



The City Newsletter

2006 Citizen Survey Results



Elmhurst city officials and staff would like to thank everyone who completed and returned the 2006 City of Elmhurst Citizen Survey. The surveys, sent out every two years to 1,600 residents randomly selected from the water billing database, provide an excellent "snapshot" of the opinions, concerns and priorities of Elmhurst residents. Of the 1,600 surveys mailed, a total of 729 completed surveys were returned for a response rate of 45.56 percent. Results provide valuable information that city officials use as they prepare upcoming budgets, consider service contracts and set departmental goals for the future.

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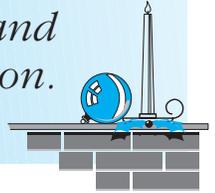
As in previous surveys, residents surveyed indicated a high degree of satisfaction with city services and quality of life. Over 80 percent rated city government operations in general as "good" to "excellent." Almost 93 percent rated the quality of their neighborhoods as "good" to "excellent." Respondents consistently gave high ratings to Elmhurst as a place to live and raise a family. However, as in previous surveys, respondents gave consistently low marks to

Elmhurst as a place to retire. More than half of those surveyed rated quality of life in Elmhurst as better than it was five years ago. Approximately 40 percent indicated that it has remained the same and only 4 percent feel that quality of life is worse than it was five years ago.

All facets of public safety continue to receive high marks. Over 91 percent of respondents reported that they feel "safe" or "very safe" in the city in general. It was interesting to note that approximately 20 percent of respondents reported that they had called 9-1-1 in the past 12 months. Only 3.3 percent consider crime one of the three biggest problems the city will experience in the future. This compares to over 10 percent in early surveys. Since the survey was initiated in 1994, respondents have consistently given higher marks to overall police presence

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The Elmhurst city officials and staff wish you all the peace and joy of the holiday season.



Elmhurst Named Finalist in 2006 Awards for Municipal Excellence



The City of Elmhurst has been selected as a finalist in the 2006 Awards for Municipal Excellence, sponsored by the National League of Cities. This award singles out municipalities nationwide that "exhibit excellence in city governance, best practices in municipal policy and improve the lives of its citizens."

The City was selected for its creative intergovernmental agreement to help School District 205 solve a budget deficit for the 2005-06 school year which was due to many factors, such as rising enrollment, increases in operating and staffing costs, reduced state and federal funding and the Illinois tax cap.

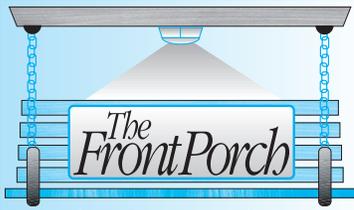
District 205 had approached the City in 2004 to help solve the problem after looking at all available cost-cutting measures. In response, the City Council devised a groundbreaking strategy using one of its existing TIF Districts. The City has in place three TIF or Tax Increment Financing Districts within its borders. Employed by many cities nationwide, TIF Districts offer municipalities a way to revitalize specific areas within a community considered to be underdeveloped without depending on additional property taxes or using general funds needed for critical city services.

With a TIF, the revitalization effort is funded through the growth in property tax revenues that result from the new development. These additional tax monies are returned to the city to fund the ongoing revitalization for a specific period of time, often spanning decades.

To assist District 205, the City petitioned the state legislature to permit early release of certain properties from the downtown TIF #1, originally scheduled to end in 2009, so that the additional taxes generated by these parcels would be returned to District 205 and other taxing bodies within the community. To ensure that the revitalization could continue in TIF #1, the City also asked to have the time period extended.

In March 2004, the Illinois General Assembly passed House Bill

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in the city as a whole than in their particular neighborhoods. Traffic speed compliance in neighborhoods also ranked lower than speed compliance throughout the city.

