

The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

All Aboard the Explore Elmhurst Holly Trolley!

The City of Elmhurst is excited to announce the Explore Elmhurst Trolley is back for the holiday edition "Holly Trolley" on Saturdays, November 26 through December 17, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The trolley will follow the same route as the summer trolley program. Track the trolley's location at [ExploreElmhurst.com](https://www.exploreelmhurst.com).

Use the Holly Trolley for your holiday shopping! The Holly Trolley will connect three shopping districts: Elmhurst City Centre, Spring Road, and York and Vallette. In addition to the stores and restaurants in these areas, the trolley will connect residents to many holiday events and riders can enter to win weekly prizes.



Special Appearances on the Holly Trolley!

November 26:

Elmhurst Firefighter Storytime (2 p.m.)
Elmhurst Choral Union Carolers (4-6 p.m.)

December 3:

Frozen Characters "Anna" & "Elsa" (10 a.m. - noon)
Elmhurst Police Officer Storytime (2 p.m.)

December 10:

Elmhurst History Holiday Tour (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
Frozen Characters "Anna" & "Elsa" (2 - 4 p.m.)
Elmhurst Choral Union Carolers (4-6 p.m.)

December 17:

Frozen Characters "Anna" & "Elsa" (noon - 2 p.m.)
Elmhurst Public Library Storytime (2 p.m.)



Shop Local Businesses & Win: Dashing through Elmhurst Contest!

The holidays are truly a special time in Elmhurst, and we hope that residents and visitors enjoy all that the City has to offer with memorable holiday events, and unique shopping and dining experiences. 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 keeping 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.

It's time to dash through Elmhurst this holiday season with our new shop local campaign! Find our "Dashing through Elmhurst" reindeer around town, spend money at a nearby business, and then submit a photo of your receipt for a chance to win! Businesses offering a special during this time will have a flyer posted in their window. Every time you show your support by shopping local this holiday season you will also have a chance to win an Elmhurst Loves Local gift basket. Proof of purchases includes a merchant receipt with the purchase date. Winners will be announced weekly between November 26 - December 17. For a map of reindeer locations, holiday events, and to submit your proof of purchase, visit [ExploreElmhurst.com/DashingthroughElmhurst](https://www.exploreelmhurst.com/DashingthroughElmhurst).

City Hall Holiday Hours

City Hall will be closed for the holidays on December 23, December 26 and January 2. 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 2023 "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 19 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 on the ElmhurstTV YouTube page and broadcast in February on Channel 6 of Comcast.

Internet Security Event

The Elmhurst Commission on Youth will be hosting an event on February 1, 2023 at the Elmhurst YMCA at 7 p.m. Karilyn M. Orr from the Illinois Attorney General's Office will present on Internet Crimes Against Children, providing valuable information on how to stay safe and avoid online risk. For more information visit Elmhurst.org.

City of Elmhurst

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(630) 530-3000 • Website: elmhurst.org

To learn about job opportunities through the City of Elmhurst, please visit elmhurst.org.

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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 - Tina Park, James Nudera
6th Ward - Emily Bastedo, Michael Honquest
7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Michael Brennan

Mayor's Message



This past November, I had an opportunity to host a Community Conversation presented by the City's Senior Citizens Commission. The event was held at the Elmhurst Park District Centennial Park facility, a wonderful new space for our community. We are thankful that this new facility will allow the senior population to return to activities enjoyed before the pandemic. During the Community Conversation, I enjoyed learning more about the many services provided for our seniors. In addition to my comments, our new police and fire chiefs presented programs and services offered to seniors by their departments. Services for seniors were also featured by the Elmhurst Park District, the Elmhurst Library, City Hall staff and Metropolitan Family Services. In this column, I will address some of the many services offered to seniors, but I also want to invite and encourage you to view the Community Conversation event on cable or online at ElmhurstTV.com.

Since the onset of the pandemic, many of us have dealt with pain, challenges, isolation, and struggle. We understand that this has been particularly challenging for our senior population. On Nov. 15, DuPage County launched 211 – a free, confidential information and referral service that will provide a central access point to local health and human services 24-hours a day, 365 days a year to talk to a trained support specialist who will listen and connect you to the appropriate resource tailored for each caller's specific needs. We want you to know that we are here to help, you can call us 24/7 at 630-530-3050.

The City provides support through its own programs and through the Senior Citizen's Commission. Following is a small list of services provided in Elmhurst specifically for seniors: home delivered meals, counseling services, tax programs, social services programs, transportation services, support groups, virtual exercise, recreation, and library classes, along with Elmhurst TV programming specifically for seniors.

Our police and fire departments offer a long list of programs that help support the safety and security of our senior population. Please visit Elmhurst.org for more information on the following public safety services/programs:

The Elmhurst Police Department Offers: SALT (Seniors & Law Enforcement Together) Program, Citizen's Police Academy, Neighborhood Roll Call, Prescription Drug Collection Box Programs, Neighborhood Patrol Request, Scam Alerts, and Home Crime Prevention Safety Inspection.

