



The City Newsletter



Elmhurst Meets Requirements to Establish Railroad “Quiet Zone”

For many years, federal regulations have required that railway engineers blow their horns as they approach railroad crossings — both day and night. As a result, whistle blowing has become a nuisance for communities along the railroad lines — and especially homeowners

living close to the tracks. Recent legislation, however, has enabled Elmhurst to obtain welcome relief from this requirement along its Canadian National Railroad line through the creation of a “Quiet Zone.” (The Canadian National Railroad line carries freight train traffic and runs from Elmhurst to Hanover Park.)

In order to obtain the Quiet Zone designation, Elmhurst has had to meet certain requirements, including the addition of bells, lane separators and gates with

lights at each crossing. The City has worked diligently with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and other communities along this RR line to make this possible. The Quiet Zone extends from York St. in Elmhurst west to the Village of Hanover Park and went into effect on May 15. Residents should be aware, however, that train engineers are still permitted to blow their horns for emergencies or if they have safety concerns.

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Issue II

Council Approves 2006-07 Budget

Earlier this spring, following an in-depth review of anticipated revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year, the City Council approved the 2006-2007 City Budget. Although the budget allows for basic services to be funded and a three-month minimum General Fund balance to be maintained, the General Fund revenue is clearly not keeping up with the costs of previously acceptable levels of service. The anticipated budget deficits in fiscal 2006-07 and 2007-08 are limited as a result of not funding a number of worthy programs, services and grant requests that would provide appreciated and beneficial services to the community if funds were available.

Sales tax, the single greatest source of revenue to the General Fund, continues to perform poorly as a result of economic conditions and business closures. Automotive sales and repairs, a significant contributor of sales tax dollars, are constantly subject to volatility in the automotive industry. The City Council has taken considerable action to stabilize other revenue sources and maximize their contributions to the General Fund. Utility taxes comprise the second largest source of revenue. The one percent tax on prepared food and beverages is a significant new revenue source. The proposed 4.5% increase in the 2006 property tax levy is anticipated to be out-paced by an increase in equalized assessed value, resulting in a slight reduction in the property tax rate for the city. State income tax continues to be a dependable source of revenue and allows the city to respond to infrastructure requirements. Fees charged for rubbish collection, water and sewage, and licenses and permits, will be adjusted to more adequately cover the costs associated with those services.

Although municipal employees are the greatest asset in providing city services, labor is the greatest area of expenditure in the city budget. City staff will continue to focus on increasing the customer service skills and computer proficiency of the city's labor force, as well as the management capabilities of the leadership team. The information technology portion of the city budget will include appropriate replacement of computer hardware and software; integration of the Geographic Information System (GIS) into the city's website and local workstations; creation of an Intranet for city employees; and document imaging for document management. Construction highlights for 2006-07 will include improvements to the fire stations; rehabilitation work at the Churchville One-Room School; construction at the Wilder Mansion and Heritage Center; and preliminary engineering for Palmer Drive and Salt Creek.



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Summertime Family Fun

Don't miss the fun at Elmfest 2006 in the downtown during the second weekend in June. This fun-for-all family event will feature live entertainment, carnival rides, food, fireworks and much more. The Elmhurst Police Department will partner with the Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst to provide free Kid-Pix child photo identification cards for parents. The festivities will begin with the opening of the carnival on Thursday evening. Other festivities will begin late Friday afternoon and conclude with a free family concert at the Elmhurst College Mall on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.elfest.org or call the Chamber of Commerce at (630) 834-6060.

The annual Independence Day Parade on Tuesday, July 4th, will step off from the corner of York and Third at 9:30 a.m. Don't miss the annual ice cream social on the lawn of the Elmhurst Historical Museum following the parade.

City Participates in the Salt Creek Work Group

Elmhurst and many other communities bordering Salt Creek have formed a partnership with several citizen advocacy groups to address water quality and habitat issues in Salt Creek. The group, which is partnering with other communities along the east and west branches of the DuPage River, has received a \$600,000 grant from the Illinois EPA to monitor the waterway and determine the best way to improve water quality. That grant, along with dues paid from communities, will contribute almost \$1 million to the effort. It is hoped that this long-range effort will effectively and efficiently improve the habitat and water quality in the rivers. For more information, please call the city at 530-3000 and ask for the Water and Wastewater Department.

