# ELGIN AREA CHAMBER CK & CK & CONTROL CONTROL

September 2025

### ELGIN LAUNCHES "ENGAGE ELGIN" NEW ONLINE HUB FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The city of Elgin has introduced a new online platform, Engage Elgin, to help people connect with city projects and share their feedback. The site provides a central place for information and offers various ways to get involved, including surveys, forums, voting, and interactive maps. It also allows people to share ideas and participate in decision-making at any time.

According to Jeff Knox, the Director of Communications and Engagement, the goal of Engage Elgin is to create a reliable space where everyone can learn about and help influence the city's future. The platform is meant to work alongside existing engagement methods, not replace them. Engage Elgin helps with transparency by providing timely updates, gives the city valuable insights from a wide range of community feedback, and builds trust by making two-way communication a core part of decision-making. People can visit <a href="mailto:engage.elginil.gov">engage.elginil.gov</a> to access the platform.







Engage Elgin.
Shape Our Future.

### **Take action now:** Give feedback on open city projects:

- Elgin's Active Mobility Plan
- Climate Action Plan
- Accessible Streets & Sidewalks

#### **Stay informed:** Follow these city projects:

- <u>Elgin's Lead Response</u>
- <u>Sports Complex Expansion</u>
- <u>Dundee Ave Reconstruction Project</u>
- <u>U.S. Route 20 & Reinking Road Roundabout</u>

### Share Your Story submit your content



Submit your news, events, deals, and announcements to post@elginchamber.com
by September 19 to be included in October's newsletter.

Content placement in the Click & Connect newsletter is an exclusive and included benefit for all Elgin Area Chamber members.

JOIN NOW



### Fall Job Fair



Wed, October 22 9 am - 2 pm

Registration is FREE for employers, and all industries are invited to attend. Attendees include both current and former ECC students as well as community job seekers. Employers are encouraged to submit a pre-registration inquiry form today

### Is Your Team Ready for 2026?

A 90-minute workshop for leaders planning impactful team development and/or planning retreats.

#### What you'll walk away with:

- A Team Culture X-Ray → your custom diagnostic scan of team strengths and fractures.
- A Retreat Action Map → a starter plan for your team's next retreat.
   A proven Retreat Flow Framework → clarity on how to structure sessions that build trust, alignment, and accountability.

#### Who It's For:

Leaders & managers planning 2025 end-of-year or 2026 kickoff retreats.

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**ERIN RAMIREZ** Founder & CEO of Real Change Studio

SEPTEMBER 25, 2025, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

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REGISTER NOW AT: HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/Q42025RETREAT

### South Elgin Accessible **Paddle Sport Launch**



Great news for late-summer fun on the Fox River! The Village of South Elgin is thrilled to announce the opening of a new accessible paddle launch at SEBA Park. Part of a broader Kane County initiative to enhance the Fox River Water Trail, this new launch on the east side of the Fox River Trail makes it easier for everyone to enjoy the water.

### Village of South Elgin New Safe Exchange Zone



The Village of South Elgin now has a designated safe exchange zone for online purchases and child custody transfers. Located in the public parking lot of the new Public Safety Center at 50 S. Water Street, the area is under 24/7video surveillance and is located directly outside the police station for added peace of mind.

### EXCOC ELGIN AREA CHAMBER





### Celebrating COBU's 7th anniversary!

Since <u>COBU</u> began in 2018, we have seen so much growth within the firm! What was once two architects, has grown to a team of fifteen, working together to design award-winning projects. In the last seven years, we have welcomed new faces, moved office spaces, and expanded licensure to new states. COBU continued to be an active participant in various organizations including the Association of Licensed Architects, Society of American Military Engineers, Building Industry Association of Greater Chicago, and Elgin Area Chamber. It was a great year filled with site visits, new projects, and hard work!

### Gail Borden Library Reveals New Fall Dinosaur Exhibit & Library Card

Dinosaur Explorer is an all-new traveling exhibition that explores the wildest, wackiest and most wonderous dinosaurs and examines human physiology through the lens of these magnificent creatures. This exhibit will be displayed from September



20 to January 4 at the Gail Borden Main Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, 60120. This September, register for a Library card and receive a limited-edition dinosaur card design!