One entire section of the survey focused on the community's cultural opportunities. The Elmhurst Public Library received consistently high marks for the services provided at that facility and more respondents than in any other survey (85.9 percent) are library cardholders. A majority (78 percent) are aware of the library's website. Respondents who have visited the Elmhurst Historical Museum and the Elmhurst Art Museum reported a high level of satisfaction with museum visits.

On questions regarding the city's downtown area, the convenience and accessibility of parking rated lower than previous surveys, but pedestrian accessibility and security in the downtown shopping area received high marks and nearly 75 percent rated the quality of the City Centre as better than it was five years ago.

As in past surveys, residents reported that their primary information sources are local news publications and the city's quarterly *Front Porch* newsletter. Several new questions were asked this year regarding the City of Elmhurst website. Access to the Internet continues to rise with over 85 percent of respondents indicating that they have Internet access. Of respondents who use the city website, 72 percent feel the website does a good to excellent job of providing the information they were looking for or helping them solve their particular problem. Close to half of respondents indicated an interest in receiving city e-mailings about special events or general city information. Awareness has increased of special programs, such as EZ Pay for utility bills (direct debit) and online payment of water bills and parking tickets.

The majority of respondents have consistently listed the three things they like most about living in Elmhurst as central location/convenience, quality of life and quality of schools. The top areas of concern are taxes, traffic congestion and airplane noise. Respondents expect cost of living and affordability, taxes and airplane noise/airport expansion to be the three biggest problems Elmhurst will face in the next five years.

Results of the 2006 Elmhurst Citizen Survey will be used by elected officials and staff as they prepare the 2007-08 budget and by city departments as they prepare their goals and objectives. Survey results have been shared with the School District, Park District, Public Library and City Centre. Complete survey results are available by clicking "What's New?" on the city website, www.elmhurst.org. The results can also be reviewed at City Hall and at the Elmhurst Public Library.

City Centre Free Parking

Downtown shoppers will soon notice new signs designating customer parking in the Elmhurst City Centre. The signs consist of a smiling car logo and the words "Elmhurst City Centre Customer Parking" on a bright yellow background. Free parking is available in many locations in and around the City Centre for the convenience of residents and visitors shopping in the downtown area. The availability of free parking is governed by the rules posted at each parking lot. To view or print a map of downtown parking, visit the city's website, www.elmhurst.org. From the homepage, click on "e-gov" and scroll down to "maps." On the map page are many helpful and informative maps, including a "Downtown Parking Map" showing City Centre parking, as well as permit parking, employee permit parking and daily fee (coin box) parking.



Streicher Receives Hatfield Award

Dennis Streicher, Director of the Elmhurst Water/Wastewater Department, was recently presented with the Hatfield Award by the Water Environment Federation, a non-profit group that aims to improve water supplies around the world. Streicher, who has worked for the City of Elmhurst for 34 years, was honored for his outstanding performance and professionalism in Elmhurst, as well as for his efforts statewide to improve wastewater treatment and educate the public. "A lot of people believe wastewater plants are sources of pollution," Streicher says. "In fact, it's clear that a well-run wastewater plant is a source of clean water." To back up his statement, Streicher keeps a fish tank in the lobby of his office. The tank is filled with the same water the plant pumps back into Salt Creek. He points with obvious pride to the fact that water quality in Salt Creek, which was badly polluted in the past, has steadily improved over the years as a result of the efforts of water treatment plants in Elmhurst and other communities along the creek. Streicher was recently commended for his work by Mayor Marcucci and the Elmhurst City Council.

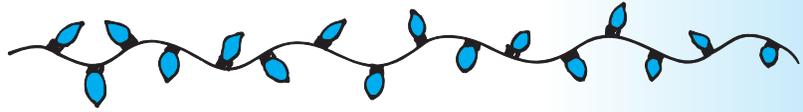
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6691, which released the requested properties from the TIF and extended the TIF to the year 2021. As a result, more than \$1 million in annual revenue was added to the school district's budget.