Vehicle Sticker Reminder

The City of Elmhurst requires that a vehicle sticker be purchased and properly affixed by May 1st on the lower right passenger side windshield of any vehicle registered or principally garaged within Elmhurst corporate limits. Failure to display a current sticker can result in a \$25 fine during May and a \$50 fine after May 31st. The fines do not include the cost of the sticker. Stickers may be purchased at the Finance Department counter in City Hall. Transfer stickers (if you trade in a vehicle) or replacement stickers (if you have a new windshield installed) can be purchased for \$2 each. (Elmhurst vehicle stickers are not required for people living in parts of unincorporated DuPage County with an Elmhurst mailing address.)

Elmhurst Remembers



As a nation, we must never forget the members of the armed forces who have served with courage and devotion, especially those who fought and died to protect the freedoms we enjoy. On May 29th, residents and visitors will have an opportunity to remember and pay tribute to the officers and enlisted personnel, both past and present, of our nation's military. The 88th annual Memorial Day parade will step off from York and Third at 9:30 a.m. and proceed to Wilder Park by way of York Street, Palmer Drive and Church. If the weather permits, four vintage aircraft from the Lima Lima Flight Team will appear in missing man formation over the intersection of Schiller and Palmer Drive at approximately 9:45 a.m. The Grand Marshall for this year's parade will be Corporal Daniel Foot, a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserves. Corporal Foot's unit, Lima Company, suffered heavy casualties in Iraq. Corporal Foot was wounded during his tour of duty and earned three Purple Hearts. Following the parade, a full military ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Memorial in Wilder Park. The ceremony will feature patriotic music, speakers and the laying of wreaths to honor veterans of all U.S. military branches.



Look What's Online

With a few simple keystrokes, homeowners, businesspeople, builders, visitors and prospective residents can find a wealth of information about the City of Elmhurst. Here are a few tips to help you find what you're looking for on the city's website, www.elmhurst.org. Click on "Public Information" to find everything from agendas and minutes of City Council meetings (regarding agendas for upcoming meetings, the website is updated by the end of the day each Friday), past copies of *The Front Porch*, information about youth and senior services, and complete copies of the Municipal Code and Zoning Ordinance. In the same section, under "View all maps," you will find a zoning map, ward map, public schools and parks map, garbage collection map, downtown parking map and a number of other useful maps. To find amendments to codes related to plumbing, electrical, fire, life safety, etc, click on "What's Hot" on the homepage and scroll down to the article entitled "2004 Building Code Amendments." The new e-Gov section allows users to pay water bills or parking tickets electronically, view electronic versions of both the Municipal Code and Zoning Ordinance, and access a selection of electronic Forms.

Watch for the Water Quality Report

The 2006 Consumer Confidence Report will be mailed to every water customer soon.

Safety Reminders



Move to the Right for Sirens and Lights!

If you or someone you love needs emergency assistance, you want help to get there right away. There's one thing everyone can do to help firefighters and police provide this emergency assistance as quickly as possible – Move to the Right for Sirens and Lights! Every year in the U.S. there are almost 16,000 collisions involving emergency vehicles responding to or returning from incidents. These collisions result in over 1,000 injuries and almost 50 deaths.

Many people panic or simply don't adhere to the rules of the road regarding emergency vehicles. The law is very specific. Drivers must yield the right-of-way to emergency vehicles. Failure to do so can cause serious accidents, as well as delays in ambulance, fire and police response. Emergency personnel are careful to avoid vehicle collisions by driving slowly when traveling against traffic and coming to a complete stop at intersections. However, the cooperation of ALL vehicles on the roadway is essential. Motorists are urged to follow these simple rules when encountering an emergency vehicle:

DO:

- Stay calm. Pull to the right and come to a complete stop.
- On a high-speed road or if there isn't room to stop, slow down as much as possible.
- Motorists in the left lane should pull into the right lane as the traffic in that lane moves to the right.
- Drivers who cannot move to the right because of other vehicles or obstacles should simply stop. This will let the emergency vehicle driver know what you are doing and where he or she can safely drive.

- When an emergency vehicle approaches from behind while motorists are stopped at an intersection, stay where you are unless you can pull to the right.
- On a four-lane highway or street without barriers, traffic on both sides should pull to the right.
- Exercise extreme caution when passing an accident or situation involving emergency vehicles and personnel.
- Drivers should stay at least 500 feet behind emergency vehicles.

