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[Learn how to use naloxone and where to get it free in Kane County](#)

How to Submit Content

Submit your news, events, promotions, and more to post@elginchamber.com by July 24 to be included in the August newsletter. This is an exclusive benefit included with all membership. [BECOME A MEMBER](#)

Unleash Your Inner Leader with the Elgin Area Leadership Academy!



Ready to make a real difference in the Elgin area? The Elgin Area Leadership Academy (EALA) has empowered local leaders for over 30 years.

EALA offers a unique dive into our community. Through 12 Saturday sessions (September-May), you'll sharpen leadership skills, understand local government, and connect with key figures.

You'll gain invaluable knowledge, build a strong network, and boost your professional skills.

Employers benefit, and the community gains dedicated leaders. As EALA co-founder Dan Fox said, "Volunteers are the backbone of our community."

Act fast – there are only 25 spots available, and they fill up quickly! Applications for the upcoming class are now open!

Visit elginchamber.com/eala to learn more and apply today. Don't miss your chance to be among the next generation of Elgin's community champions.



Elgin's FOURTH

of July



FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025

Morning Events:

- 9:00 a.m. – **Fourth of July Parade:** The parade steps off at the intersection of Slade and Douglas avenues, proceeding south on Douglas and concluding at Highland Avenue and Division Street (near City Hall). The Elgin Symphony Orchestra will serve as grand marshal. The parade is expected to finish by 11:00 a.m.



9:00 a.m. – **Pet Parade:** For the second year, a pet parade will also take place, starting from the NENA Butterfly Garden near Douglas Avenue and Ann Street. It will follow the same route as the main parade and end near City Hall. Registration information is available at



elginil.gov/july4.

Afternoon and Evening Festivities at Festival Park (132 S. Grove Ave.):

Following the parades, Festival Park will host food trucks, children's activities, games, and live music.

- 5:00–6:00 p.m. – The Moods
- 6:30–7:30 p.m. – The LaBamba Show
- 7:30 p.m. – Pie Eating Contest
- 8:00–9:20 p.m. – The Ultimate Elvis Experience starring Shawn Klush
- Around 9:20 p.m. – Fireworks Show: The fireworks display is scheduled to begin and will last 15 to 20 minutes.



VIP Lounge Area:

Guests can purchase exclusive access to Elgin's VIP Lounge Area for \$25 per ticket. This VIP experience includes: Reserved bar access, Lawn seating, Restrooms, Elevated viewing deck with umbrellas, ambient lighting, and excellent views of the stage and fireworks.

Tickets are required for individuals aged 12 and older. Up to two children under 12 can enter for free with a ticketed adult. Guests should bring their own chairs as they are not provided. VIP tickets can be purchased online.

Parking and Additional Information:

Free downtown parking will be available, and attendees are encouraged to arrive early due to anticipated street closures. Road and parking closure details will be shared closer to the event date.



**For full event schedule and more information,
visit elginil.gov/july4 or contact Elgin 311.**





Remembering Our Fallen Memorial

June 30 - July 7, 2025

The city of Elgin will host **Remembering Our Fallen**, a traveling photographic war memorial, from Monday, June 30, through Monday, July 7. The memorial will be on display at Civic Center Plaza near Elgin City Hall, 150 Dexter Court. The public is invited to view the outdoor memorial throughout the installation period. [LEARN MORE](#)



Walk with Representative Moeller



Join Representative Anna Moeller on **Friday, July 4th, at 9 a.m.** for Elgin's Annual Independence Day Parade. We will meet at the corner of Douglas and Slade in Elgin and provide volunteers with t-shirts, flags, bubbles, and candy. Sign up at: signup.com/go/CgaESpk

PATRIOTIC BRASS CELEBRATION

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Wednesday, July 2

6:30 PM

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Chad Goodman, Music Director

Grow Your Business with Housing Data!



Did you know that understanding local **housing trends can be a powerful tool for your business?** It's not just for real estate agents – this information is gold for any local entrepreneur!

Think of it like this: Housing profiles tell you who lives here, what **they need**, and what they **can afford**.

For example, if housing profiles show an increase in young families, your business can tailor services and marketing to this group. See an aging population? Consider services or products for seniors.

Knowing the types of homes (apartments vs. single-family) helps you decide where to open a new shop or what products to stock. High home values might indicate more

disposable income for luxury goods or home improvement projects, while areas with more renters could be a sweet spot for furniture rental or moving services.

Even regional housing trends offer clues. Are people commuting into Elgin area for work? That might mean opportunities for morning coffee shops or dry cleaners near train stations.

