

The City Newsletter

“The Quintessential Chicago Suburb”

“Elmhurst is a town where people come to sink down roots and stay,” according to Mayor Thomas Marcucci who has lived in Elmhurst for the last 47 years. Many of Elmhurst’s 42,762 residents apparently share the mayor’s opinion. Over half of the respondents to the city’s 2002 citizen survey indicated that they have lived in Elmhurst for more than 20 years and an additional 21% have lived here between 11 and 20 years. Elmhurst’s outstanding quality of

life did not escape the notice of *Chicago* magazine writers and researchers as they completed a recent statistical comparison of 192 suburban communities. The results were published in the magazine’s March 2003 issue.

The communities in the study, mostly within Cook, DuPage and Lake Counties, were divided into five groups based on average house sale prices for 2002. The communities within each of the five groups were then rated on “... 20 different variables within five

quality-of-life categories – health and safety, housing, transportation, leisure, and schools.” Points were assigned in the five categories by comparing each town to the norm within its grouping. The points in each category were then added together to provide a final total for each community. Elmhurst, with an overall score of 124, ranked #1 in its group, outscoring the closest competitor by 13 points. The community was described in the article as “... pretty, alive with cultural offerings and close to the expressways and O’Hare” ... “safe, with good schools and strong housing values,” ... “an across-the-board high performer.” According to *Chicago*, “Elmhurst may be the quintessential Chicago suburb.”

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☒ City Election Results



Front Row - Left to Right - Ald. Charles R. Mueller, Ald. Brad Walsh, Ald. Janice Vanek, City Clerk Janet S. Edgley, Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci, City Treasurer David Dyer, Ald. George Szczepaniak, Ald. Susan J. Rose and Ald. Stephen G. Hillsman.

Rear Row - Left to Right - Ald. James J. Parker, Ald. Michael Bram, Ald. Paul Fichtner, Ald. John E. Gow, Ald. Phillip D. Jordan, Ald. Michael J. Regan, Ald. Mark A. Mulliner, and Ald. David S. Noffs.

Aldermanic elections were held in Elmhurst on Tuesday, April 1st. Six incumbents and one new alderman were sworn in at a Special City Council meeting on April 28th. Incumbents reelected are Paul Fichtner - 1st Ward, Jan Vanek - 2nd, Susan Rose - 3rd, Phil Jordan - 5th, Steve Hillsman - 6th and Mark Mulliner - 7th. The newly elected alderman from the 4th Ward is Brad Walsh. These seven aldermen will represent the city’s seven wards until 2007. City elections are held on a staggered basis. In 2005, the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and the other seven aldermanic seats will be on the ballot.

Always Remember

Memorial Day will be a day to show our support to the men and women who are serving our nation in the armed forces here and in distant lands, and to remember those who sacrificed so much for the liberties we enjoy. The 85th annual Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26th. Step off will take place at 9:30 a.m. from the intersection at York and Third. The parade will proceed to Wilder Park by way of York Street, Robert Palmer Drive and Church Street. Weather permitting, the Lima Lima Flight Team will conduct a fly-over. The team will first appear at 9:45 a.m. in a missing man formation over Schiller and Palmer Drive while Taps is being played by the Antioch Brass Quintet.



The parade’s Grand Marshall will be Tech Sgt. Abner Ganet, a World War II Army veteran who served as Mayor of the City of Elmhurst from 1977 to 1985. In 1943, at the age of 17,

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Ganet enlisted in the Army out of concern about the plight of European Jews. He was assigned to Company M of the 26th Infantry Regiment, one of three regiments of the 1st Infantry Division. He and his comrades fought through the Normandy Invasion in June of 1944 and the Battle of the Bulge that winter. On April 11, 1945, they liberated survivors at Buchenwald, a huge concentration camp that had been abandoned by the SS earlier that day. For 50 years, Ganet remained silent about the horrors of his war experience until one day he met the renowned author and lecturer, Elie Wiesel. Wiesel was 14 years old on that April day in 1945. He was one of the Jewish children imprisoned at Buchenwald and scheduled for the gas chamber that day. For the last seven years, since meeting Wiesel, Mr. Ganet has shared his first-hand experiences of "man's inhumanity to man" in classrooms throughout the Chicago area.