Businesses and nonprofits within the Gail Borden Library District are also eligible for a library card. Get details

Unveiling The
Wildwoods: A New
Chapter for Affordable
Housing in Elgin



AID just unveiled its newest project, The Wildwoods, a massive affordable and supportive housing development that's changing lives in Elgin! The Association for Individual Development (AID) celebrated with a huge ribbon-cutting and open house on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at the new 691 S. State Street location. This incredible project includes two parts: Wildwood Commons, a 24-unit supportive housing community, and Wildwood Trace, a 50-unit affordable housing property.

### EXC ELGIN AREA CHAMBER









Sweeten your next meeting or celebration with personalized sugar cookies! Add your logo, a funny office joke, a helpful reminder for that big presentation, or a sweet shoutout to recognize your team's hard work. These treats aren't just delicious—they're designed to inspire, motivate, and bring a smile. Let's create something memorable together.

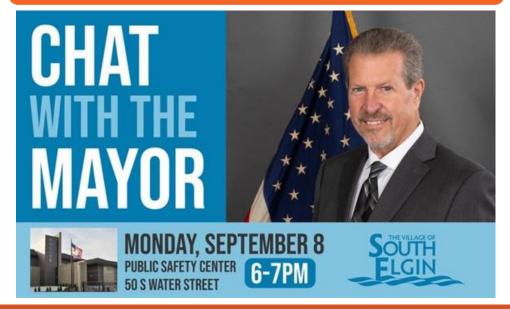
Chamber members enjoy a special September offer: a dozen for just \$40!

Contact Daria at 312-610-9033 or visit

dessertswithoutregrets.com to get started.

### **Election Judges Needed!**

The Kane County Clerk is seeking residents to serve as election judges to help support our local democracy. Election judges are essential to every step of the voting process, from early voting and Election Day to the vote-by-mail process. Certified election judges will be paid \$250. High school students are also encouraged to apply. For more information or to sign up, visit the **Kane County Clerk's website** or call 630-232-5990.





School District U-46 is inviting residents, families, and local leaders to submit name nominations for the new middle school currently under construction in Elgin. Nominations may reflect the district's values, honor geographic or historical significance, or recognize a person who made a meaningful contribution to society. The nomination period is open from August 19 through September 19, 2025. A Community Town Hall will follow at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, at Hilltop Elementary School, 1855 Rohrssen Road, Elgin. The Board of Education is expected to make a final decision at its meeting on Monday,

The new middle school, which will provide learning spaces for about 1,125 students, is being constructed thanks to the community's support of the \$179 million Unite U-46 bond proposal in April 2023.

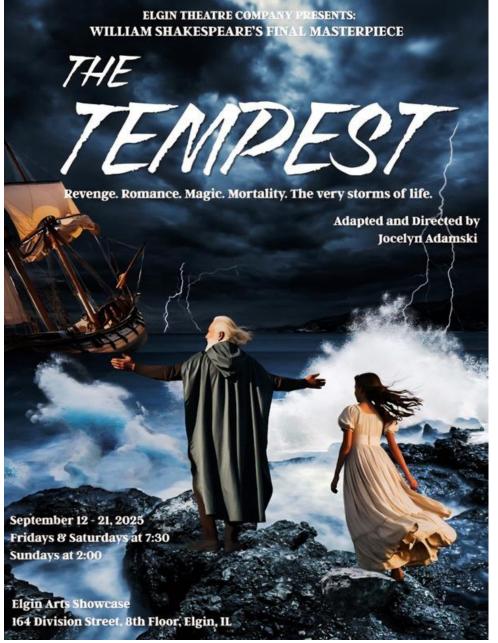
November 3.

To make a nomination, visit:

info.u-46.org/schoolname
For full details,
visit www.u-46.org







### Budokan Martial Arts Annual Open House



# Saturday September 6th 9:00am

Meet our instructors and learn about the programs we offer 9-10:30 Youth martial arts
10:30 to noon Family martial arts
Noon join us in the back for hot dogs and chips

For additional information

visit our website

contact us at 847-888-8866 email:

southelginbudokan@att.net.







