

# The Front Porch

C i t y w i d e N e w s l e t t e r

## Support Local 60126



A year into the pandemic, the need for support of local businesses is as vital as ever. We encourage the Elmhurst community to continue to Love Local and think Elmhurst first when making a purchase, seeking a service, and dining. Please like and follow Explore Elmhurst on Facebook for the latest happenings with local businesses and utilize the 2021 Elmhurst Restaurant Guide for the most up to date listings of local eateries.

Elmhurst has seen a fair number of businesses close

during these difficult times, however the community still realizes extremely low vacancy rates due to ongoing interest and reinvestment. For example, local board game enthusiasts were excited by the recent expansion of The Gaming Goat (160 N. York) to nearly triple its former size. Evolve Beauty Bar (261 N. York) is also expanding and Delta Sonic (600 W. North) is reinvesting by expanding and redesigning their car wash in 2021. Among other projects coming soon are a new Geico Insurance office (170 N. York), F45 Fitness (155 N. York), Poke Burrito (162 N. York), Ming Chef (233 N. York), Dairy Queen (143 N. York), The Uptown Eatery (117 N. Addison), Bacci Pizzeria (359 S. Route 83), Elmhurst Pedicab, Firewater BBQ (635 W. North), and Gia Mia (116 Schiller). New residents continue to populate The Hill luxury condos (105 S. Cottage Hill) and will soon be joined by residents of the new One95 luxury condos (195 N. Addison) and The Fynn apartments (183 N. Addison). The increased density from these new transit oriented developments provides a deeper support base for our business community. Thank you to all who continue to support local!

## Report an issue or request to the City using "Elmhurst Connect"!



The City is proud to announce the launch of Elmhurst Connect. Elmhurst Connect is an online and mobile reporting and service request 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.city-sourced.com](http://elmhurstil.city-sourced.com). The system is also available on the City's website, [elmhurst.org/servicerequest](http://elmhurst.org/servicerequest).

## COVID-19: Stop the Spread. Protect our Community.

To help reduce mitigation measures, the spread of COVID-19 must decrease. Please do your part to stop the spread and protect your community. You can help support your local businesses by acting responsibly to slow the spread of illness. Because this is an evolving situation, visit [dph.illinois.gov](http://dph.illinois.gov), [dupagehealth.org](http://dupagehealth.org), and [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) for updates on the ongoing mitigation safety measures and vaccine distribution information. The City of Elmhurst will continue to provide updates and ask residents to comply with the State and Health Department advisories and mandates. Also be sure to sign up for the City's weekly e-newsletter at [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org).

## Vote in the Consolidated Elections: April 6th

On the April 6, 2021 ballot, the following City Council seats will be voted on: Mayor (1), City Clerk (1), City Treasurer (1), 1st Ward Alderman (2), 2nd Ward Alderman (1), 3rd Ward Alderman (1), 4th Ward Alderman (1), 5th Ward Alderman (1), 6th Ward Alderman (1), 7th Ward Alderman (1). City Hall will be an early voting site for the April 6, 2021, General Election. DuPage County residents can visit the Council Chambers in City Hall beginning March 22, 2021 through April 5, 2021 for early voting. The hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 am - 7:00 pm and Saturdays 9 am – 5 pm. For additional locations and extended hours, please visit the DuPage County Election Commission or call DuPage Election Commission at 630-407-5600.





## Update in City's Green Electric Aggregation Program

The City is renewing its Green Electric Aggregation program by moving from supplier MC Squared to Chicago-based Eligo Energy. Ratepayers will be charged exactly the ComEd rate and will enjoy the added benefit of Green Energy via renewable generation facilities as represented by 25% Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and Eligo will provide an annual civic contribution to support local sustainability initiatives at zero added cost to ratepayers and the City. Through this program the City will retain its designation as an EPA Green Power Community. Please visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) to learn about this program.

Notices will be mailed to residents and small businesses on March 12, 2021. Ratepayers will receive one of several different notices, depending on account status. Please visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) for more information on the notice types.

