

The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

Invest in Your Community: Support Local Businesses

The Elmhurst community is home to approximately 2,500 local businesses whose investment directly influence the quality of life in Elmhurst. Many of your favorite local shops began as someone's dream, and in many cases, those dreams belong to your Elmhurst neighbors who wanted to invest in making their community great by opening a business here. Their dreams have taken a tremendous amount of hard work, long days, and tired nights to make a reality for all to enjoy. Throughout the course of the pandemic the Elmhurst community has been incredibly supportive of local businesses of all shapes and sizes – supporting not only the local tax base but the business owners and operators that call Elmhurst home.

Elmhurst hosts a variety of businesses making it easy to enjoy an experience together with friends and family while supporting local year-round. Stretching out in the stadium recliners to watch the latest box office hit at York Classic Cinemas is a great activity for the whole family. Have a budding artist in the family? Take a class at Michael Symber Art Studios which provides classes in all mediums of art for persons of all ages and abilities or enjoy a one-night paint event at Pinot's Palette Elmhurst. Polish your acting, on camera, and public speaking skills at Vagabond School of Arts. Test your skills as you try to solve one of three different puzzle rooms at Elmhurst Escape Room. Basketball and soccer enthusiasts of all ages can soar to new heights on Sky Zone Elmhurst's new Air Court (the only one in Illinois). You can also try out the next best thing to playing golf outdoors on one of Halfway House Golf's four professional-quality golf simulators.

Dining out with your friends and loved ones? Elmhurst has over 65 food and beverage providers offering a wide range for consumers. Visit Elmhurst.org to view the 2022 Restaurant Guide and find the perfect spot for what you're craving. A variety of pizza styles ✓ Freshly brewed beer ✓ Steak and seafood cooked to perfection ✓ Hand rolled sushi to order ✓ Fine wines & cheese ✓ Authentic BBQ ✓ Classic Mexican fair & margaritas ✓ Chicago dog with a side of fries ✓ ! Try a new restaurant for dinner like Mata Ne New Asian which opened last fall or Kindred which will open this March – both are located in the downtown City Centre – or visit an old favorite like Mack's Golden Pheasant, Doc's Victory Pub, or Mangia Napoli.

If you're looking for something sweet try Sweetz4U Popcorn – once you taste their Cheesy-Caramel flavor you will never go back to the traditional Chicago Mix! Kilwin's has a host of sweets from copper kettle brittles to decadent truffles and hand-dipped caramel apples – pro-tip, if you're looking to book a really fun outing ask them about the Kilwin's Fudge Making Experience. And if you are a year-round frozen dessert fan, Kimmer's Ice Cream is churning out hand-crafted single batch ice-creams sure to hit the mark with any ice cream fan.

Of course Elmhurst is also home to numerous boutiques and specialty shops to pick up that perfect gift or treat for yourself ranging from bath and body delights at Get Buzzy, to Bachabees and the Uptown Shoppe for fine gifts, something for home from Bread & Butter, treats for your furry friend at Ruff Life, and the latest in fashion from Maxines, Kie & Kate, Edie, Enzee, La Jolie MLN, and more. Elmhurst also has plenty of salons and wellness facilities to have you feeling and looking your best.

Thank you to those that continue to think local first when seeking a service, shopping, dining, or staying fit. Continued support of local businesses assists in the attraction, retention, and growth of the Elmhurst business community. Check out ExploreElmhurst.com for a full calendar of events throughout the year, and follow Explore Elmhurst on Facebook to learn more about the local business community and all the ways you can shop, dine, seek a service, and stay fit in Elmhurst. Check out page 6 for a sampling of new and expanding businesses investing throughout Elmhurst!



Don't miss the 25th Annual Art in Wilder Park April 30 - May 1 *a juried show of art, craft, and design in Elmhurst. Art in Wilder Park features over 100 artists throughout the Midwest, kids activities and food vendors.*



Know an Amazing Kid? The City of Elmhurst's Commission on Youth is currently seeking nominees for its annual Exemplary Youth Service Awards, which will be presented on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Sandburg Middle School. All volunteers, nominators, and their guests will be invited to the City of Elmhurst Exemplary Youth Service Awards Ceremony and all nominated volunteers will be recognized as part of the program.

The City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth will coordinate the review and selection of Exemplary Youth Service Volunteers by a panel of the judges from the Elmhurst community. The nominations will be reviewed and scored by independent judges using a rubric that includes the criteria reflected in the application. Selection of exemplary volunteers is done via a blind review process. Nominations will be accepted until March 15, 2022. Nominations received after this date will not be considered. Visit elmhurst.org/1291/Exemplary-Youth-Service-Award for the nomination form.

National Public Works Week, May 15-21 The City of Elmhurst's Public Works Department operates through multiple divisions including engineering, streets, forestry and ground maintenance, electrical, building maintenance, fleet maintenance, water production and treatment, and distribution and collection. We are proud of the essential services that this department provides for the community. Stay tuned for ways we will be celebrating this department during national public works week! This year's theme is "Ready and Resilient"!

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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

Mayor's Message



Spring is upon us, and with longer days and warmer temperatures ahead, we can look forward to the return of outdoor events and activities in Elmhurst. Health experts have indicated that as COVID restrictions subside this Spring, we will move towards what seems to be an "endemic." The pandemic, which seems to have started far longer than two years ago; has been hard on all of us and has caused some controversies. We must recommit to our strong sense of community. As we look ahead to our future, there is a shared sense of hope that this health crisis will soon be behind us.

The City of Elmhurst has officially started a strategic planning process. The timing is perfect, as we move past the pandemic, to take a fresh look at our strategic plan. This process, last done in 2014, involves identifying a long-term vision, including goals and resource needs during the next 5-10 years. With the input of residents, business owners and other stakeholders, we use this process to review the City's strengths, opportunities, limitations, and threats, and to identify priorities for City Council. The strategic plan is an important document in shaping the future of Elmhurst. The formal plan will be posted on Elmhurst.org and shared through our news outlets.

As we begin our strategic planning, I know that our public safety services will remain a focus. Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with our safety team to discuss the overall crime statistics in Elmhurst. Despite public perception otherwise, the overall crime rate in Elmhurst remains low. Crime statistics in Elmhurst compare favorably to other communities, with rates being flat or within historic norms. We continue to partner with federal, state, and surrounding law enforcement agencies and support each other with mutual aid, including sharing information and responding to major incidents. Elmhurst is an active member of the DuPage County Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT), which provides highly-skilled, collaborative responses to major incidents through shared personnel and resources.

