

ELGIN AREA CHAMBER

October 2026

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Your Monthly Snapshot of Member Deals, Opportunities & Business Connections

NIGHTMARE ON CHICAGO STREET

OCTOBER 16-17, 2026 SAVE THE CITY!

Nightmare on Chicago Street returns transforming downtown into an immersive post-apocalyptic world filled with zombies, terrifying creatures, live entertainment, elaborate themed environments, food, drinks and plenty of surprises. This year brings two distinct nights of Nightmare. Friday, October 16 – The Arrival and Saturday, October 17.

DON'T WAIT — GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Capacity is limited

Meet Sarosh Saher: A Resource for Your Business

We're excited to welcome Sarosh B. Saher to the Elgin Area Chamber team as our new Economic Development Director! For Sarosh, it's also a homecoming. After spending 20 years with the City of Elgin, he returns to a community he knows well and is passionate about helping succeed.



With more than 30 years of community and economic development experience, Sarosh is here to help you and your business.

Considering an expansion or relocation? Navigating a municipal process? Looking for resources or facing a challenge that may be impacting your growth? Sarosh can help connect you with the right people, information, and resources.

ELGIN BUSINESSES, put this resource to work for you! Reach out to Sarosh with your business questions, challenges, or growth opportunities. Helping your business succeed is what we're here to do.

GET YOUR BUSINESS FEATURED HERE!

Promote your news, events, and offers in Click & Connect—included with your membership.

Submit content to post@elginchamber.com

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Keep your home or business looking its best. Chamber members receive 10% off professional carpet cleaning from Fiber Fresh!

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GET THE DEAL

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ESO Launches Center for Cultural Diplomacy

The Elgin Symphony Orchestra has launched its Center for Cultural Diplomacy, using music and the arts to connect cultures, develop young artists, and build international partnerships. **Learn more about this exciting new initiative!**



U-46 Celebrates 10 Years of Financial Excellence

School District U-46's Financial Services Department earned its 10th consecutive national recognition for excellence in financial reporting and budgeting, highlighting its commitment to transparency and responsible stewardship. **Learn more about this achievement!**

Elgin Lanes: A New Chapter In The Family Entertainment

Elgin Lanes is beginning an exciting new chapter in family entertainment, bringing fresh energy to a longtime community destination for bowling, fun, and connection. **Discover what's new and plan your next visit to Elgin Lanes!**

Schedule Your Fall Fire Safety Training

Hands-on training in the proper use of portable fire extinguishers helps insure that when an emergency arises, your employees are trained to respond.

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HOTWORX
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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Veterans Month, HOTWORX is proud to support **National Breast Cancer Foundation's Military Women's Patient Relief Fund.**



Purchase a Warrior Dedication Card to display in our studio and honor a veteran or breast cancer survivor who's close to your heart, while dedicating your HOTWORX sessions to them.

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NATIONAL BREAST CANCER



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Flu shots will be available for adults 18 and older.

LET'S TAKE THE SHOT!

SATURDAY, OCT. 10
9 a.m. - noon
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ELGIN
Elgin Township Building,
729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123

SATURDAY, OCT. 17
9 a.m. - noon
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HANOVER TOWNSHIP
Hanover Township Senior Services,
240 Illinois Rte 59, Bartlett, IL 60103

Ascension
STATE SENATOR
Cristina Castro

For more information, please visit SenatorCristinaCastro.com
or contact the district office at (847) 214-8864

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Fill Your Talent Pipeline

Hire Spartans Community Job Fair

October 20 | 9 am to 12 pm | Building J, Events Center





- Meet highly qualified candidates.
- Gain exposure for your company.
- Open to all industries including manufacturing, IT, business, healthcare, childcare, and more.

Register for free:
elgin.edu/jobfair

Questions?
Contact us at spel@elgin.edu.

Elgin Community College

SAVE THE DATE

JUDSON UNIVERSITY

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING EXHIBITOR?

FALL 2026 CAREER & INTERNSHIP EXPO

REGISTER NOW!