The Elmhurst Fire Department Offers: Installation of Knox Boxes (which provide rapid emergency access to residential properties without damage to doors), smoke detector installation, home fire safety inspections, trip and fall prevention programs, CodeRED Alert, and Smart 911.

Additionally, during the pandemic, the City launched "Elmhurst Connect," a new service that allows you to easily report non-emergency service requests to the City. You can find this on Elmhurst.org/ElmhurstConnect or by downloading the "Elmhurst Connect" app on your phone.

I would like to thank our senior community for their resilience through the challenges of the pandemic. I would be remiss if I did not pause to remember that the pandemic took the lives of many of our cherished community members. Our prayers go out to the family and friends of those who were lost. Remember, the City of Elmhurst is here to help.

Finally, my personal best wishes to you for a happy, safe and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,
Scott M. Levin
Mayor

Community Safety

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:

- Slow down! It's much harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow covered surface.
- When driving, increase your following distances enough so there will be plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.
- Prevent theft by never leaving your car unattended with its key or fob inside when warming up.

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!



Holiday Fire Safety Tips

- Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles. Keep candles at least 12 in. away from anything that burns.
- A dry Christmas tree burns fast. Keep your tree watered.
- More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree. Make sure your leave tree is at least 3 ft. away from any heat sources like space heaters, radiators, fireplaces, candles or heat vents.



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.

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!



Going Away This Winter? Avoid Frozen Pipes

These few simple steps could keep you from encountering frozen pipes

- Schedule an appointment to have your water shut off to the house by calling the Water Billing Department at 630-530-3110/3111.
- You can also shut the water off inside the house by closing the main water valve located before the water meter that is normally located in the basement or in a utility closet.

Here are some other ways to avoid frozen water pipes this coming winter.

- Keep garage doors closed, especially if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing, especially if your sinks are on an exterior wall.
- Let the cold water drip from a faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe—even at a trickle—helps prevent pipes from freezing.

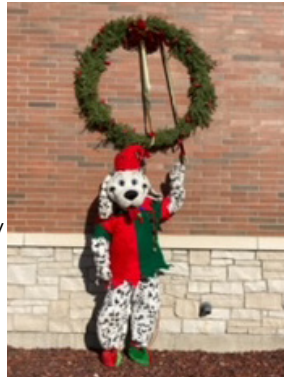
Prevent Package Theft

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 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 Elmhurst Police Department.

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 the Yorkfield Food Pantry in Elmhurst. The Mitten Tree will accept donations until December 31st.

Keep the Wreath Red 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 by minimizing household fires. 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.



Holiday Toy Drive The Elmhurst Fire Department will be collecting toys this holiday season for Toys for Tots. You can drop off new, unwrapped toys to Fire Station 1 (404 N. York St.) and Fire Station 2 (605 S. York St.) November 10 - December 10.

Elmhurst Fire Department Noon Year's Eve Bash

Ring in the new year without keeping your kids up past bedtime! Join the Elmhurst Fire Department for their Noon Year's Eve Bash at Elmhurst Fire Station 2 (605 S. York St.)!



Families can enjoy kid-friendly New Year's festivities and activities without the midnight meltdown. Ring in 2023 with live music, dancing, bonfire with smores, family photo booth, hot chocolate, a ball drop from our ladder tower at noon, and more!

Saturday, December 31, 2022 • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. • Ball Drop at 12 p.m. (noon). Details at elmhurst.org/nooneyearevebash.

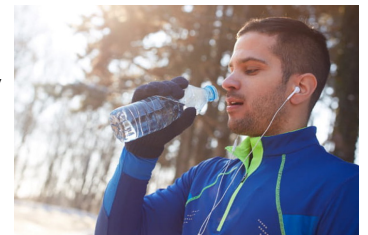
Know an Amazing Kid? The City of Elmhurst's Commission on Youth is currently seeking nominees for its 2023 Youth of the Year Award. Eligibility requirements include:

- 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, 2022, to present.

For more information visit elmhurst.org. Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2023 and the ceremony will be held on April 17th at Sandburg Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

Stay Hydrated During Winter Months

During the warm summer months, it is easy to remember to drink plenty of water and fluids, but do you think about your water intake during the winter? Staying adequately hydrated during the winter is just as important as it is in the summer, when higher temperatures and outdoor activities promote the need for nourishment. Environmental humidity, as well as central heating units in homes and buildings, create a drier condition. The human kidneys also excrete more fluid in cold environments. Even if you are not sweating, dehydration conditions can occur and even go unnoticed. Even minor dehydration, to the point a person feels thirsty, has been linked to difficulty concentrating, poor memory, and bad moods, as well as health concerns regarding inflammation, artery stiffness, blood pressure regulation, and other factors that can raise the risk of heart attack and stroke.



Sparky Club The Elmhurst Fire Department invites all kids up to 10 years old who reside in Elmhurst to become members of Sparky's Elmhurst Fire Safety Club! Join by submitting the form found at elmhurst.org/sparkyclub and Sparky will reply back by mail with fire safety tips, activities, and information on upcoming events!



