

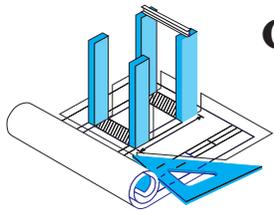
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The City Newsletter



City Plans for Museum

The City has a longstanding commitment to preserve Elmhurst's past, a commitment which has included operating the Elmhurst Historical Museum since 1957. The museum's future was the topic of a major planning project late last year and a new strategic plan for the museum was presented to the Elmhurst City Council on December 5, 2005.

Brian Bergheger, Museum Director, announced the plan, saying that the museum is about to embark on a project that will transform the museum's role within the community. The goal of the new strategic plan is to make the museum an essential part of the community by bringing the stories of Elmhurst to life and elevating public perception of the significance of community history. The plan places greater emphasis on community partnerships and projects, access to collections and exhibitions through technology, a children's history lab, private philanthropy and earned income.

Bergheger described the plan as a "three-tiered" concept. Although a new facility will be the focal point for programming and exhibitions, the Glos Mansion will be preserved for current residents and future generations. The first floor of the mansion will be furnished as period rooms and the second floor will become meeting space for community organizations. The plan's third component, the Churchville One Room School House, will be open for public programs in a partnership arrangement with Elmhurst District 205 schools and other area schools.

Although a specific site has not yet been identified for the new museum facility, it is clear that a suitable facility is required to support the level of community partnership and access described in the plan. Bergheger said, "The plan is a road map to a new day for the museum and for community involvement in the history of Elmhurst . . . It's about connecting people to stories of Elmhurst's past in personally satisfying ways, giving meaning and value to their experiences in Elmhurst today and tomorrow."



Anne Klein, president of the Elmhurst Historical Museum Foundation, and Frank Catalano, Jr., president of the Elmhurst Historical Commission, served on the Strategic Planning Commission of the Elmhurst Historical Museum and will spearhead efforts to generate support for the plan.

Citizen concerns and opinions were solicited early in the planning process and the proposal will continue to be shared with community members, local civic organizations and service groups. Representatives of the Museum, the Elmhurst Historical Commission and the Elmhurst Historical Museum Foundation are available to present the plan to interested local groups. To view the entire plan, please visit the City's website, www.elmhurst.org. ■

Meet the Living Mayors of Elmhurst, March 19

The six living mayors of Elmhurst will gather on Sunday, March 19, from 2-4 p.m., at Hammerschmidt Chapel on the campus of Elmhurst College to discuss their terms of office — and the major issues of the day — beginning with the term of Charles Weigel, Jr., which began in 1961. The public is invited to be on hand for this lively and informative discussion spanning nearly 50 years of Elmhurst mayors. For more information, call Charles Henderson at 630-617-3033.



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This trailer will be used for teaching children about fire safety. It was purchased through an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Elmhurst and the Elmhurst Park District.

New Fire Safety Trailer

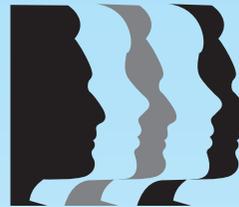
Coming Soon

Each year in the U.S., hundreds of children die and thousands more are injured in fires they start by using matches or lighters to ignite bedding, mattresses, upholstered furniture or clothing. Teaching youngsters about fire safety is an important goal of the Elmhurst Fire Department's educational programming and local youngsters will soon be able to learn about fire safety in a very visual and hands-on way. The Elmhurst City Council and the Elmhurst Park District recently approved an intergovernmental agreement to purchase a fire safety education trailer for use at the Park District's Safety Town, as well as at community and school events. The trailer will contain a mock kitchen and bedroom with a smoke machine to simulate an actual fire, as well as accommodations for video presentations. Cost for the fire safety trailer will be shared by the City and the Park District, with the City's portion coming from a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The trailer, which was delivered in January, will be housed at the Park District's Safety Town at 511 S. York Street.



Whether you're Irish by birth or just Irish at heart on St. Patrick's Day, don't miss the fun and festivities when the Elmhurst community celebrates the "wearing of the green." The 2006 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Spring Road at noon on Saturday, March 18th. The parade will feature music, dancing, clowns, animated characters and much, much more. For more information, visit www.elmhurststpatparade.com or send an email to info@elmhurststpatparade.com.

Special Population Census



The Elmhurst City Council recently approved a special population census of selected areas within the City. This action followed an in-depth analysis of building permit data for new development, which clearly demonstrates that the population has

increased since the last U.S. Census was conducted in the year 2000. The partial census will include 14 tracts or blocks that have experienced significant population growth over the last five years due to either multi-family development or the subdivision of large parcels.

A population increase is important in that some State of Illinois shared revenues, such as motor fuel tax and income tax, are distributed on a per capita basis. An increase in population will therefore result in increased revenue for the City. The estimated annual per capita State revenue is \$110. From June of 2006, when the partial census figures are certified by the U.S. Census Bureau, and June of 2011 when the 2010 census results take effect, the per capita distribution for each new resident would be approximately \$559.17. City staff and elected officials anticipate that the special census will show a net population increase of approximately 649 people since 2000, resulting in additional net revenue, after costs, of approximately \$290,000 to the community. The census will take place this spring and will be conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, with employees from the local area. If you are interested in being a census taker, please call 630-530-3114. It is anticipated that the new population figure will be certified by the Census Bureau approximately four months after the special census is completed. The interview should only take approximately seven minutes and all responses are confidential. An accurate accounting of the population is only possible with everyone's cooperation, so please stand up and be counted!