Important note: No one will visit your home about this notice. If a solicitor claims to be the City supplier, Eligo, or ComEd, take their information and report the incident to the ICC at [www.icc.illinois.gov/complaints](http://www.icc.illinois.gov/complaints). Never reveal your ComEd account number or allow a solicitor to view your ComEd bill unless you are certain you wish to enroll with that supplier and have read all terms and conditions.

### City of Elmhurst

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

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

Steven M. Morley, Mayor  
Jackie Haddad-Tamer, City Clerk/OMA Officer  
Elaine Libovicz, City Treasurer

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

#### Aldermen

1st Ward - Marti Deuter, Jennifer Veremis  
2nd Ward - Bob Dunn, Jacob Hill  
3rd Ward - Michael J. Bram, Dannee Polomsky  
4th Ward - Brian P. Cahill, Noel Talluto  
5th Ward - Tina Park, Scott M. Levin  
6th Ward - Jim Kennedy, Michael Honquest  
7th Ward - Michael Brennan, Mark A. Mulliner

## Mayor's Message

To all of you that work hard to make Elmhurst the great city that it is, I want to say thank you. It's hard to put into words what we as a city went through in 2020, and I am proud of all of the hard work that went into providing the Elmhurst community vital services during this most difficult year. I believe that it made us stronger than ever as a community.



In early 2020 the worldwide pandemic quickly forced our community to shut down. The year started out relatively normal and by March our state and city were facing new challenges on a daily basis. In reaction to the pandemic, federal and state governing bodies began issuing and implementing new laws at a rapid pace. As a result, the Elmhurst City Council made the unprecedented decision to grant me executive authority as it related to COVID events. This allowed me to react quickly to support our community when executive orders and laws were issued from both the federal and state levels. Executive orders I issued during the beginning of the shut-down included temporary daycare approval for children of healthcare and essential workers, the suspension of late fees and service interruptions on utility bills, the allowance for businesses to expand their use of sidewalk cafes and sell packaged alcohol to-go, and the temporary suspension of business license fees. Our goal was to do everything we could to help our businesses stay safe and survive while only being allowed to operate in a limited capacity.

We are thankful to our community for following the necessary health guidelines and protocols and are forever grateful to our healthcare providers, first responders, and all those who put in the extra effort during this difficult time. Progress is being made in fighting this pandemic and a vaccine is now available. While there is currently a nation-wide limited supply, access to vaccines will increase in the weeks and months to follow. The DuPage County Health Department is working with partners at all levels, including hospitals, health care providers, and community leaders, on flexible COVID-19 vaccination programs that can accommodate different vaccines and scenarios. The City is working with the county to make more vaccines available to our community as soon as possible. For up-to-date information on vaccine availability and distribution, please visit [dupagehealth.com](http://dupagehealth.com) and [Elmhurst.org](http://Elmhurst.org).

The pandemic had an enormous financial impact on the City of Elmhurst. Across the board, citywide revenues were down in 2020. As a result of years of fiscally conservative planning and actions to reduce expenditures, we were able to protect our community from a financial disaster. Our general fund balance remains within the range stated in our financial policy and we have maintained our AAA bond rating for seven consecutive years.

Over the past 8 years, we have focused heavily on our stormwater issues. Elmhurst used to be known as a town that floods, and now we are a town that has worked aggressively to address flooding. I am proud to say that at the end of this year, the City of Elmhurst will have completed 13 stormwater improvement projects. These projects have added over 41 million gallons of new detention storage to our stormwater system and provide relief and overland flood protection to properties with an estimated total value of \$185,600,000.

The development in our community has thrived over the last decade, and even with the pandemic, we continue to see development and growth in our downtown areas. In total, 1.14 billion dollars has been invested in Elmhurst over the last 8 years. I am proud to have worked with the city council on forward thinking plans to help our community achieve this growth.

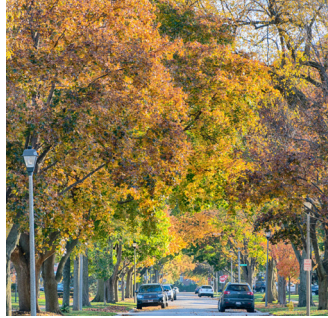
It has truly been humbling to represent my home town over the last 14 years, 6 years as alderman and 8 years as mayor. I want to thank my family for their love, support and patience. I have been asked numerous times what I will miss and it's an easy answer. I will miss the people that I get to work with; the residents, elected officials and staff. Nothing is more rewarding than working together to make Elmhurst a better place. As I hand over the reins to a new mayor in May, I want you all to know that serving you has been one of my life's greatest honors. God bless Elmhurst, and God Bless the United States of America.

