This is formally the Annual Exemplary Youth Service Awards event. Focus this year will be around kids in town who have been volunteering their energy and time during the COVID 19 Pandemic.

## Eligibility Requirements:

1. Volunteer must be an Elmhurst resident (Elmhurst address) live within School District 205 boundaries or attend an Elmhurst school.
2. Volunteer must be elementary school age through senior in high school.
3. The award is focused on individual achievement.
4. The service must be voluntary and unpaid.
5. The service must have occurred between March 13, 2020 and the present.

Please visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) for examples of service. The City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth will coordinate the review and selection of the Volunteer of the Year Award. The nominations will be reviewed and scored using a rubric that includes the criteria reflected in the application. Selection of exemplary volunteers is done via a blind review process. Nominations will be accepted until February 1, 2021. Nominations received after this date or from family members will not be considered. Visit [elmhurst.org/youthaward](http://elmhurst.org/youthaward) to access the online nomination form. Questions can be forwarded to chair Jackie Tamer, Jackie.Haddad-Tamer@elmhurst.org.





**Trick or treating hours** The City is receiving questions about Halloween and the policy for trick or treating hours this year. While we maneuver through these uncertain times, we are challenged with the changes that the pandemic might bring. As we publish this newsletter, trick-or-treating hours are uncertain. Please visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) for the most updated information.

### **Congratulations to Dan Vogel, the Elmhurst Fire Department's newest Lieutenant! Let's learn a little about him...**

**Why did you want to become a firefighter?** September 11th had a big impact on me. I was in junior high when it occurred. I remember hearing about the attacks on my way to school. Watching the coverage of events made me realize how unique the career of a firefighter was. The sense of civic pride and camaraderie displayed in the days, weeks, and months afterwards have always stuck with me.



**How long have you been a firefighter?** 8 years, all with the City of Elmhurst.

**In your opinion what distinguishes the Elmhurst Fire Department from other fire departments?** The employees of the Elmhurst Fire Department distinguish themselves by their level of dedication to their careers, and motivation to strive to provide the best service possible. Everything is done with a sense of pride in the common goal: providing the best for the residents.

**What do you enjoy most about being a Firefighter?** The day to day variety keeps things interesting. Every call has its own different set of challenges. We have the unique opportunity to be able to help someone on their worst of days, which is a pretty special thing.

**What do you look forward to about being a Lieutenant?** I look forward to being a positive influence on those around me. Firefighting is a career greatly rooted in tradition. I look forward to being able to pass along everything I've learned thus far, as well as continuing to grow into my new role.

### **"The Portal" Sculpture ... Coming Soon!**

The City of Elmhurst's Public Arts Commission is pleased to announce its first addition to public art in Elmhurst. After a thorough review process, the artist Nicole Beck was chosen for her dynamic proposal titled Portal, an O-shaped armature with glass that changes color under certain conditions. Scheduled to be installed late this year in the new Larch Park near downtown, the joyful steel and glass sculpture promises to draw visitors. The artist conceived Portal's 12-foot nexus of colored glass shapes as a way to reflect Elmhurst's interconnected community and a moment of sheer wonder for residents to enjoy.

**Smoke detector recycling** Residents can drop off old smoke detectors year round at the City Hall Lobby on weekdays from 8:30 am - 5pm.

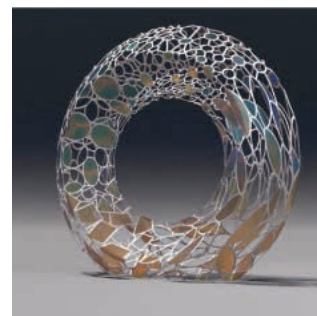
**Fall time change** As you set your clocks back one hour on November 2, 2020, remember to check the operation of your smoke detectors. Install additional detectors if needed. Inspect and ready your heating system. Empty the ashes, and clean the soot from your fireplace. Check the weather stripping around doors and windows, and replace those that are worn.