I am proud to say that we are a leader in DuPage County in adopting public safety technologies, such as license plate reader cameras. We started the program more than 5 years ago, and have been able to both prevent and solve significant crimes throughout our community. City Council and staff will continue to look for the best ways to utilize our resources to protect our City and its residents. Remember, we all play a role when it comes to public safety. Simple things like locking your doors. It is remarkable how many thefts from automobiles would have been prevented if the owners had simply locked the doors. And, please do not hesitate to report suspicious activity by calling 911. Our police appreciate these calls, even if it turns out that everything is okay. Let's help police keep ourselves and our neighbors safe.

On behalf of City Council, I wish everyone a safe and joyful Spring season!

Sincerely,

Scott M. Levin

Mayor

Blood Drive The City of Elmhurst will be hosting a blood drive with Vitalant on Tuesday, May 17th from 9:00 am - 2:15 pm. The event will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers (209 N. York St.). Appointments are encouraged and can be made at **donors.vitalant.org**. Please contact the City Clerk's office at 630-530-3015 with any questions or visit **vitalant.org**.

Zoning Ordinance Update The City's Planning Department is busy working on updates to the Zoning Ordinance. Visit **elmhurstzoning.com** and stay tuned for additional updates this summer!

Vehicle Sticker Reminder 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 1 through April 30. Applications will be mailed to residents, and are available to download at **elmhurst.org**. Stickers can be purchased in person, online or by mail. Money collected through the sale of vehicle stickers goes into the City's General Fund and is used for roadway maintenance and construction.

Keep Inlets Clean To lessen street flooding, the City is asking the public to help clean the inlets and storm drains in front of their residences or businesses. Use a rake or a shovel to clear leaves, limbs, and debris from the storm drain. Do not put your feet or hands into the storm drain because of potential hazards that have collected in the drain. Do not try to remove the grate, only the debris on top of the grate.



The best time to inspect the storm drain in front of your house or business is prior to a rain event and right after a rain, snow, or ice storm. If a clogged storm drain cannot be cleared, notify the City that help is needed. 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.

Coyote Sightings Residents who observe a coyote in their neighborhood are asked to visit **elmhurst.org/elmhurstconnect** 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.

Spring Clean-Up The City's annual Spring Clean-Up will be held on the following Saturdays – April 2nd for those with a Wednesday garbage pick-up, April 9th for those with a Thursday pick-up, and April 16th for those with a Friday pick-up. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items, visit the City's website at **elmhurst.org**. Items other than large appliances, furniture and bulk pieces must be placed in bags, cans or boxes weighing no more than 50 lbs. each.



Note to General Contractors If you would like to sign up for code change notifications, please submit your contact information to **cathy.partipilo@elmhurst.org** or contact the Community Development Department at 630-530-3029 if you would like to be added to this communication list.

Electronic and Textile Recycling Event The City will host an electronics and textile/clothing recycling event on April 30, 2022, at the Public Works Facility (985 S. Riverside Drive, Elmhurst) from 8 am until noon. This event is in cooperation with DuPage County.

THE FOLLOWING ELECTRONIC ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED: Computers, laptops, servers, computer monitors, televisions, printers, facsimile, scanners, VCR and DVD players, video game consoles, cable and converter boxes, satellite receivers, electronic keyboards, mice, portable music players, holiday string lights, wire, cables, adapters, power supplies, cell phones, modems, tablets, phones, and docking stations. **Please visit **elmhurst.org** for associated costs*



THE FOLLOWING TEXTILE / CLOTHING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED: Clothing, sheets, bedding, towels, and other household textiles in any condition. No heavily soiled items.



For more information, please visit **elmhurst.org**.

Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade The Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry, in cooperation with the City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst veterans organizations, will host the 104th



Elmhurst Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, 2022. This annual event will begin at 9:30 a.m. starting at York & Third St., and will make its way to Wilder Park. Starting from Third Street, the parade will head south on York Street to Second Street, veer east along Robert Palmer Drive through the underpass and west back to York Street, south on York Street to Church Street, west on Church Street to Prospect Avenue and north on Prospect Avenue past the Veterans Memorial. If you have any questions or want an application, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (630) 834-6060, or you can visit their website at **elmhurstchamber.org**.

Standing Water on Residential Property Seasonally, rain events can cause back yard standing water in areas that are naturally low or are part of a natural drainage path. These types of situations are common in the springtime and during seasonal periods of heavy or extended rain. Generally, most backyard standing water is considered to simply be a nuisance and the water will most likely infiltrate into the soil on its own. Because of this, the City of Elmhurst asks residents to only report standing water that persists for at least 48 hours after the conclusion of a rain event. The exception to this would be if the standing water is causing structural flooding to a home or garage.

National Arbor Day is April 29th!

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!

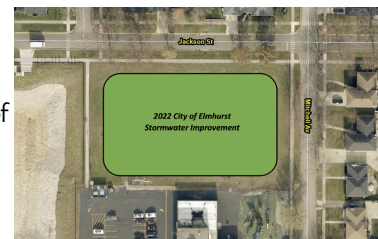
First Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project

The City of Elmhurst is receiving roughly \$3 million between 2020-2022 through the State of Illinois's REBUILD Illinois Capital Program. These grant funds are being provided to the City for specific transportation projects; including bridge work. The City owns two bridges, the First Street and Park Avenue bridges over Robert Palmer Drive. First Street was built in the 1970's and currently needs a bridge deck overlay to prevent increased damage to the bridge in the future. The City has programmed REBUILD grant funds for the overlay of this bridge deck in the summer of 2022. The scope of the project will include a bridge deck overlay, parapet wall repairs, beam and bearing painting, and sidewalk repairs. The project will take place this summer, with the construction timeline restricted between June 6th and August 5th. During construction, the bridge will be closed to traffic, so a detour route will establish a safe and efficient bypass of the bridge.



Stormwater Project Update

The City of Elmhurst, in a continuation of its ongoing citywide flood-mitigation effort, has plans to construct a new 3 ac-ft dry-bottom detention basin at the open field north of Jackson School. In this area, the Southwest Elmhurst Stormwater Mitigation Project - Phase III project (as it will be called), will help reduce the 100-year flooding depth by 0.5 feet and will remove an additional nine homes from the potential 100-year structural flooding risk. This new detention basin will be connected to the larger existing City stormwater basin to the west with storm sewer piping and the new basin at the school site will only take on water during larger storm events, not smaller events.



