



*City of Elmhurst*  
*Chronological Timeline*

- 1834-Arrival of first settlers in York Township area  
1839-York Township is incorporated  
1845-Establishment of Cottage Hill Post Office at Cottage Hill Avenue and St. Charles Road  
1849-Galena and Chicago Union Railroad comes to Cottage Hill  
**1860-Population of Cottage Hill is 199**  
1869-Cottage Hill is renamed Elmhurst at the suggestion of Thomas Barbour Bryan  
**1870-Population of Elmhurst is 329**  
1871-Melancthon Seminary is founded (later known as Elmhurst College)  
**1880-Population of Elmhurst is 723**  
1882-Elmhurst is incorporated as a village—Henry Glos is elected first village president  
1883-Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Quarry is established  
1887-Election of Peter Wolf as village president  
1890-Population of Elmhurst is 1,050  
1892-Electric power is installed in Elmhurst  
1893-Laying of first sewers in Elmhurst  
1893-Volunteer fire department is established  
1897-First telephone in Elmhurst installed in the Glos Bank building at 105 S. York  
**1900-Population of Elmhurst is 1,728**  
1902-Election of Edwin Heidemann as village president  
1902-Routing of the Chicago Aurora & Elgin Railroad through Elmhurst  
1905-Election of Henry C. Schumacher as village president  
1908-Election of C.J. Albert as village president  
1910-Elmhurst votes to incorporate as a city—Henry C. Schumacher is elected first city mayor  
**1910-Population of Elmhurst is 2,360**  
1912-F.W.M. Hammerschmidt is elected mayor  
1913-Elmhurst Woman's Club is organized  
1914-Boy Scouts in Elmhurst is organized  
1916-Elmhurst Public Library opens in the Glos Bank Building at 105 S. York  
1917-Camp Fire Girls in Elmhurst is organized  
1918-Elmhurst Boosters Club is organized  
1918-York Community High School District 88 is established  
1919-Otto Balgemann is elected mayor  
1919-Girl Scouts in Elmhurst is organized  
1919-American Legion Post T.H.B. 187 is organized  
**1920-Population of Elmhurst is 4,594**  
1920-Establishment of the Elmhurst Park District  
1922-Elmhurst Public Library moves to the Wilder Mansion  
1925-Elmhurst Police Department is organized  
1926-Elmhurst Hospital opens  
**1930-Population of Elmhurst is 14,055**  
1931-Edward Blatter is elected mayor  
1932-League of Women Voters of Elmhurst is organized  
1933-Claude van Auken is elected mayor  
1936-Elmhurst celebrates its centennial  
**1940-Population of Elmhurst is 15,458**  
1945-William S. Fellows is elected mayor  
1946-Incorporation of Elmhurst Artist Guild  
1946-City Hall moves to the Glos Mansion

1947-Elmhurst Children's Theatre is organized  
1949-Elmhurst Newcomer's Club is organized  
**1950-Population of Elmhurst is 21,273**  
1951-Ervin F. Wilson is elected mayor  
1952-Elmhurst YMCA is organized  
1952-Creation of the Elmhurst Historical Commission  
1953-Earl Ogden is elected mayor  
1953-Elmhurst adopts City Manager/Council form of government  
1955-Identification of the first case of Dutch Elm Disease in Elmhurst  
1956-Elmhurst Airport Closes  
1957-Benjamin Allison is elected mayor  
1957-Elmhurst Historical Museum opens on the third floor of the Glos Mansion  
1957-Chicago Aurora & Elgin passenger service is suspended  
**1960-Population of Elmhurst is 36,991**  
1961-Charles Weigel, Jr. is elected mayor  
1965-Elmhurst Historical Museum relocates to the library following the construction of library addition  
**1970-Population of Elmhurst is 50,547**  
1970-City Hall moves to 119 Schiller  
1972-Elmhurst Recycling Center is established  
1973-Ray W. Fick, Jr. is elected mayor  
1974-Elmhurst Community Unit School District #205 is organized  
1975-Elmhurst Historical Museum returns to the Glos Mansion  
1977-Abner Ganet is elected mayor  
1977-Underpass (later named Robert Palmer Drive) is constructed  
**1980-Population of Elmhurst is 44,276**  
1985-Robert J. Quinn is elected mayor  
1986-Elmhurst celebrates its sesquicentennial  
1989-Charles H. Garrigues is elected mayor  
**1990-Population of Elmhurst is 42,029**  
1990-New Elmhurst Police Station opens at 125 E. First Street  
1992-City Hall moves to 209 N. York  
1993-Thomas Marcucci is elected mayor  
1993-Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Quarry is acquired by DuPage County for use as a floodwater reservoir  
1994-Elmhurst City Centre is organized  
1997-Elmhurst Art Museum opens its new building at 150 Cottage Hill Ave  
1999-Elmhurst Memorial Center for Health opens at 1200 S. York  
**2000-Population of Elmhurst is 42,762**  
2003-Elmhurst Public Library moves to its new building at 125 Prospect  
2004-York Community High School dedicates its additions and remodeling  
2009-Peter DiCianni is elected mayor  
**2010-Population of Elmhurst is 44,121**  
2013-Steven Morley is elected mayor  
**2020-Elmhurst Population is 45,786**  
2020-Elmhurst College becomes Elmhurst University  
2021-Scott Levin is elected mayor

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