

# The Front Porch

# **Safety Starts with Us**

This spring, the City of Elmhurst will be launching a new marketing campaign themed, "A Safer Community: Speed Awareness & Traffic Safety." The goal of this campaign is to



improve traffic safety in our community through public 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, bumper stickers, posters, and magnets.

The timely launch of the campaign aligns with National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April. Distracted driving is one of the fastest growing safety issues on the roads today. Distracted drivers aren't just a threat to themselves; they are a danger to everyone else on the road. Distractions such as cell phones and taking your eyes off the road can lead to tragedy.

Traffic report data shows that the majority of speeding and traffic violations on residential streets are committed by residents. We all know the frustrations of juggling a busy schedule, but speed limits are put in place to protect all road users. That includes cyclists, pedestrians, motorists, pets... all of us! When you disobey the rules of the road, you put your community at risk. Safety starts with us, so let's all do our part to improve the safety in our community.

With this campaign, we aim to improve the environment and quality of life in Elmhurst through public safety education, encouragement, and enforcement.

#### City of Elmhurst Senior Safety Symposium

The City of Elmhurst and the City's Senior Citizens
Commission present an event catered to safety and
City services we offer related to
our senior citizen residents. This

new event will be held on April 26th at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (149 W. Brush Hill Rd., Elmhurst). Presenters will include members of our police, fire, and public works departments as well as representatives from Metropolitan Family Services, Elmhurst Park District, and the DuPage Senior Council. In conjunction with the presentations, vendors and demonstrations will occur outside of the auditorium. This is a great opportunity for senior residents to learn more about the services specific to their needs. Learn more about this event at elmhurst.org/seniors.

### Use Rain as a Resource with Rain Barrels!

Rain barrels are a great way to capture water and put it to good use. Rain barrels are large containers that capture stormwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost as runoff. Modern rain barrels are sealed, safe

around children, and insect resistant – they can even be painted or decorated to your liking. You can divert water from your downspout to fill your rain barrel and a hose spigot on the front makes the water easy to access and use.



Around 40% of the total household water used during the summer months is for watering lawns and gardens. Rainwater doesn't contain chlorine, lime, or calcium which makes it ideal for watering your flowers and vegetable garden or washing your car or windows. You may even notice a decrease in your water bill!

The Conservation Foundation sells rain barrels year-round through a partnership with Upcycle Products, Inc. The 55-gallon rain barrels are made of recycled foodgrade plastic, come in a variety of colors, and can be purchased online for \$64.50 (plus tax). Home delivery is available for an additional \$32.50.

There will be a local pickup the first Saturday of each month from April - September from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Water Reclamation Facility (625 S. Rte. 83 Elmhurst). Barrels can also be purchased in person at The Conservation Foundation's headquarters at McDonald Farm (10S404 Knoch Knolls Rd., Naperville). Visit elmhurst.org/rainbarrel to purchase your rain barrel for pickup or delivery.

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# Consolidated Election & Voting- April 4, 2023

Elmhurst residents will get to vote on one candidate from their ward to represent them for the next four years. Visit **elmhurst.org** for the list of certified candidates. All polling locations will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Anyone in DuPage



County can vote at any polling place within the County. City Hall will continue to serve as a polling place.

### **Early Voting**

City Hall will have early voting starting March 20th - 31st. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### National Public Works Week, May 21st - 27th

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. Join the Public Works Citizens Academy (see page 5). Stay tuned for ways we will be celebrating this department during National Public Works Week and thank you Public Works employees!

# City of Elmhurst

209 N. York St., Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 530-3000 · Website: www.elmhurst.org To learn about job opportunities through the City of Elmhurst, please visit elmhurst.org.











City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Scott M. Levin, Mayor Jackie Haddad-Tamer, City Clerk/OMA Officer Dan Curran, City Treasurer

Administration. 630-530-3010 Community Development. .630-530-3030 Police (non-emergency) .630-530-3050 Fire (non-emergency) 630-530-3090

Elmhurst History Museum... 630-833-1457 Elmhurst Public Library 630-279-8696 Request for Public Records - foia@elmhurst.org EMERGENCY 9-1-1

#### Aldermen

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

# **Mayor's Message**

Recently I was honored to give an update on the State of Our City, where I shared some of our City's accomplishments and reviewed plans for the near future. Below are a few topics that were covered; I encourage you to watch the video for the full overview on the City's YouTube page, ElmhurstTV.



City Finances: The City maintains a AAA rating and our general fund balance remains within the recommended reserve level as a "rainy day" fund. Non-property tax revenues were up significantly which allowed the City to pass a flat property tax levy in 2022, which will be reflected in tax bills received in 2023. This means that you will likely see a decrease in property tax payable to the City of Elmhurst. The City impacts 6% of the property tax bill, but property tax only accounts for 18% of the City's revenues. Last year, I reported that in 2021 we saw sales and income tax revenue well above 2019, the year before the pandemic began. Non property tax revenues continue to increase (about 8% in 2022) and sales tax makes up about 26% of revenue.

