



The City Newsletter

Elmhurst

November 2000 Issue IV

Warmest wishes from Elmhurst officials and staff for a joyful holiday season!



Mayor Marcucci and Santa will share the spotlight and kick off the holiday season on Friday, November 24 at the annual City Centre tree lighting. Festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include sleigh rides, refreshments and entertainment.

2000 Citizen Survey Results



Thank you to all the residents who completed and returned the 2000 City of Elmhurst Citizen Survey! The information you provided regarding the quality of various city services and conditions throughout the community will assist elected officials and staff as they prepare upcoming budgets and set goals for the future.

The 2000 City of Elmhurst Citizen Survey was mailed in June to 1,600 randomly selected households. Just over 55%

of the surveys mailed (890 surveys) were completed and returned. Respondents were almost evenly divided between the sexes – 51% female and 47% male with a few residents responding as couples. Over half of respondents have lived in Elmhurst for more than 20 years and the vast majority, almost 97%, own their homes.

Survey results clearly indicate a high level of satisfaction

with city services and with the community in general. In nearly all categories respondents reported higher levels of satisfaction than in the previous three surveys. City of Elmhurst government operations in general were rated “excellent” or “good” by 77.4% of respondents, compared to 81% in 1998, 76% in 1996 and 65% in 1994. In the “Quality of Life” section, an overwhelming majority of respondents (over 95%) rated the overall quality of the Elmhurst community as either “excellent” or “good.”

The three things respondents like most about living in Elmhurst are: 1) central location/convenience; 2) quality of life; and 3) quality of schools (with property value coming in a close fourth). Topping the list of things respondents like least about living in Elmhurst are:

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Railroad Safety: When It's a Tie — You Lose

The City of Elmhurst has taken a very proactive position on railroad safety at the crossings within the city limits. Residents have probably noticed that crossing gates have now been installed at all crossings along the Illinois Central and the Canadian National tracks.



Crossings have also been equipped with bright orange posts to deter motorists from driving around lowered gates. The city requests that motorists and pedestrians do their part to minimize the danger by following these potentially life-saving precautions from Illinois Operation Lifesaver.

- **Don't stop once you start.** If you start over a crossing and the flashing lights go on or the gates start down, don't freeze or try to back up. The warning signals allow enough time to drive over the crossing before the train arrives. No gate on the other side will block your lane.
- **Don't get boxed in.** Never drive onto the track until you are certain you can drive all the way across. Be sure the traffic ahead of you will not stop and box you in on the track.
- **Abandon your car if you stall.** No car is worth a human life. If you stall or get boxed in on the track, get everyone out of the car immediately. Carefully watch the track in both directions and, if a train is approaching, try to flag a warning to it. If no train is in sight, have someone try to get the car off the track.
- **Watch the second track.** This advice is important for both pedestrians and motorists. If you dart out just as the caboose passes, you may walk or drive into the path of another train on the second track. Wait until you have good visibility and the warning devices (lights and/or gates) indicate “all clear” before you start across the tracks.

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Railroad Safety

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- **Be extra alert at night or in bad weather.** Never over-drive your headlights. You may suddenly see a train when you are going too fast and are too close to stop. Incredibly, about one of every four crossing accidents involves a motor vehicle being driven into a train.
- **Familiarity breeds contempt.** Most vehicle-train crashes occur at grade crossings within 25 miles of the motorist's home. Be careful on a track that you walk or drive across every day. Railroads change schedules and operate around the clock.
- **Trains cannot stop quickly.** A 150-car freight train outweighs the typical family car by about 100,000 tons. A crash involving a train and an automobile is 30 times more likely to kill the motorist than any other type of auto accident. At a speed of 50 miles per hour, that freight train requires a mile and a half of braking distance to stop. An eight-car passenger train traveling at 60 miles per hour has a stopping distance of about 2/3 of a mile.

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Remember, when it comes to railroad safety, you can't be too careful.

Survey Results

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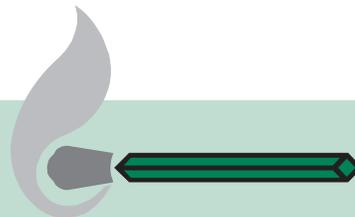


1) taxes; 2) airplane noise; and 3) traffic congestion. (It is interesting to note that 83% of those who work outside the home drive their personal vehicles to work with only 13% using the train and just over 1% carpooling.) Respondents voiced the opinion that cost of living/affordability would be the biggest problem Elmhurst would face within the next five years with taxes coming in second in response to that question. Airplane noise/airport expansion barely edged out crime, gangs, drugs, and traffic congestion for third, all being named by just over 10% of respondents. (*Residents are reminded and encouraged to call the O'Hare Noise Hotline at 1-800-435-9569 to voice their concerns about plane noise and pollution problems. If no calls are placed to the hotline from Elmhurst, the Chicago Department of Aviation may contend that O'Hare operations do not cause quality-of-life problems for Elmhurst residents.*)

Responses to certain questions are of particular interest to elected officials and staff in making future budget decisions. Close to 65% of respondents indicated that they would use a telephone hotline service, if available. Almost 70% have access to the Internet and many indicated an interest in completing various transactions and inquiries via the Internet.

