



## The City Newsletter



### Historical Museum Turns 50

The year 1957 was a time simply bursting with historical events. Theodore Geiser (Dr. Seuss) wrote

*The Cat in the Hat* and the Soviet Union launched Sputnik I. Velcro was patented by George de Mestral of Switzerland. John F. Kennedy was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for *Profiles in Courage* and the Elmhurst Historical Museum was founded.

In 1957, the Elmhurst Historical Museum was housed in a small room on the third floor of the Glos Mansion, which served as City Hall from 1942 to 1970. Over time the museum has matured into an institution offering award-winning exhibitions, programs for visitors of all ages, curriculum-based experiences for school children, and collections that document the entire spectrum of Elmhurst's history.

Unfortunately, museums are often viewed merely as places of quiet learning for scholars. "Au contraire!" The Elmhurst Historical Museum is a memorable destination where people of all ages can learn history in a fun-filled environment. Those who prefer hands-on activities will enjoy the numerous interactive workshops and exhibits hosted throughout the year for adults and children, including historical replicas you can touch and examine. Those who enjoy historical research will find thousands of photos, maps, genealogical records, old high school yearbooks and much more at the Elmhurst Historical Museum.

Among the many events marking the museum's 50th anniversary is the publication of a new book about Elmhurst history by Virginia Stewart, entitled *Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective*;

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# Elmhurst

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Issue I

## City of Elmhurst Comprehensive Plan

The city's new Comprehensive Plan process kicked off in December 2006. Key interviews with members of the community have been conducted, and early citizen workshops were held to gather insights and opinions.



The city's Zoning & Planning Commission plays a key role in the Comprehensive Plan process, with primary review and responsibility for the plan's development. Citizen input is an important part of the process and will include public review meetings with opportunities for public participation.

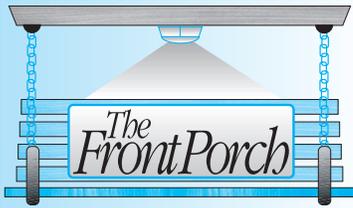
In addition to these community workshop meetings, the City of Elmhurst is providing the following opportunities for public information and participation, including:

1. A Comprehensive Plan feature in the "What's Hot" section of the city's website.
2. Availability of the "Why Plan?" brochure to introduce the Comprehensive Plan process. The brochure is available at the Elmhurst Public Library, Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Elmhurst City Hall. The brochure is also being made available on the city's website.
3. An e-mail distribution list consisting of residents, officials and interested parties, to announce meetings and provide other key information. (Please contact the Department of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development at 530-3100 to be added to this list.)
4. Periodic news releases to local media sources and announcements in the city newsletter.
5. An ongoing e-mail link for submission of comments about the Comprehensive Plan.
6. Future public meetings at key points during the planning process.

Further information regarding the Comprehensive Plan is available on the city's website: [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org). General questions regarding the Comprehensive Plan may be referred to the Department of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development at 530-3100.

## Save the Date: EHM Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to attend the Elmhurst Historical Museum's 50th Anniversary Gala Banquet on Saturday, November 3, 2007, at the Westin Hotel, Lombard, at Yorktown Center. For information and tickets, call the Museum at 630-833-1457.



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and the long-awaited opening of the Churchville One Room Schoolhouse in the autumn. This historic school, built around 1850, will offer children an opportunity to step back into the pages of history and relive their ancestors' school experiences.

Even 50 years after its founding, the museum continues to change and grow. Planning is ongoing for the new Heritage Center, which will offer much-needed space for programming, exhibition and storage, along with the amenities of a modern, state-of-the-art museum.

Congratulations to the Elmhurst Historical Museum on its 50th anniversary! Remember — history is our story. It is the story of who we were, who we are and who we will become. To find the most up-to-date programs and exhibits at the Elmhurst Historical Museum, visit [www.elmhurst.org/elmhurst/museum](http://www.elmhurst.org/elmhurst/museum).

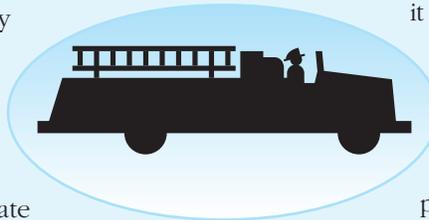


## Eleventh Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Elmhurst will celebrate "the wearing of the green" at the 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 17. The parade will step off from the corner of Wilson Street and Spring Road at 12 noon, and will feature music, dancing, animated characters and clowns. So put on your best green duds and join your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of fun and festivities. For more information visit [www.elmhurststpatparade.com](http://www.elmhurststpatparade.com) or send an email to [info@elmhurststpatparade.com](mailto:info@elmhurststpatparade.com).

## Restoring a Piece of Elmhurst History

More than 85 years ago, the City of Elmhurst purchased one of its first gasoline-powered fire apparatus vehicles — a 1921 Seagrave pumper. In its prime, this engine was considered a marvel of modern firefighting equipment. For the first time, Elmhurst firefighters had the ability to lift water from the stone quarry or the creek at the rate of 325 gallons per minute. The little fire truck faithfully served the community for more than 30 years until it was sold and put on display at a private museum in Wisconsin. In 1995 the truck was purchased by a private collector in St. Louis. Eight years later the owner contacted the city, and Elmhurst Local 3541 (the firefighters union) saw an opportunity to bring the Seagrave pumper back home. The union purchased the vehicle for \$5,000 with the goal of restoring this piece of firefighting history and sharing it with the people of Elmhurst. Two years ago the engine was featured in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, riding humbly on a flatbed trailer. The little engine also made several public appearances at Cool Cars Under the Stars as city employees and volunteers worked to restore the engine. A Seagraves repair company in Mokena, Illinois,