Community Development & Planning: The increase in development in our town is undeniable. It must be controlled and done right, which takes a great amount of planning and review. City Council has advocated and refined development in the last several years, and we believe that will continue in the future. In 2022, there was a 12% increase in permits issued from the previous year with a total construction value of approximately \$180 million. Major projects approved or started in 2022 include the Ryan Company's 200-unit luxury apartment complex on First and Haven and the Eldridge townhome expansion of 50 townhomes on Butterfield Rd. Our "Business" Park" area saw an expansion from Krueger Steel with 24,352 sq feet of additional warehouse and office space. Elmhurst currently has a retail vacancy rate of less than 2%, decreasing for the fourth year in a row. Many new shops and restaurants in the area are highlighted on page 8 of this newsletter.

Public Safety: Our vital city services including Public Works, Police and Fire were also highlighted in my State of the City comments. One area to point out is our priority this year in traffic safety studies and education. Last year, I identified as a council priority the start of neighborhood traffic studies. The first study is being conducted in the college view area, and aimed to evaluate the uncontrolled intersections and those with traffic controls and stop/yield signs for consistency and better traffic flow. The goal will be to study areas of the city annually and implement consistent changes based on the findings. Along with this process, the City will also launch a public safety educational campaign themed, "Safety Starts with Us". Information about this program can be found on the first page of this newsletter.

The work that we do is truly a team effort that takes time, collaboration, and detailed planning. Thank you to everyone who contributes their time and talents to the City of Elmhurst, this includes city council members, city commissioners, and city staff along with our community partners. I wish you all a Happy Spring and look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming local events.

Sincerely, Scott M. Levin, Mayor



#### **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.

### **Prescription Drug Takeback Event**

The Elmhurst Police Department will hold a prescription drug "Takeback" on Saturday, April 22nd from 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 the Police Department at 630-530-3050.

# **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 outdoor warning siren system at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. If you hear the alarm at this time, please be reminded that it is only a test. Sign up at www.weather.com to receive notifications of severe weather conditions.

### **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.

# 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.



# **Fire Safety in Your Home**

### Working Smoke Alarms Are a Must

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan.

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas on the ceiling or high on the wall
- Use special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers for people who are hard of hearing or deaf
- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Replace batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors annually
- Replace smoke alarms that are 10 or more years old with a sealed lithium battery

#### Make an Escape Plan and Practice It

Once a smoke alarm sounds a fire can spread quickly, leaving only a minute or two to escape. That's why it's important to have a home escape plan and practice a home fire drill.

- Start by drawing a map of your home and plan two ways to escape from each room
- Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily
- Identify secondary routes: a window onto an adjacent roof or a collapsible ladder from a second-floor window
- If you live in a multi-story building, plan to use the stairs never the elevator
- Designate an outside meeting place a safe distance from the house
- Practice getting out with eyes closed, crawling low to the floor and keeping your mouth covered
- Practice how to "stop, drop and roll" if your clothes catch on fire
- Practice testing door handles to see if they are hot before opening them and closing doors behind you
- Teach children never to hide and how to escape on their own in case you can't help them

# When and How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

Always put your safety first; if you are not confident in your ability to use a fire extinguisher, get out and call 9-1-1. Quickly evaluate the situation and ensure:

- Everyone has left the home and the fire department has been called
- The fire is small, not spreading, and there is not much smoke
- · Your back is to an exit you can use quickly
- When using a fire extinguisher, remember the acronym PASS: Pull the pin, Aim low at the base of the fire,
   Squeeze the handle slowly and Sweep the nozzle side to side

The Elmhurst Fire Department is ready to help our residents and business owners in any way to prevent a fire. Contact the Fire Department Administration at 630-530-3090 with any questions or to schedule an appointment.



**Spring Clean-Up** The City's annual Spring Clean-Up will be held on the following **Saturdays**: April 22nd for those with a Wednesday garbage pick-up, April 29th for those with a Thursday pick-up, and May 6th 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.

# Citizens Police Academy, Spring 2023 The

Citizens 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 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on consecutive Wednesday evenings. The next session begins on Wednesday,



March 8th and continues through May 24, 2023. The program is free of charge and 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 to pick up an application, please visit the Elmhurst Police Department or contact us by email (policeinfo@elmhurst.org) or phone (630-530-3061).

**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 at 630-530-3000.

### **Get Connected with Elmhurst**

**Connect** Elmhurst Connect is an online and mobile issue reporting and service request system for the City of Elmhurst. Residents can easily report an issue or send a request directly to the appropriate City department.



You can download the Elmhurst Connect mobile app from your app store or you can access the system from your computer on the City's website at

elmhurst.org/elmhurstconnect.

Art in Wilder Park Save the date for the 26th Annual Art in Wilder Park on May 6th - 7th, 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.



Arbor Day is Friday, April 28, 2023! 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, 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!

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 1st through April 30th. Applications will be mailed to residents. Stickers can be purchased in person, online or by mail. Money collected through the sale of vehicle stickers is used for roadway maintenance and construction.