Survey results have been shared with the School District, Park District, Public Library and City Centre in that various services under their jurisdiction were mentioned by respondents. The survey provides an excellent "snapshot" of residents' impressions, concerns and priorities. Copies of the survey results are available at the Elmhurst Public Library and City Hall for interested residents to review.

Holiday Fire Safety Tips



- Candles are especially popular during the holiday season but they are one of the leading causes of house fires in this and other communities. Melting candles often tip over or break their glass containers and ignite surrounding materials, such as curtains, towels, tablecloths or rugs. Candles should never be left unattended, even for a minute or two. Children should be taught that candles, matches and lighters are tools – not toys. In a power failure, flashlights or battery-operated lamps provide a much safer light source than candles.
- Fires involving Christmas trees, gifts and decorations can be prevented by following a few precautions. Use only one plug per outlet and make sure wiring for lights is not frayed or broken. Older incandescent bulbs pose a greater fire safety hazard than new, low-heat Christmas lights. Keep the tree and packages away from heat registers. Cut one inch off the trunk of a real tree before placing it in a stand filled with water. Real trees dry out easily and, when dry, can present a real fire hazard. They should not be left up for more than two weeks.

Remember: Fire Safety is an . . . Attitude!

Carbon Monoxide Warning



Last year an Elmhurst family had a very close call with an extremely dangerous gas called carbon monoxide. The Elmhurst Fire Department responded to a 9-1-1 call and found a family of six overcome by fumes from a faulty gas appliance flue pipe. Four of the six were unconscious when emergency personnel arrived on the scene. All six were rushed to the hospital for treatment and have subsequently recovered. A carbon monoxide detector would have alerted the residents of the presence of the gas before it reached potentially deadly levels.

Recent citizen survey results show that over 96% of respondents have smoke detectors in their homes. However, almost 40% of respondents reported that they do not have carbon monoxide detectors. The Fire Department is providing the following information to educate residents about the dangers associated with carbon monoxide.

What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas produced as a result of incomplete burning of carbon-containing fuels. Any inadequately vented or improperly maintained fuel-burning appliance can be a potential source of CO. Common sources of CO include:

- Gas appliances, including furnaces, ranges, ovens, water heaters and clothes dryers;
- Fireplaces, wood and coal stoves, and space heaters;
- Fumes from charcoal grills, automobile exhaust, camp stoves, gas-powered lawn mowers and power tools;
- Cracked or leaking chimneys or furnaces.

What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?

- At low levels - fatigue and chest pain in people with heart disease;
- At higher levels - flu-like symptoms, such as headache, dizziness and weakness, which may clear up

after leaving the home, impaired vision and coordination, sleepiness, nausea, vomiting, confusion and disorientation;

- At very high levels - loss of consciousness and death.

Carbon monoxide is especially dangerous for pregnant women and unborn babies, infants and children, elderly people and people with anemia or a history of heart or respiratory disease. Exposure to low levels of CO, over a long period of time, can cause chronic, long-term health problems.

How can I protect my family from CO poisoning?

Preventing CO poisoning is a matter of taking some simple steps:

- Install at least one carbon monoxide detector with an audible alarm in your home. Ideally, install a CO detector on every floor, especially near the sleeping areas. If the alarm sounds, evacuate the home immediately and call 9-1-1. People often assume the detector is malfunctioning because they are not yet experiencing any symptoms.
- Make sure appliances are properly installed, maintained and adjusted. Have a trained professional inspect, clean and tune-up the central heating system (furnaces, flues and chimneys) annually. Repair leaks promptly. Make sure your furnace has adequate intake of outside air.
- Never use an oven or gas range to heat your home. Install an exhaust fan over your gas stove and vent it outside.
- Never burn charcoal inside a home, cabin, recreational vehicle or camper.
- Never leave a car or lawn mower running in a closed garage. Do not operate gasoline-powered engines of any kind in a confined area, such as a garage or basement.

Carbon monoxide can kill without warning. Every home should be protected by one or more carbon monoxide detectors. Don't wait until it's too late!





