



The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

Levin Takes the Helm

New Faces on the City Council

Elmhurst's newest Mayor, Scott Levin, was sworn into office on Monday, May 3, by outgoing Mayor Steve Morley.

Levin, who has been a resident of Elmhurst for 24 years, was elected mayor in the April 6 consolidated election. Previously having served as alderman since 2010, he has chaired the Development, Planning & Zoning and the Public Safety committees, and served as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee. Levin also served as interim mayor for a period in 2012-13, prior to Morley's election. He has been active in the community for many years serving as Chairman of the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce, President of his neighborhood association, Vice President of the Chiefs Hockey Club, and a member of the Focus 205 Community Engagement facilitating team. Mayor Levin, a litigation and business practice attorney, is a partner with Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC.

Morley had served as Mayor of Elmhurst since 2013, and prior to that as an alderman for six years.

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Loving Local in Elmhurst

On May 14th, the State of Illinois moved to the Bridge Phase of the Restore Illinois Plan. It is anticipated that the State will reach the metrics to move to Phase 5 – total restoration of business operations, as early as June 11th. For the past 16 months our business community has operated under necessary restricted-use guidelines from the State of Illinois in response to COVID-19. This has been an incredible hardship for business owners – with community support and dedication to keep our business community strong, many local businesses have survived; let's help them thrive. Thank you, Elmhurst community, for your steadfast commitment to Loving Local.

As the state and country continue to move through the pandemic, continued support of our local businesses remains critical. The City Council has once again voted to allow for expanded outdoor dining through the use of city-owned properties; and staff continues to work with businesses from all industries to help navigate



grants, educational opportunities, and other available assistance programs. Despite the hardship of the last year-plus, vacancy rates remain low across all sectors as new businesses continue to seek opportunity and existing businesses likewise seek to reinvest and grow within Elmhurst. Spring brought the welcomed

reopening of the long-shuttered York Class Cinemas, new City Centre residents moving in at The Fynn, and new businesses including but not limited to Uptown Eatery, Jordan's Athletic Center, Green Door Therapy, Geico Insurance, and Progressive Mechanical. The coming summer months will bring the reopening of Mack's Golden Pheasant (scheduled to reopen in early June) and the opening of new Elmhurst venues including but not limited to Sephora Beauty (inside Kohl's), Get Buzzy, Be Well Chiropractic, Harlo Grill, Dipsy Desserts, and Firewater BBQ. Learn more about new and existing businesses in Elmhurst by following Explore Elmhurst on Facebook.

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Aldermen

1st Ward - Marti Deuter, Jennifer Veremis
2nd Ward - Bob Dunn, Jacob Hill
3rd Ward - Chris Jensen, Dannee Polomsky
4th Ward - Brian Cahill, Noel Talluto
5th Ward - Tina Park, (vacancy)
6th Ward - Emily Bastedo, Michael Honquest
7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Michael Brennan

To Mask or Not Mask



The CDC and State of Illinois recently updated guidelines on face mask requirements, allowing persons who are fully vaccinated to participate in most indoor and outdoor activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing. Per the Governor's executive order issued Monday, May 17th, the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) will be issuing guidance for specific industries.

The City of Elmhurst will follow the State regulations on mask requirements. Effective immediately, fully vaccinated persons may visit city facilities without wearing a mask. Vaccinated or not, we ask that you respect the wishes of individual businesses in terms of mask wearing requirements. The updated mask guidance for those people who are fully vaccinated is welcome news. A reminder, anyone who has not been fully vaccinated, and is over age two and can medically tolerate a face covering, will still be required to wear a mask in public, including indoors and outdoors whenever they can't stay at least six feet away from others. In addition, people who have not yet been fully vaccinated are still urged to avoid public gatherings, and limit close contact with other people. Eligible residents ages 12 and up still looking to schedule a vaccine are encouraged to visit: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location>.

Mayor's Message



In my first Mayor's message, I would like to express my gratitude for being elected this past April to serve as your mayor. I congratulate the two newly elected aldermen and city treasurer, as well as the city clerk and those aldermen who were reelected for another term. I look forward to working together with the council members and staff to keep Elmhurst a great place to live, work and visit. It is my intention to spend a significant amount of time over the next few months meeting with organizations and groups to introduce myself, and to listen to their ideas and concerns.

We have a number of boards and commissions that are primarily composed of our citizens. From time to time, vacancies occur; if you are interested in being considered for an appointment to a board or commission, please submit an application. See the website for application and details: <https://elmhurst.org/567/Commissions-Boards>.

As more people are out and about with the warmer weather, I urge you to drive safely throughout town. One of the most frequent complaints we hear about is speeding vehicles on our residential streets with respect to the safety of our children. One of my priorities is to find ways to reduce speeding and keep our streets safe. With schools letting out for summer, I want to remind residents to pay attention to their speed when traveling through our neighborhoods. Remarkably, most of the speeders are people who live in town. We used to have a good slogan on the back of our city stickers: IT'S OUR TOWN, LET'S SLOW DOWN. I also see signs around town that say: DRIVE LIKE YOU KIDS LIVE HERE. Both provide timely advice - let's be very mindful of our speeds on residential streets.

On May 17, Governor Pritzker issued an executive order stating that persons who are fully vaccinated people are not required to wear masks or social distance, except where otherwise required by federal or state law. Vaccines are an essential tool to protect people against COVID-19, including against new variants, and are the best way to return to normal living. As more of the population is vaccinated and infection and hospitalization rates continue to decline, we look forward to the return of traditional summer events in some form. Be sure to follow the City on social media and watch the City website, www.elmhurst.org and www.exploreelmhurst.org for updates on events and changing guidelines.

I wish everyone the best as we get out and enjoy our city this summer. Please stay safe and well and thank you for the honor of serving you.

Scott M. Levin, Mayor

The City of Elmhurst is hiring!

Visit www.elmhurst.org/jobs
for more information.

Investing in our Infrastructure: Summer Construction Projects

2021 Watermain Improvements: This summer, the city is scheduled to replace aged watermain on Elm Park Avenue, from West Avenue to Hagans Avenue, and on South York Street, from Madison Avenue to Butterfield Road. The replacement of these watermain will increase system reliability, reduce watermain breaks, and improve flow. The city replaces watermain annually throughout the city and the locations of the selected replacements are based upon age of the pipe, condition of the pipe, and ability to upgrade pipe size to improve flow.

2021 Contract Paving Program: This summer, the city will spend nearly \$4M on roadway resurfacing. The annual program resurfaces both concrete and asphalt roads and improves both rideability and extends the life of the roadway cross-section. In addition to roadways, the program will also include the resurfacing of two parking lots in 2021.

Stormwater Project Update: The City of Elmhurst, in a continuation of its ongoing citywide flood-mitigation effort, is currently scheduled to start construction on another major infrastructure improvement project. The College View Stormwater Improvement Project, effecting the neighborhood around York High School, is 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 www.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.

City Council *(continued from Page 1)*

Also taking the oath of office on May 3 were:

- Jackie Haddad-Tamer – **City Clerk**
- Dan Curran – **City Treasurer**
- Marti Deuter – **Ward 1**
- Jennifer Veremis – **Ward 1** (unexpired 2-year term)
- Jacob Hill – **Ward 2**
- Christopher Jensen – **Ward 3**
- Brian Cahill – **Ward 4**
- Tina Park – **Ward 5**
- Emily Bastedo – **Ward 6**
- Mike Brennan – **Ward 7**

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, approves the budget, levies taxes, awards contracts, and appoints certain city officers, committees and commissions, thus directing the course of the city government.

Interested in attending a council meeting?

- Regular council meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month.
- Committee meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.



Community Safety



Lock it or Lose It The summer months historically see a significant increase in reported crimes, particularly in burglary and theft categories. With recent crime trends escalating in the Chicagoland area, it is imperative now more than ever that residents lock their doors for the overall safety of themselves, their neighbors, and the Elmhurst community.

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

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. Together, we can prevent burglary and theft in Elmhurst.



Neighborhood Roll Call The Elmhurst Police Department's Neighborhood Roll Call program is returning to a neighborhood near you this summer. This program offers residents the opportunity to meet their local officers in an informal, non-enforcement setting. Occurring on neighborhood corners, officers run through their roll call briefings as they change shifts. Residents are invited to listen in and get up to speed on recent issues, as well as ask any questions they might have. The program has been very well-received by Elmhurst residents, building greater partnerships between the police and the community. The start of the 2021 roll call season is underway. Please visit the city's website and Facebook page for weekly updates and locations. If you have any questions, or would like to request a roll call in your neighborhood, please call (630) 530-3061.

Sign up for Smart911 Smart911 protects over 45 million people nationwide. Residents can create a safety profile at smart911.com that will give first responders additional information before they arrive at the home. It's FREE to sign up and can be life saving when seconds count.

Summer Mobile Patrol the Elmhurst Police Department's Summer Mobile Patrol (SMP) will begin Memorial Day weekend and run through the summer. SMP officers utilize bicycles and an electric side-by-side vehicle to provide high-visibility patrols to areas of the city that are less accessible to squad cars. SMP officers frequently patrol the Illinois Prairie Path, Greenway Trail, City Centre, and Elmhurst parks for community outreach and crime prevention purposes. The SMP facilitates positive personal interaction with residents with public safety presence in areas frequented by bicyclists and pedestrians.



Curfew Hours Parents and teens are reminded that young people under the age of 18 must abide by city curfew regulations all year. The Elmhurst curfew is enforced from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from midnight to 6am on Friday and Saturday. Anyone under the age of 18 in a public area after curfew must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or another responsible companion at least 21 years of age who has been approved by the teen's parent or legal guardian - the only exception being if they are engaged by a business or occupation approved by the state.

Leave Fireworks to the Professionals Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks. Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks - devastating burns, other injuries, fires, and even death. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show.

Fireworks Facts:

- More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg.
- One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- Children ages 10-14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.



Outdoor Dining Opportunities in Elmhurst

The welcomed return of warm weather brings with it the joy of outdoor dining. Earlier this year the City Council voted to allow for expanded outdoor dining opportunities for businesses in the hopes of helping them relieve some of the financial stress of COVID-19 through increased seating capacity. Providing for fresh air dining options also brings more people out to venues in Elmhurst and provides more foot traffic to commerce areas throughout the community. Keeping our Elmhurst streets open at all times allows for curbside pick-up, deliveries, and easier access to all of our businesses for consumers.

Food and beverage establishments may apply for a Temporary Use Permit at no charge to utilize city property for dining purposes. In addition to use of sidewalks, restaurants with full service may also apply to utilize parking spaces on-street and within public and/or private parking lots. Public parking spaces will be barricaded at no cost to the restaurant by the city on a first come first served basis. Beginning in 2020 sidewalk cafes were allowed to locate on both the business and curb side of the sidewalk. The city requires a 60" ADA compliant pedestrian pathway be maintained at all times through the café spaces. New this year, with the help of the Public Works Streets Department, the city has marked these pathways with reflective white tape throughout the City Centre. When dining in an outdoor café space this summer, please remember to keep your chair within the marked café space outside of the required pathway.



Restaurants offering outdoor dining

(as of publication):

100 South	Elmhurst Brewing Co.	Rainbow Café
151 Kitchen & Bar	Fitz's Pub	Riley's
Angelo's	Fitz's Spare Keys	Roberto's
Armand's	Francesca's Amici	Southtown Hot Dogs
Beerheads	Gia Mia	The Silverado Grill
Brewpoint Founders	Guac n Tacos City Centre	The Spring Inn
Brewpoint Craft Elmhurst	Guac n Tacos North & West	Stray Hen Café
Buffalo Wild Wings	Hamburger Heaven	Starbucks City Centre
Chipotle City Centre	Kilwins	Sushi Nest
Cilantro Taco Grill	Lezza Bakery	Sweetberry
Courageous Bakery	Ming Chef	Two Brothers
Currito	Panera Bread	Tannins Wine Bar
Cuvee Cellars	Pazzi di Pizza	The Club Shot & a Beer
Doc's Victory Pub	Pints	Uptown Eatery
Egg Harbor	Poke Burrito	Victory Meat & Seafood
El Famous Burrito	Primos Locos	Waffle Iron



Please visit the online Spring/Summer 2021 Restaurant Guide for more details on these establishments and more at Elmhurst.org.

June 1 – 30: "Find the Pride Scavenger Hunt Contest"



June is Pride Month and great reason to welcome everyone to the heart of Downtown Elmhurst! Search our merchant windows and stores for unicorns and unique pride canvases to win prizes. More details can be found at www.elmhurstcitycentre.com.



Save the Date: 5th Annual Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest

It's back! The Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest is slated to return to the grounds of Elmhurst History Museum this fall. Mark September 18th on your calendar, and watch for ticket sales to begin soon. For more information, go to elmhurstcraftbeerfest.com.



Evenings Around the Fire Summer nights are perfect for an evening around the fire pit or outdoor fireplace. Please be sure to follow city rules and safety guidelines for their use.

- Only use with an approved fuel; the burning of yard waste, lumber, leaves, grass, paper, cardboard, unseasoned logs, garbage, refuse, trash or like manner of things is prohibited;
- Outdoor or portable fireplaces shall be used and located only in an area separated from any structure by not less than fifteen feet;
- Fires should be tended by a person over the age of 17 at all times and a fire extinguisher should be kept nearby.



Inoperable Vehicles Elmhurst Municipal Code prohibits parking or storing of inoperable or junk cars in public view of residential areas. This regulation pertains to vehicles with flat tires, broken windshields or conditions that render them inoperable.

Call J.U.L.I.E. before you dig If you are planning any home improvement projects that involve digging, remember to call J.U.L.I.E. (811 from a cell phone or 800-892-0123) before beginning work. J.U.L.I.E. will notify member utility companies to send locators to mark their underground utilities with paint and/or flags. Once you know the approximate location of utility lines, you can dig safely.

Vehicle Sticker Reminder May 1st was the deadline to display the new City of Elmhurst vehicle sticker and affix it to the inside lower right corner of the windshield on any vehicle registered or principally housed in Elmhurst. Failure to comply may result in a \$25 fine in May and \$50 thereafter.

Solicitor Information A permit to solicit door-to-door is required for any and all persons and organizations that are seeking to obtain orders, prospective customers, subscriptions, gifts or contributions. If a "No Solicitor Invited" notice is displayed, the solicitor must immediately leave the premises. Residents can request a "No Solicitors Invited" decal from the City Clerk. If you have any concerns regarding any person soliciting in your neighborhood, please call 9-1-1.

2021 Electronic Recycling Events The city is hosting a series of electronic recycling events at the Public Works Facility (985 S Riverside Drive) in cooperation with DuPage County. The remaining event dates in 2021 are July 24 and October 23, from 8 a.m. - noon. For a list of acceptable items, please visit elmhurst.org/electronicrecycling.

City Hall Hours City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

Mosquito Control Each year, the city helps control the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses by reducing the mosquito population through operations that include surveillance, monitoring, and spraying. Mosquito spraying operations within the Elmhurst community are performed by Clarke Mosquito Control Company and are performed using environmentally sensitive agents. Residents can help reduce the potential for mosquito-borne illnesses by eliminating standing water where mosquitoes breed and by using a DEET insect repellent when outdoors. This is especially true during dawn, dusk, and early evening hours. For more information or to be notified of upcoming spraying events, call Clarke directly at 800-942-2555.

Planning a Home Remodeling Project?

If you see this "Aclara" box on your house/building please call the city to have it removed. This gets mistaken for a telephone communication box and gets removed or destroyed during construction. This device is used to read your water meter and is costly to replace. Before you begin your project, contact Utility Billing at 630-530-3111 to have it removed.



Hydrant Flushing Fire Hydrant Flushing is a preventive maintenance activity designed to improve the quality and potability of water carried through the city's distribution system. City of Elmhurst Water Distribution crews will begin the annual fire hydrant flushing program on Monday, September 6th. Crews will flush and inspect every city-owned fire hydrant (approx. 2,400) during the course of program. See elmhurst.org for map and details.

Bike Safety When riding your bike, remember to exercise bike safety by following the Bicycle Rules of the Road. Some important safety tips include wearing a helmet and making sure your bike is equipped with reflectors and lights if riding at night. When leaving your bike unattended, even if for only a short while, please lock your bike with a sturdy high-quality lock. We also urge you to register your bicycle with the Elmhurst Police Department, free of charge. In the unfortunate circumstance of a bike being stolen, a registered bike provides the police department with a greater probability of tracking and recovering it.



No Biking on Sidewalks in Business Districts

Biking on sidewalks in business districts is prohibited. Bike racks are available throughout the shopping districts.

To the Moon: Snoopy Soars with NASA Exhibit Now Open

It's hard to imagine — although some will remember it well — the excitement that the race for the moon invoked 50+ years ago. But just before man eventually took that first historic step, Charlie Brown and Snoopy soared through space with NASA's Apollo 10 mission in May 1969.

The historic Apollo 10 mission and the Peanuts characters' role in NASA's Manned Flight Safety Awareness program are explored in the exhibit, *To the Moon: Snoopy Soars with NASA*, a touring exhibit from the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center in Santa Rosa, CA. The exhibit makes its Midwest debut at EHM this summer and will be on display through August 29th. It is sponsored locally by Christopher Burke Engineering, Feze Roofing, Itasca Bank & Trust, Lakeside Bank, John Noldan/Guaranteed Rate and Suburban Bank & Trust.

Visitors will trace Snoopy's voyage to the moon through the 1969 Peanuts strip series and learn about the Silver Snoopy Award safety awareness program. Official NASA photos and video from the Apollo 10 mission are featured as well as reproductions of Schulz's original concept drawings. Museum visitors will learn about the history of space exploration and see reproductions of NASA safety posters and other memorabilia.



In addition to the exhibit inside the museum, there will be more to explore outdoors. In July through August, a pop-up exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution will be on display on the museum's east lawn. *Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission* explores the spacecraft, technology, crew members, and memorable moments that led to "one giant leap for mankind." In

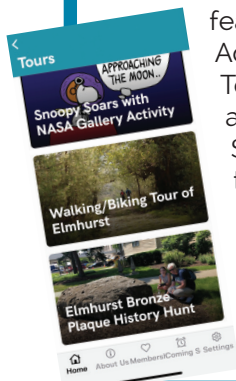
addition, aspiring astronauts can burn off energy and prepare for a space mission with the Astronaut Training Academy course where four stations will simulate some of the same exercises NASA astronauts use to prepare themselves for space travel.

The museum has planned a number of programs for adults and families throughout the summer including lectures, a book discussion, and a live concert on the lawn with the music of Vince Guaraldi. For families, three Museum Maker Mondays are scheduled along with a Lunar Cartooner workshop. Learn more in the calendar section of this newsletter or at elmhursthistory.org/320/Programs. Note that reservations are required to visit the museum's exhibits, so please reserve your one-hour time slot in advance at elmhursthistory.org.



New Mobile EHM App

The Elmhurst History Museum has launched a new mobile app featuring tours and other related activities. This summer, the app will feature our Bronze Plaque History Adventure, Elmhurst Walking/Biking Tour, and a family-friendly gallery activity to interact with the Snoopy Soars with NASA exhibit. Download the free app from Google Play or Apple Store and check back often as options will change frequently.



Volunteer with EHM!

We are looking for a few volunteers to help around the museum. If you're looking for a fun way to engage with the community and gain valuable experience, come join us! Our current need is for museum greeters and weekend volunteers. Adults and college or high school students age 16+ are encouraged to apply. For more information, e-mail nancy.himmes@elmhurst.org or call 630-530-3325.





Employee Spotlight Officer Anna Lazic

*Officer Anna Lazic joined the Elmhurst Police Department in 2019.
She was recently featured on a Serbian News channel, Serbian News USA.*

While living in Serbia, Anna worked as a paralegal secretary for a criminal defense law firm. After this experience, she knew she wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement. She said she wanted to work for the Elmhurst Police Department because the City of Elmhurst has an excellent reputation as a safe and welcoming place. "Elmhurst is known as a highly organized and professional organization with a bright future," Lazic said.

Coming from a different background, and as a female, she was concerned if she would be accepted by her co-workers. However, she said that her experience starting at the Elmhurst Police Department was the complete opposite of her fears. "I was welcomed and accepted by every person I encountered," she said.

Officer Lazic said that one of the things she likes most about her job is interacting with children and building a relationship where they can feel safe. "It is important for them to know that if they need help, we will always be there for them. Helping people feel safer and assisting them is why I became a police officer."



Sustainable Elmhurst Pollinator Gardens



Summer can be a busy time for a lot of people, and it's busy for bees and other pollinators too. Did you know that pollinators are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food? That's why we want to protect bees and all the other hard-working pollinators like butterflies, beetles, small birds and bats.

The Pollinator Partnership reports "Pollinators add 217 billion dollars to the global economy and honey bees alone are responsible for between 1.2 and 5.4 billion dollars in agricultural productivity in the United States." Some pollinator populations are declining and it is mostly due to the loss of habitat. You can help change this. Consider adding a garden to support pollinators and the planet this summer.



Pollinator Resources

<https://www.pollinator.org/garden-tips>

<https://dupagemonarchs.com/>



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