# Reminder of the City of Elmhurst Garbage Container Regulations:

- Containers should be placed at the edge of the sidewalk or in the parkway adjoining such premises (not in the street)
- Containers should not be put out for pickup sooner than 24 hours prior to scheduled pick up
- Containers should not be left out for more than 12 hours after scheduled pick up
- Bulk items require stickers to be picked up. If you are unaware of how to obtain these stickers please reach out to the City at 630-530-3020
- Containers should be covered so that contents are not blown or scattered or accessible to rodents and animals
- Replacement containers can be requested through the City's Elmhurst Connect Mobile App or at elmhurst.org/elmhurstconnect



# **ONGOING**

Ongoing By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst Experience the history of Elmhurst through an innovative, awardwinning exhibit that takes visitors on a journey of discovery exploring how the city has changed and grown over the past 165+ years. The exhibit features interactive displays, artifact towers, rare collection photos and more. View the newly updated introduction that documents the early history of the Native people who populated the DuPage County area before the arrival of European settlers. Select from a menu of video options in the mini-theatre including a documentary on Elmhurst history and the story of the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse.

Elmhurst History Museum • elmhursthistory.org

Through April 15th AAUW Offering **Returning Student Scholarships - April** 15 Deadline 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. Besides being from one of the above communities, 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. Application Deadline is April 15, 2023. For more information and to apply visit www.aauwelmhurst.org.

March 24th - April 30th Be an Umbrella Spy Scavenger Hunt Over 100 yellow ducks and their colorful umbrellas are

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trying to keep dry in the front windows of your favorite City Centre merchants. Find 20+ of them and enter to win over 125 prizes . . . City Centre Gift Cards and the 100 ducks/umbrella sets! Player cards available in the City Centre Office, participating merchants and online at elmhurstcitycentre.com • Elmhurst City Centre

**Starting May 6th Superheroes in Wilder** 

Park As a bold preview of our summer exhibition Marvelocity: The Art of Alex Ross, we will unveil newly commissioned life-sized "superhero" sculptures at Art in Wilder Park (May 6 & 7) by area students and artists. This public outdoor installation of life-sized superheroes will remain in Wilder Park for visitors to discover through the end of July. Produced by the Elmhurst Art Museum In partnership with the Elmhurst Park District. Presenting Sponsor DuPage Foundation. Elmhurst Art Museum • elmhurstartmuseum.org

April 28th - May 14th Bright Star, musical by Steve Martin and Edie **Brickell** GreenMan Theatre is excited to present Bright Star, an emotional musical mystery by world-renowned storytellers Steve Martin and Edie Brickell that isn't quite real when you're there, and becomes beckoningly real after you've left the theatre. Inspired by real life events, it tells a tale of love, loss, and the promise of a better tomorrow. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2:00 p.m. Sundays, April 28 through May 14. Tickets are \$25; \$20 students and seniors. They are available online at ticketpeak.co/GMTT/events and at the door. If you have any questions, GreenMan's Box Office voice mail can be reached at (630) 464-2646, or you may e-mail us at tickets @greenmantheatre. org. 232 S. York St • greenmantheatre.org

# Through May 14 In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in our Communities

Examine the diverse stories and experiences of area immigrants and their descendants as told through first-person accounts, photographs, treasured objects, video and more. Visitors will gain an understanding about DuPage County's growing diversity and the challenges immigrants face as they shape an evolving identity in this country. Learn about the growth, impact, and response to immigrants within the west suburban area since WWII, and find out how laws have impacted immigrant populations. Sponsored by: Feze Roofing; Community Bank of Elmhurst; Superior Ambulance Service; Storino, Ramello & Durkin, Attorneys at Law; and Michael V. LoCicero, Attorney at Law.

Elmhurst History Museum • elmhursthistory.org

# **MARCH**

Mar 4th • 12 pm St. Patrick's Day Parade Elmhurst's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is on March 4th! The parade runs along Spring Road and will kick off at noon starting at Wilson Street running north to St. Charles Road. For more information, visit

elmhurststpatsparade.com

Through Mar 5th Restaurant Week
2023 Try something or someplace new
during Elmhurst City Centre's Restaurant
Week. Enjoy specials at all your
Downtown Elmhurst's favorites! Check
our website at www.elmhurstcitycentre.
com for details. Elmhurst City Centre •
elmhurstcitycentre.com

Through Mar 5th Shooby Doo in That's the Way the Cookie Murders! Join us for Shooby Doo in That's the Way the Cookie Murders!, GreenMan Theatre's brand-new murder mystery! Take a few



Scooby Snacks for courage and join us at Angelo's Ristorante, 247 N York St. Elmhurst, March 3, 4, & 5. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 6 p.m. Sunday. Cash bar opens 1 hour before curtain. Please note that all tickets MUST be purchased in advance; no walk-ins or at-the-door sales. Ticket price is \$57, which includes dinner and the show; parking is free. Please purchase all tickets for your group at the same time, to ensure that you're seated at the same table. Tickets are available at ticketpeak. co/GMTT/events. If you have any questions, GreenMan's Box Office voice mail can be reached at (630) 464-**2646**, or you may e-mail us at tickets@ greenmantheatre.org. 247 N. York St · greenmantheatre.org

Wed Mar 8th • 4 - 5 pm The Genevieve Staudt Lecture for Women's History Month Gayle E. WoloSchak, Ph.D., is a professor of radiation oncology and radiology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. Her research is focused on radiobiology and bionanotechnology, and she also leads Northwestern's Radiation Tissue Archives, which aids investigators from around the world who are looking to explore the effects of radiation. Admission is free. RSVP at elmhurst.edu/cultural • Frick Center, Founders Lounge, 190 S. Prospect Ave.

