

*The City Newsletter*

# Elmhurst

February 2003

Issue 1

## Re-Balancing the City Budget



The downturn in the economy has negatively impacted major revenue sources for Illinois communities, including sales tax, state income tax and hotel/motel tax. The October issue of the *Illinois Municipal Review* indicated that from May through September of 2002, the local share of income tax receipts was down 15% and the state use tax was down 20% from the previous year.

As a result of the drop in revenue, Elmhurst is faced with the challenge of meeting the community's needs while shouldering the burden created by the economic slump. The City's economic picture is further complicated by the fact that although the City's population increased slightly according to the 2000 census, it did not grow at the same rate as other parts of the State. Consequently, the City's allocation of State revenues that are distributed on a per capita basis, such as state income tax and motor fuel tax, has been and will continue to be negatively impacted when compared to allocations of such revenues prior to the census. In other words, the City is now receiving a smaller slice of a smaller economic pie.

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Each year the City's budget review process involves a disciplined evaluation of all City operations for cost-saving opportunities and/or operating efficiencies that can be achieved through innovation, technology or changes in the use of labor, equipment and/or materials. City staff and the City Council also use the Citizen Survey completed every other year as a valuable resource for identifying strengths and weaknesses in City operations.

Significant cuts in the budget were made in last year's budget review cycle, a first step in re-balancing the budget. In addition, permit fees for commercial and residential building permits were increased and a one percent tax added to prepared food and beverage sales. In December, the Elmhurst City Council approved the 2002 property tax levy, which includes a 4.5% increase in the City's portion of the property tax.

The DuPage County Clerk's Office recently compiled a comparison of 2001 property tax rates for all DuPage County

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## New Police Chief Sworn In

The City is pleased to announce the swearing-in on December 16, 2002, of Elmhurst's new Police Chief, Steve Neubauer. Neubauer is a 28-year veteran with the department and has worked in every division of the Police Department during his career. He holds both a Bachelor of Art Degree and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Lewis University.



Prior to his appointment, Chief Neubauer participated in the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Voluntary Certification Program and became one of only 19 Certified Police Chiefs in the State of Illinois. This program consists of oral and written exams, along with required training, education, experience and community service. Out of 1,200 police departments in the state, Neubauer was the first non-sitting chief to be certified.

Chief Neubauer is the co-chair of the Illinois Police Memorial Committee and sits on several committees that seek to improve police response to domestic violence. Neubauer lives in Elmhurst with his wife, Kathy, and their three sons, Eric, Christopher and Dan.



## Seventh Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Spring Road at noon on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. The parade will feature Irish dancers, pipe bands and marching bands, animated characters and clowns, bagpipes and much, much more. The parade increases in popularity each year as its reputation spreads well beyond Elmhurst and DuPage County. The parade is now the third largest in the entire Chicago area and annually attracts crowds of more than 10,000. For more information, visit [www.elmhurststpatparade.com](http://www.elmhurststpatparade.com) or send an email to [info@elmhurststpatparade.com](mailto:info@elmhurststpatparade.com).



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communities (box at right). Tax rates for 2002 will not be finalized and available for several months. The 2001 total tax rates ranged from \$8.2889 to \$3.2266 per \$100 of assessed valuation (EAV). These figures represent the property taxes paid to all taxing bodies, including DuPage County, DuPage Water Commission, DuPage Airport Authority, the College of DuPage (Junior College 502), park districts, school districts, townships, public libraries, and cities or villages. The County also compared village tax rates, which ranged from \$1.544 to zero per \$100 of assessed valuation (EAV). The tables at right indicate that Elmhurst's total 2001 tax rate ranked 27<sup>th</sup>, with only seven communities having a lower overall tax rate. The City's portion of the total tax bill (\$.3727 per \$100 of assessed valuation) ranked 24<sup>th</sup> of the 34 communities in DuPage County. The City's portion of the total tax collected is used to provide fire protection, ambulance services and employee pension benefits.