In short, local housing data helps you pinpoint customer needs, find the best locations, and even recruit the right employees. It's about making smart, informed decisions to grow your business right here in Elgin!

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[Elgin](#) [South Elgin](#)
[Kane County](#)



Robust Housing Market

Elgin's housing market is currently a Seller's Market, meaning demand is strong, prices are up, and homes are selling quickly.

As of May 2025:

- The median home sold price in Elgin was \$335,003, a 6% increase from last year.
- The median price per square foot was \$191.
- A significant 45.9% of homes sold above the asking price.
- Homes are selling fast, with an average listing age of 17 days, down 6.4% from last year.

Rent & Utility Aid for At-Risk Residents



Kane County's Homeless Prevention Program provides financial help for renters at risk of eviction. Assistance includes: up to 12 months of past-due rent, plus 3 months future rent, up to 12 months of past-due utility bills and security deposits for new rentals. Deadline to apply is July 31, 2025. [Read More](#)

Elgin's Hemmens planning full entertainment - something for everyone



The Hemmens Cultural Center is named after Hattie Pease Hemmens. Hattie and her husband Walter were prominent Elgin residents and when Hattie died in 1957 she left over \$1,000,000 to the City of Elgin to establish a Community Building & Auditorium

Nine shows have been scheduled so far at [The Hemmens Cultural Center](#) as the 56-year-old Elgin venue moves into its full first season following the completion of its \$14.4 million expansion and renovation.

"We're excited to be offering these shows, giving people another entertainment option for their weekends," said Tony Lentino, cultural arts and special events programming manager for the city-owned center.

Tickets for shows already booked will go on sale July 8, and Lentino said he's working on at least one more act to be added to the lineup. All of the events will be listed on the Hemmens' website, he said, and they're preparing a brochure to advertise the upcoming schedule.

Lentino said his goal was to get a good mix of entertainment that will appeal to a wide variety of people, including shows that are familiar and family friendly. "I try to put together a diverse list of potential acts that tick all of those boxes, and I bring that to our Hemmens team to discuss what they think would be within our technical capabilities and what we think would do well here while supporting our community," he said. "Tickets will range from \$15 to \$59, depending on the show, but we are always open to sponsors that want to help us lower ticket prices." [Read More](#)

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Sponsorship opportunities, ticket options, and additional information available at

foodforgreaterelgin.org/chip

Longtime Elgin Area Chamber member **[Bazos, Freeman, Schuster & Pope, LLC](#)** is pleased to announce that effective July 1, 2025, the firm is changing its name to Bazos, Freeman, Schuster, Reinke & Pope, LLC. We are excited to continue our decades long tradition of quality legal service to the Elgin community.



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Bring your brand to life with RLD Creative, your strategic partner in design, branding, and marketing. **As an EAC member, you're eligible for a free consultation** to explore how we can elevate your business. From logo design to full-scale marketing campaigns, our team crafts compelling visuals and messaging that make an impact. Let's bring your brand to the next level, **[schedule through our website today.](#)**

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Visit or Learn More about [Comfort Keepers of Elgin](#)



Braden Business Systems is proud to announce that SmartOps, our proprietary IT operations platform, has **received the 2025 MSP Today Product of the Year Award**. SmartOps empowers users to complete common IT tasks like password resets and printer troubleshooting through a simple self-service portal, reducing wait times and boosting efficiency. With built-in access to expert IT support, SmartOps is helping businesses improve productivity by more than 50%. This award highlights our commitment to making IT more accessible, responsive, and effective for all organizations.

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Industrial Expansion: Flender Boosts Local Capacity



Flender, a global leader in power transmission, held a groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of its service center in Elgin. This new facility, located adjacent to their existing operations, will feature a large warehouse, in-house gear regrinding capabilities, and consolidated storage for improved access to spare parts. This expansion is set to significantly boost Flender's USA service capacity for industrial and wind energy applications, operating in coordination with their Cambridge, Ontario site.



This groundbreaking is a strong indicator of continued, substantial investment in Elgin's manufacturing and industrial sector, signaling potential for new jobs and solidifying our region's role in critical industries, particularly in the growing renewable energy sector. The visual of shovels in the ground today symbolizes the physical growth taking place within our business community.