CodeRED

CodeRED is an emergency alert system to call, email, or text residents to alert them of major emergency situations. Residents can register their home, cell, and work phone numbers to be sure they always receive alerts. Sign up online at elmhurst.org/codered or download the CodeRED mobile app to be sure you never miss an emergency notification.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 2022 - February 2023

ONGOING

Through Dec 24th Elmhurst City Centre's Hometown Holiday Photo Op Contest Snap a photo at one of the holiday displays in the City Centre Fountain Plaza or the North York Plaza for a chance to win a \$25 City Centre Gift Card. Tag us on social media and you're entered automatically. Prizes awarded daily! **109 West 1st St • elmhurstcitycentre.com**

Through Jan 4th Elmhurst City Centre's Penguin Scavenger Hunt There are over 100 adorable stuffed penguins hiding in the merchant's windows throughout City Centre! Come explore your own downtown, find the penguins and make it a hometown holiday! Player cards available in the stores, online or in the City Centre Office. **109 West 1st St • elmhurstcitycentre.com**

Through Jan 15th Sentrock: The Boy Who Wanted to Fly As featured on WTTW, CBS, WGN, NBC, and more, Elmhurst Art Museum's 25th Anniversary year culminates with the first solo museum show of Pilsen-based street artist Sentrock, who seeks to uplift and empower youth through his murals and educational projects. The multimedia exhibition will feature new work by the rising artist that reveals for the first time the origin story of his distinctive Bird City Saint character, which appears in over 20 prominent murals in Chicago and other cities. **Elmhurst Art Museum • elmhurstartmuseum.org**

Through Jan 16th Celebrating our Founder: Eleanor King Hookham In celebration of our 25th Anniversary, we are honoring our founder Eleanor

King Hookham (1909-2003). She was an educator, internationally exhibiting artist, and the main driving force behind the museum for many decades. Artwork by Hookham from the museum's collection will be on view in the McCormick House, along with historical photos and documents that show her leadership in securing the historic home for the museum's future patrons to enjoy. **Elmhurst Art Museum • elmhurstartmuseum.org**

Ongoing In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in our Communities

The U.S. is home to over 40 million immigrants, more than any other country in the world. Although Chicago has been a hub for immigrant workers, since World War II the suburbs have become home to a larger and more diverse foreign-born population. This exhibit examines the personal stories and experiences of area immigrants and their descendants as told through first-person accounts, photographs, treasured objects, video and more. Gain an understanding about DuPage County's growing diversity and the challenges immigrants and their families face as they shape an evolving identity in this country. Sponsored by: Community Bank of Elmhurst; Feze Roofing; Kriezelman Burton & Associates, LLC; Michael V. LoCicero, Attorney at Law; Rotary Club of Elmhurst; Storino, Ramello & Durkin, Attorneys at Law; and Superior Ambulance Service. **Elmhurst History Museum • elmhursthistory.org**

December - February By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst ONGOING EXHIBIT 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. Watch for major enhancements coming soon to this exhibit. **Elmhurst History Museum • elmhursthistory.org**

Dec 3rd - Jan 8th Holiday Flower Show at Wilder Park Conservatory Stop by Wilder Park Conservatory for a festive holiday flower display. The show runs December 3-January 8. Free to attend. **Wilder Park Conservatory • epd.org**



Dec 19th - Jan 25th Mini Art Show Celebrate creativity by participating in the Library's Mini Art Show! Pick up your 4"x4" canvas and supply kit at the Library starting Monday, December 19. Use your imagination and a little paint to fit our theme: Connect, Create, Explore. Return your finished canvas to the Library by Wednesday, January 25. While supplies last. Limit one kit per person. Completed artwork will be displayed at the Elmhurst Art Museum in an upcoming art show. Local artists will judge the submissions and award prizes. All ages are encouraged to participate and the contest will be split into three categories: ages 12 & under, ages 13-18, and adults. **Elmhurst Public Library • elmhurstpubliclibrary.org**

Dec 12th - Feb 28th Organic

Seedlings Sale Start thinking spring early this year! The First Congregational United Church of Christ's ninth annual Organic Seedlings Sale is kicking off in early December. Preorders for certified organic vegetable and herb seedlings will be taken thru February 28th. (NOTE THE EARLY DEADLINE.) Seedlings can be ordered by going to the church website: elmhurstucc.org/store. Seedlings will be available for pick up at the church's Green Garden Fair from 9:00 AM to Noon on Saturday, May 13th. The church is located at **235 S. Kenilworth • elmhurstucc.org**

Dec 19th - Feb 28th Winter Reading:

Chill With a Good Book Participate in the Library's annual Winter Reading Challenge! For kids newborn - Grade 8. To Participate, print a log from elmlib.org/winter to track days read. At 20 days of reading, bring your log into the Library to earn a swag bag and prize entry. After 40 days of reading, come to the Library to receive your final prize. Logs must be received by February 28th to collect prizes. Each child may only complete one log for the winter. **Elmhurst Public Library • elmhurstpubliclibrary.org**