## Comparison of 2001 Total Tax Rates

Community	Tax Rate per \$100 EAV
1. Hanover Park	8.2889
2. Glendale Heights	8.271
3. Aurora	7.9364
4. Bartlett	7.9011
5. West Chicago	7.7258
6. Carol Stream	7.1885
7. Woodridge	7.1307
8. Bolingbrook	7.1088
9. Glen Ellyn	7.0109
10. Wayne	7.0001
11. Winfield	6.9975
12. Villa Park	6.8659
13. Bloomingdale	6.8212
14. Warrenville	6.8111
15. Roselle	6.7497
16. Wheaton	6.7399
17. Darien	6.5751
18. Bensenville	6.4329
19. Lombard	6.3126
20. Addison	6.3121
21. Elk Grove Village	6.2466
22. Naperville	6.1701
23. Lisle	6.1616
24. Itasca	6.0752
25. Westmont	6.0037
26. Wood Dale	5.8368
27. Elmhurst	5.7478
28. Downers Grove	5.6061
29. Clarendon Hills	5.3018
30. Burr Ridge	4.7681
31. Hinsdale	4.6896
32. Willowbrook	4.6688
33. Oakbrook Terrace	4.5079
34. Oak Brook	3.2266

## Comparison of 2001 Tax Rates - City/Village Only

Community	Tax Rate per \$100 EAV
1. Aurora	1.544
2. Villa Park	0.9688
3. Glendale Heights	0.9225
4. Bensenville	0.8983
5. Bolingbrook	0.8715
6. Clarendon Hills	0.7856
7. Roselle	0.7368
8. Wheaton	0.7146
9. Hanover Park	0.7098
10. Bartlett	0.6975
11. Elk Grove Village	0.6951
12. Naperville	0.6796
13. Warrenville	0.6749
14. West Chicago	0.6182
15. Lombard	0.567
16. Wood Dale	0.538
17. Westmont	0.5138
18. Itasca	0.469
19. Addison	0.4482
20. Glen Ellyn	0.4249
21. Lisle	0.4054
22. Wayne	0.3944
23. Hinsdale	0.3866
24. Elmhurst	0.3727
25. Winfield	0.363
26. Downers Grove	0.2887
27. Woodridge	0.2682
28. Oak Brook Terrace	0.2089
29. Darien	0.198
30. Bloomingdale	0.0964
31. Burr Ridge	0.0931
32. Carol Stream	0
Oak Brook	0
Willowbrook	0

Source: DuPage County Clerk's Office

## Election Day – April 1



Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, will be Election Day in the City of Elmhurst. Registration will close on March 4<sup>th</sup> (28 days prior to Election Day). There will be seven aldermanic seats on the ballot for the City of Elmhurst, one position in each of the City's seven wards. Also on the ballot will be three positions on the Board of Park Commissioners for the Elmhurst Park District and four positions on the Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 Board of Education.



## We Art the World: Elmhurst Fine Arts Festival

Nineteen Elmhurst non-profit organizations, including the City, have come together to plan a community-wide fine arts festival that will take place in Elmhurst from February 24 to March 9, 2003. The event, entitled *We Art the World: Elmhurst Fine Arts Festival*, will feature two weeks of artistic performances on an international theme. Performances, lectures and workshops will be held in Elmhurst's public and private schools, and at local cultural venues during after-school, evening and weekend hours.

Individual events held during the festival will run the gamut in size from classroom visits to several larger "anchor" events attended by much larger audiences of all ages. Combined, all events will garner a huge audience, including children, teens and families. Corporate sponsors are still being sought. These businesses or organizations will connect their name with a unique event involving most non-profit organizations in the community.

For more information about *We Art the World: Elmhurst Fine Arts Festival*, please contact District 205 Community Relations at 941-4719. The *We Art the World* website can be found at [www.wearttheworld.org](http://www.wearttheworld.org) and will be linked from many of the sponsoring organizations' websites.

