

E L M H U R S T

The Front Porch

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City of Elmhurst Public Arts Commission "Portal" Sculpture Unveiled!

Elmhurst's Public Arts Commission is pleased to announce its first addition to public art in Elmhurst. After a thorough review process, the Chicago-based artist Nicole Beck was chosen for her dynamic proposal titled "Portal," an o-shaped armature with glass that changes colors under certain conditions. The joyful twelve-foot steel and glass sculpture is located in the new Larch Park near downtown Elmhurst.

The City of Elmhurst Public Arts Commission, founded in 2018, was established to implement a Citywide plan for the promotion and thoughtful placement of public art that enhances the business climate and promotes the overall aesthetic appeal of our community. Visit elmhurst.org/artscommission for more information.



Elmhurst Metra Station Improvement Project

The City is excited to share the latest developments for the proposed Metra Station improvements! The City recently completed a robust public visioning process to select the architectural style for the new station.

CDM Smith (the City's consultant for Phase II Engineering and Architectural Design) prepared an online visual preference survey and virtual public open house to seek public input on various architectural styles, elements, building materials and amenities that will be part of the Elmhurst Metra Station project. A virtual open house was held on February 18th and the online visual preference survey collected data through the end of February 2021. 2,020 survey responses were submitted, 40 people attended the virtual meeting and 22 provided comments.



The survey data and public meeting comments were used to create 3 groupings of complimentary styles and elements to create 3 alternatives for the Architectural and Building Commission (ABC) to review and provide comments. The ABC, Public Works and Building Committee and City Council selected the final alternative for the following factors: appearance, connectivity to the community past and present, functionality, maintenance and security. The materials in the final alternative complement the blend of modern and classic materials in the downtown area. The large windows provide excellent natural light and create a space that commuters as well as customers in the downtown will enjoy. The windows also provide visibility for public safety throughout the station.

Phase II engineering plans and specifications are currently being developed for the station and site amenities. Grant funding in the amount of \$20.4M has been secured for this important multimodal transit project. It is anticipated that construction will begin in 2023.

Mayor's Message

Fall is in the air. As families prepare for back-to-school schedules, please remember to drive carefully in areas where children walk or bike to school, particularly during congested school pick-up and drop-off times. Please do your part to keep our kids safe. Please also watch your speed on our side streets, even when children are not traveling between home and school.

We continue to monitor recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Health. As I write this message, the CDC is recommending that all individuals in areas with high COVID-19 infection rates wear masks in indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status. DuPage County's COVID-19 community transmission is now at a substantial level, per the CDC. We know that the virus is less likely to lead to serious illness or death in vaccinated individuals. As COVID-19 variants continue to emerge and threaten the safety of our community, we ask those who are not vaccinated to please reconsider their choice. Vaccines not only protect you, but also those with age or medical restrictions who are not eligible to receive vaccines. Visit www.vaccines.gov to find a vaccination location.

You will notice on the calendar in this newsletter that many organizations are planning for in-person events this Fall, many of which had to be cancelled last year. The annual Rock-the-Block Music Festival was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns and impacts, but we are looking forward to the Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest, the Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot and the Family Fall Fest, which are among Elmhurst's favorites. Keep an eye out for events from cultural organizations like the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra, Elmhurst Art Museum and Elmhurst History Museum, which have been referred to as some of the "crown jewels" of Elmhurst. Our Spring Road and City Centre business districts plan to bring us together with several Fall festivities. The Elmhurst Park District and Elmhurst Public Library also continue to offer exceptional opportunities for our community. I can't forget to mention Elmhurst University, which is celebrating its 150th Anniversary by offering us exciting events. While we have a stronger appreciation after missing so much last year, please continue to monitor our website and those of event sponsors for any last-minute changes or cancellations. Even if an event turns virtual, we must support these organizations as they contribute to making Elmhurst thrive.

This past year, I was pleased to see how our community came together to support local businesses. Although we were sad to see some close their doors, the majority survived with strong local support. Today, along with a nationwide trend, many of our businesses are facing issues of staffing shortages. Please continue to show your support by being patient, showing appreciation, and being kind to employees who come to work each day. These sentiments will go a long way in retaining our local businesses through the continuing trials of this pandemic.

As real estate development continues, I am happy to share information on a few new projects in the downtown area. The Elmhurst Train Station Improvement Project is on pace to begin in 2023, with \$20.4 million in grant funding already secured. The City recently selected the architectural style for the station after an in-depth public visioning process. The next development phased includes engineering plans and amenity specifications. Also noteworthy is a proposed multi-story apartment building at the corner of First & Haven, currently undergoing the zoning application process. This project, along with the other residential buildings in the downtown area, will contribute to the City's vibrancy, provide customers to support our City Centre businesses and increased real estate tax revenue to our schools. Speaking of vibrancy, be sure to check out the City's first public art installation, the result of the good work of our Public Arts Commission. The eye-catching "Portal" sculpture now stands in the Larch Pocket Park, just west of The Mark building at 100. N. Addison.

At the August 16th City Council meeting, the City Council unanimously approved my appointment of James Nudera as 5th Ward Alderman. We had nine applicants for the position and it was my privilege to meet and interview all of them. Ald. Nudera will serve the almost two remaining years of my previous aldermanic term. The City Council is now at full capacity, better serving the residents of Elmhurst.