Dec 19th - Feb 28th Winter Reading Challenge for Adults & Teens

Participate in the Library's annual Winter Reading Challenge! For Adults & Teens. To participate, complete the form at elmlib.org/challenge. Librarians choose a book just for you, based on your preferences. Then, read the book and tell us what you thought at elmlib.org/ChallengeReview. By completing steps 1-3, you are entered into our Winter Reading Challenge prize drawing. Repeat as often as you wish, but submit only one request at a time. The last day to submit a request is February 21. Readers may win one of three \$50 Elmhurst City Centre

gift cards. Library card required to enter. **Elmhurst Public Library • elmhurstpubliclibrary.org**

Jan 21st - Feb 28th Hearts for the Arts, supporting Elmhurst Centre for the Performing Arts

Back by popular demand, our wildly successful HEARTS FOR THE ARTS campaign! We are so happy to again welcome Jennifer Blanchette. Jen is joined this year by Meghan Scarsella. Together, Jen and Megan will Co-Chair Hearts for the Arts 2023. This campaign supports the ECPA mission to build a state-of-the-art performing arts center while also highlighting a local artist and engaging small businesses throughout Elmhurst. Watch for gorgeous products with amazing scents from Bunnywick Candle Co. to drop locally on January 21, 2023. **105 South York, Suite 231 • ecpa-elmhurst.org**

Starting Feb 24th Shooby Doo in That's the Way the Cookie Murders

GreenMan Theatre's crowd-pleasing murder mystery dinner theatre returns! We are thrilled to finally bring you a brand-new murder mystery dinner show. *Shooby Doo in That's the Way the Cookie Murders* will bring together your favorite Great Dane and his pals solving a new mystery. You'll have a chance to help the gang too, so get ready for a mysterious and hilarious dinner show at Angelo's Ristorante! Please check our website for exact showtimes and dinner prices. Advance reservations are required. **Angelo's Ristorante • greenmantheatre.org**

DECEMBER

Thu Dec. 1st • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tree

Lighting in Wilder Park Join the Elmhurst Park District as we kick off the holiday season in Wilder Park! Visit with Santa while enjoying games, family photo opportunities, holiday music and more. Free to attend.

Sponsored by The Hinton Agency Farmers Insurance, Edward-Elmhurst Health and Kelly Stetler Real Estate. **Wilder Park • epd.org**

Fri Dec. 2nd • 4 and 7 p.m. 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. Showings are at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Free. **Elmhurst University, Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel • elmhurst.edu**



Sat Dec. 3rd • 1 - 4 p.m. Santa's Workshop at Wilder Mansion

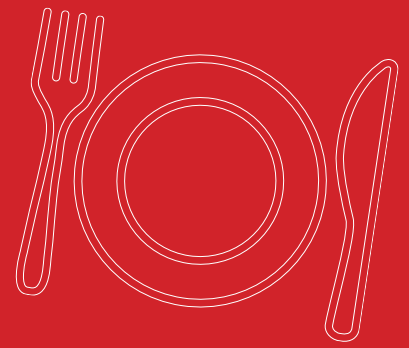
Elmhurst Park District invites you to our holiday store at Wilder Mansion just for kids, where they can purchase inexpensive gifts for mom, dad, teacher, friends and more. Items are kid-priced and kid-friendly. Free to attend. Sponsored by Kelly Stetler Real Estate. **Wilder Mansion • epd.org**

Sat Dec. 10th • 8 - 11 a.m. Greater LaGrange & Elmhurst Rudolph Run

5k and Elf Dash Join us for a fun and festive 5K run in Memorial Park this holiday season! All runner levels are welcome, and the fun continues at Santa's Village after the run, where you can meet our reindeer guests, enjoy a hot chocolate bar, and stop by the Elf Workshop. Proceeds from the Rudolph Run and Elf Dash help us enrich children and families in our community regardless of their ability to pay. **Wilder Mansion • ymcachicago.org/elmhurst/**

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2023 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

Amigas Mexican Restaurant
COMING SOON!
671 W. North Ave.
orderamigasrestaurant.com
MS

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

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

Beer on The Wall
COMING SOON!
105 N. York St.
630-388-9890
wehavegreatbeer.com
BG

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

Bottle Theory
Craft Beer Focused
542 Spring Rd.
630-359-5297
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

Carmie Cakes
158 N. York St.
630-450-3417
carmiecakes.com
BK

Charm Thai
426 N. York St.
630-359-5154
charmthaibbq.com
AS

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

- 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)

2023 Elmhurst Restaurant Guide

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

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
CA TS

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

119 N. York St.
630-517-4393
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

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
fruitfulyield.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

116 N. York St.
630-501-0184
wearehellodonut.com
BK CA TS

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

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• Wine Bar, Cocktails, Plus (WB)