## Protecting Emergency Personnel



Every day in communities across the U.S., firefighters, police officers and other emergency personnel put their lives on the line to protect us. Early on the morning of December 23, 2000, a drunk driver hit and killed Chicago Fire Lieutenant Scott Gillen as he worked at the scene of a traffic accident. Gillen, a 14-year veteran with the Chicago Fire Department, left behind a wife and five children. Less than eight months later, Governor Ryan signed House Bill 180 (Scott's Law) to protect emergency workers from reckless motorists. The law increases the penalties for drivers who fail to yield to emergency vehicles, or who cause accidents or injuries to personnel at emergency scenes. Violators may be fined up to \$10,000 and have their driving privileges suspended for as long as two years, if a death results from the violation.

The Elmhurst Police and Fire Departments urge motorists to pull their vehicles as far as possible to the right when an emergency vehicle with lights flashing and/or siren sounding approaches from any direction. When approaching a stationary emergency vehicle with flashing lights displayed, motorists are required to slow down, proceed with extreme caution and, if possible, yield the right-of-way by changing to a lane not adjacent to emergency vehicles.

Motorists must be extremely cautious around emergency vehicles to help safeguard the men and women who protect and serve our community.

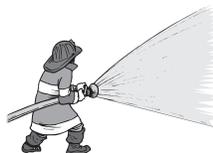
## New Stoplight by Station 1

A stoplight was recently installed in front of Fire Station #1 at 404 N. York Street. The new traffic signal is activated whenever a fire truck enters or exits the station. Station #1 is located close to the street and trucks returning from calls must back into the station from York Street. The traffic light also has a pushbutton walk light that can be activated by pedestrians crossing York. Motorists are asked to be extra careful at this new stoplight, and aware of pedestrians and emergency vehicles.

## CPR for Family and Friends

One of the goals of the Elmhurst Fire Department is to keep the community safe by providing public education opportunities. The department will offer "CPR for Family and Friends," an American Heart Association non-certification class, four times during 2003. Classes will be held at Fire Station #1 (404 N. York) on the following dates: Tuesday, March 18, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Tuesday, June 24, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, September 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, December 16, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The class includes CPR for infants, children and adults, as well as clearing foreign body airway obstructions. Students will receive a textbook and course completion card at the end of class. The class is limited to 25 students, age 12 and older, and there is a \$5.00 charge for materials. Call 530-3090 weekdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for more information or to make a reservation.

## Firefighter Testing



The City of Elmhurst will conduct testing for firefighter positions with the Elmhurst Fire Department this spring. The written test will be held on May 5 at York High School and the physical agility test will take place on May 17 at the city garage. Applications for testing are required and will be available from Human Resources at City Hall beginning on Feb. 21. The deadline for submitting an application and the required \$10 fee is April 25. For information about the testing procedure or qualifications, contact Human Resources at 530-3762.

## Fire Safety

Residents and business owners are encouraged to check out the helpful and possibly life-saving information in the Fire Department's section of the City's Internet homepage, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org). Residents will find a useful home fire safety checklist to help them eliminate fire hazards from their homes. Business people will find a self-inspection form that will assist them with fire safety and help the Fire Department's inspection go much more quickly.

## Elmhurst to Honor Youth Volunteers

The Commission on Youth and the Elmhurst City Council will present Youth Awards on May 5 to recognize young people who make a difference in the community through volunteer service. A reception and ceremony will be held prior to the City Council meeting that evening. To qualify, nominees must live within School District 205 boundaries and must be between 12 and 18 years of age. Nomination

forms have been mailed to schools, youth service organizations, youth groups, local businesses and community leaders. They are also available at the Mayor/City Manager's office in City Hall. The submission deadline is March 14. For more information, please contact Elmhurst Youth Coordinator, Rebecca Berg, at the Elmhurst YMCA (834-9200).