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The Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce offers a vital healthcare discount program, significantly benefiting local businesses. Through partnerships, notably with UnitedHealthcare's Community Chamber Program, members can access health benefit plans with potential average savings of 25%. These often include level-funded options, offering fixed monthly payments and possible year-end surplus refunds. Beyond insurance, members receive discounts on services like those from Unique Health Now. These programs help Elgin businesses reduce costs, enhance employee benefits for talent retention, and simplify healthcare management, fostering a stronger local economy. [LEARN MORE](#)



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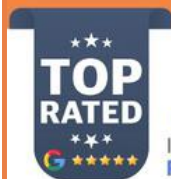
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Data and Trends Impacting Transportation in Northeastern Illinois



What are the biggest transportation challenges and opportunities facing the region today?

CMAP's recently released Existing Conditions report helps answer that question. The report's findings are helping shape the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for northeastern Illinois and inform how the region will achieve its vision for transportation.

The RTP, due for adoption in 2026, will identify the long-term priorities and investments needed to build a more connected, safe, resilient, and equitable transportation system. [MORE](#)

STROLLING with Marklund

Resident & Volunteer Walking Club in Elgin

Join us in an opportunity for residents and volunteers to bask in fresh air, engage in light exercise, and share quality moments—after all, every walk is more enjoyable when we embark on it together.

Meet at the Marklund Wasmond Center (Elgin) Front Desk: 1435 Summit Street, Elgin, IL, 60120

Route: One-mile MacKenzie Woods (neighborhood behind Wasmond Center)

Three rotating summer sessions, and two break weeks in between

Session 1: Tuesdays, June 3 – June 24 | 4–5 p.m.

Break Week: July 1

Session 2: Tuesdays, July 8 – July 29 | 4–5 p.m.

Break Week: August 5

Session 3: Tuesdays, August 12 – August 26 | 4–5 p.m.

Key Info for Volunteers:

- Sign up required via SignUp Genius
- Must be 14+ to push a wheelchair
- Closed-toe shoes required
- 12 residents rollers (wheelchair users) per session; no limit for walkers
- Great way to connect, enjoy summer, and be a part of the Marklund Magic each week!

Contacts & Support:

Tiffany Zurek: On-site lead at each walk (tzurek@marklund.org or 630.649.3848)

Melanie Toth: Contact for cancellations (mtoth@marklund.org)



Scan the QR code to sign up!



South Elgin is addressing core community services with substantial capital projects. The construction of a new 1.25 million-gallon water tower aims to permanently meet water storage demands west of the Fox River, improving pressure and providing redundancy. This is coupled with the installation of a new deep well to dramatically improve water quality by allowing the village to shutter older, shallower wells with higher PFAS and PFOA levels. Reliable, high-quality utilities are fundamental for any business, and these projects demonstrate a proactive stance on long-term sustainability.

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If you enjoy the cozy mysteries of Agatha Christie, she is the focus of our first Living Library Series

MYSTERY

Club 120 Living Library will focus on

Agatha Christie

this month episode featuring the
Lost Lingo of Agatha Christie



With **Agatha Annotated** author, Kate Gingold presenting

Thursday, July 24th at 6pm

Coming up Mystery Radio Theatre featuring a two-play performance August 28 and the chilling conclusion of a **Murder Mystery Dinner**, September 25.

To view more on the Club 120 Living Library and our first Series: 'Mystery' visit our new website, www.club120elgin.com

South Elgin Budokan Martial Arts

Pencak Silat Seminar

Saturday, July 12th, 11:00a to 1:00p
Pencak Silat is an Indonesian, full-body, fighting form combining strikes, kicks, grappling, and throwing. You will get an introduction to basic techniques and principles and begin to recognize the underlying advantages and disadvantages of the motion rather than memorizing specific techniques.

Wear something comfortable. Knowing how to fall is not required but it helps. Workshop is open to all skill and experience levels. Suggested for adults and mature youth. \$40 per person. Minimum participants required, please preregister, but walk-ins are always welcome. 847-888-8866 or email

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<https://southelginbudokan.com/calendars/happenings/>

Qigong Meditation

Saturday, July 19th, 11:00a-1:00p
Qigong is a free-form Chinese martial art and there are plenty of non-movement and meditative ways to practice it. Sifu Jason will introduce or refamiliarize you to the art of Qigong and lead you in practices and movement exercises. Invite a friend to join you as you de-stress and find your Inner Smile through Qigong Meditation practice. The workshop is open to all skill levels. \$40 per person, \$35 for second family member. Pre-registration is preferred but drop-ins are always welcome. 847-888-8866 or email southelginbudokan@att.net
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2023 County Business Patterns Now Available

The U.S. Census Bureau today released the 2023 County Business Patterns (CBP). CBP provides annual subnational economic data for businesses with paid employees.

