

The City Newsletter



Downtown Sector Plan Under Preparation

The city's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Department is working with HNTB Planning Consultants of Chicago on a new "Sector Plan" for the downtown area. The Downtown Sector Plan is intended to serve as a general guiding document with suggestions and recommendations for planning, land use and development options in downtown Elmhurst.

The most recent revisions to the Comprehensive Plan were made in 1990 and changing conditions in the community have warranted this review and update. The city's consultant is preparing a draft of the Downtown Sector Plan that will be made available for public review on the city's website, and at City Hall and the Elmhurst Public Library.

An open meeting will be scheduled to obtain public input regarding the draft. Residents and other interested persons are encouraged to attend the public meeting to review the draft plan. For further information, including specific meeting dates, please contact the Department of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development at 530-3100.

Elmhurst

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City Election Results



From left to right, front and middle rows: Susan Rose, Ann Tranter, Janice Vanek, Patty Spencer, Mayor Marcucci, Charity Pigoni, Donna Lomnicki, George Szczepaniak, Moira Moriarty, Norman Leader. Back row: Brad Walsh, Michael Bram, Stephen Hillsman, John Gow, Mark Mulliner, Phillip Jordan, Michael Regan.

Local elections were held on April 5th and the new Elmhurst City Council was sworn in at a special ceremony on Monday, April 25th. Incumbents included Mayor Thomas Marcucci who was re-elected for a fourth term. Other incumbents re-elected to the 2005-2009 Elmhurst City Council are Aldermen Michael Regan in 1st Ward, Michael Bram in 3rd, John Gow in 4th and George Szczepaniak in 6th. Newly elected Council members are City Clerk Patty Spencer, City Treasurer Charity Pigoni, Aldermen Norman Leader in 2nd Ward, Moira Moriarty in 5th Ward, and Donna Lomnicki in 7th Ward. Ann Tranter was elected to serve the remaining two years of Paul Fichtner's term as 1st Ward Alderman.

Elmhurst Always Remembers

From the Revolutionary War to the present day, courageous individuals have served in our nation's armed forces to protect the freedoms we enjoy and to help extend those freedoms to others in the world. On Monday, May 30th, Elmhurst residents and visitors will have an opportunity to pay tribute to the officers and enlisted personnel, both past and present, of our nation's military. The 87th annual Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade will step-off at 9:30 a.m. from the intersection at York and Third, and proceed to Wilder Park by way of York Street, Robert Palmer Drive and Church Street. 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 while Taps is played by the Antioch Brass Quintet. Lieutenant Colonel Walter Morgan, who served in the Army-Air Corps during World War II, will be honored as this year's parade Grand Marshal.

Following the parade, a full military ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park. The ceremony will feature speakers, patriotic music and the laying of wreaths to honor veterans from U.S. military branches. The American Legion will place white crosses in Wilder Park to honor area residents killed during World Wars I and II, the Korean War, Vietnam and Desert Storm. (Flowers may be placed next to the crosses.)



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Vehicle Sticker Reminder

Residents are reminded that the city 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. (Elmhurst vehicle stickers are not required for people living in parts of unincorporated DuPage County even though they may have an Elmhurst mailing address.) 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, which must be purchased. Stickers may be purchased at the Finance Department counter in City Hall. Transfer stickers (i.e. if you trade in a vehicle) or replacement stickers (i.e. if you have a new windshield installed) can be purchased for \$2 each.



Summertime Family Fun



Downtown Elmhurst is “the place to be” during the second weekend in June for Elmfest 2005. This popular, award-winning community festival will feature good food, live entertainment on two stages, carnival rides and much more. The festivities begin with the opening of the carnival on Thursday evening. Other festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Friday and conclude with a free family concert at the Elmhurst College Mall on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.elmfest.org or call the Chamber of Commerce at 834-6060.

The annual Independence Day Parade on Monday, July 4th, will step off from the corner of York and Third at 12:00 noon. Following the parade, don't miss the Annual Ice Cream Social on the lawn of the Elmhurst Historical Museum (120 E. Park) sponsored by the museum and the Elmhurst Park District. Join your friends and neighbors for cool treats, hot dogs, paper fireworks, potato-sack races and live entertainment featuring the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Don't miss this enjoyable Elmhurst tradition!