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## The Council/Manager Form of Government

Fifty years ago, the Council/City Manager form of government was established in Elmhurst by referendum. Elmhurst's government was formed to include two aldermen elected by the registered voters in each of the City's seven wards, and a Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer elected at-large. The 14 aldermen on the City Council have the power to pass ordinances, approve the budget, levy taxes, award contracts, appoint certain City officers, and review and approve most board and commission appointments made by the Mayor. The City Council has direct control over the City Manager and the City Attorney, who are appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council. The City Manager directs and controls the efforts of all other full and part-time City employees and runs the day-to-day operations of the City. The responsibilities of the City Council are divided among four standing committees, with each alderman serving on one of the committees. The standing committees are: the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee; the Finance, Council Affairs and Administrative Services Committee; the Public Affairs and Safety Committee; and the Public Works and Buildings Committee.

The City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month. If City Hall is closed on a Monday, the meeting is held the following evening. The standing committees generally meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Meetings of the City Council and standing committees are open to the public. Matters requiring City Council action are normally referred by the Council to one of the four standing committees. The committee reviews the matter and makes a recommendation to the Council by means of a committee report. Committee reports are then voted on at the Council meeting. The Mayor presides over City Council sessions, signs official documents and is the chief executive officer of the City. There are only three cases in which the Mayor votes:

- When there is a tie of the aldermen present
- When one half of the aldermen have voted in favor of an ordinance, resolution or motion even though there is no tie vote (Rule of 7)
- When a particular issue requires a vote greater than a majority of the corporate authority (i.e. budget revision, disposal of property)

Residents are welcome to attend City Council and/or standing committee meetings. In addition, City Council meetings are filmed for delayed broadcast and can be viewed on Channel 6 on Wednesdays at noon and on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

## Mayor's Message



This spring will be an exciting time for the City of Elmhurst. Another phase of construction work at York High School will be completed and work will continue on our new, state-of-the-art public library. When the new library opens its doors this fall, young and old alike will be able to avail themselves of this attractive, modern facility, designed to be accessible to all.

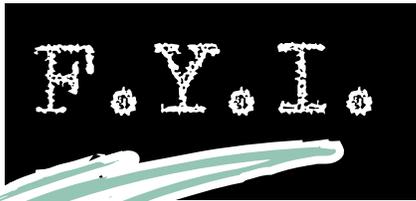
I want to commend our 14 aldermen on the excellent job they have done in putting together our city budget for the next fiscal year. Due to the downturn in the economy, we've made cutbacks in capital expenditures and have put a freeze on new hires, but we are holding our own with our general fund balance. To enhance our revenue stream, we've also implemented a new entertainment tax. Residents are reminded that the businesses within our community contribute the lion's share of the revenue needed to maintain our fund balance and — if you're not already doing so — please consider patronizing our local merchants whenever possible.

On behalf of the entire City Council, I would like to congratulate our new Police Chief Steve Neubauer. One of our primary goals for the Elmhurst Police and Fire Departments is to promote from within and as a 28-year veteran of the Elmhurst P.D., Steve is no exception. I know he will do a fine job at the helm of the Elmhurst Police Department.

I hope everyone in Elmhurst has a chance to enjoy our first-time-ever *We Art the World: Elmhurst Fine Arts Festival*, taking place from February 24 to March 9. Nineteen Elmhurst not-for-profit organizations, including the City, have put together this festival, which features two weeks of artistic performances on an international theme. Festival events will take place throughout the City. Be sure to see the special insert in this newsletter for more information.

I want to invite everyone to attend this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade, stepping off at Spring Road, Saturday, March 15 at 12 noon. This community event has become an Elmhurst favorite for the whole family — with Irish dancers, pipe and marching bands, animated characters and clowns, bagpipes and more. I hope each and every one of you will join me for the seventh annual "Wearin' of the Green."

*Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci*



## City Vehicle Stickers

City of Elmhurst vehicle stickers will be sold at a discount between March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. Beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup>, stickers will be sold at full price. If you do not receive an application in the mail, you may print one from the City's website (<http://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. To avoid potential penalties, please purchase and display your sticker by May 1. The money collected by the sale of vehicle stickers goes into the City's General Fund and is earmarked for roadway maintenance and construction. If your vehicle license number changed when you obtained your new Illinois license plates, notify the City so that vehicle sticker records can be updated. Call 530-3118 for more information.

