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Elevate your career in Elgin by joining the Chamber's Young Professionals Group (YPG)! This dynamic community empowers your professional and personal growth through skill-building, meaningful connections, and community engagement. Develop leadership skills, forge valuable business alliances, and make a real impact in Elgin. Don't miss out on this opportunity to invest in your future.

Visit elginchamber.com/ypg to join the group!



City Explores Potential Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags



A possible ban on single-use plastic bags is under consideration by the city council after hearing a recommendation from the city's sustainability commission on Wednesday, April 23. The proposal, presented by commission Chairman Tom Armstrong, aims to reduce single-use plastic waste throughout the city. [MORE](#)



Water Quality Notice Regarding PFAS Chemicals

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) notifying the Village of South Elgin that there has been a detection of one or more Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in the most recent water sampling that levels exceeding newly enacted groundwater quality standards. [Visit the Village of South Elgin to learn more.](#)

Elgin Police Chief Ana Lalley Honored with National Axon Visionary Leadership Award

The city of Elgin is proud to announce Police Chief Ana Lalley has been awarded the prestigious Axon Visionary Leadership Award, a national honor recognizing law enforcement leaders for innovative and community-focused policing. The award was presented to Chief Lalley on Tuesday, April 22, at Axon's national conference in Phoenix, AZ.

[READ MORE](#)

[Watch Chief Lalley Reflect on Career](#)



Meet Pads of Elgin new Executive Director!

With a decade of leadership in nonprofit management and pastoral care, Katie brings knowledge of housing insecurity issues and community connections. A former PADS board member and respect Elgin leader, Katie will focus on strengthening operations, building partnerships, and expanding capacity to serve those experiencing housing insecurity.

[Visit Pads of Elgin](#)

Fox Valley Fire & Safety's Kevin Volkening Retires

In 1984 Kevin followed his three older brothers to Fox Valley Fire to begin his 41 year career. Kevin is the youngest of the Volkening brothers; Ken, Bruce and Dale with Kevin being the last to retire.

Kevin worked ridiculously hard for over 26 years as a service provider for the city of Chicago. Late in 2010 Kevin made the transition to join the Fire Alarm Sales Team covering the heart of Chicago, and both airports. Kevin is another in a long line of dedicated Fox Valley Fire employees that have built a long lasting career with our company.

Learn more FoxValleyFire.com



National SCORE recognizes SCORE Fox Valley Chapter as one of the leading Chapters in the country

SCORE Fox Valley Chapter was named the 2025 Central Region (8-state) and Illinois District Chapter of the Year! We are honored to receive recognition from the SCORE national organization for the outstanding involvement, impact and support of the local small businesses in DuPage, DeKalb, Kane, Will, Kendall, McHenry, Boone, Ogle and Winnebago counties in Illinois.

SCORE FOX VALLEY CHAPTER WAS NAMED THE 2025 CENTRAL REGION (8-STATE) AND ILLINOIS DISTRICT CHAPTER OF THE YEAR!

These awards show that our mentors and volunteers are more dedicated than ever to helping SCORE clients succeed, and we look forward to continuing to serve our local community. Our mentors, who have vast business experience and knowledge will listen, coach, and encourage small business entrepreneurs while they pursue their ideas. [MORE](#)

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Regional Housing Challenges Revealed by New Data



Fresh insights from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning reveal key housing trends across northeastern Illinois – including affordability gaps, cost burdens, and owner vs. renter dynamics. Regionally, in 2023, 65% of households owned their homes, while 35% rented. Renters earned significantly less – averaging \$59,724 compared to \$120,738 for homeowners – and nearly half spent more than 30% of their income on housing. Explore how Kane County stacks up in the new Local Housing Profiles. [MORE](#)

Unlock Training Funds: The Kane County Incumbent Worker Training Program



The [Incumbent Worker Training \(IWT\) program](#) helps local businesses upskill their current employees by supporting the development and implementation of customized training. Kane County employers may be eligible for reimbursement of up to \$29,000. For more information, contact Mary Yapejian at YapejianMary@kanecountyIL.gov or call 630-762-2086.