I want to again thank you for the honor of serving you as mayor. During the first few months of my term, I have had the pleasure of meeting many people and with many originations. I am always open to learning from our community. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I hope that you enjoy all that this season brings us, while staying healthy and safe.

Sincerely,
Mayor Scott M. Levin



City Hall Closed on these Fall Holidays

City Hall will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 6th. The City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7th. City Hall will also be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 25th, and Friday, November 26th. All are welcome to attend!

Community Safety



Lilyana has CDLS and communication issues due to a minor hearing impairment. Can Lilyana be registered? Absolutely!

Special Needs Registry

The Elmhurst Police Department is proud to offer a voluntary Special Needs Registry program. The program is intended to assist first responders during in-person contact with members of the community who have disabilities such as, but not limited to, Alzheimer's, Autism, Schizophrenia, Dementia, or any other mental/developmental concerns. The goal of this program is to give emergency personnel quick access to critical information about a registered individual

in the event they are unable to effectively communicate their needs, may go missing, or found and unable to provide information. All information within the registry is confidential and used to support community caretaking efforts and is not shared with others. Residents may register by requesting a registration form from the Elmhurst Police Station or accessing the form online at elmhurst.org.

Safety Tips for Fall Driving

Visibility May Be Poor Falling leaves can limit your vision the same as rain or fog. As the days begin to shorten, visibility of pedestrians and bicycle riders can also become difficult. If you find your visibility limited, slow down. In bad weather, use your dimmed headlights, or try not to be on the road at all if not necessary.



Watch for Children Use extra caution around leaves piled at the curbside. Children who love playing in large piles of leaves can sometimes be hidden. Also, be careful driving around school buses and make sure to educate your child about back-to-school safety.

Slow Down on Wet Pavement Always keep a safe distance behind the car in front of you. This is even more important in rainy conditions. Wet leaves on the pavement cause slippery road conditions, making it harder for your car to get traction with the road.

Be Prepared for Bright Sunlight Have a pair of sunglasses handy in case of early morning glare. If bright sunlight is completely blinding, pull over until you are able to see again.

Watch Out for Ice Scraping frost from your car windows can add to your morning routine as temperatures drop. Beware of black ice on shady spots of the roadway that your car may skid on.

Prescription Drug Takeback Program

Residents can drop off expired or unwanted prescription drugs year-round at the drop box in the lobby of the Elmhurst Police Station. Please do not place them in your trash or flush them down the toilet; help keep the water system drug free.

Open House Police Explorers Program

Do you know someone between the ages 14 through 21 who is interested in law enforcement? The Elmhurst Police Department is announcing an open house to recruit for their youth Police Explorer program on October 26th at 7:00 PM at the Police Station. The Police Explorers is a youth-based program designed for both males and females who are between the ages of 14 through 21 and interested in careers in law enforcement. The Police Explorer program allows members to participate in events such as: police ride-alongs, explorer competitions, community service, character development, and physical fitness, as well as learning good citizenship. If you are interested in joining the program, you are invited to attend the open house! For more information, please visit elmhurstpoliceexplorers.com.



Elmhurst Fire Department Fall Safety Tips

Halloween safety: Can't wait to decorate your home and mastermind scary costumes for Halloween? Remember that Halloween safety comes first. Keep decorations away from open flames and other heat sources, and use battery-operated lights instead of candles in jack-o-lanterns. We strongly advise you not to use real candles for decorating your home, but if you do, here are essential candle safety tips.



Outdoor fire risks: As leaves and other flammable debris build up around your home, make it a habit to remove them periodically. Prune trees and rake up leaves and twigs. Don't store fuel in your home or garage. Keep your roof, gutters, and downspouts clear of debris and remove fuel from lawn mowers before storing them for winter.

Create a fire escape plan and practice it regularly.

Say a fire breaks out at 2 AM and your smoke alarms wake you and your family up – what do you do? This is when the fire escape plan comes into play. Designate an escape route for each area of your home and establish a meeting place outside. Practice escaping your home while staying low to avoid breathing in smoke. Also practice escaping through windows using emergency ladders.

Back to school safety As our children head back to school, we would like to remind everyone to please drive with care through our neighborhoods. Children who do not ride a bus are encouraged to walk or bike in groups, or with parents, to alleviate congestion around schools. Parents who drive their children are encouraged to follow established school pick-up and drop-off plans. Residents are also reminded that even hands-free cell phone use is prohibited in school zones.

Trick-or-treating hours

Official hours for trick-or-treating in Elmhurst are 3:30-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 31st. Young children should always be accompanied by an adult and all children should be warned to approach only well-lit homes, never enter a home to receive a treat, avoid dark or deserted-looking areas and be aware of vehicular traffic. Parents should inspect children's treats at home. Please consider placing the sign found on page 4 of the community calendar to indicate to trick-or-treaters if you are participating in this event.



Republic Services holiday delay

The remaining holidays are observed by Republic Services, the City's refuse and recycling provider:

- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas

During a holiday collection week, when one of these holidays falls on or before your normal collection day, collection is delayed one day.



Clear inlets of debris 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 & Recycle 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.