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

Reminder: Family members or friends may have deceased veterans honored at the Memorial in Wilder Park. Call Bill Ralston at 279-5588 for information and available dates.

Vehicle Sticker Reminder



Residents are reminded that City of Elmhurst vehicle stickers should have been purchased and properly affixed on the lower right passenger side of the windshield by May 1st. The Elmhurst Police Department issues tickets for failing to display a current vehicle sticker on any vehicle registered or principally garaged in Elmhurst. During May, the fine for non-compliance is \$25. After May 31st, the fine increases to \$50. This does not include the cost of the sticker, which must be purchased. Revenue from the sale of vehicle stickers is used for street maintenance. Residents are encouraged to do their share by purchasing a vehicle sticker for each vehicle in the household. Stickers may be purchased at the Finance Department counter in City Hall. Transfer and replacement stickers are \$1 each.

Please note: Credit cards are now accepted at the Finance Department at City Hall for vehicle stickers, city utility bills, parking tickets, yard waste and rubbish stickers, and other payments for city services.

County Pursuing Water Commission Assets

At the time this issue of the *Front Porch* went to press, DuPage County Board Chairman Robert Schillerstrom was aggressively pursuing assets of the DuPage Water Commission. These efforts are counter to the desires of Mayor Marcucci and members of the Elmhurst City Council who oppose any erosion of the DuPage Water Commission's responsibilities and rights relative to water supply. The latest information on this issue may be accessed at the Elmhurst home page at www.elmhurst.org under "What's Hot."

Meeting Parking Needs

After a significant number of respondents to the 2002 Citizen Survey indicated growing dissatisfaction with the City Centre parking situation, the City Council launched a review late last year of shopper parking needs. That review resulted in the Council approving an ordinance that increased the shopper parking time limit in the City Centre from two hours to three hours. The Council determined that the two-hour limit was no longer adequate to meet the needs of downtown shoppers and was actually short-circuiting some shopping trips. The increased demand for longer parking time limits appears to be the result of City Centre revitalization and the accompanying increase in dining and shopping opportunities. Signs have been posted identifying the City Centre as a three-hour parking zone from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Downtown business owners have been asked to require that their employees park in appropriate private or city-owned all-day parking areas. In an effort to assist employees, the city created employee-reserved parking in the Schiller Court Lot in the Central Business District. Also, a new level providing 90 additional parking spaces was recently added to the Schiller Deck. There are now 68-\$1.00 a day spaces available on the top level of the Schiller Deck.

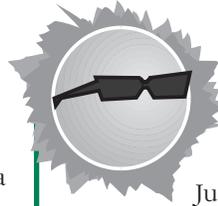
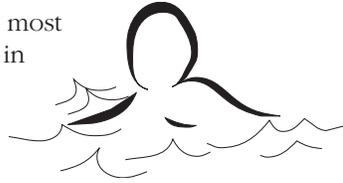
In an effort to encourage compliance and assist businesses and customers with parking needs, the City Council recently approved an ordinance that will increase fines associated with parking violations. Under the new fine schedule, the initial fine for a parking violation will be \$25. The fine will increase to \$50 if the ticket is not paid within ten (10) days. The only exception will be the fines associated with non-disabled motorists parking in spots reserved for disabled individuals. That fine will remain at \$100 and increase to \$200 for non-payment. The new fine schedule will go into effect on June 1, 2003.

Parking Restrictions Reminder

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.

Kids and Water

Anyone who has ever watched a small child stomp around in a mud puddle understands the natural attraction of children to water – water in a pond or a pool, a bucket or a bathtub. Tragically, drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death for children under the age of five. Although most such drowning accidents occur in backyard pools, small children can also drown in buckets, toilets, bathtubs, spas and hot tubs. Supervision is crucial – it takes only 20 seconds for a child to die from drowning. In 75% of child drownings, the youngster was out of sight for five minutes or less. Never leave a small child unattended in the bathtub and never leave a bucket of water where a baby or toddler could fall into it. If there is a swimming pool in your backyard or your neighbor's, install "layers of protection" between the child and the pool. These "layers" include fences, locked gates, door alarms, motion detectors, pool covers, and locking systems for ladders and steps. Please remember, children are fearless by nature and lack the experience to recognize danger. As adults, it is our responsibility to keep them safe.