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

Kimmer's Ice Cream

110 W. Park Ave.
630-903-6618
kimmersicecream.com
TS

Kindred

119 N. York St.
630-517-4393
Kindreddining.com
AC SS

Krafted

COMING SOON!
111 E. First St.
BG

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

Maharaj Indian Grille

COMING SOON!
117 N. Addison Ave.
630-359-5625
maharaj-elmhurst.com
AS

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
nucrepes.com
BP DS

Oberweis Dairy

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

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

Pilot Pete's Coffee & Tea @ Elmhurst Metra Station

128 W. First St.
630-403-6900
pilotpetescoffee.com
CA

Poke Burrito

162 N. York St.
630-481-6888
pokeburritoichicago.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

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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

Rise N' Thrive

185 E. Butterfield Rd.
630-359-3378
BP CA

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

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

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

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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Sat Dec. 10th 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

• Sun Dec. 11th 1 - 4 p.m. Polar

Express T-Trak Model Railroad

Experience model trains depicting the famous Polar Express with Chicago T-Trak, a group of railroad modelers that run N scale trains on modular layouts. Drop-in. No registration required. **Elmhurst Public Library • elmhurstpubliclibrary.org**

Sat Dec. 10th • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sleigh Rides & Reindeer on Parade

This holiday season enjoy sleigh rides, see the reindeer on parade and Santa on Spring Road. Come see decorated reindeer in front of businesses on Spring Road. The reindeer are sponsored by local businesses throughout Elmhurst. Enjoy an old fashioned sleigh ride (wagon ride in the event there is no snow) and visit with Santa while sipping on hot chocolate and cookies courtesy of the Spring Road Business Association. **Wild Meadows Trace Park • springroad.com**



Sat Dec. 10th - Sun Dec. 11th • 7 p.m. Christmas in Elmhurst

The Elmhurst Community Choir and Orchestra, under the baton of Dennis Criser, warmly invite you to celebrate Christmas in Elmhurst on Saturday, December 10 at 7pm and Sunday, December 11 at 7pm. **York High School Performing Arts Auditorium**

Sun Dec. 11th • 2 - 3 p.m. Victorian Holiday Traditions at Churchville Schoolhouse

Why do we send holiday cards? Who had the first modern Christmas tree? When did Santa get his iconic red suit? All of these traditions have their roots in

Victorian times. Join historian Valerie Gugala at the historic Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse and learn how these and other holiday traditions began and how modern holiday practices got their start in the 1800s. Limit: 30 participants. More info at elmhursthistory.org or call 630-833-1457. FREE to Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Members, \$5 Non-Members. Reservations Required **Churchville Schoolhouse • elmhursthistory.org**



Sat Dec. 17th • 1 - 4 p.m. Family

Holiday Party Celebrate the holidays at the art museum this winter with a visit from Santa at 2 pm and hands-on art activities. Families will make piñatas and papel picados (cut tissue paper) inspired by Hispanic customs for the holiday season. See the special holiday display in the McCormick House, and enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, and more. No registration required. Free for kids. Generously sponsored by Wintrust and the Museum's Development and Programming Committees. **Elmhurst Art Museum • elmhurstartmuseum.org**

Sun Dec. 18th • 5 - 8 p.m. ECPA

Winter Carolers The Elmhurst Centre for the Performing Arts is elated to present the talented York High School Madrigals for our 2022 Winter Caroling season. Under the direction of Becky Marianetti, York High School Drama Director and Choir Director, and ECPA Board Member, the Madrigals will be spreading holiday cheer on Sunday, December 18, 2022. Cuddle your kiddos at the front door

to listen, gather your neighbors with hot cocoa, or delight your dinner guests with a visit from these talented musicians. Our Winter Carolers are insanely talented, wildly popular, and will sell out. Be sure to mark your calendar to secure your visit. Sales go live on Black Friday, November 25th at 8am. **105 South York, Suite 231 • ecpa-elmhurst.org**

JANUARY

Sat Jan. 7th • 12 - 3 p.m. Job Fair

Elmhurst Park District invites you to learn more about part-time, full-time and seasonal job opportunities at our upcoming Job Fair. Have fun while bringing enrichment to the community. Meet staff and apply on-site! **155 East Saint Charles Road • epd.org**

Sun Jan. 15th • 12 - 1 p.m. In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities Gallery Talk

Exhibit Consultant Sandy Denninger will lead participants through highlights of the "In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities" exhibit. Includes exclusive access to museum galleries while hearing highlights about the experiences of area immigrants and their contributions to our shared history. Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org/320/Programs. Access an online pre-recorded version at elmhursthistory.org/320/Programs from 1/16/2023 through 5/14/2023. Free. **Elmhurst History Museum • elmhursthistory.org**

Sat Jan. 21st • 1 - 4 p.m. Family

Day: Eleanor King Hookham Just like museum founder and artist Eleanor King Hookham, families have the opportunity to use coffee as a painting medium. Hookham painted landscapes, cityscapes, still lifes, and other subjects with ink & coffee on paper and later made them into prints. Be inspired by her works featured in the McCormick House, and create

your own painting on paper with coffee! No registration required. Free to kids. Generously sponsored by Wintrust and the Museum's Development and Programming Committees. **Elmhurst Art Museum • elmhurstartmuseum.org**