**9-11 Ceremony** Tune in to ElmhurstTV on YouTube for our annual 9-11 ceremony where we will proudly remember those who gave their lives on that tragic day trying to save others. This will be a virtual event posted online.



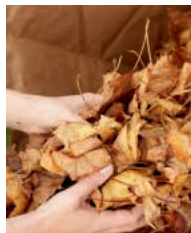
**9-11 Memorial** The Elmhurst Fire Department is teaming up with the City's Public Arts Commission to find an artist to create the City's 9-11 Memorial. The work will include a 13.5-foot piece of steel rail from the World Trade Center as the focal point. The entire memorial site (landscaping) will also include a timeline of the events that happened throughout that solemn day. The memorial sculpture will give the residents of Elmhurst, as well as many other visitors, a place at which to reflect on this significant day in our Country's history. It will be available for viewing year-round, and be placed in front of Elmhurst Fire Station #2 and adjacent to York Street, a main north/south thoroughfare. The purpose of the Memorial Sculpture is to ensure that the community will have an enduring source of remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001. The sculpture is slated to be complete by September 11, 2021 for the 20 year anniversary 9-11 ceremony.

**Veterans Day Ceremony** The City's Veterans Commission will host a virtual ceremony on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th to honor those who have served in our Armed Services. This will be a virtual event posted online. Please visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) for details.





**Clear inlets** During periods of heavy rainfall, blocked inlets often contribute to street flooding. This problem is exacerbated during the autumn months when storms are likely and trees are shedding their leaves. City ordinances prohibit raking leaves, grass, or other debris into the street where they can impede the flow of water and/or create hazardous driving conditions. You can help alleviate this problem by keeping storm drain inlets in your neighborhood free of leaves and debris.



**Garbage & Container placement** On scheduled pickup days, all garbage and recycle containers must be placed on the City parkway. Containers placed in the street are at risk of not being picked up. Containers must be at least 3 feet apart from each other and 3 feet from any permanent object, such as fire hydrants and street lights.

### Republic Services holiday delays

When a holiday listed below falls on a Sunday through Friday, pick-up will be delayed by one day for the remainder of that week. These holidays are:

- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July
- Thanksgiving
- Labor Day
- Christmas
- New Year's Day

The above holidays are the only holidays that the refuse pick up schedule is altered. Saturday holidays do not affect the pick up schedule.

**Lock it or lose it** It is imperative now more than ever that residents lock their doors for the overall safety of themselves, their neighbors, and the Elmhurst community. You can help yourself, your family and your neighbors by always locking your vehicles, house, garage, and bicycles. Immediately call 9-1-1 to report suspicious noises, people, or cars.

**Video Sharing Program** In an effort to reduce crime by identifying and apprehending individuals involved in criminal activity, the Elmhurst Police Department has implemented a Video-Sharing Partnership with the Elmhurst community. Residents and business owners with private video surveillance cameras taking footage of public areas such as streets, sidewalks, parking lots, etc., are being asked to register the location and direction of their surveillance cameras online for purposes of possibly providing assistance to police in criminal investigations. The program would be used strictly with owners' permission and cooperation, allowing the Police Department to view footage upon request for possible evidence relating to a specific criminal act in an ongoing investigation. This partnership is a way for citizens to work with the Police Department to help keep our community safe. To share video footage, please fill out a form available on [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org). If you have any questions, please call (630) 530-3050 or email [policeinfo@elmhurst.org](mailto:policeinfo@elmhurst.org).



### Can we see your house number?

It is so important that your house number is visible from the street. It could mean minutes wasted, and the difference in first responders' ability to get to you in an emergency. Clear away any tree branches or bushes that may be hindering the view from the street. At night make sure the house numbers are illuminated in some way or reflective to make it more visible. If your house is set back from the street have the address at the beginning of your driveway to make it easier to find your location.