The City is honored to have been selected as a finalist for this award from the National League of Cities and extends its appreciation to the city officials, staff and members of the community who helped to make it a reality. Elmhurst was also recognized for this achievement in 2005 by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference which gave the City its Municipal Innovation Award.

Holiday Fire Safety



Each year in the U.S., thousands of men, women and children die in home fires and thousands more are injured. During the holiday season, the majority of fires are caused by improper use of candles. The following candle safety rules are provided by the Elmhurst Fire Department to help prevent unnecessary tragedies.

- Keep candles out of the reach of children. Never allow children or teens to have candles in their bedrooms.
- Extinguish candles whenever you leave a room or when you retire for the night.
- Keep candles away from flammable items, such as Christmas trees or flammable decorations, clothing, books, paper and curtains.
- Place candles on a stable piece of furniture in sturdy candleholders that will not burn or tip over, and are big enough to collect dripping wax.
- During power outages, use flashlights or battery-powered lights instead of candles.

Easily prevented or corrected electrical problems cause many other residential fires. Your first clue to an electrical problem might be an electrical cord that is

warm to the touch, or frequent blown fuses or broken circuits. Electrical fires can often be prevented by following a few simple safety rules.

- Never use a stiff or cracked electrical cord.
- Never put anything combustible on or near a light bulb. To prevent overheating, never exceed the wattage recommended for a light fixture.
- Never use an extension cord as a long-term substitute for another receptacle. Never put extension cords under rugs. Use only extension cords that are rated for the device they are powering.
- Be sure that all electrical devices are correctly installed, using properly rated switches and receptacles, and that all connections at the devices are tight to prevent overheating and arcing that can start a fire.
- Fuses are safety devices designed to limit the electricity carried by the circuit to a safe limit. Always use the right size fuse.
- Never overload circuits.
- Electricity and water can be a dangerous combination. Outdoor receptacles and those in bathrooms and kitchens should be the ground fault circuit interrupting type (GFCI).

9-1-1 — In Reverse

Even young children know what to do in case of an emergency – call 9-1-1. The City of Elmhurst now subscribes to a system that might be considered “Reverse 9-1-1.” Within minutes of an emergency, hundreds or even thousands of Elmhurst residents can be notified of public safety concerns, such as a hazardous materials leak requiring evacuation, a water-boil order or a missing child. This service, provided by American Emergency Notification (AEN), makes it possible for every home and business in a given area or in the entire community, if necessary, to receive a telephone message recorded by the Elmhurst Emergency Management Agency or another local official. The message will provide directions on what to do or where to get additional information. The city will solicit unlisted phone numbers at a later date. These phone numbers will be used for official purposes only and will not be shared.

Residents are reminded that it is necessary to call 9-1-1 any time they need police, fire or paramedic services.

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Carbon Monoxide Alarms Now Mandatory

Effective January 1, 2007, every "dwelling unit" (room or suite of rooms used for human habitation) in Illinois will be required to have at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in operating condition within 15 feet of each room used for sleeping purposes. The law, Public Act 094-0741, was signed into law by Governor Blagojevich on May 8, 2006, and applies to single- and multiple-family residences, as well as mixed-use buildings. The alarms may be battery-powered, plug-in with battery back-up or wired into the AC power line with a secondary battery back-up. They may be combined with smoke detecting devices if the combined unit complies with specific standards and the alarm differentiates the hazard. Landlords must ensure that the alarms are working properly when a lease begins and must provide written information to tenants regarding testing and maintenance. Tenants are responsible for testing and maintaining the alarm during the duration of the lease. Violations of this law constitute a Class B criminal misdemeanor. Residents are reminded to install and maintain at least one smoke detector on every level of their home, and inside or near all sleeping areas. The full content of Public Act 094-0741 can be found under Public Acts on the Illinois General Assembly website, www.ilga.gov.