Weather Warning Siren

Telemetry System

Late last fall, the Elmhurst City Council approved the purchase and installation of a Weather Warning Siren Telemetry System on all six of the City's weather warning sirens. The new system includes radios and Remote Terminal Units (RTU's) using a radio frequency specifically designed for weather warning sirens. The new system eliminates the interference problems experienced in the past when the systems were activated using the City's Public Works frequency. The new system monitors the sirens for problems on a daily basis and sends a report to the City each Monday. With the new system in place, the warning sirens can be activated either from DuComm or from the City's Emergency Operating Center located at Fire Station 1, if DuComm were to become unavailable or experience heavy storm traffic.

City Personnel Receive NIMS Training

Late in the summer of 2004, the Elmhurst City Council passed a resolution adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) that was developed by the Department of Homeland Security. The program's objective is to enable responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines to work effectively together to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters and emergencies, regardless of cause, size or complexity. The benefits of NIMS include a unified approach to incident management; standards for command and management structures; and an emphasis on preparedness, mutual aid and resource management.

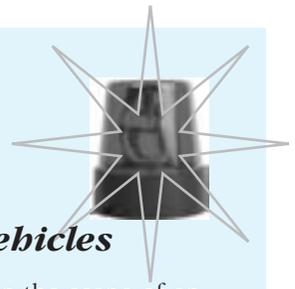
The City is pleased to announce that all Elmhurst Police, Fire and Public Works personnel, as well as key City Hall administrative and elected officials, have now received training that exceeds that required by the National Incident Management System.

Seniors and Lawmen Together

Ten years ago, the Elmhurst Police Department formed a special alliance between senior citizens and law enforcement called S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Lawmen Together) to help reduce crimes against the elderly and to enhance the relationship between seniors and the police. S.A.L.T. meetings are held monthly at the Elmhurst Police Station. The meetings are open to anyone interested in topics such as crime prevention, cons and scams, identity theft, current laws concerning the senior population, intergenerational activities and safety issues, such as downed power lines, tornado warning systems, anti-theft devices, home burglar alarm systems, etc. For more information about S.A.L.T., please contact the Elmhurst Police Department at 530-3050.

Automated External Defibrillators

Now in Elmhurst Police Vehicles



Since police officers are often the first on the scene of an emergency, Elmhurst police vehicles are now equipped with a new weapon in the fight against cardiac arrest fatalities — AEDs or automated external defibrillators. These computerized medical devices can check a person's heart rhythm and deliver a shock when the heart is in fibrillation. Recent studies show that when AEDs are used in a timely manner, survivability increases by up to 40%.

The statistics are shocking — more than 2,600 Americans die each day from cardiovascular disease (one death every 33 seconds). Most of these deaths occur with little or no warning from what is called sudden cardiac arrest. The most common cause is a disturbance in the heart rhythm called ventricular fibrillation, which cuts off the blood supply to the brain and other vital organs. The first and usually the only symptom of sudden cardiac arrest is loss of consciousness. If the blood flow is not restored quickly, the result is permanent brain damage or death. In a hospital setting, ventricular fibrillation can often be treated successfully by applying an electric shock to the chest. When sudden cardiac arrest occurs in other settings, the situation is very different. For every minute that a person remains in ventricular fibrillation, his or her chances of resuscitation drop by almost 10 percent. After 10 minutes, the chances of saving a victim of cardiac arrest are close to zero.

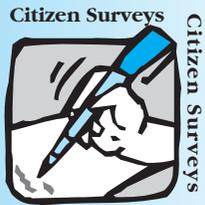
The American Heart Association's "Chain of Survival" is a series of actions that, when performed together, provide the greatest chance of survival. The first link in the chain is calling 9-1-1 immediately to activate emergency medical services as soon as an emergency is recognized. The second link in the chain is performing CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) until a defibrillator is available. The third link is early defibrillation to restore the heart's normal rhythm. The final link in the "Chain of Survival" is early advanced life support by health care professionals.

Loved ones, coworkers or even strangers may be able to save a life by following the first two links in the Chain of Survival: first, call 9-1-1 immediately and second, administer CPR until emergency personnel arrive on the scene. You can learn how to administer CPR by taking the "CPR for Family and Friends" non-certification class offered by the Elmhurst Fire Department on an ongoing basis. Upcoming classes will be held on February 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., May 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., August 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on November 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call 530-3090 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for more information or to make a reservation.



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Citizen Surveys



The City of Elmhurst began conducting a biennial citizen survey in 1994 to obtain information from residents regarding their impressions, priorities and concerns about City services. The survey results help elected officials and City staff plan and prioritize to better meet the needs of the community. The 2006 Citizen Survey will be mailed to a cross section — approximately 10% — of Elmhurst residents in June. If you receive a survey, please remember that your opinions are important and they make a difference in the services provided by the City. Some of the programs that have been implemented following analysis of survey feedback in the past include the taping of City Council meetings, an anti-speeding program, the annual Spring Clean-Up and electronic bill payment options.

Elmhurst Police Explorers

Law Enforcement Explorer Post 66 was formed in 1982 to provide young people with an opportunity to explore their interest in the law enforcement profession. Since that time, a number of former Explorers have been hired as police officers in Elmhurst and other cities. The program includes comprehensive training, service opportunities, competitions, character development, physical fitness, patriotism and good citizenship. The program also helps young Explorers improve interpersonal communications and develop leadership skills. Explorers are trained in all aspects of law enforcement, including domestic violence, hostage negotiations, interview techniques, traffic stops and accident investigation, defensive techniques, surveillance and searches, felony arrest, handcuffing, constitutional law, DUI, community policing and report writing.