Sat Jan. 28th - Sun Jan 29th

ConcertoFest! If you're looking to be dazzled at every turn, this is the concert for you! Violinist Jasmine Lin returns to the Elmhurst Symphony, Brandon Acker (theorbo) makes a solo debut and Rika Seko (violin), Naomi Bendsdorf Frisch (oboe), and Andrew Nogal (oboe) all step into the soloist spotlight for this exciting program! Saturday, January 28 @ 2:30 PM at Union Church of Hinsdale and Sunday, January 29 @ 3:00 PM at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church. Get a taste of the music you'll hear at the concert and buy tickets at ElmhurstSymphony.org **149 West Brush Hill Road • elmhurstsymphony.org**



Sun Jan. 29th • 2 - 3 p.m. How the World Arrived on Lake Michigan's Shores At least since the first Algonquian-speaking tribes arrived here, the Chicago area has attracted people whose lives were disrupted by war, famine, revolution, and economic crisis from all over the world. Join author and College of DuPage Professor of History Sam Mitrani to learn why so many came here and how these successive waves of immigrants have shaped and been shaped by this region we call home. Program takes place in the museum's Education Center. More info at elmhursthistory.org or

call 630-833-1457. FREE to Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Members, \$5 to Non-Members. Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org/320/Programs. **Elmhurst History Museum • elmhursthistory.org**

FEBRUARY

Sun Feb. 5th • 5:30 - 8 p.m. ECPA x The Second City Film School Film Fest The Elmhurst Centre for Performing Arts is thrilled to partner with The Second City Film School to bring big laughs to the Western Suburbs. Filmfest 2023 will showcase select short films created by graduates of the Chicago-based film school. Chairing the event is Julie Dolan, long time ECPA volunteer and supporter of the arts. Join us for a laugh this February! ECPA x The Second City Film School Film Fest 2023 is made possible by the generous support of LIMELIGHT SPONSOR L.W. Reedy Real Estate, Julie R. Dolan, and Classic Cinemas York Theatre. Limited General Seating at Classic Cinemas York Theatre. Advanced ticket purchase encouraged. Film Fest content will be inclusive and mature in nature. Recommended for ages 15+. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. 90 minute show plus intermission begins at 6 p.m. Theater food and beverage available for purchase. **Classic Cinemas York Theatre • ecpa-elmhurst.org**

Mon Feb. 20th • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Presidents Day School's Out Day Camp School's out and our winter day camp is in session! Drop the kids off for a variety of fun and educational activities led by museum staff. Participants will tour the museum, create crafts, play games, and learn about the history of Presidents Day. Appropriate for kids in grades 2-5. Participants should bring lunch and a snack. Limit: 20 participants. Cost: \$40/child. Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org/320/Programs.

Elmhurst History Museum • elmhursthistory.org

Thu Feb. 23rd - Sun Feb. 26th Elmhurst University Jazz Festival The Elmhurst University Jazz Festival returns for its 56th edition in 2023, both in our traditional in-person format and live-streamed online. Featured artists include Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band and John Pizzarelli Trio. Tickets can be purchased at elmhurst.edu/JazzFest. **Elmhurst University, Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel • elmhurst.edu/JazzFest**

Sat Feb. 25th • 12 - 3 p.m. Craft Swap Bring your lightly-used craft supplies and swap them out for new ones! Drop off supplies in the Library's front lobby from February 20-24, then come to the swap on February 25 to take home new-to-you supplies! All supplies must be in good condition. **Elmhurst Public Library • elmhurstpubliclibrary.org**

Sat Feb. 25th • 1 - 3 p.m. Cultural Connections Through Coffee Coffee is so much more than just a popular beverage; it represents a global cultural connection that transcends borders. Join Brewpoint's Head Roaster, Haley Sliwa, and Founder and CEO Melissa Villanueva for a discussion about coffee and its relationship to cultures across the world. Learn about how and where Brewpoint sources their coffee and the people who contribute to your cup of "joe." Afterwards, enjoy coffee samples and pastries while supplies last and to listen to live music performed by Luciano Antonio, Brazilian guitarist from the Old Town School of Folk Music. Cost: \$10/person. Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org/320/Programs. **Brewpoint Craft Elmhurst, 617 North York Street • elmhursthistory.org**

Winter Weather 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 kit 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 and visit weather.gov/safety/winter for current information on winter weather advisories.



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. It is important for residents to clear their sidewalks so children can walk safely to school and people have a safe walkway. Please remember that parking is not permitted on City streets for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more.



Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT)

SALT is a cooperative effort between the Elmhurst Police Department and the senior citizens who reside or work in the community. SALT's mission is to reduce crimes against seniors by partnering them with police officers who teach crime prevention and personal safety. For more information on meeting dates, contact the Elmhurst Police Department at (630) 530-3050.



Warming Centers Winter's freezing temperatures can pose health and safety risks when stuck out in the cold. To find refuge from extreme weather, you can head to the Elmhurst Public Library, which serves as a warming center in Elmhurst during cold weather. For additional site referrals, you can also call the Elmhurst Police Department at (630)-530-3050, or visit elmhurst.org for a full list of warming centers in DuPage County.