Elmhurst Begins Comprehensive Plan Update



With completion of the Downtown Sector Plan, the City of Elmhurst is preparing a work program to create a new Comprehensive Plan for the remainder of the community. The new Plan will update and replace the city's existing Comprehensive Plan. The

existing Plan, originally adopted in 1990, will be amended to reflect changes that have occurred since the Plan was adopted and to explore ideas as the community moves into the future. It will provide the community with an opportunity to take stock of the city's land use and development direction of the past, and refocus plan policies and recommendations to meet current and future development needs.

The Comprehensive Plan will address neighborhood, community development and conservation needs. It will assess improvement possibilities for city infrastructure, transportation, transit, community facilities, jobs and economic development. In short, it serves as the city's official road map for directing private and public investments based on community aspirations.

The Comprehensive Plan project will include a number of key opportunities for local residents to provide feedback to the city and its consultant via public meetings. The Plan program will consist of the following primary steps:

- Community Visioning
- Analysis and Synthesis of Existing Conditions
- Vision Review and Community Area Meetings
- Sub-area Planning
- Goals and Objectives and Concept Plan
- Vision Plan
- Final Plan

Whether you are a resident or a business owner, we encourage your involvement in updating the city's Comprehensive Plan. For more information on the process or to check the dates of upcoming meetings, please visit the City of Elmhurst's website at www.elmhurst.org or call the Planning, Zoning & Economic Development Department at (630) 530-3100.

Mayor's Message



I would like to offer my sincerest gratitude to the members of our community who completed our recent citizen's survey. The survey was mailed to randomly selected residents throughout our community and a full 45 percent took the time to fill it out and return it. Your feedback is an invaluable tool for city officials and staff and will be used for important budgetary and policymaking decisions.

The City staff and officials would like to congratulate our Wastewater Treatment Plant Director Dennis Streicher for receiving the Hatfield award from the Water Environment Federation — a non-profit group that aims to improve water supplies around the world. In his 34 years with the City, Dennis and his team have been responsible for steadily improving the quality of water released from our Wastewater Treatment Plant and thus protecting the environment and the adjacent Salt Creek waterway. Dennis has always believed that a well-run wastewater treatment plant should be a source of clean water, and the improving quality of Salt Creek, together with this award, are a testament to that.

The City was honored by another organization recently when it was named as a finalist in the National League of Cities' 2006 Award for Municipal Excellence. Elmhurst was selected for its creative intergovernmental agreement with School District 205 which helped the district prevent a budget shortfall for the 2005-06 school year. More information about this award can be found on page 1 of this newsletter.

As the holiday shopping season approaches, residents are reminded that when you make your purchases within Elmhurst, a portion of the sales tax dollars are returned to our community for important city services. When parking in the downtown, watch for our new signs with a smiling car logo that indicate free parking in many locations around the City Centre. Just as importantly, please be cognizant of those spaces that are reserved for handicapped individuals and be sure to leave them open for the people who really depend on them. Fines for illegally parking in handicapped spaces were recently increased from \$100 to \$250.

Lastly, I'd like to invite you to bring your holiday shopping list downtown on Saturday, November 25, and join me at 6 p.m. for the annual lighting of the tree. Santa will be on hand and it's sure to be a fun time for everyone. From my family to yours, best wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season.

Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci

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Holiday Refuse Collection



■ During Thanksgiving week, refuse will be collected on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday — one day late for those with a regular collection day of either Thursday or Friday. During the weeks of Christmas and New Years, refuse collection will be one day late.

- Holiday wreaths, garlands, wrapping paper and packing peanuts may be discarded with regular garbage. Gift boxes may be recycled if they are flattened, bundled or bagged and measure no more than three feet by three feet.
- Christmas trees will be picked up without a sticker on your regular collection day during the first and second weeks in January. After that, a refuse sticker is required. Please remember to remove tinsel, ornaments, lights and nails. Do not put Christmas trees in plastic bags.