What's Happening in Economic Development

Elmhurst continues to be highly sought after by businesses looking to enter or expand within the marketplace. Over \$125-million in commercial investment is taking place throughout the community right now. New business additions include but are not limited to Dipsy Desserts (300 W. Lake), The Harlo Grill (929 S. York), Mata Ne New Asian (130 N. York), F45 Training (155 N. York), Sephora (inside Kohls - 303 S. IL Route 83), Just in Time Staffing (977 N. Oaklawn), and Accelerated Aesthetics (112 S. York). Elmhurst Family Dental recently opened their new location at 314 N. York. Elmhurst Dentistry for Kids is in the process of building new facilities at 323 N. York and progress continues on the building of a new dental office by Dr. Loeser at 109 N. Haven. Lezza Spumoni & Desserts opened up a new "candy & popcorn" shop inside of their bakery (544 S. Spring). Firewater BBQ (635 W. North) and Hello Donut (116 N. York) will be opening this fall. Guac n Tacos is currently expanding their City Centre location (116 S. York) with the addition of a new dining area in the space formerly occupied by Fulla Balogna. A new business, Bottle Theory, will be offering retail craft beer, as well as a rotation of craft beers on tap & a taqueria when they open at 542 Spring this winter. New tenant buildout has begun in the former Fitz's Spare Keys location (119 N. York). Highland Management, the owners of the Jewel anchored center at York & Butterfield are currently reinvesting in the property with the addition of a new facade. Petco (199 S. IL Route 83) is finalizing construction of a new in-house vet care facility and neighboring Shoe Carnival (195 S. IL Route 83) is preparing for an interior remodel. Follow Explore Elmhurst on Facebook to learn more about new and existing businesses and all they have to offer.



Elmhurst Liquor Service Rules Did you know that Bring Your Own Bottle "BYOB" liquor service is expressly forbidden within the corporate limits of Elmhurst by Municipal Code for both liquor licensed establishments and non-liquor licensed establishments?

A retail liquor license is required for businesses to sell or offer for sale any alcoholic beverage at retail for consumption on or off-premises, including catering events outside of their brick and mortar locations (a license specific to outside catering is available for liquor license holders). Chapter 36 of the Elmhurst Municipal Code covers all liquor licensing information for the City and is available on the City's website elmhurst.org; please reference the code if you need further details.



explore ELMHURST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2021

ONGOING

Ongoing through September 26th

Par Excellence Redux: The Front 9 Art & Golf. It's a Hole lot of Fun. In a unique collision of recreation and art, the Museum has commissioned a two-part miniature golf course of playable works of art by local and national artists. This course is a reimagining of the wildly popular 1988 exhibition Par Excellence at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. A public call for proposals for area artists, designers, and architects attracted diverse artists who designed holes of varying difficulty, including the museum's Teen Art Council. The custom-built playable miniature golf course will be split into two exhibits: The Front 9 (Summer) and The Back 9 (Fall). Designed to use the museum's galleries with COVID protocols, the two 9-hole courses will be comprised of a surprisingly varied collection of themes and forms, promising an unusual twist on a familiar pastime. **Elmhurst Art Museum • 9 am- 5 pm • FREE with Museum Admission • (630)834-0202**

Ongoing through October 22nd

Elmhurst Artists' Guild Fall Member Show Elmhurst Artists' Guild will be sponsoring the Fall Member Show at the Elmhurst Art Museum 150 S. Cottage Hill, Elmhurst. Our members come from many different disciplines in fine art: from print making and sculpture to oil painting and charcoal. Some artists have their work for sale if you are looking to build your collection. The Opening Reception will be held Sept. 3rd from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Our Guild Room is free and open to the public as well as the reception. The Fall Member show runs from August 29th to October 22nd during regular museum hours **Elmhurst Art Museum/Guild Room • 12 pm- 5 pm • Free with Museum Admission • (630) 834-0202 An Ever-Widening Circle:**

Ongoing September 24th- January 2nd Elmhurst University at 150 Explore Elmhurst University's 150-year journey through this sesquicentennial anniversary exhibit featuring rare photographs, artifacts, video and more. Trace the many ways the school has grown and changed — from its early beginnings as a German theological proseminary to today's modern university — through stories of student life, faculty, academics, sports teams and more. Sponsored by: Community Bank of Elmhurst, Feze Roofing, and Storino, Ramello

& Durkin Attorneys at Law. Free. **Elmhurst History Museum, elmhursthistory.org**

Ongoing through January 2nd

McCormick House: From the Collection

Explore the Mies van der Rohe-designed McCormick House through a permanent collection display in the Children's Wing. Works by Midwestern artists from the Museum's permanent collection are highlighted along with classic mid-century furnishings and historic photographs of the house's interior. **Elmhurst Art Museum 9 am- 5 pm • Free with Museum Admission (630) 834-020**

Ongoing through the Fall quarter

One Book, One Community: Author Visit with Douglas Tallamy Join us for an evening with Douglass Tallamy, author of our 2021 One Book, One Community read, *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*. Tallamy speaks about his book, the dangerous decline of plant and animal populations, and how we can help solve the problem, starting in our own backyard. Q&A will follow, moderated by Library staff. Presented with the Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition. Sponsored by the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library. **Elmhurst Public Library • elmlib.org**