To become an Explorer, a young person must be at least 14 years old, in high school and under 21 years of age. Explorers must be of high moral character and able to pass a background check. They must maintain at least a "C" average in their school studies and be willing to comply with Explorer program rules. Explorers who demonstrate leadership abilities, work hard and actively participate in the program may attain the rank of Sergeant, Lieutenant or Captain. Those who qualify for advancement are required to write an essay, pass a written exam and an oral interview, and have a good reputation with other post members and advisors.

For more information, interested young people should contact the Elmhurst Police Department at 530-3050.

Mayor's Message



On Sunday, March 19, I would like to invite you to attend a unique Elmhurst event, which will bring together Elmhurst's six living mayors, beginning with the term of Charles Weigel, Jr., in 1961. Held at 2 p.m. at Hammerschmidt Chapel of Elmhurst College, this special day will feature an oral history of Elmhurst's past achievements and challenges. It's sure to be an interesting event for anyone who enjoys learning about Elmhurst history.

As you can see from the article on page 1, the City has developed a Strategic Plan for bringing the stories of Elmhurst to life through our historical museum. This proposal focuses on community partnerships and will include a new historical museum, the opening of the Churchville one room schoolhouse and major changes to our current museum in the Glos mansion, including the addition of one full floor of community meeting space. We extend our sincerest thanks to the committee members who spent long hours helping us to develop this plan. Public opinion has been a key component of this planning process and we continue to solicit your thoughts and opinions.

For all Elmhurst services, citizen feedback has always been the basis for our decision-making and budgeting at the City, and one of the ways we solicit your opinions is through the Citizen Survey, sent to a random sampling of individuals each year. The 2006 Citizen Survey will be in the mail soon, and if you happen to receive it, please take a few minutes to complete and return it. This feedback is a vital tool for the City Council and staff and will be used to develop policy for years to come.

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to join me for the Tenth Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday, March 18, at 12 noon on Spring Road. Bring the whole family for the "wearing of the green." It's sure to be fun for young and old alike.

Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci



Elmhurst Community Calendar

Wednesday, March 1 - Wednesday, March 29

Women's History Month Art Exhibit

Chicago-based painter Sandra Perlow. Mixed media paintings with reception on Tuesday, March 7, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. including a gallery talk at 5 p.m.

Elmhurst College Frick Center, Founders Lounge
Daily: 8 a.m. - 12:00 midnight

Sundays: 12:00 noon - 12:00 midnight. Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 617-3033



Through April 30 Scrimshaw

See modern scrimshaw by local artist Richard Kovanda. Scrimshaw is the art of ink etching on whale teeth & ivory. Nautical themes from the 19th century & nature scenes are represented.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill Ave.

Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m., Closed Monday

Free on Fridays, Adults \$4, seniors \$3, students \$2, children 7-12 \$1, under 7 free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1616

Through June 18

Exhibit: Here Comes the Bride

A bridal showcase featuring accessories, bridal party items and photographs of brides from the 1800s to present day. EHM's collection of bridal gowns and accessories from the decades will also be on display. Traveling exhibit from Rogers Historical Museum of Arkansas.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave.

Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m., Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1457



March 4 - July 2

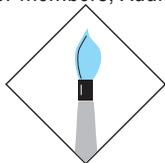
Transparent Watercolor Society of America's 30th Annual Exhibition

A national exhibition that showcases more than 75 of the finest contemporary transparent watercolor paintings chosen from over 900 entrants. Call regarding programs and activities for the entire family!

Sponsored by Suburban Bank & Trust Co.

Elmhurst Art Museum
150 Cottage Hill

Tues., Thurs., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Wed. 1-8 p.m.;
Fri., Sun. 1-4 p.m. Free for members, Adults \$4,
Seniors \$3, Students \$2
Info: (630) 834-0202



Sunday, March 5

Roland A. Quest Lecture

"Breakthrough Thinking: Challenging What We Know," with Dr. Brian Greene. As seen on the PBS "Elegant Universe" series, Greene (a physicist) succeeds in making the most sophisticated concepts in our universe accessible and entertaining for a general audience.

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel

7 p.m., Free, with book signing to follow
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 617-3033

Thursday, March 9

Genevieve Staudt Guestship Lecture

"When Sisterhood was Powerful and Some of Us Were Brave: Race, Class, and Gender in Higher Education Then and Now." Speaker for this Women's History Month event is Dr. Paula Rothenberg, Director of the New Jersey Project on Inclusion Scholarship, Curriculum & Teaching.

Elmhurst College, Schaible Science Center, Illinois Hall

4 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 617-3033

Thursday, March 9 -

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Thursday, March 16 -

Saturday, March 18

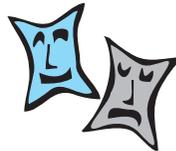
College Theatre: "Oleanna," by David Mamet

Directed by Kristin Spangler

"One of the 10 best plays of 1992" (*TIME* magazine), "Oleanna" follows the dynamics between a male college professor and his female student as a meeting to discuss grades escalates into charges of sexual harassment.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre, 253 Walter St.
8 p.m.

