

# Elmhurst Art Museum to tee up artistic mini golf attraction

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ELMHURST – In support of “Par Excellence Redux: The Back 9,” an exhibition in which recreation and art collide, the Elmhurst Art Museum announced its fall and winter programming.

“Par Excellence Redux” will be on view from Oct. 13 to Jan. 2 and is a fully playable course designed by artists and architects from the Midwest and beyond. The exhibition pays homage to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago’s 1988 exhibition, “Par Excellence,” a news release stated.

During the Elmhurst exhibition’s opening weekend, Colossal founder and “Par Excellence Redux” curator Christopher Jobson will host a talk about the inspiration and rich history behind the original “Par Excellence” from 1 to 2 p.m. Oct. 16. Artists from the original exhibition are scheduled to participate. Colossal is an international platform for contemporary art and visual expression that celebrates a range of creative disciplines.

Programs are free with museum admission, and tee times can be reserved at an additional cost at [elmhurstartmuseum.org/golf](http://elmhurstartmuseum.org/golf).

Exhibition-related fall and winter

programming is free with museum admission and includes:

- “Soirée 2021: Par-Tee at the Museum!” unfolds from 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 23. The golf-themed fundraiser features a cocktail reception, multi-course dinner, auctions with prizes and an evening of miniature golf. Limited tickets will be available. Funds raised during the event will support an expansion of education programs during the museum’s 25th anniversary in 2022.

- A Thanksgiving food drive runs during museum hours from Nov. 1 to 7. As a gesture of thanks and giving, the Elmhurst Art Museum will host its first nonperishable food drive to benefit the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry. Individuals who bring two or more pantry items will receive a coupon for a discounted tee time valid for a “Tee-rific Thank You Night” on Nov. 12.

- “Ugly Sweater Night” is from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 10. Visitors are encouraged to wear their ugliest holiday sweaters for a festive night at the museum featuring holiday decor, music, dimmed lighting and glow-in-the-dark golf balls. Tee times for mini golf must be purchased and reserved in advance.

- The Family Holiday Party from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 18 is free to the public. The museum invites families to celebrate

the holidays with a “ho-ho-hole-in-one.” In addition to playing mini golf, families can visit the special holiday display in the museum’s historic McCormick House and enjoy hot cocoa, cookies and hands-on art activities along with a visit from Santa at 2 p.m. Mini golf is not included.

“The Back 9” will be on display throughout the museum’s main galleries. Its holes include “Pinball Golf: An American Life” by Wes Baker of Valparaiso, Indiana. “The Idol” by KT Duffy of Nichols Hill, Oklahoma, is intended as a feminist futurist idol of the mini golf universe. In “Infinity Putt” by Eve Fineman of Chicago, the only obstacle is visual illusion. “Mission: Mars” is by Vincent Lotesto of Chicago. “A Level Playing Field” by Joshua Lowe of Bloomington, Illinois, is a kinetic sculpture posing an existential question. “Timing is Everything” by James Merz of Fort Wayne, Indiana, uses several moving elements. “Toad Tunnel” by David Quednau of Chicago illustrates the true-life difficulties faced by the American toad. “A Place to Play Fairly” by Liam Wilson and Anna Gershoni of Columbia City, Indiana, is an explicit environment to express moral integrity. “Hole 9 Yards” by Donna Piacienza of Elmhurst includes pathways of nine painted yardsticks that must be calcu-

lated for challenging play.

After the exhibition ends, the materials will be repurposed to create three Elmhurst community garden beds.

The 1988 “Par Excellence” was the brainchild of Chicago sculptor Michael O’Brien. The exhibition in Elmhurst will pay homage to the original course through ephemera, newspaper clippings and photos. Designer Annalee Koehn, one of the organizers of the 1988 show, re-created her fortune-telling hole, “Determine Your Fate,” which will serve as the practice hole for “Par Excellence Redux.”

The Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 S. Cottage Hill Ave., focuses on art, education and architecture. On the museum’s campus is the McCormick House, a single-family home designed in 1952 by Mies van der Rohe, one of the great architects of the 20th century.

Museum hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday; and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every second Friday.

Mini golf prices are \$10 for ages 16 and older, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 5 to 15, and free for children younger than 5.

For information, call 630-834-0202 or visit [elmhurstartmuseum.org](http://elmhurstartmuseum.org).

## NEWS BRIEF

### 3 teenagers charged in Elmhurst car burglaries

Three teenagers from Hazel Crest were charged with breaking into several cars Sept. 22 in Elmhurst, authorities said.

Each of the teenagers – ages 13, 15 and 17 – was charged with one count of felony burglary to a motor vehicle and two counts of misdemeanor criminal trespass to a motor vehicle, according to a news release Sept. 23 from the DuPage County state’s attorney.

The 13-year-old also was charged with one count of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, which is a felony, the news release stated.

Elmhurst police responded to a call about several people pulling on car doors to try to open them around 10:30 p.m. Sept. 22, according to the release.

Police located the three teenagers, who are alleged to have gained entry to three vehicles and burglarized one, and took them into custody, the release stated.

The 13-year-old had a 9 mm pistol with one bullet in the chamber, the news release stated.

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### ANTIDEPRESSANTS LINKED TO TOOTH IMPLANT FAILURE

New research has found that the use of antidepressants increased the odds of implant failure by four times. Each year of antidepressant use doubled the odds of failure. While these drugs are often used to manage mood and emotions, a side effect decreases the regulation of bone metabolism, which is crucial to the healing process. For an implant to heal properly, new bone must form around it to secure it in place.

Antidepressant medication may relieve depression symptoms and help millions of patients worldwide, however, their benefits must be weighed with the side effects. Four of the many known side effects that are reported in the literature are a big concern to us as dentists in regard to oral and bone health. These side effects of the drug include osteoporosis, a condition in which bones become weak and brittle; akathisia, a disorder characterized by the need to be in constant motion, including the head and jaw; bruxism, or teeth grinding; and dryness of the mouth, all of which affect the implant healing process.

The researchers noticed that a growing number of their patients reported use of antidepressant medication. After analyzing data, the researchers found that of the few patients who experienced implant failures, 33 percent used antidepressants. For patients who did not experience failures, only 11 percent used the drug. More than one in 10 Americans over the age of 12 use antidepressants, making it the second most prescribed type of drug in the U.S., according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and IMS Health.

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## BACKGROUND NOISE

Just as background noise can impede a person’s ability to hear conversation, the visual phenomena known as “floaters” can distract from the capacity to focus on objects in our visual field. These small spots, which are most noticeable against the solid blue background of a cloudless sky, are caused by shadows cast on the retina by microscopic structures within the vitreous fluid that fills the eye. Flashes of light that occur when this fluid shifts are another common ocular phenomenon. In most cases, flashes and floaters are fleeting and harmless but annoying; however, they may be signs that the retina is tearing or detaching from the back of the eye. Retinal detachment is considered to be a medical emergency.

The retina contains the light sensitive cells of the eye that convert light into neural impulses that communicate with the optic nerve and the brain, enabling visual processing. When the retinal cells become detached from the supportive tissue, they no longer get the nourishment and support they need to function and in a relatively short period of time can suffer permanent damage. To schedule an appointment, please call SKOWRON EYE CARE. At Skowron Eye Care, your 20/20 vision is our mission.

P.S. Floaters got their name by moving around in the eye and darting away when you try to focus on them.



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