SEPTEMBER

September 1st- November 30th

StoryWalk In collaboration with the Elmhurst Park District and local Eagle Scout candidate, Tyler Janiak, the Library is excited to debut Elmhurst's community StoryWalk Project this fall. Tyler conceived the idea of providing his community with a StoryWalk after learning about its mission to promote early literacy, physical activity, and family time together in nature. The first panel can be found near the playground and follows the path that goes west, between the soccer fields. Tomorrow I'll Be Kind by Jessica Hische is the debut StoryWalk title. We invite the whole community to participate. **Eldridge Park • Free • epd.org**

September 1st- October 11th

Short and Scary Writing Contest

Quick! Scare us with your own original super-short story or poem. Create a scary work that's 15 sentences or less. Winners get a Barnes & Nobles gift certificate, a spot in our Kid's Ink magazine, and an opportunity to read their entry for a video on the Library's

YouTube page. **Virtual • 9 am-9 pm • Free • elmhurstpubliclibrary.org/kids/programs/scary-story-contest/**

September 1st- November 17th

One Book, One Community: Nature's Best Hope by Douglas W. Tallamy One Book, One Community is an opportunity for the entire Elmhurst community to read and engage with the same book title. The Library offers discussions and programming around the book's topics. We encourage book clubs, families, and workplaces to consider using the title as a basis for discussion. **Virtual 9 am- 9 pm • Free • elmlib.org**

September 5th

'Cue for the Cause The Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network brings you its annual fundraiser featuring live music, food and drink, great raffle prizes, entertainment for the kids, and, of course, a stiff barbecue competition. New this year will be a baking competition for cookies and pies. Come with family and friends for a great day of food and fun, all for a great cause. **elmhurstwalkin.org City Lot at York & Vallette/ Farmers Market • 12 pm- 7 pm • Free**

September 10-11 Rock the Block Party. Celebrate the end of summer in style in City Centre!

September 10 Friday Night Fever Late Night Golf • 5-9PM • **elmhurstartmuseum.org**

September 11th

Touch a Truck Elmhurst Park District invites you to bring the kids to Berens Park to climb through a variety of trucks and vehicles, including fire trucks, tow trucks, and more! Free. Sponsored by The Schiller Team and Edward-Elmhurst Health. **Berens Park 9 am- 12 pm • Free • epd.org**

September 15th

Lessons Learned From My Father

As a boy in the early 1960s, Paul Chavéz joined his family on weekends in California's Central Valley farm towns, handing out leaflets and helping his father, César Chavéz, build the union that would become the United Farm Workers. Paul Chavéz spent his entire life with the farm worker movement, and since 1991 has led the César Chavéz Foundation. The 25th Anniversary César Chavéz Intercultural Lecture. Free, but reservations available at: **elmhurst.edu/cultural Elmhurst University, Frick Center, 190 S Prospect Ave • 4-5pm**



September 17th

"Portal" Sculpture Celebration

Celebrating the "Portal" sculpture created by artist Nicole Beck Friday, September 17, 4-7 pm. Located at N.Larch Park (west of The Marke at 100 N.Addison). Refreshments provided by The Marke. Presented by the City of Elmhurst Public Arts Commission. elmhurst.org • Larch Park • 4 pm- 7 pm

September 18th

Spring Road Fall Fest Family Spring Road

Fall Fest Featuring: Petting zoo, pumpkin painting, carnival games, concessions, Elmhurst Fire Department and Elmhurst Police Department. All activities will be at the Wild Meadows Trace Park. **Wild Meadows Trace Park • 11 am- 2 pm • Free springroad.com**

Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest One of the most popular fall events in Elmhurst is back! Join in the fall fun at the 6th Annual Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest, a fundraiser hosted by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, with more than 100 craft beers, ciders, and hard seltzers from area breweries with a strong emphasis on local brewers. Live music by the Moonshine Brothers and Petty Cash, with food for sale on the museum grounds. Must be 21+. Tickets: General Admission-\$50, Early Entry-\$65. Discounted tickets are available before Sept. 10. **Elmhurst History Museum Grounds • 12 pm-6 pm General Admission- \$50, Early Entry- \$65 • elmhursthistory.org/**

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert The Elmhurst Symphony celebrates the return of live performances with a program of well-loved musical theater favorites, selections from Star Wars Suite by John Williams, and Gershwin's Variations on I Got Rhythm. **Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W Brush Hill Rd • 7:30 - 9pm**

September 23rd

The Roland Quest Lecture with Daymond John

Daymond John, co-star of ABC's wildly popular "Shark Tank" series, founder and CEO of FUBU, and Presidential Ambassador of Global Entrepreneurship, is scheduled to help kick-off Elmhurst University's sesquicentennial-year Homecoming festivities with "Diversity: A Good Business Practice". Tickets on sale after August 1 and are \$15. Visit elmhurst.edu/cultural for more information.

Elmhurst University/ Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel • 7pm- 8:30pm • \$15 per person • marketing@elmhurst.edu

September 24th- January 2nd

An Ever-Widening Circle: Elmhurst

University at 150 Explore Elmhurst University's 150-year journey through this sesquicentennial anniversary exhibit

featuring rare photographs, artifacts, video and more. Trace the many ways the school has grown and changed — from its early beginnings as a German theological proseminary to today's modern university — through stories of student life, faculty, academics, sports teams and more.