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Winter Weather Reminders



- City ordinances prohibit street parking for eight hours following a snowfall of two inches or more, or while snow removal is in progress. When clearing your property of snow, please do not put snow or ice in the street as this creates a hazardous condition for motorists. Snow plows clear from the center of the street to the curb, usually in a series of four passes. During the final operation, some snow is inevitably pushed onto private driveway approaches. To avoid having to clear your driveway approach twice, please wait until the street has been cleared before clearing your approach.
- Sump pumps may not discharge water onto sidewalks or streets as this creates a safety hazard for pedestrians and motorists, especially during winter weather. For information on the city's rear yard drain program, call the Public Works Department at 530-3020.
- To prevent pipes on outside walls from freezing and possibly bursting on very cold days, leave a trickle of water running from faucets.
- Residents are encouraged to keep their sidewalks free of snow and ice to provide safe passage for school children, mail carriers and other pedestrians. Please be mindful of neighbors with special needs who may need help with this chore during the winter months.
- Please clear snow away from fire hydrants to allow Fire Department personnel access during a fire emergency.
- Snow and ice can turn our familiar world into a winter wonderland but the same conditions present hazards for motorists. When driving, buckle up, keep car windows free of snow and ice, and adjust your speed and following distance as conditions dictate.
- When participating in outdoor activities on extremely cold days, wear layers of loose, lightweight, warm clothing that insulate by trapping heat close to the body. Always wear a hat, since half of the body's heat is lost through the top of the head. Stay safe and warm this winter!

Mayor's Message



Elmhurst just keeps getting better – with projects throughout the community that enhance the quality of life we enjoy. Governor George Ryan was a special guest on September 19 at the groundbreaking ceremony for one of the most important of those projects – the construction of the new York High School. First-rate education is crucial to the future of Elmhurst and this project will help District 205 maintain its well-deserved reputation as an outstanding school district. Along with our two faith-based high schools, Immaculate Conception and Timothy Christian, Elmhurst offers an excellent selection of top-notch high schools.

The new Kohl's Department Store recently opened its doors at Elmhurst Crossing, the new shopping center at the corner of Route 83 and St. Charles Road. Store officials report that the new store is already performing in the top ten of Kohl's stores nationwide. If you haven't already done so, please check out this exciting new addition to the Elmhurst business community.

You may have noticed that the Jewel Food Store at Schiller and Palmer in downtown Elmhurst recently closed. The old store will be demolished and an all-new store constructed in its place to better meet the downtown grocery shopping needs of Elmhurst residents.

I would like to personally thank the residents who filled out and returned the rather lengthy 2000 City of Elmhurst Citizen Survey. The information you provided is vital to the city's future planning and budgeting efforts.

Motorists and pedestrians are reminded that crossing gates and other types of safety equipment have been installed at crossings along the Illinois Central and Canadian National tracks. Motorists who disregard these warning devices not only risk a \$500 fine but, more importantly, risk their lives and the lives of others. You have undoubtedly read and heard much in the news about the tragic accident last year that killed 12 train passengers in Bourbonnais when the train struck a truck on the tracks.

On a related subject, city officials have had a number of discussions with the Federal Railroad Administration concerning the problem of train whistles and the negative impact they have on quality of life in our community. The City Council and staff are hopeful that with the installation of new gates and other safety features, Elmhurst can be designated a "Quiet Zone" and the practice of sounding train whistles at crossings can be reduced to only those situations that require the sounding of such a warning.

Please join the City Council and staff, and neighbors and friends at the Annual Tree Lighting on Friday, November 24. Festivities will begin at 6:30 and will include music, sleigh rides, refreshments, the tree lighting ceremony and the arrival of Santa. Don't forget to make Elmhurst your first stop for holiday shopping. When we keep sales tax dollars in the community, everyone benefits.

From the elected officials, staff and employees of the City of Elmhurst, I wish you and yours all the peace and joy of the holiday season.

Mayor Thomas D. Marcucci



City Hall Holiday Hours

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 23; Friday, November 24; Friday, December 22 (at noon); Monday, December 25; and Monday, January 1. As a reminder, the normal hours of operation for City Hall are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Finance Department counter remains open until 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday evenings unless a holiday falls on a Monday.



Televising of City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are now being videotaped and rebroadcast at noon each Wednesday and at 7:00 p.m. each Thursday following the Monday evening meetings. Residents are welcome to either attend Council meetings in person every first and third Monday at 7:30 p.m. or tune in to channel 6 later that week or the following week.



Coming Soon – 2001 Community Calendar

Watch the mail for your 2001 community calendar. The calendar, sponsored by the Business Alliance (the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and

Industry, the Elmhurst City Centre, the Elmhurst Economic Development Corporation and the City of Elmhurst), will be delivered to Elmhurst homes and businesses in December.

New Format for Utility Billing

The city recently initiated a statement-type bill for the utility billing system. If you have not already seen the new style bill, your next utility invoice should be in that format. Other new payment options, including bank account debit and credit cards, will be coming soon.

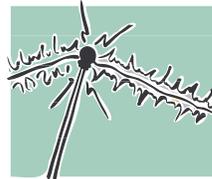
Toys for Tots

New toys for needy children are being collected until December 15 at the Elmhurst Police Station, 125 E. First, and at City Hall, 209 N. York Street.