### FAMILY LITERACY RESOURCE FAIR





THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 • 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM CENTRE OF ELGIN HERITAGE BALLROOM

www.elginliteracy.org



Join us for the Finale to our Living Library Mystery Series

### 'Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre'



DATE: Saturday, September 20th, 2025

TIME: Evening begins at 6pm with cocktails and a toast

LOCATION: 204 S. State Street, Elgin

Club 120 Lower Level

Tickets: \$45 per person
Includes Four Course Dinner

(appetizer, soup or salad, entrée and dessert)

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### MAGE AWARDS

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**Professional Rockstar** 



Making A Difference



Gamechanger Project



Creating A Difference

**Submit Your Nominee** 

NOMINATIONS CLOSE OCT 3 at 5:00 pm

The Elgin Development Group (EDG) is a division of the Elgin Area Chamber. The Elgin Image Awards is an initiative of EDG's Enhancing Elgin Committee





KANE COUNTY

HOUSING READINESS Survey

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### **Barrels & Bones**

You are Invited to the 6th Annual Barrels & Bones event taking place **Saturday**, **September 13 at Camp Big Timber** in Elgin, IL. This one-of-a -kind tasting event is designed for both seasoned bourbon enthusiasts and those ready to discover what makes this spirit so special. Enjoy premier bourbon tastings, a curated selection of craft beers, mouthwatering food, and exciting auction items.

All proceeds benefit Scouting America, Three Fires Council.

<u>ThreeFiresCouncil.org/Barrels&Bones</u>

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the contributions of Americans tracing their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean. In 1968, Congress set aside a week for this observance and two decades later expanded it to a month stretching from September 15 to October 15.



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### **Swing into action!**

Our latest blog post is live, recapping the incredible 48th Annual Elgin Area Chamber Golf Outing. We had a blast connecting with everyone on the green at Bowes Creek Country Club. A huge thank you to all the sponsors and participants who made this year's event a hole-in-one success!



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SHAPING THE FUTURE: COMMUNITY SUMMIT ON YOUTH, RECOVERY & REFORM

Featuring lived experiences, resilience-building strategies, and leadership insight to inspire change.

Thursday, October 16, 2025 Elgin Community College, Bldg E 8:30 am - 3:00 pm \*registration begins at 7:45 am

Hear from keynote speaker Joshua Wayne, resilience expert Gary Pate of YouthCare Illinois, and an inspiring panel featuring older youth currently in care sharing their lived experiences.

Engage with DCFS Director Heidi Mueller in a candid conversation on the future of child welfare.

Explore resources, connect with providers, and discover new tools at the Resource Expo.

Tickets are \$25 each

Click Here to Register



Heidi Mueller Director Department of Children and Family Services





Gary Pate, LCSW Senior Trainer YouthCare IL

> Thank you to our Event Sponsors







### **Annual Community Job Fair**

Wednesday, September 10
12-2pm | Main Library
Meadows Community Rooms

This walk-in event is open to the public. Registration is not required.















### Fair Rates. Fair Roads.

Secretary of State Alexi
Giannoulias has launched
Driving Change, a new
statewide campaign to
stop auto insurance
companies from using
socio-economic data to
set rates. This includes
factors like your credit
score, age, and ZIP code,
which can lead to higher
premiums for Illinois
drivers.

As part of this effort, the Secretary is asking Illinois residents to share their personal stories about unfair and discriminatory rate practices. You can help by visiting the campaign's website to submit your experience online:

<u>ilsos.gov/drivingchange.</u>



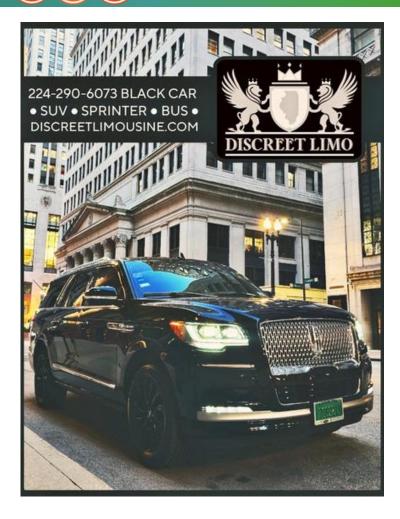
### Hops for Homes Oktoberfest

Thursday, September 18
Plank Road Tap Room, Elgin
Sample 20+ different local craft brews &
enjoy German finger foods.











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#### **Shelf Stable Meal Delivery Program**

#### Pickup Dates:

Wednesday, August 13 Thursday, August 14 Friday, August 15

#### **Pickup Location:**

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The city of Elgin will hold its annual <u>Patriot Day</u>

<u>remembrance ceremony</u> at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, on
the west-side steps of City Hall, 150 Dexter Court. The
ceremony honors the lives lost during the Sept. 11, 2001,
terrorist attacks.

The community is invited to attend and join in remembering and reflecting on the events of Sept. 11. The Patriot Day ceremony will also be livestreamed on the city's **YouTube** and **Facebook** pages for those who are unable to attend.

