



# The Front Porch

Citywide Newsletter

## Welcome the City's New Fire Chief!

**T**homas K. Freeman has been appointed Fire Chief of the City of Elmhurst. Freeman comes to Elmhurst after serving as the Fire Chief for the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District for 22 years. He also worked as a firefighter for the Village of Evergreen Park where he was promoted to several positions, and eventually became Assistant Fire Chief. Freeman has over 44 years of experience and expertise in firefighting and holds a Masters in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University. Among many certifications and memberships, he is an active member of the DuPage County Crisis Management Team, DuPage County Emergency and Crisis Management Team.



"Tom is highly experienced for this position and will bring a wealth of talent to the City of Elmhurst. I know that he will play an integral part in providing the very best in class safety services to our residents," said Mayor Steve Morley.

Freeman is charged with leading the Elmhurst Fire Department operations while managing fire control and prevention, overseeing enforcement of municipal fire codes, and coordinating fire safety community outreach programs.

"The City of Elmhurst and its Fire Department are highly regarded and respected. There is a long and proud history within the organization, and I am honored to have been selected to bring my experience in this profession to the department, the city and its residents," said Freeman.

## Economic Development Updates

The Economic Development Team is excited about the reinvestment that is happening along the North York Corridor in Elmhurst's Tax Increment Financing District 4 (TIF 4). The City was able to begin combating years of underdevelopment in this area by partnering across the public and private sector and connecting with the real estate community working in the area to rectify the physical and economic opportunity barriers at play. Approval of TIF 4 in 2012 spurred economic opportunities, and revitalization or stabilization of commercial spaces has allowed the City to break the cycle of underdevelopment and improve the quality of life for residents and businesses along the corridor.



From early TIF 4 projects such as the highly successful Mariano's to the recently completed mixed use development, Elmhurst 255, improvements to the TIF 4 area have begun to show a return on investment to the community. Completed projects with increased assessed property values generated an increment of over \$300,000 this year, which will be reinvested into the area. With more projects coming online, it is anticipated that number will grow to over \$1 million in the next two years and will continue to rise throughout the lifetime of the TIF. City Manager Grabowski and Mayor Morley have championed the corridor during their tenure at the City, supporting not only economic development and beautification efforts to the area but stormwater management efforts as well, as evidenced by the completion of a retention basin at York/I-290 this fall. (Continue on page 2)





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## Economic Development Updates

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A great illustration of combatting underdevelopment is the arrival of Thornton's Gas Station (476 N. York St.) which opened in July 2016 on the parcel which formerly held the over ten-year vacant Steven's Steakhouse.

Another example of positive

changes in the North York Corridor is present at the York Center Plaza, which has greatly benefited from renewed interest in the area. Goldfish Swim School (614 N. Michigan St.) is one of the new businesses that have leased space in this location. Additionally, several previous tenants expanded their operating space within the complex.

Renewed interest in the North York Corridor likewise includes the successful Cilantro Grill (677 N. York St.) which opened earlier this year, Gem Carwash which is currently in the zoning approval process (964 N. York St.), and the addition of a new single-story physician's office through Edwards-Elmhurst Healthcare on the east side of North York (755 N. York St.). The LA Fitness facility (624 N. York St.) is open and the retail outlet featuring Starbucks, Bentley's Pet Stuff, and Hand & Stone Massage (opening soon) has already become a destination. The Wilkins Hyundai-Mazda Dealership on North York is also in the midst of major changes. Currently both dealerships are housed under one roof, construction began in March 2016 to build two separate dealerships. The Mazda dealership is well underway, and construction has begun on the Hyundai site.

Additionally, on September 19th the City Council approved the North York Streetscape Plan to enhance and beautify York Street from North Avenue to Grand Avenue, create a welcoming and safe pedestrian environment, and project an atmosphere of investor confidence. Suggested improvements geared towards stimulating economic development and pedestrian activity include the development of a welcoming gateway at the I-290 interchange, establishing a distinct "character and identity" for the direction of future landscape and streetscape enhancements, and reflecting the positive attributes of North York.