27 TUESDAY
OCTOBER
5:30-7:30 PM
REED ROOM, LINDNER TOWER

QUESTIONS? CONNECT WITH US AT CAREERS@JUDSONU.EDU

FROM DUST

A NEW PLAY BY ELI CAMPBELL

FRI, OCT 2	7:30 PM
SAT, OCT 3	7:30 PM
SUN, OCT 4	2:00 PM
THU, OCT 8	7:30 PM
	7:30 PM
FRI, OCT 9	7:30 PM
SAT, OCT 10	7:30 PM

THE LODGE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
18 VILLA COURT, ELGIN, IL

POINT2POINT PRODUCTIONS

FROM DUST
DONATION DRIVE

STOCK OUR SET, STOCK THEIR SHELVES

We're dressing the bunker in From Dust with real, donated pantry goods — every can and box on stage this October goes straight to PADS of Elgin when the run ends.

From Dust is a two-person play set in an underground bunker, and we need the shelves to look genuinely stocked. Donate a non-perishable item (or several!) from the list below, and it'll live on stage as a prop before it feeds a family through PADS of Elgin.
Two good deeds, one grocery bag.

WHAT TO BRING

- **Boxed Cereal** — Any variety, family size
- **Canned Vegetables** — Corn, green beans, carrots, etc.
- **Instant Mashed Potatoes** — 26.7 oz box
- **Lemonade Drink Mix**
- **Kool-Aid Drink Mix** — Grape, 19 oz container
- **Ground Coffee** — Great Value Donut Shop Arabica Roast Ground Coffee, 25.9 oz
- **Granola Bars** — Chewy, variety pack
- **Canned Spaghetti** — Ready to eat, single can
- **Iced Tea Drink Mix** — Lemon Flavor
- **Clorox Wipes**
- **Ramen Noodle Soup** — Chicken flavor, 12 pack
- **Peanut Butter** — Creamy, 40 oz jar

WHERE TO DROP OFF

- The Lodge Arts Center, 18 Villa Court, Elgin — 9/27–10/1, 6–9pm or performances.
- The point2point office at Schaumburg on Stage, 1945 Wright Blvd, Schaumburg, IL 60193. Please email info@schaumburgonstage.org to schedule donation drop-off.
- For performance schedule go to www.schaumburgonstage.org.
- Questions? Contact Producer, Carolina Menapace, at cmenapace@gmail.com.

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Discover the basic principles and patterns of Qigong to build strength, balance, and agility while nurturing resilience and serenity.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CDT)

Budokan Martial Arts
959 N La Fox Street
South Elgin, IL 60177

All skill and experience levels welcome!
$40 per person, $35 for second family member in the same household.

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BWA Black Women's Association
Northwest Suburban Chapter



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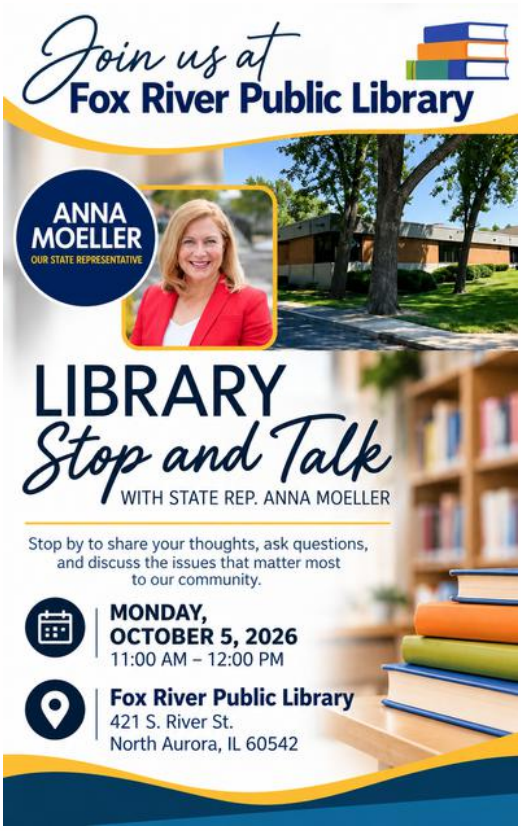
- FAFSA READY
- SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
- COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING
- HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND ROADMAP
- TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

