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“SNAPSHOTS: ELMHURST NOW & THEN” DEBUTS AT ELMHURST HISTORY MUSEUM

Merging historic photos with their modern-day counterparts, the exhibit showcases the development and evolution of Elmhurst, IL, only through February 23.

ELMHURST, IL (January 2025) – The [Elmhurst History Museum](#), 120 E Park Ave., invites guests to take a step back in time with the debut of its new original exhibition, *Snapshots: Elmhurst Now & Then*. Open January 17 through February 23, 2025, the exhibition features over 30 digitally enhanced photographs allowing visitors to observe the evolution of Elmhurst’s history through changing architecture, transportation, green spaces, population growth, and business developments. In addition to the photographs, the exhibit highlights video footage from the museum's archives, including the earliest filmed footage of Elmhurst from a "drive around town" in 1929, recreated in 1990.

Utilizing rephotography, also known as repeat photography, which entails photographing the same site at two different moments in time, the museum used historic photographs from the Elmhurst History Museum Archives and combined them with modern photographs taken from the same vantage point. The photographs, featuring iconic Elmhurst buildings, street views, parks, and more, were then merged, forming a single image revealing parts of historic Elmhurst with the Elmhurst we know today.

“The urban landscape of Elmhurst, IL has undergone significant changes since it was established as a village in 1882,” said Curator of Exhibits, Sarah Cox. “From improved transportation and population growth to thriving businesses, street views and building facades have been transformed over the years. Whether someone grew up in Elmhurst or has only visited once, we hope this collection will present a unique and nostalgic look at the progression of our hometown.”

To compliment the exhibit, the Elmhurst History Museum has created a vibrant book, also titled *Snapshots: Elmhurst Now & Then*, which contains over 30 images featured in the exhibition. The book, which makes a wonderful gift or keepsake item, is available for purchase in the Elmhurst History Museum store for \$20.

Offering more background on the history of Elmhurst during *Snapshots: Elmhurst Now & Then*, the museum will present a lecture, “[From Prairie to Tree Town: Tales of Old Elmhurst](#)” by Executive Director Dave Oberg on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 2 p.m. at the Elmhurst History Museum Education Center and a [Snapshots: Elmhurst Now & Then Gallery Talk](#) on Sunday, February 9 at 12 p.m. presented by the Curator of Exhibits, Sarah Cox. Tickets are available for purchase at [elmhursthistory.org](#).

The images featured in *Snapshots: Elmhurst Now & Then* were created with historic photographs from the Elmhurst History Museum Archive and modern photographs taken by Dan Lund, Curator of Collections. *Snapshots: Elmhurst Now & Then* was curated by Sarah Cox, Curator of Exhibits. The exhibit will be on display January 17 – February 23, 2025. The Elmhurst History Museum is open to all ages and offers free admission. The museum is open 1 – 5 p.m. Sunday &

Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, and closed Monday. For additional information, please visit www.elmhursthhistory.org.

Elmhurst History Museum's "Snapshots: Elmhurst Now & Then" exhibit is sponsored by: Feze Roofing and the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation.

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The Elmhurst History Museum is a department of the City of Elmhurst supported by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization. The Museum is located at 120 E. Park Ave. in downtown Elmhurst. General admission is free. For more information, call 630-833-1457 or visit our website at elmhursthhistory.org.