

November 2010

## Elmhurst Citizen Survey Results

Since Elmhurst's first citizen survey in 1994, there has been a cause and effect relationship between survey results, and the initiation of new programs and projects. Through residents' responses, the priorities and concerns of the community become the priorities and concerns of city officials and staff. Your input is important and very much appreciated.

This year, just over 48 percent of the 1,600 residents who received the survey completed and returned it. Respondents continue to rank the overall quality of the community very high with 93.3 percent rating it good or excellent. Almost 96 percent rated Elmhurst as a good to excellent place to raise children. However, only 55.2 percent – the lowest percentage since the questions first appeared in 2000 – rated the community as a good to excellent place to retire. When asked to rate the overall quality of life in 2010 compared to five years ago, 20.9 percent of respondents rated it as better, compared to 44.3 percent in 2008 and 56.1 percent in 2006 when the question was first asked.

Over 90 percent of respondents rated the Elmhurst Fire Department good to excellent in response time, quality of service, and professionalism and courtesy in emergency situations. More than 94 percent of respondents who used an ambulance in the past year rated the response time, quality of service, and professionalism and courtesy as good or excellent. The Elmhurst Police Department was rated good to excellent in response time in an emergency by 79.2 percent. Quality of service was rated good to excellent by 80 percent of respondents, with 89.5 percent rating professionalism and courtesy as good to excellent. As in all previous surveys, the overall visibility of police in respondents' neighborhoods was rated far lower than in the community as a whole.

For Elmhurst's Public Works services, refuse collection, yard waste collection and recycling received the highest marks with between 81.9 percent and 86.8 percent rating these services as good to excellent. The scores in these areas have steadily improved since the 1994 survey. The lowest marks were received in the areas of street maintenance and mosquito control.

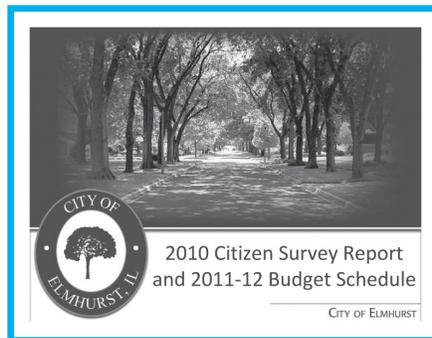
Two new questions were directed at bicyclists. Of those who responded to these questions, over 87 percent rated ease of travel by bike between fair and excellent. Bike parking was rated fair to excellent by 86 percent. Ratings for commuter parking, shopper parking and ease of travel by car all saw significant jumps in satisfaction, with good to excellent ratings in these areas increasing by more than eight percent over the 2008 survey. As in previous surveys, the perception persists that traffic speed is higher in respondents' own neighborhoods than in the city as a whole.

Elmhurst City Centre received high marks on attractiveness and appearance with over 90 percent rating the downtown as good to excellent. Ratings were not as high for downtown parking convenience and accessibility with just over 56 percent rating parking convenience and accessibility as good to excellent. The overall quality of the City Centre today as compared to five years ago is considered about the same or better by 97

percent of those surveyed. Other than the City Centre, the area shopped most often was Elmhurst Crossing at Route 83 and St. Charles.

The Elmhurst Public Library continues to be a popular destination for Elmhurst residents. Over 89 percent reported that they or their family

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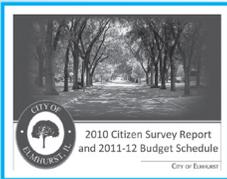


## Holiday Greetings

Ring in the holidays at the annual Tree lighting in front of the Elmhurst Police Station on November 26 at 5:30 p.m. The festivities will include holiday music and the arrival of a very "special visitor" to thrill the young and young-at-heart. Bring the whole family for an evening of old-fashioned holiday fun.

## State Awards Grant for Traffic Control Improvements

The City of Elmhurst was recently awarded a \$60,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation for improvements to traffic control devices at three busy intersections along Route 83. Uninterrupted power supply (UPS) units were installed where Route 83 intersects with St. Charles Road, North Avenue and the east ramp of Lake Street and Grand Avenue. During a power outage, these signals will continue to operate normally on a battery power source. The signals can also be powered by generator in the event of an extended power outage. In the past, police officers were dispatched to these intersections to control traffic during power outages. In future outages, these intersections will be safer for both motorists and officers. The signal upgrades also included the replacement of incandescent bulbs with brighter, more energy-efficient LED bulbs.



