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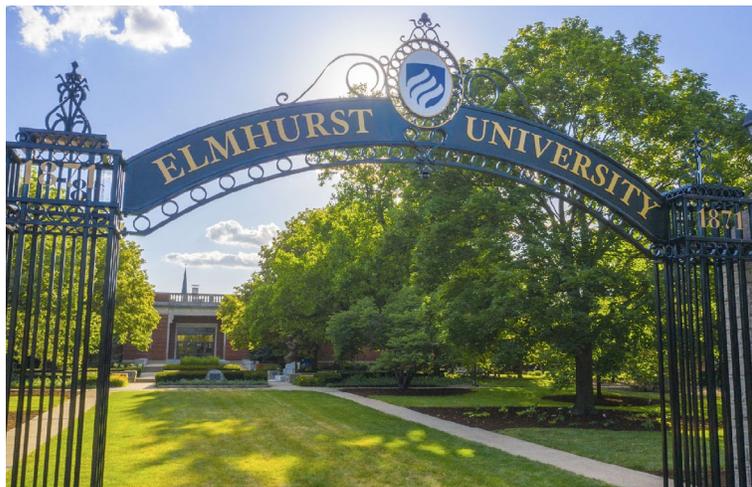
## Close to Everything, Unlike Anything!

[Elmhurst](#) (Pop. 47,260) is an ideal location with proximity to major airports and minimum drive time to major marketplaces. Situated as the eastern gateway to DuPage County, Elmhurst is located sixteen miles west of Chicago, minutes from O'Hare airport, and at the crossroads of key Illinois expressways. This dynamic suburban city is home to more than 44,000 residents and 2,500-plus businesses. Founded in 1836, Elmhurst has a wide variety of housing, offering those who live, work and do business here -- a vibrant mix of the past and the future. Learn of our colorful and rich history at the Elmhurst Museum or explore modern art at the Elmhurst Art Museum with the McCormick House designed and built by Mies van der Rohe. Shop and play in the bustling downtown, Elmhurst City Centre, which offers everything from urban boutiques to bowling, movies, and exciting events. Revel to sounds of Mozart, Beethoven, and Mahler at the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra. Take a leisurely walk, bike ride or jog down the pastoral 37-mile Illinois Prairie Path. Elmhurst is known for its vibrant, tree-lined streets and fantastic amenities including great schools, parks, shopping, dining, recreation, employment opportunities, and community events all year-round.

## Our Government

Elmhurst has a long history of leadership under the Council/Manager form of government. The City Council is comprised of the Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer, and fourteen Aldermen. The Mayor, City Clerk, and Treasurer are elected at-large to serve four years. There are two Aldermen from each of the City's seven wards elected on a rotating basis. The City Council is empowered to tax, borrow money, and enact ordinances and resolutions to ensure the quality of public services. The City Council is structured into standing committees. The City Manager is responsible for operations of all departments, delivery of city services, and the city-wide budget.





## Education

[Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205](#) currently serves more than 8,000 students who reside primarily in the City of Elmhurst and small portions of Oak Brook, Bensenville and Addison. Approximately 90 percent of students live in Elmhurst with the remainder living outside of the City, but within the District 205 boundaries. (District boundaries are NOT contiguous with City boundaries.) At present, District 205 maintains fourteen schools (eight elementary schools, three middle schools, York Community High School, a Transition Program and the Madison Early Childhood Education Center).

[Elmhurst University](#) traces its history back to 1871. In 1924, the school formally took on the name Elmhurst College and began conferring the bachelor of arts degree. On July 1, 2020, the college officially changed its name from Elmhurst College to Elmhurst University. The university has been celebrating its 150th anniversary during the 2021 – 2022 academic year. It received the following awards.

