

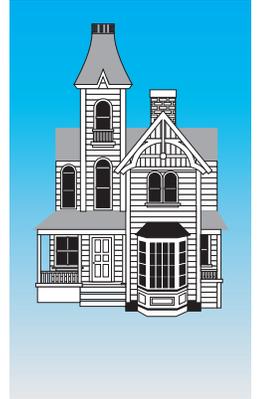
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City to Adopt Historic Preservation Ordinance

Elmhurst's unique history is a tangible part of its special character and provides links to its cultural and historic heritage. The elected officials and staff of Elmhurst have long recognized the importance of maintaining and enriching this vital legacy for the benefit of present and future generations. On June 5, 2006, the Elmhurst City Council unanimously adopted the recommendations of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee and directed the City Attorney to prepare a Historic Preservation Ordinance for adoption. This action was the end result of over three years of public meetings that began with a Development, Planning and Zoning (DP&Z) Committee meeting on March 10, 2003, to solicit citizen input on historic preservation. In subsequent discussions, the DP&Z Committee focused on input received at the initial meeting and recommended the establishment of a Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC). The HPAC was created and met monthly from May of 2004 to August of 2005 to discuss and develop specific recommendations on whether the city should adopt a historic preservation program. The HPAC's final report, entitled "Analysis & Recommendations for Historic Preservation," was completed in June of 2005.

DP&Z Committee meetings from July 2005 to May 2006 included a meeting on March 27, 2006, to seek public comment on the

HPAC recommendations. The DP&Z Committee noted that the final HPAC recommendations appropriately represent the unique characteristics of the Elmhurst community and concluded that a Historic Preservation Ordinance should be prepared. Following is a summary of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee recommendations:



- There is a need for a historic preservation program in Elmhurst. The 2004 Elmhurst Citizen Survey results revealed that over 78% of residents surveyed believe that the city should develop a local means of designating historically significant private property buildings.
- The historic preservation program should include voluntary participation by property owners. The 2004 survey revealed that over 65% of residents questioned believe that the designation should be optional, with suggested guidelines for building preservation.
- The historic preservation program should be legislated by the City of Elmhurst, including creation of a Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Preservation Commission.

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City's Property Tax Rate One of Lowest in DuPage

The City's Finance Department recently completed a comparison of 2005 city/village tax rates for DuPage County communities. Elmhurst's tax rate (i.e. the city's portion of the property tax) is lower than every other DuPage community except the Village of Oak Brook. (AND — relative to Oakbrook, it is significant to note that Oak Brook collects five-and-a-half times as much annually in sales tax revenue — \$1,446.40 per resident — than is generated in Elmhurst — \$263.40 per capita. This is due in large part to taxes collected on sales at the Oak Brook Shopping Center.)

The City of Elmhurst receives less than 6 percent of the taxes collected from Elmhurst property owners. In the

comparison, city/village tax rates within the county ranged from a high of \$1.6770 per \$100 in equalized assessed value (EAV) to a low of \$0.2958 per \$100 in EAV (the portion Elmhurst receives of the overall property tax). Combined with the excellent local government services enjoyed by Elmhurst residents, this is indeed great news for Elmhurst property owners. The property tax revenue generated by the city is used primarily to provide fire protection, ambulance service and employee pension benefits.

To see the comparison of 2005 DuPage County property tax rates, click on "What's Hot" from the city's home page:

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- Public education is essential to any historic preservation program, as well as partnership in educational efforts.
- An inventory of historic resources should be continually maintained and updated to re-evaluate historic structures and places within the community.
- Incentives should be created for property owners who wish to participate in the local historic preservation program.

The proposed five- to seven-member Historic Preservation Commission will act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in reviewing applications for historic landmark designation. The Commission will include representatives with expertise, experience and/or special interest in such areas as architectural history, historic or neighborhood preservation, historic architecture, planning, archeology, real estate or related fields, to the extent that such professionals are available in the community.

The DP&Z Committee further defined landmark designation criteria or standards that must be met to determine whether a structure qualifies as a historic landmark. To be considered, a building must be at least 50 years old. Other criteria recommended include: listing on the National or Illinois Register of Historic Places; buildings associated with significant events in national, state, county or city history; and buildings with distinctive architectural style. The Historic Preservation Commission will not regulate the interior of landmark buildings, but will authorize exterior alterations to landmarks by issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness.