District 205 and the City have partnered on this project through an intergovernmental agreement and the school intends to continue to use the new basin area as a play area for school use. The bottom of the detention pond will be a grass field, approximately 150 feet by 240 feet, that is 4-5 feet below the adjacent playground area and roadways (Jackson Street and Mitchell Avenue). Access to the bottom of the grass detention basin will be provided by a new concrete ramp near the school's existing playground area. Please visit elmhurststormwaterplan.org for more project information.

After completion of the SESMP Phase III Improvement Project, the City of Elmhurst will have completed 14 stormwater improvement projects which reduce/eliminate structural overland flooding for 473 homes, and will have created approximately 131 ac-ft of new detention storage since 2015.

Citizens' Police Academy, Spring 2022!

The Citizen Police Academy is a 12-week program designed to give Elmhurst citizens a working knowledge of their police department and of general law enforcement practices. The program provides participants with a better understanding of some of the challenges faced by police officers in the field. Each weekly block of instruction is held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on consecutive Wednesday evenings. The next session begins on Wednesday, March 9th and continues through May 25, 2022. The program is free of charge but is limited to 25 students per session. Participants must be over the age of 21 and live or work in the City of Elmhurst. For more information and/or to pick up an application, please visit the Elmhurst Police Department or contact us by email (policeinfo@elmhurst.org) or phone (630-530-3061).



Fire Prevention Spring Cleaning

Checklist While spring cleaning allows you to get your home in order, you should also focus on tasks that improve your home's safety. Fires can occur when you least expect them, but you can prevent them by following these safety guidelines for your spring cleaning routine:



Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms –

Replace smoke and CO alarm batteries and test them once a month by pushing the test button. Gently clean the alarms, but make sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions first.

Kitchen – Keep countertops and stovetops free of grease and clutter. Excess grease on the drip pan or stovetop can easily catch fire. Clean oil and food spills immediately after they occur and wait until the stove is cool to wipe away the oil or grease spills. Keep items that can catch fire, such as oven mitts, towels, or wooden utensils, away from your stovetop.

Electrical Cords – Inspect the electrical cords in your home and replace worn or tattered ones. Avoid running cords under carpets or across doorways to prevent them from being damaged. Use extension cords only temporarily and plug major appliances directly into wall sockets.

Clothes Dryers – Excess lint in the dryer is the number one cause of clothes dryer fires. Clean the lint that has been collected around the drum before or after each load of laundry. Always use a lint filter and clean it regularly. Move combustible items like boxes and clothing around your dryer to a safer area.

Grilling – Clean the grease or fat build-up after every use. Doing so not only decreases the risk of fire but also helps the food cook better. Check the propane tank, hose, and all connection points for leaks. If you smell gas when the grill is on, turn off the tank and burners immediately. If you have a charcoal grill, use only charcoal starter fluid.

Escape Plan – You should have an escape plan in case of a fire or other disaster. The plan should include a map of each home level with two escape routes in each room. Discuss and practice the plan with everyone in the household, including children, and add pets to the plan.

No biking on business district sidewalks

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.



Crossing Guards Needed! Would you like to work with children, help keep them safe, provide a service to your community, and get paid to do so? Consider working as a relief crossing guard! Relief school crossing guards occasionally fill in during the school year when coverage is needed. For further information and to apply, please visit andyfrain.com or call 630-820-3820.



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 weather.com to get notifications of severe weather conditions, and the City's CodeRED notification system for emergency alerts.

Video Sharing Partnership Residents and business owners with private video surveillance cameras taking footage of public areas such as streets, sidewalks, parking lots, etc., are being asked to register the location and direction of their surveillance cameras online for purposes of possibly providing assistance to police in criminal investigations. This partnership would not be intended for active or live-feed surveillance, or for monitoring neighborhood activity—the Police Department would never have remote access to any private video systems. The program would be used strictly with owners' permission and cooperation, allowing the Police Department to view footage upon request for possible evidence relating to a specific criminal act in an ongoing investigation. All registration information will be kept confidential, and registrants can unsubscribe at any time. This partnership is a way for citizens to work with the Police Department to help keep our community safe. To share video footage, please fill out a form on elmhurst.org. If you have any questions, please contact (630) 530-3050 or policeinfo@elmhurst.org.

Drug Take Back Day The Elmhurst Police Department will hold a Prescription Drug "Take Back" on Sat. April 30th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 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 leaving your vehicle. For more information, call 630-530-3050.





Rain Barrels The City of Elmhurst, in cooperation with the Conservation Foundation, offers rain barrels for purchase at a discounted rate. These 55-gallon barrels are reclaimed and "up-cycled" former food shipping containers. At approximately 48" tall and 24" in diameter, each rain barrel has the ability to divert and store approximately 50 gallons of rainwater. This stored water is ideal for lawn and garden watering. Included with the barrel is a screened lid to prevent leaves and other debris from

gathering in your rain barrel and to keep insects such as mosquitoes from living and breeding in your rain barrel. Barrels can be purchased at City Hall, 209 N. York at the Finance Counter for \$57 – delivery to your Elmhurst address is included. If you have questions or need information, please City Hall at (630) 530-3779.

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.

Reminder on building and work permits If you acquired a new patio, fence or any other construction permit, please contact your contractor to make sure that a final inspection has been requested. In order to close out the permit, a final inspection is required.

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

(Continued from front page) **The following is a sampling of new and expanding businesses investing throughout Elmhurst:**

America's Best Eyewear	Now Open	299 S. Il Route 83
Arena Sports Bar & Grill	Coming Soon	630 W. Lake
ATI Physical Therapy	Coming Soon	197 E. Butterfield
Beer on the Wall	Summer 2022	105 N. York
BJJ Lab Elmhurst	Now Open	176 N. York
Bottle Theory	Summer 2022	542 S. Spring
Cilantro Taco Grill	Expansion	677 N. York
Color Wheel by Gianna	Coming Soon	246 N. York
Elmhurst Hall	March 2022	119 N. York
Enterprise	Coming Soon	856 N. York
E-Town Fitness	New Location	590 S. York
Ever Onward	March 2022	119 N. York
Firewater BBQ	Now Open	635 W. North
Hello Donut	Spring 2022	116 N. York
High Voltage Hair Salon	New Location	183 N. York
Kindred	March 2022	119 N. York
Krafted	Coming Soon	111 W. First St
La Jolie MLN Boutique	Now Open	263 N. York
Lion Beverage Depot	Coming Soon	630 W. Lake
Mirage Nail Salon	Coming Soon	556 W. St. Charles
StretchLab	Spring 2022	108 W. Second
Vagabond School of Arts	Now Open	124 W. Park



Employee Spotlight! Jessica Gal, Assistant City Planner

How did you get into the planning and zoning field? I found urban planning to be a good fit for my broad range of interests after taking an introductory planning course in college. At the time, I was taking courses in environmental science, law, and business and quickly fell in love with planning's intersection with so many other professional fields.