The plan boundary includes all right of way from the southern half of the intersection of North York and Grand Avenue running south to the northern half of the intersection of North York and North Avenue and includes the exit ramps of both east and westbound of the I-290 interchange. The plan, which is available on the City's website, outlines suggestions block by block as well as a three phase rollout for improvements over the next several years beginning with work surrounding the I-290 zone. In June 2016, the City applied for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant to begin this work.

Economic activity is far from being limited to only the North York Corridor. Over the course of the year more than 80 new businesses registered with the City, including Party City (209 S. IL Route 83), The Gaming Goat (152 N. York St.), Pure Barre (122 W. Schiller St.) and 151 Kitchen & Bar (151 N. York St.). Through September 2016, the City of Elmhurst has seen \$164 million in commercial development take place throughout the city and a new Tax Increment Finance District was approved by the City Council on September 19th creating a Redevelopment Project Area for Church Road/Lake Street. The new TIF 5 incorporates a portion of the former TIF 2 which expires in 2016.

Retaining existing businesses and helping them grow is also key to ensuring the economic health of a community. This year the City saw growth and expansion of a myriad of businesses including but not limited to Ruff Life (118 W. Vallette St.), Just Tires (236 N. IL Route 83), and Evolution Dance Experience (576 N. Michigan St.).

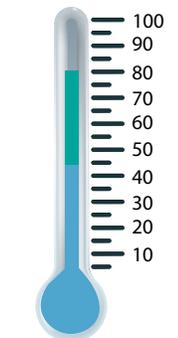
To learn more about the City's economic development, sign-up for the Economic Development Success Stories & Updates Blog at: [www.elmhurst.org/econdevblog](http://www.elmhurst.org/econdevblog).

## Stormwater Management Project Updates

In 2010, the City hired Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. to conduct a study of various locations throughout the City that have experienced localized flooding, and develop possible solutions to minimize this flooding from occurring in the future. City Council recently approved a \$25 million bond issuance in early 2016 to fund the construction of some of these projects. This past year the City has aggressively pursued the completion of several of these projects, with 4 projects operational, 4 under construction or under contract, and one in design, as listed below. Combined, these projects allow for approximately 82 acre feet in stormwater storage.

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DETENTION GOAL

acre-feet



Under Construction Complete Last updated 11/7/16

#### Completed Projects:

- Webster Avenue Detention - 2.34 acre feet
- York/I 290 Detention -18.5 acre feet
- Geneva Avenue Detention- 4 acre feet
- Walnut/Myrtle/Evergreen- 20 acre feet

#### Project Under Construction/Under Contract:

- Madison Middle School Detention - 6.25 acre feet
- Crescent Cambridge - 10.83 acre feet
- Harrison Street Detention -5 acre feet
- Pine/Avon - 12 acre feet

#### Projects Under Design:

- Washington Street Detention - 3 acre feet

For more information on the City's Stormwater Management Plans, visit: [www.elmhurststormwaterplan.org](http://www.elmhurststormwaterplan.org).

## Clothes Dryer Safety

Doing laundry is most likely part of your every day routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.



- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

## Holiday Fire Safety

A dry Christmas tree can burn very quickly. A tree in flames can quickly fill a room with smoke and deadly gases. If you plan to buy a fresh tree, make sure you're purchasing the freshest tree possible. The trunk should feel slightly sticky to the touch, and the needles should be green and not fall off when touched. Following are some other tips:



- Cut an inch or two off of the base of the trunk before setting it up.
- Be sure the tree is at least three feet from any heat source.
- Place the tree in a stand that holds an adequate amount of water and add water every day.
- Replace any light strings with worn or broken cords, or loose bulb connections.
- Never use lighted candles on or near the tree.
- Turn off tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Dispose of the tree as soon as it begins dropping needles.
- To view a video demonstrating the flammability of a dry tree versus a well-watered tree, please visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## Holiday Shopper Safety

The holiday season is upon us! While anytime is a good time to think about personal safety and crime prevention, the Elmhurst Police Department wants to share some holiday shopping safety tips to protect yourself against becoming a victim of crime.



When going shopping, keep in mind the following:

Avoid shopping by yourself. Invite a friend or family member; there is safety in numbers. Try to park in a well-lit, well-trafficked area of the parking lot at stores and malls. Avoid secluded and dark areas and always be alert and aware of your surroundings and any potential danger signs. This lessens the criminal's "window of opportunity."

