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**For just one day, visitors get a look inside at some of Elgin's most architecturally interesting buildings**

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**By Mike Danahey - The Courier-News**



***One of the buildings the public can visit for free Saturday during the Open Elgin tour is the U-46 Observatory and Planetarium at 312 Watch St. - Original Credit: (Enhancing Elgin Committee / HANDOUT)***

Elgin residents and architecture buffs will have a chance to peek inside more than 25 buildings Saturday during the Open Elgin tour.

By obtaining a map and guide online at [www.openelgin.com](http://www.openelgin.com) or at the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce's downtown office, participants can select what buildings they'd like to see on their own timetable, said Denise Raleigh, co-chair of the Enhancing Elgin Committee of the chamber's Elgin Development Group.

The self-guided tours are free and all buildings open between 1 and 4 p.m.

"I love to see people's amazed eyes when they step through a door, discover a one-of-a-kind building and hear its story," said Raleigh, who's also spokeswoman for the

Gail Borden Public Library. “It is so cool to introduce people to friendly Elginites and this community.”

The Open Elgin website provides detailed information about each location on the tour, which spotlights a wide array of buildings dating from the 1800s to modern day and includes libraries, schools, museums, civic buildings, businesses, a funeral home, an armory, a planetarium and places of worship.

Among them is the Senior Services Associates building at 101-103 S. Grove Ave. — an art deco-style building that served as the Citadel for the Salvation Army from 1930 to 1972. To entice the kids, there’s a scale model available that can be downloaded to make at home.

Chamber President/CEO Carol Gieske said it’s fun to see inside buildings you’ve only viewed from the outside.

“I really enjoy the Church of the Brethren headquarters tour,” she said. “With the building at 1451 Dundee Ave. visible from the interstate, thousands of people pass by it daily. It is a real gem few people have gotten to see.”

New to the tour this year is the Volsch Bros. building at 111 Douglas Ave., now home to the Inspire Realty Group.

According to the Open Elgin website, Albert Volsch and his brother, Julius, opened their downtown butcher shop in the 1880s. A fading sign for the old meat market can still be seen on the building’s brick exterior, the site notes.

Inspire Realty owner Chris Davis said visitors will get to see the 19th century stylings of the building as well as improvements made during the 2020 remodel.

On the day of the event, each participating building will have a red Open Elgin flag at its entrance to identify it as a tour stop. Volunteers will be stationed at each to answer questions.

Visitors also can follow along virtually on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter by searching #OpenElgin to see photos of the behind-the-scenes tour.

Gieske said Open Elgin debuted in 2017 and was held again in 2018 and 2019 before being waylaid by the COVID-19 pandemic for three years.

“We started organizing last spring when COVID was waning but felt compelled to postpone again (in 2022 as a precaution),” she said.

She hopes the event will pick up where it left off in terms of drawing visitors, she said.

“We initially had about 400 people attend the first year and continued to grow to 800 people visiting from more than 50 different zip codes in 2019,” Gieske said.

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### **Baseball, softball and girls soccer scores for Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County**

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**By From Staff Reports - Aurora Beacon-News**

#### **WEDNESDAY’S RESULTS**

#### **HIGH SCHOOLS**

#### **BASEBALL**

Antioch 11, Grayslake North 1 (5 innings)

Antioch (10-6-1, 4-4 Northern Lake County): T.J. Schuyler 2-for-3, HR, 2 runs, 3 RBIs.

**Bartlett** 14, Fenton 5

Burlington Central 12, Jacobs 6

Burlington Central (11-9, 7-4 Fox Valley): A.J. Payton 3-for-4, HR, 2 runs, 5 RBIs. Jake Herman grand slam.

Byron 11, Genoa-Kingston 3

Geneva 15, Wheaton Warrenville South 3 (5 innings)

Geneva (11-6, 6-2 DuKane): Bryce Breon 2-for-3, 2 runs, 4 RBIs.

Grayslake Central 11, Round Lake 1 (5 innings)

Grayslake Central (16-3, 10-0 Northern Lake County): Jordan Dumas 2-for-3, 2 runs.

Hinckley-Big Rock 11, Alden-Hebron 5

Hinckley-Big Rock (9-10): Skyler Janeski 2 RBIs. Joe Bazan 2 RBIs.