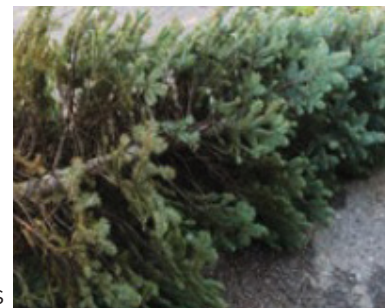
Holiday Light Disposal Have your holiday lights lost their twinkle? The City of Elmhurst and the Elmhurst Park District are partnering with Elgin Recycling for their annual holiday lights recycling program with a goal of recycling over 100,000 pounds of holiday lights. Instead of sending old lights to the landfill, drop them off in one of our four containers around town.



Drop-offs are located at Courts Plus (186 S. West Ave.), 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 17, 2023 (Look for the bins with the "Holiday Lights" signage). 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.

Holiday Tree Disposal

Christmas trees will be collected free of charge during the first and second week in January when placed on the curb on your regular pickup day. Any nonorganic materials on the tree must be removed, and the tree should not be placed in plastic bags. Boxes no more than 3 ft. by 3 ft. may also be recycled.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

Elmhurst's annual St. Patrick's Day parade is back for its 26th year! On March 4, 2023, the parade will be marching through town along Spring Road. As the second largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the Chicago area, you can expect big crowds and over 80 floats, Irish dancers, the York High School Marching Band, and much more.



Utility Billing 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 Community, then Finance and Electronic Payments, and download the Utility Billing E-Z Pay Application/Authorization Form (PDF). 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.

Kindness Month The City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth will be promoting Kindness Month in February. More information will be posted on the City's website and through local schools.

Sustainable Elmhurst

Sustainability Day Presentations Now on ElmhurstTV!

This past fall, the City of Elmhurst partnered with local and regional organizations to present various sustainability best practices and initiatives. Presentations included information on recycling, clean energy, conservation, and more. Representatives from the Conservation Foundation, Chicago Area Clean Cities Coalition, DuPage Water Commission, Republic Services, SCARCE, ComEd, the City of Elmhurst, Elmhurst Park District, Elmhurst University, Elmhurst Public Library, and Elmhurst School District 205 gave presentations on sustainable efforts. Sessions were recorded and can be viewed on ElmhurstTV YouTube, Comcast Channel 6, and AT&T U-verse Channel 99.



Warm Up with a Reusable Mug

It's estimated that more than 50 billion single-use coffee cups are thrown away in the United States each year. To help combat waste, consider using a reusable mug when warming up with a hot drink this holiday season. Many of our local coffee shops allow you to purchase your favorite holiday drink using your own mug and even offer discounts if you do. Check with your local coffee shop and make a greener choice today.

A Safer Neighborhood: Speed Awareness & Traffic Safety

This spring, the City of Elmhurst will launch a new program themed, "A Safer Neighborhood: Speed Awareness & Traffic Safety." The goal with this effort is to improve traffic safety in our community through education and data analysis. Educational and promotional materials will include the message, "Safety Starts with Us" followed by an actionable way in which

neighbors can look out for each other's safety and well-being. Marketing materials will consist of neighborhood yard signs, vehicle stickers, posters, and magnets. This program will aim to improve the environment and quality of life in our community through public safety awareness, encouragement, and enforcement. For more information, visit elmhurst.org/saferneighborhood.



Keep Textiles Out of the Landfill

This holiday season, take an inventory of clothing, shoes, and household textiles that you no longer use and consider donating them or recycling them instead of throwing them away. Even damaged or torn clothes can be recycled and processed to become new, useful products. Visit SCARCE's recycling event in Wheaton every second Saturday of the month to donate clothing, shoes, accessories, bedding, towels, purses, rags, and other household textiles. The next event will take place at the Wheaton Public Works Storage Yard (820 W. Liberty Drive) on December 10th from 9 a.m. – noon. For more information on what other items can be recycled, visit SCARCE online at scarce.org.

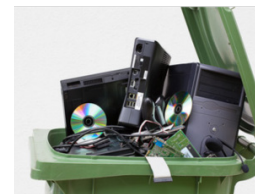
Quarterly Electronic, Textile & Clothing Recycling Events

The City will host an Electronics & Textile/Clothing Recycling event quarterly at the Public Works Facility (985 S. Riverside Dr., Elmhurst) from 8 a.m. until noon. This event is in cooperation with DuPage County.

2023 Dates:

- January 28, 2023
- April 29, 2023
- July 29, 2023
- October 28, 2023

This tax-deductible collection is sponsored by eWorks ESI. Questions? Please contact (630) 407-6700 or visit dupageco.org/electronicrecycling.



New Exhibit Considers the Journeys of Area Immigrants

The U.S. is home to over 40 million immigrants, more than any other country in the world. Although Chicago has always been a hub for immigrant workers, suburbs like Elmhurst have become home to a larger and more diverse foreign-born population since World War II. The result is a visible diversity in the DuPage County area, which is evident not only in religious sites, schools, businesses, and restaurants but also in the growth of activist groups and civic participation.