DON'T:

- Don't panic.
- Don't play your radio so loudly that it drowns out the sound of sirens.
- Don't stop in the middle lane if there is room to pull to the right.
- Don't pull to the left from the center lane or left turn lane.
- Don't race ahead to make the green light or turn before the emergency vehicle gets there.
- Don't turn quickly to the left onto a street or driveway.
- Don't drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind.
- Don't pull over if the emergency vehicle is traveling in the opposite direction on a divided highway or street.
- Don't disregard the presence of the emergency vehicle by continuing to drive.

NOAA Weather Radio

Just as smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors warn of potentially life-threatening hazards within our homes, a NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) alerts listeners to hazardous conditions outside the home. The National Weather Service broadcasts comprehensive weather and emergency information 24 hours a day over a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. The NWR includes more than 940 transmitters covering all 50 states. This public service, offered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), also broadcasts warnings and post-event information for all types of hazards, including natural (such as tornadoes and earthquakes), environmental (such as chemical releases or oil spills), and public safety (such as AMBER alerts or 911 telephone outages). NOAA Weather Radios can be purchased at many retail outlets, including electronics stores, sporting goods stores, and boat and marine accessory stores. They can also be purchased via the Internet from online retailers or directly from manufacturers. Since severe weather or environmental situations may occur at any time, a NOAA Weather Radio would be a great addition to your family's emergency preparedness supplies.



Fireworks Are Not Toys

Residents are reminded that fireworks that are not sold legally within the State of Illinois are also not legal to possess or explode within Elmhurst. This prohibition includes any device that produces a temporary audible or visible exhibition by means of explosion, combustion or detonation, such as firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrocketers, roman candles, bombs, etc. During the summer months, especially over the 4th of July, the police receive many reports of fireworks being exploded in residential neighborhoods, as well as reports of injuries associated with illegal fireworks. When the police respond to such reports, the fireworks are confiscated and the offender(s) may even be arrested. Devices such as sparklers, snakes or glow worm pellets, smoke devices and trick noisemakers are not considered fireworks and are allowed at any time. Please be aware, however, that even seemingly harmless devices, such as sparklers, burn at temperatures in excess of 1,000 degrees and can cause severe burns.



Seniors Home Away from Home

Elmhurst is home to a special place that offers overnight care for seniors in a cheerful, secure, home-like setting. The Knuepfer House, run by Metropolitan Family Services DuPage, provides a necessary respite for those who are caring for aging relatives, making business trips, worry-free vacations or long weekends possible for caregivers. Guests enjoy companionship, a comfortable level of independence and specialized attention when needed. Guests can stay up to 30 nights. Discounted rates are available. Call (630) 653-2397 for more information or to make a reservation.

In-home senior respite services, also available through Metropolitan Family Services DuPage, provide companionship for older adult family members living in DuPage County. A trustworthy, trained volunteer will visit with an older family member at no cost while the family caregiver takes some worry-free time away. For more information on this valuable resource, call (630) 784-4875.



CPR for Family and Friends

The Elmhurst Fire Department offers "Non-Certification" CPR classes to the public. The course, "CPR for Family and Friends," was developed by the American Heart Association and is designed to teach lay rescuers the skills needed to help loved ones in life-threatening situations.

In addition to CPR, the course includes relieving foreign-body airway obstruction, chain-of-survival, and signs of heart attack, cardiac arrest, stroke and choking. The four-hour class provides hands-on mastery of CPR skills.

All classes are held at Elmhurst Fire Station #1, located at 404 N. York Street. The \$10 fee covers the cost of a textbook and course completion card. "CPR for Family and Friends" will be offered on Saturday, August 12th from 9 am to 1 pm; and Tuesday, November 14th from 6 to 10 pm. You may register for any of the classes being offered in 2006 by calling the Fire Department office at (630) 530-3090 weekdays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Mayor's Message



My congratulations go out to City Manager Tom Borchert and Elmhurst Police Officer Jim Kvetin for successfully pursuing the creation of a railroad "Quiet Zone" for the Canadian National Railroad line that runs through our community. (See article page 1.) This is good news for Elmhurst residents and especially those living in close proximity to the railroad, since engineers along that line are no longer required to blow their horns at each crossing.

In order to make this Quiet Zone possible, the City has had to meet new federal requirements calling for additional bells, lights and lane separators at those crossings. The Quiet Zone, which extends from York St. in Elmhurst west to the Village of Hanover Park, went into effect May 15.

