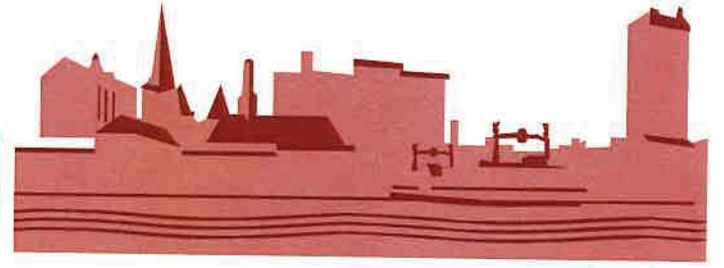


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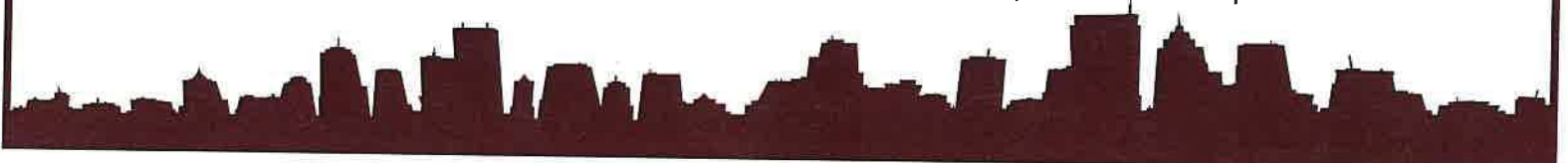


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Award-Winning *Open* ELGIN Architectural Tour

The Open Elgin tour is free of charge and will run from
1 - 5 pm on Saturday, April 27
with sponsorship from the Elgin Development Group