Sponsored by: Community Bank of Elmhurst, Feze Roofing, and Storino, Ramello & Durkin Attorneys at Law. **Elmhurst History Museum 1 pm- 5 pm • Free • (630) 833-1457**

September 25th

Elmhurst University's 2021 Homecoming

Join Elmhurst University celebrate Homecoming and their 150th Anniversary! The annual Homecoming Parade kicks off at 10 a.m. and is followed by the Bluejay Block Party at 11 a.m. Visit elmhurst.edu/homecoming for more information. **10 am • Free • marketing@elmhurst.edu**

September 26th

Town vs. Gown Vintage Baseball Game

Join us for an old-fashioned baseball game played by the wildly different rules of 1858. In honor of Elmhurst University's 150th anniversary, this year's game will pit players from the University against the City of Elmhurst, with a roster of local celebrities playing for your favor. Bring a picnic basket and lawn chair and get ready to cheer, jeer and enjoy an exciting afternoon of vintage baseball that will be fun for all ages. Huzzah! Game takes place on the Elmhurst University Mall, 190 S. Prospect Ave. (in front of Hammerschmidt Chapel).

Elmhurst University • 1pm- 3:30pm • Free

OCTOBER

October 2nd

York Community High School Drama Club

Boosters Fundraiser: Under the Limelight

Featuring performances by York alumni. **7:30-10pm • Green Street Grille, 120 W Green Street Bensenville, IL**

8th Annual Synapse House Gala will be An Evening Par Excellence at the Elmhurst Art Museum on October 2nd, 6-10pm. Tickets available at www.synapsehouse.org

October 9th

Chicago's Great Fire: The Destruction and Resurrection of an Iconic American City

In October of 1871, much of Chicago was destroyed by one of the most legendary and cataclysmic fires in history leaving one of every three Chicago residents homeless and many unemployed in the aftermath. Eminent Chicago historian Carl Smith chronicles the fire's dramatic story and phoenix-like rise from the ashes. This program is a collaboration with the Aurora Regional Fire Museum and

will take place at their site. Participants will have an opportunity to explore their exhibits post-discussion.

Aurora Fire Museum • 10 am- 11:30 am

Free • elmhursthistory.org/320/programs

October 13th- January 2nd

Par Excellence Redux: The Back 9

New designs and new challenges await our visitors in The Back 9. This new set of 9-holes were created by a different set of artists for the Museum's galleries. The unusual twist on a familiar pastime includes unusual rules, surprising outcomes, and a varied collection of themes—from social justice to the occult. The exhibition includes holes with optical illusions, commentary on social and environmental issues, an exploration of the cosmos, and more. The Back 9 Artists: Wesley Baker, KT Duffy, Eve Fineman, Annalee Koehn, Vincent Lotesto, Joshua Lowe, Jim Merz, David Quednau, and Liam Wilson & Anna Gershoni. **Elmhurst Art Museum • 9 am- 5 pm • Free with Museum Admission • (630) 834-0202**

Oct 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th

York Community High School Drama Club's

Fall Play The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time. **355 W St Charles Rd, Elmhurst, IL 60126 • Free • See yorkdrama.org for details**

October 13th

The Color of Law & Reversing Segregation

with **Richard Rothstein** Author of The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How our Government Segregated America, Richard Rothstein presents on the policies that led to racial segregation in American communities, and what can be done to reverse these practices and work towards racial equity. Rothstein is a Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Policy Institute and a Senior Fellow (emeritus) at the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. In partnership with Racial Awareness in the North Shore (RAIN) and Together is Better Alliance (TiBA). Co-sponsored with area libraries. **elmlib.org • Virtual • 7 pm- 8 pm**

Living Our Values Jacqueline Boyd brings passion and expertise to the field of aging and LGBTQ+ advocacy. A speaker, facilitator and entrepreneur, Boyd is the owner of The Care Plan, the country's first care management company centered around the perspective and needs of LGBTQ+ older adults. Free, but reservations available at: elmhurst.edu/cultural **Elmhurst University, Schaible Science Center, Illinois Hall • 4-5 pm**

October 16th

Family Fall Fest Bring the family to The Depot at Wild Meadows Trace for Safety Town trick-or-treating, fun for the little ones, family

photo opportunities, fall games and more! Free. sponsored by Kelly Stetler Real Estate and Edward-Elmhurst Health. **Wild Meadows Trace • 9 am - noon • epd.org**

Elmhurst University Arboretum Tour

Mark Wakely will lead a walking tour showcasing the top specimens in the arboretum collection. See the first tree that was planted to start the arboretum in 1966, learn fun tree facts and care tips, and utilize your senses to engage with the trees on campus. Tour lasts approximately 2-2.5 hours and begins at the Niebuhr Statue (east side of Frick Center). Limit: 30 participants. **Elmhurst University • 12 pm- 2:30 pm**
\$5 per person • elmhursthistory.org

2021 Nashville Songwriter Fundraiser

Normandy Banquet Room/Elmhurst American Legion • 6 pm-10 pm
elmhurstchamber.org

October 22nd

Fake News, Real News, and How to Tell the Difference Whether you call it propaganda, urban legend, misinformation, disinformation, or alternative facts, fake news is nothing new. Learn how to identify fake news, evaluate the potential biases of the real news you're consuming, and even flex your fake news spotting skills so that you can encounter the news with more confidence. **Elmlib.org Virtual • 7 pm- 8:30 pm • Free**