The City Council appreciates the hard work of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee members: Brian Bergheger, Joanne Brundage, Thomas Cathcart, Chip Collis, Paul DeWitt, Richard Dickinson, Denise Jones, Steve Michals, Leo Reedy, John Robins, Rich Rosenberg and Scott Smith.

The City hopes to complete its review of the draft Historic Preservation Ordinance this summer, with adoption expected before the end of the year. To read the full Historic Preservation Advisory Committee report, click on "What's Hot" from the City's homepage (www.elmhurst.org) and scroll down to the report. For an application for membership on the Historic Preservation Commission, go to the City's homepage, click on Commissions and Boards and download an application. For more information, please call City Hall at 630-530-3000.



Character Counts in Elmhurst

Late last spring, a special ceremony was held at Elmhurst College to recognize an outstanding group of young people and adults who, through their volunteer efforts, help make Elmhurst a truly great community. These exemplary Elmhurst citizens are the recipients of the 2006 Character Counts Service Awards for Youth and Adults, sponsored by the City of Elmhurst, the Commission on Youth, the Senior Citizens Commission and Character Counts of Elmhurst. Mr. Ken Bartels, Vice President for College Advancement, compared character to a diamond and asked the audience to consider the strength, beauty and value of both diamonds and character. He described character as "the perfect gemstone in people's lives."

Elmhurst College President Bryant L. Cureton spoke of author Alex Haley's lifetime effort to "find the good and praise it," and compared that philosophy to the evening's purpose — to identify those who are doing good things in our community and hold them up for praise and recognition. Mayor Thomas Marcucci, who presented the evening's awards, spoke of the *Chicago Magazine* article that ranked Elmhurst as the best community in the Chicagoland area. He commented that the article "missed the point" by failing to look at the "truest and richest asset of our city" — its citizens. He asked the audience to join him in celebrating "a community where people contribute to make Elmhurst the great place that it is." Congratulations to the recipients of the 2006 Character Counts Service Awards for Youth and Adults!

Calling All History Enthusiasts!

Do you love history? Got an interest in toys? The Elmhurst Historical Museum is looking for people to get involved with this summer's fun exhibit, Toy Tech, about the history and technology of our favorite toys. Volunteers are needed to greet visitors, introduce them to the exhibit and explain simple toy-making projects. Weekday afternoon shifts run 1 to 5 p.m. We provide the training; all you need is enthusiasm for being involved and learning on the job.

Prefer a different project or schedule? The museum also needs volunteers to present educational programs for school classes and other groups, research exhibitions, work with actual collections, assist with special events, serve as tour guides for walking tours and bus tours, and many other tasks.

If you would like to join the volunteer team at the Elmhurst Historical Museum, please call Leslie Goddard, Community Programs Coordinator, at 833-1457.

Safety Reminders

Safety Tips from the Fire Department

Prior to the home heating season, residents are encouraged to inspect their homes for fire hazards and correct them to keep families and property safe. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Install a smoke detector on each floor of your home and outside each bedroom.
- Keep bedroom doors closed while sleeping. Plan two escape routes from each bedroom and purchase escape ladders for second floor bedrooms.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and learn how to use it.
- Cover electrical outlets with plastic covers to protect small children.
- Leave plenty of space around your furnace, water heater and clothes dryer.
- Store flammable liquids in airtight containers in a detached garage or shed.
- Never overload outlets or extension cords. Use extension cords only as a temporary means of supplying electricity.
- Never use gasoline to start a charcoal fire. Do not add charcoal starter once a fire has been started.
- Watch for signs of electrical problems, such as flickering lights, blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers, a tingling

feeling when touching an electrical appliance, discoloration of outlet covers, or a burning smell or other unusual odor from an appliance or wiring. If you notice any of these warning signs, unplug the appliance or cut off its power by tripping the circuit breaker or disconnecting the fuse. Call a professional for repairs.



- IF YOU HAVE A FIRE OF ANY KIND IN YOUR HOME, CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY. A house fire doubles in size approximately every 30 seconds. This means that in a matter of minutes, a small fire can grow and engulf your home in flames.

The city's website (www.elmhurst.org) contains a wealth of information on topics such as fire safety. From the homepage, click first on "City of Elmhurst" and then on "Fire." Select the Fire Department Link, "Fire Prevention" for a home fire safety checklist or information about conducting a safety inspection of your home.



Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet

The Elmhurst Police Department would like to remind parents to take an active role in protecting their children from Internet predators and inappropriate material. Parents are encouraged to learn how to block objectionable material; keep the computer in a common room and monitor online use; share an e-mail account and monitor messages; bookmark favorite sites for easy access; and set up rules for online safety. The following are some suggestions for rules to help keep kids safe online:

- Never reveal personal information online.
- Never send photographs in the mail or online.
- Never use your real name online.
- Never agree to meet someone from a chat room in person.
- Never respond to a threatening e-mail or message.
- Always tell a parent about a frightening communication or conversation.
- Always introduce a parent online to a new online "friend."

Used appropriately, the Internet is an exciting and educational tool for both adults and children, putting a wealth of information at our fingertips and providing a convenient way to stay in touch with family and friends.



Fire Prevention Week Open House

The Elmhurst Fire Department will kick off Fire Prevention Week (October 8-14) with an open house at Fire Station #2 (605 S. York Street) on Sunday, October 8, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Among the activities planned for the open house will be a live fire demonstration, and demonstrations of fire equipment and fire extinguishers. Youngsters will have an opportunity to learn about fire safety in a very visual and hands-on way in the new fire safety education trailer. The trailer contains a mock kitchen and bedroom with a smoke machine to simulate an actual fire. The event will also feature booths with information on car seat installation, emergency medical services, disaster preparedness, safety and crime prevention and the D.A.R.E. program. DuComm personnel will also be on hand with a 9-1-1 simulator and the Kiwanis will provide Kids Pix (child ID program). Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers will be available for purchase. The afternoon will also include station tours and refreshments. Bring the family and join the Elmhurst Fire Department for an interesting afternoon and some potentially life-saving information.



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Red Ribbon Week

The goal of Red Ribbon Week, held every fall in the Elmhurst community, is to promote a drug-free lifestyle and raise awareness of the devastating consequences of substance abuse. This year Red Ribbon Week will be held from October 21-29. Residents are encouraged to show their support by wearing a red ribbon to work or school, or tying a red ribbon on their parkway trees or auto antennas. Parents are encouraged to teach their children about the dangers associated with drugs and alcohol. Red Ribbon Week is the perfect time for young people to make a commitment to live drug-free and set a good example for their peers.

Mutual Aid

When disaster strikes, such as an extra-alarm fire, a major crime, a medical emergency or a hazardous materials incident that overtaxes local emergency response capabilities, help is only a phone call away. Elmhurst is part of a Mutual Aid System ensuring that fire, police and/or public works personnel and equipment will be provided by surrounding cities and towns to aid the stricken community. The Elmhurst Fire, Police and Public Works Departments are all part of a mutual aid system that benefits the Elmhurst community and her neighbors.

- The Elmhurst Fire Department is part of an 800-department Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) that includes approximately 7,000 firefighters. In the event of an extra-alarm fire, a large hazardous materials incident or an accident requiring the assistance of technical rescue teams from outside sources, assistance to and from surrounding communities is automatic.
- The Elmhurst Police Department pools its resources with neighboring communities to solve major crimes and provide protection and public services in other large emergencies. The Police Department is very active in both the Northern Illinois Police Alarm Service, which provides mutual aid, and the DuPage County Major Crime Task Force, which allows member agencies to share equipment, personnel and resources as needed for major crime investigations.
- The Elmhurst Public Works Department participates in the Public Works Mutual Aid System of DuPage County (PWMA) which includes 32 municipalities and seven townships. PWMA is designed to handle disasters that would require a significant amount of heavy equipment, such as a tornado, flood or the collapse of a large structure.

Mutual Aid is a great example of the age-old tradition of neighbor helping neighbor in time of need.

Mayor's Message



ewly published property tax rates for DuPage communities reveal that Elmhurst enjoys the second lowest tax rate in the county. We can take great pride in this fact — the result of years of hard work on the part of the City Council — to bring economic strength to our community by attracting new businesses and thus, sales tax growth.

This kind of economic development takes the stress off of property taxes and is the reason our property tax rate has moved from the middle range of DuPage communities to almost the lowest (second only to Oak Brook which has five times the per capita sales tax income of Elmhurst due to Oak Brook Center). At the same time, over the last 10 years we have seen major capital improvements in Elmhurst: a completely rebuilt York High School, a brand new public library, a state-of-the-art police station and new public works building. To upgrade our flood protection infrastructure, we've not only made major improvements to our storm sewers, but constructed a berm along the Salt Creek and purchased the Elmhurst Chicago Stone quarry to serve as an overflow basin for flood events — all designed to help prevent the kind of flooding that occurred in Elmhurst in 1987. Just as importantly, property values are up, which is good news when it comes time to sell your home. Our gratitude and appreciation goes out to all of the citizens — elected officials and City staff — who have worked hard over the last decade to make this a reality.