I'd like to thank the citizens of Elmhurst who have given us feedback on our 2006-07 budget. While it is clear that Elmhurst, like many communities, has some stresses on its daily operating budget, our capital improvements fund is healthy, enabling us to maintain our infrastructure for such important measures as flood control and street maintenance, so critical in the quality of life we enjoy here in Elmhurst.

I'd like to direct your attention to our article on page 2 regarding the City's website. Featuring a wealth of information and time-saving options, the website provides City Council agendas and minutes, community street repair maps and schedules and the opportunity to pay parking tickets and water bills online. The City will continue to add functionality to the website to make it more "citizen-friendly" and give you even more time-saving options.

As the summer season approaches, I'd like to remind everyone to drive cautiously, since kids are out of school. Also, I invite you to join me on Monday, May 29, for our annual Memorial Day Parade in honor of all veterans past and present.

Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci



F.Y.I.

Permits and Codes

Residents are reminded that many summertime construction projects, such as backyard decks, room additions and swimming pools, require a permit. Permits are also required for new home construction, attached or detached garages, porches, accessory structures, driveways, fences, air conditioner installation, interior remodeling and hot tubs, as well as revisions to electrical service, plumbing and fixtures. Be sure to call the Building Department at (630) 530-3030 before you begin.



Sprinkling Regulations

Lawn and gardening sprinkling for even-numbered addresses is allowed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. the following morning. Residents with odd-numbered addresses are asked to sprinkle on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Sprinkling is not allowed on Sunday. (Hand-watering with a hose or watering can is allowed at any time.)

Signs on Public Property

Homeowners are reminded that signs advertising garage sales, homes for sale, etc. must be placed on the owner's private property. They may not be placed on telephone poles, parkway trees or the lawn area of the parkway (the space between the sidewalk and the curb).

Excellence in Financial Reporting



This year marks the 16th year that the city's Finance Department has been awarded the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its annual comprehensive financial report. The award, the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting, is based on the readability and clarity of the annual report, and its adherence to all standard accounting guidelines.

D.A.R.E. to Say No

Congratulations to fifth-grade students in seven Elmhurst schools who recently graduated from the D.A.R.E. program! These young people are to be commended for their commitment to live drug-free lives.

A Curfew Reminder for Parents and Youth

Teens and parents are reminded that the curfew for young people under the age of 18 is 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday. Parents should insist that their children abide by the city curfew regulations.



Summer Holiday Announcements

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29th, for Memorial Day and on Tuesday, July 4th. (Please note that refuse pickup will be postponed by one day for all residents during the weeks of Memorial Day and July 4th.)

Block Parties

Neighborhood block parties provide neighbors with a great opportunity to get together and enjoy each other's company. To schedule a block party, please call Public Works at 530-3038. If you would like the Fire Department to participate, please call 530-3029 with your requested date and time. Please call early as there is a limit to the number of block parties the Fire Department can attend.



Character Counts in Elmhurst

The City Council, together with the Commission on Youth and Character Counts in Elmhurst, recently recognized 67 adults and youth whose actions promote the spirit of volunteerism, and improve the health and well-being of our community. The service provided by these unselfish and dedicated individuals exemplifies the six pillars of the Character Counts program: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Congratulations to the recipients of the 2006 Character Counts Service Awards!

Maximum Grass Height



Neatly trimmed lawns and beautifully maintained flower gardens are among the most attractive features of our community. Residents are reminded that grass exceeding eight inches in height* is considered excessive and is prohibited by a municipal ordinance passed by the City Council last fall. Residents are encouraged to keep their lawns neatly mowed and their property free of unsightly weeds during the spring and summer months. (*Ornamental grasses may exceed eight inches in height.)

What's Buried in Your Backyard?

As more and more utility services are delivered underground, it is essential for residents to call JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) before beginning any project that requires digging. Some common examples of homeowner projects that require a call to JULIE include installing a fence or swing set, preparing a new garden area, building a deck or room addition, or adding trees, shrubs or bushes. Please remember to call 1-800-892-0123 at least 48 hours before digging on your property. J.U.L.I.E. will give you the location of underground utility or cable TV lines.



Safe Bicycling Tips

Children on bikes are a common sight during the spring and summer months, however, youngsters are particularly prone to accidents due to immature motor and balancing skills, lack of judgment and improper equipment. Parents can help keep their children safe as they ride this summer by following these suggestions.