### Community News & Alerts

Stay connected with City news by subscribing to the following:

- **E-Newsletters** The City's enewsletter is distributed several times each month. Subscribe at [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org).
- **Elmhurst.org Alert Center** Subscribe to receive community alerts on public safety announcements, road closures, and more at [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org).
- **CodeRED:** This notification system is used to distribute emergency messages via telephone, email and text messaging to the entire City within a matter of minutes. When you see 855-969-4636 (General Notifications) or 866-419-5000 (Emergency Notifications) displayed on your caller ID, this call is from CodeRED. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back. Messages will also be sent via email and text. Residents must register with their contact information to receive CodeRED notifications. A link to sign up for this service is on [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org).
- **Smart 911:** Smart911 allows citizens to enter information online which they would want automatically available to the 9-1-1 operator in the event 9-1-1 is called from their home or cell phones. The additional data is far more extensive than what is typically available to 9-1-1 dispatchers and will help to improve incident outcomes. Sign up at [Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com).







**Fall leaf pickup** A free leaf collection for residents who live within City limits will take place on November 4-6 and again on December 2-4, on your regular refuse collection day. Leaves must be kept separated from other yard waste and placed at the curb in clearly marked cans, cardboard boxes, or Kraft paper bags. Cans and boxes will be left on the parkway following collection. Although leaves may be placed in marked cans, please be aware that a combination of precipitation and low temperatures may cause the contents to freeze. Frozen cans cannot be emptied by our service provider.

**Hydrant painting** The City of Elmhurst is in the third year of a 4-year contract to sandblast, prime and paint every fire hydrant in the City. Sandblasting, priming and painting was needed on all of the fire hydrants due to years of manually painting, making the hydrant harder to operate. As part of this City-wide project, all newly painted hydrants are color coded to the National Fire Protection Association standard (NFPA) so fire fighters will know the fire flow as they arrive on scene.

**Bonnet and Cap Colors**

Color Name	Code	Color	Available Flow
Red	C		Less than 500 GPM
Orange	B		500-999 GPM
Green	A		1,000-1,499 GPM
Light Blue	AA		1,500 GPM & above



## Stormwater Management update

The City of Elmhurst, in a continuation of its ongoing Citywide flood-mitigation effort, is currently under construction on yet again a major infrastructure improvement project. The Saylor/Swain/Vallette Stormwater Mitigation Project is underway in the City's southwest side. This project will reduce flooding for 94 homes in this neighborhood that have experienced structural overland flooding over the last 12 years due to significant rain events. To enable the project the City purchased four homes in this neighborhood to accommodate the installation of new underground concrete chamber detention along the east side of Swain Avenue to detain flood waters during significant rain events. Additionally, the City utilized the Crescent Avenue right-of-way, between Saylor Avenue and Swain Avenue, to install additional underground detention for this project. In total 7.27 ac-ft of detention will be created as part of the project. The City expects the project to be completed by the end of 2020.

When this project is complete the City will have in total completed 12 stormwater improvement projects, reduced/eliminated structural overland flooding for 447 homes, and have created approximately 120 ac-ft of new detention storage since 2015.

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

**Organic Waste Recycling:** Residents have the option to rent a 65-gallon organic waste toter from Republic Services at an initial cost of \$17.50 per month. The toter can be used for leaves, grass and other organic waste (including fruits, vegetables, meat, etc.) as listed below. The organics material will be taken to a composting facility and will not be landfilled. There is no need to purchase yard waste stickers for the toter each week. To utilize this service, contact Republic Services directly at 708-345-7050. The resident will be billed directly by Republic Services for this program. If you choose to use your own container, a yard waste sticker is required.

**Cooking Oil Recycling:** This is an annual collection of cooking oil that takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving. On November 28th, bring your used cooking oil to the Public Works Facility at 985 S. Riverside Drive in Elmhurst from 9 am- noon where the oil will be collected and recycled. Dumping in the sewer system can lead to problem with your line or the public system.