My congratulations go out to the 2006 recipients of the Character Counts Awards for young people and adults held at Elmhurst College. We are truly fortunate to have these people living in our community — people who are able to look beyond their own needs and desires to care for others in so many ways.

I'd also like to commend the youth of our community who have served on the new Peer Jury — which has proven to be an ideal way to address inappropriate behavior by young people. This new approach has helped to make these young offenders more aware of the consequences of their actions and helped to put them on the path to more responsible behavior.

Keeping young people safe is always a priority for our community and I would like everyone to get involved, as much as possible, in Red Ribbon Week, held October 21-28. This community event was established to raise awareness of drug and alcohol abuse. Also, please bear in mind that kids are heading back to school. Be vigilant and observe the 25 mph speed limit. The City Council passed the ordinance reducing the speed limit from 30 to 25 mph — lower than the Illinois standard — to help us keep our children safe from harm. Please do your part to help us protect our most important asset — our children.

Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci

F.Y.I.



Refuse Collection Reminders

Residents are reminded that refuse and recycling may not be placed on the parkway more than 24 hours before the resident's regularly scheduled collection day. Containers and other items must be removed from the parkway no more than 12 hours following the regularly scheduled pickup day. In addition, city codes require that refuse and recycling containers be placed at the edge of the sidewalk or on the parkway where they do not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic (i.e. containers may not be placed on the street or sidewalk). For detailed information on the city's recycling, household waste and yard waste programs, visit the city's website — www.elmhurst.org. One item of interest on the Public Works link is the "Elmhurst Refuse and Recycling Guide."

Veterans Day Ceremony

A special Veterans Day ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 11, at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park. Residents and friends are invited to attend the ceremony as an expression of appreciation for the dedication and sacrifice of current and past members of the U. S. military.

Senior Chore Days

The City of Elmhurst will once again sponsor Senior Chore Days to help Elmhurst seniors, living on a limited income, with yard work and storm window installation. Individuals, families and organizations are needed to help our seniors with this important work. Senior Chore Days will be held during the first three weekends in November — November 4th and 5th, 11th and 12th, and 18th and 19th. If you are a senior and need assistance, or if you can volunteer to help a senior anytime during this three-week period, call the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at (630) 620-9794.

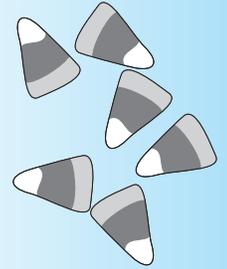


Holiday Hours

Labor Day falls on Monday, September 4, and residents are reminded that City Hall will be closed that day. The City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5. Refuse collection will be postponed by one day due to the holiday.

Trick or Treat

Little ghosts and goblins will be trick-or-treating on Tuesday, October 31. Motorists are reminded to be on the lookout for little ones this Halloween as they go door-to-door in our neighborhoods. Trick-or-treating will be from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Police Department encourages a parent or other adult to accompany young trick-or-treaters and instruct them to cross streets only at intersections, approach only well-lit homes and inspect all treats at home. Have a safe and happy Halloween!



Free Leaf Pick-Up



The city's contract waste hauler, BFI, will collect leaves November 8, 9 & 10 and November 29, 30 & December 1. Leaves placed curbside in clearly marked garbage cans, cardboard boxes or Kraft paper bags will be picked up free of charge (without yard waste stickers) on your regularly scheduled collection day during these two weeks. Residents are asked not to mix leaves with other yard waste and not to use plastic bags for leaves. Containers, other than Kraft bags, will be left on the parkway after the pick-up. Residents are reminded that raking leaves, grass clippings and other debris into the street is prohibited by city ordinances. This practice can create hazardous driving conditions for motorists and impede the flow of stormwater into the city's storm sewer system.

You Can Help Prevent Street Flooding

Street flooding, caused by clogged inlets, can be a problem in residential neighborhoods during periods of heavy rainfall, especially during the autumn months when trees are losing their leaves. Residents can help prevent this potential problem by raking leaves and debris away from the storm drain inlets in front of their homes.