Holiday Safe Shopping Tips

The holidays are such a busy time that people often forget to be careful about their personal safety and property. These tips may help keep your holidays safe.

- Pay with a check or credit card whenever possible instead of carrying large amounts of cash. Watch your credit card during transactions to make sure it's used to print only one slip.
- If you carry a wallet, keep it in your front pants pocket or coat breast pocket. If you carry a purse, keep it close to your body and in front of you where you can see it. Cover the clasp or flap with your arm or hand.
- Be alert and walk confidently. Notice who passes you or is walking behind you. Be especially careful on crowded buses and trains or in crowds of shoppers.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages that will make it more difficult for you to keep track of your purse or wallet or to respond to a personal threat.
- Park your car in a well-lit area. Close the windows and lock the doors. Lock gifts and parcels in the trunk.
- If you will be shopping with children, teach them to go to a security guard or store clerk if you become separated. Tell them never to go to the parking lot to look for you or the car.



Power Out?

To report power outages, residents are reminded to call ComEd at 1-800-EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661). Calls received on this automated line are used by ComEd to determine the

parameters of the outage and locate the problem more quickly.

Running for Public Office

Residents interested in serving their community in an elected official capacity are encouraged to run for local public office. Elections will be held on April 3, 2001, for the Elmhurst City Council positions of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and for seven aldermanic seats. The elections will also fill three positions on the School District 205 Board of Education and three on the Park District Board of Commissioners. Packets are available at the following locations:

- For City Council positions – City Clerk's office in City Hall, 209 N. York Street
- For School Board positions – School Board offices, Finance Department, 130 W. Madison
- For Park District Board positions – Park District offices in Wilder Park, 225 Prospect.

Nominating papers are required to run for any of these elected offices and must be filed between January 15 and January 23.



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Just Hang Up!!! Telemarketing Fraud



Americans lose an estimated \$40 billion every year to telemarketing fraud. Very little of that money is ever recovered. The Elmhurst Police Department offers the following tips to help residents protect themselves from unscrupulous companies and individuals that take advantage of the unwary. Of the estimated 14,000 telemarketing “companies” currently operating, approximately 10% or 1,400 are involved in illegal activity. Most operate from out-of-state or from outside the U.S. Following is a list of some common telemarketing schemes.

- “Lottery winners” are notified of their “winnings” via phone calls from out-of-state or Canada and asked to send money to settle taxes before the prize can be released.
- “Get rich quick” investment schemes promise “high returns and low risk.” Offers include gemstones, rare coins, oil and gas leases, art and precious metals that are either worthless or worth far less than the person is asked to pay.
- Free or low cost vacation packages almost always contain hidden costs or fail to include significant expenses, such as airfare or hotel. Often, the vacations never materialize at all.
- Many vitamins and other health products offered by phone are overpriced and worth very little.
- Phony charities with names that closely resemble

legitimate charities are designed to take advantage of people’s generosity.

- Sweepstakes or contests offer free prizes (usually worthless) if the person buys something or attends a sales presentation.
- Recovery scams promise that, for a fee, they will recover money lost to another scam. The sad fact is that even law enforcement officials are usually not able to recover money lost to a fraudulent telemarketer.

Who are the victims?

Illinois State Police records indicate that 90% of the victims are over the age of 60. Although only 12% of the population are over 60, there are a number of reasons why older citizens are commonly targeted. First, people over the age of 50 control 70% of the total net worth in the U.S. with an estimated \$8 trillion dollars in assets, investments and savings. Second, seniors often tend to be more trusting than younger people.

How can I tell the difference between legitimate and fraudulent telemarketing?

Fraudulent telemarketers are very good at what they do and most people cannot tell the difference. However, there are some warning signs you should be aware of. Offers that seem “too good to be true” usually are. Beware of telemarketers who ask you to send cash or give them credit card or bank account numbers. Legitimate telemarketers will never ask you to send money to “secure a prize.” Hang up on any telemarketer who persists after you say “No” or who demands that you make an immediate decision. You will not miss out on an “opportunity of a lifetime.” You may just prevent an unscrupulous person from taking advantage of you and conning you out of a large amount of money.

Contact your telephone company for features you can use to protect yourself from unwanted calls. Remember - if you don’t feel right about a call, JUST HANG UP!

Gun Lock Program

As of January 1, 2000, Illinois law requires that firearms be secured and locked if there is a possibility that children under the age of 14 will have access to the weapon. The Elmhurst Police Department recommends that all firearms be stored unloaded with a locking device, and that the ammunition be locked up in a separate location.