noticed the fire truck and offered to donate their services to help in the restoration effort. The frame and parts of the body have now been sandblasted and painted. The engine is still a "work in progress," but all signs indicate that with some hard work and generous contributions, it can also be restored. An estimated \$50,000 is needed to bring the little engine back to its original condition. As of December 2006, half that amount had been raised, thanks in large measure to the generosity of Elmhurst businesses, civic groups and private individuals. The Restoration Committee created a fundraising drive based on the Fire Department's alarm system: A \$5,000 donation for a 5th Alarm; \$2,500 for a Special Alarm; \$1,000 for a Box Alarm; and a \$500 donation for a Still Alarm. The Firefighters Union members are enthusiastic and confident that, with continued financial support and effort, the little Seagrave Engine will once again hold a place of honor within the community. For more information or to contribute to the effort, please call the Fire Department administrative office at 530-3090.



## The Emerald Ash Borer

The ash trees of many midwestern states are under attack by an insidious beetle called the emerald ash borer. More than 20 million ash trees in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and other states have already fallen victim to the insects.

### What kinds of trees are susceptible??

All 16 native ash species are susceptible to emerald ash borer infestation. Healthy or weakened trees of any size are susceptible. The EAB does not attack mountain-ash, prickly-ash, or wafer-ash since they are not true ash.

### How does infestation occur and spread?

Adult beetles eat the foliage of ash trees, but cause little damage. The larvae feed on the tree's inner bark and disrupt its ability to transport needed nutrients and water, eventually killing the tree. The natural spread of the emerald ash borer is approximately one-half mile or less annually, however humans have greatly accelerated the spread by moving infested ash trees, firewood and wood products from an affected area to other locations.

### What do the insects look like?

Adult beetles are metallic green, about 1/3 inch long and 1/16 inch wide. They have flat backs and rounded abdomens. They are present from mid-May through late July. Larvae reach a length of approximately one inch. They are creamy white in color, flattened and segmented.

### What are the signs of infestation?

- D-shaped holes on tree branches or trunks caused by the emergence of adult beetles in the spring;
- Jagged holes caused by woodpeckers extracting larvae from the tree;
- Wilted and yellowing foliage throughout the tree or on some branches;
- Canopy thinning and branch dieback occurring initially in the upper third of the tree;
- A large number of shoots arising below the dead portions of the tree, particularly at the tree base;
- Distinct serpentine-shaped galleries packed with excrement under bark; and
- Vertically split or cracked bark above the larval feeding galleries.

### What can be done to control the infestation?

- Maintain tree health. Even if an individual tree is healthy, however, its removal may be necessary to limit the spread of the insect.
- Do not move firewood — use local sources of firewood. Quarantines and fines are in place in parts of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to prevent the movement of infested ash trees, firewood and wood products to other areas or states.
- Plant a variety of trees to defend against EAB and other invasive insects and diseases.

## Hahn Street Redevelopment

Over the last decade, downtown Elmhurst has evolved into a mixed-use community shopping and entertainment center. Redevelopment has emphasized a mix of residential, restaurant, entertainment, commercial and cultural uses. The image and appearance of the downtown, and the interest in sustaining a pedestrian environment, is key to this continued success.



a public parking deck, retail and public open space for the subject sites. The redevelopment of these properties is an important part of the city's efforts to expand the Central Business District image of Elmhurst to the north part of the downtown.

In November of 2006, the City of Elmhurst released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an area of land in downtown Elmhurst known as the "Hahn Street Area." The Hahn Street project is comprised of five city-owned properties and four city-controlled properties, consisting of approximately 2.72 acres. The city is seeking a mixed-use, destination-oriented project that includes

The RFP submittal and selection process is intended to identify a development team with acceptable qualifications, design concepts and economic plans. The city hopes to choose a qualified candidate to redevelop the subject properties by spring of 2007. Questions about the Hahn Street RFP can be directed to the Department of Planning, Zoning & Economic Development at 530-3100.



## Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Fire hydrants are located throughout the Elmhurst community to provide adequate water for Fire Department use during firefighting operations. These hydrants are regularly flushed to ensure that they are operating properly. The Public Works Department will conduct the annual hydrant flushing from April 2-27. The operation will take place Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be completed during a four-week period. (See map below for details.)



### Wintertime Reminder

Residents are asked to avoid shoveling or blowing snow or ice into city streets when clearing driveways and sidewalks. The slippery conditions that result make streets hazardous for motorists.

## Mayor's Message



The Elmhurst Historical Museum has been an important community institution for 50 years and the City Council and staff join me in congratulating them on achieving this milestone anniversary. From open farmland to an established, successful suburb of Chicago, Elmhurst's rich historical tradition can be charted through the museum's new exhibit: "50 Years of Collecting, You Won't Believe What's Here." For anyone interested in the forces and events which shaped our community, this exhibit is a must see. (Go to page 10 of this newsletter for more details.)