Thu Mar 9th • 7 - 8:30 pm An Intimate Evening with Dan Konopka Born and raised in Elmhurst and a York High School graduate, we are delighted to welcome Dan Konopka back to his hometown as he shares the story of OK Go. Listen to how the band "found" the ideas for their elaborate music videos. and behind-the-scenes tidbits about their creation. Get up to speed on what is happening with the band and with Dan himself. Join us at our newest fundraising series, "An Intimate Evening with... Dan Konopka." ecpa-elmhurst.org/ event/an-intimate-evening-with-dankonopka/

Sat Mar 18th • 10 - 11 am Adult Egg Hunt Why should kids have all the fun? This event gives new meaning to BYOB (bring your own basket)! Elmhurst Park District invites adults to hunt for eggs filled with goodies and have a chance to win amazing prizes, including gifts cards from Elmhurst Brewing Company and a \$500 cash prize courtesy of sponsor, Kelly Stetler Real Estate. After the hunt, head to Elmhurst Brewing Company to take in a basketball game while enjoying exclusive Egg Hunt participant drink specials. Event is free to attend, no registration required. Wilder Park • epd.org.

Wed Mar 22nd • 3 - 6 pm Elmhurst Youth Job & Volunteer Fair The Elmhurst Commission on Youth Job Fair will be held on March 22, 2023 from 3:05 - 6 p.m. at York High School. Are you a business or organization who would like to receive applicants for the job/volunteer fair? Sign up at

elmhurst.org/FormCenter/Youth-Teen-Services-13/2023-Teen-JobVolunteer-Fair-Employer-Vol-94. Please contact Jackie.Haddad-Tamer@ elmhurst.org with any questions. York Community High School



Sun Mar 26th · 9 am - 3:30 pm Chicago **Immigrant Orchestra** Prepare to be amazed by the Chicago Immigrant Orchestra, a diverse and talented ensemble whose members hail from Chicago's immigrant community to represent globe-spanning musical traditions. Orchestra members play instruments native to their countries, blending together to create a unique yet harmonious sound. Under the direction of virtuoso guitarist Fareed Haque and composer/multi-instrumentalist Wanees Zarour, the Chicago Immigrant Orchestra creates a tapestry of cultures to deliver a one-of-a-kind world music experience. Presented by Elmhurst History Museum at Elmhurst University. Cost: \$15 General, \$10 Under 18. Limited free tickets for Elmhurst University Students/Faculty/

Staff. Reserve tickets at elmhursthistory.org • Hammerschmidt Chapel, 190 S. Prospect Ave.

Mon Mar 27th · 11 am- 3 pm Spring Break: Family History Day Drop in at the Elmhurst History Museum on a special day during Spring Break Week reserved just for families to explore exhibits, participate in fun activities, and learn about the people and cultures featured in our In Pursuit of Happiness exhibit. Go on a scavenger hunt in the gallery, create your own family tree, and play games from around the world. Participants can create a family coat of arms and learn how to record an oral history to preserve family memories. Free, no reservations required. Elmhurst History Museum • elmhursthistory.org

Wed Mar 29th • 11 am- 3 pm Spring **Break: Passport to Community History** Pick up a Community History Passport to embark on a local adventure at three different historical sites in nearby Bensenville. Get your passport stamped at each location where families will hear stories about early area immigrants, and participate in hands-on history experiences. Kids can bring their stamped passports to the Elmhurst History Museum through the end of April to receive a prize. Co-presented by Elmhurst History Museum, Bensenville Park District and Bensenville Public Library. Locations: Churchville Schoolhouse, 3N784 Church Rd.; Korthauer Log House, 740 W. Wood St.; Bensenville Railroad Museum at Veterans Park, Main St. & Church Rd. Free, no reservations required. elmhursthistory.org

Fri Mar 31st • 10 am- 12 pm Spring Break: Immigration Storytime Join us in the museum's first floor gallery to listen to family-friendly stories about immigration (on the hour and half hour, last story at noon). Kids can also complete a coloring sheet and explore exhibits. Appropriate for elementary age children. Free, no reservations required. Elmhurst History Museum • elmhursthistory.org



# **APRIL**

Thu Apr 6th • 8 - 8:30 pm Flashlight Egg Hunt Ages 11-16, grab your flashlights! Elmhurst Park District invites you to Wilder Park to join your friends in the frenzy as you search for prize eggs filled with candy, gift certificates and other great prizes. Event will take place directly behind Wilder Mansion. No registration required, free to attend. Wilder Park • epd.org

Sat Apr 8th • 11 - 11:30 am Doggie Eggstravaganza Celebrate spring with your four-legged friend at the Doggie Eggstravaganza when the egg hunt goes to the dogs! Join Elmhurst Park District at 11 am sharp in Berens Park, south of The Hub. Registration is not required. Free to attend. Sponsored by The Schiller Team. Berens Park • epd.org

Sat Apr 8th • 12:30 - 1:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt Come join us for fun and visit with the Easter Bunny! Thousands of candy filled eggs will be scattered throughout the Wild Meadows Trace by the Gazebo on Spring Road for an egg hunt that starts PROMPTLY at 1pm. Don't be late to this event! Meet and Greet with the Easter Bunny starting at 12:30 pm. The Easter Bunny will also be around after the Egg Hunt for pictures. Wild Meadows Trace Park • springroad.com



Tue Apr 11th • 4:30 - 5:30 pm The Boy Who Never Died: The Emmett Till Saga, Then and Now Author and historian Devery Anderson will discuss his book Emmett Till: The Murder That Shocked the World and Propelled the Civil Rights Movement (2015), and its continuing impact. A Wall Street Journal review describes the book as "masterfully researched, drawing on public archives and collections to present the most detailed account of this horrific story" of the abduction and brutal murder of the 14-year-old Till in 1955. Admission is free. RSVP at elmhurst.edu/cultural • Frick Center, Founders Lounge, 190 S. Prospect Ave.