Tickets \$7, discounts for seniors and students
Info or reservations: (630) 617-3005



Saturday, March 11

Classic Film with Commentary

"In the Heat of the Night," complete with continental breakfast, discussion by James Wall, and a catered lunch (at City Hall). Proceeds benefit Elmhurst Historical Museum Foundation.

Tickets \$33 (\$10 for movie only)

York Theatre, 150 N. York St.

Info: (630) 833-1457

Saturday, March 11

American Freshwater Pearls

Bob Keast, tour guide for the largest freshwater pearl farm in the U.S., presents the importance of the American pearl industry. See unique creations made from American pearls in a special one-day exhibit. 60-minute lecture, adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill Ave.

2 p.m., Adults \$4, seniors \$3, Students \$2
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1616

Sunday, March 12

Sunday Funday

Monthly drop-in program for kids 4-12 yrs. and caregivers. TODAY: **Make a Tiny Treasure Box.**

Elmhurst Historical Museum, 120 E. Park Ave.

1-3 p.m., \$1 per project

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457



Sunday, March 12

Band Concert

Symphonic Winds and Wind Ensemble directed by Ross Kellan and Judith E. Grimes

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Chapel

3 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 617-3033

Monday, March 13

Kids' Book Discussion

Read "The Invisible Fran" by Jim Benton and come to the library to talk about the book and make a fun craft. There's nothing better than being a mad scientist—at least according to Franny K. Stein. However, when she creates a robot to show her school friends the joys of science, she ends up learning something from them instead. Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your EPL card starting Monday, February 13. For grades 2 and 3.

Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave.

3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 279-8696



Thursday, March 16

Tea Time Tour

"With this Dress I Thee Wed."

Learn about the history of the wedding dress with museum curator and textile expert Elizabeth Carlson who brings us the history of the wedding gown. In conjunction with the exhibit, "Here Comes the Bride."

Elmhurst Historical Museum, 120 E. Park Ave

1-2 p.m., Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457



Saturday, March 18

Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day Parade

Come celebrate the day when all of Elmhurst is IRISH – floats, marching bands, and characters of all sorts.

Elmhurst St. Patrick's Day committee will be sponsoring the event.

From Wilson & Spring Road, to ICG Tracks

Parade starts 12 noon, Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 834-0300 or

www.elmhurststpatparade.com

Sunday, March 19

Six Mayors of Elmhurst

Local history from those who lived and led it! All of Elmhurst's mayors from 1961-2006 will discuss their time in office, and our city. Mayors Weigel, Fick, Ganet, Quinn, Garrigues, and Marcucci. Presented by City of Elmhurst and Elmhurst College.

Hammerschmidt Chapel, 190 Prospect Ave.

2 - 4 p.m., Free

Handicapped accessible

Info: (630) 617-3033

Saturday, March 25

Mazon Creek Fossil Collection Field Trip

Visit world famous fossil collecting site Pit 11. Learn how to identify and collect these unique fossils.

Ages 9 yrs. to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill Ave.

8 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$25

Info: (630) 833-1616



Saturday, March 25

Tales from the Mad Hatters

Those zany Mad Hatters return to tantalize us with terrific tales, rhymes and hats to match. So put on your favorite cap and join us for the fun. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your EPL card starting Saturday, March 11. For ages 3-8.

Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect Ave.

11 - 11:30 a.m., Free

Info: (630) 279-8696

Sunday, April 2

Elmhurst Choral Union Spring Concert

Elmhurst Choral Union, along with professional soloists and instrumentalists, will present Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass" and selections from Mozart's Requiem. The Choral Union will be under the direction of

guest conductor, Bart Bradfield.

Sponsored by Elmhurst Choral Union.

Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College

190 S. Prospect Ave.

3 p.m., Adults \$20, seniors and students \$15

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 758-1100

Sunday, April 2

Holocaust Education Project

Death camp liberators share their stories. Keynote speaker Dr. Leon Bass will offer an eyewitness account as part of this annual event. Bass helped to free Buchenwald as a young, African-American soldier in 1945. His talk will be preceded by a solemn service of remembrance.

Elmhurst College Frick Center, Founders Lounge

7 p.m., Free

Info: 617-3033

Tuesday, April 4

Classic Movie with Commentary

"Monty Python and the Holy Grail" for one show only! The classic comedy, plus expert insight from movie critic Bruce Ingram (Pioneer Press).

Proceeds benefit Friends of the Arts at Elmhurst College. Tickets \$10 (students \$6), available in advance by calling (630) 617-6186, or at the door.

7 p.m.

York Theatre, 150 N. York St.

Info: (630) 617-3033



Thursday, April 6

Elmhurst College Speaker Series

"Breaking The DaVinci Code: Fact or Fiction?" Dr. Andrew Das, a biblical scholar and the Elmhurst College Niebuhr Distinguished Chair of Christian Theology and Ethics, will provide an insider's guide on fact vs. fiction in the bestselling DaVinci Code.

Elmhurst College Frick Center, Founders Lounge

7 p.m., Free

Info: (630) 617-3033

Thursday, April 6

Jazz-A-Thon

The Elmhurst College Jazz Band's spring fundraiser includes music and raffles at the Silverado Bar and Grill. All proceeds benefit international tours for the band.

Silverado Bar and Grill, 447 Spring Road,

Elmhurst

5:30-10:30 p.m., Admission free

Info: (630) 617-3515

April 7-23



Waiting for Godot

An existential farce. Green Man Theatre Troupe will be sponsoring the event.

Masonic Temple

Fri., Sat. 7 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.