What attracted you to come work for the City of Elmhurst? I've enjoyed the City as a visitor and recognized that there are a lot of characteristics that make Elmhurst special. I wanted to contribute to Elmhurst's growth and development and be part of the team that supports the community's visions.

What do you enjoy the most about working for the City of Elmhurst? It is an exciting place to work with a variety of projects to work on!

What do you like to do for fun? In warmer temperatures, I enjoy hiking, biking, and walking the dog. After spending many hours of watching baking competitions, this year's resolution is to bake something new each month. So far, making sweets this winter has been a good way to spend time indoors.



People of the Prairie: 12,000 Years in DuPage County This spring, the Elmhurst History Museum is turning an archaeological lens to take visitors on a journey that goes back 12,000 years to gain an understanding of the Native people who lived in the Elmhurst area before the arrival of Euro-American settlers.

The exhibit, "People of the Prairie: 12,000 Years in DuPage County," uses the scientific methods of archaeology to unravel clues about our state's earliest inhabitants and considers how they lived, how they ate, and how they interacted with their neighbors. Visitors will explore displays including a timeline comparing tribes from different archaeological eras; a digital map depicting the displacement of Native people in the 18th and 19th centuries; an archaeology "lab"; artifacts from various archaeological sites in northeastern Illinois including tools, arrowheads, pottery and more. The exhibit is generously sponsored by Feze Roofing.

"People of the Prairie" will be open at the Elmhurst History Museum through June 5, 2022. During this time, the museum will be hosting many related programs including family-focused activities during spring break week, a gallery talk with curator Dan Bartlett, lectures, book discussions, and more. Be sure to check the calendar section of this newsletter as well as the EHM website at elmhursthistory.org for the latest information.

Elmhurst Museum Day is Back! The Elmhurst History Museum and Elmhurst Art Museum are excited to once again partner on Elmhurst Museum Day, which takes place on Sunday, May 15th from 1-5 p.m. This long-standing tradition will include free exhibit admission and family-friendly activities for all ages at both of Elmhurst's hometown museums. Here are just a few of the planned activities:

At the Elmhurst History Museum: Visit EHM for a special collaboration of Native American culture in the gallery and under a tent outside including:

- Guests from **Midwest SOARRING Foundation** will share their vibrant culture through Native storytelling, crafts, drumming, dancing and flute music and they will help facilitate a land acknowledgement ceremony.
- **Isle a la Cache Museum** will be on hand with an early 18th-century fur trader station where kids can become a *Voyageur for a Day*.

At the Elmhurst Art Museum: Explore the contemporary art exhibitions including *Houses of Tomorrow: Solar Homes from Keck to Today* and *Jan Tichy: Reflectance*. Tour the rare Mies van der Rohe home and participate in a hands-on art activity.

Make plans to celebrate with us on May 15th for the return of Elmhurst Museum Day! More information at elmhursthistory.org.

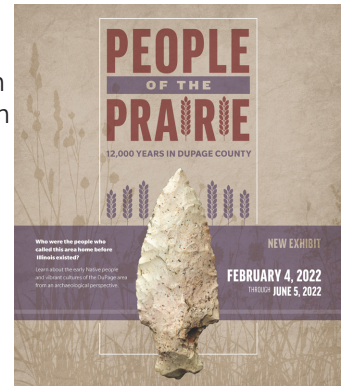
Museum Explorers Camp Parents looking for an engaging and fun learning experience this summer for kids entering 2nd-5th grade are encouraged to check out Museum Explorers Camp at Elmhurst History Museum. After taking a hiatus the last two years, we are back with this popular camp concept where kids learn about museums, local history and explore nearby museums and the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse for many exciting activities. Museum Explorers Camp will take place June 6-10, 2022. For more information, visit our web site at elmhursthistory.org (Learn tab).

Earth Day is April 22, 2022. This year's theme is "*Invest In Our Planet*". What Will You Do? Below are just a few examples of what individuals and organizations can do to make a difference.

Reduce your carbon footprint Get creative with new ways to switch up your commute, or a part of your daily routine. Instead of driving to your destination, carpool with friends, take public transportation, walk, skate, scooter, or ride a bike. Depending on the weather, you may enjoy this new form of travel even more than sitting in traffic.

Reuse, and recycle your wardrobe Though it may seem insignificant in the grand scheme of things, your closet and your shopping habits can actually have a negative effect on our environment. By buying thrifted or gently used outfits online, new resources aren't used to make more clothes that will eventually end up being repurposed, reused, or in a landfill.

Switch up your diet Most people may not know that food production accounts for one-quarter to one-third of all greenhouse gas emissions worldwide, and the majority of the blame falls on the meat industry. The BBC recently reported that if the entire world became vegetarian and ate no red meat by 2050, food-related emissions would decrease by about 60%. If the world went vegan instead, emissions would decrease around 70%.





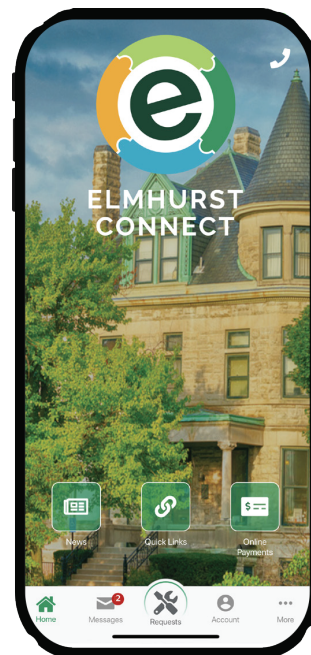
Stay Connected! Sign up for Elmhurst Connect!

Elmhurst Connect is an online and mobile app reporting system for the City of Elmhurst. Residents can easily send service requests directly to the City and track the status and response. There are a variety of report types available, from a street repair or new garbage toter request to a question on code enforcement or public safety non-emergencies; the system takes the guesswork out of who to call. Requests will go directly to the appropriate staff member(s) and the requestor will receive real-time updates, improving the City's

overall customer service and transparency.

The app features links to the most recent City of Elmhurst news, frequently visited City webpages, and quick access to make online payments.

To download the Elmhurst Connect mobile app, search for "Elmhurst Connect" in your app store. Not into apps? You can also access the system from the City of Elmhurst website at Elmhurst.org/elmhurstconnect.