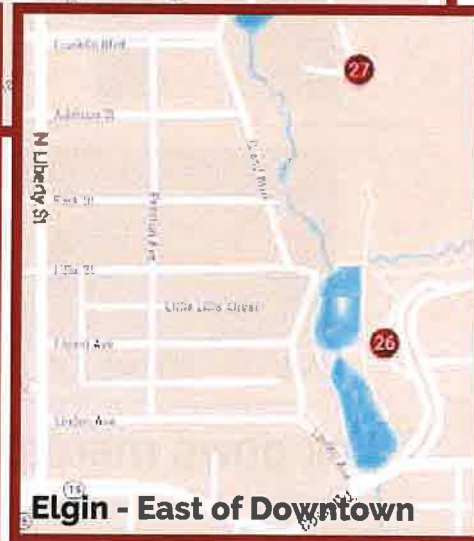
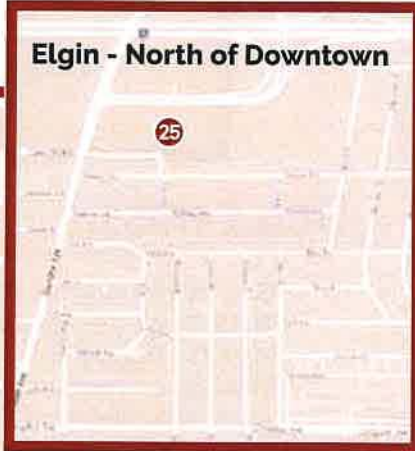
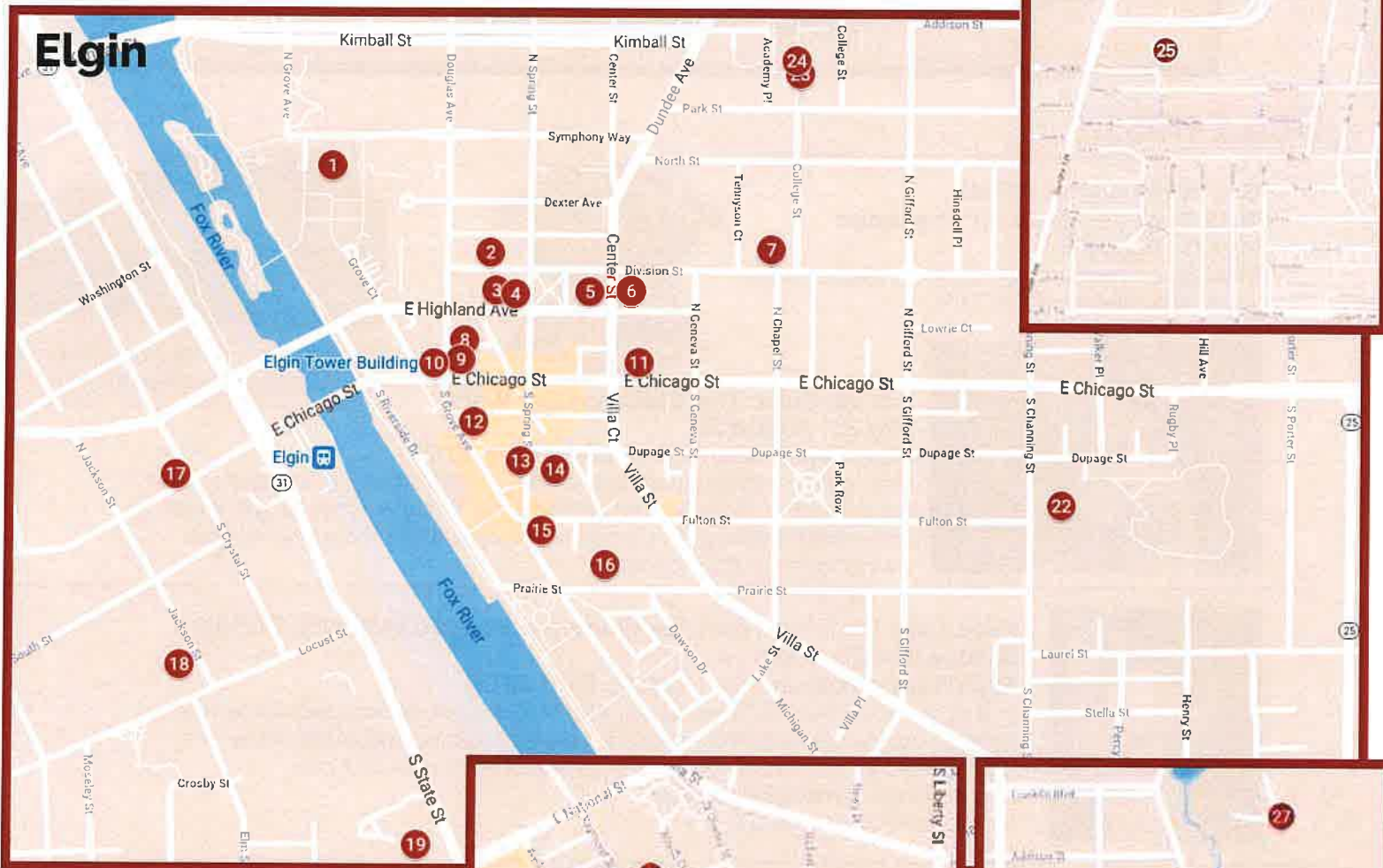