Tue Apr 11th • 7:30 - 8:30 pm Christian Nationalism: A Threat to Democracy and Christianity The Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, general minister and president of the United Church of Christ, will reflect on the challenge of faithfulness in the face of Christian nationalism, and the need for religious leaders and people of faith to openly discuss and confront it. Admission is free. RSVP at elmhurst.edu/cultural •

elmhurst.edu/cultural • Hammerschmidt Chapel, 190 S. Prospect Ave.

Sat Apr 15th • 6:30 - 11 pm ECPA Spotlight Giving Gala The Elmhurst Centre for Performing Arts has reimagined our largest fundraiser of the year, the Spotlight Giving Gala. Join us at River Forest Country Club for a cocktail reception, seated dinner, dancing, full, bar, an exciting live auction, fun raffles, and fabulous silent auction. Dance to the award-winning Elmhurst University Jazz Band, enjoy the lively Men of SPIRITO!, and the beautiful sounds of Janelle Lake of Where the Harp Is. An evening to celebrate your love of the performing arts, hear what exactly has been happening behind the scenes at ECPA, and raise money for our mission. River Forest Country Club · ecpa-elmhurst.org

Sun Apr 16th · 2 - 3 pm Yellow Peril: **Understanding Asian America through Storytelling** Experience an exciting mix of intimate personal storytelling and mini presentations linking the past and the present of Asian American experiences. Dr. Ada Cheng weaves personal stories to highlight the myth of the model minority, the perpetual foreigner image, "othering" via micro-aggressions, and the negative impact of stereotypes on Asian Americans under the global pandemic. An Illinois Humanities Road Scholar program, Free to Members, \$5 Non-Members. Elmhurst History Museum Education Center · elmhursthistory.org

Sun Apr 16th • 7:30 - 8:30 pm Americans and the Holocaust Daniel Greene is president of the Newberry Library in Chicago and adjunct professor of history at Northwestern University. Before joining the Newberry, Greene curated "Americans and the Holocaust," an exhibition that opened in 2018 at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The exhibition inspired The U.S. and the Holocaust, a documentary film directed by Ken Burns, Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein that aired on PBS in September 2022. Admission is free. RSVP at elmhurst.edu/cultural · Frick Center, Founders Lounge, 190 S. Prospect Ave.

Tue Apr 18th • 7 pm Talk: Superheroes in Wilder Park Preview Superheroes will soon assemble in Wilder Park! Attend this talk to preview this exciting outdoor art installation before it is unveiled at Art in Wilder Park (May 6&7). Get an early sneak peek into the artists' work, process, and what else the Elmhurst Art Museum has in store for this Spring and Summer. Co-presented by the Elmhurst Public Library and Elmhurst Art Museum Elmhurst Public Library • elmhurstartmuseum.org

Sun Apr 20th • 7 pm Raising Awareness for Diversity and Inclusion - An AAUW Program Join the AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch for a Zoom event and learn how to be an ally from an expert on diversity in educational settings. Discover how "allyship" skills prepare individuals to create diverse, inclusive, and flexible nonprofit organizations. This event is co-sponsored by the Naperville AAUW, the Downers Grove AAUW, and the Jane Addams AAUW Statewide Branch. For more information and for details on registering for this program, visit elmhurstarea-il.aauw.net.

Sat Apr 29th • 4-7 pm Umbrella Sky
Project Opening Day Party It's a party
in the street to officially open the Public
Art Commission's Umbrella Sky Project
in Schiller Court. Big Band Jazz, adult
beverages and an explosion of color
overhead! Come see what it's all about!
Visit www.elmhurstcitycentre.com for
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Sun Apr 30th · 2 - 3 pm G.P.A. Healy: **Prodigious Painter of Cottage Hill Join** us for a special lecture by our staff in the By All Accounts exhibit gallery that sheds light on one of the museum's newest acquisitions: a portrait of Jane Byrd Bryan by renowned 19th-century painter G.P.A. Healy. Curator of Exhibits Sarah Cox will explain the history of portrait painting and the early years of Healy's career, and Curator of Collections Dan Lund will detail the significance of the painting to the history of Elmhurst. Free to Members, \$5 Non-Members. Reservations required. Elmhurst History Museum · elmhursthistory.org