FLENDER

Flender is expanding and has open positions available for immediate employment, this is an excellent opportunity for job seekers interested in the mechanical engineering and industrial sectors.

[MORE](#)

Submit your news, events, deals, and announcements to post@elginchamber.com by May 26 to be included in June's newsletter. This is a complimentary benefit for all Elgin Area Chamber members. [Join NOW](#)



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MAY SUNGLASS SALE

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Elgin: Ray-Ban Trunk Show
May 15th, 12 PM – 6 PM.

St. Charles: Maui Jim Trunk Show
May 13th, 12 PM – 6 PM.

Giveaways with purchase & a raffle!
See you there!



Internship Program @Open Door



Open Intern Positions

- ☐ Social Work Interns (Undergrad & Grad)
- ☐ Public Health & HR Interns
- ☐ LCSW Clinical Supervision
- ☐ MA/RN/NP Interns

Send Your Resume To

- ✉ KarinaM@OpenDoorClinic.org
- 📍 1665 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123
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Internships available year-round!



Annual Civic Awards Luncheon

Wednesday, May 21st 2025 • 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Elgin Country Club – 2575 Weld Road, Elgin



CIVIC AWARD RECIPIENTS:

William Booth Award: Rodney Piercey, Piercey & Associates, LTD.

OTHERS Award: KARAS Restaurant Group

Humanitarian Award: Bear Family Restaurants

Community Hero Award: Brittain's Express Carwash

Emerging Partner Award: Northgate Technologies

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Brian Duewel (Senior Director of Communications, NCI Division; Former Senior Producer, "Good Day Chicago"; Nationally Syndicated Columnist; Best-Selling Author)



Registration: Individual: \$50, Table of 8: \$320 (includes signage)

Deadline: Wednesday, May 7th [Register Online](#)

Pay by Check To: The Salvation Army, ATTN: Rick Reigner 316 Douglas Avenue, Elgin, Illinois, 60120



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Help Delivering Meals

Regularly deliver meals and a well-being check to our homebound seniors

In-Person Dining

Help serve and socialize with seniors at one of our community dining centers

Senior Dance Parties

Seasonal help coordinate senior dance parties occurring throughout the year

Office Volunteering

Volunteer around the office with administrative and clerical activities

Help With Fundraising

Help with outreach to raise awareness and funding to support our senior services

Intergenerational Activities

Volunteers of other generations connect with seniors through various activities and projects

Special Events

Help coordinate and organize internal and external events benefitting seniors

Other Opportunities

Learn more about special projects, group and one-time volunteering opportunities



Your support directly helps seniors in Kane County live independently in the communities they help build.

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Community Health Navigator*

*Part Time or Full Time position for our Aurora health center & community. The Community Health Navigator will outreach in Kane, DeKalb, McHenry & suburban Cook counties, primarily to those at risk for HIV/STI's, and to the greater LGBTQ+ community, educate & test the population for HIV & other STI's. (FKA HIV Tester & Counselor)

Send your Resume to Karina:
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Volunteer With Us

Our Volunteer Department Vision Statement

Our goal is to connect the community with meaningful volunteer opportunities at Marklund, while supporting Marklund staff in our mission to make *Everyday Life* possible for our residents and students with profound disabilities.

Marklund Volunteer Days for Groups and Businesses

Is your business, club or group seeking opportunities to engage with the community? Marklund is here to assist in creating a tailored one-day project or a long-term volunteer program suitable for groups of all sizes, addressing the needs of both our organization and yours. Volunteer Days offer an excellent chance to unite your team while gaining insights into the individuals at our two Marklund locations: Wasmond Center in Elgin or Hyde Center in Geneva.