## Yard Waste Pickup

Yard waste pickup will resume the week of April 1, on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day. Yard waste includes leaves, brush, shrubbery trimmings, twigs, dead flowers and weeds (with soil removed). Sod, rocks, earth, vegetable plants and fruit are not considered yard waste and should be included with other refuse. Yard waste may be put in 30-gallon brown Kraft paper bags or in 33-gallon garbage cans clearly marked "Yard Waste Only" (labels available at the Public Works counter). The bags or cans may not weigh more than 50 pounds. One clearly visible yard waste sticker is required for each bag or container. In addition, a maximum of two bundles of brush will be picked up each week at no extra cost. Brush bundles may not exceed four feet in length or weigh more than 50 pounds each. Branches may not exceed four inches in diameter.



## TOUGHLOVE

TOUGHLOVE meetings for parents of adult children are held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at City Hall. Newcomers are welcome. TOUGHLOVE is a non-profit, self-help, parent support group for parents concerned about unacceptable behavior from their teenage or adult children. Call Barb or Buzz Brassfield at 961-3230 for more information.



## Free Wood Chips

Wood chips are generally available year round and are delivered to residents on a first-come first-served basis. Please be aware that wood chips are delivered by the truckload (approximately 10 cubic yards or 80 wheel barrels). Neighbors may wish to share a load. Call 530-3038 to get your name on the waiting list. If you only need a small amount, you can pick up wood chips year-round at the base of the water tower in Butterfield Park. Feel free to help yourself.

## City to Accept Credit Card Payments

The Elmhurst City Council recently approved a plan to begin accepting credit cards for payment of obligations to the City. To implement the change, City staff proposed a three-phase approach.

- Phase I, targeted to begin in March, will provide for approved credit cards to be accepted in person at City Hall for payment of vehicle stickers, utility bills, building permits and parking tickets.
- Phase II will enhance credit card acceptance for utility bill payments. This phase will allow residents to either have their bimonthly utility bill charged directly to an approved credit card or have their utility bill charged to the credit card from time to time, as the resident directs. The implementation goal for Phase II is late spring or early summer.
- Phase III is targeted to begin in the fall and will extend credit card acceptance to City obligations paid via the Internet.

The decision to accept credit cards was made in response to City survey results and requests from residents, and to meet the City's goal of providing excellent customer service.

## Prevent Flooding

Residents are asked to help reduce local flooding during springtime rainy spells by keeping street inlets and rear yard drains free of leaves and debris. Ditches should also be kept clean to allow for rapid runoff of stormwater. Interested residents can monitor Salt Creek water levels through the Public Works section of the city's home page, [www.elmhurst.org](http://www.elmhurst.org).





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## Spring Clean-Up

The third annual Spring Clean-Up will be held in May, on either Wednesday, May 14, Thursday, May 15, or Friday, May 16 - whichever is your regular refuse collection day. On your Spring Clean-Up day, BFI will collect furniture, appliances, fixtures, carpet, construction and demolition debris (up to two cubic yards), and bulk items. Stickers are not required for this special pickup. Yard waste, tires, car batteries, riding lawn mowers, liquids and hazardous materials are not accepted during Spring Clean-Up.