Sincerely, Steven M. Morley, Mayor



## National Arbor Day is April 30th!

On this day, we celebrate the importance of trees. Elmhurst is known for its tree lined streets, and we appreciate all that our Forestry Division does to keep those trees healthy and vibrant! Elmhurst has 30 different varieties of trees throughout the City. The Department plants around 650 trees each year and has an ongoing tree-trimming schedule with a goal to touch every public tree in Elmhurst at least once every eight years.



When it comes to the health of trees, dangers can include incorrect mulching and dealing with Emerald Ash Borer and Dutch Elm Disease. Forestry can be a dangerous job and safety is a primary concern when it comes to staff. Residents are urged to call professionals rather than try to trim trees themselves. It is a job that requires experience. Check out ElmhurstTV on YouTube in May for our virtual celebration!

**Are you unknowingly killing your trees?** Research shows that planting trees too deep, or piling mulch too high, is a leading cause of tree death. Studies show that many trees are planted too deep, or are 'fooled' into thinking they are planted too deep because mulch is piled against the trunk of the tree. While the correct amount of mulch at the base of the tree is very beneficial, too mulch can cause disease, rot, pest infestation, and winter freeze damage.

The trunks of trees were not designed to be buried in soil, or remain wet for extended periods of time. These conditions are not natural to the tree and may negatively impact its health.

Residents are strongly encouraged to NOT pile mulch at the base of trees, or to have a discussion with their landscaper about not continually adding soil or mulch around the base of trees.



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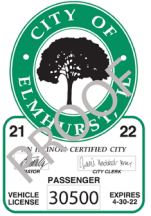


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**Ribbons on Trees** We understand the honor in displaying ribbons on parkway trees, but please remember that our community takes great pride in our trees! Please be kind to the tree by removing the ribbon within 30 days and refrain from using twine or any material that could strangle the tree. The City reserves the right to remove the ribbon if the tree is in danger.

## City Vehicle Stickers on Sale March 1st

City vehicle stickers must be purchased and displayed by May 1st on all vehicles registered or garaged within City limits. Stickers are sold at a discount from March through April. All vehicles registered or garaged in the City of Elmhurst are required to display a current year Elmhurst vehicle sticker. Stickers are renewed between March 1 and April 30 of each year and must be displayed on or before April 30. They are valid from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 of the following year. Applications have been mailed to residents, and are available to download at [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org). Stickers can be purchased in person, online or by mail and should be displayed immediately. Money collected through the sale of vehicle stickers goes into the City's General Fund and is used for roadway maintenance and construction.



## Upcoming City of Elmhurst Sponsored Blood Drives

- April 10, 2021 at Elmhurst Fire Station 2
- May 11, 2021 from 9-2 in City Hall Council Chambers

*More information on [Elmhurst.org](http://Elmhurst.org)*



## Help to Keep City Drains Clean!

To lessen street flooding, the City is asking residents to help clean the inlets and storm drains in front of your properties. Use a rake or shovel to clear leaves, limbs, and debris from the storm drain. Do not put your feet and hands into the storm drain because all kinds of debris collect that could be dangerous. Do not try to remove the grate, only the debris on top of the grate.



The best time to inspect the storm drains in front of your house or business is prior to and right after a rain, snow, or ice storm. If you cannot clear a clogged storm drain yourself, notify the City that help is needed. Call 630-530-3000 and report the specific location.

Please do not rake or blow the leaves from your yard into the street. Bag them at the curb and prepare them for curbside pickup by your garbage hauler.

For leaves that have fallen into the street, please keep them out of the channel right along the curb, where they will block the path of rainwater. Rake them at least one foot from the curb.

**Job Opportunities** Please visit [elmhurst.org/jobs](http://elmhurst.org/jobs) to search and apply for employment with the City of Elmhurst.