For more information about volunteering at any one of our sites, please contact:

Nikki Osterloh,
Manager of Volunteer Engagement
– Geneva
nosterloh@marklund.org
Direct: 630.593.5468
Melanie Toth,
Volunteer Engagement Specialist
– Elgin
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Annual Giving Tree

Join us in making the holidays extra special for our residents. Marklund's Volunteer Department organizes the Annual Giving Tree Gift Drive for residents at our Elgin and Geneva locations. Each resident has a personal wish list featured on tags placed on Marklund's holiday trees and community-sponsored trees.

How to get involved:

Businesses, teams, churches and groups can create a Marklund Giving Tree by requesting gift tags from the Volunteer Department. You can also sponsor a tree in your community—this could be YOUR tree! Alternatively, grab a tag from trees at our locations. Participants can purchase one or more gifts from the tag list.

Gift return instructions:

- Gifts must be wrapped with the tag securely attached.
- Return gifts to the appropriate Marklund location by **Wednesday, December 17**, or arrange for pickup through the Volunteer Department.

Your support can make a real impact, spreading cheer and making the holiday season unforgettable for our residents.

For more information about volunteering at any one of our sites, please contact:

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Mother's Day Brunch & Live Music at Oak Crest!

Celebrate Mom on Sunday, May 11, 2025, at 12 noon with a delicious brunch in Oak Crest's Cellar Pub. Enjoy a special menu by Chef Marcel, live guitar by Brian Castillo, and mimosas!

**\$25 per person. Reservations required: 847-742-2255.
Oak Crest/Atrium Apartments, Elgin. OakCrestAtrium.org.**

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MOTHER'S DAY

MOTHER'S DAY AT THE GRUMPY GOAT!
9AM-4PM BRUNCH BUFFET
SUNDAY MAY 11TH, 2025

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Make May extra special with our delicious churro bar! For Mother's Day, treat her to:

- **Flowers Special:** 3 flower-shaped churros + 2 sauces
- **Hearts Special:** 6 heart-shaped churros + 2 sauces
- **Mega Treat:** 100 mini filled churros \$110.

We're open for large orders with 2-4 days advance notice. And don't forget your grads! Our churros are the perfect way to celebrate their achievements.

CONTACT US TODAY! (224) 276-9299

Mother's Day is May 11 Walmart

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Select bouquets available in club only May 5-11.

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Shop Flowers



Mother's Day at *Moretti's*

Let Us Cook for Mom!

DINE WITH US OR ORDER A TAKE OUT FEAST

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIALS

- Filet Mignon Trio**
Three (3 oz) filet medallions topped with herb butter. Served with mashed potatoes and harvest vegetables. 31.99
Add Parmesan crust 2.00
- Atlantic Salmon**
Soy ginger-glazed salmon with wasabi cream butter. Served with mashed potatoes and Asian slaw. 26.99
- Florida Grouper**
Pistachio-crusted grouper with whole grain mustard beurre blanc sauce. Served with mashed potatoes and grilled asparagus. 26.99

- Bacon-Wrapped Shrimp**
Served with mango pineapple relish, orange beurre blanc sauce, citrus jasmine rice, and blistered green beans. 25.99
- Surf & Turf**
Twin (3 oz) filet medallions with herb butter, mashed potatoes, and harvest vegetables. 30.99
Choice of: Soy Ginger Salmon, Pistachio-Crusted Grouper, or Bacon-Wrapped Shrimp. Add Parmesan crust 2.00
- Heart Shaped Pizza**

May 11, 2025

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET

Available 10am-2pm
Featuring prime rib, ham, eggs benedict, frittata, quiche, strawberry ricotta bruschetta, french toast stix, yogurt & more!

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Illinois' Game-Changing Pay Transparency Law is Here!

Attention Illinois Businesses with 15+ Employees: A significant shift in hiring practices has arrived. The Pay Transparency amendment to the Illinois Equal Pay Act of 2023 is now in effect, as of January 1st. This means some crucial changes to how you advertise jobs and internal promotions. Are you prepared to comply?