SAVE THESE SPRING CLEAN-UP DATES!

Sat. April 2 for residents who have Wednesday collection dates

Sat. April 9 for residents who have Thursday collection dates

Sat. April 16 for residents who have Friday collection dates.



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ONGOING

March - May 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.

March - May EPL Reading Adventure To get on board, read a book that is: Science Fiction written by an author of color. Need help selecting a title? Get suggestions at elmlib.org/readingadventure. After you read your book: Tell us about your voyage at elmlib.org/voyage. **Elmhurst Public Library** elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

March - May 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. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation. **Elmhurst History Museum** elmhursthistory.org

Through April 25th AAUW Offering Scholarships - Accepting Applications Now The AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch is offering three (3) scholarships of \$3,000 each to women from the communities of Elmhurst, Addison, Bensenville, Berkeley, Northlake, Oak Brook, Oakbrook Terrace, or Villa Park who need financial assistance to continue education at the undergraduate or graduate level. An applicant may be studying full or part time. The applicant must be continuing her education after completing at least 12 credit hours at an accredited college or university and be age 25 or older. For more information visit aauwelmhurst.org.

Through May 29th Jan Tichy: Reflectance The artist Jan Tichy invites visitors to explore the McCormick House as a living, breathing, and interactive architectural structure. With

historical dishwasher racks and reflective glass from the House of Tomorrow, Tichy constructed a solar light space modulator (an ode to Moholy-Nagy's experimentation at the Bauhaus). Powered by sun harvested from the windows, Tichy's kinetic piece reanimates the domestic objects while reflecting the house's light around the room. For Tichy, the McCormick House presents a real solar architectural environment that was lived in. Tichy created a new photographic series to reflect other material imprints of their lives. **Elmhurst Art Museum** • elmhurstartmuseum.org

Through May 29th Houses of Tomorrow: Solar Homes from Keck to Today This exhibition highlights the history and application of solar energy using Keck's design for the House of Tomorrow; provides a dedicated gallery illustrating the mid-century solar homes by the Keck brothers; features a newly commissioned artist project by Jan Tichy centered on glass and light; and ends with winning designs from a 2021 passive solar competition. A wealth of related programming includes a panel about sustainable practices, a look at restoration plans for the House of Tomorrow, an artist talk by Jan Tichy, interpretive STEAM activities for school-aged children, and more. An accompanying exhibition by Jan Tichy invites visitors to explore Mies van der Rohe's 1952 McCormick House as an environment of movement, light, activity, and wonder. **Elmhurst Art Museum** elmhurstartmuseum.org

Ongoing 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. **Elmhurst History Museum** • elmhursthistory.org

March 25th - April 30th Bunny Scavenger Hunt Hop on over to Elmhurst City Centre, get some fresh air and explore the heart of Downtown Elmhurst while searching for the 100 adorable, plush bunnies hidden in storefronts throughout the area. Over 100 prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners. Player cards available online or in all participating merchants. elmhurstcitycentre.com

MARCH

Tue Mar 1st • 6:00 - 7:30pm Elmhurst Park District Job Fair Want to have fun while bringing enrichment to the community? Look no further than Elmhurst Park District! Come to the Job Fair to learn about full and part-time employment opportunities, meet staff who could be part of your team and apply. **Wilder Mansion** epd.org/news/job-fair

Tue Mar 1st • 7:00 - 8:30pm Elmhurst Cool Cities Monthly Membership Meeting From film screenings and advocacy campaigns, to educational programming and partnerships with local organizations, Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition promotes sustainable solutions in the Elmhurst community through education, outreach and community action. Join our monthly membership meetings, typically held on the first Tuesday of each month. Share your ideas, as well as learn more about how you can help make our community a more sustainable place to live. Contact ecoolcities@gmail.com for a Zoom meeting link. elmhurstcoolcities.org

Thu Mar 3rd • 7:00 - 8:30pm Virtual Author Visit: Madeline Miller Join us for an evening with Madeline Miller, award-winning author of *Song of Achilles* and the New York Times bestselling novel, *Circe*. Miller will discuss her processes for writing and research and her interest in adapting classic texts into modern novels. Presented with area libraries. This is a hybrid program with a virtual presenter. **Large Meeting Room or Live on Zoom • 125 South Prospect Avenue •** elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

Sun Mar 6th • 2:00 - 3:00pm People of the Prairie Gallery Talk Curator of Exhibits, Dan Bartlett, will lead participants through highlights of the "People of the Prairie: 12,000 Years in DuPage County" exhibit. Participants will have exclusive access to museum galleries while hearing stories about the people, communities and archaeological material discussed in the exhibit. Limit: 25 participants. Those unable to attend the live gallery talk can access an online recorded version at elmhursthistory.org. Reservations required. Free admission. **Elmhurst History Museum** • elmhursthistory.org

Tue Mar 8th • 6:30 - 8:30pm Stateville Calling: Documentary and Q&A Is Rehabilitation a Right? Stateville Calling is an Emmy-nominated documentary exploring parole reform and the struggle of aging inmates in Illinois. Renaldo Hudson, one of the key stories featured in

the documentary, has become the Director of Education at the Illinois Prison Project (IPP) since his release in 2020. In a panel discussion following the screening, Renaldo and a team of IPP Ambassadors—formerly incarcerated people engaged in transforming the criminal legal system in Illinois—will share their experiences with incarceration and the modern realities and challenges of criminal legal reform in Illinois. Presented with Elmhurst University and Illinois Prison Project. This is a hybrid program with a virtual presenter. **Large Meeting Room or Live on Zoom • 125 South Prospect Avenue • elmhurstpubliclibrary.org**

Wed Mar 9th • 7:00 - 8:30pm The Political Argument Today with George Will George Will is a political commentator, a prolific author and a Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper columnist whose work has been syndicated by The Washington Post since 1974 and today appears in newspapers across 47 states and four countries. Will has published numerous books on politics, political theory and baseball; his most recent book is the New York Times bestseller *The Conservative Sensibility* (2019). Tickets are \$15. **Elmhurst University, Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel, 190 South Prospect Avenue elmhurst.edu/cultural**

Sat Mar 12th • 1:00 - 4:00pm Family Day Families are invited to participate in this hands-on workshop inspired by the current exhibition. Participants will explore the use of the sun to create their own unique works of art. Available to all ages. Free with museum admission. Kids are always free Sponsored by the DuPage Foundation with additional support from Kelly Stetler. **Elmhurst Art Museum elmhurstartmuseum.org**