City Budget Approved

The 2005-06 City of Elmhurst Budget was approved by the City Council at its meeting on April 4th. The detailed budget review completed annually by elected officials and staff focuses on providing the funds necessary to address the operating, maintenance and capital expenditure needs of the city while maintaining a three-month operating expenditure minimum balance in the General Fund.

Sales tax, the greatest single source of revenue in the General Fund, continues to perform poorly as a result of economic conditions and business closures. Approximately 35% of non-home rule sales tax contributions to the General Fund result from automobile sales and repairs. This revenue stream is subject to the constant volatility in the automotive industry. Other sources of revenue to the city's General Fund include utility taxes, prepared food and beverage tax, property tax and state income tax. It is anticipated that increases in municipal cost indexes and in the city's police/fire pension funds will be more than offset by increased equalized assessed value, resulting again in a slight reduction in the city's portion of the property tax rate. Fees for rubbish collection, water and sewer, and licenses and permits have been adjusted to more adequately cover the costs involved in providing those services to the community. The property tax increment collected in the city's three T.I.F. Districts must, according to state law, be used solely for financing public-side improvements in those areas.

The 2005-06 Budget provides the funds needed to continue providing excellent services to the community as well as to finance needed maintenance of the city's infrastructure. However, anticipated budget deficits in 2005-06 and 2006-07 have resulted in a number of worthwhile programs, services and grant requests not being funded at this time. Although city employees remain the city's greatest asset in providing services, labor is the greatest area of expense. The 2005-06 Budget will continue to focus on increasing the skills of city employees, although vacated positions will be reviewed and, if possible, will remain vacant to reduce expenditures. The budget will continue to emphasize improvements in information technology, including website enhancements, creation of an Intranet for city employees, document imaging, the implementation of Internet transactions between city departments and residents, and the purchase of 25 new in-car computers for the Police Department to support a new records management system being purchased by the County. Construction highlights in the 2005-06 Budget include traditional neighborhood street repairs, York Street resurfacing, improvements to the Police and Fire stations, rehabilitation work at the Churchville One-Room School, improvements to Wilder Mansion for Historical Museum use (in cooperation with the Elmhurst Park District) and land acquisition.

As in past years, the city's elected officials and staff are committed to operate the city in a fiscally responsible manner, use tax dollars and other revenues wisely, and continue to provide excellent municipal services to the community.

Protecting Our Trees

Dutch Elm Disease

In an effort to protect American Elm trees from Dutch Elm Disease, the city is offering a 50/50 cost-share program to assist with preventative fungicide injections of American Elm trees on both public and private property.



The cost is based on the size of the tree and is approximately \$13.00 per diameter inch. For example, a 24" diameter tree would cost approximately \$312.00 total with the city and the resident each paying \$156.00.

The injection program and use of preventative fungicides reflect the opinion of experts, based on field use and tests, that such treatment is effective. However, an injected tree may still contract Dutch Elm Disease, due to weather conditions, the presence of other materials, existing infection or the general condition of the tree. These factors are all beyond the control of the city or its contractors. No guarantee is made regarding the program's effectiveness and no refund will be made should the injected tree later contract Dutch Elm Disease.

For more information or to request a quote, please contact Public Works at 530-3020.

Don't Bring Michigan Firewood into Illinois

The Emerald Ash Borer is a beetle that has killed nearly six million ash trees in Michigan. One of the ways it can be brought to Illinois is in firewood. If you have Michigan firewood on your property, call the Ill. Dept. of Agriculture at 800-641-3934 to be sure it doesn't contain this beetle. One piece of firewood can contain many larvae. Adults emerge mid-May until late July and leave a D-shaped emergence hole in bark. For more information, please call the Elmhurst Public Works Department at 530-3020.

Scam Alert

Along with sunny days and warm breezes, the spring and summer months also bring an increase in cases involving con artists posing as utility workers or contractors. These unscrupulous individuals are actually professional criminals who prey on seniors and other unsuspecting people. They knock on doors, identifying themselves as city utility workers, tree trimmers, driveway sealers, roofers or water contractors. Their goal is to steal money, either by charging exorbitant amounts for inferior or nonexistent "work," or by gaining access to the home and stealing money or valuables. They may try to frighten homeowners by claiming that they have a "serious problem" that needs to be fixed right away. They may even use a child in their illegal operation to gain sympathy or get access to the house. With the help of alert and involved residents, these criminals can be stopped. Here are a few things you can do to protect yourself, your money and your possessions.