Adults \$15, seniors and students \$12

Info: 748-9204

Saturday, April 8

A Community Conversation: "The Joy of Living"

Cancer survivor Dee Henderson speaking on celebrating the joy in everyday living. Sponsored by the City of Elmhurst and the Elmhurst Senior Citizens Commission.

City Hall, 209 N. York St.

10 a.m., Free

Handicapped accessible

Info: (630) 279-4398

Saturday, April 8

Scrimshaw Lecture & Demonstration

Scrimshander, Richard Kovanda, presents the history and techniques of this unique art form. Learn the methods and materials used in scrimshaw. 60-minute lecture, 30-minute demonstration, youth to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

220 Cottage Hill Ave.

1:30 p.m. demonstration, 2 p.m. lecture

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

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1616

Sunday, April 9

Sunday Funday

Monthly drop-in program for kids 4-12 yrs. and caregivers. TODAY: **Make Marzipan Party Favors.**

Elmhurst Historical Museum

120 E. Park Ave.

1-3 p.m., \$1 per project

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 833-1457

Monday, April 10

Kids' Book Discussion

Read "Diary of a Worm" by Doreen Cronin and come to the library to talk about the book and make a fun craft. Here's a delightful tale of a young worm who discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world. Register by phone or at the Help desk with your EPL card starting Monday, March 13. For grades 2 and 3.

Elmhurst Public Library

125 S. Prospect Ave.

3:30 - 4:15 p.m., Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 279-8696

April 14 - April 30

Spring Flower Show

The Park District is proud to present a colorful flower show at the Wilder Park Conservatory. Enjoy the beautiful array of lilies, hyacinths and daffodils featured at this month-long event.

Elmhurst Park District

Wilder Park Conservatory,

225 Prospect Ave.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Free

Handicapped Accessible

Info: (630) 993-8900



Saturday, April 15
College Track & Field

The annual Elmhurst College Invitational. This venerable track meet features men's and women's squads, representing roughly a dozen colleges.

Elmhurst College, Langhorst Field
(Alexander Blvd.)
10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 617-3380

Saturday, April 15
Egg Hunt

Hop over to Wilder Park and find hidden treats. Families are requested to bring their own basket promptly by 10 a.m. so they will not miss out on the egg hunt fun!

Elmhurst Park District
Wilder Park, 225 Prospect Ave.
10 a.m. SHARP, Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 993-8900

Saturday, April 15
Easter Egg Hunt

Candy-filled eggs are scattered in the park. Easter Bunny will be there. Children will be able to visit selected shops and receive an extra treat.

Spring Road Business Association
will be sponsoring the event.
Spring Road and Prairie Path
in Elmhurst
1-2 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 941-7665



Thursday, April 20
Tea Time Tour

"History, Heritage and Her Majesty's Tea: Romance and Wedding during WWII."

Step back in time as storyteller Patrice Beal tells captivating tales of "Romance and Wedding during WWII." In conjunction with the exhibit, "Here Comes the Bride."

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

Saturday, April 22
College Baseball

Elmhurst College hosts Wheaton College in a doubleheader.

Butterfield Park, 385 E. Van Buren (at Linden)
First pitch 1 p.m., Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 617-3380



Saturday, April 22
Japanese Netsuke: The Ultimate Miniature Carving

Norman L. Sandfield presents the history, styles, and subjects of netsuke. A special one day exhibit of netsuke will be on display. Bring in your own netsuke for discussion. 60-minute lecture, adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill Ave.
2 p.m., Regular Museum admission
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1616

 **Sunday, April 23**
College Softball (women)

Elmhurst College, playing on the new Salt Creek Park ball diamond (a joint project of the Elmhurst Park District and Elmhurst College), hosts Illinois Wesleyan University in a doubleheader.

First pitch 1 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 617-3380

Sunday, April 23
Choral Concert

Elmhurst College Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Women's Chorus will perform.

Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel
2 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 617-3033



Thursday, April 27
Summer Diamond Hunt-Friendship Gardens

Children are invited to the Wilder Park Formal Gardens for a diamond hunt among the walkway flowers.

Registration is required.

Elmhurst Park District
Wilder Park Formal Gardens
1 p.m., Ages: Children 3-6 years old, Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 993-8900

Thurs., April 27 - Sun., April 30
and Thurs., May 4 - Sat., May 6
College Theatre

Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," directed by Amy & Ray Kasper
Post-WWII, everyone's eager to party after rations and forced relocations, but not all women want to give up their Rosie-the-Riveter jobs and not all men can relinquish their battlefield mentality. Who will wear the pants in the family? Who will stop and smell the roses? All of life's important questions answered!

April 27-29, 8 p.m., April 30, 2 p.m.
May 4-6, 8 p.m.
Elmhurst College Mill Theatre, 253 Walter St.
Tickets \$7, discounts for seniors and students
Info and reservations: (630) 617-3005



Saturday, April 29
Walk for Hope

11th annual American Cancer Society fundraiser in memory of Claire Bartels.
Led by the Elmhurst College Greek system.
Elmhurst College Mall, 190 Prospect Ave.
10:30 a.m.: Opening ceremony
3:30 p.m.: Closing ceremony
Free Admission
Info: (630) 617-3033

Saturday, April 29 - Monday, May 29
Capstone Art Exhibition

A body of work by senior-level Elmhurst College art students. Several styles and artistic media included.

