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NOVEMBER 2026

Your Monthly Snapshot of Member Deals, Opportunities & Business Connections

Small Business Saturday

Shop Small, Make a BIG Impact!

This Small Business Saturday, November 28, celebrate the businesses that make our communities unique!

From neighborhood shops and restaurants to local service providers, small businesses create jobs, strengthen our economy, and give back to the communities we call home.

Every purchase, referral, and recommendation makes a difference!

Discover Local. Support Local.

Whether you're shopping for the perfect gift, planning a night out, or searching for a trusted service provider, start with a Chamber member!

Take advantage of the special deals and exclusive offers featured in this edition, and show your appreciation for the hardworking entrepreneurs who help our region thrive.

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Find & Support Local Businesses ›







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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Mayor David J. Kaptain Named First Mayoral Recipient of Champion of Metro West

Elgin Mayor David J. Kaptain was selected to receive the Champion of Metro West award, becoming the first mayor in the organization's history to earn the honor. The Champion of Metro West award honors legislators, business partners and municipal leaders who demonstrate outstanding service, dedication and support for the mission of the Metro West Council of Government.
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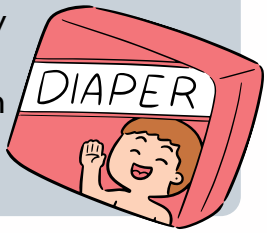
Nancy Colemen one of Five National Finalist



Since 2017, Nancy has led efforts to strengthen the workforce pipeline across Kane County through innovative partnerships that bring education, business, and community organizations together to expand career opportunities for students. Continue reading >>

Final Days to Give: Help Local Families Through the 6th Annual Diaper Drive

Help local families in need! State Rep. Suzanne Ness' 6th Annual Diaper Drive ends today, October 30. Donate diapers and baby wipes at participating locations, or give online through November 5. Every donation makes a difference. Continue reading >>



Porte Brown Earns Two National Workplace Honors

PorteBrown ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

Porte Brown has earned two national workplace distinctions from Accounting Today. The firm ranked #7 among midsize firms in the 2026 Best Accounting Firms to Work For program and was one of only 20 firms named a 2026 Best Firm for Women. One hundred firms earned a place on Accounting Today's 2026 Best Accounting Firms to Work For list. Porte Brown ranked Continue reading >>

U-46's Early Learner Team Honored for Creating a Difference

School District U-46's Early Learner Initiatives department, which serves nearly 1,600 preschool children each year, won the Elgin Image Award's "Creating a Difference" category. Learn more about this achievement!







Effective January 1, 2027
Illinois employers should prepare for new workplace requirements affecting hiring practices and employee policies.

Hiring Requirements
Employers with 15 or more employees face new restrictions on requiring a driver's license in job postings. Requirements must be justified by essential job duties and business necessity.
[Learn More – Illinois Department of Labor]

Paid Jury Duty
Employers with more than 25 employees must provide regular pay for employees serving on jury duty, subject to the law's requirements.
[Learn More – Illinois General Assembly]

Review Your Workplace Policies
Before January 1, businesses should review job postings, employee handbooks, jury duty policies, and hiring procedures to ensure compliance.












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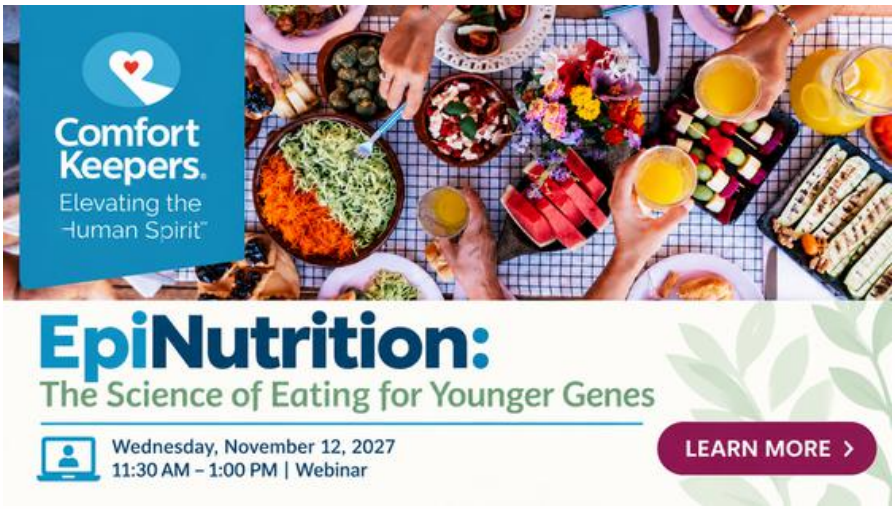
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November 15 at 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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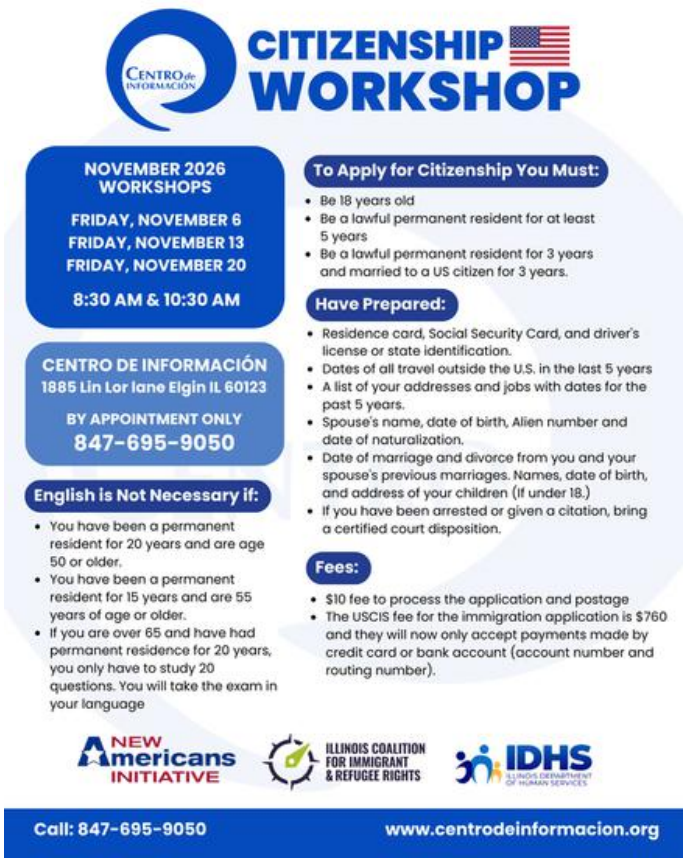

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Smash Your Pumpkins, Not the Planet!

Join the City of Elgin's annual Pumpkin Smash on Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to noon! Bring your pumpkins, gourds, and cornstalks to Advocate Sherman Hospital or Elgin High School for an eco-friendly way to wrap up Halloween. Help reduce landfill waste and turn pumpkins into nutrient-rich compost! **MORE**







Free Holiday Meal Distribution in Elgin – November 7

Northern Illinois Food Bank will distribute 900 free holiday meal boxes and turkeys at Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, on Saturday, November 7, from 9–11 a.m. Each box provides ingredients for a holiday meal serving 6–8 people. Distribution is first-come, first-served, and no registration is required. Read More









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