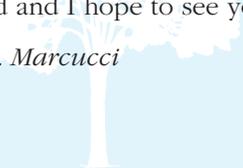
In tandem with all the activities at the museum this year, the City is involved with another project of a historical nature: The restoration of an 86-year-old fire truck once used by the Elmhurst Fire Department. This 1921 Seagrave Pumper has had a circuitous journey before coming back to us. It was once on display in a Wisconsin museum and was then purchased by a private collector. Later, the owner contacted the City and our local firefighters' union purchased it back for \$5,000 with the goal of restoring it. To-date, they have received donations totaling 50 percent of the funds they will need for the restoration work. It is hoped that this piece of Elmhurst history will one day function under its own power in our parades and other events. If you are interested, please see the article on page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

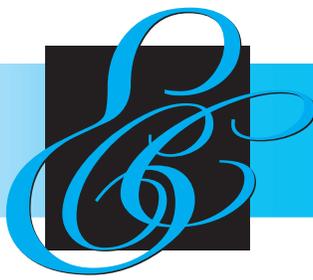
The commitment to preservation is strong in Elmhurst and our magnificent trees are no exception. Please take a minute to review the article about the ash borer on page 3. The City is bracing itself for this infestation, but there are steps that residents can take to slow its progress.

Lastly, I invite everyone with an interest in the future of our community to provide feedback to the City as we embark on the update of our Comprehensive Plan. The Plan is a valuable tool for mapping out the future of our City and we hope that it will reflect the dreams and aspirations of our citizens.

Don't forget, too, that our ever-popular St. Patrick's Day Parade will be taking place on Saturday, March 17. One of the largest and most well-attended St. Patrick's Day events in the Chicago area, it's sure to be a good time for young and old and I hope to see you there.

*Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci*





# Elmhurst Community Calendar

## Continuing through April 29 Special Exhibit: "Diamond Legacies"

See historically accurate replicas of the most famous and controversial diamonds in history.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art  
220 Cottage Hill

Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students \$2, Children 7-12 \$1, Under 7 free, Fridays free for everyone

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1616



## Continuing through May 27 50 Years of Collecting: You Won't Believe What's Here!

We're celebrating the Museum's 50th Anniversary with an exhibit featuring some of our most fascinating objects. Find out how items get into the collection, how the museum has changed, and what's in store for the future.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park

Tuesday-Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

## Thursday, March 1 Girlfriends Getaway

Ladies, come out for an enchanting evening of fun designed just for you! New spring fashions, tastings, refreshments, gifts with purchase, dining specials, and demonstrations.

Sponsored by Elmhurst City Centre

Downtown Elmhurst

5-9 p.m.

Free

Info: (630) 993-1600



## Thursday, March 1 through Saturday, March 3 College Theatre: Steel Magnolias

Steel Magnolias is set in a Louisiana beauty parlor where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Shaken by tragic events, the ladies' underlying strength and love make them touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad. Student-directed by Christopher Pazdernik.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre

253 Walter St.

8 p.m.

General Admission \$5

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 617-3005

## Friday, March 2

### Day Off? Drop In! Gilded Macaroni Frames

Make a funky, 1950s-style picture frame by gluing macaroni noodles into a fancy design. We'll "gild" it for you with gold paint for the perfect look!

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park

1-3 p.m.

\$1 per project

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457



## March 11

### Sunday Funday-Kooky Yarn Monsters

Turn a ball of yarn and a Styrofoam ball into a whimsical, kooky creature. These not-so-scary toys were all the rage in the 1950s.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park

1-3 p.m.

\$2 per project, children ages 4-12 years

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457



## Saturday, March 3 "Diamond Legacies"

Diamond replica specialist Scott Sucher presents the legends surrounding some famous and controversial diamonds. See how modern techniques can prove and disprove certain theories about controversial diamonds. Reservations recommended.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill

2 p.m.

Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students \$2

Info: (630) 833-1616

## Thursday, March 8

### Father and Son Fun Night

Grab your dad and come out for a night of fun and games! Play a round of mini-golf and laser tag at Enchanted Castle. Fee includes food, drinks, and 20 game tokens. Registration deadline is March 3.

Sponsored by Elmhurst Park District

Enchanted Castle

1103 S. Main St., Lombard

6-8:30 p.m.

\$19 resident/\$25 non-resident (per person);

\$19 each additional child

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 993-8901

## March 10 to July 29

### Transparent Watercolor Society of America's 31st Annual Exhibition

One of the finest annual watercolor exhibitions in the country, showcasing more than 75 of the best paintings selected from over 900 entries. Check the museum website for Kids Open Studio times and other exhibition-related programming!

Elmhurst Art Museum

150 Cottage Hill

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,

Wednesday 1-8 p.m., Friday, Sunday 1-4 p.m.

Members free, Adults \$4, Seniors \$3,

Students \$2, Children under 12 free, Tuesdays

free for everyone

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 834-0202



## Sunday, March 11 Band Concert

Both the Elmhurst College Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Winds will perform under the direction of Judith E. Grimes and Ross Kellan.

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel

3:00 p.m. Free

Handicapped accessible

Info: 617-3515



## March 12 to March 18 Spring into Action- March Membership Sale

Join Courts Plus during this week and receive \$75 off

your initiation fee.

Elmhurst Park District, Courts Plus

186 S. West Ave.

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-5064

## Monday, March 12

### Elmhurst College Heschel Lecture

Hannah Rosenthal (called "one of the Top 50 Jewish Leaders in the nation") will speak on "The Power of Feminism and Religion: Women's Bodies and Faith." Hannah is committed to social justice and human rights issues that impact females.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge,

Elmhurst College

190 Prospect Ave.

7:30 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 617-3033



## Thursday, March 15 Tea Time Tour-Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective



Author and Elmhurst resident Virginia Stewart shares insights from her new book on Elmhurst history. The book examines community-building and civic identity during four pivotal periods, arguing that Elmhurst did not simply evolve from farm center to suburban city. Rather, generations of local leaders redefined Elmhurst according to their visions of an "ideal community."