Elmhurst College Frick Center (open daily) AND Accelerator Art Space, 250 Park Street (restricted hours, call ahead)
Free
Info and hours: (630) 617-3033



Thursday, May 4
Student Research and Performance Showcase

Featuring Elmhurst College students at their best! Students present a broad spectrum of scholarly, artistic, and research-oriented presentations. Projects include verbal and Power Point presentations, as well as artistic performances.

Elmhurst College Frick Center, Circle Hall, and Irion Hall, 3 - 7 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 617-3033

Saturday, May 6
Giant Crystals of Brazil

In Pursuit of Precious Stones video documentary visits Brazil to see the mining and trading of magnificent crystals. 60-minute video, youth to adult.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill Ave.
Adults \$4, seniors \$3, students \$2
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1616

Sat.-Sun., May 6 and 7
Art in the Park: Elmhurst Art Museum's 10th Annual Fine Arts Festival

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

Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 Cottage Hill
Info: (630) 834-0202

Monday, May 8
Kid's Book Discussion

Read "Tonight on the Titanic" by Mary Pope Osborne and come to the library to talk about the book and make a fun craft. Jack and Annie are in for an exciting, scary, and sad adventure when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to the decks of the Titanic. Is there anything they can do to help the ill-fated ship? Will they be able to save anyone? Will they be able to save themselves? Register by phone or at the Help Desk with your EPL card starting Monday, April 10. For grades 2 and 3.

Elmhurst Public Library
125 S. Prospect Ave.
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 279-8696



Elmhurst Community Calendar

Monday, May 8

Band Concert

Symphonic Winds and Wind Ensemble perform, directed by Ross Kellan.

Elmhurst College
Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel
7:30 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 617-3515



Tuesday, May 9

Spring Jazz Concert

Elmhurst College's famed Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band II will perform.

Elmhurst College Mill Theatre, 253 Walter St.
7:30 p.m., Free
Handicapped accessible
Info: (630) 617-3515

Tuesday, May 9 through August 31

Gemstone Animals from Idar-Oberstein Germany

This special exhibit features a variety of life-like miniature animals carved from natural stone. Idar-Oberstein, Germany, has been a major carving center for centuries.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill Ave.
Tues - Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m.,
closed Mondays
Free Fridays, adults \$4, seniors \$3, students \$2,
children 1-12 yrs. \$1, under 7 free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 833-1616



Wednesday, May 10

Combo Night

A night full of jazz combo musical treats by Elmhurst College students. Good music and great food

complement a wonderful evening!

Silverado Bar and Grill, 447 Spring Road, Elmhurst
7:30 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 617-3515

Thursday, May 11

Department of Music Honors Recital

Performances from music students who have been selected to perform by audition.

Elmhurst College Irion Hall, Buik Recital Hall
7:30 p.m., Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 617-3515

Friday, May 12

Puppets on the Wilder Side

Our library's very own puppeteer troop will dazzle us with all new shows based on well-loved stories. And, of course, they'll treat us to a rousing sing-a-long. Pick up tickets at the Help Desk with your EPL card starting Saturday, May 6. For ages 3 and up.

Elmhurst Public Library
125 S. Prospect Ave.
7:30 - 8 p.m., Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 279-8696

Saturday, May 13

Safety Town's Bike-a-Thon

This annual event is a great time for Elmhurst families to give their bicycles a tune-up. Participants can look forward to bike decorating, an obstacle course, an equipment check-up, and much more. Bring your tricycles and bikes to join in the fun.

Elmhurst Park District and the York/Vallette Merchants
Elmhurst Safety Town/The Depot
10 a.m. - Noon, Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 993-8900



Saturday, May 13

Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra "A Russian Festival"

Stephen Alltop, Musical Director
Guest Artist: Hillary Clark, Cello, Stanger Young Artist Competition Winner. Works by Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky, and Prokofiev. For more information visit <http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org>

Elmhurst College Hammerschmidt Chapel
8 p.m.
Tickets \$27-29, youth \$6
Info: (630) 941-0202

Thursday, May 18

Tea Time Tour

"Get me to the Church on Time and other Romantic Musical Memories." Enjoy a concert of love songs romantically sung by professional vocalists Ana and Ernest Valenzuela as they bring back memories of the 1930s, 40s and 50s including selections from George Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Irving Berlin and Cole Porter. In conjunction with the exhibit, "Here Comes the Bride."

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

Thursday, May 18

Guitar Recital: Scott Tennant

Special guest artist Scott Tennant is a founding member of the Grammy-winning LA Guitar Quartet, and is himself considered to be one of the world's top classical guitarists

Elmhurst College Irion Hall, Buik Recital Hall
7:30 p.m., Admission fee required
Info: (630) 617-3515

Saturday, May 20

Spring Road Pet Parade

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

Sponsored by the Spring Road Business Association
Spring Road - Vallette to ICG Tracks
Pre-parade events 1:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.,
pet parade 1 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 833-7387



Sunday, May 21

Elmhurst Museum Day

Visit all four Elmhurst Museums on this special day with free admission to all museums and a free trolley that will take visitors between each museum. Activities, refreshments, exhibit tours. Elmhurst Historical Museum, Elmhurst Art Museum, Lizzadro Museum of Art and Theatre Historical Society of America join together to offer an exciting and educational experience in downtown Elmhurst.

Elmhurst Historical Museum - 120 E Park Ave.
Elmhurst Art Museum - 150 Cottage Hill
Lizzadro Museum - 220 Cottage Hill
Theatre Historical Society - 152 N. York
1-5 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 833-1457 or
www.elmhurst.org/elmhurst/museum

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

88th annual Parade, with military ceremony afterward in Wilder Park. Sponsored by the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry, on behalf of the City of Elmhurst and local American Legion & VFW.