Haunted History with Ghost Head Soup

Get ready for the spookiest time of year by spending a chilling evening exploring haunted spots around Elmhurst with Ghost Head Soup. This walking tour includes a visit to several paranormal spots including Mill Theatre, Wilder Mansion, and a special lantern-lit investigation of the Glos Mansion. Get a demonstration of ghost hunting equipment or bring your own gear. Weather-appropriate clothing and shoes are recommended. Participants must be able to traverse uneven terrain in low light and sign a waiver. Note: Age 13+ only, children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Limit: 30 participants. **Elmhurst History Museum 7 pm- 9:30 pm \$20 per person**
elmhursthistory.org/320/programs

October 23rd

Soirée 2021: Par-tee at the Museum!

We're taking a 'mulligan' on our fundraiser from last year! Join us Saturday, October 23 as we host our annual Soiree Fundraiser. Enjoy an evening of music, dinner, auctions, and miniature golf. Limited tickets will be available. **Elmhurst Art Museum • 6 pm- 12 am • Collector Table: \$5,000, Patron Table: \$3,500, Tickets: \$375 • (630) 834-0202**

Boo-tiful Saturday. Trick or Treating at you favorite City Centre merchants from 11 am to 1 pm.

October 28th

Madrassa: Traditional Islam in the Modern World Ebrahim Moosa is the Mirza Family Professor of Islamic Thought and Muslim Societies in the Keough School of Global Affairs and the Department of History at the University of Notre Dame. He co-directs Contending Modernities, the global research and education initiative examining the interaction among Catholic, Muslim and other religious and secular forces in the world. The al-Ghazali Lecture. Free, but reservations available at: elmhurst.edu/cultural **Elmhurst University, Frick Center, 190 S Prospect Ave 7-8pm**

NOVEMBER

November 1st - 7th

Holiday Food Drive Join in the season of giving! From November 1-7 as a gesture of thanks and giving, the Elmhurst Art Museum will hold a non-perishable food drive to benefit the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry. All individuals who bring 2 or more pantry items will receive a coupon for discounted tee time valid on Friday, November 12. The collection bin is located in the Museum lobby to the left of the guest services desk.

November 4th- January 2nd

Elmhurst Greats and Grads Learn about the significant people who led, developed, attended and graduated from Elmhurst University during its 150-year history in this online lecture that tells the story of how a small, theological proseminary school grew to become a modern university. Led by a longtime faculty member and the Joan and Lester Brune Chair of History, Dr. Robert Butler. **Virtual • 9 am- 5 pm • Free**
elmhursthistory.org/320/programs

November 7th

Veterans Day Band Concert

Join the Elmhurst University band and listen to patriotic music in celebration of our veterans. **Elmhurst University/ Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel 12 pm - 1 pm • Free • (630) 617-5186**

Elmhurst Art Museum Family Day

We invite you and your family to participate in hands-on golf-themed art activities inspired by National STEAM Day.
Elmhurst Art Museum 150 S Cottage Hill • 1-4 pm

November 9th

The Origins and Significance of Jewish Universalism Malka Simkovich is the

Crown-Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies and director of Catholic-Jewish Studies at Catholic Theological Union. The author of *The Making of Jewish Universalism: From Exile to Alexandria* (2016), Simkovich is involved in numerous interreligious dialogue projects to increase understanding and friendship between Christians and Jews. The Abraham Joshua Heschel Lecture. Free, but reservations available at: elmhurst.edu/culturalersity **Elmhurst University, Frick Center, Founders Lounge • 190 S Prospect Ave • 7:30-8:30 pm**

November 12th

Thank You Late Night Golf • 5-9PM
elmhurstartmuseum.org

November 13th

ECPA Spotlight Gala

Always an evening with incredible entertainment, delicious bites & beverage and an atmosphere full of excitement. Join us as we celebrate our love for the performing arts and move closer to building a state-of-the-art venue for live theatre, music, dance and comedy. **Elmhurst Art Museum 7 pm- 11 pm • Tickets available online at <https://www.ecpa-elmhurst.org/events/>**

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert

The ESO plays audience favorites in a concert featuring *The Three-Cornered Hat*, Suites 1 and 2, by de Falla; *Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor (Mvt. 1)* by Tchaikovsky, with guest artist; *The Pines of Rome* by Respighi; and Ravel's *Bolero*. **Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church 7pm- 9 pm • Tickets are \$25 purchase at elmhurstsymphony.org or (630) 941-0202**

November 14th

Daisy Didn't Do It: The Truth Behind the Great Chicago Fire 150 years ago, Chicago was in the process of rebuilding itself following a devastating fire that leveled the city's center and north side over a 36-hour period. Native Chicagoan and historian Al Walavich presents a retrospective of the history, myths and lies surrounding the fire as well as an exploration of relics left behind **Elmhurst History Museum 2 pm- 3:30pm FREE to Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Members, \$5 Non-Members**
elmhursthistory.org/320/programs

November 19th

Holiday Tree Lighting

Come join us for the first Christmas Tree lighting ceremony in Elmhurst! 6-6:30pm — Enjoy festive Christmas Carols 6:30pm — Santa Claus arriving aboard a fire engine! The Christmas Tree will be lit after Santa arrives. Enjoy hot chocolate & cookies while visiting with Santa Claus! **Wild Meadows Trace • 6 pm - 7pm • springroad.com**



Trick-or-Treaters

WELCOME



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**Trick-or-Treaters,
Please**



9-11 Ceremony Please join the City of Elmhurst in our special ceremony to proudly remember those who gave their lives on that tragic day trying to save others. On the 20th Anniversary, this ceremony will be held on Sept. 11 at Fire Station # 2 (601 S. York St) from 8:30 - 9:30 am.