- 1** Elgin City Hall - Robert Gilliam Municipal Complex **150 Dexter Ct.**
 Built in 1968, this building is Elgin's 5th City Hall since its incorporation in 1854. The building was designed by notable Chicago architecture firm in the International Style, Skidmore, Owings and Merrill. They are known for their design of Chicago's Willis Tower, formerly known as the Sears Tower, built in 1973, as well as the John Hancock Center (1970), among many others.
- 2** Elgin Professional Building **164 Division St.**
 Built in the Gothic style, the interior of this c.1928 gem is not to be missed.
- 3** Ackemann's Building - Third Floor **168 E. Highland, 3rd Floor**
 In 1954-55, this "block-long and block-wide" building's cornice was removed and the facade covered with porcelain-enameled squares on steel framing.
- 4** Old Gail Borden - Scofield Mansion **50 N. Spring St.**
 The Church Family donated this building to the City of Elgin in 1894 to be used as the Gail Borden Public Library. The Richardsonian Romanesque style building was built as a home in the 1870s and then converted to a public space by Elgin architect W. W. Abell.
- 5** First United Methodist Church **216 E. Highland Ave.**
 Step inside this Bedford limestone structure and notice its magnificent stained glass windows.
- 6** Wait Ross Allanson Funeral Home **51 Center St.**
 Originally established in 1875, offices and funeral church of the Wait-Ross-Allanson were extensively remodeled in 1958. The firm was founded by William T. "Billy" Wait, who continued his active participation in the business shortly before his last illness and death at 89 in 1938.
- 7** Congregation Kneseth Israel **360 Division St.**
 Elgin has had a Jewish congregation since 1892. This modern-style building was built in three stages from 1948-1958 and is the third site for the Elgin synagogue. location. Ten years later, a second phase was added on.
- 8** Kohn Schramm Building (former VV) **13 Douglas Ave.**
 The Kohn Schramm Building is built in the commercial Italianate style. The front facade of the building is red brick, original on the upper two floors. A band of bricks projecting out from the wall surface outlines the second and third levels.
- 9** Kresmery Lofts **1 Douglas Ave.**
 This c.1851 building burned to the ground in 1974. It was reconstructed in 1999 using reclaimed brick and timbers from other period buildings that were demolished.
- 10** Elgin Tower Building (Lobby only) **100 E. Chicago St.**
 The Elgin Tower Building is 186 feet tall and 15 stories. It was built in 1929 to house the Home National Bank. Designed by W. G. Knoebel it is one of only two Art Deco buildings in the city.
- 11** First Congregational Church **256 E. Chicago St.**
 Explore Richardsonian Romanesque architecture outside, then head inside for a glimpse at the stained glass windows and historic pipe organ, which is open for Open Elgin viewers to see its mechanics.
- 12** Burritt Building (Fifth Floor) **25 S. Grove Ave.**
 This 109-year-old commercial building only recently had its unfinished upper floors completed. The fifth floor, Dewberry, will also be available for viewing.
- 13** Ranstead Building (Al's Cafe) **40 DuPage Ct.**
 Make sure to walk up to the second floor for great period detailing in this c. 1892 building which has housed law offices, a flower shop, and currently Al's Café.
- 14** Henrietta Building **51 S. Spring St.**
 This building has been transformed many times since its 1908 construction. Check out its latest incarnation as an artists' colony – a gallery and apartment space.
- 15** Senior Services Associates **101-103 S. Grove Ave.**
 This 87-year-old limestone Art Deco style offers up close samples of this art form's geometric ornamentation.
- 16** Imago Creative Studios **216 Prairie St.**
 Check out the offices, gallery, warehouse and skylights, which were all created out of a 1920s car dealership.
- 17** Nancy Kimball Cobblestone House **302 W. Chicago St.**
 Step inside and check out the historic reconstruction progress of this 172-year-old house.
- 18** Philadelphia Holiness Full Gospel Church **76 S. Jackson St.**
 Designed by noted Elgin architect W. W. Abell for the Zion German Methodist Episcopal Church in 1892, the building has been home to the current congregation since 2003.
- 19** Oak Crest Residence **204 S. State St.**
 The Lord Family donated the land overlooking the Fox River for a retirement home in 1906. W. W. Abell designed the building including overhanging eaves supported by simple brackets and a unique porch.
- 20** U-46 Planetarium & Observatory **312 Watch St.**
 (Open 1 - 3 pm.) This 1910 Classic Revival was built by the Elgin Watch Company so their watches could be precisely set by the stars.
- 21** Elgin Fire Barn Museum **533 St. Charles St.**
 This fire museum, designed by Elgin architect Smith Hoag in a Classical Revival style, required room for horses that pulled the water tanks to fight fires in 1903.
- 22** Channing Elementary School (50th Anniversary) **63 S. Channing**
 In 1968 Channing Memorial Elementary School was built at the northwest corner of the former cemetery on the corner of Channing and Fulton Streets. The same year, the Elgin Area Historical Society (EAHS) dedicated a bronze and granite memorial marking the cemetery site.
- 23** Elgin History Museum **360 Park St.**
 Check out the landmark Greek Revival architecture outside and then explore the extensive collection of Elgin Watch Company time pieces inside.
- 24** Elgin Academy Laura Davidson Sears Theater **350 Park St.**
 Built in 1924 as Elgin's art museum, this beautiful marble and brick building with octagonal foyer will amaze you. Note the frieze stretching over the front portico, the only replica of the Parthenon frieze in the U.S.
- 25** Church of the Brethren General Offices **1451 Dundee Ave.**
 Tour the staff chapel and beautiful courtyards. Learn about the moveable walls and don't miss the mid-century cafeteria with original Eames furnishings!
- 26** Lord's Park Pavilion **100 Oakwood Blvd.**
 Enjoy the beautiful setting of this stately pavilion and the surrounding 100+ acres of parkland.
- 27** Elgin Public Museum **225 Grand Blvd.**
 (Open 1 - 3 pm.) The Elgin Public Museum is now the oldest building in Illinois built expressly as a museum that is still serving that purpose. Its Neo-Classical style of architecture is unmistakable from the front with its two free columns and two square-engaged columns. Inside the Museum, visitors can still experience the beautiful and original oak woodwork, plaster wall ornamentation and ceramic tile floors.