# MAY

### Fri May 5th · 2-4 pm The Namesake

Film Screening Based on Pulitzer
Prize-winning author Jhumpa Lahiri's
best-selling book, the 2006 film The
Namesake chronicles the history of
an immigrant family from India and
the triumphs and challenges two
different generations face adapting to
their new homeland. Co-presented by
Elmhurst History Museum and Elmhurst
Public Library. PG-13, 2 hours + 2 min.
running time. Free, no reservation
required. Elmhurst Public Library •
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Sat May 6th - Sun May 7th • 10 am - 5 pm Art In Wilder Park Visit this free two-day arts festival with 125 booths including one-of-a-kind art, food vendors, and hands-on kid's activities. This highly anticipated Spring event in the heart of Elmhurst will have even more for the whole family this year with a superhero-themed public art installation. Presenting Sponsor Kelly Stetler | Compass. Produced by the Elmhurst Art Museum in partnership with the Elmhurst Park District consulted by RGL Marketing for the Arts, Inc. Wilder Park • elmhurstartmuseum.org

### Fri May 12th - Sun May 14th 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 2022-2023 school year. Admission is free this weekend so come enjoy the exhibition. Artist Reception Fri, May 12 4:00-6:30pm Sponsored in part by Unlimited Heating & Cooling Inc. Elmhurst Art Museum • elmhurstartmuseum.org

### Sat May 13th · 9 am - 12 pm Green

Garden Fair From 9 AM to Noon on Saturday, May 13th the First Congregational Church, 235 S. Kenilworth, Elmhurst, will be holding their annual Green Garden Fair. Pick up pre ordered certified organic seedlings. Additional vegetable and herb seedlings and some beautiful flower seedlings will be available for purchase at the Fair. Learn how to live more sustainably from a variety of "green" exhibitors such as the Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and City Bee Savers. Delicious baked goods will be available from Synapse House's Flower to Empower Bakery. For more information, visit the church website: elmhurstucc.org · 235 S. Kenilworth

#### Sat May 13th · 1 - 5 pm Cultural

Crossroads Celebration Join us for a colorful celebration of cultural diversity featuring an array of exciting performances and interactions with special quests. View the In Pursuit of Happiness exhibit on its closing weekend and participate in family-friendly activities outdoors and in our Education Center. Watch an amazing performance by the Illinois Shaolin Kung Fu Academy, a group of multi-age martial artists who perform at Chicago Bulls games and across Chicagoland. Encounter students from York High School's International Club, and meet representatives from Xilin Association and Immigrant Solidarity DuPage. Free admission. Elmhurst History Museum · elmhursthistory.org

### Sat May 20th • 11:30 am Pet Parade

Pets of all types and sizes welcomed.
Event starts at 11:30 AM at The
Silverado Grill. The parade is at 1 PM.
Pet Adoption Organizations Onsite.
Monetary Donation Drive for Local Animal
Shelters. Concessions Available. Free
Fun Activities: Pet Portraits, Pet Trick
Competition, Face Painting, Pet Tattoos
& More!! Click on the graphic or the link

below to sign your pet up for a day of fun! **springroad.com** 

### Sat May 20th · 1 pm Superhero Walking

**Tour** Join museum staff and exhibiting artists on a walking tour through Wilder Park to learn more about the current public art installation. Gain insights into the artists' work, process, and what else the Elmhurst Art Museum has in store for this Spring and Summer. **Elmhurst Art Museum • elmhurstartmuseum.org** 

### Sat May 20th · 8:30 am - 1 pm Crestview

Garden Club of Elmhurst Annual Plant Sale Check out the 43rd 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. Visit the special section filled with plants that are highly attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds. Experienced gardeners are 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. Shop early for the best selection. Sale takes place rain OR shine. Check out the club's website at: crestviewgardenclub.com or follow on Facebook at Crestview Garden Club -Elmhurst. The Depot at Wild Meadows Trace, 511 South York Street

#### Sun May 21st • 9-11 am Bike Safety Day

Please join the Elmhurst Fire Department and Elmhurst Police Department on May 21st for BIKE RIDE & SAFETY DAY! Bike safety is an important issue in Elmhurst. Biking is a great outdoor activity, but accidents can

happen without the proper safety precautions. So, let's talk about the best safety practices while riding your bike! We will meet at Wild Meadows Trace and Safety Town for bike safety tips and rules of the road followed by a 2-mile bike ride along the Prairie Path. Our bike safety team will be conducting bike helmet fittings and quick bike safety checks. Also stop by for giveaways, ice cream and a raffle chance to win a bike and helmet! Wild Meadows Trace • elmhurst.org

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Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade The Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry, in cooperation with the City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst veterans organizations, will host the 105th Elmhurst Memorial Day on Monday, May 29, 2023. This annual event will begin at 9:30 a.m. starting at York and 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 visit their website at elmhurstchamber.org.

**Bike Ride & Safety Day** Please join the City's Bike & Pedestrian Working Group, the Elmhurst Fire Department, and Elmhurst Police Department on May 21st for BIKE RIDE & SAFETY DAY!

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What: Bike Ride & Safety Day

When: Sunday, May 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Wild Meadows Trace, Elmhurst

Register at www.elmhurst.org.

Please note: Helmets are required. The event is free, however registration is required.

WaterSmart Leak Alerts The WaterSmart program

is free and offers residents the ability to actively manage their water usage. You can set up alerts to notify you of a leak or if your water has been used continuously. These notifications allow residents to fix the leak or find the problem immediately, saving them money, instead of waiting for their water bill



to find out there is a problem. WaterSmart also offers tips on maintaining indoor and outdoor plumbing to ensure your home is leak-free. Visit **elmhurst.org/watersmart** to register today!