### Meet the City's new Public Works

**Director** The City of Elmhurst's new Public Works Director, Stan Balicki joined the team in December 2020. Below is a Q&A introducing Stan to the community he serves.

#### *Why did you want to become a Public Works*

**Director?** I have always enjoyed working to improve a community's quality of life and protect the environment at the same time. This career path allows us to do something that makes a difference to others every day – whether it's providing clean, safe drinking water, or making sure the roads are plowed. Much of what we do affects everyone in the community. At the Director level, I get a chance to work with the public, elected officials and our staff here to collaborate on public works policies and programs that will contribute to keep Elmhurst a safe and healthy place.

**How long have you been in public works?** My first job in public works was in 1987 – so 34 years. I was a summer seasonal employee for the Downers Grove public works department working on the water crew. I primarily painted fire hydrants, but also helped install water meters and repair main breaks. Other than working at a Sound Warehouse for a few years in college, I have spent my entire career in public works. During graduate school, I was an intern right here in the Elmhurst public works department working for the Director.

**In your opinion, what distinguishes the Elmhurst Public Works Department from other public works departments?** First and foremost, the people here are what distinguishes us from others. We are a service business, and nothing we do gets done without the people that make it happen. Our department has such diversity in that we employ trained arborists, mechanics, electricians, water and wastewater operators, engineers, and street maintenance and building maintenance staff. There are few public works departments in the area that provide such a breadth of services at the high level that Elmhurst Public Works does.

**What do you enjoy most about your job?** Consistently learning so many new things and meeting new people is the most enjoyable aspect of this job. The world of public works has become increasingly technical and complex. This becomes evident the closer you start to examine any part of what we do. There's no way one person can be an expert in all facets of public works, so it's important for me to be able to pull our technical experts together, and be able to present information in a way that is clear, understandable, and non-technical.

**What do you look forward to in regards to your new role as Director of Public Works?** I am looking forward to getting to know everyone in Public Works and the City better. This takes time, and starting this job during a global pandemic has made it more challenging than usual. I'm looking ahead to when we can get together and socialize again. On the project side, we also have an aggressive capital program, and I'm looking forward to seeing the results of our work in the field.

### Biking on Sidewalks in Business Districts - NO

As a reminder, biking on sidewalks in business districts is prohibited. Bike racks are available throughout the shopping districts. Now more than ever patrons and our businesses appreciate this courtesy with the expansion of their use of outdoor space.

**2021 Electronic Recycling Events** The City will host a series of electronic recycling events at the Public Works Facility (985 S Riverside Drive). These quarterly events will be held in cooperation with DuPage County. The remaining event dates in 2021 are April 24, 2021, July 24, 2021, and October 23, 2021 from 8am - noon. For a list of acceptable items, please visit [elmhurst.org/electronicrecycling](http://elmhurst.org/electronicrecycling).

**Spring Clean Up Dates** The City of Elmhurst would like to remind its residents of the Annual Spring Clean-Up. Yard waste is not included in the Spring Clean-Up, but will be collected if properly prepared, stickered, and set out on your regular collection day. Please do not put material at the curb for Spring Clean-Up until the day prior to the event. Reminder: It is illegal to put electronics at the curb for pick-up at any time, including Spring Clean-Up. For additional information please call the Public Works Department at (630) 530-3020.

#### **Spring Cleanup 2021 Pickup Dates**

**Sat. April 10th for residents who have Fri. collection dates**

**Sat. April 17th for residents who have Thurs. collection dates**

**Sat. April 24th for residents who have Wed. collection dates.**

**Spring Code Enforcement Reminders** City codes help to keep the appearance of the city nice for everyone and help to maintain property values. Please keep the following list of seasonal ordinances to keep in mind:

- Grass and weeds are not to grow in a height that exceeds eight inches.
- Discharging cut grass or blowing leaves into the street is against City code. Grass and leaves that are discharged into the street will eventually clog inlets causing streets to flood.
- City code requires all exterior surfaces of your home including but not limited to doors, door and window frames, porches, trim, decks, and fences be maintained in good condition. Exterior wood shall be protected from the elements by paint or other protective covering or treatment. Peeling or chipping paint on any exterior surface must be removed and the surface repainted. All exterior metal surfaces must be maintained and kept free of rust or corrosion.