The Elmhurst Police Department has purchased several hundred gun locks that are available to residents at no

cost. If you live or work in Elmhurst, the Police Department will give you up to two locks free of charge. Stop by the Police Department with your Firearms Owner’s Identification Card for the locks. **Please do not bring firearms to the police station.**

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Refuse/Yard Waste Reminders

- The last free leaf pick-up for the year will be on your regular refuse collection day, either November 29, November 30 or December 1.
- Yard waste collection will end on November 30 and resume on April 1, 2001.

Seniors – Need Help with Minor Home Repairs?

Do you need faucets repaired or electrical outlets replaced? Do you need new dead bolts installed or a lock re-keyed? Do you need weather-stripping replaced or windows caulked before more cold weather arrives? If you are over 60 years of age and a resident of DuPage County, the Home Maintenance Department of DuPage Senior Citizens Council does minor plumbing, electrical work, first-floor gutter cleaning, safety equipment installation and general maintenance at affordable prices. Home or condo owners who meet the financial eligibility criteria may qualify to have work done at no cost. Call the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at (630) 620-9794 for more information.



Holiday Refuse Collection

- When a holiday falls on a weekday (Monday through Friday), refuse collection is postponed by one day for residents whose regular collection day follows the holiday. For example, during Thanksgiving week, refuse will be collected on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (one day late for residents with Thursday or Friday pick-up). Refuse pick-up during the weeks of Christmas and New Years Day will be delayed by one day for all Elmhurst residents since both holidays fall on Mondays.
- Place holiday wreaths, garlands, wrapping paper and packing peanuts with your regular garbage. Boxes may be recycled if they are flattened, bundled or bagged, and measure no more than three feet by three feet.
- Christmas trees will not require a sticker if placed for collection on your regular collection day during the first and second weeks in January. After the second week in January, BFI will pick up trees with one refuse sticker attached. All tinsel, ornaments, lights and nails must be removed. Trees should not be put in a plastic bag.



November 2000 City of Elmhurst

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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
Janet S. Edgley, City Clerk
David Dyer, City Treasurer

Aldermen

1st Ward, Norman T. Reinertsen, Paul Fichtner;
2nd Ward, Dennis M. Reboletti, Janice A. Vanek;
3rd Ward, William E. Friberg, Susan J. Rose;
4th Ward, John Gow, Steven DuBois;
5th Ward, James J. Parker, Phillip D. Jordan;
6th Ward, Peter W. Balmann, Stephen G. Hillsman;
7th Ward, George Szczepaniak, Mark A. Mulliner.



Sunday, December 10

WINTER SOCIAL

Travel back to the fifties at this holiday open house. Visitors will marvel at all sorts of things from the 1950s; holiday decorations, TV programs, special photographs, kids' activities and refreshments too!

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst
1-4 p.m., Free
Info: (630) 833-1457



Tuesday, December 12

FACULTY SPEAKER SERIES "THE RISKS AND REWARDS OF MASS COMMUNICATION"

Lecture by Dr. Patricia Lynott
Elmhurst College, Irion Hall, Buik Recital Hall
190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
7 p.m.
Info: (630) 617-3033

Friday, December 15

FAMILY HOLIDAY CRAFTS FEST

Children (ages 3 through 2nd grade) and their families are invited to create ornaments and other holiday items while enjoying music and refreshments. Registration required.

Elmhurst Public Library
211 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
7-8 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 279-8696

Saturday, December 16

ELMHURST CITY CENTRE HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S MATINEES

Come to York Theatre on Saturday mornings for a free kids holiday movie!

York Theatre
150 N. York, Elmhurst
10 a.m.
Free
Info: (630) 993-1600

Saturday, December 16

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Children in 3rd grade and up are invited to make festive gifts and decorations for the holidays. Registration required.

Elmhurst Public Library
211 Prospect, Elmhurst
1-2 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 279-8696

Saturday, December 16

SEARCHING FOR THE GREAT HOPEWELL ROAD

Documentary video explores the Native American earthworks in southeastern Ohio.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill, Elmhurst
2-3 p.m.

\$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for students and children under 13 are free.
Info: (630) 833-1616

Friday, December 29

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Press Publications Bluejay Classic (thru Dec. 30)
Penn St.. Berhards vs. Wabash
Friday 6 p.m.
Elmhurst vs. Dominican
Friday 8 p.m.

Consolation Game, Saturday 1 p.m.
Championship Game, Saturday 3 p.m.
Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst

Friday, December 29

DAY OFF? DROP IN AT EHM!

Special drop-in program on in-service and vacation days. Today: "Nine Men's Morris" game.
Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst
1-3 p.m.
Children must be between the ages of 4-12
Free
Info: (630) 833-1457

Sunday, December 31

A CONCERT OF MUSIC AND PLAY W/JIM GILL.

Children ages 3 and up are invited to a concert of imaginative songs, stories and musical activities.