Fall leaf pickup A free leaf collection for residents who live within City limits will take place on November 3, 4, & 5 and again on December 1, 2, & 3, 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. All yard waste pickup will end the week of Dec. 3rd.

Veterans Day Ceremony

On Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11th, honor those who have served in our Armed Services at a special ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park at 10:30 am.



Smoke Detector Recycling

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

Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot This annual event is scheduled to take place as traditionally planned on Thanksgiving morning. The Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot is pleased to benefit numerous organizations including DuPage Pads, United Community Concerns Association, People's Resource Center, West Suburban Community Pantry, Loaves & Fishes Community Services, and Catholic Charities - DuPage County. For course information, race day schedule, history, or to register online, visit the Turkey Trot website at dangibbonsturkeytrot.com.

Fall time change reminder... As you set your clocks back one hour on November 7, remember to check the operation of your smoke detectors, and change the batteries. 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.

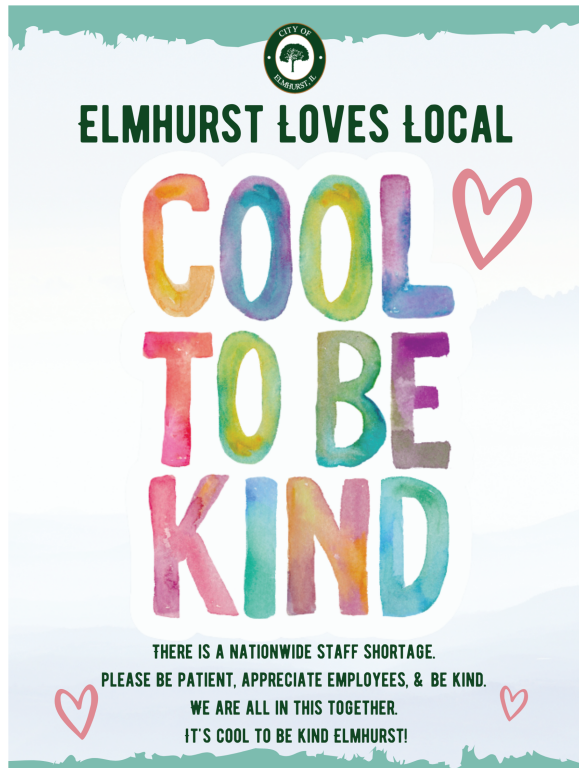
Fire Department Open House, Sun. Oct. 10th

Please join the Elmhurst Fire Department on Sunday, October 10th, from 12 - 4 p.m. at Fire Station #2 (601 S. York Street, Elmhurst) as they celebrate National Fire Prevention Week. The event, which includes fire safety education, fun activities, and light refreshments, will focus on this year's theme "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" Guests will learn fire prevention and safety techniques through a series of educational demonstrations. Additional activities include station tours, Lutheran Charities Comfort Dogs, fire safety trailer, and a child passenger safety seat.

Stormwater Project Update: The City of Elmhurst, in a continuation of its on-going Citywide flood-mitigation effort, is currently under construction on yet another major infrastructure improvement project. The College View Stormwater Improvement Project, affecting the neighborhood around York High School, is under construction. This project, which is located on the York High School property, will add 8.7 ac-ft of new stormwater detention for the neighborhood and will eliminate structural overland flooding for 17 homes. The project broke ground in early June and will be substantially completed by mid-September. District 205 and the City have partnered on this project through an Intergovernmental Agreement. District 205 intends to install a new synthetic turf athletic field on top of the new underground detention in the fall of 2021. Please visit elmhurststormwaterplan.org for more project information.



After the College View Stormwater Improvement Project completion the City of Elmhurst will have completed 13 stormwater improvement projects, thereby reducing/eliminating structural overland flooding for 464 homes, and creating approximately 129 ac-ft of new detention storage since 2015.



It's Cool to Be Kind...

There is a nationwide staff shortage, so please be patient. This sentiment is popping up more and more throughout the US and the Chicagoland region as employers struggle to fill positions vacated when workers left jobs in front-line industries for roles less exposed to the coronavirus. Throughout the world there has been a resurgence in consumer demand across a number of industry sectors which further highlights the issue. While it is particularly acute in the hospitality industry, it can also be seen and felt in retail, service, health, grocery, transportation, and production facilities.

What does a global worker shortage mean for Elmhurst? For the business community it means that those who are working are met with unknown daily challenges and must continue to pivot to meet increased demands. For consumers it means, among other things, adapting to evolving changes in a business' hours, increased wait times, smaller menu selections, fewer checkout lanes, and empty slots on shelves where some of their favorite products usually sit. Above all, it means that now more than ever Elmhurst Loving Local is expressing patience, showing appreciation, and being kind to those employees who come to work in the community each day. We are all in this together – it's Cool to Be Kind!