Parade steps off from the corner of York and Third, and proceeds to Wilder Park
9:30 a.m., Free
Info: (630) 834-6060

Wednesday, May 31

Cool Cars Under the Stars - Pre-1960

Car clubs and individual collectors are invited to park their vintage, classic or "dream-machine" vehicles for admirers to come see.

Sponsored by the Elmhurst City Centre
Downtown Elmhurst
7-9 p.m., Free
Handicapped Accessible
Info: (630) 993-1600 or
www.elmhurstcitycentre.com



The community calendar is sponsored by:

- City of Elmhurst
www.elmhurst.org
- Elmhurst Art Museum
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- Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry
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- Elmhurst City Centre
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- Elmhurst Park District
www.epd.org
- Elmhurst Public Library
www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org
- Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
www.elmhurstsymphony.org
- Lizzadro Museum Lapidary Art
www.lizzadromuseum.org
- York & Vallette Business Assoc.

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

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

F.Y.I.

Annual Spring Clean-Up

The City's annual Spring Clean-Up for 2006 will be held on Wednesday, April 12; Thursday, April 13; or Friday, April 14 — whichever is your regular refuse collection day. During Spring Clean-Up days, refuse stickers are not required for construction and demolition debris (up to two cubic yards), furniture, appliances, carpet and bulk items. The following items are not accepted during Spring Clean-Up: yard waste, tires, car batteries, riding lawn mowers, liquids and hazardous materials. (The Spring Clean-Up is only available to residents living within incorporated City limits.)



Yard Waste Pickup Resumes

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

Open House: All Invited

Residents, neighbors and friends are invited to attend an Open House at the City of Elmhurst Public Works garage on Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The Open House will be hosted jointly by the Public Works Department, the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Elmhurst Park District. The Public Works garage is located at 985 S. Riverside Drive. Visitors will be able to meet and talk with Public Works employees; ride in a street sweeper and a hi-ranger truck; view exhibits, giant lawnmowers and specialty construction equipment. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 630-530-3020.

Welcome



City Seeking Next Year's Christmas Tree

If you have a large, beautiful evergreen tree on your property that you would like to donate to the City for the 2006 City Centre Christmas tree, please call the Public Works Department at 530-3020. Forestry personnel will examine the trees on the list and select one that meets the requirements for the City Centre tree.

Help Prevent Flooding

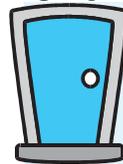
Residents are asked to keep inlets in their neighborhoods free of leaves and debris, so that streets will drain more quickly during and after heavy rainfalls. Residents who live in areas with storm ditches are also reminded to keep the ditches free of branches and debris to help prevent street and neighborhood flooding problems.

Senior Chore Days

A few volunteers can make a big difference in the lives of some of Elmhurst's seniors this spring during Senior Chore Days. The program's goals are to assist eligible seniors with spring yard work, and provide opportunities for individuals and organizations to volunteer a few hours of their time for a worthy cause. Senior Chore Days are sponsored by the City of Elmhurst and the DuPage Senior Citizens Council. Chore Days will be held the first three weekends in May. Seniors and volunteers who would like to participate are asked to call the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at 620-0804 to arrange dates and times that are convenient for both.



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House Numbers and Safety

In an emergency, time can be the critical element, but before emergency personnel can provide the needed assistance, they must find the right home or business. The Elmhurst Fire and Police Departments would like to remind residents of the importance of displaying their house numbers so that they are clearly visible from the street. New homes in the community are now required to display numbers that are a minimum of six inches high and 1/2 inch wide. All residents are urged to install 6" numbers when they update their house numbers. The numbers on all homes should be in a color that contrasts with the background color. Numbers spelled out in cursive are much more difficult to read, especially at night or during bad weather. Emergency personnel also strongly suggest that house numbers be illuminated by porch lights during nighttime hours. Remember — every second counts in an emergency situation.



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Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Fire hydrants within the community are regularly flushed to ensure that they are operating properly and that adequate water is available for Fire Department use in emergencies. The Public Works Department will conduct the annual hydrant flushing between April 3rd and April 28th. The operation will take place Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be completed during a four-week period. (See map below for details.)

2006 Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule



City Vehicle Stickers

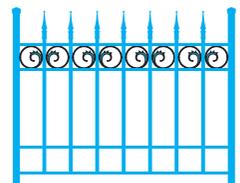
Residents are reminded that vehicle stickers are required on all vehicles registered or housed within the corporate limits of Elmhurst. To avoid potential penalties, the new 2006 stickers must be purchased and affixed to vehicles by May 1st. Stickers are sold at a discounted price from March 1st through April 30th. Beginning on May 1st, vehicle stickers are sold at full price. The money collected by the sale of vehicle stickers is deposited into the City's General Fund and earmarked for roadway construction and maintenance.

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

Building Permits and Codes

Residents who plan to begin a construction or remodeling project are reminded to call the City's Building/Fire Department at 530-3030 to find out if a permit and/or drawings, site plans, etc. are needed for the project. The following projects require a building permit:

- New home construction
- Attached or detached garages
- Structure additions
- Interior remodeling
- Electrical service and plumbing revisions
- Air conditioning installation
- Porches, decks, fences and gates
- Swimming pools and hot tubs
- Sheds and accessory structures
- Driveways
- Signs



The City of Elmhurst adheres to strict building codes designed to improve safety factors, particularly those related to fire spread. Lives are saved when fire is contained to the room of origin for a longer period of time. Before hiring architects or builders, make sure they are familiar with and willing to comply with Elmhurst codes. For additional information on building codes, permits and applications, please call 530-3030. For safety issues or other concerns on construction sites in your neighborhood, please call 530-3030 during business hours or 9-1-1 during nighttime or weekend hours.

