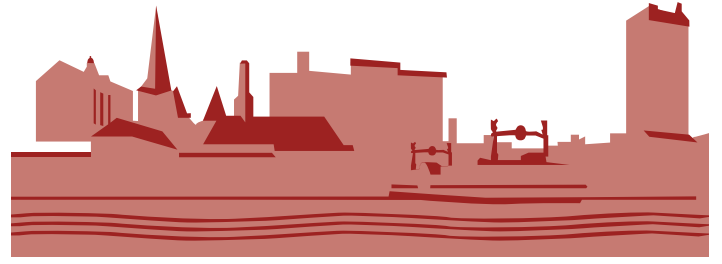


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Award-Winning *Open* ELGIN Architectural Tour

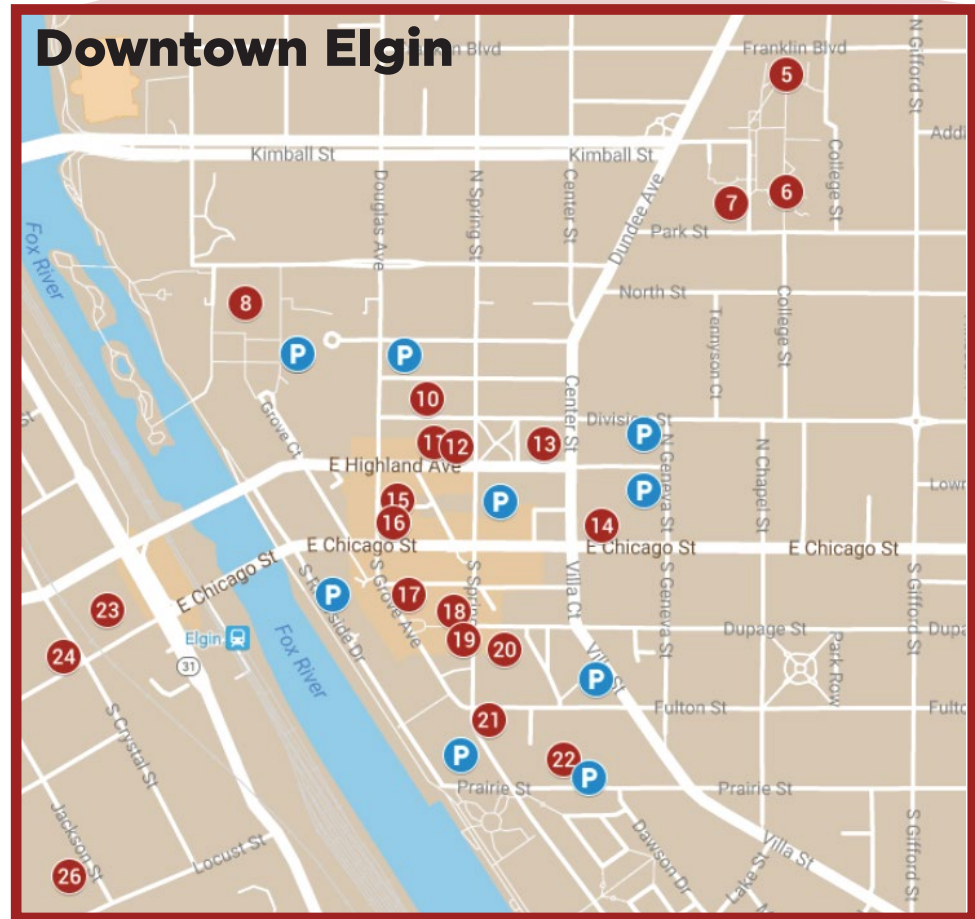