Elmhurst Historical Museum  
120 E. Park  
1-2 p.m.  
Free  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 833-1457

## Thursday, March 15 Christian Lecture: Nancy Pearcey

Nancy Randolph Pearcey, bestselling author of *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from its Cultural Captivity* and founding editor of "BreakPoint," a national radio commentary, will discuss "A Christian Worldview's Challenge to Higher Education."

Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College  
190 Prospect Ave.  
7:30 p.m.  
Free  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 617-3033

## Saturday, March 17 Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade

Come celebrate the day when all of Elmhurst is Irish—floats, music, marching bands, and characters of all sorts.



Sponsored by the Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Committee  
From Wilson and Spring Road north to the I.C. railroad tracks  
12 noon parade start  
Free  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 834-0300

## Sunday, March 18 Elmhurst Choral Union Concert: "Perfectly Beethoven"

The Elmhurst Choral Union, with professional soloists and orchestra, will perform an all-Beethoven concert, featuring the "Mass in C Major" along with the "Choral Fantasy." Directed by James MacDonald.

Elmhurst Choral Union  
Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College  
190 Prospect Ave.  
3 p.m.  
Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Students \$15  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 758-1100

## March 24 Mazon Creek Fossil Collecting Field Trip

Take a trip to Braidwood, IL, to collect Mazon Creek fossils at the world famous site Pit 11. Learn what to look for and how to open them. Travel by motorcoach, bring a sack lunch, and collect. Reservations required.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art  
220 Cottage Hill  
8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
\$25 per person  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 833-1616

## Sunday, March 25 Women's College Softball

Elmhurst College vs. Benedictine U., doubleheader.

(corner of 2nd St. and northbound Route 83)  
1 p.m.  
Free  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 617-3380



## Wednesday, March 28 Jane Addams "Live"

Annette Baldwin presents her vivid, personal portrayal of Chicago humanitarian, reformer, and peace advocate Jane Addams. Co-sponsored by Elmhurst's Historical Museum and Public Library. Reservations: (630) 279-8696.

Elmhurst Public Library  
125 S. Prospect Ave.  
7 p.m.  
Free  
Info: (630) 833-1457

## March 31 to April 22 Spring Flower Show

The Park District is proud to present a colorful flower show at the Wilder Park Conservatory. Take time out of your day to come out, take pictures, and enjoy the fragrances of spring!

Sponsored by Elmhurst Park District  
Wilder Park Conservatory  
175 Prospect Ave.  
8 a.m.-4p.m. (daily)  
Free  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 993-8901



## Monday, April 2 Eleanor Clift at Elmhurst College

Eleanor Clift (contributing editor to *Newsweek* and experienced Washington reporter) will share her life's career path and unique experiences — her "Path from Passion to Profession." Informal interview format. Sponsored by Elmhurst College Honors Program.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre  
253 Walter St.  
6 p.m.  
Free  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: 617-3033

## Friday, April 6 Day Off? Drop In! Design Your Own Hat

Check out poet Carl Sandburg's hat in the museum, then design your own hat. We'll supply a fabric baseball hat and all the materials, you supply the creativity!

Elmhurst Historical Museum  
120 E. Park  
1-3 p.m.  
\$2 per project  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 833-1457

## Saturday, April 7 Egg Hunt

Hop over to Wilder Park to fill your own baskets with hidden eggs filled with goodies. Also, the bunny has promised to stay and take pictures before he hops away, so make sure to bring your camera.

Sponsored by Elmhurst Park District and Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Wilder Park  
175 Prospect Ave.  
10 a.m. - SHARP!  
Free  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 993-8901

## Saturday, April 7 Spring Road Egg Hunt



Candy-filled eggs are scattered in the park. The Easter Bunny will be there, and children will be able to visit selected stores after the hunt to receive an extra treat.

Sponsored by the Spring Road Business Association.  
Spring Road and the Prairie Path  
1-2 p.m.

Free, children 2-10 years of age  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 279-2222

## Saturday, April 7 Film: Kentucky Agate

Take a DVD journey to find Eastern Kentucky agate. See a collection of agate and finished jewelry. Watch a demonstration on cutting the gemstone. DVD-Youth to Adult. 30 minutes.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art  
220 Cottage Hill  
8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students \$2,  
Children 7-12 \$1, Under 7 free  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 833-1616

## Tuesday, April 10 Movie: E.T. the Extraterrestrial

A classic movie in a classic theatre. The anniversary edition of the beloved "E.T." with expert commentary prior to the showing. Proceeds support the Friends of the Arts fund at Elmhurst College.

York Theatre  
150 N. York St., downtown Elmhurst  
6:30 p.m.  
General Admission: \$10 (in advance or at the door),  
Students: \$6  
Handicapped Accessible  
Info: (630) 617-3033

## Thursday, April 12

### Elmhurst College Niebuhr Lecture

Gary Dorrien, the Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary (NY), will give the annual Niebuhr Lecture, titled "Niebuhrian Realism and Neoconservative Unreality: Politics, Religion, Ethics, and Empire."

Frick Center, Founders Lounge, Elmhurst College  
190 Prospect Ave.

7 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 617-3033

## Thursday, April 12

### Daniel Burnham "Live"

R.J. Lindsey portrays legendary Chicago architect and city planner Daniel Burnham. Co-sponsored by Elmhurst's Historical Museum and Public Library.

Reservations: (630) 279-8696

Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect Ave.

7 p.m.

