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If there's something strange in your downtown neighborhood ... it's probably just part of Nightmare on Chicago Street

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By Gloria Casas

Odd, creepy things are popping up around downtown Elgin.

There's a mangled, bloody skeleton with a shrunken head dangling from the Spring Street parking deck. A giant spider web has engulfed South Grove Avenue.

It's just a small taste of what downtown Elgin will become Saturday night when Nightmare on Chicago Street, the fright fest for people who love a good zombie apocalypse, returns after a two-year pandemic hiatus.

Volunteers and Elgin Public Works staff have been preparing scenes all week for the 6 to 11 p.m. gathering in and around downtown.

With tickets selling at a fast clip — they're \$35 in advance and \$40 at the gate — and weather forecasts calling for clear skies and temperatures in 60s, it's going to be crowded.

So, here are a few things you need to know if you're going to be one of the thousands of people making their way to the party — or looking to stay far away from the chaos.

Officials will be closing several downtown streets at 4 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, and they won't be reopened until 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. Among those being used for the fest are Chicago Street between South Grove Avenue and Center Street; South Grove Avenue and Spring Street between Chicago Street and the point where the two streets meet; and a portion of DuPage Street that leads into DuPage Court.

There are four gates where ticketholders can enter: Chicago Street and South Grove Avenue, Chicago Street and Spring Street, Fulton and Spring streets, and the point where South Grove Avenue and Spring Street meet. (A map of the Nightmare layout can be viewed at nightmareonchicagostreet.com/location.)

There is free parking available throughout the downtown area as well as at **Larkin High School**, 1475 Larkin Ave., and **Elgin High School**, 1200 Maroon Drive, where shuttles will pick up and drop off guests. (To view a map of free city parking downtown, go to www.cityofelgin.org/1852/Parking-in-Elgin.)

A DJ stage will be set up at Chicago Street near Villa Street, with Bad Boy Bill, Brotinez, Don Parra, Tequila Papi, Aust10, Joey Get Down, DJ Static, DJ Instant Cash and Jay Scott set to play tunes.

There also will be two stages for live entertainment.

Stage 1 on Chicago Street will feature performances by Chicago Loud 9 and Too Hype Crew and a costume contest at 8:30 p.m. being judged by television personality Svengoolie, who hosts a weekly horror movie on ME-TV. The second stage on Grove Avenue will feature live music from Kashmir and Hi Infidelity.

B-Movie Boulevard, which honors Svengoolie's love of campy horror, will feature the B Bop Babes, Rocky Horror Picture Show, B Movie Cavalcade Carnival, Christian and the Teen Terrors, Cannibal King and the Savage Sisters, IT and TuTu Z's.

Thunderdome, a tribute to the post-apocalyptic "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" film, is being set up near Chicago and Spring streets as part of Nightmare's 10th anniversary celebration. Among those who will be performing are Auntie Heroine, Mitch Davidovitz, Lady India, Sindy Viciouss, Venus, Lady Lennox, Cryptid Kid, Claire Voyant and V is For Villans.

For a list of who will be performing where and when, go to www.nightmareonchicagostreet.com/schedule.

Finally, a few dos and don'ts from Nightmare organizers:

- Do dress up in costume;
- Don't bring weapons or weapon props;
- Don't bring purses, backpacks or any bags larger than 10 inches by 6 inches by 2 inches;
- Don't bring strollers;
- Don't bring animals (other than guide dogs).

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Scouting Week 9 Fox football games

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By Mike Miazga, Jake Bartelson and Joe Stevenson

Glenbard East (7-1, 7-1) at **Bartlett** (4-4, 4-4)

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Previous matchup: Glenbard East 20, **Bartlett** 7 (2021 at Glenbard East)

About the Rams: "**Bartlett** needs to win to get into the playoffs," Glenbard East coach John Walters said. "They are at home and they will give us all we can handle." Matt Larson ran for 100 yards on 15 carries on a wet, cold and windy Friday night in Week 8. "Matt has really emerged as our No. 1 back," Walters said. A win would guarantee East a home playoff game and higher seed. An 8-win regular season would be the fourth such occurrence in school history. The Rams have won six games in a row. "I think the shoring up needs to happen with just some consistency on offense," said Walters, of the team's focus on improvements.

About the Hawks: As Walters mentioned, a **Bartlett** win is a must here in order for it to become playoff eligible. "Glenbard East has a solid team all around," **Bartlett** coach Milan Vuckovich said. "They are big and strong up front and have playmakers at the skill positions. They are a complete team. They also just had a huge rivalry game victory last week against Glenbard South, so you know those kids are pumped up and ready to get back after it. (Our) seniors really want to leave their mark on this program by qualifying for the playoffs with a win." Vuckovich played college football with Glenbard East defensive coordinator Jeff Cherry's son, Travis, at Western Illinois back in 2003. "I was a redshirt senior and he was a true freshman," Vuckovich pointed out. "This is a pretty cool small word, full-circle kind of game for me." **Bartlett** continues to get production from the three-player running back attack of Dontain Williams, Koleman Salyers and Malcolm Babers. Vuckovich added Jalen Davis and Jacob Caradine at wide receiver along with tight end Ravi Banipal "are all dangerous deep threats who run good routes, block very well and are selfless players," Vuckovich said. Missed tackles on defense and ill-advised penalties on offense have been points of emphasis this week. Senior defensive end-tight end Morrison McCloud has been a model of consistency for the Hawks on offense, defense and special teams. Vuckovich said senior running back-linebacker Joe Palermo continues to grind it out every day. Backup offensive lineman Alex Burburija, a junior,

stepped up last week in a starter's role "and played really well," