

The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

Explore Elmhurst Holly Trolley back this holiday season!

The City of Elmhurst is excited to announce the Explore Elmhurst Holly Trolley will be back for the 2021 holiday season. Running Saturdays, November 27 through December 18 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., the trolley will follow the same route as in the past and can be tracked on [ExploreElmhurst.com](https://www.exploreelmhurst.com).

The Holly Trolley will connect three walkable shopping districts: Elmhurst City Centre, Spring Road and York and Vallette, making stops at the following locations:

- York St. and Park Ave.
- Second St. and Addison Ave.
- Spring Road and the Illinois Prairie Path
- York St. and Schiller St.
- Cottage Hill Ave. and Virginia St.
- York St. and Vallette St.

Use the Holly Trolley for all of your holiday shopping! In addition to the stores, service providers, and restaurants in these areas, the trolley will connect residents to holiday events. Enter to win weekly prizes on the Holly Trolley and enjoy special holiday experiences each week.

COVID-19 Safety Measures: The City will adhere to the latest guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department of Public Health in regards to COVID-19, and all COVID-19 precautions will be taken. A code of conduct will be placed in the trolley, visible to all riders.

Support Local Businesses & Win - Elmhurst Loves Local Bingo Contest

Supporting local businesses in Elmhurst is as simple as it sounds by thinking Elmhurst first. Making the conscience choice to shop Elmhurst stores, dine Elmhurst restaurants, and seek services from Elmhurst providers keeps our business areas active and appealing to future business investors, residents, and visitors. Keeping purchase dollars in Elmhurst also leads to keeping tax dollars in Elmhurst; providing revenue that the City uses to fund amenities in Elmhurst that we all enjoy and take pride in showcasing. When supporting local this holiday season be sure to check out new Elmhurst businesses such as La Jolie MLN Boutique (263 N. York), Firewater BBQ (635 W. North), The Sandlot Sports Memorabilia Shop (126 N. York), and The Harlo Grill (929 S. York). Watch for more businesses opening in the new year including, but not limited to, Kindred Restaurant, Ever Onward Bar, & The Elmhurst Hall all located at 119 N. York, Arena Sports Bar & Grill and Lyon Beverage Depot (630 W. Lake), Bottle Theory (542 S. Spring), and Hello Donut (116 N. York).

Every time you show your support for local businesses this holiday season you will also have a chance to win gift cards to the local businesses of your choice and a chance at one of three grand prize **Elmhurst Loves Local** gift baskets by playing Elmhurst Loves Local Bingo.

Elmhurst Loves Local Bingo is a virtual contest where participants fill their Bingo Cards by snapping photos of the ways they show local businesses support and sending those pictures in when they have completed a row on the Bingo Card. **Support, Snap, Send, Win!** Did you grab lunch at the American Legion (310 W. Butterfield) or Fresh Start Café (1038 S. York) or maybe you got your shoes repaired at The Shoemaker Shop of Elmhurst (187 E. Butterfield) or picked up holiday lights at Ebel's Ace Hardware (1028 S. York) – all of these examples qualify as supporting a Butterfield Rd Corridor business and complete a square on the Bingo Card. Did you play mini-golf at the Elmhurst Art Museum (150 S. Cottage Hill), take a class at Michael Symber Studios (493 S. York), conquer The Elmhurst Escape Room (152 N. York), or take a ride with Elmhurst Pedicab Co. – that's another square filled!

More information on how to play can be found on the back page of the Front Porch. Bingo cards are available at [elmhurst.org](https://www.elmhurst.org) and on the Holly Trolley.



DOWNTOWN PARKING CHANGES

The City of Elmhurst is in the process of making changes to several parking areas in the Central Business District. Details on page 3.



City Holiday Hours City Hall will be closed for the holidays on December 23rd, December 24th, and December 31st. The Elmhurst City Council and City Staff wish you all a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!

Mayoral State of Our City Address Mayor Levin will deliver his 2022 "State of Our City" Mayoral Address at the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Membership Breakfast hosted by Community Bank of Elmhurst, 330 W. Butterfield Road, on Thursday, January 20th from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Space is limited. For reservations, call the Chamber office at (630) 834-6060. The program will be recorded and posted onto ElmhurstTV Youtube page and broadcasted in February on Channel 6 of Comcast.

Utility Billing Corner Residents and businesses served by City of Elmhurst water, sewer, and refuse can receive their bills via regular mail only (default method), e-mail only, or by both e-mail and regular mail. If you would like to start receiving your bill via e-mail, simply go to the City of Elmhurst website, elmhurst.org and click on the payments tab at the bottom right of the page. Following the directions, users can view billing history for their account and sign up for e-billing. Residents and businesses can also sign up for E-Z Payment, whereby utility bill payments are paid electronically from the customer's bank account on the due date. Again, go to the City's website homepage, click on "permits and forms" (bottom left of page), and download the Utility Billing E-Z Pay Application/Authorization Form (PDF), which can be found under the heading "Finance Forms". After completing the form and attaching a voided check, customers can drop the information off at City Hall, send by mail, or fax to (630) 530-6403.

City of Elmhurst

209 N. York St., Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 530-3000 • Website: www.elmhurst.org

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

Scott M. Levin, Mayor

Jackie Haddad-Tamer, City Clerk/OMA Officer

Dan Curran, City Treasurer

Administration 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

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

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 - James Nudera, Tina Park

6th Ward - Emily Bastedo, Michael Honquest

7th Ward - Michael Brennan, Mark A. Mulliner

Mayors Message

The holidays are approaching, and we will soon be turning our calendars to a new year. I want to start by thanking the community for their support since became mayor in May 2021. Serving as your mayor is a privilege, and I am finding that there is always more to learn and room to grow in this role. The information I receive on a daily basis is nearly limitless, and I appreciate the ongoing opportunities to connect with the community.



Communication has always been a priority to me. It is critical that our community be well-informed on matters of interest and know where to receive information on the City's issues and services.

You will see a detailed list of the different communication channels we use on page 6 of this newsletter. Through our Citizen Survey, we find that the City's Front Porch Newsletter (which you are reading now) is an important resource for information. In addition to the newsletter, there are many other ways to stay connected to City of Elmhurst news and events. I will feature two of them in my column, but I want to be sure that you are familiar with **all** them.

The City's website, elmhurst.org, is the main tool used to communicate our services to the public. The website will be redesigned in 2022 with the goal of improving ease of use and access to information. On the home page of elmhurst.org, you will find a section labeled "Stay Connected". Here you can subscribe to CodeRED, News Flash, Weekly E-Newsletters, Water Smart and Alert Center postings. Each of these tools are used for different purposes. I recommend that you subscribe to all of them, and consider connecting with the City of Elmhurst on Facebook and Twitter.

Elmhurst Connect is our newest communication tool which can be found on elmhurst.org or downloaded as a mobile app. Its primary function is to provide community members with a citizen engagement tool, allowing them to report a concern and quickly find answers to common questions received by the City. Requests go directly to the appropriate staff and the requester receives real-time updates, improving the City's overall customer service and transparency. Please use this tool when requesting non-emergency City services. It's easy to use and gets your request moving quickly through the system.

Again, communication is key; do not hesitate to reach out and introduce yourself to me. Please let me know your thoughts about our community.

On behalf of the City of Elmhurst, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season and all of the best in 2022!

Sincerely,

Scott M. Levin, Mayor

City of Elmhurst Downtown Parking Changes The City of Elmhurst is in the process of making changes to several parking areas in the Central Business District (CBD). The changes reflect the City's focus on turnover and availability of on-street parking spaces, the encouragement of longer customer visits to the downtown area by the use of parking structures, and ways to simplify the paid parking system. A detailed report on the changes can be found on the City's website, elmhurst.org.



CHANGES TO PARKING IN THE CBD INCLUDE:

- All spaces along streets currently subject to 3-hour time usage restriction have changed to a 2-hour time usage restriction.
- All spaces in parking structures currently subject to a 3-hour time usage restriction have changed to a 4-hour time usage restriction.
- The "Zone A" restriction has been eliminated.
- All current permit parking spaces on the first floor of the Adelaide parking structure have changed to 4-hour customer only parking.
- 11 part-time employee parking spaces have been added on the 3rd level of the Adelaide parking structure.
- 12 spaces on the Crescent Court road have changed to customer only parking.
- All permit and daily fee spaces in the downtown parking system will be converted to Pay Parking (permit or daily fee) to simplify the paid parking system and provide more convenient shopper parking when needed. You must have your license plate number with you to pay for daily fee. **All permits and daily fee parking will change to pay by license plate instead of paying by space.**
- 3-hour surface lot spaces will not change.

These changes will be made in phases over the next several months. During the transition parking changes will be noted on signs throughout the area. For more information on parking in the CBD including parking permit applications, please visit elmhurst.org.

Holiday Live Tree Disposal

Live Christmas trees will be picked up without a refuse sticker if placed at the curb on your regular refuse collection day during the first and second week in January. After that, a sticker is required. All ornaments, lights, and nails must be removed. Trees may not be placed in plastic bags. Wrapping paper, packing peanuts, garlands, and wreaths may be included with regular refuse. Boxes may be recycled if they measure no more than three feet by three feet, have been flattened, and bagged or bundled.



Holiday Light Disposal Have your holiday lights lost their twinkle? Instead of sending them to the landfill, drop your dead lights off in one of our containers at Courts Plus (186 S. West Avenue), The Elmhurst Park District Administrative Office (375 W First St.), Wagner Community Center (615 N. West Ave.), or City Hall (209 N. York St.) through Tuesday, January 18, 2022 (look for the bins with the "Holiday Lights" signage.) The City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst Park District are partnering with Elgin Recycling for their annual holiday lights recycling program, with a goal of recycling over 100,000 pounds of holiday lights. Items that will be accepted include mini-lights, traditional lights, extension cords, rope lights, and LED lights in both working and non-working condition. Call Mickey Boyle at (630) 993-8941 or email MBoyle@epd.org with any questions.

Snow Removal

Procedures Following a snowfall, main roads are cleared first, followed by neighborhood streets and other less-traveled roadways. Snow is typically removed from the center to



the curb in a series of four passes. Residents are reminded to please wait until City crews have completed their work before clearing your driveway approach because it is not possible to complete plowing without pushing some snow onto driveway approaches. During plowing operations, windrows of snow may be created in the center of the street and then removed during the nighttime hours when there are fewer vehicles to impede the process. Please avoid shoveling or blowing snow into the street when you are clearing your property. Residents can also help by clearing snow from fire hydrants to help firefighters locate them quickly in an emergency. Please remember, too, that parking is not permitted on City streets for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more.

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

City of Elmhurst Warming Center Warming centers are heated public facilities where any resident can go to during periods of extreme cold temperatures to stay warm and safe. The Elmhurst Public Library (125 S. Prospect) has been designated as an area warming center for those who need temporary relief from the cold. The library is open Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please call the Elmhurst Police Department for additional site referrals: (630) 530-3050 non-emergency number.

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

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



Electronic Recycling Event The City will host an Electronics Recycling event on January 22nd at the Public Works Facility (985 S. Riverside Drive, Elmhurst) from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This event is in cooperation with DuPage County. This tax deductible collection is sponsored by eWorks ESI and open to all residents with household electronics. For a list of acceptable electronics, please contact (630) 407-6700 or visit dupageco.org/electronicsrecycling.



Know an Amazing Kid? The City of Elmhurst's Commission in Youth is currently seeking nominees for its 2022 Youth of the Year Award. Eligibility requirements include:

- Volunteer must be an Elmhurst resident (Elmhurst address), live within School District 205 boundaries, or attend an Elmhurst school.
- Volunteer must be elementary school age through senior in high school.
- The award is focused on individual achievement.
- The service must be voluntary and unpaid.
- The service must have occurred between February 1, 2021, to present.

For more information visit elmhurst.org. Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2022.

Elmhurst's Saint Patrick's Day Parade It's back in 2022!

Don't miss the 25th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 5th starting at noon. The parade will begin at the intersection of Wilson Street and Spring Road and continue north on Spring Road in Elmhurst. It's time to go GREEN! Come dressed up in your most creative and festive outfit!



Prevent Frozen Pipes!

Generally, when a pipe that feeds a certain fixture such as a shower, sink, or toilet freezes, you will no longer be able to get water through that fixture. This would be the case if the pipe is frozen solid.



If your pipes freeze, some techniques for thawing frozen pipes include:

- Opening ceiling tiles if your home has a drop ceiling
- Using a heat gun (be extremely careful)
- Rubbing the pipes with warm damp rags

Suggestions for preventing your pipes from freezing include:

- Keeping the water meter area or pipes exposed to outside walls heated
- Providing ventilation to pipes allowing warmer air to circulate around them
- Insulating your pipes
- Caulking and sealing any openings near your water pipes
- Keeping some tap water running
- In severe cases, it is best to turn your main valve off and drain your system by turning your sinks on

Be a Recycling Super Star!

Recycling Simplified

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

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

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

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

These items aren't recyclable

Food

Dirty paper & cardboard

Toys

Clothes & shoes

Diapers

Plastic grocery & sandwich bags

Learn more at RecyclingSimplified.com

Recycling *Simplified*

We'll handle it from here.™

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2021 - FEBRUARY 2022

ONGOING

Ongoing

By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst Experience local history through an award-winning exhibit about how the City of Elmhurst grew and developed over the years. Explore a changing display of objects and photos featured in the History Spotlight as well as a history of the Glos Mansion and family. Free admission
elmhursthistory.org

Through February 28th

ORGANIC SEEDLINGS SALE

Start thinking spring early this year! The First Congregational United Church of Christ's eighth annual Organic Seedlings Sale is kicking off in early December. Preorders for certified organic vegetable and herb seedlings, bags of compost and growing mix will be taken thru February 28th. (NOTE THAT THIS DEADLINE IS ONE MONTH EARLIER THAN IN PRIOR YEARS.) Seedlings can be ordered by going to the church website: <https://elmhurstucc.org/store>. Seedlings will be available for pick up at the church's Green Garden Fair from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 7th. The church is located at 235 S. Kenilworth in Elmhurst.

Ongoing: through Jan 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 • elmhurstartmuseum.org**



Ongoing: through Jan 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 • elmhursthistory.org**

Ongoing: through Jan 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. See listings in this brochure for more information about our various golf-themed events this Fall. **Elmhurst Art Museum • elmhurstartmuseum.org**

Ongoing: through Jan 1st

Elmhurst Artists Guild Winter Member Show The Elmhurst Artists' Guild Winter Member Show is open for viewing during regular Elmhurst Art Museum Hours.
elmhurstartmuseum.org



Ongoing: through Dec 23rd

Hometown Holiday Delivery Program Our gift to you ~ FREE delivery of all regular Elmhurst City Centre Gift Cards and merchant gift cards & merchandise of all participating City Centre merchants to anywhere in town! (60126) Call to order today and your free delivery will be there tomorrow! Make it a Hometown Holiday!
elmhurstcitycentre.com

Dec 1st - Feb 28th

Start In Your Yard initiative Start In Your Yard is an ongoing educational program led by Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and its community partners. The Start In Your Yard call-to-action is based on Doug Tallamy's book, *Nature's Best Hope*, which urges homeowners to restore biodiversity and critical ecosystems in their yards by planting natives. Native plants provide nectar, pollen and seeds that serve as food for butterflies, birds, insects and other animals. Beautifying your yard can be easy and rewarding. Watch for educational programs and events throughout 2022, and learn more about the Start In Your Yard initiative by visiting elmhurstcoolcities.org/start-in-your-yard.

Dec 4th - Jan 9th

Holiday Flower Show Take a break from the chill and come to Wilder Park Conservatory for its annual Holiday Flower Show, featuring poinsettias and other seasonal varieties. Open 8am-6pm daily. Show runs through January 9, 2022. Wilder Park Conservatory, 225 South Prospect Avenue epd.org

Dec 13th - Feb 28th Elmhurst Public Library Kids' Winter Reading Join in on the dino fun with our Stomping, Chomping Winter Reading program! Record your reading progress on your log and earn a swag bag and the chance to win prizes. elmlib.org

December 13 - February 28

Title: Elmhurst Public Library Adult and Teen Winter Reading Challenge Accept the challenge and expand your reading comfort zone! Spark your curiosity by reading a book you might not typically choose -- we choose it for you. How to Participate: 1. Complete the form at elmlib.org/challenge. 2. Librarians choose a book just for you. 3. Read the book! Tell us what you thought at elmlib.org/challengereview.

DECEMBER

December 1st - January 2nd

Online Gallery Talk: An Ever-Widening Circle Elmhurst History Museum's Curator of Exhibits, Dan Bartlett, leads an online pre-recorded gallery talk of An Ever-Widening Circle: Elmhurst University at 150. Dan will share interesting stories about the university's history while showing artifacts dating back to the early years of this Elmhurst institution. Program will be available online until January 2, 2022 in the Programs section at elmhursthistory.org

Through December

Build It! From Anywhere

Playing off our Winter Common Connection theme of Build, the Library invites the whole community to build from anywhere throughout the month

of December! Stack LEGO, assemble gingerbread houses, or show off your Minecraft creation and use #BuildItEPL. Follow @AskElmhurst on Instagram to keep up with your library community. Find more info at elmlib.org/community.

Dec 2nd • 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Tree Lighting in Wilder Park

Join the Elmhurst Park District as we kick off the holiday season with the annual Tree Lighting in Wilder Park on Thursday, December 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Celebrate the lighting of the sixty holiday trees lining the park while visiting with Santa and enjoying games, family photo opportunities, holiday music and more. Sponsored by Kelly Stetler Real Estate, Edward-Elmhurst Health, Suburban Bank & Trust and Advanced Orthodontic Specialists. epd.org



Dec 3rd

The Festival of Lessons and Carols

Join us for a beloved Elmhurst University tradition: a telling of the story of Christmas in a blend of readings and musical performances. Free. 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. (7 p.m. is also livestreamed) elmhurst.edu

Dec 3rd • 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday Features Every Friday, from 2-4pm, enjoy an afternoon at the movies. Find each week's featured film at elmlib.org/friday. No registration required.

Dec 4th • 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Santa's Workshop at Wilder Mansion

A holiday store just for kids at Wilder Mansion! Santa's Workshop is a special place just for children where they can purchase inexpensive holiday gifts for those they love, including mom, dad, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles,

teachers, friends and pets! Items are kid-priced and kid-friendly. Santa's Workshop will be open to the public 1-4 p.m. No registration required. Wilder Mansion, 211 South Prospect Avenue. Sponsored by Kelly Stetler Real Estate epd.org

Dec 7th - Dec 11th

Hometown Holiday Shopping Week

Shop the heart of downtown Elmhurst this holiday season! All your favorite merchants will be offering yummy snacks, treats and drinks all week long. Special night for just the girls on Thursday, December 9th. elmhurstcitycentre.com

Dec 7th • 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Nature's Best Hope Book Discussion

Join this (virtual) discussion of Doug Tallamy's book, Nature's Best Hope, co-hosted by Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and Wild Ones Greater DuPage. Nature's Best Hope is available at the Elmhurst Public Library in the following formats: book, eBook, eAudiobook and CD. This program is part of the Start In Your Yard initiative. To learn more, visit elmhurstcoolcities.org/start-in-your-yard.

Dec 10th • 5-9 pm

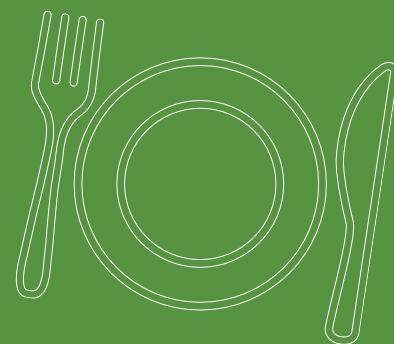
Ugly Sweater Night Grab that ugly sweater for the night of Friday, December 10th for a festive evening of Par Excellence Redux: The Back 9. Don your worst holiday sweater for this unique twist on the artist-designed mini golf course. Book a tee time at elmhurststartmuseum.org/golf

Dec 10th - Dec 11th

Christmas in Elmhurst Elmhurst Community Choir and Orchestra, under the baton of Dennis Criser, warmly invite you to celebrate Christmas in Elmhurst Friday, December 10, 7 pm and Saturday, December 11, 6 pm. This year's venue is Timothy Christian Schools, 1061 S. Prospect Ave. Admission is free and all are welcome! For more information please call (630) 530-5018 or visit christmasinelmhurst.org

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2022 restaurant guide



100 South Chop House
100 S York St.
630-782-9091
100southchophouse.com
SS

151 Kitchen & Bar
Weeknd Brunch **(BP)**
151 N York St.
331-979-7198
151elmhurst.com
AC

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

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

Arena Sports Bar & Grill
Coming Soon!
630 W. Lake St.
FD BG

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

Bacci Pizza
359 S. IL Route 83
630-782-9900
baccipizza.com
PM

Bambu Thai Cuisine
1035 S. York St.
630-993-9392
bambuthai.com
AS

Beerhead Bar & Eatery
Weeknd Brunch **(BP)**
100 N. York St.
630-433-2337
beerheadbar.com
FD BG

BNK: Thai & Sushi
111 W. Second St.
630-833-4030
bnkthaisushi.com
AS

Bottle Theory
Coming Soon!
Craft Beer Focused
542 Spring Rd.
WB

Brewpoint Coffee Founders
124 W. Park Ave.
224-542-8263
brewpointcoffee.com
CA

Brewpoint Craft Elmhurst
617 N. York
224-254-7134
brewpointcoffee.com
CA WB

Brewpoint Lexicon Cafe @ Elmhurst Public Library
125 S. Prospect Ave.
brewpointcoffee.com
CA

Burger King
620 W. North Ave.
630-834-8161
&
176 E. Butterfield Rd.
630-833-5570
bk.com
DT

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

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

Chipotle
353 S. IL Route 83
630-617-5016
&
139 N. York St.
630-834-0932
chipotle.com
MS

Christopher's Restaurant
691 N. York St.
630-530-1890
FD BP

Cilantro Taco Grill
677 N. York St.
630-359-4864
cilantrotacogrill.com
MS

Courageous Bakery
108 W. Park Ave.
630-834-2253
courageousbakery.com
BK BP TS CA

Currito
Globally Inspired
272 N. York St.
630-501-0568
currito.com
MS

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

Cuvee Cellars
545 S Spring Rd.
630-833-2300
cuveecellars.com
WB

Dairy Queen (Treats)
143 N. York St.
630-359-4063
Dairyqueen.com
TS

DiLeo's Pizzeria
193 E. Butterfield Rd.
630-782-5700
dileospizzeria.com
PM CK

Dipsy Desserts
300 W. Lake St.
630-643-6343
Dipsydesserts.com
TS

Domino's Pizza
1036 S. York St.
630-834-0200
pizza.dominos.com
PM

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

- American Contemporary (AC) • American Family Dining (FD) • Asian (AS) • Bakery (BK) • BBQ (BQ)
- Breakfast Plus (BP) • Breweries, Pubs & Grills (BG) • Chicken (CK) • Coffee and...(CA)
- Deli, Sandwiches, Wraps & More (DS) • Drive-thru (DT) • Grocery Store/Prepared Foods (GS) • Italian (IT)
- Mexican & Southwest (MS) Pizza & More (PM) • Steaks & Seafood (SS) • Treats & Sweets (TS)
- Wine Bar, Cocktails, Plus (WB)

2022 Elmhurst Restaurant Guide

Dunkin Donuts/ Baskin Robbins

936 N York St.
630-530-9292
&
508 W North Ave.
630-279-1933
&
195 E Butterfield Rd.
630-833-3535
dunkindonuts.com
CATS

Effigy Salon & Lounge

112 W. Park Ave.
630-758-0101
Effigysalon.com
WB

Egg Harbor Cafe

140 N. Robert Palmer Dr.
630-758-1010
eggharborcafe.com
BP

El Famous Burrito

904 N. York St.
630-516-0905
elfamousburrito.com
MS

Elijah's Specialty Coffee & Tea

136 W. Vallette St.
630-530-2864
elijahscoffee.com
CA

Elmhurst American Legion

310 W. Butterfield Rd.
630-833-7800
americanlegionthb187.org
FD BG

Elmhurst Brewing Co. Brewery

Weeknd Brunch (**BP**)
171 N. Addison Ave.
630-834-2739
FD BG

Emperor's Kitchen

1022 S. York St.
630-530-9888
AS

Ever Onward

Coming Winter 2022!
119 N. York St.
Everonwardbar.com
AC WB

Firewater BBQ

635 W. North Ave.
331-979-7599
firewaterbbq.com
BQ FD

Fitz's Pub

172 N. Addison Ave.
630-530-0777
fitzspub.com
FD BG

Flavah Catering

570 S. York St.
630-433-2323
Flavahfood.com
GS AC

Flour to Empower

Inside Synapse House
561 N. York St.
877-932-1120
flourtoempower.org
BK

Focus Nutrition

Coming Soon!
185 E. Butterfield Rd.
GS

Francesca's Amici

174 N. York St.
630-279-7970
miafrancescas.com
IT

Fred's Place

544 W. Lake St.
630-834-2426
BP

Fresh Start Cafe

1038 S. York St.
630-279-9997
freshstartcafeinco.com
BP

Fruitful Yield

135 N. Addison Ave.
630-530-1445
fruitfullyield.com
GS

Fry the Coop

Nashville Hot Chicken
632 W. North Ave.
630-359-5223
frythecoop.com
FD CK

Gia Mia

116 E. Schiller St.
630-402-6195
giamiapizzabar.com
IT PM

Guac n Tacos

116 S. York St.
331-225-2498
&
522 W. North Ave
630-359-3155
guacntacos.com
MS

H.B. Jones

551 S. York St.
630-782-5669
hamburgerjones.com
FD BG

Hamburger Heaven

Rootbeer Stand
281 N. York St.
630-832-3535
FD TS

Harlo Grill

929 S. York St.
(630)903-6311
Harlogrillil.com
FD BP

Hello Donut

Coming Soon!
116 N. York St.
BK CATS

Hunan Palace

583 N. York St.
630-832-3900
elmhursthunanpalace.com
AS

Jersey Mike's Subs

297 N York St.
630-832-9700
jerseymikes.com
DS

Jimmy John's

1035 S York St.
630-834-1600
&
696 S North Ave.
630-833-0000
jimmyjohns.com
DS

Jewel Osco

944 S. York St.
630-834-0006
&153 E. Schiller St.
630-530-8790
jewelosco.com
GS

KanYa

108 E. Schiller St.
331-225-2459
AS

KFC

872 N. York St.
630-832-5141
kfc.com
CK DT

Kilwins Elmhurst

148 N York St.
630-903-6056
kilwins.com
TS

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Kimmer's Ice Cream
110 W Park Ave.
630-903-6618
kimmersicecream.com
TS

Kindred
Coming Winter 2022!
119 N. York St.
Kindreddining.com
AC SS

**Lariano's Pizzeria
& Italian Beef**
Detroit Style Pizza
426 N. York St.
630-993-1122
larianos.com
IT PM

**Lezza Spumoni &
Desserts**
544 S Spring Rd.
630-530-0630
lezza.com
BK TS CA

**Mack's Golden
Pheasant**
Sunday Brunch **(BP)**
668 W. North Ave.
630-279-8544
macksgoldenpheasant.com
FD BG

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

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

Manny's Ale House
683 W. St. Charles Rd.
630-617-8700
mannysalehouse.com
BG FD

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

Mata Ne New Asian
130 N. York St.
630-359-5869
matanenewasian.co
AS SS

McDonalds
920 N. York St.
630-832-9633
&
190 E. Butterfield Rd.
630-832-6962
mcdonalds.com
DT

Ming Chef
233 N. York St.
630-501-1288
mingchefasiancuisine.com
AS SS

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

Nathan's Noodles
683 N. York St.
630-607-0651
nathansnoodleselmhurst.net
AS

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

Nothing Bundt Cakes
355 S. IL Route 83
630-225-8300
nothingbundtcakes.com
BK TS

Nu Crepes
115 W. Schiller Ct.
630-577-7558
nucrapes.com
BP DS

Oberweis Dairy
1018 S York St.
630-782-0141
oberweis.com
TS

Our Kitchen
363 W. Lake St.
630-279-3738
BP

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

**Pasta to Go
@Shell**
926 N. York St.
630-833-6500
Pastatogo.net
IT

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

**Piolet Pete's Coffee & Tea
@ Elmhurst Metra Station**
128 W. First St.
630-403-6900
pioletpetescoffee.com
CA

Poke Burrito
162 N. York St.
630-481-6888
pokeburrito-chicago.com
AS DS

Portillo's Hot Dogs
155 S. IL Route 83
630-530-8451
portillos.com
DT
**Potbelly Sandwich
Shop**
544 W St. Charles Rd.
630-532-5820
potbelly.com
DS

Prairie Cafe
109 W. Vallette St.
630-279-7711
BP DS

Primos Locos
122 N. York St.
630-539-4677
primoslocos.com
MS

Rainbow Cafe
254 N. York St.
630-433-2490
rainbowcafeelmhurst.com
BP

Red Dragon
117 W. First St.
630-832-8326
Reddragonelmhurst.com
AS

Riley's Gathering Place
590 S. York St.
630-530-0858
rileyselmhurst.com
BG FD

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

Rosalia's Italian Deli
247 N York St.
630-516-3354
rosaliasdeli.com
DS IT PM

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Rosati's Pizza
687 N. York St.
630-279-1998
rosatispizza.com
PM

Sarpino's
623 W. North Ave.
630-279-2900
gosarpinos.com
PM

Smallcakes - A Cupcakery & Creamery
623 W North Ave.
630-359-4903
smallcakeselmhurst.com
BK TS

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

Spring Inn
552 S. Spring Rd.
630-833-2755
BG

Starbucks
164 N. York St.
630-834-1326
&
680 E. North Ave.
Drive-thru **(DT)**
630-993-0028
&
155 E. Brush Hill Rd.
Inside Elmhurst Hospital
331-221-1000
&
624 N. York St.
Drive-thru **(DT)**
224-545-3067
starbucks.com
CA

Stray Hen Cafe
105 S. York St.
630-359-5292
strayhencafe.com
BP

Subway
113 E Schiller St.
630-530-8845
&
183 S IL Route 83
630-941-8181
&
1034 S York St.
630-834-4885
subway.com
DS

Sushi Nest
113 N. York St.
630-833-5088
sushinest.com
AS

Sushi Time
113 N. York St.
630-279-3388
oursushitime.com
AS

Sweetberry
156 N. York St.
331-225-2970
sweetberrybowls.com
BP DS

Sweetz4u
122 N. York St.
630-877-0516
Sweetz4u.com+A68
TS

Tannins Wine Bar & Boutique
112 N York St.
630-834-4800
tanninswine.com
WB

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

Two Brothers Restaurant
128 W. Park Ave.
630-8330414
twobrothersristorante.com
IT PM

Victory Meat & Seafood
116 N. York St.
630-359-5599
victorymeatandseafood.com
SS

Wendy's
956 N. York St.
630-530-5041
wendys.com
DT

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

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

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

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

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Dec 11th • 11:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:30 p.m. Family Workshop: Victorian Holiday Crafts Welcome the holiday season with some Victorian era crafting fun at the museum. Participants will have the opportunity to make a traditional Christmas cracker and a hanging snowflake (one of each/person) while listening to carols and watching family-friendly holiday films. Reservations are for one hour. All-ages program takes place in the Education Center. Limit: 30 participants/hour. Cost: \$5.00/person. Reservations: Online at elmhursthistory.org/320/Programs

Dec 11th • 11:00am - 2:00pm Sleigh Ride, Ice Sculptures and Santa Walk up and down Spring Road to see the Ice Sculptures sponsored by businesses & from across Elmhurst. Enjoy an old fashioned sleigh ride (wagon ride in the event there is no snow) & visit with Santa. Enjoy some Free Hot Chocolate and Cookies courtesy of the Spring Road Business Association. On Spring Road at the Gazebo by the Prairie Path springroad.com

Dec 13th • 7:00pm - 8:30pm Seasonal Stories The GreenMan Theatre Storytellers will be presenting Holiday and Winter stories, intended for an audience of adults and older children, at the Elmhurst Public Library, Monday, December 13, at 7 p.m. The presentation is free. greenmantheatre.org

Dec 18th 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Family Holiday Party Elmhurst Art Museum Free. Mini golf not included Celebrate the holidays with a ho-ho-hole in one. See the special holiday display in the McCormick House, enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, and hands-on art activities along with a surprise visit from Santa at 2 pm. Special holiday activities in partnership with Kelly Stetler|Compass. Book a tee time at elmhurstartmuseum.org/golf

Dec 19th 3:00pm - 5:30pm Elmhurst Choral Union presents Handel's Messiah Be inspired by Handel's Messiah, sung by Elmhurst Choral Union with full professional orchestra and soloists in the warm community setting and great acoustics of Hammerschmidt Chapel (on the campus of Elmhurst University) on Sunday, December 19th at 3:00PM. The performance features all of Part 1, and major portions of Parts 2 and 3. Tickets are \$25 Adult, \$23 ages 62 + better, \$10 Youth (ages 7-22). elmhurstchoralunion.org

JANUARY

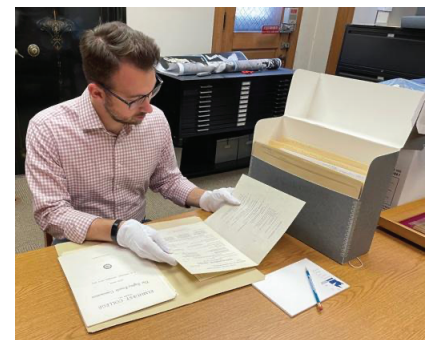
Jan 1st - 31st Elephant and Piggie Celebrate You! The GreenMan Theatre Storytellers will be presenting Holiday and Winter stories, intended for an audience of adults and older children, at the Elmhurst Public Library, Monday, December 13, and 7 p.m. The presentation is free. greenmantheatre.org

Jan 6th- March 1st From Prairie to Tree Town: Tales of Old Elmhurst Elmhurst History Museum Director, Dave Oberg, takes viewers on a journey through time exploring the Elmhurst community's earliest years as a remote Midwest prairie settlement on the outskirts of Chicago through the present. This engaging online Throwback Thursday lecture includes rare photographs, maps, images, documents, and stories from Elmhurst's rich past. This free online pre-recorded program is available until 3/1/22. elmhursthistory.org

Jan 11th • 7:00pm - 8:30pm The Importance of Dark Skies Every ecosystem has evolved to exist in an environment of half day and half night. Turning night into day with artificial outdoor lighting affects the predator-prey relationships of nocturnal wildlife, takes a negative toll on human health and increases CO2 emitted in energy

production each year. The real cost impacts our wallets, our health and the environment. Adam Kreuzer, delegate with the International Dark Skies Association, discusses the negative effects of outdoor light pollution and offers alternatives that are safer, more attractive and less wasteful. To effectively restore biodiversity and critical ecosystems in our own backyards, we must reconsider the artificial light we use on our own property, bring awareness to this growing issue, and inspire others to take necessary steps to protect our disappearing natural night sky. elmhurstcoolcities.org

Jan 15th • 2:30 - 4pm Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert: Baroque Showcase Enjoy an afternoon of well-loved Baroque music by Handel, Bach, Vivaldi and Telemann in the beautiful surroundings of Mayslake Peabody Estate. elmhurstsymphony.org



Jan 15th - March 1st 1:00 p.m. Preserving Your Family History Workshop Elmhurst History Museum's Curator of Collections, Dan Lund, will provide an overview of the best practices to preserve personal photos, documents, and scrapbooks for future generations. Topics include reviewing and demonstrating ideal materials, techniques for preserving physical copies, and the best ways to scan and digitally store family memories. Limit: 15 participants. Cost: \$5.00/person, free to Elmhurst Heritage Foundation members. Reservations required: elmhursthistory.org/320/Programs

Jan 23rd • 3 - 4:30 pm

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

Concert: Baroque Showcase Enjoy an afternoon of Baroque favorites featuring music of Handel, Bach, Vivaldi and Telemann. Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
elmhurstsymphony.org

FEBRUARY

Feb 1 • 7:00 pm

Rehabilitate (or Replace) Your Lawn the Natural Way

Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition invites experts from Midwest Grows Green (MGG) and Greenwise Organic Lawn Care to share the harmful effects of lawn pesticides and herbicides, teach you how to rehabilitate your lawn off its addiction to synthetic chemicals, and educate you on how to improve the physical condition of your soil and turf grass ... or replace it, altogether. Register by contacting ecoolcities@gmail.com • elmhurstcoolcities.org

Feb 1 - 28

Bookstagram with EPL

Follow @AskElmhurst on Instagram to keep up with your library community. February is National Library Lover's Month! Share your love of books with us. Snap a photo of the book you're currently reading or one of your favorites and use #BookstagramEPL. Find more info at elmlib.org/community.

Feb 1st - 28th

Hearts for the Arts

It's back! ECPA is pleased to bring back the #HeartsfortheArts campaign for the month of February. Stop by area businesses and purchase your ECPA swag while showcasing your love for the performing arts. Your purchases support ECPA and our mission to build a state-of-the-art facility for live music, theatre, dance, and comedy. For a full list of participating businesses, visit us online.
ecpa-elmhurst.org

Feb 3, 4, & 5 • 7:30pm

Feb 6 • 2pm

Ace York Community High School students perform a musical about a young boy's journey to pursue the life of his own choices and his struggle to unburden himself from the expectations of well-intentioned loved ones. yorkdrama.org

Feb 4th - Jun 5th

People of the Prairie: 12,000 Years in DuPage County

Since the end of the Ice Age, people have taken advantage of DuPage County's location and natural environment to provide for the needs of their families and communities. Who were the people who called this area home before Illinois existed, and what challenges did they face living on the prairie? Gain an understanding about the Native people who lived here from an archeological perspective and learn more about the descendants who maintain their vibrant cultures to this day. Free admission.
elmhursthistory.org

Feb 5th • 6:00pm - 11:00pm

Foundation 205 Showcase Gala

Support the mission of Foundation 205 to provide access to innovation and educational excellence to all Elmhurst Public School students by attending the 2022 Showcase Gala: A Time to Shine. The event will be held at Medinah Country Club and will include cocktails, appetizers, dinner, live entertainment. In addition to attending the event, community members can purchase raffle tickets, bid in the online auction or be a family sponsor. To buy tickets or learn more click here.
elmhurst205.org

Feb 6th • 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Journeying Through the American Indian Way of Life

Award-winning Ojibwa author Kim Sigafus McIver takes the audience through the American Indian way of life as it once was. Interweaving history, storytelling, songs, and drumming, she will discuss the tribes that once inhabited Illinois as well as their Native traditions and

culture prior to the Indian Removal Act that moved them westward. This program is supported by a grant from the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars program. All-ages welcome, takes place in the museum's Education Center. Cost: FREE. Reservations: elmhursthistory.org/320/Programs

Feb 19th

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Stanger Audition

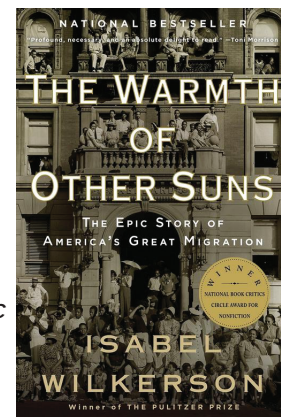
The Stanger Audition provides an opportunity for outstanding high school instrumentalists to gain recognition for their efforts and compete for the opportunity to perform a concerto movement with the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra. Three judges will offer written comments to each entrant, who come from Elmhurst and many surrounding suburbs. Monetary awards are given to the four top performers; the first-place winner will perform with the ESO. The application postmark deadline is December 30. See the ESO website for information and application forms.
elmhurstsymphony.org

Feb 24th • 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Black History Month Book Discussion: The Warmth of Other Suns

Between 1915-1970, almost six million Black citizens fled the South in pursuit of better lives and opportunities in northern and western cities. In *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, Pulitzer Prize and National Humanities

Medal-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles this often-untold facet of American history through the lives of three unique individuals. Participants will read the book and join a discussion led by museum staff. Program includes after-hours access to exhibits. Limit: 20 participants. Cost: FREE. Registration Required: E-mail ehmprograms@elmhurst.org. elmhursthistory.org



Community Safety

The Threat of Winter Fires is Real

- 905 people die in winter home fires each year.
- \$2,091,000,000 in property loss occurs from winter home fires.
- 67 percent of winter fires occur in one- and two-family homes.
- Cooking is the leading cause of all winter home fires.
- 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is the most common time for winter home fires.
- Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of December, January, and February.
- Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 reported home fires, and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.



Winter Fire Safety Tips

- Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and furnace every year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and nearby buildings.
- Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Holiday Fire Tips

- Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of holiday light strands to connect.
- 2 out of 5 home decoration fires are started by candles.



The top 4 days for home candle fires are Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.

- Although live Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous. On average 1 of every 34 reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in death. A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes 1 in every 4 of the fires. Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.
- Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

Keep Hydrants Clear

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



Shopper Safety Tips

- Only bring necessary cash, cards, and identification and do not leave your purse or bags unattended.
- When placing shopping bags in your vehicle, put them in the trunk where they are out of sight. Be sure to remember to lock your vehicle when entering stores.
- Be cautious of strangers approaching you for any reason. Con artists will try to distract you with the intention of taking money/belongings.
- If shopping online, be careful of online scams, there will be plenty of fake bargains so if it sounds too good to be true it probably is! Only make purchases from reputable websites and do research on websites you are unsure about.
- Have a safe shopping trip by being alert and following these tips!

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



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

Prevent Package Theft During the holidays there are more opportunities for packages to be stolen. Follow the Elmhurst Police Department's tips to prevent package theft:

- When making a purchase online, choose a specific delivery time if the retailer provides the option. If purchasing from a large retailer, consider having it be delivered for pick-up at one of their local stores.
- If the package is being delivered to your home, take advantage of delivery alerts so you can be notified when the package arrives. Ask a trusted neighbor to take your package inside if you are unavailable to accept the delivery yourself.
- When possible, request the delivery company to hold your package at their closest pick-up facility until you can pick it up. You can also ask the shipper to require a signature confirmation of delivery to prevent packages being left when no one is home to sign. It can be helpful to provide delivery instructions so packages can be left out of sight from the front yard/road.
- Take advantage of delivery options and be vigilant in your neighborhood and report any suspicious activity to the police department.

Are you connected to the City's communication channels?

The City of Elmhurst Communications department is dedicated to providing information to residents and visitors, keeping them informed on City programs and services.

Communication outlets include:

- The **Front Porch Newsletter**, is published quarterly and mailed Citywide. It communicates seasonal topics, including safety tips, reminders, events and programs that are relevant to the quarter. *(Delivered by mail, pdf posted to Elmhurst.org).*
- The **City's E-Newsletters** is emailed weekly, typically on Friday afternoons. It allows the City to notify residents of timely information on a weekly basis. *(Delivered to email subscribers, posted on Elmhurst.org, and shared on social media).*
- We use **News Flash** notifications from Elmhurst.org as needed to distribute non-emergency information, introducing the community to news from the City. *(Posted on Elmhurst.org, emailed and/or texted to News Flash subscribers, shared on social media).*
- Our **Alert Center** notification include emergency or unplanned news that alert the public of an event, incident or occurrence within city boundaries. *(Posted on Elmhurst.org, emailed and/or texted to Alert Center subscribers, shared on social media).*
- **CodeRED** emergency notifications are reserved for use when our public safety team needs to alert the area of an incident requiring community members take action. We are able to target these notices to specific areas of the City. *(Subscribers of CodeRED may receive the message via phone call, email or text message).*
- The City of Elmhurst **Calendar of Events** is located on the City's websites, elmhurst.org and ExploreElmhurst.com. The calendar not only includes City organized events, but also events from non-profit organizations.
- The City's social media channels include **Facebook & Twitter**. City managed pages include: *City of Elmhurst, Elmhurst Police Department, Elmhurst Fire Department, and Elmhurst History Museum*. Most of the news posted in the communication outlets mentioned above are then shared to the City of Elmhurst social media pages.
- **Elmhurst Connect** is a citizen engagement tool, allowing community members to report a concern and quickly find answers to common questions. Requests go directly to the appropriate staff and the requester receives real-time updates, improving the City's overall customer service and transparency. The tool can be used through the City's website or by downloading the Elmhurst Connect mobile app.
- **Explore Elmhurst** is a campaign designed by the City that provides an all-access guide to community events and activities. Explore Elmhurst is also used as a promotional marketing tool for local businesses. The City's Explore Elmhurst Express free trolley service is a program that was created through this campaign. Visit ExploreElmhurst.com or the Explore Elmhurst Facebook page for more information.
- **Elmhurst TV** is our local-access cable television and YouTube Channel. **Elmhurst TV** produces local programs like Elmhurst parades, concerts, museum exhibits, City Council meetings, and more. The streamed service can be found on elmhurst.org, YouTube, Comcast Channel 6 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99.
- **Water Smart** provides the community with a secure, web-based portal with your hourly and historical water usage, as well as leak notices which can save you money. 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. View your water usage and sign up at cityofelmhurst.watersmart.com.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE ABOVE COMMUNICATION OUTLETS, VISIT
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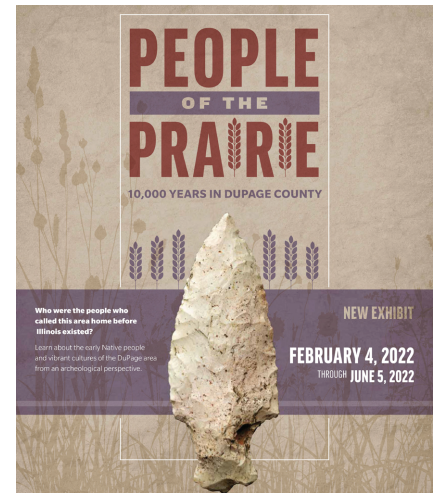
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elmhursthistory.org • EHM@elmhurst.org • FREE
Museum Hours: Tues-Sun 1-5 p.m.,
Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Closed Mondays & Holidays

People of the Prairie Exhibit Debuts in February The Elmhurst History Museum team is hard at work on the latest exhibit that will take over the first floor gallery from February 4 through June 5, 2022. *People of the Prairie: 12,000 Years in DuPage* is an exciting new exhibit developed by EHM's Curator of Exhibits, Dan Bartlett, who has an extensive background and keen interest in archaeology. The exhibit will take an archaeological approach to facilitate a deeper understanding of the native people who lived on the prairie in the DuPage County region 12,000 years ago, long before white settlers expanded into the area. Visitors will learn more about how these people lived and the vibrant cultures that have been passed down to their descendants.

The *People of the Prairie* exhibit will provide a rich basis for diverse programming for children and adults, and it will be an excellent teaching resource for local educators. Be sure to check out the programs listed in the calendar section of this newsletter and watch for Elmhurst History Museum's upcoming spring calendar of events that mails to residents in late February. For the latest exhibit, program, and educational resource information, visit elmhursthistory.org. We look forward to welcoming you in the coming months to see this fascinating new exhibit!



Last Call for An Ever-Widening Circle Exhibit

The Elmhurst History Museum is proud to share the history of our hometown university with visitors, and the exhibit, *An Ever-Widening Circle: Elmhurst University at 150*, continues through January 2, 2022. If you haven't had the chance to experience this journey through EU's 150-year history, be sure to check it out before it closes. The exhibit chronicles the school's journey from its early days as a German protheological seminary to the modern, vibrant university that we know today. Visitors can 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. Many thanks to our exhibit sponsors including Community Bank of Elmhurst, Feze Roofing, and Storino, Ramello & Durkin Attorneys at Law. For more information, go to elmhursthistory.org.



EHM Gift Shop has Unique Options When you're out doing your elfing this holiday season, don't forget to add the EHM gift shop to your list. We have a number of unique Elmhurst-themed gifts including pint glasses with a vintage "Cheers from Elmhurst" motif, stone coasters featuring Lee Sturges etchings, postcards and notecards, baby onesies, sweatshirts and lots more! Stop by during museum hours and check out our entire selection.



Employee Spotlight! Jose M. DeLeon, IT Project Manager

Tell us a little bit about your background and experience. I retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2017 after 20 years of active duty service. As a Marine, my primary specialty was Communications and Information Systems, but I also served as an officer recruiter and foreign security force advisor. Post Marine Corps, I worked as an IT Director for a small county in Upstate New York and it was this experience that gave me an appreciation for serving in local government. After assignments in six states and work in seven different countries, my family and I are happy to be back home in Illinois and living in Elmhurst.

What do you enjoy the most about working for the City of Elmhurst? The opportunity to serve our community and learn more about all the City has to offer residents and visitors.

What IT Project are you most excited to work on? The City's implementation of a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. This project will provide opportunities for improved business efficiency for City employees in support of Elmhurst residents and businesses.

What do you like to do for fun? Spending time with family - table tennis, basketball and playing with our Boston Terrier (Ponce).





Show how you Love Local and Support Local Businesses this holiday season by playing Elmhurst Loves Local Bingo!

Support: Complete tasks on the bingo card to support local businesses: Dining local, shopping local, seeking a service local, and staying fit local -- as well as supporting community events! Complete four (4) squares in a row to complete a bingo.

Snap: Take pictures of how you, your family, or your pet enjoy supporting local to meet the challenges of the bingo card, as seen in these examples.

Send: Email pictures showing how you have completed a row on the bingo card. Send the four (4) pictures that complete your row along with the business names and your contact information to: econdev@elmhurst.org

Win: Winners chosen at random weekly 11/27-12/31 for gift cards to local Elmhurst business of winner's choice. All bingo entrants are also eligible to win one of three (3) grand prizes valued at \$250 drawn at conclusion of contest.

The Elmhurst Loves Local Bingo Card can be found at Elmhurst.org/bingocard.

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