**Pumpkin Recycling:** Elmhurst will again collect used pumpkins the first Saturday after Halloween (Nov 7) at the Public Works Facility, 985 S. Riverside Drive in Elmhurst from 9 am- noon. By recycling your pumpkins, you are reducing the volume in the landfills and the pumpkins are composted for reuse.

**Electronics Recycling:** The City has partnered with DuPage County to provide a quarterly electronic recycling drop off at the Public Works Facility, 985 S. Riverside Drive from 8 am - noon. The next collection is scheduled for October 24th. While most items are collected free of charge, there is a fee for televisions and monitors.

**Paints/Stains Recycling:** The City will be hosting a recycling event for latex and oil based paints, primers, stains, sealers and coatings. This event will take place from 9 am - noon on Saturday, October 17th at the Public Works facility, 985 S. Riverside Drive in Elmhurst. There is a fee for recycling these materials. To learn more visit: [epaintrecyclingsolutions.com](http://epaintrecyclingsolutions.com)

**Smoke Detector Recycling:** Residents can drop off your old smoke detectors year round at in the City Hall Lobby on weekdays from 8:30 am - 5pm.

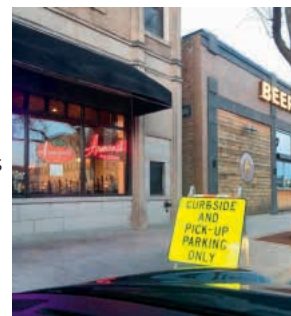
**Prescription Drug Takeback:** Residents can drop off prescription drugs year round in the lobby of the Elmhurst Police Station. Please do not place them in your trash or flush them down the toilet, help to keep the water system drug free. The Elmhurst Police Department will hold a drup takeback event on October 24th from 10am-2pm at the Elmhurst Police Station (125 E. First St).



## Explore Elmhurst: Economic Development During Covid

During these unprecedented times some businesses have either been forced to temporarily close or have made the difficult decision to do so for safety reasons and many others have had to scale back or change their operations completely. The City of Elmhurst has been and continues to be committed to helping the local business community during this uncertain time in history. Allowing for expanded outdoor dining on public and private property, offering the use of City owned property for outdoor fitness classes, dedicated curbside pick-up locations, and working individually with businesses to find new opportunities during the coronavirus crisis are only a handful of the actions taken.

Over the past seven months Elmhurst has supported a tremendous amount of reinvention, innovation, and collaboration within the Elmhurst business community; while there are far too many to feature here, a few examples are as follows:



Expanded options at restaurants including walk-up service windows at restaurants such as Zenwich (416 N. York), the introduction of delivery services from The Silverado Grill (447 Spring) and Pilot Pete's Coffee & Treats (128 W. First), new retail at home offerings such as NuCrepe's (115 W. Schiller) packaged crepe mix, and liquor license additions at Courageous Bakery (108 W. Park) and Guac N Tacos (116 N York/522 W. North).

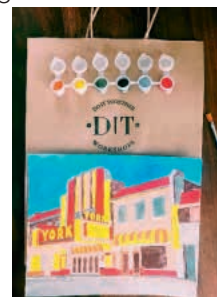
Pivoted services to provide materials needed in response to the pandemic such as mask making by Verlare Cleaners (104 W. Vallette) and Fifi's Bridal & Custom Tailoring (446 N. York), office/business screening and shields by Prairie Display (758 Industrial), and hand sanitizer production by Giambrone Limoncello (467W. Fullerton).

Launch of live virtual shopping events at local retailers including but not limited to Crush Collectibles (510 Spring), Hazyl Boutique (106 W. Second), and Kie&Kate Couture (559 Spring) to the launch and growth of many local retailer websites and social media pages.

Creation of activity kits from cookie & cake decorating kits from Smallcakes (623 W. North), to at home painting & craft kits from Pinot's Palette (214 N. York), Do It Together Workshops (578 N. Michigan), and K&T Colors (568 S. York), family pizza making kits from DiLeo's (193 W. Butterfield), craft cocktail kits from Tannins (112 N. York), music making kits from Luscombe Music (122 W. Vallette), and many more.