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You can also access the map at OpenElgin.com/Map19 or by scanning the QR code.



P Parking - Downtown Elgin

On-Street Park
Unless otherwise marked, all on-street parking spaces are limited to two hours, M-F from 8 am - 5 pm. No limit on weekends!

Parking Lots
City-owned surface lots and parking decks offer free parking for up to 72 hours.

Building Lots
If a building has a parking lot, you are welcome to use it to tour the facility.



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The Open Elgin event is sponsored by the Elgin Development Group's Enhancing Elgin committee, which consists of representatives from Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Elgin, School District U-46, Judson University, Explore Elgin Area, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Elgin History Museum, Elgin Community College and the Gail Borden Public Library.

Don't miss...

Get in the Game, READ! 2019 Summer Reading Challenge May 31 - August 3

Read all summer for a chance to win great prizes!
www.gailborden.info/read2019



Stop by to tour the old Gail Borden Library during Open Elgin!



Sox vs. Cubs: The Chicago Civil Wars

May 28 - August 25

Main Library - 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin 60120

Slide into the national pastime and discover Major League Baseball's oldest city rivalry: the White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs. This interactive exhibit will let you explore ballparks, the history of this epic rivalry and so much more.
www.gailborden.info/soxcubs



Alice Paul: Winning Votes for Women portrayed by Leslie Goddard Sunday, April 28 2 pm

Elgin History Museum - 360 Park St., Elgin 60120

The dynamic women's suffrage leader, Alice Paul, fought hard to give women the right to vote. Actress and Phd. historian Leslie Goddard portrays Alice as she pioneers techniques of picketing, parades, and other non-violent civil disobedience. www.elginhistory.org
Members FREE, Guests \$3.



37th Annual Historic Elgin House Tour Saturday, September 7

Each year, the House Tour features a different historic neighborhood of Elgin. Visit gpaelgin.org for tickets and more info.

Click down memory lane! www.gailborden.info/ElginAreaMemories ■ www.elginhistory.org

The Elgin Development Group (EDG), a division of the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce, is laser-focused on helping Elgin business remain strong and grow. EDG's business assistance takes many forms from site selection, fast-track permitting, workforce development, international trade to providing resources for new budding entrepreneurs through the Elgin Area Small Business Academy. Connect at www.elgindevelopment.com or 847-741-5663 to learn how we can help your business.

Take our survey and share your Elgin story!

Tell us what you thought of Open Elgin at OpenElgin.com/Survey19

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