**Public Works Citizens Academy** Have you ever wondered how our streets, utilities, and capital projects are maintained? Join the 2023 Public Works Citizens Academy, April 13th – May 11th!

The Public Works Citizen Academy is a 6-week program designed to give citizens a working knowledge of how the City of Elmhurst Public Works Department provides

vital functions to the community. This includes an in-depth overview of the divisions, interactive hands-on activities, along with tours of City facilities and presentations by



Public Works staff. The program, which is geared toward adults (you must be 18 or older to participate), will be held over six weeks on Thursdays between April 13th – May 11th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Elmhurst Public Works Garage (985 S. Riverside Dr., Elmhurst). At the end of the program, participants will be recognized as Public Works Citizen Academy graduates at a ceremony at City Hall on May 15th. The program is limited to 25 students per session and the application deadline is April 7th. Applications will be accepted in the order they are received at **elmhurst.org/citizensacademy**. Questions can be directed to the Public Works Department at 630-530-3753.

**Summer Permits** 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.

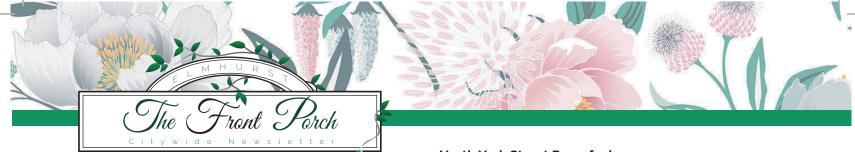
# Elmhurst Fire Department 2nd Annual Pancake

**Breakfast** Please join the Elmhurst Fire Department for a pancake breakfast in celebration of National Firefighters' Day! Choose between breakfast at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. at Elmhurst Fire Station #2 (601 S. York St.) on Sunday, May 7th.

Free Breakfast • Family Fun • Presentation of Annual Report • Fire Safety & Equipment Demos • Tour of Fire Station • Kids Games

Reservations required! Registration opens April 30th at **elmhurst.org/pancakebreakfast**.





#### **Protect Your Water**

Don't pour hazardous waste down the drain, such as motor oil, pesticides, paint, mothballs, household cleaners, pharmaceuticals, and many other items containing toxins. These contaminants can travel through the sewer system and could damage the treatment process at water reclamation facilities as well as being contained in the discharge water to the waterways of the state and country.

If you see it, report it. If you see someone discharging something questionable or dangerous into a storm water system, report it to the police and alert your water department. There are several ways to be a part of this effort. The Illinois EPA website **www.illinois.gov/epa** has information to help this effort. It's everyone's responsibility to help protect our water commodity. Let's do our part.

# **2023 Capital Improvement Projects**

#### 2023 Watermain Improvement Project

The 2023 Watermain Improvement Project includes the replacement and installation of new watermain along West Lake Street frontage road, Larch Avenue, and Armitage

Avenue. The planned watermain replacement will benefit the area in several ways. First, the improvements will upsize the existing watermain from an 8" to a 10". This upsizing will replace the existing watermain that is almost 100 years old. The oldest section of this existing watermain along Armitage has been experiencing a high number of breaks in recent years. Second, the project will fill in a 600-foot gap in



the City's watermain system. This will ensure the ability to provide water to several properties along Lake Street that either don't have domestic water at all or are currently on a ground water well. Third, the improvements will increase both fire flow and pressure reliability to the area. The project is anticipated to begin after May 1st and is estimated to conclude by October 31st.

### **North York Street Resurfacing**

The City of Elmhurst has received Federal grant dollars for roadway resurfacing improvements along North York Street from Crestview Avenue to Grand Avenue. The project will primarily be a resurfacing of the existing roadway pavement, but this project will also allow the City to provide additional improvements to the North York Street corridor. Included

in the scope of the project are ADA sidewalk upgrades, a designated mid-block pedestrian crossing installation with flashing beacons, spot curb and gutter repairs, new raised medians with landscaping, widening on Belden Avenue to accommodate a new designated westbound right-turn lane, bidirectional turn lane



improvements, and sidewalk repairs. Work is expected to commence in the summer and be completed by the fall.

### **2023 Contract Paving Program**

The Contract Paving Program is an annual roadway improvement program. This project will provide for the grinding and bituminous overlay of various asphalt and concrete streets with either segmental or full curb and gutter replacement. Maintenance of municipal parking lots and alleys, as needed, can also be included in this program. Other work to these select locations may include: utility structure adjustments, sanitary manhole rehabilitations, related storm sewer work, paving of driveway approaches, sidewalk ramp improvements for ADA compliance, restoration of parkways, and traffic control. Work is expected to begin in May and continue through September. Residents who live on affected streets will be given notice prior to work commencing.





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# In Pursuit of Happiness Exhibit Continues through May 14th

The Elmhurst History Museum's latest exhibit, *In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities*, continues a successful run this spring exploring the personal stories and experiences of area immigrants – including a number of Elmhurst residents – through first-person accounts and treasured objects. The exhibit was guest curated by Elmhurst local Sandy Denninger, who spent many hours researching and interviewing participants to obtain firsthand accounts of their experiences. The result is a poignant, timely story of what it means to be an immigrant and an American.