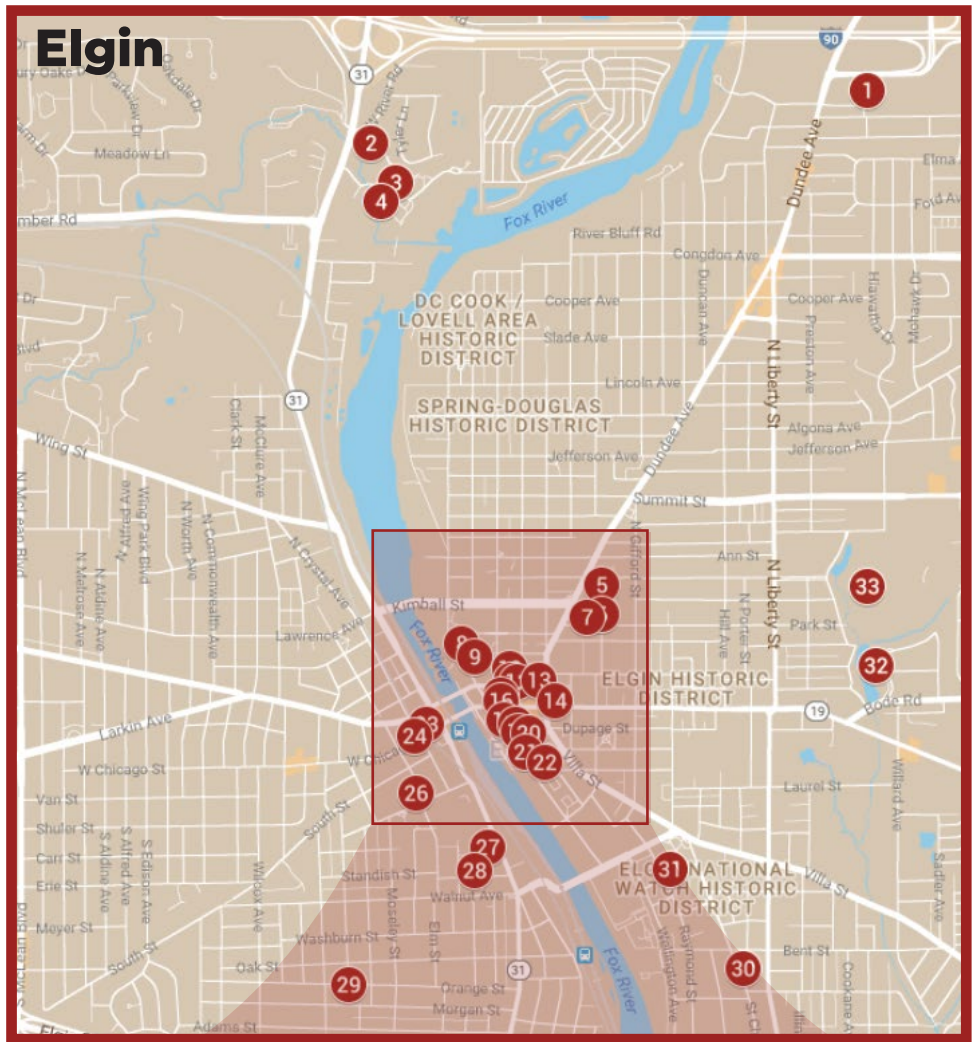
The Open Elgin tour is free of charge and will run from
1 - 5 pm on Saturday, April 21
with sponsorship from the Elgin Development Group.