**Larkin** 7, East Aurora 4

**Larkin:** Elijah Holst run, 2 RBIs.

Maine West 3, Highland Park 0

Morris 10, Plano 0 (6 innings)

Nazareth 11, Benet 1 (5 innings)

Prairie Ridge 4, Hampshire 1

Serena 10, Indian Creek 5

Indian Creek (9-6, 4-3 Little Ten): Drake Mickler 2-for-3, 2 HRs, 2 runs, 3 RBIs.

Somonauk 10, Newark 7

**South Elgin** 16, Glenbard South 1 (4 innings)

**South Elgin** (7-4, 6-1 Upstate Eight): Logan Bialek 2-for-3, 2 doubles, 2 runs, 4 RBIs.

Stevenson 13, Lake Zurich 3 (5 innings)

Stevenson (16-6, 5-2 North Suburban): J.R. Nelson 3-for-4, double, 2 runs, 4 RBIs.

Sycamore 12, Sandwich 2

Vernon Hills 12, Maine East 2

Vernon Hills: David DuBois 2-for-3, 2 doubles, 3 RBIs.

Wauconda 2, Grant 1

Wauconda (7-8-1, 6-4 Northern Lake County): Zach Threde CG, 5 H, 0 ER; 2 RBIs.

Yorkville 3, Plainfield North 2

Yorkville (10-2, 3-2 Southwest Prairie West): LeBaron Lee 6 IP, H, 8 Ks. Kameron Yearsley (W); solo HR.

## **TUESDAY'S RESULTS**

### **HIGH SCHOOLS**

#### **GIRLS SOFTBALL**

Aurora Central Catholic 12, St. Francis 1 (5 innings)

ACC (9-6, 4-3 Metro Suburban Red): Kate Gambro 3-for-3, HR, 3 runs, 2 RBIs.

Lakes 7, Grant 1

Larkin 14, Glenbard East 4 (5 innings)

Larkin (9-5, 5-2 Upstate Eight): Baylei Johnson 2-for-4, HR, 2 runs, 4 RBIs.

Mundelein 14, Zion-Benton 4 (6 innings)

Naperville North 8, Metea Valley 0

Naperville North (11-4, 5-0 DuPage Valley): Charlotte Chelich 5 IP, 2 H, 12 Ks; solo HR.

Newark 13, Somonauk 0 (5 innings)

Newark (19-1, 8-0 Little Ten): Ryan Williams 4-for-4, double, 2 runs, 3 RBIs.

Oswego East 7, Plainfield North 4

Oswego East (11-6, 4-2 Southwest Prairie West): Finley Anderson 2-for-2, 2 RBIs.

Rosary 7, Trinity 3

Rosary: Chloe Ortega 3 RBIs.

St. Edward 21, Westmont 8 (5 innings)

St. Edward (4-8): Maddy Freeman 2-for-3, 2 triples, 2 runs, 5 RBIs.

Warren 8, Libertyville 1

Wauconda 13, Grayslake Central 3

Wauconda (13-8, 5-1 Northern Lake County): Savannah Powers 4-for-5, 4 RBIs.

Waukegan 19, Lake Forest 3 (4 innings)

Yorkville 13, Oswego 1 (5 innings)

Yorkville (17-1, 5-0 Southwest Prairie West): Jensen Krantz HR, 4 RBIs.

## **BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

Antioch d. Grant 25-14, 25-13

Bartlett d. Elgin 31-29, 25-19

Carmel d. Marian Catholic 25-14, 25-21  
Carmel (12-12, 1-1 ESCC): Michael Schofield 9 kills.  
Geneva d. St. Charles East 25-13, 25-21  
Glenbard South d. **Streamwood** 25-20, 25-14  
Grayslake Central d. North Chicago 25-10, 25-17  
Joliet West d. West Aurora 25-15, 19-25, 25-19  
Lake Park d. St. Charles North 26-24, 25-22  
Maine West d. Deerfield 20-25, 26-24, 25-18  
Marist d. Benet 25-19, 25-18  
Naperville North d. Naperville Central 25-16, 25-21  
Neuqua Valley d. Metea Valley 25-16, 24-26, 25-16  
Plainfield East d. Oswego 25-22, 25-21  
Waukegan d. Lake Forest Academy 25-18, 25-11  
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