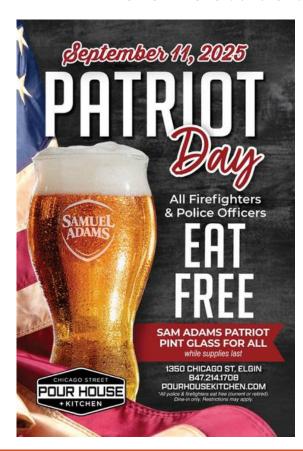
If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will move to the Hemmens Cultural Center.

### JOIN THE 9/11 DAY OF SERVICE

Born from the unity following the 9/11 attacks, 9/11 Day transforms a day of tragedy into a day of doing good. It's the federally recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance, encouraging acts of kindness and service in tribute to all those affected.

Each year, more than 30 million
Americans participate, making it
the single largest annual day of
service in the U.S. This powerful
movement honors the lives lost,
first responders, and countless
others who rose to help. You can
be part of this legacy.

Learn how to get involved and make a difference













### 2025/2026 TICKETS ON SALE NOW

9 19 25 Juana and the Missing Friday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. Juana and the Missing Mayan Book

Classic Albums Live Presents Fleetwood Mac: Rumours Saturday Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

The Silhouttes: Love Happens Friday Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The Lovettes Saturday Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Comedy Dance Chicago Saturday Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

3.27.26 Step Afrika! The Evolution Tour Friday, Mar. 27 at 7:30 p.m

Hank Azaria & the EZ Street Band Hank Azaria & the EZ Stre Saturday, Mar. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

24.26 Style Thief Fashion Show Friday Apr. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

5.16.26 The Greatest Piano Men Saturday May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

5.24.26 Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea Sunday May 24 at 4 p.m.





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The Elgin Parks & Recreation Foundation will host its annual Illinois Brews @ Bowes Creek fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Bowes Creek Country Club, 1250 Bowes Creek Road. General admission is from 4 to 8 p.m., with VIP ticket holders gaining exclusive access to delicious beers and tasty treats starting at 3 p.m.





### EVERY GAME DAY

\$14 Wing Buckets Choice of bone-in or boneless, served with fries

served with fries
\$14 Bear Down Burger

Double burger with Merkt's cheese sauce, caramelized onions & bacon, served with fries

\$15 Drink Buckets

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SEPTEMBER 28 OCTOBER 19 NOVEMBER 23

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#### LYRICAL MEMORIES **BROADCAST #1**

The pic, from the 07.17.2025 Geneva IL Chamber of Commerce & Tourism cruise night-show, immediately sparks thoughts of 2 songs: 'One Piece At A Time', Johnny Cash: "Uh, what model is it?" 'We Didn't Start The Fire', Billy Joel: "What else do I have to say?"



### **WARNING:**

### dates in your calendar are closer than they appear.

True story! I took this pic 04.06.2025 at Car Shows & Cruise Nights Illinois' "Spring Has Sprung" at Danny's On Douglas. At the time, "vehicle season" seemed endless. Now, here we are September. You know cold weather will be here once again before we know it, right?



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JOIN JEN SANDERS AT MINUTEMAN PRESS IN SOUTH ELGIN FOR THE ANNUAL WALK FOR TYPE 1 DIABETES

Jennifer Sanders, owner of Minuteman Press in South Elgin, and family and friends, will again be participating in the Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), Walk at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn on September 21st.

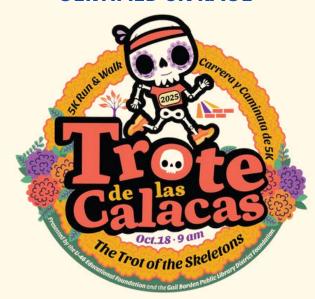
Her team is called 'James Eats Everything', in honor of her 6 year old son, James, who was diagnosed with Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes just after his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

If you would like to participate in the walk physically, or donate toward her goal of \$2000, please go to the Breakthrough T1D website, https://www2.breakthrought1d.org, using the team name.

There are so many new products and treatments for T1D, everyone is hoping for a cure for this lifelong disease.



### **EL TROTE DE LAS CALACAS** LIVELY CULTURAL EVENT & **CERTIFIED 5K RACE**



Get ready to join the fun at the second annual Trot of the Skeletons! The Gail Borden Public Library District Foundation and the U-46 Educational Foundation have teamed up to bring you this exciting 5K fundraising race. Whether you're a runner or a walker, you can celebrate the festive Day of the Dead with delicious food, music and amazing costumes.

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