Here's what you need to know:

- **Show the Money (and Benefits):** Forget vague salary ranges. For every external job posting, you're now required to clearly state the pay scale and a general description of the benefits offered.
- **Internal Opportunities Out in the Open:** When a promotion opportunity arises, you have 14 days to announce it, post it, or otherwise make it known to all your current employees.

This amendment isn't just a suggestion – it's the law. Understanding and implementing these requirements is essential for your business. Don't get caught off guard! [MORE](#)

MAY 27 - JUNE 1

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A Roadmap for Business Opportunities

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The Edward Schock Centre of Elgin
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100 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120

DID YOU KNOW?
Minimum Wage is
not \$15 per hour, \$9
for tipped
employees, and \$13
for workers under 18



Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Announces New CEO

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois announced the appointment of Jodi Dahlke as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective May 2025.

Dahlke brings a wealth of experience to the role, having previously served as Chief Strategy Officer for Girl Scouts of Northwestern Great Lakes in Wisconsin for almost 10 years. In addition to over 30 years of business leadership experience, Dahlke brings expertise in strategic planning, [MORE](#)

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We will have games, prizes, a raffle for a FREE Laptop, FREE PIZZA, and FREE BACKPACKS filled with school supplies for the first 200 kids!
AND we have a Special Guest: **Fres Oquendo** former WBC Heavyweight Champion
Booth Space only costs a donation towards the backpacks!
JOIN US!

Saturday, August 9th
10am-1pm

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Tutoring Club

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SOUTH ELGIN
2025

June 2-August 1, 2025*
*Summer camp start date is subject to school snow days

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Volunteers needed at CASA!

Join a General Information
Meeting to learn more!

Scan the QR code to learn
more and join a General
Information Meeting!



CASA Kane County Upcoming Events:

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|--|---|
| May 18
Countryside Clays for Kids | August 18
Golf for a Child Invitational |
| September 7
War on Wheels: Cruisin' for CASA | September 25
Clays for Kids |
| October 4
Bourbon Social | October 16
Fall Community Educational
Conference |
| November 6
Super Heroes Event | |

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to learn more!



<https://casakanecounty.org>



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DID YOU KNOW?



Kindergarteners, 2nd graders, 6th graders, and 9th graders are required to have a dental exam prior to May 15 of the school year



Meet the May 15 deadline by taking your child to Well Child Center's pediatric dental clinic



Well Child Center accepts all Medicaid and All Kids dental plans



We also offer a cash payment option for anyone that does not have insurance. No personal checks are accepted

Schedule an appointment for your child at Well Child Center's dental clinic by calling 847-930-6721.



www.wellchildcenter.org

ST. MARY SCHOOL of ELGIN



St. Mary Catholic School, Elgin, 3-year preschool thru 8th grade, is hosting an open house on Sunday, May 18th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. We are now taking enrollment for all grade levels for the 2025-2026 school year.

CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR - ELGIN AREA.

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM CDT

Location: The Salvation Army Elgin Corps Community Center, 316 Douglas Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120

Young entrepreneurs will showcase their creativity and business skills online. Join us to support these innovative kids as they present their unique products and services.



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-26

THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ELGIN
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VISIT SOUTHELGIN.COM/PRESCHOOL

The South Elgin Preschool Pals program allows your child to learn and achieve age-appropriate milestones in a fun and engaging environment, preparing them for kindergarten and beyond.

PEOPLE PURPOSE PRESENCE

FREE EVENT!
TOUCH-A-TRUCK, GAMES, AND REFRESHMENTS

SOUTH ELGIN PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE
MAY 16, 2025 • 2-6PM
PUBLIC SERVICES FACILITY, 1000 BOWES ROAD

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH ADOPT-A-PARK



Calling all scouts, neighborhoods, residents, families, businesses and community organizations. South Elgin invites you to join our passionate community of volunteers dedicated to keeping our beautiful parks looking their best.