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members have library cards, compared to 77.1 percent in the 1994 survey. Over 63 percent reported that they visit the library at least once a month, compared to 57.7 percent two years ago. Over 96 percent of those surveyed rate the library as good to excellent in professionalism and courtesy, library services in general and children's programs.

Visits to the Elmhurst Historical Museum have increased in the last two years with 22.6 percent of those surveyed reporting they have visited the museum in the previous 12 months with exhibits being the most popular museum events. The museum received good to excellent ratings on professionalism and courtesy, overall satisfaction with the visit and quality of service by over 92 percent of visitors. Almost 68 percent felt that a museum admission fee between \$1 and \$3 would be reasonable.

Results pertaining to communications found that residents get city information from the city newsletter, followed by each of the three local newspapers, the city website and Cable Channel 6. A question regarding building public awareness of community-wide issues was asked for the first time in 2010. The activities/initiatives that would have most impacted respondents' awareness of such issue were special editions of the city newsletter (457 responses), online questions/suggestions with responses (223 responses) and regular updates on the city website (217 responses).

The 2010 survey included a series of questions concerning budget issues. Over 90 percent rated the value of city programs and services for the fees and taxes paid to the city as fair to excellent. Nearly 69 percent rated their awareness of the city budget as fair to excellent. Respondents were asked for their preference if the city had to increase revenue to sustain services. Just under 51 percent said they would prefer user fees, followed by 25.8 percent for sales tax, 9.8 percent for property tax and 13.5 percent for other.

The survey then asked residents to rate the level of services in a number of areas as either "too much," "about right" or "not enough." The services that were rated by over 90 percent as "about right" were ambulance service, fire protection, sanitary collection and treatment, water protection and distribution, library programs/services, and refuse collection. The service rated most often (24.8 percent) as "too much" was parking enforcement. Over 30 percent rated street maintenance, sidewalk maintenance, animal control and private property storm water assistance (rear yard drains) as "not enough."

Since the survey was initiated in 1994, the three things respondents like most about living in Elmhurst has remained the same, with central location/convenience, quality of life and quality of schools topping the list. The things people like least about living in Elmhurst have varied slightly over the years, with taxes, airplane noise, traffic congestion and cost of living usually topping that list.

For the first time since 1998, taxes moved ahead of cost of living/affordability as the biggest problem residents feel Elmhurst will face in the next five years. Cost of government services came in third. Property value decline is seen as a bigger problem in the next five years than airplane noise/airport expansion, likely a reflection of the current economic downturn. City government operations were rated as good to excellent by 72.1 percent and as fair to excellent by 96.3 percent.

Survey results have been shared with the School District, Park District, Public Library, Chamber of Commerce and City Centre. They will also be used to assist with the 2011-2012 budget, and to prioritize goals and objectives for city departments. To see survey results, general comments and historical perspective, go to the city website at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org). Copies are available at City Hall and at the Elmhurst Public Library.

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## New Fire Station LEED Certified

The new Elmhurst Fire Station #2, located at 601 S. York Road, has achieved LEED Certification Silver level. LEED (Leadership in Energy Efficient Design) Certification is the recognized standard for measuring building sustainability. The LEED rating system offers four certification levels for new construction: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum. The levels correspond to the number of credits accrued in five green design categories: sustainable sites, water-efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality. LEED standards cover new commercial construction and major renovation projects, interiors projects and existing building operations. Achieving LEED certification is the best way to demonstrate that a building project is truly “green.”

In 2007, the City of Elmhurst joined the “COOL Cities Pledge” to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the community and the design of the new fire station building supports that commitment.