Leaving vehicles unlocked puts you and your family at risk! Lock your car door and remove or hide all of your valuables.

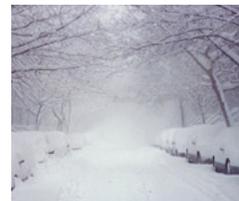
When using an ATM, take someone you know along with you and make sure you look around for any suspicious activity. Carry only the amount of cash you need and no more. Whenever possible pay for purchases with checks, credit, charge or debit cards.

Don't buy more than you can safely carry. If you do return to your vehicle to unload packages, place them in the trunk or make sure they're not in plain view. When returning to your car, make sure to keep your car key in your hand, ready to open your door.

Crime can be prevented when people are willing to step forward and get involved. By reporting crime and practicing these safety tips, you'll remove the opportunity for theft. Keep safe and enjoy the holidays!

## City Snow Removal

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 night time hours when there are fewer vehicles to impede the process. Please avoid shoveling or blowing snow into the street when you are clearing your property. Residents can also help by clearing snow from fire hydrants to help firefighters locate them quickly in an emergency. Please remember, too, that parking is not permitted on city streets for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more.





## City Hall Holiday Hours

City Hall will be closed for the holidays after 12pm on Friday, December 23 and all day on Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2.

The Elmhurst City Council and City Staff wish you all a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!



## Consolidated Election 2017

Those seeking to run for local political office at the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election may pick-up candidate packets from the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall.

The Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Seven (7) Aldermanic positions one (1) for each of the seven (7) Wards, are up for election. Candidate filing will take place Monday, December 12, 2016 thru Monday, December 19, 2016 at the Administration Office in City Hall, 209 N. York St. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. The consolidated election date is April 4, 2017. For more information, visit [www.elmhurst.org/1142/Candidate-Information](http://www.elmhurst.org/1142/Candidate-Information)

## City Employment Opportunities

### Looking for employment for the summer?

The City of Elmhurst is pleased to announce that we will soon be accepting applications for Temporary Summer Laborers in our Public Works Department. Requirements include an Illinois Driver's License and minimum age of 18. Temporary full-time hours will be available. In early Spring, look for Summer Worker applications on the City of Elmhurst employment site: [www.cityofelmhurst.peopleadmin.com/](http://www.cityofelmhurst.peopleadmin.com/)

### Now hiring Relief Crossing Guards!

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 use the following link to view this and any other City employment opportunities: [www.cityofelmhurst.peopleadmin.com/](http://www.cityofelmhurst.peopleadmin.com/)

## Mayor's Message



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families the very best this holiday season and a very healthy and happy new year.

You have all contributed to what makes the City of Elmhurst a widely known compassionate and friendly community. As we look ahead to 2017, we can take pride in knowing that we live in a community that works tirelessly to foster goodwill and generosity to those in need. Whether it be collecting food for those in need, running a 5K to support fundraising efforts for the hungry, building a playground for everyone, or holding events for children with special needs, there is such a wide range of community organizations whose mission involves fostering goodwill. I encourage you to visit [ExploreElmhurst.com](http://ExploreElmhurst.com) to review a list of these organizations and see what you can do to get involved.

2016 has been an exciting year for Elmhurst, as we've witnessed progress with many new developments and positive growth and change— and we have another year of progress ahead of us.

This past year, the City has aggressively pursued several stormwater management projects to minimize localized flooding in several areas of the City. All together in 2016, a combined total of 9 stormwater projects were completed or in production planning. These project allow for approximately 82 acre feet in stormwater storage. This equates to over 26,715,000 gallons of water. For more information on the City's Stormwater Management Plans, visit [www.ElmhurstStormwaterPlans.org](http://www.ElmhurstStormwaterPlans.org).

Development is at an all time high in Elmhurst, and the opportunity to open a business in town is more desirable than ever before. Over 80-new businesses have registered and the City has experienced \$164 million in commercial development throughout 2016. Our Business Park became the home of 2 corporate headquarters in 2016, Gerber Collision and Glass and Unity Railway Supply Company. City Council has aided to this development trend by approving a new Tax Increment Financing District (TIF 5), creating a redevelopment project area for Church Road and Lake Street. A North York Streetscape Plan was also approved by City Council this past year, to enhance and beautify York Street from North to Grand Avenues, creating a welcoming pedestrian environment, and project an atmosphere of investor confidence.