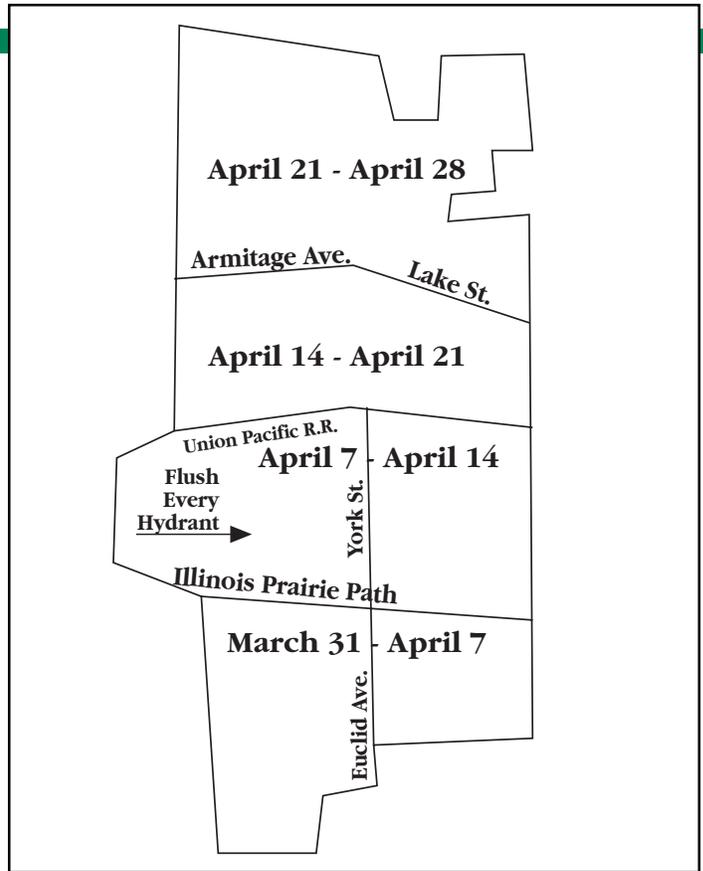
## Elmhurst Building Permits and Codes



Before you begin a construction or remodeling project this spring, call the Development Department at 530-3030 to find out if you need a building permit and whether drawings, site plans, etc. are needed for your project. Permits are

required for the construction of new homes, attached or detached garages, additions, porches and decks, sheds and accessory structures, driveways and fences. Permits are also required for interior remodeling, electrical service revisions, air conditioning installation, signs, swimming pools and hot tubs, and changes to plumbing and fixtures.

The City of Elmhurst adheres to a strict building code designed to improve fire safety factors, especially those related to fire spread. Lives are saved when a 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 Elmhurst codes and willing to adhere to them. This will decrease the chance of jobs being underbid or delayed due to the submission of incomplete or incorrect plans. Call the Development Department at 530-3030 for more information.



## 2003 Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The City of Elmhurst Public Works Department will conduct the annual hydrant-flushing program from March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup>. The operation will take place Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will be completed over a five-week period. Hydrants are regularly flushed to ensure that they are working properly and will be available for Fire Department use.

## Parking Improvements



A significant number of respondents to the 2002 citizen survey indicated dissatisfaction with the parking situation in the downtown shopping area. To help improve the parking situation for City Centre shoppers, the Elmhurst City Council recently approved a change, increasing the parking time limit in the City Centre from two hours to three hours per day in the zone. Downtown employers and employees are asked to park in all-day lots, leaving the three-hour spaces available for shoppers.

The City also recently completed an addition to the parking deck on the corner of Schiller and Palmer, which provides an additional 90 parking spaces. The deck now has 68 \$1.00/day spaces, 178 all-day permit spaces, 41 three-hour shopper spaces and 26 reserved spaces.

Especially for  
*Seniors*

## Senior Health and Safety Fair

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Elmhurst Senior Citizens Commission will sponsor a Senior Health and Safety Fair for seniors, their family members and other interested individuals. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Elmhurst Memorial Center for Health, 1200 S. York Street in Elmhurst. Seniors who wish to participate in the \$20 comprehensive cholesterol screening (HDL, LDL and triglycerides) will need to fast for 12 hours prior to the test and call CareMatch at 782-7878 to pre-register. Osteoporosis screenings will be offered for a \$5 charge. Call the Abbey at 993-8989 to register. Free vision, hearing, blood pressure and glucose (diabetes) screenings will be offered, along with refreshments, informative exhibits and information on volunteer opportunities. Bring in your used eye-glasses and hearing aids for donation to the needy.

## Senior Chore Days

Senior Chore Days, a program to assist eligible Elmhurst seniors with spring yard work, will be held between April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>. Interested seniors and volunteers will arrange dates and times that are convenient for both. Please call the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at 620-0804 for more information.



## Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy offered by the Elmhurst Police Department gives residents an opportunity to learn firsthand about police work. This free 12-week program, offered twice each year, is designed to give participants a working knowledge of law enforcement and the Elmhurst Police Department. Program goals are to improve communication, confidence and cooperation between the police and members of the community. The program is limited to 25 students per session and there are still a few openings in the class scheduled to begin on March 6. One block of instruction will be offered each Thursday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., with each block providing hands-on training and an in-depth view of a particular division within the department. To qualify, applicants must be 21 or older, either live or work in Elmhurst and pass a background check. For information or an application, contact Sergeant Robert Nicholas at 530-3057.

## The Elmhurst Economic Development Corporation



In 2003, the Elmhurst Economic Development Corporation (EEDC) celebrates its 10-year anniversary. The City of Elmhurst and local business leaders created the EEDC in 1993 to attract and retain businesses in all areas of Elmhurst, including the City's industrial parks. The EEDC also supported the City's efforts to plan and redevelop the Elmhurst Crossings shopping center at Route 83 and St. Charles Rd. By fostering business development, the EEDC helps provide a stronger tax base and healthier economic climate. The EEDC is an independent, not-for-profit organization funded by the City of Elmhurst and EEDC members. Membership includes local business and community leaders. The organization works closely with the City, the Chamber of Commerce, City Centre, and other groups and individuals to improve the community's commercial environment.

Recently, the EEDC hired John D. Said as the organization's Executive Director. Mr. Said, an Elmhurst resident, brings 18 years of experience in municipal planning and economic development to the EEDC. He is a native of Michigan and 1984 graduate of Michigan State University. Mr. Said's initial focus as Executive Director is to continue the initiatives outlined in the Corporation's strategic plan for business retention and attraction.

Anyone interested in the activities of the Elmhurst Economic Development Corporation is encouraged to call 530-6404, send an e-mail to [eedc@eedc.org](mailto:eedc@eedc.org) or write to the EEDC at City Hall, 209 N. York Street. The organization's website is [www.eedc.org](http://www.eedc.org).

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(Finance Department counter open  
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6th Ward, Stephen G. Hillsman, George Szczepaniak;  
7th Ward, Mark A. Mulliner, Charles R. Mueller.





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# The Historical Museum Bringing History to Life

## Museum Announces College Scholarships

Elmhurst Historical Museum and the Elmhurst Historical Museum Foundation have announced the second annual Ruth Strand Memorial Scholarships for high school juniors or seniors living in Elmhurst or attending school in Elmhurst. Competition for these financial scholarships is in the form of an essay contest on aspects of Elmhurst history. The deadline for consideration is April 7, 2003. Please call the Education Coordinator at the museum for details at 833-1457.

## Exhibit Zooms

*Zooming into Focus*, a new exhibit which opened on Feb. 11, explores the technology of cameras and how photographs help form personal memories and our collective historical consciousness. Photographs of Elmhurst and its residents, as well as the museum's collection of cameras from the past, will be on display through April 27, 2003. Public gallery hours are 1-5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For information, call 833-1457.



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## Day Off? Drop In!



What do you and your kids do on days when school is not in session? Come to the museum this spring. On Friday, March 28, kids and caregivers can create and fly their own kites. Reservations are being taken for the 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. programs. On Friday, April 11, kids and caregivers can make sunprints, an activity highlighting one aspect of photography. This program is structured as a drop-in activity anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult for both programs. **Additional museum programs for children are included in the enclosed Community Calendar.**

## Elmhurst Celebrates International Museum Day on May 18



Each of Elmhurst's four museums will be open free of charge on International Museum Day, Sunday, May 18, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Elmhurst Historical Museum, Elmhurst Art Museum, Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art and Theatre Historical Society of America open their doors with special activities and refreshments for children, adults and families. A special trolley will provide free transportation between the four museums. Make this a special day by visiting one or more museums. More information about International Museum Day, and regularly scheduled exhibits and programs, is available by calling any of the museums.

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