Free

Info: (630) 833-1457

## Saturday, April 14

### College Track & Field: Elmhurst Intercollegiate Invitational

Men's and women's teams from throughout the region will compete at Langhorst Field in this venerable (established in the 1930s) NCAA meet.

Langhorst Field, Elmhurst College

190 Prospect Ave.

10 a.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 617-3380

## Sunday, April 15

### College Baseball

Elmhurst College vs. North Central College.

Butterfield Park

385 E Van Buren

(one block north of Butterfield Rd.)

1 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 617-3380



## Sunday, April 15

### Chris Vallillo: "Folk Music for Little Folks"

Engaging and entertaining Illinois singer-songwriter Chris Vallillo presents music for younger audiences. Chris introduces and discusses traditional Illinois folk music for guitar, slide guitar, Jew's harp, and hammer dulcimer.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park

1-2 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

## Sunday, April 15

### Elmhurst College Holocaust Lecture

Professor, Holocaust survivor, and author of "Still Alive," Ruth Kluger will speak. This highlight of Elmhurst College's annual Holocaust Education Project will also include a Service of Remembrance.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge, Elmhurst College  
190 Prospect Ave.

7 p.m. Service of Remembrance, 7:30 lecture

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 617-3033



## Tuesday, April 17

### Lecture: History of Chicago Movie Palaces

Robert Hyde, Elmhurst College Class of 1957, will give a lecture titled "Popcorn in Paradise." Popcorn will be served and Wurlitzer organ music played during a slide show of Chicago's movie palaces. Return to the glorious days when movie-going was more than just seeing a film! Sponsored by the Elmhurst College Speaker Series.

Frick Center, Founders Lounge

7 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 617-3033



## Thursday, April 19

### Tea Time Tour—Collecting the Civil War

Why has so much been collected related to the American Civil War and which artifacts are most valued? Author and historian Rob Girardi shares remarkable 1860s artifacts and explores what they tell us about America's bloodiest conflict.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park

1-2 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

## Thursday, April 19

### through Sunday, April 22

### Elmhurst College Theatre: "Guys and Dolls"

A classic American musical, with some of our favorite tunes. Funny and romantic, "Guys and Dolls" is ideal for audiences of any age. Directed by Janice Pohl, music and lyrics by Frank Loesser.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre, 253 Walter St.

Thursday-Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m.

General Admission: \$7, Seniors/Faculty/Staff: \$6,

Students: \$5

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 617-3005

## Saturday, April 21

### Appraising and Valuing Art Objects

Robert Kramer, ISA, specializes in appraising fine art. Learn how objects are valued and sold at auction. Learn the difference between a retail price and a resale price, and possessions that can appreciate in value. Reservations recommended.



Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill

2 p.m.

Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students \$2

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1616

## Sunday, April 22

### Quest Lecture: Jared Diamond

Pultizer Prize winner Jared Diamond, author of *Guns, Germs and Steel*, will examine what caused some of the great civilizations of the past to collapse into ruin — and what contemporary society can learn from their fates.

Elmhurst College,

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel

190 Prospect Ave.

7 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 617-3033

## Friday, May 4

### Mom 'n Son Bowling Night

Moms and sons get to be "dates" for a fun-filled evening of bowling. Evening includes two games of bowling, food and drinks, and a special goody bag to take home. Registration deadline April 30.

Sponsored by Elmhurst Park District

Brunswick Zone

Glendale Heights

6-8:30 p.m.

\$38 resident/\$52 non-resident

(per couple);

\$17 each additional child

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 993-8901



## Saturday, May 5

### Stone Sculpting Demonstration

Walter Arnold sculpts limestone and marble into intricate works of art. Learn the tools a sculptor uses and how a stone creation emerges. This event takes place outside in front of the Lizzadro Museum.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill

2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1616



# Elmhurst Community Calendar

## Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6

### Art in the Park: Elmhurst Art Museum's 11th Annual Fine Arts Festival

More than 100 outstanding artists exhibit painting, photography, ceramics, jewelry, and fiber arts. Bring the entire family for the music, food, and children's activities!

Sponsored by RGL Marketing for the Arts  
Elmhurst Art Museum

150 Cottage Hill

Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Free admission to arts festival and museum

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 834-0202



## Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6 Raku in the Park(ing Lot)

Bring the family for a fun-filled day of art and Raku. Pick a pot to glaze and watch as it is fired right before your eyes. Also observe demonstrations on the potter's wheel as you wait to take your creation home that day.

Elmhurst Art Museum

150 Cottage Hill

Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

\$15 per pot

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 834-0202

## Thursday, May 17

### Tea Time Tour — Beer: A History of Brewing in Chicago

Author Bob Skilnik presents an intoxicating look at Chicago's brewing history. Book signing to follow.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park

1-2 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (620) 833-1457

## Saturday, May 19

### Spring Road Pet Parade

Pet and bicycle parade plus fun activities: bike decorating, face painting, pet portraits, clowns, balloons, plus pet tricks following parade.

Sponsored by the Spring Road Business Association

Spring Road, Vallette to I.C. railroad tracks

Pre-parade events 11:30 a.m., parade starts at

1 p.m.

Free

Info: (630) 833-7387



## Sunday, May 20 Museum Day in Elmhurst

Ride the trolley and see all four of Elmhurst's museums. Participate in activities and view exhibits at each one. See our special exhibit "Organic Gems and Oddities." Children can create rock critters and do beading.