- Best Colleges by U.S. News and World Report
  - “Regional University Midwest 2022”
  - “Best Value Schools”
  - “Undergrad Teaching”
  - Abound – “Top Degrees MBA 2020”



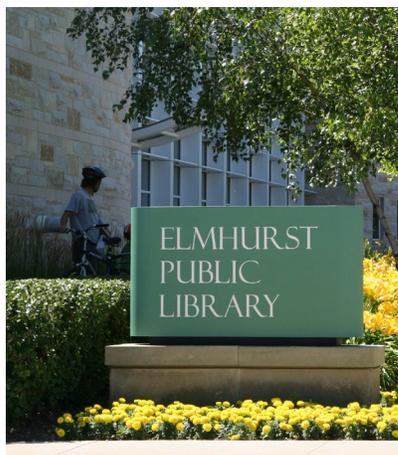
## “Having Fun”

The [Elmhurst Park District](#) was established on June 5, 1920, to meet the leisure and recreational needs of the community. The Park District acquisition of the Wilder property occurred in 1921, making it the first public park in Elmhurst. The Park District added the conservatory to the greenhouse in 1924, and the Wilder Park Conservatory then opened to the public.

Joanne B. Wagner Community Center opened September 6, 2003, filling a need for an indoor programming venue. The redevelopment and opening of Berens Park and The Hub in 2004 came just in time for the District’s 85th anniversary. Also in 2003, the new Elmhurst Public Library opened at the north end of Wilder Park following a land exchange agreement with the District and the City of Elmhurst.

In 2016, The Playground for Everyone, the first fully-inclusive playground in Elmhurst, and one of the first in DuPage county, was built. Located at Butterfield Park, it includes sensory-rich structures that encourage play for children with mobility challenges and developmental disabilities

Elmhurst’s first new park in more than three decades, Centennial Park, was dedicated in July 2020. The Park Board and District staff hosted a Virtual Park Dedication on Facebook to celebrate and reveal the park's name.



## Learning Opportunities

In 1912, the Elmhurst City Council passed an ordinance that established a public library and an annual tax levy to support the library. The mayor appointed the first nine-member Library Board. On March 22, 1916, despite a snowstorm, the [Elmhurst Public Library \(EPL\)](#) opened to a crowd of 100 in a small room in the rear of the old Glos Building at York and Park Avenue.

By the dawn of the new millennium, library books numbered over 240,000 in a building intended for a maximum of 120,000 volumes. EPL was busier than ever. Circulation skyrocketed to over 794,000. As EPL looks toward the next ten years and beyond, the Board of Trustees and staff continue to anticipate and meet the needs of the Elmhurst community. The Library strives to become the community hub for small businesses, local clubs, special interest groups, and individuals who seek resources and spaces to explore, learn, and grow.



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## By the Numbers

Median Age = **39.5**  
 Ethnicity = Caucasian 86.8%,  
 African American 1.5%,  
 American Indian/Native .1%,  
 Hispanic/Latino 7.7%, Asian 6.2%

Median Home Value = **\$442,400**  
 Median Income = **\$127,908**  
 Square Miles = **10.22**  
 Households = **16,808**

## Business and Economic Status

Elmhurst is an ideal location with proximity to major airports and minimum drive time to major marketplaces. Elmhurst is served by two rail lines, including an express Metra line into Chicago. Elmhurst also provides free 3-hour shopper parking on weekdays, evenings after 5p.m., and weekends and a free trolley service between different retail districts in the summertime. Learn more about transportation and parking options at their respective links.

The Elmhurst Community is rich in quality of life enhancements for businesses and their employees, and values business partnerships. From museums to movies, fine dining to quick service restaurants, big box to boutique shopping, and a variety of ways to get involved – Elmhurst has something for everyone. The [Explore Elmhurst website](#) allows you to discover all the amenities Elmhurst has to offer!