The number of establishments, employment during the week of March 12, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll are provided for nearly 1,000 industries, as defined by the 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The data are available at the national, state, combined statistical area, metropolitan/micropolitan statistical area, county, congressional district, and ZIP code levels. In addition, the data are presented by legal form of organization (U.S. and state only) and employment size of the establishment.

The data are useful for studying economic activity of small areas. Federal agencies, state and local governments, and private businesses use the data to determine employee concentrations and trends by industry, analyze market potential, measure the effectiveness of programs, develop budgets, and plan future policies and programs.

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3:00 - 5:00 PM

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Join us in celebrating with a warehouse
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Remarks at 4:00 PM

Questions? Contact Emily Tyler at etyler@ffge.org





GREAT SUMMER READING PRIZES, Gail Borden Library

Unleash your reading superpowers with the Gail Borden Library's "Power Up, READ" Summer Reading Challenge. Everyone can conquer the challenge through August 1, redeeming prizes just for finishing, like a free swim at Lords Park or Wing Park Pool (finishers up to 12th Grade). Readers can also enter drawings for popular items like Squishmallows and an Amazon Kids Kindle Bundle. Families (at least one adult and child) who complete the challenge will be entered to win four tickets to Santa's Village. Power up, super readers!

VIDEO: [Power Up, READ! Summer Reading Challenge 2025](#)

IT'S A BOY



Minuteman Press owner Jennifer Sanders and husband, Jeff, welcomed an addition to their family. James Kember Sanders II, is big brother to Jake Alastair Sanders, 8lb 9 oz, born June 16th. All doing well.

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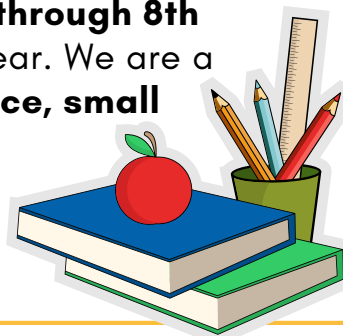
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SUMMER CAMP



August 4-8

**Get 1 day
FREE when
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for the week!**



AUGUST 2025 KIDS SUMMER ART CAMP

Each day consists of a two-hour painting class, snack time and a craft!
Monday, August 4th, 2025 through
Friday, August 8th, 2025
9 a.m. to 12 noon

You can sign up by day or by week. You can get **one day FREE** if you sign up for the week. Check out our website for more details -

www.pinotpalette.com/stcharles/events/august/list?type=brushes

156th WOW! Kane County Fair & Festival

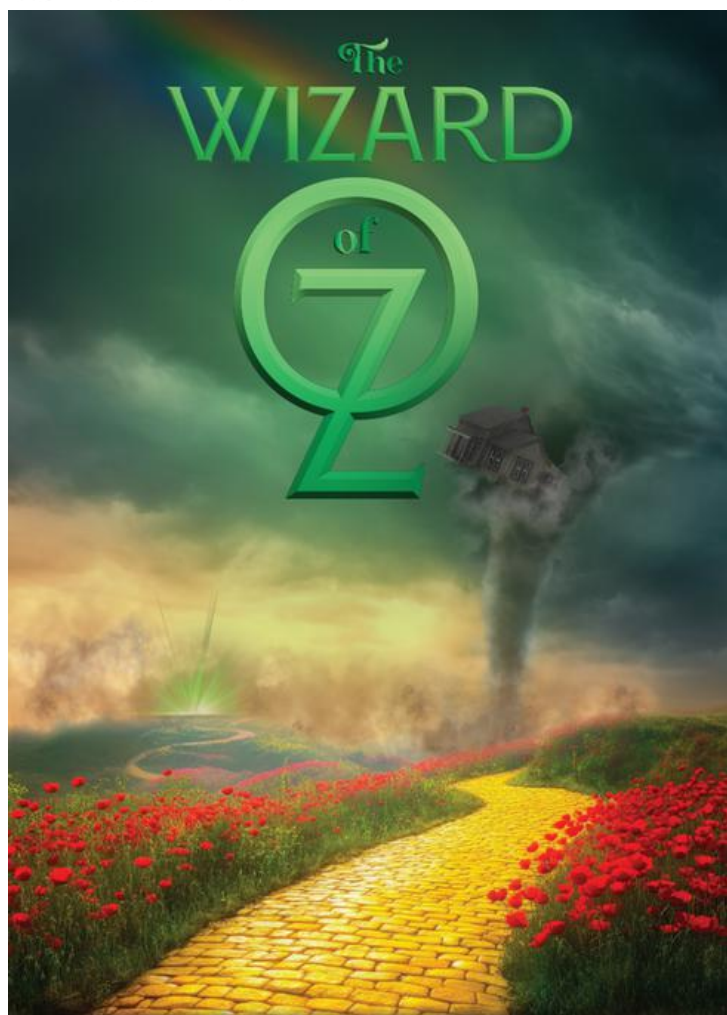
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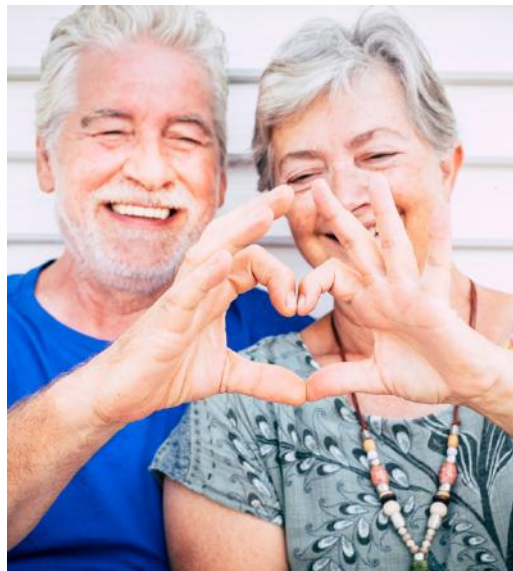
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A Close Look at Aging in Kane County