Lizzadro Museum

of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill

1-5 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1616



## Sunday, May 20 Elmhurst Museum Day

As part of the city's annual free museum day, join us to celebrate the Elmhurst Historical Museum's 50th birthday with old-fashioned party games, crafts, and a piece of birthday cake. Take the free trolley between all four museums for a fun-filled day for the entire family.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park

1-5 p.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

## Wednesday, May 23

### Socialite Bertha Palmer "Live"

Elmhurst Historical Museum's Leslie Goddard portrays Chicago socialite and arts patron Bertha Palmer, remembered for her Impressionist art collection and her leadership during the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. Reservations: (630) 279-8696

Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect Ave.

7 p.m.

Free



## Monday, May 28

### Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade

Family fun, patriotism, and civic pride! One-mile parade from York & Third (via Robert Palmer Drive) to Wilder Park. Optional ceremony at Veterans' Memorial follows. Presented by City of Elmhurst, American Legion Post 187, Veterans of Foreign Wars

(Walter Glos Post 2048), and Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

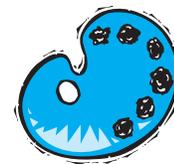
Step-off from corner of York and Third streets

9:30 a.m.

Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 834-6060



## Monday, May 28

### Day Off? Drop In! Paint-by-Number Art

Paint-by-number kits were wildly popular in the 1950s. Join us to paint your own simple masterpiece.

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park

1-3 p.m.

\$1 per project

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

For special needs, please contact the group or organization, so that a smooth inclusion may occur.

### The community calendar is sponsored by:

City of Elmhurst

[www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org)

Elmhurst Art Museum

[www.elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://www.elmhurstartmuseum.org)

Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry

[www.elmhurstchamber.org](http://www.elmhurstchamber.org)

Elmhurst Choral Union

[www.elmhurstchoral.org](http://www.elmhurstchoral.org)

Elmhurst City Centre

[www.elmhurstcitycentre.com](http://www.elmhurstcitycentre.com)

Elmhurst College

[www.elmhurst.edu](http://www.elmhurst.edu)

Elmhurst Historical Museum

[www.elmhurst.org/elmhurst/museum](http://www.elmhurst.org/elmhurst/museum)

Elmhurst Park District

[www.epd.org](http://www.epd.org)

Elmhurst Public Library

[www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org)

Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade

[www.elmhurststpatparade.com](http://www.elmhurststpatparade.com)

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra

[www.elmhurstsymphony.org](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org)

Lizzadro Museum Lapidary Art

[www.lizzadromuseum.org](http://www.lizzadromuseum.org)

Spring Road Business Association

[Springroad.com](http://Springroad.com)

York & Vallette Business Assoc.

**For more information about the Elmhurst Community Calendar, please call (630) 833-1457.**

# F.Y.I.

## Senior Chore Days

Elmhurst is home to many wonderful senior citizens, some of whom need a helping hand now and then with chores they can no longer do themselves. A few volunteers can make a big difference in their lives this spring during Senior Chore Days. The program's goal is to help eligible seniors prepare their homes for the coming season and provide opportunities for individuals and organizations to volunteer a few hours of their time for a worthy cause. Senior Chore Days are sponsored by the City of Elmhurst and the DuPage Senior Citizens Council. Chore Days will be held the first three weekends in May. Seniors who need assistance and volunteers who would like to participate are asked to call the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at 620-0804 to arrange dates and times that are convenient for both.

## City Vehicle Stickers



Elmhurst residents are reminded that to avoid potential penalties, the new 2007 City of Elmhurst vehicle stickers must be purchased and affixed to vehicles no later than May 1. Stickers are required on all vehicles registered or housed within the corporate limits of Elmhurst. Stickers will be sold at a discount between March 1 and April 30. Beginning on May 1, vehicle stickers will be sold at full price. The city uses the money collected through the sale of vehicle stickers for roadway construction and maintenance.

If your vehicle sticker application does not arrive in the mail, you may print one from the city's website ([www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org)), pick one up at City Hall or call to have one mailed. To save time and avoid waiting in long lines, residents are encouraged to mail the completed application and fee to City Hall, or drop it in the white drop box in the parking lot. Your vehicle sticker and receipt will be returned by mail. You may also purchase your sticker in person at City Hall. If your vehicle license number changed when you obtained new Illinois license plates, please notify the city so that vehicle sticker records can be updated. Call 530-3118 for more information.

## Lock it Up – Keep it Safe

The Police Department cautions residents to always keep their homes, cars and garages locked. Unlocked buildings and vehicles make easy targets for criminals. Residents are most often the victims of car burglaries when their cars are left unlocked in their own driveways, but residents are cautioned not to leave valuables in plain sight in a locked or unlocked vehicle.

## Gift Card

## Gift Card Scam

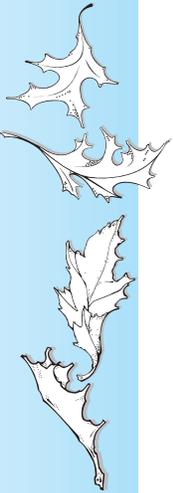
The less-than-honest among us are always looking for new ways to cheat the rest of us out of our money and possessions. One of the latest scams involves the gift cards that have become increasingly popular. Crooks look for gift cards on display racks in stores and malls, copy down the numbers and then simply wait until the card is activated before going on an online shopping spree. To avoid becoming a victim of this scam, you may wish to purchase your card from a customer service person, where they do not have the gift cards viewable to the public.