Employee Spotlight

Gregory Idasek, Arborist

Gregory Idasek, an Arborist in the Public Works Department, is one of the longest-tenured Public Works employees.

Q: Why did you want to become an Arborist?

A: At the time, I was just looking for a job with the City of Elmhurst. I started as a seasonal employee. I liked it and stuck with it until I became a full time employee.

Q: How long have you been working at the City of Elmhurst?

A: I started as a seasonal in 1984 and became a full time employee in 1987.

Q: What is your favorite species of trees?

A: It's hard to pick just one, but working for the City of Elmhurst... It has to be the American Elm.

Q: What do you enjoy the most about your job?

A: In the summer months, I am the Dutch Elm Disease (DED) Coordinator. We try hard to spot early DED symptoms in parkway Elm trees. If we see it soon enough, we can prune the infected section out of the tree and save it. That is a great feeling.



ELMHURST HISTORY MUSEUM

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

New Exhibit Celebrates Elmhurst's Hometown University

The Elmhurst History Museum is pleased to play a role in Elmhurst University's 150th anniversary celebration this year with a new exhibit chronicling the school's journey from its early days as a German protheological seminary to the modern, vibrant university we've come to know today.

An Ever-Widening Circle: Elmhurst University at 150 will open on September 24 at the Elmhurst History Museum, just in time for the 2021 Homecoming Weekend. Through archive photographs, artifacts, video and more, visitors will trace the ways the university has grown and changed along with the City of Elmhurst through stories of student life, faculty, academics, sports teams and more. The exhibit is sponsored by Community Bank of Elmhurst, Feze Roofing, and Storino, Ramello & Durkin Attorneys at Law, and it runs through January 2, 2022.

Many exhibit-related programs and events are being planned by museum staff including a Town vs. Gown Vintage Baseball Game on September 26, a guided tour of the university's arboretum collection on campus, and an online lecture by Elmhurst history department chair and Elmhurst Heritage Foundation President, Dr. Robert Butler. For more information, watch for the Elmhurst History Museum's fall calendar of events in your mail or go to elmhursthistory.org.



Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest Returns on September 18

After sitting out last year, the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation is more than ready to bring back one of the best fall events in Elmhurst. The 6th Annual Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest will take place on the Elmhurst History Museum's grounds on September 18 offering samples of more than 100 craft beers, ciders and hard seltzers from 50+ craft and microbreweries with a strong emphasis on local brewers. The Craft Beer Fest is a major fundraiser for the Elmhurst History Museum and the Churchville Schoolhouse. The fest takes place from 1-6 p.m., and we'll have live music by PettyCash and the Moonshine Brothers plus food for purchase by Pints. Tickets are now on sale at elmhurstcraftbeerfest.com, and discounted tickets are available until September 10. Members of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation also receive a special discount. Must be 21+. See you at the Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest...cheers!



Fall Recycling Events

ELECTRONICS - On **October 23rd** in partnership with DuPage County at the Public Works Facility, 985 S. Riverside Drive from 8 am - noon. While most items are collected free of charge, there is a fee for televisions and monitors.

PUMPKINS - On **November 6th** 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.

COOKING OIL - On **November 27th**, 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 problems with your line or the public system.

You're Invited!

"Portal" Sculpture Celebration

Meet the Artist!

Celebrating the "Portal" sculpture created by artist **Nicole Beck**.

Friday September 17 4-7 pm,
at N. Larch Park (west of The Marke
at 100 N. Addison). Refreshments
provided by The Marke. Presented
by the City of Elmhurst Public
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To learn about job opportunities
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please visit www.elmhurst.org.

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

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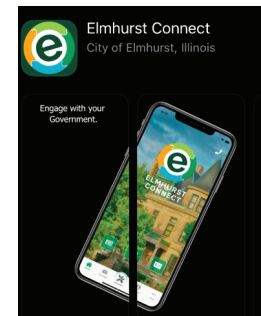
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Police (non-emergency) 630-530-3050
Fire (non-emergency) 630-530-3090
Elmhurst History Museum 630-833-1457
Elmhurst Public Library 630-279-8696
Request for Public Records - foia@elmhurst.org
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3rd Ward - Chris Jensen, Dannee Polomsky
4th Ward - Brian Cahill, Noel Talluto
5th Ward - Tina Park, James Nudera
6th Ward - Emily Bastedo, Michael Honquest
7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Michael Brennan

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Have you signed up for Elmhurst Connect? Elmhurst Connect is an online and mobile reporting system for the City of Elmhurst. The community can use this service to easily identify issues and report them directly to the City of Elmhurst. There are a wide variety of report types available through this system. As always, if the issue you are reporting is a public safety emergency, please call 9-1-1 or for other issues that require immediate attention please call the City's 24/7 phone line, 630-530-3050. To download the Elmhurst Connect mobile app, search for "Elmhurst Connect" in your app store. If you are using a computer and would like to report something without downloading the app select this link: elmhurstil.citysourced.com. The system is also available on the City's website, elmhurst.org/servicerequest.



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