

TAKE A TWO-WHEELED ADVENTURE THROUGH HISTORY

NEW EXHIBIT



THE BICYCLE

TWO WHEELS TO ADVENTURE

The Bicycle: Two Wheels to Adventure

June 9-September 17, 2023

Hours: Sunday, Tuesday - Friday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.,

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Location: Elmhurst History Museum 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

More Info: elmhursthistory.org or call 630-833-1457

Over the past 200 years, the bicycle has evolved into a vehicle that opens doors to new adventures and experiences for all ages. Learn about the many ways this 19th-century invention significantly impacted Chicagoland manufacturing, transportation, and infrastructure, and how the bicycle redefined an era of newfound leisure and independence. This story of the "human-powered carriage" is told through examples of iconic bicycles, artifacts, and timeless photographs. See a special display on Elmhurst adventurer, educator, and "World's Most Travelled Man," J. Hart Rosdail, including his trusted bicycle, Jacqueline, and colorful tales from his record-setting journeys across the globe.

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

JUNE

SPECIAL EVENT

Vintage Baseball Game

Sunday, June 4
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE

Location: Elmhurst University College Mall

190 S. Prospect Ave. (in front of Hammerschmidt Chapel)

More Info: elmhursthistory.org (Programs section)

Kick off the summer season with our annual old-fashioned baseball game played by the wildly different rules of 1858. This "Town vs. Gown" game pits City of Elmhurst staff and volunteers against Elmhurst University faculty and alumni. Bring a picnic and lawn chair and get ready to cheer, jeer, and enjoy an afternoon of old-school family fun. Huzzah! Presented by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation.



SPECIAL PROGRAM

Elmhurst Community Ride

Thursday, June 22

Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Cost: FREE

Location: Meet at the

Elmhurst History Museum

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parking lot

Reservations Required:

elmhursthistory.org

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Join members of the Elmhurst Bicycle Club for a fun summer ride on low traffic streets throughout Elmhurst. Riders are required to wear a helmet. Ages 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The Elmhurst History Museum will be open after hours from 5 - 6:30 p.m. to view the new exhibit prior to the ride.

ADULT LECTURE

Cycling in Chicago

Sunday, June 25

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE to members, \$5 to non-members

Location: Elmhurst History Museum

Education Center

Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org (Programs section)

During the late 19th and 20th centuries, Chicago was the epicenter of early bicycle manufacturing in the U.S., with two-thirds of all bicycles nationwide made here. Join avid cyclist and author of *Cycling in Chicago*, Chris McAuliffe, for an intriguing look at the history of cycling in the area and its influence on recreational culture throughout Chicago's history.



FAMILY DROP-IN PROGRAM

Museum Maker Mondays

June 19, July 17, August 7
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE

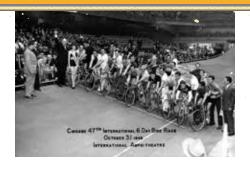
Location: Elmhurst History Museum

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Drop in at the museum on three select Mondays throughout the summer. Kids and caregivers can

explore exhibits on a day reserved for families only, play games, complete a craft, and bring a picnic to enjoy outdoors (weather permitting). Travel-themed crafts available while supplies last. Appropriate for elementary age children accompanied by an adult, no registration required. Craft activity changes monthly.





BIKE BONANZA



SPECIAL EVENT

Bike Bonanza

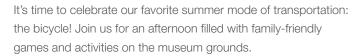
Sunday, July 9

Time: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Location: Elmhurst History Museum

More Info: elmhursthistory.org (Programs section)



- See a thrilling BMX bike performance by Matt Wilhelm, three-time X Games Medalist, two-time U.S. National Champion, Guinness World Record Holder, and semi-finalist on America's Got Talent (2:30 p.m.)
- Explore **The Bicycle: Two Wheels to Adventure** exhibit inside the museum.
- Live music performed by Elmhurst School of Rock (1:15 p.m.).
- Fun lawn games, face painting and craft activities.
- Meet officers from Elmhurst Police Department's Summer Mobile Patrol.
- Meet representatives from Elmhurst Bicycle Club, Ride Illinois, and DuPage Cycling and check out their cool bikes on display.
- Kids can test skills on the mini-hot wheels obstacle course.
- Kona Ice snow cones available for purchase.



JULY



GALLERY TALK

The Bicycle: Two Wheels to Adventure

Sunday, July 16
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE

Location: Elmhurst History Museum,

1st Floor Gallery

Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org

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EHM Curator of Exhibits Sarah Cox will lead participants through highlights of *The Bicycle: Two Wheels to Adventure* exhibit. Includes exclusive access to museum galleries while hearing highlights about the history of cycling and Elmhurst's adventurous world traveler, J. Hart Rosdail.

Unable to attend the gallery talk? Access an online pre-recorded version at *elmhursthistory.org/320/Programs* from 7/17/23 through 9/17/23.

FAMILY PROGRAM

Open Road at Elmhurst Safety Town

Friday, July 21

Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Cost: FREE

Location: Elmhurst Safety Town

511 S. York St.

Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org (Programs section)

Little ones can learn the rules of the road in a fun environment at Safety Town. Kids will use provided tricycles to take a journey with Elmhurst Park District staff offering bicycle safety tips. Craft station, snacks and water included. Limit: 45 participants. Appropriate for ages 3 – 6 accompanied by an adult, and helmets are required.





AUGUST



ADULT LECTURE

The World's Most Traveled Man: Elmhurst's Own J. Hart Rosdail

Sunday, August 13

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE to members

\$5 to non-members

Location: Elmhurst History Museum

Education CenterReservations Required:

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Join Curator of Collections, Dan Lund, for a lecture about long-time Elmhurst resident and educator J. Hart Rosdail and his quest to become the "World's Most Traveled Man." Over the span of four decades, Rosdail's frequent travels spanned the globe as he collected souvenirs and passport stamps on the way to a *Guinness Book of World Records* title for the most countries ever visited, many via his bicycle.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

History on Wheels Bike Tour

Sunday, August 20

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$5/person
Location: Meet at



Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org (Programs section)

Bicyclists are invited to join a two-wheeled tour of Elmhurst led by our friends from the Elmhurst Bicycle Club. Visit local historical spots of interest while pedaling Elmhurst's streets, and learn about local history from Elmhurst History Museum staff. Approximately 1.5 hours duration. Appropriate for ages 10+ accompanied by an adult, and helmets are required.

Elmhurst History Museum

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SATURDAY MORNING!

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Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closed Mondays & Holidays

Admission: FREE

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