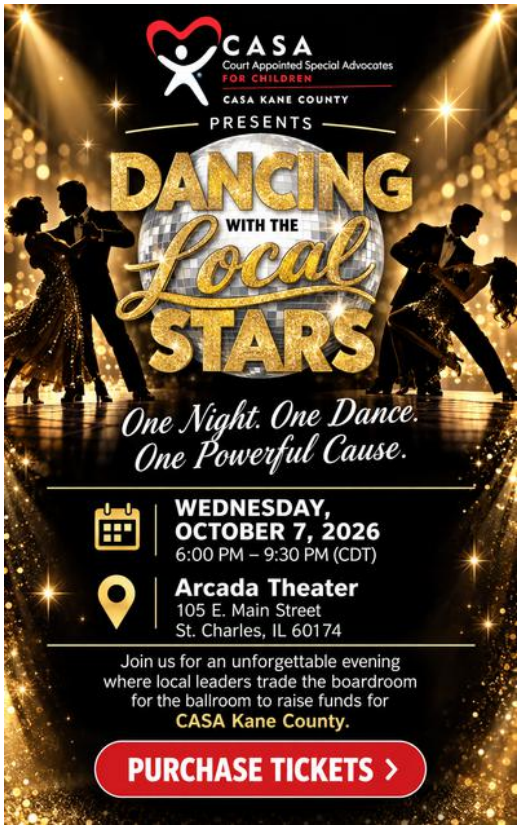
SCAN TO REGISTER!

EXPERIENCED SPEAKERS SHARING REAL INSIGHTS TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.

DATE: Saturday October 3, 2026
TIME: 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
LOCATION: Gail Borden Library 270 N. Grove Ave. Elgin, IL 60120

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Questions? Contact us at bwaofelgin@gmail.com
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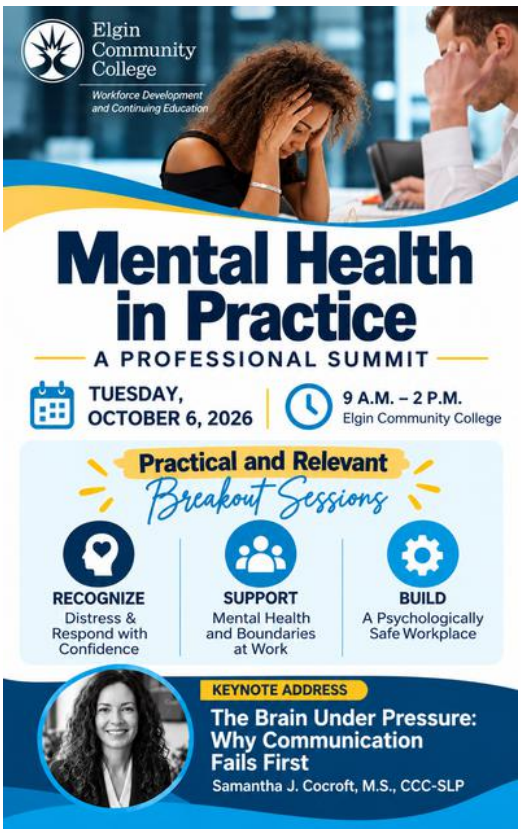

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Fox River Public Library
ANNA MOELLER
OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
LIBRARY
Stop and Talk
WITH STATE REP. ANNA MOELLER
Stop by to share your thoughts, ask questions, and discuss the issues that matter most to our community.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Fox River Public Library
421 S. River St.
North Aurora, IL 60542


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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM (CDT)
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026
9 A.M. – 2 P.M.
Elgin Community College
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RECOGNIZE
Distress & Respond with Confidence
SUPPORT
Mental Health and Boundaries at Work
BUILD
A Psychologically Safe Workplace
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
The Brain Under Pressure: Why Communication Fails First
Samantha J. Cocroft, M.S., CCC-SLP