Elmhurst Public Library
211 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
2-2:45 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 279-8696

Friday, January 5

DAY OFF? DROP IN AT EHM!

Special drop-in program on in-service and vacation days. Today: "Jacob's Ladder" kit.
Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, 1-3 p.m.
Children must be between the ages of 4-12
Free
Info: (630) 833-1457

Saturday, January 6



"BUILD A DINOSAUR!"

Working in small groups, children and adults attempt to assemble a large wooden dinosaur skeleton. Reservations Recommended.
Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill, Elmhurst

10:30-11:30 a.m. & 1-2 p.m. & 3-4 p.m.
\$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for students and children ages 6 & up
Info: (630) 833-1616

Sunday, January 7

HOLIDOME WINTER BREAK

Every Sunday in January from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the public is invited to the newly remodeled Holidome for swimming, games, prizes, food, clowns, etc.

Holiday Inn-Elmhurst
624 N. York Rd., Elmhurst
An adult should accompany children
Free
Info: (630) 279-1100

Sunday, January 7

LYRIC OPERA LECTURE: "TOSCA"

Learn more about this opera performed by the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Elmhurst Public Library
211 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
3-4 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 279-8696

Monday, January 8

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst, 7:30 p.m.



Thursday, January 11

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. WHEATON COLLEGE

Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 12

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

(THROUGH JANUARY 15)

Buy books, cassettes, videos, CDs and more at great prices. Buy-one-get-one free day on Sunday. \$1 bag on Monday.

Elmhurst Public Library
211 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
Monday and Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, 1-5 p.m.
Info: (630) 279-8696

Sunday, January 14

HOLIDOME WINTER BREAK

Every Sunday in January from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the public is invited to the newly remodeled Holidome for swimming, games, prizes, food, clowns, etc.

Holiday Inn-Elmhurst
624 N. York Rd., Elmhurst
An adult should accompany children
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Sunday, January 14

SECOND SUNDAY DROP-IN

Monthly drop-in program for kids and caregivers.

Today: Alphabet samplers!
Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, 1-3:30 p.m.
Children must be between the ages of 4-12
Free
Info: (630) 833-1457

Monday, January 15

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BREAKFAST

Co-sponsored by Elmhurst College
Featuring Mae Jemison, first African-American Woman in Space, speaking on "Celebrating Diversity...Our Universal Responsibility: Make The Dream A Reality."

100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
7:30 a.m.
\$25 per ticket
Info: (630) 942-3965

Monday, January 15

AFRICAN FOLK TALES

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by listening to African folk tales told by EPL librarians. For children kindergarten age and up. Registration required.

Elmhurst Public Library
211 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
10-10:45 a.m.
Free
Info: (630) 279-8696

Tuesday, January 16

THE ABCS OF CARING FOR YOUR COLLECTION

First in a series of workshops for people interested in learning how to best care for their personal historic treasures. Tonight: Care of photographic images.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, 7-8 p.m.
\$10 for adults
Info: (630) 833-1457

Thursday, January 18

TEA TIME TOUR

Swing in the New Year with some old favorites performed by a live swing band.

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

Saturday, January 20

MOVIE PALACE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

"RKO Theatres At Mid-Century Photo Exhibit"—selections from newly donated collection of 800 images of movie theatres in the 1950s, all across America.

Theatre Historical Society of America
York Theatre Building, 2nd floor
152 N. York St., Elmhurst
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 782-1800



Saturday, January 20

"EXPLORING THE SOLAR SYSTEM"

Learn about the planets in our solar system with an interactive lecture and experiments, presented by children's book author, Diane Sipiera.

Reservations Recommended.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill, Elmhurst
2-3 p.m.

\$3 for adults, seniors, students, and children ages 7 & up
Info: (630) 833-1616

Saturday, January 20

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. NORTH CENTRAL

Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst, 2 p.m.

Sunday, January 21

HOLIDOME WINTER BREAK

Every Sunday in January from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the public is invited to the newly remodeled Holiday dome for swimming, games, prizes, food, clowns, etc.

Holiday Inn-Elmhurst
624 N. York Rd., Elmhurst
An adult should accompany children
Free
Info: (630) 279-1100

Sunday, January 21

LYRIC OPERA LECTURE: "THE BARBER OF SEVILLE"

Learn more about this opera performed by the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Elmhurst Public Library
211 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
3-4 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 279-8696

Wednesday, January 24

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. AUGUSTANA

Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 25

THE ABCS OF CARING FOR YOUR COLLECTION

Learn how to care for your personal treasures in this workshop series. Tonight: Caring for textiles.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, 7-8 p.m.
\$10 for adults
Info: (630) 833-1457

Friday, January 26

DAY OFF? DROP IN AT EHM!