This tremendous growth in progress shows our growing reputation as desirable community to live, work and raise a family. I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead of us in 2017. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It is my honor and privilege to serve the residents and the City of Elmhurst.

Sincerely,  
Steven M. Morley, Mayor

## Elmhurst Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Elmhurst proudly presents its 21st annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 4th starting at noon. The parade will begin at the intersection of Wilson Street and Spring Road and continue north on Spring Road in Elmhurst. It's time to go GREEN! Come dressed up in your most creative & festive outfit!



## Know an Amazing Kid?

The City of Elmhurst's Commission on Youth is currently seeking nominees for its annual Exemplary Youth Service Awards, which will be presented on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at 7:00 PM at Sandburg Middle School. For more information and for the nomination form, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/ExemplaryYouthServiceAwards>.  
Deadline for submissions is March 10, 2017.

## 2016 Learn Not To Burn Winner

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
OCTOBER 9TH THROUGH 15TH  
ELMHURST FIRE DEPARTMENT



"LEARN NOT TO BURN"  
2016 GRAND PRIZE WINNER:

The Elmhurst Fire Department's fire safety program is taught throughout the school year to approximately 700 Elmhurst 4th grade students in all District 205, private and parochial schools. Topics covered during the program include the fire triangle, fire classifications, hazards found in the home, home escape planning and burn prevention. Each year, the "Learn Not to Burn" poster contest is held where students submit their drawings. Congratulations to this year's winner Brandon! His award

winning drawing themed, "Practice Your Fire Escape Route" took 1st place!

## Disposing of Holiday Trees & Refuse

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



## 2016 Outstanding Senior Citizen Awards

The Senior Citizens Commission honored exceptional and outstanding senior volunteers at a ceremony held on September 29, 2016. Award recipients were recognized for their shown commitment, kindness and generosity through selfless efforts and dedication that provide comfort and relief to the lives of the less privileged and most vulnerable. 10 outstanding individuals were recognized for rendering stellar public service to Elmhurst residents. These individuals do behind the scenes work, and never seek recognition for all that they do to help make our city the best it can be and what it is today- a great place to live.

Mayor Steve Morley gave a short summary of each of the award recipients, recognizing their accomplishments and thanking them for all that they do. The 10 individuals awarded "Outstanding Senior Citizens in 2016" include:

Grayson Haller from the Elmhurst Senior Commission, Mary Ohm from the DuPage Sr. Citizen Council-Meals on Wheels for DuPage, Harold Neely from the Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry, Wallace H. Hastings from the Elmhurst Police Department, Judy Ekblad from the Elmhurst History Museum, Jack Peale from the Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry, Maggie Foreman from the Elmhurst Park District, Millicent Chrusciel from the Elmhurst History Museum, John Wartinbee from the DuPage County Senior Service, and Cleo Tengroth from the Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry.



Many lives have been brightened by the positive spirit of these senior citizens. Congratulations and thank you to all of the award recipients!

## Holiday Tree Lights Recycling

The City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst Park District are partnering with SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) for the seventh annual holiday lights recycling program from Monday, November 14 to Friday, January 20. Look for the bins with the "Holiday Lights" stickers at these locations:

City Hall, 209 N. York Street: M-F: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Courts Plus, 186 S. West Avenue: M-F, 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.,  
Sat/Sun 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Park District Administrative Building, 375 W. First Street: M-F: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Abbey, 407 W. St. Charles Road: M-Th, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.;  
F, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Acceptable items include Italian mini-lights, traditional lights, extension cords, rope lights, and LED lights in both working and non-working condition. Lawn ornaments or other holiday decorations will not be accepted. Call Anne Scheppele at (630) 993-8941 or email [ascheppele@epd.org](mailto:ascheppele@epd.org) with any questions. Additional information about recycling is available from SCARCE at [www.scarcecoed.org](http://www.scarcecoed.org) or from Elgin Recycling at [www.elginrecycling.com](http://www.elginrecycling.com).