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.



"Here Comes the Bride"

Here Comes the Bride, on loan from the Rogers Historical Museum in Rogers, Arkansas, will be on display February 28 through June 18, 2006. The traveling exhibit includes bridal party items, accessories and photographs of brides from the 1800s to present day. EHM will display bridal gowns and other wedding items from its collection. Public exhibit galleries at the museum are Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Free.

Programs for Kids, Families and Adults

Sunday Funday

Sunday Funday is a monthly drop-in program from 1-3 p.m. for children ages 4-12 and their favorite adults. Decorate a Tiny Treasure Box with old-fashioned pictures on Sunday, March 12, 2006. Cost: \$1/project. It's time to party when you learn how to make Marzipan figures and fruit on Sunday, April 9, 2006. Cost: \$1/project.

Tea Time Tour

Adults can enjoy performances, lectures, or exhibit tours during Tea Time Tour programs on the third Thursday of the month from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. On Thursday, March 16, learn about the history of wedding dresses from museum curator and textile expert Elizabeth Carlson in "With This Dress I Thee Wed." Step back in time on Thursday, April 20, as storyteller Patrice Beal tells captivating tales of "Romance and Wedding during WWII." This delightful account portrays the true stories of a British family over a British cup of tea. On Thursday, May 18, enjoy a concert of love songs romantically performed by professional vocalists Ana and Ernest Valenzuela as they bring back musical memories of the 1930s, 40s and 50s, including selections from George Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Irving Berlin and Cole Porter. Free.

Ruth Strand Memorial Essay and Poster Contests



EHM and Elmhurst Historical Museum Foundation announce the fourth year of two contests celebrating the life and memory of Ruth Strand, beloved Elmhurst librarian and noted local historian. Winners of an essay contest for high school juniors and seniors living in Elmhurst or attending Elmhurst high schools will receive financial scholarships. This year's topic is Elmhurst in the 1930s. Essays must include research using collections at the museum. A poster competition is held for Elmhurst 2nd graders with winners riding in the Memorial Day parade. Deadlines are April 11 for the Essay Contest and May 12 for the Poster Contest. Contact archivist Nancy Wilson at the Elmhurst Historical Museum, 833-1457, for information.



Special Program

Elmhurst Museum Day

Sunday, May 21, 2006, 1-5 p.m.

Visit the community's fine museums free of charge on Elmhurst Museum Day, Sunday, May 21, from 1 to 5 p.m. The Elmhurst Historical Museum, Elmhurst Art Museum, Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art and the Theatre Historical Society of America will offer special activities for adults and children. A free trolley bus will provide transportation between museums. Please call any of the museums for more information about Museum Day or about their regularly scheduled exhibits and programs.



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(630) 530-3000

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email: webmaster@elmhurst.org

City Hall Hours

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

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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



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Shop Elmhurst First

If dinner at a fine restaurant with family or friends is on this weekend's agenda, look no further than your own hometown. Whether you have a taste for Italian or Irish, Mexican or Szechwan, or just a juicy all-American steak, Elmhurst has just what you're looking for. If an afternoon shopping trip is in your plans, Elmhurst has furs and flowers, cars and clothing, jewelry and gifts, linens and much, much more.

Your sales tax dollars help keep our community strong. A portion of every sales tax dollar you spend in Elmhurst is used to help fund crucial city services, such as police and fire protection, storm sewer maintenance, snow removal and street cleaning, street resurfacing and maintenance, and public property tree planting and maintenance. In the past, sales tax represented 40% of the revenue needed to provide these services. Currently, sales tax represents only 30%, which is still a significant source of revenue to the City — more than twice the amount collected through the City's portion of the property tax. As sales tax revenue rises, the City's portion of the property tax can be reduced. As sale tax dollars drop, other revenue sources must be increased. Remember — the money you spend here in Elmhurst makes a difference.



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Cooking Safety Tips



Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires in the U.S., resulting in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and millions in property damage losses. The majority of such fires begin when unattended cooking leads to the ignition of food or grease, curtains, cabinets, wall coverings, or paper or plastic bags.

The Fire Department offers the following tips regarding cooking safety to help protect the lives and property of Elmhurst residents:

- ✓ Never leave food cooking unattended on the stovetop and closely watch food cooking in the oven.
- ✓ Keep cooking areas free of combustibles, such as towels or rags, pot holders, drapes and food packaging materials.
- ✓ Keep children and pets away from cooking areas and out from underfoot while cooking.
- ✓ Wear clothing with short, closely fitting or tightly rolled sleeves while cooking.
- ✓ Never use a wet oven mitt that may scald you if the mitt is heated.
- ✓ Never pour water or use a fire extinguisher on a grease fire. Such attempts may actually spread the fire by spraying or shooting burning grease around the kitchen. Smother the fire by using an oven mitt to carefully slide the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and allow the pan to cool completely before removing the lid.
- ✓ In case of an oven fire, keep the oven door closed and turn off the heat until the fire is extinguished.
- ✓ In case of a microwave fire, keep the door closed and unplug the appliance. Make sure to have the microwave tested before using it again.

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