Sat Mar 12th • 7:00pm Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert Enjoy one of the greatest musical experiences of all time, Johann Sebastian Bach's St. John Passion, when the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra, Apollo Chorus of Chicago and a stellar cast of soloists, under the baton of Music Director and Conductor Stephen Alltop, join forces in one of the most dramatic and moving sacred pieces ever composed. Tickets and information at 630-941-0202 or **www.elmhurstsymphony.org • Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 Brush Hill Rd.**

Wed Mar 16th • 4:00 - 5:00pm Race, Gender and Nation, and the Politics of Belonging The Rev. Vanessa Lovelace, Ph.D., is associate dean and associate professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa. She also is co-editor of *Womanist Interpretations of the Bible: Expanding the Discourse*, and has published articles in many edited volumes, including

The Hebrew Bible: Feminist and Intersectional Perspectives, Women and the Society of Biblical Literature, and The Oxford Encyclopedia of Bible and Gender Studies. Free, but RSVP at elmhurst.edu/cultural is required. **Elmhurst University, Schaible Science Center, Illinois Hall, 190 South Prospect Avenue elmhurst.edu/cultural**

Wed Mar 16th • 4:30 - 7:00pm Teen Job/Volunteer Fair Hosted by the City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth. Learn about volunteer and paid work opportunities with local organizations. Wednesday, Mar 16th. 4:30-7:00pm. York High School Commons. Grades 6-12. FREE. No registration required. Questions: email Jackie.Haddad-Tamer@elmhurst.org. **York High School Commons, 355 St Charles Rd**

Tue Mar 22nd • 7:00 - 8:30pm Easy Care Natives Are you a home gardener who would like to add native plants to your garden, but are unsure how to start? This Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition program takes a look at native plants that are low maintenance and grow in a wide range of conditions. Native grasses, wildflowers, trees and shrubs will be covered. Speaker Nancy Bell is a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener. This event is currently offered BOTH in-person at the Elmhurst Public Library* and virtually through Zoom. Register at easycarenatives.eventbrite.com. (*This is not an Elmhurst Public Library-sponsored event). **Elmhurst Public Library, 125 South Prospect Avenue elmhurstcoolcities.org**

Sun Mar 27th • 1:30 - 2:30pm McCormick House Tours Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the McCormick House! Learn about the history and unique design of the McCormick House (1952) by the legendary architect Mies van der Rohe on this docent-led tour. Guided tours offered Sunday Mar 27 at 1:30PM and Saturday, May 21 at 1:30PM. The McCormick House is a single-family home designed in 1952 by Mies van der Rohe, one of the great architects of the 20th Century. It is one of only three residences designed and built by Mies in the United States – and one of only two open to the public. The current art installation by Jan Tichy invites visitors to explore its domestic space as an environment of movement, light, activity, and wonder. Free with museum admission. Advanced registration recommended **Elmhurst Art Museum elmhurstartmuseum.org**

Mon Mar 28th • 11:00am - 3:00pm Meet an Archaeologist! Meet archaeologist and exhibit partner Sara Pfannkuche in the museum's first floor gallery and learn about the myths and truths behind this fascinating profession. Families are invited to explore the "People of the Prairie" exhibit and try out a variety of archaeology-based activities including a "clean" indoor dig, timeline games, and mobile gallery activity.

Drop-in program, no registration required. Free admission. **Elmhurst History Museum elmhursthstory.org**

Wed Mar 30th • 1:00 - 2:00pm From Atlatl to Archery: Ancient Hunting Technologies Do you have what it takes to bring down a mastodon or a bison? Participants in this off-site workshop will learn about different tools used to hunt big game in this area before the arrival of modern weapons. Learn about a spear-throwing device called an atlatl, which helped ancient hunters throw spears harder and further. Kids can test their archery skills with a bow and arrow. Presented by Elmhurst History Museum staff in collaboration with DuPage Forest Preserve District. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$5 per person. Reservations required. **St. James Farm, 2S541 Winfield Road, Warrenville, IL elmhursthstory.org**

Wed Mar 30th • 7:00 - 9:00pm Virtual Author Visit: Jenny Lawson Live on Zoom. Settle in for an evening with award-winning humorist Jenny Lawson as she discusses her most recent bestseller, *Broken (in the Best Possible Way)*, and her brilliantly funny body of work. Presented with area libraries. **Elmhurst Public Library - Large Meeting Room, 125 South Prospect Avenue • elmhurstpubliclibrary.org**

APRIL

Fri Apr 1st • 11:00am - 3:00pm Three Sisters Make-and-Take Activity Families are invited to drop into the museum and hear the story of "The Three Sisters," the Native method of planting corn, beans and squash together in a harmonious ecosystem. Participants will plant seeds and learn how to grow a Three Sisters Garden at home. No registration required. Free admission. **Elmhurst History Museum, 120 East Park Avenue • elmhursthstory.org**

Tue Apr 5th • 7:00 - 8:30pm Elmhurst Cool Cities Monthly Membership Meeting (See our MARCH 1 calendar submission for additional information.) Join our monthly membership meetings, typically held on the first Tuesday of each month. Share your ideas, as well as learn more about how you can help make our community a more sustainable place to live. Contact ecoolcities@gmail.com for a Zoom meeting link. **elmhurstcoolcities.org**

Thu April 7th Carl Sandburg: Poet, Politician and Prophet In honor of National Poetry Month, join Lawrence Webb, Sandburg scholar and author of nine books including the newly published *"Carl Sandburg: Poet, Politician and*

Prophet." Webb will consider former Elmhurst resident Sandburg's impact on American culture in the 20th century. This pre-recorded online program will be available from April 7 through May 6. Free. **Elmhurst History Museum • elmhursthstory.org**

Thu Apr 7th • 7:00 - 9:00pm Author Visit: Kiley Reid Spend an engaging evening with Kiley Reid, Man Booker Prize nominee and New York Times bestselling author of *Such a Fun Age*, a critically acclaimed novel that shines a bright light on the subtle, yet deeply impactful aspects of race and privilege in America. Ms. Reid speaks about her writing process and the inspiration for her stories. Discussion and Q&A to follow. **Elmhurst University - Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel, 190 South Prospect Avenue • elmhurst.edu/cultural**

Sat Apr 9th - Sun Apr 24th • 8:00am - 6:00pm Spring Flower Show Get ready for spring with this seasonal floral display at Wilder Park Conservatory. Free admission. The Conservatory is open daily 8 a.m.-6 p.m. **Wilder Park Conservatory, 225 South Prospect Avenue • epd.org/facilities/wilder-park-conservatory**