## About the Position

- The department is staffed with a Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, administrative assistant, three (3) Battalion Chiefs, six (6) Lieutenants, thirty-three (33) firefighters operating from two fire stations.
- The department has had a long-standing strong relationship with Metro Paramedic Services who supply (15) contract Paramedics, (1) Ambulance and (1) ALS/ Medic car to staff EMS responses.
- The department provides full ALS/EMS services as well as specialized response team services covering hazardous materials, confined space, trench, collapse, dive, and other services.
- The department is made up of several divisions including Emergency Medical Services, EMA, Fire Prevention, Public Education and Honor Guard and Training.
- The department is proud to have attained and maintained an ISO Class 1.
- The department is implementing new initiatives for 2022 including, a brand-new bike safety program for families, installation of the “Little Free Library” at each fire station, sensory day for children with special powers, “Cooks & Hooks” a cookbook filled with our firehouse favorite recipes, and our Noon Year’s Eve bash for families to name a few.
- Annually the department responds to over 5,800 fire, EMS, and service-related calls.
- The annual budget for FY2022 is \$11,776,400.



### The Mission of the Elmhurst Fire Department is:

The Elmhurst Fire Department consists of competent and valued professionals dedicated to providing life safety, emergency services, and educational programs for the protection of life and property in our community. The mission is accomplished by holding devotion to duty above personal safety and comfort, and continually challenging our members to enhance the quality of services provided.

### This mission is accomplished through the Value Statements of:

- FAMILY AND FRIENDS - We value our family and friends.
- TRUST - We value the trust of the community and each other.
- INTEGRITY - We shall act in an honest and ethical manner.
- RESPONSIBILITY - We will do what we say we are going to do.

## ELMHURST FIRE DEPARTMENT by the Numbers

- 1** Fire Chief
- 1** Deputy Fire Chief
- 3** Battalion Chiefs
- 6** Lieutenants
- 22** Firefighters
- 15** Contract Paramedics (provided by Metro Paramedic Services)
- 2** Fire Stations

ISO Class **1**

Over **5,800** service calls annually

FY2022 Budget **\$11,776,400**



## The successful candidate will provide:

- **Innovation:** Bring fresh ideas to the organization and offer unique perspectives and experiences.
- **Energy:** Provide enthusiasm and focused energy to all projects and a passion for service to the community. Be one who is highly motivated and can develop and articulate a long-term plan for the fire department with the charisma to lead the team to an even higher level of excellence. Be a highly motivated, visionary, goal-oriented leader with a proven ability to gain cooperation and communicate clear direction.
- **Versatility:** Play an important role in coordinating, facilitating, and managing projects that require involvement across multiple service areas with a strong desire to work in a collegial, team-oriented environment. Be able to look at traditional fire service methods and evaluate to modernize according to call type and volume.
- **Leadership:** Be dedicated to becoming an effective servant leader and building collaborative and positive relationships with other staff members and outside organizations in the region. Have an open, trustworthy, friendly personality and communication style and a calm demeanor; be one who can establish trust quickly with others along with a strong sense of humor. Have thorough knowledge of the principles of personnel management including recruiting, training, promoting, disciplining, and terminating employees within a fire service context and more.



## Successful candidates will possess:

- 7 years or more of experience in senior level management and leadership at the Chief Officer level, or equivalent.
- Bachelor's degree in Fire Science, Fire, Business or Public Administration, or a related field from an accredited institution. A Master's Degree is preferred.
- EMT-B Certification
- Illinois Driver's License
- FEMA Incident Command Certification
- Illinois Fire Officer III Certification
- Desired completion of the Executive Fire Officer program from the National Fire Academy.
- Desired completion of the Illinois Chief Fire Officer Designation, and/or the Chief Officer Designation from CPSE.
- Must meet the provisions of PA 100-1126 in the Illinois Municipal Code.
- There is no specific residency requirement, but reasonable travel distances are appropriate given the responsibility of the position.

## Salary, Benefits and Application

The annual salary for this position is \$ 160,000+/- depending upon qualifications. The City of Elmhurst, IL also offers an attractive and competitive benefits package. Candidates should apply by August 26, 2022, at 1700 hours with résumé, cover letter and contact information for five work-related references to [www.GovHRjobs.com](http://www.GovHRjobs.com). For questions contact T.E. Sashko, Vice President, GovHRUSA, 630 Dundee Road, #225, Northbrook, IL 60062. email: [tsashko@govhrusa.com](mailto:tsashko@govhrusa.com). Tel: (847)380-3240 x123.