Elmfest 2003

Be sure to bring the family to downtown Elmhurst during the second weekend in June for the community's award-winning festival – Elmfest 2003. There will be lots of food to sample, great entertainment and carnival rides for the kids (beginning on Thursday, June 12th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.). Other festivities will begin on Friday, June 13th at 11:00 a.m. and conclude with a free Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra family concert at the Elmhurst College Mall Sunday, June 15th at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.elfest.org or call the Chamber of Commerce at (630) 834-6060.

Outdoor Fireplaces

The Elmhurst Municipal Code places certain restrictions on open burning and the use of outdoor or portable fireplaces. These regulations (summarized below) are intended to protect lives and property. (These provisions do not prohibit or require a permit for outdoor fireplaces, charcoal grills, burners or like devices when used solely for cooking food.)

- Open burning is unlawful without first obtaining a permit from the Elmhurst Fire Department. (The Fire Department has the authority to revoke the permit if the permit holder does not comply with the following requirements or if the fire is determined to pose a hazard.)
- An outdoor or portable fireplace may be used only with an approved fuel; propane, natural gas, charcoal or seasoned logs. The burning of yard waste, lumber, leaves, grass, paper, cardboard, unseasoned logs or garbage is not allowed.
- An outdoor or portable fireplace must be used and located at least 15 feet from any structure. The firebox must be located above ground level.
- The outdoor or portable fireplace must be constantly attended by a person over the age of 17 until the fire is extinguished. There must be an adequate amount of sand, dirt or water on hand for immediate use, or a portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 4-A.
- No outdoor or portable fireplace may be used in such a way as to emit offensive or objectionable smoke or odors, or when atmospheric conditions or other circumstances make such fires hazardous.



Animals in the House?

Skunks, raccoons, squirrels and opossums can be a nuisance or even cause property damage. There are steps residents can take to make their homes and property less inviting to these unwelcome guests.

- Keep roofs and overhangs in good repair, trim overhanging branches, cap chimneys and remove trellises.
- Remove, trim or thin bushes growing against the foundation or cement porch. Keep porches and steps in good repair.
- Finish decks completely to the ground or install lattice materials to finish off the bottom.
- Never leave pet food outside where it may attract animals other than your pets.
- If possible, keep garbage cans inside a garage, shed or enclosure, or keep cans tightly covered.
- Get rid of woodpiles where animals can find shelter.

If, in spite of your 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 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.



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Elmhurst Youth Recognized

Volunteers make a difference in society and the youth of Elmhurst are no exception. Many young people unselfishly share their time and talents by providing unpaid community service to churches, healthcare facilities, schools, not-for profit agencies and service organizations. The City of Elmhurst and the Commission on Youth honored 17 young volunteers who exemplify the volunteer spirit at a reception and ceremony on Monday, May 5th. Six of the nominees, who ranged in age from 12 to 18, were given special recognition for exemplary service to the community. Congratulations to the following young people who received the 2003 Youth Services Award: Sara Borzym, Austin Happel, Rebecca Mei, Justine Parker, Stephanie Ruff and Emily Wilber.



Lost and Found – and Sold to the Highest Bidder

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

Unregistered bicycles and other recovered items, along with surplus city equipment, will be sold at the Elmhurst Police Department's annual auction at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7. Items to be auctioned can be inspected beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will include bicycles, a pressure washer, several new cordless phones, car and truck tires, numerous DVDs, several pieces of jewelry and miscellaneous other items.

Mayor's Message



We are pleased to report that in a recent issue of *Chicago* magazine, Elmhurst was ranked number one in its group out of 192 Chicago area communities included in the survey. This ranking was based on an exhaustive study of each community that looked at health and safety, housing, transportation, leisure and schools, with points assigned in each of these categories. This high honor is a testament not only to the hard work of our city officials and staff, but to the community as a whole, including our fine schools, park district and library. I would like to congratulate the entire community on this accolade.