## Explore Elmhurst Website

Stay updated on events and activities in Elmhurst by visiting [ExploreElmhurst.com](http://ExploreElmhurst.com)! It's an ideal place to find an all-access guide to discovering what there is to see and do in Elmhurst.



## Citizens Police Academy

Congratulations to the recent graduates of the Fall 2016 Citizens Police Academy! The next class will begin in March 2017. In this 12-week program you will gain an understanding on how the Elmhurst Police Department operates in providing the best in class service and safety to Elmhurst residents. Subscribe to [www.elmhurst.org/enewsletter](http://www.elmhurst.org/enewsletter) for information on the upcoming Spring Class!



## Frozen Pipe Prevention

One of the biggest residential non-emergency calls to the Elmhurst Fire Department involves frozen water pipes.

Without proper precautions, cold weather can cause serious plumbing problems. Water pipes, plastic and copper, can burst if the water within freezes. Plumbing repairs to fix frozen pipes and meters can be very costly, but you can prevent these expenses.



### Winter basics

Caulking, sealing, weather-stripping and other efforts to improve the energy-efficiency of your home will help decrease the risk of a frozen pipe. Other suggestions:

- Unhook any hoses that are connected to outdoor faucets.
- If you typically set your home's thermostat down to save energy while you're away, do not set it lower than 55 degrees.
- Have a neighbor periodically check your home, especially on extremely cold days.

### If the temperature is zero or colder

- Turn on at least one faucet (if possible on an exterior wall) with a small, pencil-sized stream running.
- If you have a larger, two-story home, let a small stream run from a second faucet upstairs.
- Open cabinet doors to warm pipes under sinks.

### If your pipes freeze

- Use your master shut-off valve to cut the water flow to the home or business immediately.
- Call a licensed plumber.

Never try to thaw a pipe with a torch or any other kind of open flame. This can be extremely dangerous. If you proceed carefully, and you are not in an area of standing water, you may be able to thaw a pipe with a hair dryer. Do not attempt this without talking to a plumber first.

After a frozen pipe is thawed, turn the water back on very slowly while watching carefully for any leaks. Be prepared to shut your water off at the master valve in case of a leak.

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To learn about job opportunities through the City of Elmhurst, please visit [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org).



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

Steven M. Morley, Mayor  
Patty Spencer, City Clerk/OMA Officer  
Elaine Libovicz, City Treasurer

Administration.....630-530-3010  
Community Development .....630-530-3030  
Police (non-emergency) .....630-530-3050  
Public Works.....630-530-3020  
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, Mark Sabatino  
2nd Ward - Norman Leader, Bob Dunn  
3rd Ward - Michael J. Bram, Dannee Polomsky  
4th Ward - Kevin L. York, Noel Talluto  
5th Ward - Chris Healy, Scott M. Levin  
6th Ward - Jim Kennedy, Michael Honquest  
7th Ward - Patrick Wagner, Mark A. Mulliner

**Are you signed up to receive emergency alert notifications from the City? Visit the City's website and sign up for CodeRED today.**



## Lean Your Ear This Way: Jolly Old St. Nick is Back



The Elmhurst History Museum invites residents to celebrate Elmhurst's German roots with a concert of German carols and a performance by Jolly Old St. Nick on Friday, December 2 at the Yorkfield Presbyterian Church. This event has quickly become a new holiday tradition in Elmhurst for young and old. Elmhurst's own *Damenchor* (Women's Chorus) and *Männerchor* (Men's Chorus) will perform, and St. Nicholas himself—brought to life by first-person history performer Terry Lynch— will join the festivities to explain the history of the celebration and take pictures with the kids. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas, and hot cocoa and sweet treats will be provided.



Reservations for this free event are available online at [www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org) in the Special Event section.

## Shop Local at the EHM Gift Shop

The Elmhurst History Museum's gift shop has been updated with new merchandise and great gift ideas to make holiday shopping easy this season. Here are a few suggestions:

### Museum Logo Items:

Merchandise with the Elmhurst History Museum's new logo would make any Elmhurst resident proud, including our cool new blue tee shirts, metal water bottles and more.



**New Elmhurst Postcards:** A new collection of postcards featuring photos from Elmhurst history are available in packs of 10.