YOUR HELP CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

JOIN REPRESENTATIVE ANNA MOELLER & FRIENDS OF THE FOX RIVER FOR OUR ANNUAL

Fox River Clean Up

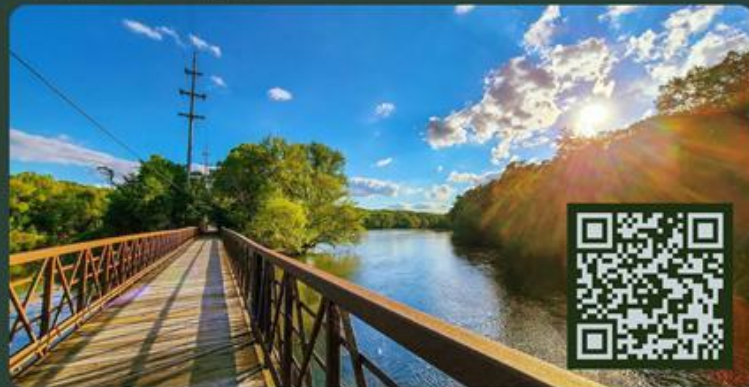
SATURDAY, MAY 3RD
9 AM-NOON

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Please bring gloves, pick-up tools, and plastic shopping bags or buckets. Friends of the Fox River will also provide these supplies at the event.

We recommend dressing for the weather and the event, and encourage people to bring water and snacks.

Let us know you'll be there by scanning the QR code on this flyer or by visiting <https://signup.com/go/VLxwnNW>



For more information, contact Representative Moeller's constituent services office at 847-841-7130 or staterepmoeller@gmail.com



NETWORK

The Old Car, Strong Heart (OC,SH) Network, inspired by a Route 66 road trip and the importance of mom-and-pop shops, has been revamped! Discover new categories like Heart & Health, Auto Care, Museums, Unique Businesses, and more. **Explore the revamped network** to find unique local gems and niche interests!



MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 26TH, 2025

View Elgin Patriotic Memorial Association planned Events



Submit your news, events, deals, and announcements to post@elginchamber.com by May 26 newsletter. This is a complimentary benefit for all Elgin Area Chamber members.

Join NOW



Learn to Save a Life with Naloxone in just 14 Minutes

A **new video** that teaches how Naloxone, the opioid overdose-reversing nasal spray can be used to save a life is now available. After viewing, see where you can get Naloxone for free and without a prescription or ID [here](#).

Click here to learn about the 988 Lifeline and awareness campaign

Kane County Government Blood Drive Government Center Building A



719 S. Batavia Ave. Geneva, IL 60134
Friday, May 9, 2025 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

[MORE](#)



ECKER CENTER COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY: Celebrating 70 Years of Impact

 **Saturday, May 3, 2025**

 **11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

 **1845 Grandstand Place, Elgin, IL**

Join us for a free, family-friendly celebration of 70 years of Ecker Center's community impact and compassionate care.

Tour our facility, connect with staff and clients, and discover how your support empowers programs that make a real difference in our community.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Guided tours & staff/client meet-and-greets
- Interactive stations on programs and wish lists
- Client Art Show preview
- Community mural preview
- Free food trucks & refreshments
- Raffles, prizes, and giveaways



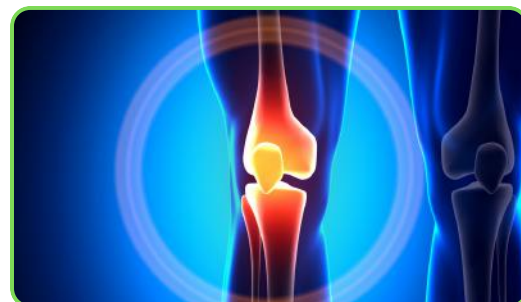
 **Support Ecker's 2025 Spring Campaign | April 1 – June 30**

Together, we're building a stronger, healthier, more compassionate community.