Design features that helped the fire station to achieve LEED Certification include:

- Energy-efficient light fixtures turn off when rooms are unoccupied for short periods of time.
- High-efficiency mechanical equipment, including hot water boilers and chillers.
- Environmentally friendly refrigerants for the air conditioning system.
- Paints, solvents, carpeting and adhesives are low VOC (volatile organic compounds) or VOC free.
- Renewable energy certificates were obtained to offset power generated for the facility. Renewable energy is generated using natural resources, such as sunlight and wind.
- The sustainable landscape plan for the entire site includes native plants and drought tolerant species that require low maintenance and use 50 percent less water.
- Exterior lighting is designed to have zero light spillover at the lot lines while maintaining the illumination levels required for maneuvering vehicles at night.
- Ten percent of the buildings materials are made from a combination of post-consumer and pre-consumer recycled content.

## Community Safety

### Wintertime Fire Safety

Fires over the holidays cause hundreds of deaths and injuries, and many millions of dollars in property damage. The following tips will help reduce your chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

#### Christmas Tree Fires



For millions of Americans, a beautifully decorated, fragrant, live tree helps create a winter wonderland indoors during the holidays. Live trees, however, that are dry and neglected can quickly become fully engulfed in flames from shorted electrical lights, candles, lighters or matches. A burning tree can quickly fill a room with fire and deadly gases. When selecting a tree this holiday season, choose one that has been freshly cut. You can identify an old tree by bouncing it on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree was cut too long ago and has probably dried out. Artificial trees should be flame-retardant. Position your tree well away from heat sources that will quickly dry out a live tree. Don't keep a live tree up for more than two weeks and keep the stand filled with water.

#### Holiday Lights and Decorations

Carefully inspect lights for frayed wires, bare spots, insulation gaps, broken or cracked sockets, or excessive kinking or wear. Don't link more than three light strands, unless the directions specify that it is safe. Check the wires periodically to make sure they are not warm to the touch. Unplug the lights before retiring for the night. All decorations, including artificial trees, should be flame-retardant or nonflammable. Place all decorations, including stockings, away from fireplaces and other heat sources. Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace.

#### Candle Safety

If you decorate with lighted candles, make sure they are in stable holders and in areas where they cannot be easily knocked over. Never leave candles unattended, or allow children or teens to have burning candles in their bedrooms. Keep them away from Christmas trees and other flammable items, including clothing, paper, curtains and books.



#### Space Heaters

If you need to use a space heater to take the chill out of a room, select one that has been tested by a recognized testing lab. Make sure the heater has a guard around the heating element and an automatic cutoff device if it is accidentally tipped over. Place the heater on a level, hard, non-flammable floor surface and away from flammable materials.

## City People Helping People

The City of Elmhurst participates in a community-wide program known as Character Counts, which advocates the six pillars of character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Many Elmhurst employees are actively involved in community-wide activities and fund-raising events that demonstrate both caring and good citizenship.

Public Works and other city employees support community efforts to assist needy area families. Since 2004, the Public Works Garage has provided a clean, safe area for the United Community Concerns Association, Inc. to store and sort the donations collected for the annual holiday food drive. In 2009, the event provided food and supplies for 272 area families. Many city employees and elected officials assisted in the delivery of supplies. This year, three Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry events were held at the Public Works Garage. Each event, which was staffed by volunteers from the United Community Concerns Association, Inc., provided food and supplies for over 260 local families.

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## Mayor's Message



Recent Mayor's Messages in *The Front Porch* newsletter have covered such issues as flooding, budget, finances, economic development and the City's efforts to overcome difficulties pertaining to these issues. While there will always be important topics that we must evaluate, debate and plan our future around, in this message I would like to look at another significant issue: Why we all should be proud to live in Elmhurst, IL.

Although I know I have missed some items, I made a list of those things about Elmhurst that make me proud:

- Great education at every level, both public and private, as well as a fine college.
- Strong businesses with deep roots in our community; strong business organizations, such as the Chamber, City Centre, York and Vallette and Spring Road Business Associations.
- Citizens who care about their City and share that with their elected officials; it is vital that your elected officials hear these shared comments even if we don't always like them. Crisis can bring us together over time.
- A spirit of enthusiasm about the future. Although this was not strong only a short time ago, I sense that it is beginning to return. I see it in the way people are conducting themselves and the decisions they are making for the years just ahead.
- Beauty all around me: Elmhurst is a beautiful place; that beauty is both physical — in its trees, parks, gardens, fountains and personal space, and can also be found in its people and their interactions.
- Culture and fun mixed together — with zest: outdoor events, concerts, play days, ageless automobiles and art shows.
- City workers who step up to any and all challenges, and not just for our day-to-day operations, but when extraordinary efforts are required. In the aftermath of the major storms which occurred this summer, these individuals handled their work with careful thought and accountability; you can't ask for more.
- A sense of place. This feeling is hard to explain — and maybe it can't be explained without experiencing it. I know many of us in Elmhurst feel that our community is a City where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. When you combine your list of "positives" with my list and those of others, you will see a wonderful City with a distinctive past, vibrant present and positive future. That sense of place means that we believe in each other, share more than we don't and move ahead regardless of what might be there to slow us down.

Elmhurst has always been relevant to its citizens, DuPage County and beyond, and it continues to be so today. I invite you to create your own list of those things about Elmhurst that make you proud. You will enjoy the time spent thinking about your community and your community will be better for it, too.

Happy holidays to all!

Peter P. DiCianni, Mayor



The new parking deck features 253 new spaces

## First and Larch Parking Deck Open

With the opening of the new parking structure at 175 W. First Street, 253 new parking spaces were added to the Central Business District parking inventory. The city will soon receive a \$2.5 million Metra grant now that the deck has been completed. Work on the deck was completed in 226 total working days and involved 23,000 working hours for building demolition, underground tank removal and construction. A total of 1,860 cubic yards of concrete were used in the foundation system and 264 precast pieces in the deck itself. During early construction, an abandoned wooden water main estimated to be over 50 years old was uncovered along First Street. The new parking structure will provide a more appropriate allocation of commuter spaces and Central Business District employee spaces, as well as additional commuter spaces in close proximity to the Metra platform.

## Lock It or Lose It Over the Holidays

The holidays are a favorite time for criminals to take gifts and valuables from unlocked homes, and from locked or unlocked vehicles, especially when the items are left in plain sight. The Elmhurst Police Department is involved in an ongoing effort to educate residents to always lock doors and windows, garages and vehicles day and night whether they are at home or not. Please remember to call 9-1-1 right away if you notice suspicious activity, no matter how minor it may appear.



## Yard Waste and Leaf Collection

Yard waste collection will end after the week of November 29 and resume during the first week in April. The final free leaf collection will be held on December 1, 2 or 3, whichever is your regular refuse collection day. Please remember that it is illegal to rake leaves into the street since this can cause hazardous driving conditions and serious street flooding when wet leaves block the city inlets and prevent water from draining into the storm sewer system. Fines for violations can be up to \$500.

## Holiday Refuse Collection

During Thanksgiving week, refuse pickup will be delayed for one day for residents with a normal Thursday or Friday collection day. There will be no change in the collection schedule during the weeks of Christmas and New Years since both holidays fall on Saturdays.

Christmas trees will be collected without a refuse sticker during the first and second weeks in January. Remove all ornaments, lights and nails before disposing of the tree. Do not put the tree in a plastic bag.



Gift boxes that measure no more than three feet by three feet can be recycled. Other decorations, including wrapping paper, garlands and wreaths, can be disposed of with regular refuse.

## Elmhurst Levee Nears Completion

After delays caused by frequent summer rains and a construction workers' strike, improvements on the Elmhurst Levee are near completion. The levee, which extends along the east side of Salt Creek between St. Charles Road and Roosevelt Road, protects approximately 1,400 homes in southwest Elmhurst from floodwaters that overbank Salt Creek. The levee, originally constructed in the early 1990s in response to the 1987 flood, consists of intermittent concrete floodwalls and earthen berms.

After Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, Federal mandate required that all levees be certified to meet FEMA and Army Corps of Engineers design and construction standards. Without certification, FEMA would map these protected homes back into the floodplain, thereby subjecting all properties to strict floodplain rules and regulations, and requiring flood insurance for homes with federally backed mortgages.

In order to achieve certification, woody vegetation and trees were removed on or within 15 feet of the levee. The clay soil comprising the barrier was reshaped and recompacted to specified densities. Concrete floodwalls were inspected, cracks were sealed, and at one location, the wall was elevated. Some minor remedial work remains. FEMA will review the final submittals in the coming months before awarding certification. The Elmhurst Levee will be one of the first local municipal levees certified.