Sharing of live virtual experiences from concerts at the School of Rock (105 N. Maple) and the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra (149 W. Brush Hill), to fitness tips and classes from Curves (110 W. Vallette), Ignite Fitness (112 W. North), and Pure Barre (122 Schiller) among others.



Dedication to supporting one another – from Studio Preschool's (600 N. Michigan) commitment to buying "local lunches" weekly, to many restaurants including Flavah's (570 S. York) commitment to feeding front line workers, from Prairie Path Foot & Ankle (136 W. Vallette) and Halfway House Golf (555 S. York) participating in matching grant challenges with Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network (125 W. Church), to Community Bank of Elmhurst (330 W. Butterfield) and Lakeside Bank assisting hundreds of Elmhurst businesses secure CAREs Act funding -- countless local businesses committed to supporting one another and stepped up for Elmhurst.



These actions and innumerable others have been celebrated and shared on Explore Elmhurst. Like and follow Explore Elmhurst on Facebook to see the latest offerings from our local business community. Explore Elmhurst likewise highlights new business activity within the community.

While several local businesses sadly closed their doors for good during the pandemic, the economic development team continues to work with businesses actively pursuing locations within Elmhurst. Commercial activity is visible throughout the community with industrial spec buildings underway in our business parks, multi-family projects such as The Flynn (183-191 N Addison) on track for welcoming new tenants in Spring 2021, and the buildout of new offerings currently happening in the former locations of Flight 112, Rainbow Restaurant, and Pizza Palace. Zazu Salon (191 N. York), Sola Salon Studios (187 N. York), Kast Fragrances (261 N. York), High Velocity Salon (111 E. First), Halloween City (209 N. IL Rte 83), and Eat the Frog Fitness (299 N IL Route 83) are among new businesses opening this fall. They will join recently opened businesses including but not limited to Primos Locos Mexican Restaurant (122 S. York), Edie Boutique (129 N. York), Jen MedSpa (210 N. York), Elmhurst Escape Room (152 N. York), YF Massage (195 N. York), Workvana Coworking @ Red Arrow (111 E. First), and Co-Med International (300 W. Lake).





# Elmhurst History Museum

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

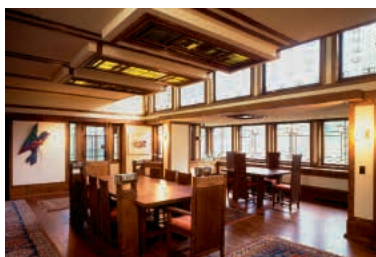
## Pack Your Bags for the 'Great Midwestern Road Trip'

In a year when the old-fashioned road trip is having a moment, the Elmhurst History Museum invites visitors to take a nostalgic summer vacation through the exhibit, The Great Midwestern Road Trip. The exhibit is a memory-filled jaunt through the joyful (and sometimes not so joyful) experiences of taking to the open road for a classic Midwest vacation. The show explores many of the iconic settings families visited in the 1940s-1970s and what they encountered along the way—from roadside attractions and cheesy tourist traps to lakeside resorts and restaurants.



Please note that the exhibit gallery features "no-touch" displays with many eclectic artifacts, images and video. Visits are limited to one hour, and patrons are required to wear face masks and maintain social distancing. Online reservations are required and may be made at [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org).

Pack up the station wagon for one last blast of summer! See The Great Midwestern Road Trip at the Elmhurst History Museum through October 11th.



## Fall 2020: Two Exhibits Done Wright

This fall, the Elmhurst History Museum presents a national touring exhibit, Frank Lloyd Wright: Architecture of the Interior, an exploration of the interior design of Wright's houses, often considered his greatest architectural accomplishment. Elmhurst is home to the Henderson House, one of Wright's classic Prairie Style residences, and Wright's architectural influence can also be seen in two Walter Burley Griffin residences and other regional home design as well. The exhibit will be open from October 23-December 20, 2020, and the museum has planned a number of interesting online programs to enhance the exhibit's learning experiences (available at [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org)).