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.

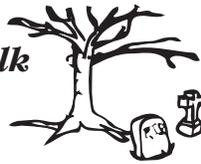
Admission is always free.

Fall Exhibit at EHM **Pilgrims, Patriots and Products:** **Selling the Colonial Image**

Sept. 12, 2006 - Jan. 7, 2007

"Pilgrims, Patriots and Products" explores how the marketplace has exploited a mythical image of America's colonial past. This entertaining and thought-provoking exhibition examines how advertisers have used romanticized imagery about America's past to sell commercial products, a practice that continues even to this day. The exhibit contains colorful reproductions of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century product catalogs, trade cards, advertisements, calendars and posters. This exhibit is on loan from Historic New England. Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Free.

Fourth Annual Cemetery Walk **Graveside Stories Cemetery** **Walk at Elm Lawn**



Saturday, September 30, 2006, 3-7 p.m.

Join us for a unique look into history as you walk from grave to grave and learn about early Elmhurst as local volunteer actors portray community residents of the past. The tour will be held at historic Elm Lawn Cemetery at 401 E. Lake Street (Frontage Road). Performances run every twenty minutes between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per person for advance tickets or \$7.00 at the door. Children under 6 are free. No strollers please. Tickets may be purchased at Elmhurst Historical Museum, 120 E. Park Ave. For information and reservations call Elmhurst Historical Museum at 630-833-1457.

Programs for Kids, Families and Adults:

Sunday Funday Returns!

Sunday Funday is a monthly drop-in program from 1-3 p.m. for children ages 4-12 and their favorite adults. Help us gear up for the fall exhibit "Pilgrims, Patriots and Products" by making hand-dipped candles on September 10th (cost: \$1/project) and colonial weathervanes on November 12th (cost: \$1/project). On October 8th learn what the future has in store for you with Halloween fortune-telling games (cost: \$1/project).

Day Off? Drop In!

Children ages 4-12 and their favorite adults are invited to stop by on the day after Thanksgiving, November 24th, between 10 a.m. and noon to kick off the festive season by making a colonial-style pomander ball to fill your house with holiday fragrance (cost: \$2/project).

Tea Time Tour

This fall, adults can enjoy performances and lectures during our free Tea Time Tour programs every third Thursday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. Refreshments follow the program. On September 21st Terry Lynch portrays Ben Franklin, the man who not only harnessed electricity and helped shape the country that would become the United States, but also gained fame for his witty, often satirical writings. On October 19th, Leslie Goddard presents "Sweet Home Chicago," an exploration of why Chicago became the candy capital of America and the stories behind sweet treats like Brach's caramels, Cracker Jack, Wrigley's gum and Snickers bars. On November 16th, Suzanne Hales presents a dramatized review of Cokie Roberts' best-selling book, *Founding Mothers*, and introduces us to four dynamic women: Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, Deborah Reid Franklin and Elizabeth Pinckney.



Elmhurst Heritage Tours

**Something
New!**

The Elmhurst Historical Museum Foundation and Museum are planning two guided bus tours of several Elmhurst neighborhoods on Sunday, September 24, 2006. The tours will be 90 minutes long and will depart at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. from Elmhurst Historical Museum, 120 E. Park Ave. Expert narration on the history and development of Elmhurst will be provided. The 1:00 p.m. tour will take participants through the east side of Elmhurst and the 3:00 p.m. tour travels through the west side. Adult tickets are \$25 for one tour and \$40 for a combination ticket. Student tickets are \$15 per tour. Deadline for ticket purchase/reservations is September 17.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Elmhurst Historical Museum programs. For more information or ticket purchase, stop by the Museum, 120 E. Park Ave. or call 630-833-1457.

A Power Point preview of the Heritage Tours, "Developing, Expanding and Transforming Elmhurst," will be presented at the Elmhurst Historical Museum on Sunday, September 17th at 2:00 p.m. This event is open to the public and is FREE of charge.

Walk Your Child to School

The summer days are getting shorter and families are preparing for the annual back-to-school ritual. Parents breathe a sigh of relief, and children and teachers anticipate new beginnings. School and public safety officials work well in advance of the opening day to identify and prepare to monitor school walking routes to keep young pedestrians safe as they walk to school. Walking to school has some distinct benefits for children, parents and the community.