- 1 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!
- 2 Harm A. Weber Academic Center (Judson University)** 1151 N. State St.
(Open 1 - 3 pm.) The Benjamin P. Browne library has a glass walled center and it began as a project for an international design competition.
- 3 Herrick Chapel (Judson University)** 1151 N. State St.
(Open 1 - 3 pm.) Built of Indiana limestone in 1972, the nearly 7,000 sq ft chapel sits in the heart of Judson's campus.
- 4 Harm A. Weber Administration Building (Judson Univ.)** 1151 N. State St.
(Open 1 - 3 pm.) The Harm Weber Administration Building was originally a residence built in 1925 by Daniel Todd.
- 5 Elgin Academy Harold D. Rider Family Media, Science & Fine Arts Center** 350 Park St.
Designed by DLA Architects, Ltd. and completed in 2008 by Pepper Construction, the impressive four-story Rider Center was the first new construction on Elgin Academy's campus in nearly 40 years.
- 6 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.
- 7 Elgin Academy Laura Davidson Sears Gallery** 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.
- 8 Illinois Second District Appellate Court** 55 Symphony Way
Step back in time inside of this building; it's virtually a time capsule of modern 1966 design. Designed by Lundeen and Hilfinger, the court building is based on castle architecture with a moat, walls and a keep.
- 9 Elgin City Hall** 150 Dexter Ct.
Elgin's City Hall was designed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill – the same architectural firm behind the Willis Tower and the Hancock Center. Step into the lobby and explore a collection of original construction photographs.
- 10 Elgin Professional Building** 164 Division St.
Built in the Gothic style, the interior of this c.1928 gem is not to be missed.
- 11 Ackemann Building** 168 E. Highland Ave., 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.
- 12 Gail Borden - Scofield Mansion** 50 N. Spring St.
(Open 1 - 4 pm.) 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.
- 13 First United Methodist Church** 216 E. Highland Ave.
Step inside this Bedford limestone structure and notice its magnificent stained glass windows.
- 14 First Congregational Church** 256 E. Chicago St.
(Open 1 - 4 pm.) 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.
- 15 Kohn Schramm Building** 13 Douglas Ave.
(Tour includes 2nd floor only.) Notice the decorative details on this Italianate office building.
- 16 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.
- 17 Burritt Building** 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.
- 18 Healy Building** 40 DuPage Ct.
This unique, 3-story, concrete Art Moderne commercial building was built in 1941 for the Block & Kuhl Department Store and designed by Elgin Architect, George Morris.
- 19 Ranstead Building (AI'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 AI's Café.
- 20 Henrietta Building (Artspace)** 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.
- 21 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.
- 22 Imago Creative Studios** 216 Prairie St.
Check out the offices, gallery, warehouse and skylights, which were all created out of a 1920s car dealership.
- 23 Waverly Stable** 219 W. Highland Ave.
Formerly the the grandest Elgin hotel in the 1850s, its humble stable outlived the hotel by 100+ years. Constructed in the cobblestone style with Federal style characteristics, this stable is now a commercial building.
- 24 Nancy Kimball Cobblestone House** 302 W. Chicago St.
Step inside and check out the historic reconstruction progress of this 172-year-old house.
- 25 Hillcrest Elementary** 80 N. Airlite St.
This Elgin school is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year! Built in 1967, the design of Hillcrest School won an architectural citation.
- 26 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.
- 27 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.
- 28 First Presbyterian Church** 240 Standish St.
Originally in downtown Elgin, the Presbyterian Church built this church in 1891 with land donated by George P. Lord and a design by W. W. Abell. This Richardsonian Romanesque style church has additions which were built in 1953 and 1961.
- 29 St. Laurence Catholic Church** 572 Jewett St.
This Tudor Gothic church opened in 1929 and was the first west-side Elgin Catholic Church. The interior was redesigned c. 1971 when the church was re-dedicated.
- 30 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.
- 31 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.
- 32 Lord's Park Pavilion** 100 Oakwood Blvd.
Enjoy the beautiful setting of this stately pavilion and the surrounding 100+ acres of parkland.
- 33 Elgin Public Museum** 225 Grand Blvd.
This 111 year old Neo-Classical building has been used as an Audubon museum, a hay barn, a dog pound and currently houses Elgin's natural history museum. There is no admission fee during Open Elgin!

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You can also access
the map at
OpenElgin.com/Map18
or by scanning:



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...



Bluff City Cemetery Walk - September 23 11 am - 3 pm
Learn the history of some of Elgin's residents and explore the cemetery's architecture! Visit openelgin.com for more info.



Extreme Deep: Mission to the Abyss

Through August 13

Explore the ocean's depths with this interactive exhibit, where you will use a robotic arm to pick up creatures on the seafloor, explore shipwrecks like the Titanic and more at the Gail Borden Main Library. Visit gailborden.info/deep for more info.



36th Annual Historic Elgin House Tour - September 8 & 9

Each year, the House Tour features a different historic neighborhood of Elgin. This year, the near west side will be featured on the walk. Visit gpaelgin.org for tickets and more info.



Elgin Tower Building

Take a virtual tour of the newly-rennovated, historical Tower Building by visiting: OpenElgin.com/ElginTower

Click down memory lane!

gailborden.info/ElginAreaMemories
elginhistory.org

Take our survey and share your Elgin story!

Tell us what you thought of Open Elgin at: OpenElgin.com/Survey18

Want to hear about upcoming Elgin events? Visit: exploreelginarea.com/events