## Explore Elmhurst on Facebook & Twitter

Information about how to Celebrate, Play and Stay in Elmhurst is easy to find and follow on your computer or smart phone. The City of Elmhurst invites residents to find information

about shopping, dining, events and attractions throughout the City on Facebook/Explore Elmhurst and Twitter/Explore Elmhurst. Everything from shop and restaurant promotions to new business openings and special events in our business districts are included. Information about Elmhurst museums, Elmhurst College, the Park District and more is updated daily. Residents and visitors can also access the Explore Elmhurst postings from the Facebook and Twitter links at the lower left side of the City website at [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org). Sign up and spread the word! Check out Explore Elmhurst on Facebook and Twitter today!



## Vehicle Exhaust and Air Pollution

In many parts of the country, particularly in heavily populated areas, vehicle exhaust is the leading source of toxic air pollution. According to the American Cancer Society, air pollution increases the risk of cancer, heart and lung disease, asthma and allergies. Idling your automobile engine contributes in a major way to this pollution. Here are a few surprising facts: Idling for an hour uses up a gallon of fuel and produces about 20 pounds of air-polluting carbon dioxide. Running a car on idle for just 20 minutes generates the same amount of dangerous emissions as driving nearly 320 miles.

Even on cold days, modern engines need no more than 30 seconds of idling before driving. The best way to warm your car is to drive it. An engine not working at peak operating temperature can result in dirty spark plugs and contaminated engine oil. Restarting your vehicle frequently has little impact on engine components, including the battery and starter motor. The minor wear that results from restarting may add about \$10 a year to the cost of driving, an amount that is much less than the savings in fuel.



Here are a few simple suggestions that will help promote a cleaner, healthier environment. 1) Reduce warm-up time to no more than 30 seconds. 2) When stopping for more than 30 seconds, except in traffic, turn the engine off. 3) When possible, use alternate means of transportation, such as carpooling, walking, biking, or taking the bus or train. These easy suggestions, if followed by many drivers, will help reduce toxic air pollution.

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## Yield to Fire Vehicles at Lights

As you're driving by the Elmhurst fire stations, on either South York or North York Road, you've probably noticed the traffic lights located in front. These lights can be operated by firefighters and paramedics when they are on their way to or from an emergency. They are used to stop traffic and allow emergency vehicles to safely enter and exit the stations. The fire department asks motorists to use caution when in proximity to the stations and to yield to emergency vehicles.

## Identity Theft – What You Can Do

Computer use and the growing popularity of online banking and purchasing has made it nearly impossible to completely prevent crimes involving identity theft or the use of your personal information to commit various types of fraud. There are ways you can help prevent these high tech thieves from using your name, address, birth date, credit card/ bank account information, and Social Security number to impersonate you. If your personal information is readily available, it can be used to make purchases, apply for loans and credit cards, establish utility and phone service, rent apartments, purchase automobiles, etc. in your name. These simple steps are effective tools in the fight against identity theft.

- Remove Social Security cards, extra credit cards and duplicate IDs from your purse or wallet. Cancel credit accounts you no longer use and make a list of the ones you do use. Make a list of emergency phone numbers for banks or credit card companies with whom you have accounts. Never carry a list of bank or credit card passwords in your wallet or purse.
- Remove incoming mail from your mailbox promptly after delivery. Deposit outgoing mail inside the local post office.
- Never give out personal information on the telephone unless you initiated the call.
- Safeguard your purse by locking it up while at work, and carrying it closed and tight against your body while shopping.
- Shred credit card bills, pre-approved credit applications, receipts and other unwanted financial information before discarding them.
- Make sure you receive your bank statements and credit card bills on time. If they don't arrive when they should, contact the financial institution to find out if they were sent out.
- Never loan credit or debit cards to anyone. Report stolen or lost cards immediately.
- Beware of telephone or mail solicitations, or promotions that are in fact ploys to obtain your personal information or credit card numbers.
- Order a copy of your free credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus annually and check for discrepancies or fraudulent activity.

If you have any questions about identity theft or other criminal activity, contact the Elmhurst Police Department at 630-530-3050 or send an email by visiting [www.elmhurst.org/elmhurst/police/email.asp](http://www.elmhurst.org/elmhurst/police/email.asp).



## Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

Phone: 630-833-1457 [www.elmhursthistory.org](http://www.elmhursthistory.org)

Museum Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

### “Century City” Exhibit Marks Elmhurst’s 100<sup>th</sup> Year of Incorporation

In May of 1910, the citizens of Elmhurst made a conscious choice: Elmhurst *chose* to change from a village to a city form of government. The battle to become a city was not easily won: it took two elections and months of debate to become a reality. By today’s standards, this may not sound like “one of the hardest contests ever waged in local politics,” as it was dubbed by a local newspaper. Nonetheless, it represented a major shift in direction that impacted Elmhurst’s progress over the last 100 years.

So why did residents fight to become a city? And how has that decision impacted Elmhurst today? These questions and more are addressed in the new exhibit, “**Century City**,” which is open through **February 27, 2011**, at the Elmhurst Historical Museum. The exhibit is presented in honor of the City of Elmhurst’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation and traces the City’s progress through such events as the paving of York Street in 1921, the expansion of Elmhurst after World War II, construction of the Robert Palmer Drive underpass in the 1970s, and much more. Kids will like the interactive balloting device that allows them to practice voting.

Stop by Elmhurst Historical Museum to see “Century City” on Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.; admission is free.



Students from Conrad Fischer School made the Churchville Schoolhouse grand reopening on September 26<sup>th</sup> a huge success by presenting an American Play Party.

### Churchville Schoolhouse Celebration Filled with Song, Dance and History

On Sunday, September 26, more than 400 people came out to celebrate the Churchville Schoolhouse Grand Reopening. The day was filled with history, music, song and dance. The highlight was an American Play Party presented by the Conrad Fischer Elementary School Singers under the direction of Louise Derning. The children wore period costumes and played authentic instruments to accompany songs and dances from the 1800s. Visitors toured the newly renovated Schoolhouse, which dates back to 1846 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This special event was presented by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation and supported by the Elmhurst Garden Club, the Elmhurst Newcomers and Neighbors Club, and the Elm Classic Players. The Churchville Schoolhouse will start hosting field trips led by the Elmhurst Historical Museum staff in spring of 2011.



People were literally dancing in the streets in 1921 when the paving of York Street was celebrated. Mayor Otto Balgemann, center, cut the ribbon.

### OUR TOWN, OUR HISTORY, OUR HERITAGE

The Elmhurst Heritage Foundation

Invites *you* to become a member today!

Go to [www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org](http://www.elmhurstheritagefoundation.org)

Or call 630-833-1457



## Winter Weather Reminders

Old Man Winter's icy hand will soon have us all hoping for an early end to the wintertime challenges for homeowners, motorists and municipal workers. The following tips will help keep the winter season safer and less inconvenient for everyone.



### Wipers and Lights

Motorists are reminded that the law requires that they turn on their headlights any time weather conditions require the use of windshield wipers. Visibility is always reduced in rainy, snowy or foggy conditions.

### Snow Removal

Snow is removed from city streets in a series of passes from the center of the street to the curb. During this process it is inevitable that some snow will be pushed onto driveway approaches. Blowing or shoveling snow onto city streets is illegal.

### Street Parking

Don't park on the street for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more, or while city crews are plowing streets.

### Fire Hydrants

If you have a hydrant in front of your home, please keep it clearly visible, and free of ice and snow during the winter months.

### Sump Pump Discharge

To avoid creating hazardous conditions for motorists and pedestrians, sump pumps may not discharge water onto streets and sidewalks.

## 2011 Allied Waste Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day	1/1/11	Normal schedule
Memorial Day	5/30/11	Service delayed one day
Independence Day	7/4/11	Service delayed one day
Labor Day	9/5/11	Service delayed one day
Thanksgiving	11/24/11	Wednesday area – normal schedule Thursday and Friday areas – Service delayed one day
Christmas	12/25/11	Service delayed one day
New Year's Day	1/1/12	Service delayed one day

**Note: Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Columbus Day and Veteran's Day do not affect the service schedule. Please note that in 2010 Christmas and New Year's Day will not affect the service schedule.**



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