The Elmhurst History Museum presents a new exhibit to explore the unique journeys of area immigrants and their descendants who have carved out a sense of cultural identity and belonging in this region. "In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities" opened in October and will run through May 14, 2023 at the museum which is located at 120 E. Park Ave. in Elmhurst. The exhibit explores the personal stories and pursuits of immigrant residents and their families through first-person interviews, photographs, treasured objects and more to reveal the challenges, pride, perseverance, and humor in establishing a new life.

"In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities" is co-curated by exhibit consultant and Elmhurst resident Sandy Denninger who researched and wrote the exhibit content. To develop the exhibit, Denninger interviewed 17 area residents (several from Elmhurst), and she was often impressed and surprised by the powerful, candid stories she heard from interview subjects. "This experience was an eye-opener for me as both a fellow American and historian," said Denninger. "I was moved by the honesty, strength and humor I encountered throughout this process. My hope is that visitors who see the exhibit will feel the same empathy I experienced and take away a better understanding of what it means to be an immigrant in our country."



The exhibit considers the often-challenging path to U.S. citizenship that includes essential documentation, language barriers, prejudice, and more. Visitors can take an actual citizenship test and view video interviews to hear about the immigrants' diverse experiences in their own words. Many of the participants shared personal belongings, traditions, and foods from their countries of origin that have been passed down through generations that help their families to retain a sense of cultural identity.

The Elmhurst History Museum has planned many special programs related to the exhibit in the coming months to connect to "In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in our Communities", which can be found in the calendar section of this newsletter. In addition, a performance by the Chicago Immigrant Orchestra at Elmhurst University, Spring Break programming, and a special exhibit-ending celebration on Museum Day in May are in the works, so watch for more details soon on our website at elmhursthistory.org.

Museum Gift Shop has Holiday Gift Ideas

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.



Economic Development Update

Throughout 2022 thus far, Elmhurst has welcomed over 50 new businesses to town! A number of family-friendly businesses have taken root in Elmhurst including but not limited to; **Hello Donut** (116 N. York St.), offering artisan donuts and coffee, **Rise n' Thrive** (185 E. Butterfield Rd.), making the community healthier and happier as they offer a variety of shakes, teas, refreshers, and food, **Jelly's Children's Boutique and Ice Cream Bar** (110 W. Vallette), **Bazzy Boutique** (106 W. 2nd St.), featuring trendy apparel for teens and women, **Do It Together Workshops** (109 S. Adell Place), a crafty place to come together and mingle, **East Avenue Lacrosse** (833 N. Church Rd.), with their indoor lacrosse training facility for this premier Illinois program, **BJJ Lab Jiu-Jitsu Academy** (176 N. York St.) offering Jiu-Jitsu classes for all ages, **Dipsy Desserts Ice Cream Kitchen** (300 W. Lake St.), specializing in custom chocolates & hand dipped ice cream bars, **Charm Thai BBQ** (426 N. York St.), offering a variety of authentic Thai and Vietnamese dishes, the trio at 119 N. York St., **Ever-Onward** (the bar), **Elmhurst Hall** (the event space), and **Kindred** (the restaurant), and **Gambino's Italian Deli** (551 S. York St.), offering specialty Italian food and products, and **Bottle Theory** (542 Spring Rd.) hybrid bottle-shop and taproom with taqueria inspired dining,. For personal and fitness services visit the new **French Cuts Barber Shop** (120 N. York St.), **Venus MedSpa** (539 S. Spring Rd.), **StretchLab** (180 W. 2nd St.) or **Flexx Personal Training** (176 N. York St.).



In addition to greeting these new businesses, there are number of businesses opening soon, including but not limited to; **Maharaj Indian Grill** (117 N. Addison), City Centre's first Indian cuisine restaurant, **Krafted** (111 E. 1st St.) serving craft burgers and brews, **Carmie Cakes** (158 N. York St.), for all your gourmet cake and cupcake needs, **Beer on the Wall** (105 N. York St.) a brew focused business with a coffee-shop like atmosphere that offers beer and coffee to-go plus a rotating line-up on draft, **Kong Dog** (113 Schiller St.), a trendy Korean corndog restaurant, **Salon Jel** (122 N. York St.), a retail salon product store, **Amigas Restaurant** (617 W. North Ave.) offering authentic Mexican cuisine, and **Phase 3 Brewery** (494 S. Spring Rd.).

A number of established Elmhurst business also invested in making improvements this year! This list includes but is not limited to; **Enterprise** purchased the former Hertz site at 856 N. York St., expanding their business, **Yorky's** (836 N. York St.) is completing an addition to their restaurant and reconstructing the Do-It-Yourself carwash, **Delta Sonic** (600 W. North Ave.) is expanding and enclosing their car washing services and adding a detail center, **Shoe Carnival** (195 S. IL Rte. 83) is undergoing a major remodel, **E-Town Fitness** relocated and expanded at 590 S. York St., and **High Voltage Hair Society** relocated and expanded at 183 N. York St.



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