Sun April 10th • 2:00pm Billy Caldwell: Chicago and the Great Lakes Trail Join author Susan Kelsey as she shares the intriguing story of Billy Caldwell, a man of Native and Irish descent caught between two nations. Caldwell negotiated one of the largest land trades in American history which ceded more than 5 million acres to white settlers in the Chicago area resulting in the removal of thousands of Native Americans to "Indian Territory." Kelsey's latest book, *Billy Caldwell (1780-1841): Chicago and the Great Lakes Trail*, will be available for purchase and signing while supplies last. Reservations required. Program takes place in the Education Center. Free to members, \$5 non-members. **Elmhurst History Museum elmhursthstory.org**

Thu Apr 14th • 8:00 - 8:30pm Flashlight Egg Hunt Ages 11-16, join your friends in the frenzy as you search for prize eggs filled with candy, gift certificates and other great prizes during the Flashlight Egg Hunt in Wilder Park. Free, no registration required. **Wilder Park, 175 South Prospect Avenue • epd.org/news/flashlight-teen-egg-hunt**

Sat Apr 16th • 9:00 - 10:15am Egg Hunt at Berens Park Hop over to the baseball fields at Berens Park for Elmhurst Park District's Egg Hunt! Ages 2-10. Two time sessions available, 9-9:15 a.m. and 10-10:15 a.m. Event is

free, but registration is required. Adults must accompany children and don't forget to bring your basket! Register at epd.org. **Berens Park, epd.org/news/egg-hunt-berens-park**

Sat Apr 16th • 10:30am Doggie Eggstravaganza Celebrate spring with your four-legged friend when the egg hunt goes to the dogs! Join Elmhurst Park District in Berens Park, south of The Hub. Registration is not required. Free to attend. **Berens Park • epd.org**

Sat Apr 16th • 12:30 - 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt on Spring Road Join us for a fun Easter Egg Hunt on Spring Road! Thousands of candy filled eggs will be scattered throughout the Wild Meadows Trace park by the Gazebo on Spring Road. The egg hunt starts PROMPTLY at 1pm. Don't be late to this event! Meet and Greet with the Easter Bunny starting at 12:30pm. **Wild Meadow Trace Park, 483 Spring Road • springroad.com/our-events**

Tue Apr 19th • 7:00 - 8:30pm Urban Forest Stewardship: Native Tree Selection & Community Engagement We'll explore Elmhurst's tree canopy and the importance of species diversity, highlight excellent native trees for northern Illinois, and discuss community engagement opportunities to help build a healthier urban forest. Speaker Trinity Pierce is the Chicago Region Trees Initiative Stewardship Manager at The Morton Arboretum. This program is co-sponsored by Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and League of Women Voters-Elmhurst in advance of Earth Day 2022 on April 22. This event is currently offered BOTH in-person at the Elmhurst Public Library* and virtually through Zoom. Register at earthday2022.eventbrite.com. (* This is not an Elmhurst Public Library-sponsored event.) **Elmhurst Public Library, 125 South Prospect Avenue • elmhurstcoolcities.org**

Thu Apr 21st • 6:30am - 8:00pm Book Discussion: The Seed Keeper Hailed as a Best Book of 2021 by multiple publications, *The Seed Keeper* weaves together the voices of several generations of a Dakhóta family struggling to preserve their way of life in a changing world. This book discussion will be led by museum staff and participants will have exclusive after-hours access to museum exhibits. Books are available online and through major booksellers. Free admission. Registration Required: E-mail ehmprograms@elmhurst.org **Elmhurst History Museum elmhursthstory.org**

Sun Apr 24th • 7:00 - 8:30pm Holocaust XR: How New Media is Enabling Memory and Education Stephen D. Smith is the executive director of the USC Shoah Foundation,

whose mission is to develop empathy, understanding and respect through testimony. The UNESCO Chair on Genocide Education, Smith also founded the UK Holocaust Centre in Nottinghamshire, England, and has served as a producer on a number of film and new media projects, including *Dimensions in Testimony*, and the VR project *The Last Goodbye*. RSVP required at elmhurst.edu/cultural. **Elmhurst University, Frick Center, Founders Lounge, 190 South Prospect Avenue • elmhurst.edu/cultural**

Thu Apr 28th • 7:00pm Exemplary Youth Service Awards Know an Amazing Kid? The City of Elmhurst's Commission on Youth is currently seeking nominees for its annual Exemplary Youth Service Awards, which will be presented on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 7:00pm at Sandburg Middle School. All volunteers, nominators, and their guests will be invited to the City of Elmhurst Exemplary Youth Service Awards and all nominated volunteers will be recognized as part of the program. Visit elmhurst.org for the nomination form. **Sandburg Middle School, 345 E St Charles Rd**

Thu Apr 28th - Sun May 1st • 7:30 - 10:00pm and 2:00 - 4:00pm York Community High School Spring Musical Watch the talented cast and crew of the York Drama Club perform their much anticipated spring musical, *Godspell*. Tickets are \$15. April 28th, 29th and 30th from 7:30 pm-10:00 pm; May 1st 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Get early access to tickets and support the development of local artists by joining York Drama Boosters. **York Community High School (Baker Auditorium), 355 Saint Charles Road • yorkdrama.org**

Fri Apr 29th - Sun May 15th • 7:30pm and 2:00pm GreenMan Theatre Presents "The Angle of Mercy" by Carl Howlett, directed by Craig Gustafson The time is 1947; the place, Hollywood. The big stars have gathered for a glitzy party at the home of studio head Frank Staerkel. Frank is desperate to get sexy starlet lila Wolverton to sign her contract for his next big picture, but she has other plans. When dangerous gangster and wannabe actor Charlie Leoni takes an interest in appearing in Frank's movie, things take a turn to the hilarious. This fast-paced, witty comedy pays homage to the George Burns and Gracie Allen screwball comedies of the 1930s and 1940s. GreenMan is thrilled to present this world premier play to our audiences. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2:00 p.m. \$20 / \$15 students and seniors. **First United Methodist Church, 232 S. York St. • greenmantheatre.org**

Sat Apr 30th - Sun May 1st • 10:00am - 5:00pm 25th Annual Art in Wilder Park Join us for the 25th anniversary of Art in Wilder Park presented

with RGL Marketing for the Arts, Inc. featuring 100 Midwest artists, along with events and exhibitions at the Elmhurst Art Museum. Both days (April 30 & May 1) are presented in festival style with one of a kind art, food vendors, entertainment, and kid's activities including hands-on activities for families hosted by various community organizations. Presenting Sponsor Kelly Stetler/Compass. In partnership with the Elmhurst Park District. Free admission. **Wilder Park, 150 South Cottage Hill Avenue** elmhurstartmuseum.org