People are living longer and Kane County is exploring the potential impacts. At a recent meeting, the County Board discussed the growing needs of its aging

population, from housing to transportation to social connectivity. Board Chairman Corinne Pierog emphasized the importance of addressing the economic and social challenges facing residents 65 and older as part of the county's upcoming five-year strategic plan.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that roughly 62 million Americans—18% of the population—are currently 65 or older. That number is expected to climb to 84 million by 2054, making up nearly 23% of the total population. The number of centenarians is projected to quadruple, from 101,000 in 2024 to 422,000 by 2054. By 2060,

average life expectancy in the U.S. is expected to reach 85.6 years.

As of July 1, 2024, the county's population was approximately 521,000, with 16.1%—about 83,000 residents—aged 65 and older. The highest concentration of seniors by percentage is found in Rutland Township in northern Kane County and Kaneville Township to the west. During the meeting, board members were told the county is home to more than 70 senior living facilities, including nursing homes, residential care facilities, retirement communities, and senior housing. [READ MORE](#)



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- Second Sunday Suppers: Monthly, 3:00–5:00 p.m., \$20.
Featuring live entertainment by Vinnie and Tenesha Hunley on July 13 and August 10.
- Third Monday Community Dinners: Monthly, 5:00 p.m., \$15 (starting July 21).

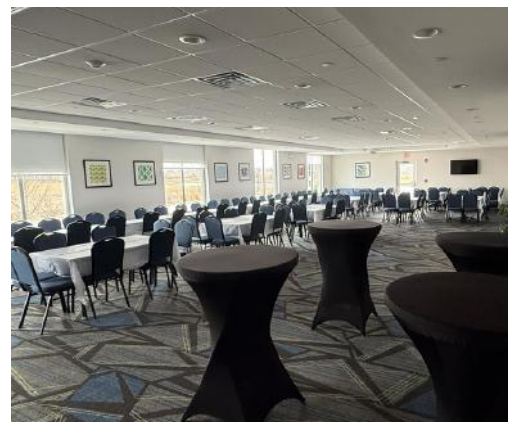
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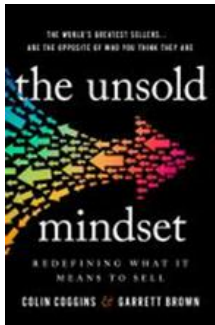
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"CHECK IT OUT" GB's Business Book of the Month



Title: The Unsold Mindset: Redefining What it Means to Sell

Author: Colin Coggins and Garrett Brown

Date of Publication: 2023

Publisher: Harper Collins

Favorite Quote: "The mindset of a great seller mirrors the mindset of a great person."

Most of us dislike being sold to in a pushy, stereotypical way. I can see it coming from a mile away, and it irritates me to no end! Still, I realize persuasion is an important part of sales, and sometimes white lies, the hard sell, etc., will come into play. There's no other way, right? With that in mind, I chose The Unsold Mindset as this month's Business Book of the Month, and honestly, it changed the way I think about sales and salespeople.

The Unsold Mindset is the first book by authors Colin Coggins and Garrett Brown, sales leaders, teachers, corporate advisors, and co-founders of Agency 18, a firm that helps companies adopt the Unsold Mindset paradigm. [READ MORE](#)



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