To learn more or to RSVP, please scan the QR code above or visit <https://givebutter.com/ecker70years>

OrthoIllinois First in the Region to Use Velys Robotic Technology for Partial Knee Replacements



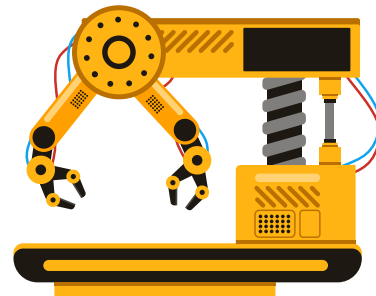

OrthoIllinois and OrthoMidwest are pleased to announce a historic milestone in orthopedic care with the introduction of a ground-breaking new procedure. Dr. Frank Bohnenkamp and Dr. Mark Oyer are the first surgeons to perform partial knee replacements using the Velys robotic-assisted technology in Illinois and Wisconsin. These procedures were completed at OrthoIllinois Surgery Center in Elgin. [MORE](#)

Manufacturing Employer Symposium

Don't miss the Manufacturing Employer Symposium at Elgin Community College on Friday, May 9, from 3 to 5 pm in Building B, Room 181! As part of the Make it in Illinois campaign, this interactive workshop is for employers and industry professionals seeking strategies to attract and retain skilled workers, especially for hard-to-fill and technically demanding roles. Hear from Drew Crowe and local experts on industry trends and workforce innovation. **RSVP required**



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Registration is now open for participants who want to be part of Elgin's Fourth of July Parade!

The parade will take place Friday, July 4, at 9 a.m., starting at the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Slade Avenue. Register at elginil.gov/july4 by June 6 to secure your spot.

We're excited to once again feature the **Pet Parade**! Pet owners can join in the fun by walking with their furry friends. The Pet Parade will step off at 9 a.m. from the NENA Butterfly Garden near the intersection of Douglas Avenue and Ann Street, and continue along the parade route, ending near City Hall at Douglas Avenue and Highland Avenue.

Visit elginil.gov/july4 for registration, volunteer opportunities and more information. Stay tuned for more details about the Fourth of July celebration, including the lineup of bands and vendors.

Check It Out! GB's Business Book of the Month



Title: Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't

Author: Simon Sinek

Date of Publication: 2014

Publisher: Penguin Publishing Group

Favorite Quote: *Leadership is not a license to do less; it is a responsibility to do more*

Leaders Eat Last is the second book by Simon Sinek, author, inspirational speaker, and business leadership expert. Following the success of his extremely popular TED Talk ("How Great Leaders Inspire Action") and first book (Start with Why), Sinek dives into what it takes to be a great leader, examining the topic through the lens of anthropology, biology, and psychology. Sinek proposes that leaders can maximize the potential of their organizations through valuing the well-being, safety, and trust of their employees. Agreed! [MORE](#)



Rebecca Lapinski
Career Service Librarian
Gail Borden Library



EAC Rate for Travelers

We're offering seasonal discounted rates to our Elgin Area Chamber members, based on availability, Sunday–Thursday stays. These rates will be valid until 12/30/25. Should you need to book a group block or a meeting room, just reach out to me for assistance. Happy to help!

BOOK YOUR STAY



How Often Should I Clean My Dog's Belongings?

Keeping your dog's items clean not only helps maintain a fresh environment (and keeps your nose happy), but it can also prevent dirt, mold, and bacteria buildup from forming, helping you maintain your furry friend's overall well-being by reducing the risk of infection or illness. [MORE](#)



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**Kane County Master Gardener
Plant Sale June 7**



Come see garden plans come to life at the Idea Garden, and pick up plants and advice for your own garden from trained Kane County Master Gardener volunteers! The sale includes plants the Master Gardeners have grown from bare roots, division, and winter sowing. Proceeds support local community garden projects and other Illinois Extension programs. [READ MORE](#)

