

# Elgin



## HISTORIC SITES

Elgin is a small community 19 miles east of Austin. Our community was established in 1872 around cotton and the railroads. We have many things to see for those who are Train Enthusiast, History Buffs or if you just like to see how things are made. While you are here, be sure to visit to one of our many amazing restaurants. Elgin is the Sausage Capital of Texas after all!

Elgin is a community rich in history. It has been designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as a National Main Street Community. It offers many award winning examples of historic preservation.

The H&TC Freight Depot built in 1872, is the oldest building in Elgin. Currently it is the home of the Elgin Chamber of Commerce. The restoration of this building was a joint effort between the City of Elgin, Elgin Chamber of Commerce, Elgin Main Street Board and the Southside Merchants Association along with many grant providers.

The original passenger depot, Union Depot has recently been completely renovated by the City of Elgin. It now serves as a museum for the community. The Elgin Historical Association operates the museum.

The Nofsinger house, built in 1906, houses the Elgin City Hall. Historic murals, banks, pharmacies, barber shops and elegant old homes are all part of the historical scene in Elgin.

## WHY DO BUSINESS IN ELGIN?

There's the Proximity to Austin. Elgin is in the fastest growing region of the metro area. 20 miles from downtown Austin, 10 miles from the SH 130 corridor, and both new roads and future rail links to get from here to there.

There's the People of Elgin. They're smart but well-grounded and committed to seeing their town grow and change in the right way. They love and want to keep Elgin's character while adding new opportunities for progress that make life here better for everyone.

Elgin is prepared for what they want to achieve. They've been working hard on their vision for the community and the surrounding area. They've adopted a progressive comprehensive plan and are bringing it to life. And working with the economic development program to help firms and investors make the right choices.



## RECREATION

*Parks: 5 / Area lakes: 3 / Tennis courts: Yes / Municipal pool  
Country Clubs: Cola Vista in Bastrop County  
Public Golf Courses 3 within 9-13 miles of Bastrop County*

## PARKS, FACILITIES & TRAILS

*Elgin is a city with a vision. We venture to improve the community's quality of life by providing parks and recreation activities. Through Elgin's historic charm, creative culture and special happenings, we are perfectly situated to serve our community. Each of our parks offer a wide variety of amenities for leisure, sports, gatherings and even classes.*

## **ELGIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- Elgin Elementary
- Booker T. Washington Elementary
- Neidig Elementary
- Elgin Middle School
- Elgin High School
- Phoenix Learning Center

## **AREA UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES**

- Austin Community College
- Blinn College
- Concordia University
- Houston-Tillotson College
- Texas State University
- Southwestern University
- St. Edward's University
- Temple Junior College
- Texas A&M University at College Station
- University of Texas at Austin
- State industrial training
- Vocational-technical education programs

## **MAJOR EMPLOYERS**

Elgin ISD School District	664
Acme Brick Company	162
HEB Grocery	200
Elgin-Butler Brick	60
Hanson Brick Company	80
City of Elgin	67
Wal-Mart	225
Elgin Veterinary Hospital	40
Southside Market & BBQ	65
Meyer's Sausage Company	25

## **TOP 10 THINGS TO DO IN ELGIN**

The Sausage Capital of Texas! The City of Elgin was created by the Houston and Texas Central Railroad in 1872 and named after Robert Morris Elgin, the railroad's land commissioner, as was the practice back then to name a new railroad town after an officer of the company. The city owes its existence to a major flood on the Colorado River in 1869. Originally, the railroad was to have run from McDade, ten miles east of Elgin, southwest to the Colorado River at a point somewhere between Bastrop and Webberville, then to Austin, following the river. Besides the history, and obviously the world-class BBQ, Elgin offers a big taste of small town Texas!

## **Meyer's Elgin Smokehouse – 188 US-290, Elgin, TX 78621**

Known as 'Cuetopia, Texas, Meyer's has been rolling out world-class BBQ since 1949. The Meyer family has been perfecting their family's secret sausage recipe, as well as mouthwatering brisket, ribs, and chicken for hungry Texans for almost seven decades.

## **The Elgin Depot Museum – 14 Depot Street, Elgin, TX 78621**

Upon arriving at the historic Union Depot, discover an extensive archive collection, providing a detailed look at the communication equipment since the town's founding. The museum features permanent and rotating exhibits as well as an extensive collection of historic photographs from the area.

## **Elgin Antique Mall – 195 Hwy 290, Elgin, TX 78621**

The Elgin Antique Mall provides over 8,000 square feet of year-round treasure shopping—collectibles, glassware, oak furniture, toys, advertising, and knives – plus more!

## **Liberty Tree Tavern – 117 N. Main Street, Elgin, TX 78621**

If you're looking for a refreshing beverage and some live music in a building that was once a funeral home, then the Liberty Tree Tavern is for you. Rumor has it there's a ghost or two keeping the taps cold!

## **Down Home Ranch – 20250 FM 619, Elgin, TX 78621**

A 410-acre working farm, empowering people's lives through residential, educational, social, and vocational programs such as residency, ranch camp, or respite opportunities.

## **Hogeye Festival – 109 Depot Street, Elgin, TX 78621**

Visit Elgin toward the end of October. The streets are closed down for an annual cook-off, arts and crafts, a Road Hog Car Show, live music, a carnival, talent show, a kids parade, and SO much more!

## **Thomas Memorial Park – 411 Madison Street, Elgin, TX 78621**

It's a 12-acre park, featuring several ball fields, picnic tables, a nine-hole disc golf course, volleyball court, a playground, and trails.

## **White Fences Equestrian Center – 10908 Jones Road, Manor, TX 78653**

Lessons, boarding, training, and shows, as well as guided trail rides. The trail rides take you through miles of rolling hill country and forest trails. Suitable for all experience levels.

## **Sip, Shop & Stroll – Main Street, Elgin, Texas 78621**

Local retailers invite folks to sip, shop and stroll their way through downtown Elgin. You'll find live music, beer and wine tastings, store specials and more with extended store hours and specials throughout town.

## **The Old Coupland Inn and Dancehall – 101 Hoxie Street, Coupland**

Eat. Drink. Dance. Built in 1904, the building began as the Coupland Drug Company in 1911. The building now has a restaurant, dancehall with live music, and rooms to book in their unique 1800s wild west brothel-style Bed and Breakfast.