Leaf Collection & Yard Waste Reminders

- The last free leaf pick-up for 2006 will take place on November 29th, November 30th or December 1st, whichever is your regular collection day. Please keep in mind that it is a violation of city ordinances to rake leaves into the street where they can block storm drains or create unsafe driving conditions for motorists. Violations can result in court fines of up to \$500.
- Yard waste collection for 2006 will end the week of November 27th and resume during the first week of April 2007.

Building Numbers

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A few minutes can make a huge difference in an emergency situation, but before emergency personnel can begin to provide assistance, they must find the right home or business. Residents are reminded that the Elmhurst Municipal Code requires that numbers be attached to every building in the community in a conspicuous place beside or above the building's front door. The code requires that the numbers be at least six inches in height, in a contrasting color. Numbers spelled out in cursive are much more difficult to read, especially at night and during bad weather. House numbers painted on the curb do not meet Municipal Code requirements for house numbering. They are very difficult to see from a fire truck in the best of circumstances and impossible to see when there is snow on the ground or there are cars parked along the curb. Remember: every second counts in an emergency.

Winter Weather Reminders

Wintertime presents unique challenges for everyone — motorists, homeowners and municipal workers. Residents are asked to remember the following tips that will make this winter safer for everyone:



- Street parking is not allowed for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more, or during the snow removal process.
- To keep streets safer for motorists, please do not shovel or blow snow into city streets when clearing your driveway and sidewalk.
- Be aware that snow is removed from city streets in a series of passes from the center of the street to the curb. The process inevitably pushes some snow onto private driveway approaches. To avoid the additional work of clearing your driveway approach twice, please wait until the street has been cleared before clearing your approach.
- If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home, please clear snow away to keep it clearly visible to Fire Department personnel.
- Residents whose sump pumps are not connected to city storm sewers are reminded that it is illegal to discharge water onto sidewalks or streets. During winter months, this practice can create icy and dangerous conditions for pedestrians and motorists.

DuPage Rx



DuPage County recently announced a new program to help residents save money on prescription medications that are not covered by insurance. "DuPage Rx" cards are free and available to all DuPage County residents regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. They may be used at any participating pharmacy with no restrictions on the frequency of use. Participants will save an average of 20 percent on prescription medicines. For more information, visit the DuPage County website at www.dupageco.org.

Holiday Hours for City Hall

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, November 24th, for Thanksgiving. City Hall will close at noon on Friday, December 22nd, and remain closed all day on Monday, December 25th, and Monday, January 1st. The first City Council meeting for 2007 will be held on Tuesday, January 2nd.





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The Elmhurst Historical Museum

Bringing History to Life

See the enclosed Community Calendar for more Museum programs.

Gallery hours: Tues.-Sun., 1-5 p.m.

Admission for galleries is always free.

New Book about Elmhurst History Published

Elmhurst Historical Museum is pleased to announce the publication of a new book, written by Dr. Virginia Stewart, Elmhurst resident and former Director of EHM. "Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective" examines four time periods from mid-nineteenth century to 2006 using the museum's rich collection of artifacts, photographs and oral histories. This 200-page book contains almost 150 photographs. "Visionary" is available in the museum store for holiday gift-giving or for your own personal library. Stop in to pick up your copy! Join Elmhurst Mayor Thomas Marcucci and author Dr. Stewart on Sunday, December 17, between 1 and 3 p.m. at the Elmhurst Public Library, when Dr. Stewart will be available to sign your personal copy of "Visionary." Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 10, 7-9 p.m., when this new publication is celebrated at a special lecture and book-signing event at City Hall. A reception begins at 7 p.m. and lecture at 7:30 p.m. Books will be available for \$25 at both 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 objects 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.