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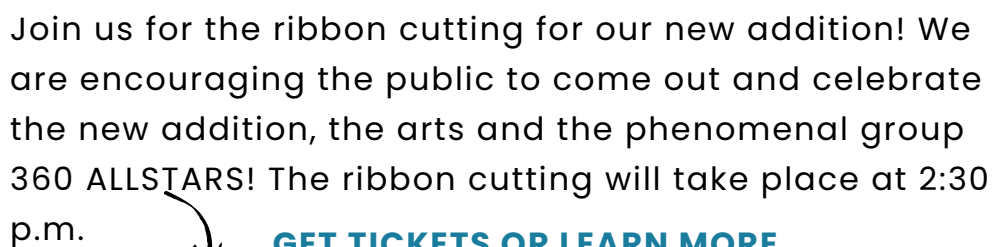
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7:30 pm



Apartment rents expected to accelerate across country as demand stays solid, completions moderate

U.S. Apartment Rent Growth



Apartment rents across the United States are expected to accelerate at a quicker clip in the second quarter as demand remains solid and the number of units completed continues to slow.



Nationally, year-over-year multifamily asking rents grew 1.1% this year through March, according to a report from Apartments.com, owned by CoStar Group. That is the same rate as the fourth quarter of 2024. Actual rents rose about 1% from the first quarter of 2024, according to the report.

The national average on a rent-per-unit basis ended the first quarter at \$1,754 monthly compared to \$1,735 monthly at the end of the first quarter of last year, Apartments.com found. [MORE](#)

FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

Safe, secure and contactless shredding event hosted by KCT Credit Union, Northern Kane County Chamber, & State Representative Suzanne Ness.

Fight identity theft and needless clutter at home by bringing your personal documents to be safely shredded. Only paper materials will be accepted, no plastic bags. Small paper clips and staples do not need to be removed. Please note that there will be a strict two-banker box limit for each participant and material will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Shredding accepted until shred truck is full.

Saturday, May 3rd from 9am - 12pm
Carpenter Park
275 Maple Ave, Carpentersville, IL 60110



KCT will be supporting a donation drive for the Fish Food Pantry. Please consider bringing a donation of personal and feminine hygiene products, household goods like toilet paper, dish soap, & paper towels, or jarred and canned non-perishable food items!

Kane County Recycling will be on site accepting electronics*, clothing, shoes, home textiles, and books for free recycling (no large appliances, no items with refrigerants) *Monitors and TVs carry a fee to recycle, \$25 per item for screens under 21 inches (measured diagonally) or \$35 per item for screens 21 inches or over (measured diagonally).

Join us and meet your Representative



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
SUZANNE NESS

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Saturday, June 14th from 9-11am
Gail Borden Public Library Main Branch,
270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120



KCT will be supporting a donation drive for the Community Crisis Center.

We'll be collecting Food & Toiletry Items listed below.

Food Items

- Canned meats, soups, and fruits
- Pasta
- Baby food & formula
- Breakfast items including cereal, oatmeal, and toaster pastries
- Instant ramen, potatoes, and flavored rice

Toiletry Items

- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body wash & lotion
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, & dental care
- Diapers & wipes
- Hand & Foot warmers

Join us and meet your Representatives



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Saturday, May 3, 2025
11:30 a.m.
Football Field, Judson University

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Tailgate & Scrimmage

Stick around and enjoy the full football experience:

- 12:00 p.m. – Tailgate Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Spring Scrimmage Kickoff

Please respond by contacting Cheryl Krup at 847-628-2005
or Cheryl.Krup@judsonu.edu no later than May 2.



FSA 5K

GET EXCITED!

SATURDAY Join Us for FSA's 5K: Run, Walk, Stroll, and Support Mental Health Together!
MAY 17TH, 2025

Registration is open now –
Kids Dash starts at 8am
5k will officially start at 8:30am

Website:
<https://www.family-service.org/5k>

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