**Are you thinking of installing a patio, pool, driveway or fence this Summer?** Think ahead and get your permit request to the City this Spring. Please plan accordingly for a 6-8 week permit approval process.

## Your Spring Fire Safety "To-Do List"!

### Inside the home:

- Check and clean your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Check your fire extinguishers.
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords.
- Check and clean filters above stove.
- Prepare for storm related outages. Make sure your flashlights and portable radios have batteries and that other supplies such as bottled water are stocked and available.
- Practice exit drills with your family so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency.
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents.
- Pull refrigerator out and vacuum or dust the coils.
- Recycle: get rid of old newspapers, magazines and junk mail. These items tend to pile up and can contribute to the severity and spread of fire.
- Windows should be checked to ensure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as an exit.
- Always keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in event of an emergency.

### Outside and around the yard:

- Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street.
- Clean up yard debris. Cut back dead limbs and grasses.
- Maintain a clear 'fire zone' of 10 feet around structures. Clean up leaves and debris and consider using stone or non-combustible mulches.
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances.
- Get your BBQ grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage.
- Keep 100 feet of garden hose with an attached nozzle connected and ready for use.

### In the garage or shed:

- Clean up and properly store paints, pool and yard chemicals.
- Check fuel containers for leaks and make sure they are properly stored.
- Have all power equipment cleaned, serviced and ready for use.
- Let power equipment sit for approximately 30 minutes before placing it inside.

**Severe Weather Warnings** Spring weather can bring severe storms to the area. When severe weather, such as a tornado threatens the community, Outdoor warning sirens will be activated. If severe weather is approaching Elmhurst, and the warning sirens are heard, seek shelter immediately and monitor a television or radio for further instructions. The City activates a monthly scheduled test of the City's emergency warning siren system at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. If you hear the alarm at this time, please be reminded that it is only a test. Sign up at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) to get notifications of severe weather conditions.

**Coyote Sightings** Residents who observe a coyote in their neighborhood are asked to go visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) and report the sighting and condition of the animal. Residents who have questions about the online reporting process can contact the Elmhurst Police Department at 630-530-3050. As coyotes are wild animals, residents should never actively seek out or search for them.

**Drug Takeback Day** The Elmhurst Police Department will hold a Prescription Drug "Take Back" on Sat. April 24th 9:00am - 12:00pm in the Police Station Parking Lot (125 E. First St.). This opportunity allows residents to take advantage of "drive through drop-off". A small tent will be set up in the west lot and staffed by police personnel for easy drop off of prescription drugs without the necessity of leaving your vehicle. For more information, call 630-530-3050.

**Neighborhood Roll Call** The Elmhurst Police announce that we will once again be offering our neighborhood roll call program this summer, but this time in a socially-distanced manner. Starting in May of 2021, the Elmhurst Police will begin announcing local neighborhood roll calls held throughout the City of Elmhurst. This is an excellent opportunity that brings police officers into the neighborhoods to interact with their community. Members of the neighborhood are invited to meet their patrol officers and discuss local issues and concerns, working together to protect their community. Keep checking the Elmhurst Police Facebook page for updates and locations and please remember to wear your mask and stay 6 feet apart.



# LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

REMOVE Your Valuables LOCK Your Vehicles

ONE MISSION ▪ ONE GOAL ▪ ONE COMMUNITY



**Cost-Sharing Programs** The City of Elmhurst provides financial assistance to residents who need to take certain preventive measures on their property. View the following information about the cost-sharing programs available to Elmhurst residents. Please note, some of these programs have a waiting list so be sure to call early.

**Sanitary Sewer Cost-Sharing Programs:** *Check Valve Reimbursement Program, Private Sanitary Sewer Lines, Overhead Sewer Program*

These cost-sharing programs are designed to help repair and make changes to the existing sanitary sewer connections from your home to the City's sanitary sewer. For more information on these programs, contact the Building Department at (630) 530-3030.