Sat Apr 30th - Sun May 1st - 11:00am - 5:00pm School District 205 Student Art Show Join us for this annual exhibition that highlights artwork created by students from District 205 schools in our galleries. Artists from 11 different elementary and middle schools will showcase their work from the 2021-2022 school year. Admission is free this weekend so come enjoy the exhibition then visit Art in Wilder Park. This exhibition is sponsored in part by Unlimited Heating & Cooling Inc. **Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 S. Cottage Hill Avenue** elmhurstartmuseum.org

MAY

Tue May 3rd - 6:00 - 8:30pm Elmhurst Cool Cities Monthly Membership Meeting (See our MARCH 1 calendar submission for additional information.) Join our monthly membership meetings, typically held on the first Tuesday of each month. Share your ideas, as well as learn more about how you can help make our community a more sustainable place to live. Contact ecoolcities@gmail.com for a Zoom meeting link. elmhurstcoolcities.org

Sat May 7th - 9:00am - 1:00pm Green Garden Fair From 9 AM to 1 PM, the First Congregational Church, 235 S. Kenilworth, Elmhurst, will be holding their annual Green Garden Fair, after a two-year hiatus due to Covid. Pick up pre ordered certified organic vegetable and herb seedlings and/or purchase additional seedlings at the Fair. You'll also be able to purchase organic growing mix and compost to help your garden grow, and learn how to live more sustainably from a variety of "green" exhibitors such as the Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and the University of IL Extension Master Gardeners. The event will be held in the church parking lot. For more information visit the church website: <https://elmhurstucc.org/> **Parking Lot of the First Congregational Church, 235 South Kenilworth Avenue**

Sat May 7th - 7:00pm Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra Concert The ESO concludes the season with an incandescent program of blockbuster works. "Orchestral Brilliance" showcases the extraordinary She-e Wu in Jennifer Higdon's imaginative Percussion Concerto, and the ESO brass will shine in Shostakovich's Festive Overture and the brilliant Symphonic Dances of Rachmaninoff. This is a season finale you will not want to miss. Tickets and information at 630-941-0202 or www.elmhurstsymphony.org • **Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 Brush Hill Rd.**

Sat May 14th - 8:30am - 1:00pm Crestview Garden Club of Elmhurst Annual Plant Sale Check out the 42nd annual plant sale for more than 1,000 plant offerings to include sun and shade perennials, herbs, ground covers, natives, shrubs, vines and houseplants. The sale will also feature plants that attract pollinators. Want more butterflies and hummingbirds in your yard? Visit the special butterfly and hummingbird sections filled with plants that are highly attractive to these beautiful creatures. Experienced gardeners will be onsite to answer questions and assist with plant selection. A portion of the plant sales will be donated to support community projects. Personal checks, cash and major credit cards will be accepted for purchases. Note: New location for this year's plant sale. Sale takes place rain OR shine. crestviewgardenclub@yahoo.com **The Depot at Wild Meadows Trace, 511 South York Street**

Sat May 14th - 11:30am - 2:00pm Pet Parade on Spring Road The fun begins at 11:30am and Pet Parade is at 1pm. Before the parade, gather at the Silverado Grill Parking lot. All kinds of animals are invited to participate! On-site pet adoption will also be available. Featuring FREE: FACE TATTOOS – Get your face or hand decorated with a variety of temporary tattoos! PET PORTRAITS – Get a photo with your pet! MOON JUMP – Enjoy the Moon Jump! PET TRICKS – Demonstrate your pet's talents! Cost: FREE, but Pet Food donations will be accepted benefitting a local animal shelter or food pantry (nonperishable goods or cash accepted) Check the website for Pet Parade 2022 entry form. **Silverado Grill Parking Lot, 447 S. Spring Road** springroad.com/our-events

Sun May 15th - 1:00 - 5:00pm Elmhurst Museum Day 2022 Elmhurst Museum Day is back! Join in a celebration of the important value of museums to our community. Jump on board the trolley to visit two Elmhurst museums for free admission, family-friendly activities, tours, refreshments and more. Visit Elmhurst History Museum for a special collaboration of Native American culture! View the "People of the Prairie" exhibit inside the museum and participate in activities

outdoors under the tent including a land acknowledgement ceremony plus Native music, dance, craft vendors and more. Get to know the Isle a la Cache Museum by stopping by their early 18th-century fur trader station where kids can become a Voyageur for a Day. Meet guests from Midwest SOARRING Foundation who will share their vibrant culture through Native storytelling, drumming, dancing and flute music. Make a beaded necklace (while supplies last). Visit Elmhurst Art Museum to explore the contemporary art exhibitions including Houses of Tomorrow: Solar Homes from Keck to Today and Jan Tichy: Reflectance. Tour the rare Mies van der Rohe home and participate in a hands-on art activity. **Elmhurst History Museum** elmhursthistory.org

Sun May 22nd - 2:00 - 3:00pm Stories n' Stones Storyteller Marilyn Kinsella presents traditional Native American stories including "Skunny Wundy and the Stone Giants" from the Iroquois and a riveting tale from the Northwest, "The Whistling Tsonquas." She will be joined by primitive tool specialist Larry Kinsella as he demonstrates some of the tools mentioned in the stories including bows and arrows and more. 45-minute program suitable for families. Presented in partnership with the Elmhurst Public Library. Register online. Free admission. **Elmhurst Public Library** elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

Thu May 26th - 6:30 - 8:30pm Music at the Gazebo All acts start at 6:30pm. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of musical entertainment under the stars! Please note that these events are on Elmhurst Park District property, so please refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages in the park, per Elmhurst Park District policy. **Wild Meadows Trace Park, 483 Spring Road** • springroad.com/our-events

Mon May 30th - 9:30 - 11:30am Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade This annual event kicks off at 9:30 a.m. Location: York & Third St to Wilder Park. Starting from Third Street, the parade will head south on York Street to Second Street, veer east along Robert Palmer Drive through the underpass and west back to York Street, south on York Street to Church Street, west on Church Street to Prospect Avenue and north on Prospect Avenue past the Veterans Memorial. If you have any questions or desire an application, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (630) 834-6060, or you can visit their website. **York & Third St to Wilder Park** elmhurstchamber.org