Pilgrims, Patriots and Products: Selling the Colonial Image

This thought-provoking exhibit, on loan from Historic New England, explores how advertisers have used romanticized imagery about America's colonial past to sell commercial products ranging from Paul Revere silver to Sam Adams beer. There are hands-on activities and colonial toys for kids of all ages in the museum's new Fun Zone. Through January 7, 2007. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Free.

Holiday Open House

Don't miss the Special Holiday Open House, "A Colonial Revival Christmas," on December 10 from 1-4 p.m. Families will enjoy a special performance of traditional English carols, play colonial games and sample gingerbread and wassail. Children can make a colonial-style, tin-punched tree ornament to take home. This is a free event.

Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective

Meet the Author Book Signing

Sunday, December 17, 2006, 1-3 p.m. Free

At the Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave.

Join Elmhurst Mayor Thomas Marcucci and author Virginia Stewart who will sign copies of her new book, "Visionary: An Elmhurst Retrospective." This lavishly illustrated new book explores Elmhurst during four decisive eras in its history and includes never-before-published photographs.

Programs for Kids and Families

Sunday Funday is a monthly drop-in program. Day off? Drop in! programs are scheduled when children have days off from school and are designed for children 4-12 years of age together with their favorite adults. On Sunday, January 14, from 1-3 p.m., help kick off the 50th anniversary year with a fun afternoon of toys and games from 50 years ago. Try out Tinker Toys and hula hoops, play Monopoly and checkers. Bring your favorite adult and help them remember the past! On February 11, from 1-3 p.m., children and adults alike can make lavish old-fashioned valentine cards, trimmed with lace, colorful pictures and rhyming messages. The cost is \$1/project. Day off? Drop in! at EHM on Monday morning, February 19, from 10 a.m. - noon, to make nifty, thrifty snowglobes — all the rage in the 1950s. Cost is \$1/project.

Special Kids' Workshop

Attention future curators! On Monday, January 15, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., kids can learn how museums collect, store and exhibit collections at a special workshop for ages 6 to 12. Go behind-the-scenes to see how the Elmhurst Historical Museum stores its collections, then design an exhibit using your own collection. On exhibit at the museum through the end of May. Workshop limited to six participants, so please reserve your space early. There is no fee for this workshop, but pre-registration required (833-1457).

Tea Time Tour

Adults will enjoy performances, lectures or exhibit tours during Tea Time Tour programs on the third Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. "You won't believe what's here!" when you discover the hidden treasures at EHM on January 18 with an illustrated presentation of the special anniversary exhibit, "50 Years of Collecting." On Thursday, February 15, meet Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln in person, as acclaimed interpreters Max and Donna Daniels visit the museum and share an inside look at the lives of America's sixteenth president and his wife. Long-time Lincoln interpreters, the Daniels have been called "the best Abraham and Mary Lincoln team" working today. Refreshments follow the programs and admission is free.

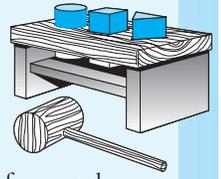


Resource Officers Honored

The Elmhurst Police Department provides school resource officers at York High School and at the middle schools in the community. Their role is to ensure safety at the schools and provide guidance, counseling and mentoring as youngsters mature into adulthood. The Elmhurst Police Department offers innovative programs, such as DARE, VEGA and i-SAFE, at Elmhurst schools. The officers who work with our youth form lasting relationships and provide the guidance and support youngsters need to make good choices.

Two of Elmhurst's school resource officers were recently nominated by their peers and honored by the Illinois School Resource Officers Association. Detective Laural Panico, who works at York High School, was named Illinois School Resource Officer of the Year. Detective Frank Visconti was awarded the President's Award for the many years of outstanding service he has provided in the middle schools.

Making the Holidays Brighter



We can make the holidays a little brighter for needy area children by contributing to Toys for Tots or Express. New toys for Toys for Tots will be collected at the Elmhurst Police Station, 125 E. First Street, and distributed during the holidays to needy area children. Toy Express collects and distributes new or gently used toys and clothing to children throughout the year. Look for the Toy Express collection box in the lobby of City Hall during the month of December.