- Walking is free, convenient and doesn't require any special training or equipment.
- Walking is less stressful – walkers avoid parking problems and traffic line-ups close to schools.
- Walking enhances children's health. Physically active, healthy children are more likely to grow up to be physically active, healthy adults.
- Walking to school gives parents time to talk to their children, their neighbors and other parents. This is the perfect time for parents to teach their children pedestrian skills – staying on the sidewalk, crossing at crosswalks, never walking between parked cars, making sure motorists are aware of their presence and other safety skills that will enhance their future independence.
- Walking to school helps improve air quality in our neighborhoods by reducing the amount of air pollutants emitted by autos.
- Walking to school reduces traffic jams around schools that create safety problems for children. As much as 30 percent of morning commuter traffic is generated by parents driving their children to school.

Elmhurst schools and public safety officials have planned well in advance to make sure walking and biking routes are as safe as possible with well-maintained sidewalks, marked crossings and crossing guards. The entire month of October has been designated as "International Walk to School Month" to remind parents and children of the simple joy of walking to school.

"CPR for Family and Friends"

Public education is a vital part of the Fire Department's primary goal of protecting the community and its residents. Interested residents still have one more opportunity this year to learn the potentially life-saving skills taught in "CPR for Family and Friends." This American Heart Association non-certification class will be held on Tuesday, November 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Fire Station #1 (404 N. York). The class includes the chain-of-survival; signs of heart attack and cardiac arrest; CPR for infants, children and adults; and clearing foreign body airway obstructions. Students will receive a textbook for use during the class and a course completion card at the end of class. The class is limited to 25 students, age 12 and older, and there is a \$5.00 charge for materials. Call 530-3090 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for more information or to make a reservation.

Peer Juries: A System That Works



Since the first Peer Jury was convened in Elmhurst in January 2005, hundreds of cases against youthful first-time offenders have been heard by juries comprised of other teens. The Peer Jury System provides an alternative to the juvenile criminal system for young offenders who commit less serious, non-violent crimes. The goal of this innovative system is not to punish youthful offenders, but to help them overcome the problems and challenges that may have contributed to their illegal activities. In the traditional court system, young offenders (or their parents) pay a fine and are then placed on supervision. In the Peer Jury System, young first-time offenders must admit their guilt and attend a hearing before seven of the 40 young volunteer peer jurors. The young jurors listen to the offender's story and make a recommendation, such as community service, a letter of apology and/or restitution. The program not only results in thousands of hours of community services annually, it also builds character and helps young people stay on the right track. The Peer Jury System is designed for success — 95% of young offenders clean up their act and do not become repeat offenders.

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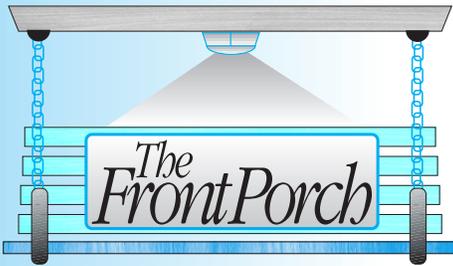
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Honor Guard Training



The goal of the Fire Department Honor Guard is to serve as a visual reminder of the service and traditions of the firefighting profession. Fire and police honor guards throughout the years have emphasized

accuracy and precise pageantry in traditions handed down from the military. Honor guards are often used to post colors, march in parades and honor fallen comrades at funerals and memorials. The Elmhurst Fire Department Training Academy has created a two-course program to help educate police and fire personnel in the proper procedures of the honor guard. The first, Organizing Tragedy, is a 16-hour class that focuses on preparing for the funeral of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty. Class members will learn how to organize and coordinate a fitting tribute to a fallen comrade. The second course, Honor Guard Training 101, provides 40 hours of instruction, drills and maneuvers designed to help current and potential honor guard members perfect their skills as members of the honor guard.



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How to Choose a Contractor

If you are thinking about starting or contracting for a home improvement project, here are some tips that will help you find an ethical and reputable contractor with a commitment to customer satisfaction.

- Plan your project from start to finish before you begin.
- If your project will involve a contractor, explain exactly what you want.
- Ask to approve architectural plans before any contract work begins.
- Compare costs before making a financial commitment.
- Discuss bids in detail with each contractor.
- Ask contractors for local references and check out the references.
- Find out if the contractor is a member of a professional remodeler's association.
- Check with the Better Business Bureau to find out how long the contractor has been in business and how well he or she responds to complaints.
- Find out if the contractor has insurance to cover worker's compensation, property damage and personal liability.

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