A big part of what makes Elmhurst a great city is our youth. At the May 5 City Council Meeting, outstanding youth from our community were recognized by the Elmhurst Youth Commission. I'd like to congratulate these young volunteers and thank them for all they contribute to the quality of life in Elmhurst.

Elmhurst was also recognized recently by the Central States Water Environment Association for safety at the city's wastewater treatment plant. Known as the Burke Safety Award, this recognition singles out only one municipality within the three-state area of Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and is based on the results of site inspections by association representatives. I would like to congratulate the entire treatment plant staff, and especially, Director of Water/Wastewater, Dennis Streicher, for their hard work and diligence. I'd also like to thank all of our city departments for helping to make this a city that is second to none.

Congratulations are also in order for the newest member of the Elmhurst City Council, Brad Walsh, a local businessman. Our heartfelt thanks also go out to outgoing Alderman Steven DuBois for his four years of service to the Elmhurst community.

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to join me on May 26 for this year's Memorial Day parade and ceremony. The parade will step off from York and Third at 9:30 a.m. and the ceremony will follow in Wilder Park. We are very proud of our Memorial Day service — always a great community event — but this year, more than ever, we would like to make it a day to remember those who have given their lives for our country, as well as a show of support for our troops in the Gulf.

Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci



Summer Holiday Announcements

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 26th, for Memorial Day. City Council standing committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 27th. City Hall will also be closed on Friday, July 4th.

 Please note that refuse pickup will be postponed by one day for all residents during the last week in May. Following the July 4th holiday, pickup will be postponed for those who have Friday collection.

Water Quality Reports

The annual Water Quality Report for 2002 will be mailed to Elmhurst residents by early July. This report describes in detail the various properties of the public water supply and any changes that may have occurred during the year. The report is sent to Elmhurst households each year to educate the community and assure residents that the water supply meets or exceeds quality standards set by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.



Permits and Codes

The spring and summer months are the perfect time to put in the deck you've always wanted, build an extra bedroom for your growing family or construct a shed to house mowers, bikes and snow blowers. The Development Department reminds homeowners that permits are required for new home construction, attached or detached garages, structure additions, porches and decks, sheds and accessory structures, driveways, fences, air conditioner installation, interior remodeling, swimming pools and hot tubs, and revisions to electrical service, plumbing and fixtures. Be sure to call the Development Department at (630) 530-3030 before you begin your spring and summer projects.

Scam Alert

Residents are encouraged to be cautious if a stranger knocks on the door and offers to do home repairs or reseal the driveway. Be extremely suspicious of unsolicited offers of this kind. If this occurs, please call the Elmhurst Police Department at 9-1-1 immediately.

Grass Height Regulations

The Elmhurst City Council recently approved several changes in the enforcement of grass height regulations. The Elmhurst Municipal Code requires homeowners to maintain their lawns at a height of 12 inches or less. Grass allowed to grow beyond that height is considered a nuisance. The City Council approved shortening the notification period from ten days to five, increasing the initial fine from \$25 to \$50 and increasing the subsequent fine from \$50 to \$100. Residents are encouraged to keep their lawns neatly mowed to enhance the appearance of our neighborhoods and our community.



City Seeks Holiday Tree

The city is looking for an evergreen tree to display during the holiday season in the City Centre. The tree must be at least 30 feet tall and in good condition. If your tree is selected, the city's Forestry crew will remove the tree and stump at the city's expense. A plaque will be displayed with the tree to recognize your donation. If you are interested in donating your evergreen, or would like more information, please call Public Works at (630) 530-3020.

Block Parties



Neighborhood block parties are a great way to socialize with friends and celebrate during the summer months. Members of the Elmhurst Fire Department attend block parties and give short presentations about some of the equipment carried on the fire apparatus. They also explain the functions of the department, answer questions, pass out fire hats to the children and provide photo opportunities. If you plan to hold a block party this summer, please call the Public Works Department at 530-3020 with your requested date and time. If you would like to have the Fire Department attend, please also call 530-3029. There is a limit to the number of block parties that the Fire Department can schedule, so please call early.

Curfew Reminder

Parents and teens are reminded that the 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.