## Time for Spring Clean-Up

The city's annual Spring Clean-Up will be held on Wednesday, April 18; Thursday, April 19; or Friday, April 20 – whichever is your regular refuse collection day. During Spring Clean-Up days, refuse stickers are not required for construction and demolition debris (up to two cubic yards), furniture, appliances, carpet and bulk items. The following items are not accepted during Spring Clean-Up: yard waste, tires, car batteries, riding lawn mowers, liquids and hazardous materials. (This service is only available to residents living within incorporated city limits.)

## Yard Waste Pickup Resumes

Beginning the week of April 1, yard waste will again be collected on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day. Yard waste includes leaves, brush, shrubbery trimmings, twigs, dead flowers and weeds (with soil removed). Sod, earth, rocks, vegetable plants and fruit are not considered yard waste and should be included with other refuse. Residents are asked to place yard waste in 30-gallon brown Kraft paper bags or in 33-gallon garbage cans clearly marked "Yard Waste Only." (Labels are available at the Public Works counter in City Hall.) Bags or cans containing yard waste may not weigh more than 50 pounds. One clearly visible yard waste sticker is required for each bag or container. In addition to other yard waste, two bundles of brush will be picked up each week at no extra cost. Brush bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds each and may not exceed four feet in length. Branches may not exceed four inches in diameter.



## City Seeking Next Year's Christmas Tree

If you have a large, beautiful evergreen tree on your property that you would like to donate to the City for the 2007 City Centre Christmas tree, please call the Public Works Department at 530-3020. Forestry personnel will examine the trees on the list and select one that meets the requirements for the City Centre tree.



## The Elmhurst Historical Museum

### Making History for 50 Years: 1957-2007

See the enclosed Community Calendar for more Museum programs.  
Gallery hours: Tues.-Sun., 1-5 p.m.  
Admission for galleries is always free.



This year will be filled with a wide variety of spectacular exhibits, programs and events to celebrate the Museum's 50th anniversary – with lots to see and do for all ages. Come and enjoy the history of your city with family and friends. You will be sure to discover something new!

### Exhibits and Special Events

#### **50 Years of Collecting: You Won't Believe What's Here**



Celebrate The Elmhurst Historical Museum's 50th Anniversary with an exhibit highlighting special artifacts in the collection, including letters written to a local Civil War soldier, early maps of the area and Carl Sandburg's hat. Discover some of the treasures at the museum, how it has changed in 50 years and what the future has in store.

January 16 through May 27, 2007. Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 1-5 p.m. FREE



#### **Elmhurst Museum Day**

Visit the community's fine museums FREE of charge on Elmhurst Museum Day. The Elmhurst Historical Museum, Elmhurst Art Museum, Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art and the Theatre Historical Society of America will offer special activities for adults and children. Come and celebrate

the Elmhurst Historical Museum's 50th birthday with old-fashioned birthday party games, crafts and a piece of birthday cake. Sunday, May 20, 1 to 5 pm.

### Fun at the Museum for Kids and Families

#### **Sunday Funday**

The second Sunday of every month is Sunday Funday, a hands-on educational experience for children (ages 4- 12 years) accompanied by an adult. Come at your convenience between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. and enjoy an afternoon packed with fun the second Sunday of every month.

Make a fun and fuzzy Kooky Yarn Monster from braided yarn and styrofoam balls on Sunday, March 11. The directions for these quirky, charmingly nostalgic toys date from the 1950s and reflect the decade's love for inexpensive crafts made from everyday objects. Each Kooky Yarn Monster created costs \$2.

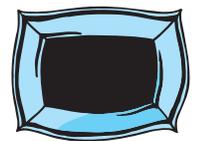
Nationally acclaimed folksinger and songwriter Chris Vallillo presents an engaging and entertaining program of folk music,

"Folk Music for Little Folks," on Sunday, April 15, at 1 p.m. In this musical performance geared for younger audiences, Vallillo introduces and discusses traditional Illinois folk music for guitar, slide guitar, Jew's harp and hammer dulcimer.

#### **Day Off? Drop In!**

When the kids are off from school and they need a fun, educational activity to occupy their time, come to an exciting Day Off? Drop In! program at the EHM. You may come and leave at your convenience, and it is sure to be within your budget. For ages 4 to 12 years, accompanied by an adult.

Make a funky, 1950s-style picture frame by gluing macaroni noodles into a fancy design. We'll "gild" it for you with gold paint for the perfect look! Friday, March 2, 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$1 per project.



Among the rare artifacts on display in Elmhurst Historical Museum's 50th anniversary exhibit "Fifty Years of Collecting: You Won't Believe What's Here" is a hat once owned by poet Carl Sandburg, who lived in Elmhurst from 1919 to 1930. Children aged 4 to 12 who have the day off can make their own unique hats at a "Design-Your-Own-Hat" workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Visitors will be able to use everything from acrylic paint and glitter glue to tissue paper and chenille stems to design their own custom fabric hat. All materials are included. Friday, April 6. Cost is \$1 per project.

#### **Tea Time Tour**

Adults, enjoy an afternoon of historical intrigue by attending a Tea Time Tour at the Elmhurst Historical Museum held the third Thursday of each month. The programs are presented by notable historians and are FREE.