Fines Increase for Handicapped Parking Violations

The Elmhurst City Council recently passed an ordinance increasing the fine for handicapped parking violations from \$100 to \$250. Elmhurst police officers are very aware of the special needs of individuals with disabilities and will ticket motorists who violate this law.

Special Population Census Results



The new population figures from the special census conducted in the late spring and early summer of 2006 have now been certified by the United States Census Bureau. The partial census was conducted in areas that experienced considerable growth since 2000 when the last full U.S. Census was taken, particularly from the construction of multi-family developments. The special census documented a population increase of 536 people, which translates into \$123.80 more per person per year in Illinois shared revenues. The total revenue increase of \$320,000 over the next five years, less expenditures of \$68,000, equals a net revenue increase of \$252,000 and an over four-to-one return on the investment for the community.

"CPR for Family and Friends"

The American Heart Association non-certification class, "CPR for Family and Friends," will be offered again in 2007 by the Elmhurst Fire Department. The class teaches the chain-of-survival; signs of heart attack and cardiac arrest; CPR for infants, children and adults; and clearing foreign body airway obstructions. There is a \$10 charge for materials. For more information or the date of the first class, please call 530-3090 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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(Finance Department counter open
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Keeping Youngsters Safe



One of the most important goals of the Elmhurst Police Department is to keep our schoolchildren safe and to help them make good decisions as they mature. The DARE and VEGA programs help youngsters resist peer pressure to use alcohol and drugs, and make them aware of the destructive nature of gangs and violence. A new part of DARE and VEGA this year, the i-SAFE program, helps teach young people how to avoid dangerous, inappropriate or unlawful behavior on the Internet. i-SAFE focuses on personal safety, cyber community citizenship, predator identification, cyber security and intellectual property. Elmhurst school resource officers and DARE instructors are now certified to teach i-SAFE principles in Elmhurst's middle schools and high school.

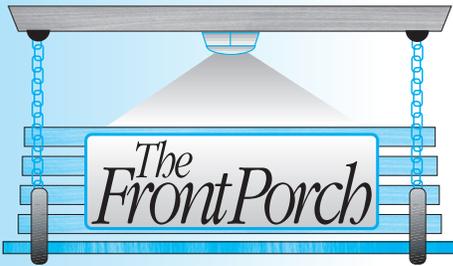
Operation Helping Hand

During the July heat wave, the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OEM) was able to reach out to 200 elderly and/or disabled residents through a special program called "Operation Helping Hand." This cooperative public safety program helps ensure the

safety of those residents who are most vulnerable in emergencies. Operation Helping Hand includes specialized notification systems, evacuation support systems and special needs shelters. Participants are asked to provide information about their health and/or medical conditions to the OEM. Registrants are then contacted to verify the accuracy of the information and are sent brochures on emergency and severe weather preparedness. The information provided is entered into a secure database and shared with emergency personnel to allow them to provide quicker and more appropriate emergency response. Registration forms are available on the Internet at www.citizencorpsdupage.org or by calling the OEM at 630-682-7925.

Operation Lifesaver and the Cool Kiddie Choo Chos

The children of Elmhurst enjoyed a vital message about railroad safety this summer in a very "hands-on" way by "riding" a Cool Kiddie Choo Choo. The brightly painted little locomotive, a part of the city's Operation Lifesaver, was displayed in town with an important message for little ones: "Flashing Red Lights Mean STOP. Stay off. Stay away. Stay alive." Proceeds from the sale of the Cool Kiddie Choo Chos benefited the Elmhurst Children's Assistance Foundation (ECAAF), a not-for-profit organization that provides financial assistance to the families of children with life-threatening or disabling illnesses. Our thanks to ECAAF for the wonderful work they do and to the people who enjoyed and purchased the Cool Kiddie Choo Chos.



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