Get the proper equipment for safe bicycling.

- ✓ Buy a bike that fits the child. The balls of the child's feet must be able to touch the ground and he/she must be able to grip the handlebars when seated on the bike.
- ✓ Insist that your child wear an approved bicycle helmet with the chinstrap buckled whenever he or she is riding.
- ✓ Teach the child to dress appropriately with covered shoes that protect the feet, as well as clothing that cannot become entangled in the bike chain.

Teach your child to obey safe biking rules.

- ✓ Always wear a helmet. Helmets can prevent approximately 85 percent of biking head injuries.
- ✓ Never ride into a street without stopping first. Just because the child sees the car does not mean the driver sees the child.
- ✓ Ride in a straight line on the right with the flow of traffic. Change direction without swerving and use hand signals when turning.
- ✓ Stop and look both ways at stop signs, stop lights and intersections. When children are riding in a group, each rider must stop and make sure the intersection is clear before crossing. Younger children should walk their bikes across busy intersections.
- ✓ Check behind you, signal and look behind again before swerving, turning or changing lanes.
- ✓ Never follow another rider without applying the rules. Many fatal bike accidents occur when the first rider violates one of these rules and the second rider follows blindly.

Practice safe biking skills by riding with your child. Children under the age of nine are too young to identify and adjust to dangerous traffic situations and should not be allowed to ride in the street. Never allow your child to ride after dark, or on wet or slippery streets. May is Bicycle Safety Month—let's do all we can to keep our kids safe while they ride this summer.

Summer Construction Projects

Roadway construction will take place on the following streets during the 2006 construction season.



Full Curb and Gutter

Street	From	To
Geneva Ct	North End Ave	culdesac
Fremont Ave	West Ave	Ridgeland
Elm Ave	Fremont Ave	Grantley Ave
Pine St	Schiller St	First Ave
Elm Park Ave	Hagans Ave	Prospect Ave
Park Ave	Fairlane Ave	Fair Ave
Fair Ave	So. of Huntington Ln	St. Charles Rd
Argyle Ave	St. Charles Rd	Eggleston Ave
Hillside Ave	Vallette St	McKinley Ave
Linden Ave	Vallette St	Niagara St
Crescent Ave	Edgewood Ave	dead end
Oneida Ave	Euclid Ave	York Rd
Mitchell Ave	Jackson St	Harrison St

Grind and Pave

Street	From	To
Grantley Ave	Addison Ave	York St
Melrose Ave	Willow Rd	Emroy Ave
Geneva Ave	Schiller St	First Ave
Arlington Ave	Park Ave	Marion St
Marion St	Kenilworth Ave	Arlington Ave
Kenilworth Ave	Marion St	Church St
York St	Palmer Dr	Arthur St
Fairview Ave	St. Charles Rd	Randolph St
Washington St	Eggleston Ave	Seminole Ave
South St	239 South St	Poplar Ave
Adams St	West of Hawthorne Ave	Spring Rd
Adams St	Washington St	Euclid Ave
Parkside Ave	Jackson St	Van Buren St
Dorchester Ave	West of Verrett St	Commonwealth Ln

Recovered Bikes to be Auctioned

Every year the Elmhurst police recover hundreds of lost or stolen bicycles. Unfortunately for their owners, unregistered bikes usually cannot be identified and are sold at the annual Police Department auction. This year's auction will be held on Saturday, July 29, at 10 a.m. Items to be auctioned can be inspected beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the auction. In addition to bikes, the auction will include other recovered items and surplus city equipment, including automobiles acquired through forfeitures, power and hand tools, car stereos, HDTV satellite receivers and perfume.

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.

Fun for the Entire Family at EHM this summer!

Special Summer Exhibit: Toy Tech

June 24 through September 3, 2006

Toy Tech, EHM's special summer exhibit, opens June 24, 2006, and continues throughout the summer months. Families will enjoy this traveling exhibit with hands-on learning for kids of all ages. Kids will make their own toys and take them home. On loan from Northwest Invention Center, Redmond, Washington. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

25th Annual Ice Cream Social

Come on over to Elmhurst Historical Museum after the parade! The Elmhurst Historical Museum, Elmhurst Park District and Suburban Bank & Trust of Elmhurst are co-sponsoring the 26th Annual Ice Cream Social on July 4th on the lawn of the Historical Museum. After the parade until noon, enjoy music by the Dixie Tornadoes, free frozen treats, lemonade, paper fireworks and relay races. Hot dogs and other foods will be sold for those hungry for lunch. The Museum's summer exhibit "Toy Tech" will be open during the festivities.