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Nonprofit Coffee & Connect
A forum for nonprofit professionals and entrepreneurs to engage with peers, share knowledge and experience, learn from experts, and discuss relevant topics.
Special Topic:
Nonprofit Fundraising
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (CDT)
Gail Borden Public Library
Main Library – Meadows Community Rooms AB
270 N Grove Ave, Elgin, IL 60120
Stop by for coffee and get ready to connect, collaborate, and learn!
Registration is not required.
CONNECT with peers
LEARN from experts
SHARE knowledge and experience


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FRIDAY, NOV. 6
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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1700 Spartan Dr., Elgin, IL
Please Note: Space is limited and by appointment only.
Register by calling Senator Castro's office at 847-214-8864
Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias
State Senator Cristina Castro


Free Community Shredding Event
Safe and secure shredding event hosted by Consumers Credit Union, State Senator Cristina Castro, Representative Fred Crespo, and the Streamwood Park District.
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. Documents accepted until the shred truck is full.
Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 9am - 11am
Hoosier Grove Barn
700 Irving Park Rd., Streamwood, IL 60107
Elgin Community College Spartan Pantry
We will be supporting a donation drive for the Spartan Pantry.
Join us and meet your Representative
CONSUMERS CREDIT UNION
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE FRED CRESPO
STREAMWOOD PARK DISTRICT
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THE STATE OF LATINO Health
AT THE LATINA EXPO
A critical report and powerful discussion on the health challenges, inequities, and solutions impacting Latino communities across Illinois and beyond.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
MALCOLM X COLLEGE AUDITORIUM
1900 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60612
PRESENTED BY Genentech
KEY TOPICS INCLUDE:
HEALTH EQUITY
CHRONIC DISEASES
MENTAL HEALTH
WOMEN'S & FAMILY HEALTH
DATA, POLICY & SOLUTIONS
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Being a Chamber member tells customers, clients and fellow businesses that you're connected, invested and engaged in our community.
Did you know?
81% of consumers are more likely to buy from a business that is a Chamber member.[1]
87% of consumers have a more favorable view of a business that is a Chamber member.[2]
CREDIBILITY
CONNECTION
OPPORTUNITY
STRENGTHEN YOUR BUSINESS JOIN TODAY →
ELGIN AREA CHAMBER
Connect • Engage • Thrive
1 The Schapiro Group, 2023 Consumer Research Study
2 Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE), 2022 Consumer Awareness Study

ELGIN AREA CHAMBER

CURRENT EVENTS

ELGIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

77TH SEASON 2026-2027

Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1

Chad Goodman, *conductor*
Drew Petersen, *piano*



SATURDAY · 7:30 PM
OCTOBER 10
SUNDAY · 2:30 PM
OCTOBER 11

Pre-Concert Talks begin one hour before each concert

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TICKETS START AT **$20**
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COPLAND Four Dance Episodes from *Rodeo*
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CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates FOR CHILDREN
CASA KANE COUNTY

2026 Fall Conference
October 15, 2026
Elgin Community College, Building E

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We are privileged to welcome the Honorable Judge M. Lark Cowart, who will share insights from the bench. You'll also gain perspectives from a panel featuring lived-experience voices, and connect with community resources.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CDT)

Budokan Martial Arts
959 N La Fox Street
South Elgin, IL 60177

Habitat for Humanity® of Northern Fox Valley

A powerful play about hope, numanity, and a better life.

Bullets, Nickels, Dimes, and Life

A PLAY BY JEREMY KEHOE



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM (CDT)

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley
56 S Grove Ave
Elgin, IL 60120

Open dress rehearsal
Suggested donation of $25
All funds go to **PADS of Elgin.**

BUY TICKETS ›

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CRISTINA CASTRO
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Invites You to a

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Stay healthy this flu season! Join State Senator Cristina Castro and Ascension Illinois for free community flu shot clinics. Available for adults ages 18 and older. Completely free of charge!