In Pursuit of Happiness: Immigrants in Our Communities closes on May 14, 2023, so be sure to stop by soon to learn more about this story. The Elmhurst History Museum will present a special Cultural Crossroads Celebration event on Saturday, May 13th on the exhibit's closing weekend with a free family-friendly day on the museum grounds and special guests. A big thank you to



our exhibit sponsors: Community Bank of Elmhurst; Feze Roofing; Kriezelman Burton & Associates, LLC; Michael V. LoCicero, Attorney at Law; Storino, Ramello & Durkin, Attorneys at Law; Rotary Club of Elmhurst; and Superior Ambulance Service. For more information on the exhibit and related programs, go to **elmhursthistory.org**.

# Chicago Immigrant Orchestra: A Must-See Musical Event



An exciting event celebrating the *In Pursuit of Happiness* exhibit comes to town on Sunday, March 26th when the Chicago Immigrant Orchestra takes the stage at Elmhurst University's Hammerschmidt Chapel. The Chicago Immigrant Orchestra is a diverse and talented ensemble whose members hail from Chicago's immigrant community to represent globespanning musical traditions. Orchestra members play instruments native to their countries of origin, blending together with their voices to create a unique, harmonious sound. Under the direction of virtuoso guitarist Fareed Haque and composer and multi-instrumentalist Wanees Zarour, this is a world-class concert experience you won't want to miss! For tickets and more

information, go to elmhursthistory.org or directly to Eventbrite at https://tinyurl.com/3cw6xsrs.

#### **Museum Explorers Camp 2023**

Parents, are you looking for an exciting and fun camp experience for curious kids entering 2nd-5th grade this summer? Our popular Museum Explorers Camp is back on June 12-16, 2023, and registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on March 1st. Museum Explorers Camp is designed for children who like to engage in a variety of STEAM activities with an emphasis on learning, cooperation, fun, and creativity in a respectful atmosphere. For more information, visit **elmhursthistory.org** (Learn tab) or email your questions to EHMeducator@elmhurst.org.





**Earth Day is April 22nd!** Earth Day will be celebrated around the world on Saturday, April 22, 2023. The theme for Earth Day 2023 is "INVEST IN OUR PLANET." Here are some simple things that you can do to make a difference:

- Take a walk around your neighborhood picking up discarded plastics, cans, and bottles
- Perform a household energy audit. Focus on electronic devices like laptops that are left on 24/7 (which accounts for 5-10% of residential energy use per year!) Turn these devices off when not in

use and you can save an average \$100 on your electric bill annually. Replace old bulbs with longer-lasting, more energy-efficient ones

- •Use solar-powered porch or entryway lights and solar-powered motion-sensor lights that are only activated when you approach an entryway
- In the backyard, create a compost pile. Start recycling coffee grounds, egg shells, and scraps of food to decompose and to ultimately enrich your garden for the upcoming growing season

Visit elmhurst.org for more sustainable ideas along with some fun Earth Day facts.

**BUSINESS** 

Introducing the Business Development E-Newsletter! The City of Elmhurst Economic Development team

is rolling out its own e-newsletter! Newsletters will arrive monthly, or whenever there are important updates for the local business community. Contents will focus on a variety of topics such as grant funding, events and educational seminars, and business community and policy updates. Be sure to subscribe so your business is always in the know! Subscribe at **elmhurst.org/businessnews**.

Federal Funding for Small Businesses On December 6, 2022, the U.S.

Department of the Treasury announced that Illinois will receive up to \$354.6 million to administer four programs as part of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). The programs include:

- Advantage Illinois, an existing program which provides favorable funding terms through a loan participation model;
- A new Advantage Illinois loan guarantee model, which will support businesses that have had difficulty receiving loans:
- · A new venture capital direct equity program that will support emerging technologies and industries; and,
- A climate bank finance program to issue loans to small businesses in the clean energy space.

SSBCI was reauthorized as part of the American Rescue Plan Act and provides \$10 billion to states for assistance to small businesses. Illinois is one of seven states approved to receive funding. Some grant programs are active and others will launch soon. Interested businesses should visit https://dceo.illinois.gov.

# **Around Town Business Updates**

The following list is a peek into new and expanding businesses throughout Elmhurst since November 2022.

- Ease Studio by Athina- 100 S. York St.
- · Orange Elephant Roofing- 925 S. IL Rte. 83
- Sciortino Interior Design- 411 N. York St.
- · Harmony Healthy- 314 W. Eggleston Ave.
- Dawn Reeves Interior Design- 520 S. York St.
- · Chemstation Chicago, LLC- 928 N. Oaklawn Ave.
- Train Hockey Consulting- 100 S. York St.
- · Mayfield Transfer Co.- 855 N. Church St.
- · Maharaj Indian Grill- 117 N. Addison St.
- · Carmie Cakes- 158 N. York St.
- Salon Jel- 122 N. York St.
- · Bottle Theory Taproom- 542 S. Spring Rd.

- · Beer on The Wall- 105 N. York St.
- · Amigas Mexican Restaurant- 671 W. North Ave.
- Krafted Burger Bar + Tap- 111 E. First St.

The following businesses are coming soon!

- · Kong Dog- 113 Schiller St.
- Phase Three Brewing- 492 S. Spring Rd.
- Fia Mia Academy- 212 W. Lake St.







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