**Public Right-of-Way Concrete Cost-Sharing Programs:** *New Sidewalk Projects (where no sidewalks currently exist), Sidewalk Cost-Sharing Program, Driveway Approach Damage by Parkway Trees*

These cost-sharing programs are designed to add or repair existing concrete surfaces in the public right-of-way. For more information on these programs, contact the Public Works & Engineering Department at (630) 530-3020.

**Stormwater Cost-Sharing Programs:** *Residential Stormwater Management Incentives, Storm Sewer Extension Program*

Information on stormwater cost-sharing programs is available on the City's stormwater management website [elmhurststormwaterplan.org](http://elmhurststormwaterplan.org) and by calling the Public Works & Engineering Department at (630) 530-3020.

### Fun facts about the water tower on St. Charles and Rt 83

1. In what year was the water tower constructed? **1950**
2. How tall is the water tower from the top of the tank to the ground? **138' 3/16"**
3. What is the diameter of the bowl? **59'**
4. What is the weight of the steel to construct the water tower? **378,030 pounds**
5. How many gallons of water does it take to fill the water tower? **500,000 gallons**
6. Then how much does the stored water weigh? **4,170,000 pounds**
7. For how we use water every day, if the water tower was designated to one person, how many days would it take to use the water in the water tower? **5,000 days / one person on average uses 100 gallons of water per day**
8. If the water tower was designated to one person how



many days would it take to use the water with a 10 minute shower every day? **6,250 days / average showers use 8 gallons per minute**

9. What is the red light on top of the water tower used for? **An indicator light for aircraft – an aviation light is required for single structures in the area of air traffic**
10. The water tower was recently repainted. How many gallons of paint were used to paint the water tower inside and out? **752 gallons**
11. How tall are the letters spelling Elmhurst on the sides of the water tower bowl? **7'**

**FOG - Cool It. Can It. Trash It.** Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are one of the leading causes of sewer overflows. There are simple steps that residents can take to prevent FOG from adversely affecting their homes and communities. The easiest way to solve grease problems and prevent blockages is to keep FOG out of the sewer system.

- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets or garbage disposals.
- Pour grease into a covered disposable container and put it into the trash.
- Soak up remaining fats, oils and grease with paper towels and dispose with your trash.
- Before you wash dishes, scrape meats and food with fat and grease into the trash.
- Put baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain basket or strainer into the trash.
- Only use garbage disposals for fruits, vegetables, and organic waste.

**Sign Up for WaterSmart** a secure, web-based portal with your hourly and historical water usage, as well as leak notices. You can also set water-use alerts, based on your preferences, at any time. This service is part of our commitment to provide you with the best tools to manage your water use and bill. Avoid wasting water and money this spring by signing up for the City's WaterSmart program. [Cityofelmhurst.watersmart.com](http://Cityofelmhurst.watersmart.com)

**Don't miss your next monthly utility bill payment. Sign up for EZ Pay!** With EZ Pay we can automatically deduct the amount of your bill by debiting your checking or savings account on the due date. You will still receive your regular billing statement so you will know the amount that will be deducted from your bank account. Please visit [elmhurst.org](http://elmhurst.org) or call our Utility Billing Department at 630-530-3110 for more information.

### **Together We Cannot Fail Exhibit Continues through May 2**

The Elmhurst History Museum's latest exhibit, Together We Cannot Fail: Overcoming the Great Depression, continues its run through May 2, 2021. This timely exhibit presents a pertinent story illustrated by local examples of how communities pulled together to support one another in the darkest days of the Depression era. Visitors will learn about the causes and effects of the Depression and see numerous artifacts from the museum's collection including items from the Century of Progress Exposition, rare photographs, and video footage from 1930s Elmhurst.

Please note that at this time, the museum is open with limited capacity. Face masks are required, and advance reservations can be made online at [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org) or call 630-833-1457. Admission is free. We look forward to welcoming you soon at your hometown history museum!

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### **Snoopy Soars with NASA Exhibit Lands on May 14**

Just before the first man landed on the moon, Snoopy soared through space with NASA's Apollo 10 mission in May of 1969 launching the beloved beagle's role as an ambassador for the U.S. space program. The Elmhurst History Museum is preparing for Snoopy's arrival in Elmhurst this summer via the exhibit, Snoopy Soars with NASA, which will be open from May 14 through August 29, 2021.