- | Never hide large sums of cash in your home. These criminals can find it wherever you hide it.
- | Never hire anyone to do unsolicited work in or around your home. Reputable contractors do not sell their services door-to-door. Ask for identification from anyone claiming to be a city employee or contractor. If they refuse, call 9-1-1.
- | Never let a stranger into your home. If they push their way in, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- | These individuals tend to victimize senior citizens, so keep a protective eye out for seniors in your neighborhood.
- | If you observe suspicious activity or see a strange vehicle in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1.

If you have any questions or need additional information on scams of any kind, call Elmhurst Police Detectives Bob Tannehill at 530-3078 or Steve Weatherford at 530-6405.

9-1-1: Not Just for Emergencies

Residents are often reluctant to call 9-1-1 for non-emergency requests that require assistance from a police officer, firefighter or paramedic. 9-1-1 is not just for emergencies. It is the number to call anytime a police officer, firefighter or paramedic needs to be dispatched. All calls to 9-1-1 are answered by DuComm (DuPage Public Safety Communications), the agency that provides professional dispatch services for the Elmhurst Fire and



Police Departments. Calling the police station when help from a police officer, firefighter or paramedic is needed will actually slow down the process, because the call will either be transferred to DuComm or the caller will be told to hang up and call 9-1-1. It is appropriate to call the police station number for administrative questions or requests that do not require that a police, fire or paramedic unit be dispatched.



Character Counts Service Awards



Left, Elmhurst Mayor Thomas Marcucci with Dick Chase, displaying the Character Counts sign

Elmhurst is a community where volunteers of all ages freely give of their time and talents to help others, and whose unselfish service exemplifies the six pillars of the Character Counts program: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The City of Elmhurst, the Commission on Youth and Character Counts in Elmhurst recently recognized over 50 youthful and adult

volunteers whose level of involvement demonstrated a commitment to the volunteer service rendered, and whose service provided for the health and well-being of the community at large, and promoted the spirit of volunteerism.

Child Car Seat Inspection

Proper installation and use of child car seats is vital to the safety of infants and young children. Certified child safety seat technicians from the Elmhurst Fire Department and surrounding departments will be available on Saturday, June 25th from noon until 3:00 p.m. at Elmhurst Toyota, 440 W. Lake Street to inspect child car seats. Appointments are not necessary. For more information, please call the Elmhurst Fire Department at 530-3090.

Eyes and Ears for Police

The Elmhurst City Council recently approved the purchase of four in-car video cameras for the Elmhurst Police Department. These state-of-the-art units will be mounted on squad cars and unmarked police vehicles, and will include a recording device in an indestructible, tamper-proof lockbox located in the car's trunk. These valuable cameras will enhance police officers' ability to make more effective traffic stops and arrests that hold up in court, because they capture a digital image of both the violation and the traffic stop and interactions that take place between officers and motorists.

Mayor's Message



I would like to thank the Elmhurst community for placing its confidence in me by electing me for another four years. I would also like to extend my deepest appreciation to our outgoing aldermen, as well as former City Clerk Janet Edgley and former City Treasurer David Dyer. All of these individuals have dedicated countless hours to our community and are so deserving of our gratitude. The fruits of their labors can be seen all around Elmhurst.

I would also like to direct your attention to the adjacent article: "Character Counts Service Awards." Over 50 individuals, both youth and adult, were recognized for their commitment to volunteerism, and thus, the spirit of our Character Counts program. These individuals, too, have played a significant role in improving the quality of life within Elmhurst and I commend them for their selfless service to our community.

Two other notable programs in Elmhurst are the D.A.R.E. and V.E.G.A. curricula, sponsored by the Elmhurst Police Department and dedicated to educating our young people about substance abuse and gangs. I recently attended a D.A.R.E. graduation at Conrad Fischer Elementary School and found the young people there to be delightful and enthusiastic about the program. I encourage adults, too, to get involved in the D.A.R.E. program as much as possible, in order to help our children stay off drugs and out of gangs.

Although it may not seem to be an overt danger, I want to remind everyone within our community not to park their cars across the sidewalk. The ramifications of such a practice can be deadly, especially for school children who must walk into the street to avoid the car. A motorist may not see a small child emerging from behind a car. Even parking a car for a few minutes in this way could have tragic results.

In conclusion, I'd like to invite everyone to our Memorial Day Parade and ceremony on Monday, May 30. Please join me in paying tribute to the members of the armed services, both past and present. The Memorial Day Parade will step off from the corner of York and Third at 9:30 a.m. Following the parade, a full military ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial in Wilder Park, featuring special presentations, music and the laying of wreaths in honor of our deceased veterans.

Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci



Refuse Collection Reminder

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).

Garage Sales

Garage sales are a great way to meet new neighbors and sell items that are no longer needed or wanted. However, garage sales are limited by municipal regulations to two times in any calendar year. Signs advertising such events must be on private property. They may not be placed on telephone poles, parkway trees or parkways (the lawn area between the sidewalk and the street).

Sprinkling Hours

Residents are reminded that lawn and garden sprinkling (except hand watering) is allowed for even numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 p.m. until 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. until 8:00 a.m. Sprinkling is not allowed on Sunday.

Call J.U.L.I.E. Before You Dig

Please remember to call 1-800-892-0123 at least 48 hours before you plan to do any digging on your property. J.U.L.I.E. will give you the location of underground utility or cable TV lines.



Curfew Reminder

Parents and teenagers are reminded to be home before curfew this summer. Curfew for young people under the age of 18 is 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday nights and 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday.

Parking across Sidewalks Prohibited

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to park vehicles across neighborhood sidewalks. This practice endangers and inconveniences children walking to and from school, parents pushing strollers or walking with small children, and other pedestrians walking or jogging on city sidewalks. Offenders may be ticketed and fined for violating this city regulation.

City Hall Summer Holidays

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30th, for Memorial Day and on Monday, July 4th for Independence Day.

Please note that refuse pickup will be postponed by one day for all residents during the weeks of Memorial Day and July 4th.



Recycling Motor Oil

Automotive motor oil, antifreeze, car batteries and oil filters may be taken to Krage's Mobile Service Center, 191 E. Lake Street in Addison for recycling. There is a 50¢ per gallon charge for motor oil and antifreeze. There is no charge for taking automotive batteries and oil filters to this recycling site.

Skateboards, Skates and Scooters

Young people and their parents are reminded that the Municipal Code prohibits the use of skateboards, in-line skates, bikes, mini-bikes and scooters (motorized or foot-propelled) on any public ways or public property located in commercial zoning districts (i.e. City Centre, Spring Road shopping area or Elmhurst Crossing). Gas powered mini-bikes and scooters are prohibited on public streets and sidewalks throughout the city.

Summertime Block Parties

Neighborhood block parties provide a perfect opportunity for neighbors to socialize and children to enjoy the care-free days of summer. Block parties are also a good time for personnel from the Elmhurst Fire Department to answer questions, pass out fire hats to the little ones, provide photo opportunities and give short presentations about the equipment carried on the city's fire trucks. If your neighborhood plans to hold a block party this summer, call the Public Works Department at 530-3038 with your requested date and time. If you would like the Fire Department to attend, please call 530-3029.



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Stain Rags & Spontaneous Combustion

For many people, spontaneous combustion means that a mysterious fire somehow set itself. The truth of spontaneous combustion is that it is quite common and is caused by a chemical chain reaction. There are three simple conditions that must be present to support combustion: fuel, oxygen and heat. Firefighters often refer to these as the “fire triangle.” If any one of these condition is not present, combustion will not occur. The first condition required for combustion is a fuel or substance that will burn. The fuel may be a solid, such as wood; a liquid, such as gasoline; or a gas, such as natural gas. The second requirement for combustion to occur is oxygen, most commonly from the surrounding air. The final condition is a heat source, anything that will raise the ignition temperature of the fuel to enable it to burn. The heat source may be flames, arcs, sparks, heated objects or even static electricity from your clothing.