Special drop-in program on in-service and vacation days. Today: "Thus Says the Grand Mufti, So Says the Grand Mufti" game.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, 1-3 p.m.
Children must be between the ages of 4-12
Free
Info: (630) 833-1457

Saturday, January 27

AL HANKE INVITATIONAL

Elmhurst College Wrestling
Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst
9:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 27

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. CARTHAGE

Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst, 2 p.m.

Sunday, January 28

HOLIDOME WINTER BREAK

Every Sunday in January from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the public is invited to the newly remodeled Holiday dome for swimming, games, prizes, food, clowns, etc.

Holiday Inn-Elmhurst
624 N. York Rd., Elmhurst
Free
Info: (630) 279-1100

Tuesday, January 30

THE ABCS OF CARING FOR YOUR COLLECTIONS

Learn how to care for your personal treasures in this workshop series. Tonight: Caring for furniture.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, 7-8 p.m.
\$10 for adults
Info: (630) 833-1457



Tuesday, January 30

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. CARTHAGE

Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst, 7:30 p.m.

Month of February

INSECT INVESTIGATION

Discover our smallest citizens and newest immigrants in a display of some of the INSECTS of Elmhurst. Drop in to learn about the local heroes and villains how to create a butterfly garden, and how to best prepare for the destructive invaders.

Elmhurst Park District
Wider Park Conservatory, Elmhurst
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 993-8989

Thursday, February 1

CHILDREN'S THEATRE, "IF YOU ARE A DREAMER."

(THROUGH FEBRUARY 3)

Student production based on poems by the late Shel Silverstein, directed by Amanda Virzi.

Elmhurst College, Mill Theatre
253 Walter St., Elmhurst
7 p.m.
Tickets: \$4-6
Info: (630) 617-3005

Thursday, February 1

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. NORTH PARK

Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 3

"ROCK AND MINERAL IDENTIFICATION"

Learn observation skills and tests used in identifying rocks and minerals, materials are provided. Reservations required.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill, Elmhurst
10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.
\$5 for adults, seniors, students, and children ages 9 & up
Info: (630) 833-1616

Sunday, February 4

LYRIC OPERA LECTURE: "THE FLYING DUTCHMAN"

Learn more about this opera performed by the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Elmhurst Public Library
211 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
3-4 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 279-8696

Tuesday, February 6

HEALTHY HEART MONTH

The staff from the Bearfoot Center and Elmhurst Memorial Hospital will check your "Teddy" from head to paw and offer other helpful ideas. There is a lot of fun, surprises and hands on activities. No advanced registration required.

Bearfoot Fitness Center
Eldridge Park Rec. Building, Elmhurst
9 a.m.-12 noon
\$4 resident, \$6 non-resident – first child, second child, sibling or guest or grandparent is Free
Info: (630) 993-8989



Elmhurst Community Calendar

Thursday, February 8 THE GREAT TV TURN OFF (THROUGH FEBRUARY 14)

Join over 7,000 Elmhurst children and their families in turning off television sets and rediscovering one another and our community. Elmhurst organizations and businesses will offer many enriching and fun things to do instead of watching TV!

Throughout Elmhurst
Free
Info: (630) 993-1600

Thursday, February 8 THE ABCS OF CARING FOR YOUR COLLECTIONS

Learn how to care for your personal treasures in this workshop series. Tonight: Caring for glass and ceramics.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, 7-8 p.m.
\$10 for adults
Info: (630) 833-1457

Thursday, February 8 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING LECTURE

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael E. Dyson
Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Chapel
190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
7 p.m.
Info: (630) 617-3033

Thursday, February 8 MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MILLIKIN

Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 9 "OLIVER TWIST" (THROUGH FEBRUARY 11)

Elmhurst Children's Theatre Production of "Oliver Twist." ECT is comprised of 5,6,7, & 8th grade students of Elmhurst.

Sandburg Middle School
345 E. St. Charles Rd., Elmhurst, IL
February 9th and 16th, 7:30 p.m.
February 10th, 11th, 17th, & 18th, 2 p.m.
\$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students with an ID, and children under 12
Info: (630) 279-4249

Sunday, February 11 SECOND SUNDAY DROP-IN

Monthly drop-in program for kids and caregivers. Today: V is for Valentine, make a Valentine.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, 1-3:30 p.m.
Children must be between the ages of 4-12
Free
Info: (630) 833-1457



For a comprehensive calendar of programs for youth, please visit www.lifeeducation.org on the worldwide web which is published by the City of Elmhurst Youth Commission.

Sunday, February 11 ELMHURST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S ROMANTIC REVELS

Violinist Maria Bachmann will bring her dynamic talents to Hammerschmidt Chapel when she plays the Violin Concerto No. 3 of Camille Saint-Saens. Inspired by the poetry of Shelley, Samuel Barber's darkly romantic Music for a Scene from Shelley will open the program. The ESO will also present Brahms' Symphony No. 2, a masterwork ranging in mood from pastoral to powerful.



Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College
190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
3 p.m.
\$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, \$6 for children and students with a valid ID
Info: (630) 941-0202

Tuesday, February 13 THE ABCS OF CARING FOR YOUR COLLECTIONS

Learn how to care for your personal treasures in this workshop series. Tonight: Caring for family papers.

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, 7-8 p.m.
\$10 for adults
Info: (630) 833-1457

Thursday, February 15 TEA TIME TOUR

V is for Valentine! Enjoy a special slide show program about the history of Valentine cards.
Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, 1 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 833-1457

Thursday, February 15 ELMHURST COLLEGE CHOIRS CONCERT

Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Chapel
190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, 7:30 p.m.
Info: (630) 617-3515

Friday, February 16 "OLIVER TWIST" (THROUGH FEBRUARY 18)

Elmhurst Children's Theatre Production of "Oliver Twist." ECT is comprised of 5,6,7, & 8th grade students of Elmhurst.

Sandburg Middle School
345 E. St. Charles Rd., Elmhurst, IL
February 9th and 16th, 7:30 p.m.
February 10th, 11th, 17th, & 18th, 2 p.m.
\$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students with an ID, and children under 12
Info: (630) 279-4249

Saturday, February 17 MOVIE PALACE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

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Theatre Historical Society of America
York Theatre Building, 2nd floor
152 N. York Rd., Elmhurst
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Free
Info: (630) 782-1800

Saturday, February 17 "CREATE YOUR OWN SCRIMSHAW"

Noted scrimshander, Richard Kovanda teaches the art of engraving with ink on tile. Reservations required.

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
220 Cottage Hill, Elmhurst
2-3:15 p.m.
\$6 for adults, seniors, students, and children ages 9 & up
Info: (630) 833-1616

Saturday, February 17 GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA

Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College
190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
7 p.m.
\$10 (\$5 for students and seniors)
Info: (630) 617-3033

Monday, February 19 MEET BEN FRANKLIN

In honor of President's Day, meet actors portraying Benjamin Franklin and daughter Sarah. Registration required.

Elmhurst Public Library
211 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
10:30-11:15 a.m., Free
Info: (630) 279-8696

Thursday, February 22 THE ABCS OF CARING FOR YOUR COLLECTIONS

Final workshop in a series of how to care for personal treasures. Tonight: Creating and caring for your "family history."

Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, 7-8 p.m.
\$10 for adults
Info: (630) 833-1457

Thursday, February 22 JAZZ FESTIVAL (THROUGH FEBRUARY 25)

Featuring the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Saturday feature performers:

John Fedchock New York Big Band.
Elmhurst College, Hammerschmidt Chapel
190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst
1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Info: (630) 617-5534

Saturday, February 24 MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. NORTH CENTRAL

Elmhurst College, R.A. Faganel Hall
221 Walter St., Elmhurst, 7:30 p.m.

This Community Calendar is sponsored by:

City of Elmhurst
Elmhurst Children's Theatre
Elmhurst City Centre
Elmhurst College
Elmhurst Historical Museum
Elmhurst Park District
Elmhurst Public Library
Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra
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Theatre Historical Society
of America

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



The City Newsletter

The Elmhurst Historical Museum Bringing History to Life

The museum's newest exhibit, **Anti-macassars to Zeppelins and Everything In-Between**, running through February 18, 2001, illustrates how the museum's permanent collection of artifacts, photographs and manuscript materials reflects the city's past. The 125 ordinary and not-so-ordinary objects selected for the exhibit illustrate the museum's mission of serving as the community's memory by collecting and preserving objects used by people who have called Elmhurst "home."

The museum travels back to the fifties on Sunday, December 3 and Sunday, December 10 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for a very special **Holiday Open House**. For these two days the museum becomes "just another house in Elmhurst" where holiday visitors meet beneath a fully-decorated period tree, watch fifties-era television programs, view photographs of fifties holiday and winter scenes in Elmhurst, and test their "50's



IQ." Ornament-making activities for children and refreshments complete the fun.

Beginning November 24, the Historical Museum will offer **special free activities on selected District 205 in-service and vacation days**. Children between 4 and 12 years of age accompanied by an adult can drop in between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. to participate in a variety of historic games and crafts.

Beginning in January, the Elmhurst Historical Museum will sponsor **The ABCs of Caring for Your Collections**, a series of six evening workshops taught by experts and designed to teach people how to best care for their personal historic treasures. Registration is \$10 per workshop or \$50 for all six. Materials may be offered at an additional cost at some workshops. Dates for these special workshops are January 16 (photos), January 25 (textiles), January 30 (furniture), February 8 (glass and ceramics), February 13 (family papers) and February 22 (family history).

For a complete listing of exhibits and programs for children and adults, please see the enclosed "Community Calendar." Public gallery hours are from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, please call (630) 833-1457.



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