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West Nile Virus



As the community is aware, West Nile Virus has made its way into the State of Illinois and into DuPage County. Reports of cases were highly publicized last year and the City of Elmhurst has taken the steps necessary to ensure that the community is prepared to battle the virus this summer. The city employs Clarke Mosquito Control Company to conduct the necessary operations to limit the spread of the disease. Clarke uses only the most environmentally sensitive agents in their work.

West Nile Virus is transmitted by infected mosquitoes. The approach to combating the disease is based on surveillance and monitoring, larval control and adulticiding. If you have questions regarding Clarke and their products, or if you wish to be notified of upcoming spraying, please call Clarke directly at 1-800-942-2555.

The following tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention can help individuals reduce the risk of infection.

- Apply an insect repellent containing DEET sparingly to exposed skin and clothing, according to the manufacturer's printed directions.
- If possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when you are outdoors with infants.
- Consider staying indoors during peak mosquito biting times – dawn, dusk, and early evening.

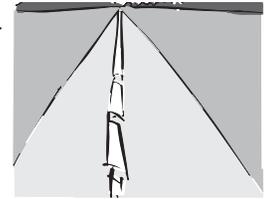
Note: Vitamin B and "ultrasonic" devices are NOT effective in preventing mosquito bites.

Residents can reduce the mosquito population near their homes by taking the following steps.

- Install or repair window and door screens so that mosquitoes cannot get indoors.
- Drain or eliminate sources of standing water where mosquitoes breed and lay their eggs.
- Empty water from flower pots, birdbaths, swimming pool covers, buckets, barrels, cans, and pet food and water dishes at least once or twice a week.
- Check for clogged rain gutters and clean them out.

Paving the Way

Roadway construction will take place on the following streets during the 2003 construction season.



- West Avenue from North Avenue 330 feet north
- West Avenue from Third Street to North Avenue
- River Glen cul-de-sac
- Fremont Avenue from Highland Avenue to Ridgeland Avenue
- Myrtle Avenue from Armitage Avenue to the cul-de-sac
- Kenilworth Avenue from North Avenue to Fremont Avenue
- Willow Avenue from North Avenue to Grantley Avenue
- Richard Avenue from Schiller Street to East Court
- Caroline Avenue from Schiller Street to East Court
- East Court from Richard Avenue to Caroline Avenue
- Geneva Avenue from Schiller Street to Third Street
- Third Street east from Michigan Street to Illinois Street
- Third Street west from Addison Avenue to York Street
- Schiller Street from Haven Road to Avon Road
- Ridgeland Avenue from Third Street to North Avenue
- Highview Avenue from Third Street to North Avenue
- Oaklawn Avenue from Third Street to North Avenue
- Second Street from Highland Avenue to Myrtle Avenue
- Linden Avenue from Huntington Lane to Church Street
- Hampshire Avenue from Webster Avenue to South Street
- Vallette Street from Berkley Avenue to Spring Road
- Eggleston Avenue from Spring Road to Argyle Avenue
- Fairfield Avenue from Vallette Street to McKinley Street
- Spring Road from St. Charles Road to the CN/IC Tracks
- Surf Street from Berkley Avenue to Hawthorne Avenue
- Rex Blvd. From St. Charles Road to Randolph Street
- Hillcrest Avenue from Butterfield Road to Harrison Street
- Stratford Avenue from Butterfield Road to Harrison Street
- Chatham Avenue from Butterfield Road to Harrison Street
- Cambridge Avenue from Madison Street to Jackson Street
- Prospect Avenue from Adams Street to Jackson Street
- Swain Avenue from Adams Street to Jackson Street
- Saylor Avenue from Adams Street to Madison Street
- Swain Avenue from Butterfield Road to 140 feet north of Butterfield

Summer construction will also include rehabilitation work on the First Street and Park Avenue bridges that pass over Robert Palmer Drive. The bridge decks will be patched and the existing surface will be replaced. The project is scheduled to begin after Elmfest on the Park Avenue bridge. It is anticipated that the work on both bridges will be completed by mid-October. One bridge will remain open throughout the project.

Check the city's website at www.elmhurst.org for a map showing street work and other types of construction.