Heat is often caused by a chemical chain reaction, which is the condition of most concern in spontaneous combustion fires. A chemical chain reaction often occurs and causes a fire when rags soaked in a flammable liquid, such as wood stain, oil or paint, are tossed aside and forgotten. In time, oxygen from the air will slowly unite with the flammable liquid in the soaked rags. Eventually, enough heat will accumulate to set the rags on fire. If the rags have been discarded inside a home or garage, the fire can quickly spread to nearby objects, and if not detected in time, cause property damage and even loss of life. Any rag that has been soaked with flammable liquid should be placed in a sealed metal container to prevent spontaneous combustion. This is the best way to eliminate the oxygen supply, one of the three conditions of the “fire triangle” necessary to create a fire.



Animal Control Tips

Skunks, raccoons, squirrels and opossums are a fact of suburban life, but they can be a nuisance and even cause property damage. The following tips can help you make your home and property less inviting to these unwelcome guests.

- * Never leave pet food outside where it may attract animals other than your pets.
- * Keep garbage cans tightly covered or, better yet, inside a garage, shed or enclosure.
- * Get rid of woodpiles where animals can find shelter.
- * Keep animals off your roof and out of your attic by maintaining your roof and overhangs in good repair, trimming overhanging branches, capping chimneys and removing trellises.
- * Keep animals out from under home and garage foundations by removing, trimming or thinning bushes growing against the foundation or cement porch, and keeping porches and steps in good repair.
- * Keep animals out from under decks by finishing decks completely to the ground or installing lattice materials to finish off the bottom.

If, in spite of your best efforts, an animal takes up residence in your attic or under your foundation, place a large roll of toilet paper soaked in ammonia into the den at dusk. During the day, when the animal is most likely to be “at home,” put a string of blinking holiday lights in the hole or attic, or place a radio tuned to a talk station nearby, until the unwanted tenant moves to a quieter neighborhood. If all else fails, the Elmhurst Police Department has a limited number of traps that can be loaned to Elmhurst residents. Call 530-3050 to get your name on the list.

CPR for Family and Friends

The Elmhurst Fire Department will offer the American Heart Association non-certification class, “CPR for Family and Friends,” at Fire Station #1, 404 N. York, on Tuesday, May 24th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. “CPR for Family and Friends” covers clearing airway obstructions and administering



CPR to infants, children and adults. The course is intended for individuals over the age of 12 who are not in the medical field. There is a charge of \$5.00 per participant for materials. Class size is limited to 25 students. Call 530-3090 to make a reservation or for the dates of future classes.



Summer Construction Projects

Roadway construction will take place on the following streets during the 2005 construction season.

Full Curb and Gutter

Street	From	To
Alma Ave	Elm Park Ave	Berkley Ave
Harrison St	Cedar Ave	Cadwell Ave
Highland Ave	North Ave	Grantley Ave
South St	Poplar Ave	Fair Ave
Oaklawn Ave	North Ave	Fremont Ave
Myrtle Ave	Grantley Ave	dead end
Howard Ave	Grantley Ave	Lake Frontage Rd
Hawthorne Ave	Vallette St	McKinley Ave
Highview Ave	North Ave	Grantley Ave
Ridgeland Ave	Grantley Ave	Fremont Ave
May St	Arlington Ave	Hill Ave
May St	Laurel Ave	Fair Ave
Swain Ave	Madison St	Adams St
Mitchell St	Madison St	Jackson

Grind & Pave

Street	From	To
Cottage Hill Ave	Church St	Adelaide St
Lake Frontage Rd	Howard Ave	west
Myrtle Ave	North Ave	Grantley Ave
Armitage Ave	Howard Ave	Emroy Ave (No.)
Armitage Ave	Emroy Ave (So.)	Adele
Washington St	St. Charles Rd	Eggleston
Crescent Ave	York St	Poplar Ave
Linden Dr	Madison St	VanBuren St
Saylor Ave	Adams St	VanBuren St
Prospect Ave	Jackson St	VanBuren St
Parkside Ave	Madison St	Adams St
Park Ave	Poplar Ave	Fairlane Ave
Eggleston Ave	Berkley Ave	1/2 blk W. of Spring
Junior Terrace	Babcock Ave	Lake St
Mary Court	—	—
Sunrise Rd	W. of Junior Terr.	—
Spring Rd (patch)	Montrose Ave	Vallette St

The Church Road reconstruction project (Lake Street to Grand Avenue) began in March and construction is scheduled to be completed in late fall.