FREE for adults 18 and older
PROTECT your health and community
STAY HEALTHY this flu season and beyond

LET'S TAKE THE SHOT!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (CDT)
ELGIN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
729 S. McLean Blvd, Suite 100
Elgin, IL 60123

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (CDT)
HANOVER TOWNSHIP
Hanover Township Senior Services
240 S. State St, Bartlett, IL 60103

Ascension Illinois
Hanover Township



STATE SENATOR **Cristina Castro** DISTRICT 22

For more information, please visit SenatorCristinaCastro.com or contact the district office at (847) 214-8864.

Elgin Community College

Learn to Manage People



Join Elgin Community College for **New Supervisor Skills** training.
Participants will learn the most valuable management skills, including:

- Decision Making & Goal Setting
- Accountability & Feedback
- Approaching Difficult Conversations

Thursday, October 8, 2026
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (CDT)

Elgin Community College
1700 Spartan Drive
Building K
Elgin, IL 60123

$199 per participant

For questions or registration, email **cemailbox@elgin.edu** or call 'Tall Paul' Ohlson at **847-214-7645.**



Dog N' Dine with Culver's

Support Anderson Humane

30% of all sales from 10AM – 10PM will be donated to Anderson Humane.

Enjoy a ButterBurger®, creamy custard or your Culver's favorites while helping animals find loving homes!

SPECIAL GIFT
All pups in the drive-thru will receive a complimentary pup cup with a treat, and the first 20 will get a Culver's tennis ball!

MEET ADOPTABLE PUPS
Meet Anderson Humane pups outside on the patio between 4 PM and 6 PM.

SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE
Celebrate National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month and help animals in our community!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026
10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Culver's St. Charles
111 S. Randall Rd
St. Charles, IL 60174

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girl scouts of northern illinois

Celebrate HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WITH GIRL SCOUTS



Join Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to celebrate the rich histories, vibrant cultures, and incredible contributions of Hispanic and Latin communities.

This celebration is open to everyone – current Girl Scouts, those interested in joining, families, friends, and community members.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (CDT)
353 Randall Road
South Elgin, IL 60177

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM (CDT)
591 Sullivan Road
Aurora, IL 60506

Discover Cultures. Build Friendships. Create Memories.


STATE REPRESENTATIVE
ANNA MOELLER'S
YOUTH & FAMILY
RESOURCE FAIR
LOCAL RESOURCES
ACTIVITIES
SERVICES
FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES
Discover a world of possibilities for your teen at our annual Youth Resource Fair!
This event offers connections with a variety of volunteer opportunities, dynamic after school programs, valuable health and wellness resources, and essential career readiness tools.
TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2026
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM (CDT)
Gail Borden Public Library
270 N Grove Avenue, Elgin
Meadows Community Rooms ABC
For More Information Contact:
(847) 841-7130 or StateRepMoeller@gmail.com


CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN
CASA KANE COUNTY
PRESENTED BY
Liquor 'n' Wine
5TH ANNUAL
BOURBON
SOCIAL
TO BENEFIT CASA KANE COUNTY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (CDT)
Liquor 'n' Wine
2460 W Main St, Saint Charles, IL 60175
EXCLUSIVE BOURBONS
CIGAR LOUNGE
FOOD, WINE & BEER
LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLES & MORE!

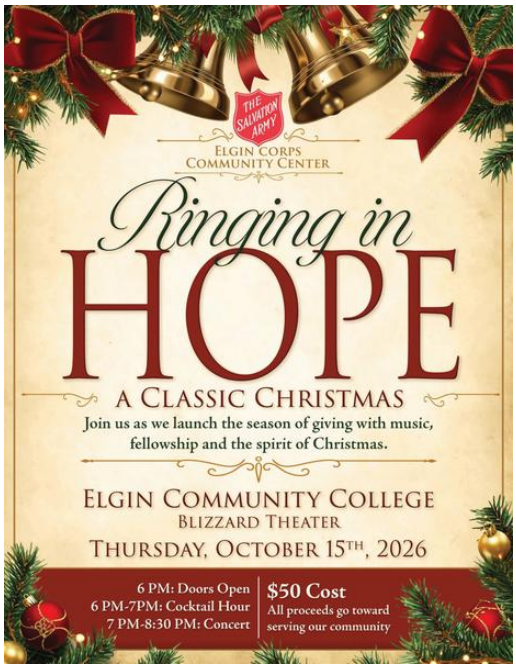

Saturday
CRUISE NIGHTS
THROUGH OCTOBER 24
SEE AWESOME VEHICLES & CHAT WITH ENTHUSIASTS!
ELGIN, IL'S STEAK'N'SHAKE
(RANDALL RD, JUST SOUTH OF HISTORIC US 20)
CLICK IMAGE TO VISIT
WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO & PHOTOS!


