



# Elmhurst Improvement Association



EIA

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## What is EIA?

Elmhurst Improvement Association is a community association that represents the Communities of Elmhurst. The voluntary yearly dues of \$25 per household go toward the maintenance and improvement of our community.

## Why do we need households to support EIA?

Yearly dues and volunteers are essential to allow our association to continue to exist and make our community a better place to live. Here are just some of the items that are currently addressed by our community association:

- Coordinate and schedule Santa's visit through the community each December (as well as cover the cost of the donation to the GB Volunteer Fire Dept on behalf of Elmhurst residents to offset some of the cost of the the Santa Visit)
- Payment of property taxes and insurances for community property such as the entrance sign and flagpole.
- Maintenance for the entrance grounds, community entrance sign and flagpole.
- Costs of signs to notify our community of events and announcements
- Fee for the community post office box
- Cost to mail out the annual "dues reminder" postcards to households in our community
- Coordinate and fund the annual holiday lights/decoration contest
- Coordinate, schedule and advertise the annual community yard sale

- Provide a volunteer representative for the Police Community Relations Council to represent Elmhurst. (Dues help to cover an annual donation made to the Western District from Elmhurst).
- Provides a volunteer representative at the DC Metroplex BWI Community Roundtable to represent Elmhurst. This roundtable discusses issues and concerns of communities affected by noise, construction and any changes in and around BWI Airport.
- Provides volunteers who evaluate potential community impact of local projects (such as the proposed MAGLEV routes). This includes concerns such as: construction impact as well as impact to our water table and well water.
- Maintain a FaceBook page and community web page to keep residents informed of community news and provide a way for our residents to obtain information and express concerns that affect our community.
- Schedule and conduct quarterly General Meetings that our residents can participate in virtually or in person (when applicable). This includes securing guest speakers of interest to attend our general meetings.
- Fill volunteer positions and board positions as needed or by yearly election.
- Address any other legal fees or matters that may affect our community. Keep community records.

## Why your help is urgently needed:

Like all communities, Elmhurst's EIA budget has been impacted by a decrease in membership or a lack of knowledge about the association's existence and purpose. We are facing a budget shortfall. We need community participation not only to continue the valuable work that is outlined above, but to also expand and make our community the best it can be. We have suggestions on hand to expand our community events to include items such as a community wide Halloween celebration, organizing block parties and other great ideas. But we need participation and funds. We have the ability to help advertise local businesses for our resident owners and other tools for effective communication. But we need volunteers and we need residents to contribute to our annual fund by paying dues or making additional donations. Please help keep our wonderful community a great place to live. **Mail in your annual dues today or you can even pay on-line: <http://squareup.com/market/EIA>**