This new touring exhibit organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center in Santa Rosa, CA, is sure to be a crowd pleaser for all ages. Visitors will learn about the role the Peanuts characters played in NASA's Manned Flight Awareness safety program, and see displays including a 1969 series of NASA-themed comic strips, video footage, and reproductions of photos and artifacts from the Schulz Museum's collection. The Museum has planned a full roster of exciting programs related to the exhibit, so be sure to see the Summer Calendar of Events with all the details. Make a reservation at [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org) or call 630-833-1457.



### **Martians and Mayhem! War of the Worlds Descends upon Elmhurst**

On the evening of October 30, 1938, panic ensued when the infamous Orson Welles radio dramatization of War of the Worlds aired. Gather the family around the "radio" (your streaming device of choice) and listen to the talented cast from GreenMan Theatre Troupe as they recreate this classic radio play that shook the world. Six performances will be presented via Broadway On Demand at 7 p.m. on March 19, 20, 21 and 26, 27, 28. Tickets and more information at [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org).



**Recent Awards!** The Elmhurst History Museum received an Award of Superior Achievement from the Illinois Association of Museums for a documentary about the history, acquisition and restoration of the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse. The Elmhurst History Museum was also one of only 15 museums in the state to receive an Award of Excellence from the Illinois Association of Museums for a virtual field trip program bringing to life the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse for teachers and students learning remotely. To view the documentary and virtual field trip, please visit [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org). Congratulations to our home-town museum!

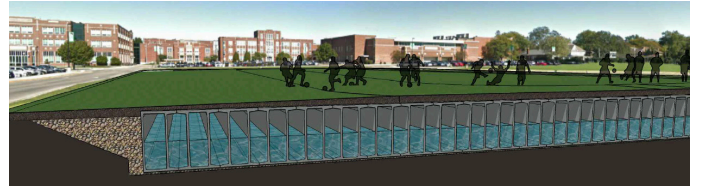
**Sustainable Elmhurst: Curbside Composting** Elmhurst is excited to continue the curbside composting program again this year. Composting helps support and protect the earth's soil, reduces landfill waste, and can be done in a way that is fun and odorless. Starting in April, residents can participate in the curbside recycling program which composts organic waste or food scraps. Residents are encouraged to call Republic Services or visit City Hall to sign up for a 65-gallon organic waste toter, or use appropriate containers with a yard waste sticker. For a complete list of acceptable materials, visit [elmhurst.org/1609/Organics-Waste](http://elmhurst.org/1609/Organics-Waste).





### COE Stormwater Project Update

The City of Elmhurst, in a continuation of its ongoing citywide flood-mitigation effort, is currently scheduled to start construction on yet again a major infrastructure improvement project. The College View Stormwater Improvement Project, effecting the neighborhood around York High School, is currently scheduled to be constructed this summer. This project will add 8.7 ac-ft of new stormwater detention, to be located on the York High School property, for the neighborhood and will eliminate structural overland flooding for 17 homes. The project is expected to break ground in early June and be substantially completed by mid-August. District 205 and the City have partnered on this project through an Intergovernmental Agreement and the school 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](http://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 will have created approximately 129 ac-ft of new detention storage since 2015.

**Earth Day is April 22** and the 51st year of celebrating this important day! Here are a few ways to celebrate! Enjoy the natural beauty right here in Elmhurst. Take a stroll along the Prairie Path to appreciate the beauty of the native prairie plants, or ride your bike along the Salt Creek trail and listen to the babbling creek. Celebrating the earth is not the only way to mark the occasion, consider taking actions to protect the earth too. This year's theme is **Restoring Our Earth** and you can do that by joining the many different efforts to reduce pollution, in ways that are right for you. You could organize a neighborhood clean-up, plant an organic vegetable garden, create a challenge among your family and friends to cut out single-use plastics when going to grocery stores and take-out restaurants. However you choose to celebrate the day, future generations of Elmhurst residents will be thankful you did! Happy Earth Day, Elmhurst!



*"The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share."* -Lady Bird Johnson



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