The York Street resurfacing project (Crestview to Grand Avenue) is scheduled to begin this summer. Construction will be completed this year.

For a map showing street work and other construction in town, check the City's website at www.elmhurst.org.

Congratulations D.A.R.E. and V.E.G.A. Graduates

Every year, a group of dedicated Elmhurst police officers presents the D.A.R.E. program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to fifth grade students in our public and private schools. The D.A.R.E. program, now in its 17th year in Elmhurst schools, is aimed at helping students recognize and resist the subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with drugs and alcohol. The V.E.G.A. program (Violence Education Gang Awareness), a collaborative effort between law enforcement officers and educators, is presented to sixth graders with the goal of making students aware of the destructive nature of gangs, violence and drugs, and helping them develop more positive ways of dealing with these issues. We congratulate all the students who recently completed the D.A.R.E. and V.E.G.A. programs, and commend them for their commitment to resist the destructive influences of gangs, violence, drugs and alcohol.

Sold to the Highest Bidder

This year's Police Department auction will include several vehicles, including a 1982 Harley Davidson Dyna Super Glide motorcycle. Also on the auction block will be recovered bicycles, tools and surplus city equipment. The auction will be held on Saturday, June 18th at 10:00 a.m. Items to be sold can be inspected beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Residents are reminded to register the family's bikes with the Elmhurst Police Department. Every year the police recover hundreds of lost or stolen bicycles. Those that are registered are quickly returned to their owners. Those whose owners cannot be identified are sold at the annual auction. It only takes a few minutes to register your bikes and possibly prevent losing them forever.

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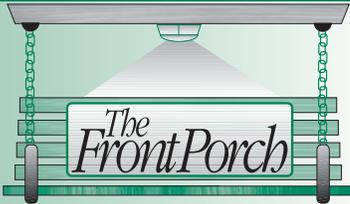
City Hall Hours:

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

Thomas D. Marcucci, Mayor
Patty Spencer, City Clerk
Charity S. Pigoni, City Treasurer

Aldermen

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



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The 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.



Playing Together: Games

Challenge a friend to a game of Mancala, the oldest game in the world. Play chess on a giant chessboard with huge pieces.

Chase a friend like King Tut did in the game of Senet. These and many other

games that span the generations and the continents are part of the special summer exhibit at the Elmhurst Historical Museum: "Playing Together: Games." Developed by the Children's Museum of Memphis, the exhibit is divided into games of strategy, math, coordination & physical skill, and racing to the finish. Runs June 1 through September 4, 2005. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. Admission is always free.



25th Annual Ice Cream Social

The Elmhurst Historical Museum and the Elmhurst Park District are co-hosting the 25th Annual Ice Cream Social on July 4th on the lawn of the Historical Museum. After the parade, enjoy a selection of swing, Dixie and patriotic music, free frozen treats, paper fireworks and relay races. Hot dogs and other foods will be sold for those hungry for lunch. Museum opens at 12:00 noon.

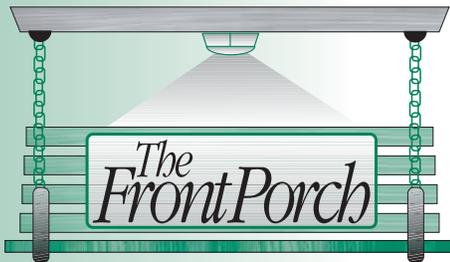
For Kids, Families and Adults

Fun & Games: Tuesdays this Summer at EHM

This summer, on Tuesdays between 1 and 3 p.m., bring the kids over for a fun game-related activity at EHM. This popular hands-on, drop-in program of historical crafts and games for children ages 4-12 begins June 14 and continues through August 23 (no Fun & Games on July 5). No registration is required. Program costs vary, so please check the Community Calendar for more detailed information.

Tea Time Tour: It's the Name of the Game

This summer, adults can enjoy performances and lectures about the early Olympic games, baseball memories and more during our free Tea Time Tour programs every third Thursday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. Call 833-1457 or see the Community Calendar for more information.



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