CHICAGO STREET
POUR HOUSE
GAMING
KITCHEN
Good Food Stronger Communities
People Food Opportunity Change
DINE WITH
THE RAGLIN FAMILY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026
ALL DAY • DINE-IN OR TAKEOUT
The Raglin family will be dining around lunchtime—stop by and join us!
SAVE THE DATE
Raglin Scholarship Annual Dinner
APRIL 10, 2027
NEW VENUE: ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
THE RON RAGLIN GAMECHANGERS
EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITY
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS


WORLD FASHION FESTIVAL
WFF
2026
CHICAGO
WHERE FASHION UNITES THE WORLD
NAVY PIER
STYLE. CULTURE. CONNECTIONS
DAY 1
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 15
FASHION SHOW
BAR SOL EVENT SPACE
AT NAVY PIER
DAY 2
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 16
FASHION SHOW
BAR SOL EVENT SPACE
AT NAVY PIER
DAY 3
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17
FASHION POP UP
AT THE CHICAGO LOOP
ARTS FESTIVAL
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
WORLDFASHIONFESTIVAL.ORG


LATINA EXPO
Beauty. Culture. Power.
CONNECT • EMPOWER • GROW
Latina Expo is the premier event for Latina women, families and professionals. Showcase your beauty brand, connect with thousands of inspired attendees, and grow your business in thriving Latina communities across the U.S.
Become a VENDOR!
RESERVE YOUR BOOTH TODAY!
BE SEEN. BE CELEBRATED. Be Part of the Movement.
REACH A POWERFUL MARKET
Connect with thousands of Latina women who influence and drive purchasing decisions.
SHOWCASE YOUR BRAND
Highlight your products, launch new items, and build brand awareness in person.
INCREASE SALES AND VISIBILITY
Network, generate leads, and turn connections into loyal customers.
BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER
Support and empower the Latina community while growing your business.
SKINCARE
HAIRCARE
MAKEUP & MORE!
JOIN US IN
CHICAGO
OCTOBER 22-24, 2026
Malcolm X College
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!
Secure your spot early.
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AMERICAN LEGION
trunk or treat
october 24
11 am - 2 pm
820 N. LIBERTY STREET IN ELGIN
BRING THE KIDS, WEAR YOUR COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR A
spooktacular time!


THE SALVATION ARMY
ELGIN CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER
Ringing in HOPE
A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS
Join us as we launch the season of giving with music, fellowship and the spirit of Christmas.
ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BLIZZARD THEATER
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2026
6 PM: Doors Open
6 PM-7PM: Cocktail Hour
7 PM-8:30 PM: Concert
$50 Cost
All proceeds go toward serving our community


BALLET FIVE EIGHT PRESENTS
La Llorona
A powerful choreography, theatrical storytelling, and a cinematic score infused with Mexican folk colors and live trumpet improvisation, La Llorona transforms a story rooted in fear into a deeply human portrait of maternal mental health, compassion, and restoration.
The Ghost is Real.
So is the Grief.
THE HEMMENS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM (CDT)
The Hemmens Cultural Center
45 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120
CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS


Hasta La Muerte
PRESENTED BY LAS CAFETERAS
Step into a powerful two-act journey celebrating culture, memory, and the connections that transcend generations. Through vibrant choreography, poetry, folklore, and a stunning blend of original and traditional music, this unforgettable production honors Indigenous and Mexican traditions while exploring deep themes of love, loss, and healing. Experience an extraordinary celebration of life, culture, and remembrance.
THE HEMMENS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CST)
The Hemmens Cultural Center
45 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120
BUY TICKETS HERE


ELGIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Chad Goodman, Music Director
PRESENTS
DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM (CDT)
THE HEMMENS CULTURAL CENTER
45 Symphony Way, Elgin, IL 60120


Alero FINANCIAL
BOO AT THE ALERO DRIVE-THRU!
CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES & COMMUNITY PARTNERS!
Help create a fun and memorable Halloween experience for local families!
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (CDT)
Alero Financial
1950 Big Timber Rd
Elgin, IL 60123
PARTICIPATE BY:
Decorate your vehicle with a fun Halloween theme
Provide and distribute your own candy or treats
Bring employees, coworkers, or family members to help
RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
Space is limited, so sign up early!


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El Trote de las Calacas Skeleton Trot 5K
Run with the Calacas!
A USTF-certified 5K and community celebration honoring the Day of the Dead!
SATURDAY, OCT. 10
Race starts at 9:00 a.m.
GAIL BORDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, IL
LIVE MUSIC
FOOD
DANCING CATRINAS
CULTURAL MARKETPLACE
AND MORE!
Find more information and how you can be a part of the tradition at
www.u-46.org/trote


31ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY FASHION SHOW
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM | HOLIDAY INN | CRYSTAL LAKE, IL
Winter Wishes & Runway Dreams
TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS ON SALE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
NISRA Foundation


TRUNK OR TREAT
Holiday Inn and Bennigan's
Trunk or Treat in Elgin
AN ANNUAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY EVENT FEATURING TRICK-OR-TREATING FROM DECORATED CAR TRUNKS. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th - 12:00PM to 2:00PM
A LOCAL COMMUNITY GATHERING WHERE FAMILIES CAN TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFELY IN A DECORATED PARKING LOT ENVIRONMENT, HOSTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL AREA PARTICIPANTS AND BUSINESSES. FREE TO ATTEND.
BENNIGAN'S
Holiday Inn
495 Airport Rd · Elgin
847-488-9900
(Located Off I-90 & 31 North, Inside Holiday Inn)
Trunk or Treat will be held in Holiday Inn parking lot


HOLIDAY INN & SUITES
10% OFF ALL EVENTS BOOKED FROM OCT-JANUARY 31
GRAB THIS SPOOKY-GOOD DEAL WHILE YOU'RE GETTING A HEAD START ON YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY PLANNING!
ASK US ABOUT OUR SEASONAL MENUS AND LET US HELP MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY EVENT ONE TO REMEMBER.
DATES ARE FILLING UP, SO DON'T WAIT TO START PLANNING!
MERCEDES HERRERA
PHONE: 847-717-8654
EMAIL: MERCEDES@HICHICAGONW.COM
NOT VALID FOR EXISTING CONTRACTS & MIN F&B SPEND OF $500
495 AIRPORT RD, ELGIN, IL 60123


HOLIDAY INN & SUITES
495 AIRPORT RD, ELGIN, IL 60123
BEAT THE HOLIDAY RUSH! BY BOOKING YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY TODAY!
BOOK BY 10/31/26 FOR 10% OFF
PRIME DATES FILL FAST.
SCAN THE QR CODE FOR HOLIDAY MENUS!
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BOOKING MUST BE BEFORE 1/31/27
Holiday Inn


AMERICAN LEGION
PARTICIPATE
in our annual
TRUNK-OR-TREAT!
We're looking for businesses, organizations and community members to participate!
Provide and decorate a trunk or table with a family friendly theme.
Provide treats or giveaway items for 300-350 children.
Saturday, October 24, 2026
11 am - 2 pm (set up at 10 am)
American Legion Post 57
820 N Liberty Street, Elgin, IL 60120
To secure your spot or for questions:
alelginpost57@yahoo.com | (847) 741-2358


ELGIN AREA CHAMBER
DON'T MISS OUT
on this Member Benefit!
Send us your
HOLIDAY PROMOTIONS AD
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Beat the Holiday Rush! by booking your holiday party today!
Book by 10/31/26 for 10% off
Prime dates fill fast.
Great Food. Great Company. Great Memories.
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