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Even though it's located in one of the fastest growing regions in Texas, Elgin has maintained its small town feel and historic charm. Elgin's historic downtown is widely considered one of the best in Central Texas and the city has made reinvestment in the downtown area a top priority through its Main Street program. As the Austin region continues to grow and develop, Elgin's ability to build a brand around its unique history and culture, such as the city's recent efforts to promote art, will largely determine Elgin's competitive position within the Central Texas as well as the global economy, where differentiation is everything.

Elgin is also within easy commuting distance to Austin, which makes it a popular choice for people looking for a lower cost of living. According to a recent survey conducted by the City of Elgin, approximately 50 percent of residents travel to and

2 EDUCATION

The Elgin Independent School District comprise more than 168 square miles in portions of Bastrop, Lee, and Travis counties and provide educational facilities and resources to meet the needs of more than 3,500 students on its campuses.

Schools

- Booker T. Washington Elementary School
- Elgin Elementary School
- Elgin High School
- Elgin Middle School
- Neidig Elementary School
- Phoenix High School (Alternative Education)

At Elgin High School, students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® course work and exams. The AP® participation rate at Elgin High School is 34 percent. The student body makeup is 53 percent male and 47 percent female, and the total minority enrollment is 68 percent. Elgin High School is 1 of 2 high schools in the Elgin Isd.

3 BUSINESS

Why Do Business in Elgin?

Elgin is Perfectly Situated. That's the message they're sending to firms and investors who are looking for the right place to create jobs and communities in Central Texas. Elgin is a small town that's growing, in touch with its past and an eye on the future.

What Makes Elgin Perfectly Situated?

There's the....Proximity to Austin. We're in the fastest growing region within the fastest growing metro area in the fastest growing state in the nation. We're 20 miles from downtown Austin, 10 miles from the SH 130 corridor, and we've got both new roads and future rail links to get from here to there.

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

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from Austin every day, which allows Elgin to maintain a strong connection to the Austin region, especially for economic development purposes, without having to give up many of the quality of life factors that attracted residents and businesses to Elgin in the first place.

Historic Downtown Elgin

Elgin's downtown is the perfect spot for you. You can stroll down main street and envision what life was like in the mid to late 1800s. While you are on Main Street in downtown Elgin, you may want to stop by City Hall which is located in the Dr. IB Nofsinger House. The Nofsinger House built in 1906 is a recorded Texas Historical Landmark and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Also, e sure and drive by the oldest building in Elgin. The Old Freight Depot Building built in 1872, located at the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue, which now houses the Elgin Chamber of Commerce.

If you are a History or Train Enthusiast, you will want to stop by our Depot Museum located off of Main Street at 14 Depot Square. They have three exhibit rooms, Photo Archives, Gift Shop, Genealogy help, Elgin History, Railroad History & periodic Veterans Displays.

Downtown Shopping Guide

Enjoy a variety of shopping and dining in this National Register Historic District that includes some of the finest brick craftsmanship in the Southwest. Elgin is known as "the Brick Capital of the Southwest" and the downtown area is a great example of why.

Recreation

Fast becoming an Arts Destination, there is something for everyone in Elgin. From Fine Arts to Fun Arts, Live Music to Local Musicians, Art Galleries to Craft Fairs, artists of all venues have made their home here.

Music and Movies in the Park Series: The City of Elgin Parks and Community Development Department is known for its slogan, Elgin Parks and Recreation, Where the Benefits are Endless! The department along with the Friends of Elgin Parks is providing Live music in Elgin 4-6 times per year with up and coming artists from Austin area. Based on the style of house concerts these start early, and encourages guests to bring their own beverages, snacks, blanket or a lawn chair and be prepared to be entertained. The Music and Movies Series runs from March to July and features family-oriented movies and live bands in downtown Elgin at Veterans' Memorial Park.

Parks and Recreation

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Austin Community College District

The ACC Elgin Campus is part of the Austin Community College District serving Bastrop and Travis County. It also is home to the college's Veterinary Technician and Sustainable Agricultural Entrepreneurship programs.

The campus offers a broad selection of college classes for university transfer and career training:

- Core curriculum classes needed to earn a college degree.
- Workforce programs in emerging industries and high- demand careers.
- Developmental education to achieve college readiness.

In addition, ACC Elgin students receive a full range of support and services at the campus to guide their college career from admissions to completion.

3 BUSINESS

And we're Prepared for what we want to achieve. We've been working hard on our vision for the community and the surrounding area. We've adopted a progressive comprehensive plan and are bringing it to life. And we're working with our economic development program to help firms and investors make the right choices. That's why Elgin is Perfectly Situated for creating opportunities.

Do Business Downtown

Economic Development in the context of historic preservation makes this growing, dynamic downtown district flexible and a variety of resources and programs are available to support your future investment.

Economic Development & Initiatives

Elgin takes the INITIATIVE to provide the tools needed for economic success both now and in the future.

Sausage Capital of Texas

We have been making our famous Elgin Hot Sausage for over 125 years right here at Southside Market and BBQ, Inc. in Elgin, Texas. Part of what makes "Elgin Hot Guts", as the old timers call it, different from other sausages in the area is the seasoning and the quality of the fresh ingredients. And, it comes in only one flavor - hot. Don't let that scare you, though, we lightened up on the pepper back in the 1970's so that everyone would be able to enjoy it.

Brick Capital of the Southwest

The Southwest Brick Institute, the trade association representing all of the major brick manufacturing companies in the State of Texas, in recognition of Elgin's significant annual brick manufacturing capacity which far exceeds any other city in the entire state of Texas, has named "Elgin the Brick Capital of the Southwest." Elgin is the proud home to three major brick manufacturing companies.

But today, Elgin is known for much more than these two industries which have been for decades, and remain today, solid economic foundations for the community. Today Elgin is a city on the move, rich in heritage, progressive in spirit, and optimistic of its future.