The Elmhurst History Museum is partnering with the Elmhurst Art Museum this fall as they present a related Wright-themed exhibit, Wright Before the "Lloyd." This exhibit is curated by Chicago's cultural historian, Tim Samuelson, and will feature architectural artifacts and images to weave together the story of Wright's early life and career before he made his indelible imprint on the world of architecture. While the Elmhurst History Museum's exhibit is centered on interior design, the Art Museum's exhibit will focus more on exteriors—a perfect complement to make Elmhurst the "Wright" place to be in the coming months! For more information, visit [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org) and [elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://elmhurstartmuseum.org).

## Virtual Programming a New Reality

This fall will be a first for the Elmhurst History Museum: all of the fall programs will be presented virtually to enable safe participation by all. This means that participants will be able to access all programs online at their convenience. Watch for the EHM Fall Calendar which has details on the many fascinating programs planned including: a dramatic portrayal of women's rights suffragist Alice Paul by Leslie Goddard, a commemoration of the Churchville Schoolhouse's 10-year anniversary of reopening, a spooky Edgar Allen Poe reading at the Schoolhouse in October, a political poster lecture by Dave Oberg, and much more! More information at [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org).

## Take an Elmhurst Walking/Biking Tour



Get out and explore Elmhurst this fall! The EHM staff has created two different tours (5K and 1.5-mile scavenger hunt), and both are available online or printed copies can be found on the front porch of the Glos Mansion. Stop by soon to pick one up, and then hit the road to learn about local history!



# SAVE THE DATE

SIXTH ANNUAL

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**  
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Early Entry at Noon  
On the Grounds at  
**Elmhurst History Museum**  
More than 100 Craft Brews, Ciders, Hard Seltzers and Music  
Rain or Shine

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and the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse  
[www.elmhurstcraftbeerfest.com](http://www.elmhurstcraftbeerfest.com)



## Phase 2 of the Elmhurst Metra Station Improvement Project has begun!

The Elmhurst Metra Station was last updated in the 1980s. The facility currently consists of a depot building with a ticket agent office, waiting room, coffee shop and public restrooms located on the inbound side of the tracks. An open sided shelter is located along the inbound platform east of the existing station and a shelter/pedestrian underpass access area is located on the outbound side of the tracks.

The Elmhurst Metra Station Improvement Project will include the construction of new inbound and outbound stations and warming shelters to expand commuter-waiting areas. A new pedestrian tunnel is proposed at York Street to provide a mid-platform crossing for commuters and a pedestrian bypass at a busy crossing in downtown Elmhurst. ADA access improvements will be added to all areas of the station. Dedicated bus and vehicular drop off zones are proposed to reduce traffic congestion during peak hours. Increased bike parking and improved pedestrian crossings and sidewalks are also proposed to provide safer routes to the new station(s) and warming shelters. The improvements will create more green space, reducing stormwater runoff.

In Phase 1, the project was studied, multiple alternatives were developed, and a preferred alternative was developed with input from the City and residents through public meetings and workshops. In Phase 2, the project will begin final engineering design after City and public involvement to influence the architectural character of the new station. This will begin in late August 2020 and continue through the fall and into winter.

The City received multiple federal, state, and agency grants totaling over \$20M to help fund the project. This includes support from the US Department of Transportation through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program, the Surface Transportation Program, the Illinois Commerce Commission, and Metra. The grants received will provide the majority of funds needed to complete this project.

To help ensure Elmhurst continues to have a vibrant competitive downtown and multi-modal transit system, the City is requesting input from residents, the business community, Metra commuters, and others who have a vested interest in the City's future. Stay connected to City news releases and calendar events for upcoming ways to provide input to this important Metra Station improvement project.

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