Burglar-Proofing Your Home

Nothing ruins a summer vacation like coming back to find that your home has been burglarized. A few simple precautions can help prevent this from happening.

- Use a timer to turn on lights and make your home look lived in.
- Lock everything before you leave – house, garage, storage building.
- Cancel newspaper deliveries and have the post office hold your mail until you return.
- Arrange to have your lawn mowed.
- Ask a neighbor to put out a garbage can for you.
- Leave a key and an emergency phone number with a neighbor.
- Ask a neighbor to check your house periodically while you're away and call 9-1-1 to report anything suspicious.

You're sure to enjoy your vacation more knowing that you have done everything possible to keep your home and possessions safe. Remember to keep cars locked whether you are at home, at work or on vacation.

Gas Utility Tax Becomes Use Tax

The City of Elmhurst currently collects a gas utility tax of 2.91% on the cost of gas purchased from in-state natural gas sources. Gas purchased from out-of-state sources is not subject to the utility tax, a "loophole" that converts to approximately \$75,000 of "lost" utility tax revenue annually. Records provided to the city by Nicor, the company that distributes all gas regardless of source, indicate that approximately 28% of total therms distributed to Elmhurst customers are from out-of-state sources. The majority of gas customers purchasing from out-of-state sources are commercial or industrial users. To close this "loophole" and make the tax more fair to all Elmhurst customers, the City Council recently approved replacing the current gas utility tax with a municipal gas use tax based on the therms used rather than the cost of gas purchased. The per-therm gas tax will be collected at the rate of \$.015 (1.5 cents) per therm. It is anticipated that this rate will not change the amount paid by consumers who are currently subject to the gas utility tax, but will require those currently not paying gas utility tax to pay their fair share.

WWTP Receives Safety Award

The city's Wastewater Treatment Plant was recently awarded the 2002 Burke Safety Award by the Central States Water Environment Association. The award is presented annually to one facility within the three-state area of Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and is based on the results of site inspections performed by association representatives. Award criteria include the facility's safety record, safety training history, safety programs and equipment, and general attitude toward safety issues.

Congratulations

D.A.R.E. to Say "NO"

Congratulations to all the students who recently completed the D.A.R.E. program and committed to live drug-free lives. The D.A.R.E. program, now in its 15th year in Elmhurst schools, is taught by dedicated Elmhurst police officers to fifth-grade students in the city's public and private schools.

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The Historical Museum *Bringing History to Life*

“Science of Mystery”

Museum visitors of all ages become detectives using actual investigative techniques to gather and analyze clues in a special summer hands-on exhibit at the Historical Museum.

Science of Mystery invites visitors to view a crime scene, investigate the evidence, use a special crime lab and determine the most likely perpetrator of the crime.

“Adults and children alike will enjoy exploring the scientific principles,” said Museum Curator, Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh. “Visitors can examine crystal and handwriting, test liquids and powders, analyze fibers and hair, and inspect other pieces of evidence to help solve the crime.” The exhibit continues at the museum through August 31. Admission is free.



Fun and Games All Summer

Fun and Games, a free hands-on drop-in program of historical crafts and games for children between the ages of 4 and 12, continues each Thursday (except July 3) this summer beginning on June 12. Children accompanied by an adult can drop in anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Reservations are required for the kite-making program on July 10.

Block Party Fun

Celebrate the end of summer at the Historical Museum’s *Block Party* on Sunday, August 24, from noon to 4:00 p.m. The lawn will be covered with food, fun and festivities while the galleries will be filled with the *Science of Mystery* exhibit where visitors role-play as modern detectives. Special activities with the Elmhurst Police Department are also planned for adults and children! Admission and most activities are free. Picnic foods will be available for purchase.

Summer Family Fun

The annual 4th of July Parade will step off from the corner of York and Third at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 4th. After the parade, the Elmhurst Historical Museum and the Elmhurst Park District will co-sponsor the annual ice cream social on the museum lawn at 120 E. Park. Join your friends and neighbors for cool treats, hot dogs, paper fireworks, potato-sack races and live entertainment featuring a selection of patriotic music from the Elmhurst Symphony Brass Quintet.



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