Tea Time Tour

This summer, 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. June 15, Master Gardener Pat Pieper will demonstrate how to build "Creative Container Gardens," which will be raffled to participants at the end of the program. July 20 brings "From Pantaloons to Bikinis" to the museum with Sandi Sheibley. Remember the days of the Chicago Aurora & Elgin? Steve Hyett, former president of the CA&E Railroad Historical Society, will present "When Trolleys Rode the Prairie Path" on August 17. Call 833-1457 or see the Community Calendar for more information.



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(Finance Department counter open
1st & 3rd Mondays until 7:00 p.m.)

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5th Ward - Phillip D. Jordan, Moira Moriarty
6th Ward - Stephen G. Hillsman, George Szczepaniak
7th Ward - Mark A. Mulliner, Donna Lomnicki

Programs for Kids, Families and Adults:

Fun & Games: Tuesdays this Summer at EHM

This summer on Tuesdays between 1 and 3 p.m. bring the kids to EHM for a fun game-related activity. This popular hands-on, drop-in program of historical crafts and games for children ages 4-12 begins June 13 and continues through August 22 (no Fun & Games on July 4 – attend the Ice Cream Social instead!). No registration is required. Program costs vary, so please check the Community Calendar for more detailed information.



Schedule of Summer Fun & Games:

- June 13 Designer Yo-Yo (\$1/project)
- June 20 Kites for Kids (\$2/project)
- June 27 Patriotic Pin Wheel (\$1/project)
- July 11 Rubber Band Race Car (\$2/project)
- July 18 Fun Flying Frisbee (\$1/project)
- July 25 Do-It-Yourself Silly Putty (\$1/project)
- August 1 Super Sack Puppet (\$1/project)
- August 8 Jacob's Ladder Toy (\$2/project)
- August 15 V-J Day Parachute (\$1/project)
- August 22 Cool Kaleidoscopes (\$2/project)



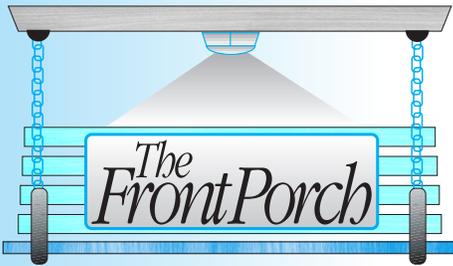
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West Nile Virus: Personal Protection



You can reduce your risk of becoming infected with West Nile Virus this summer by taking a few preventive measures.

- Weather permitting, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- Consider staying indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening – the peak mosquito biting times.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when outdoors.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin to exposed skin, following the manufacturer's directions. Repellents containing more active ingredient will last longer. Choose a product that provides protection for the amount of time you will be outdoors.
- Avoid spraying repellents on children's hands that may irritate the child's eyes and mouth.
- Spray clothing with repellents containing Permethrin or another EPA-registered repellent since mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing. Do not apply repellents containing Permethrin directly to exposed skin. Do not apply repellent to skin under clothing.
- Install or repair window and door screens to prevent mosquitoes from getting indoors.



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Safe Grilling Tips



Summer just wouldn't be summer without burgers and steaks cooking on the grill. For safe summertime grilling, please keep the following tips in mind before you head for the balcony or backyard.

- Hibachis, gas-fired and charcoal grills are not allowed on balconies (except in one- or two-family dwellings), under overhangs or within 10 feet of any structure. Electric grills are much safer for use on apartment or condo balconies.
- Keep small children and pets at a safe distance when grilling.
- Keep grills away from anything that can burn, such as your home, garage or car.
- Protect yourself by wearing a heavy apron and a long oven mitt. If you get burned, run cool water over the burned area for 10 to 15 minutes. Seek medical help for serious burns.
- Use a limited amount of starter fluid (never use gasoline) before lighting charcoal. Never add more liquid fuel to reignite or build up the fire.
- Never use a grill inside your home or garage where they can cause fires or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Soak coals in water before discarding and leave the grill away from buildings until it is completely cool.
- Store gas cylinders outside and away from structures. Turn off valves when not in use. Check for leaks frequently with soapy water that will show bubbles if gas is escaping.

Have a safe and enjoyable summertime grilling season!

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