**History Books:** Choose from a selection of history books on a range of interesting topics, such as *Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective*, *The Great Chicago Beer Riot*, *Remembering Marshall Field's*, and more.

**Membership:** The gift of membership in the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation supports our community, the Elmhurst History Museum and the Churchville Schoolhouse—great for families or new neighbors!

**Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest Tees:** Any beer lover on your list will love this one along with a six-pack of their favorite brew and some of our homemade beer soaps.

**Elmhurst History Photos:** A number of 8" x 10" photos selected by our curators from the Elmhurst History Museum collection have been matted and are ready for framing.

**Churchville Schoolhouse Ornament:** A classic brass or ceramic ornament featuring the Churchville Schoolhouse makes a great teacher's gift.

## Marion Mahony Griffin Exhibit continues through March



If you're looking for affordable entertainment for family and visiting friends or relatives over the holidays, be sure to share your hometown history museum with them! Our current exhibit, *In Her Own Right*, profiles Prairie school architecture and design pioneer Marion Mahony Griffin. The wife of former Elmhurst resident Walter Burley Griffin, this exhibition traces Marion's early life, her personal and professional partnership with Walter on three continents, the final years of her life in Chicago—and sheds light on the work and legacy of a Chicagoan of immense but often overlooked importance.

## DID YOU KNOW? EHM Web Site Resources

The "Discover Elmhurst History" section of our new website at [www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org) has a trove of fascinating photos, articles, maps, and an interactive timeline to help you learn more about Elmhurst history. A new feature added recently is the "History Highlights" section with more than 25 downloadable articles written by our curator of collections, Nancy Wilson, on Elmhurst history. Check it out today!

## Top Reasons to Shop Local This Holiday Season!

When preparing for the holiday season we encourage you to shop local, eat local, and be local by exploring all that Elmhurst has to offer you. Eating, drinking and buying local creates a more vibrant community and when local businesses and attractions thrive, Elmhurst does too. Here are 5 great reasons to think local first this holiday season:

**Keep Money Local** — Going local with your spending causes a "multiplier effect" which keeps more money re-circulating in Elmhurst. Money is kept in the community because locally-owned businesses often purchase from other local businesses and service providers and serve as an employer for countless local residents. Purchasing local supports future business growth and job creation while growing Elmhurst's sales tax base.

**Personal Connection & Better Service** — Local business owners do what they do because they are passionate about their products and typically take more time to get to know their customers. Patrons of local coffee shops Brewpoint Coffee (124 W. Park Ave.), Pilot Pete's (128 W. First St.), and Elijah's (136 W. Vallette St.) praise these local owner/operators for the personal experience they receive day in and day out.

**Locally-Made Products** — Local business owners often sell local products, which helps preserve the community's distinction and creates more jobs locally, as well. Hazyl Boutique (106 W. Second St.), offers several "made in Elmhurst" products. Shoppers can find a variety of scented candles, including the store's signature Hazyl candle from Blue Violet Candles as well as a wide selection of bath & body products including shea butter, lip balms, and sugar scrubs from ESH Scientifically Beautiful.

**Diverse Products** — Local stores carry inventory you might not find at national chain stores. For example, shoppers looking for unique Elmhurst themed gifts can find Elmhurst candles, pillows, wine stoppers and other assorted gifts at Kie & Kate Couture (559 Spring Rd.), a wide variety of Elmhurst branded items from luggage tags to make-up bags at Bachabee's Boutique (116 W. Vallette St.), York High School spirit wear and other "locally inspired" Elmhurst products at Elmhurst Photo Boutique (535 S. Spring Rd.), and tea towels, signs, ornaments and more at The Uptown Shop (129 N. York St.).

**Support Future Growth** — Shopping and dining locally is the best way to show pride in your city and help protect the businesses that make Elmhurst unique.

The businesses listed herein are only a few of many that preserve Elmhurst's community distinction; visit [www.ExploreElmhurst.com](http://www.ExploreElmhurst.com) to view a directory of Elmhurst businesses, restaurants, and attractions. One-of-a-kind shops and restaurants are part of what makes Elmhurst a great place to live. Support our local businesses this season, and beyond!



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