Author and Elmhurst resident Virginia Stewart shares insights from her new book on Elmhurst history. *Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective* examines community-building and civic identity during four pivotal periods, arguing that Elmhurst did not simply evolve from farm center to suburban city. Rather, generations of local leaders redefined social institutions according to their visions of an "ideal community." Thursday, March 15, 1 to 2 p.m. FREE

#### **Collecting the Civil War**

Why has so much been collected related to the American Civil War and which artifacts are most valued? Author and historian Rob Girardi shares some remarkable 1860s artifacts and explores what they tell us about America's bloodiest conflict. Thursday, April 19, 1 to 2 p.m. FREE



## Elmhurst to Honor Outstanding Youth and Adults

On May 16, 2007, the City Council and Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci, in cooperation with the Commission on Youth, the Senior Citizens Commission, and Character Counts in Elmhurst, will present the Character Counts Community Service Awards for Youth and Adults to recognize volunteers whose service has made a difference in our community. If you know an outstanding volunteer who deserves to be recognized, please call or stop by the City Manager's Office at City Hall for a nomination form. The form is also available on the City's website, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org). Nominations are due no later than March 16, 2007. For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at 630-530-3010.

## Visitor and Tourism Office Relocated

The city's Visitor and Tourism Office has been relocated to the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry at 113 Adell Place. The Chamber has a prime, first-floor location more readily available for walk-in traffic. The move is intended to expand the public's access to business and community information, in addition to maximizing available resources. The contact and direct phone number for the Visitor and Tourism Office will remain 530-3312.

## "CPR for Family and Friends"

One of the most vital goals of the Elmhurst Fire Department is to provide public education opportunities to enhance the safety of the community and its residents. Statistics show that over 2,600 Americans die each day from cardiovascular disease. This averages one death every 33 seconds. Thousands of lives have been saved by family members, coworkers and even strangers who have administered Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) until emergency personnel arrived on the scene. The Elmhurst Fire Department will offer the American Heart Association class, "CPR for Family and Friends," four times during 2007. Upcoming classes will be held at Fire Station #1 (404 N. York) on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, May 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 13th, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The class includes CPR for infants, children and adults, as well as clearing foreign body airway obstructions. Students will receive a textbook and course completion card at the end of class. The class is limited to 25 students, age 12 and older, and there is a \$10.00 charge for materials. Call 530-3090 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for more information or to make a reservation.

## Election Day – April 17

Mark your calendar now and don't forget to vote in the upcoming city elections on Tuesday, April 17. If you are a new voter or a new Elmhurst resident, please be aware that voter registration closes on March 20th, 28 days prior to Election Day. To register you must be a U.S. citizen at least 18 years of age on or before the next election. You must live in your election precinct at least 30 days before the next election. You cannot claim the right to vote anywhere else.



There will be seven aldermanic seats — one for each of the city's seven wards — on the ballot for the City of Elmhurst this year. Also on the ballot, for the Elmhurst Park District, there will be two six-year terms on the Board of Park Commissioners and, for Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205, four positions.

*Don't Forget to Vote.*

*March 2007*

### City of Elmhurst

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(630) 530-3000

Website homepage: <http://www.elmhurst.org>  
email: [webmaster@elmhurst.org](mailto:webmaster@elmhurst.org)

#### City Hall Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(Finance Department counter open  
1st & 3rd Mondays until 7:00 p.m.)

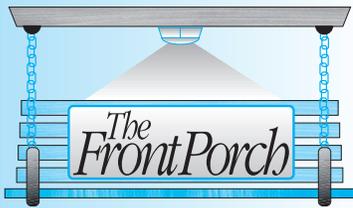
Thomas D. Marcucci, Mayor

Patty Spencer, City Clerk

Charity S. Pigoni, City Treasurer

#### Aldermen

- 1st Ward - Ann Tranter, Michael J. Regan
- 2nd Ward - Janice A. Vanek, Norman Leader
- 3rd Ward - Susan J. Rose, Michael Bram
- 4th Ward - Stephen W. Hipskind, John E. Gow
- 5th Ward - Phillip D. Jordan, Moira Moriarty
- 6th Ward - Stephen G. Hillsman, George Szczepaniak
- 7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Donna Lomnicki



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## Tornado Season Coming Soon

Tornadoes can and do occur throughout the year, but the prime tornado season in Illinois is generally during the months of March, April and May, with almost two-thirds of tornadoes occurring during these months. Approximately half of tornadoes occur between 3 and 7 p.m. Residents are urged to protect themselves and their families by following these suggestions:

■ Learn about tornadoes and teach your family about the danger signs. An approaching cloud of debris can mark the location of a tornado even if a funnel is not visible. Before a tornado hits, the wind may die down and the air may become very still. Tornadoes generally occur near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. It is not uncommon to see clear, sunlit skies behind a tornado.

■ Designate a tornado shelter area in your home and hold family tornado drills. The safest place during a tornado is the lowest level of the building. If there is no basement, the next best option is a windowless, interior room, such as a bathroom or hallway. If you are outdoors or in a car, take shelter immediately. If shelter is not available, lie down on the ground in a ditch or low-lying area.

■ Be aware of the difference between a “tornado watch” and a “tornado warning.” A tornado watch means that tornadoes are possible in the area. A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.

■ Develop an emergency communication plan. Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the family contact and make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address and phone number of the contact person.

The city's six radio-controlled, outdoor, severe weather warning sirens are strategically located throughout the community to provide maximum coverage and the earliest possible warning. The sirens are sounded in the following situations:

■ If the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for DuPage County and if the storm poses a threat to Elmhurst;

■ If an actual tornado or funnel cloud is sighted in Elmhurst or traveling in this direction.

If you hear a tornado warning siren, take shelter and monitor the situation by listening to radio, television or NOAA Weather Radio updates. Do not call the Fire Department or Police Department for information. If these departments are inundated with non-emergency calls during an actual tornado, they will be severely limited in their ability to respond to potentially life-threatening situations. Remember — the best way to protect yourself and your family during a tornado is to be informed and prepared ahead of time.



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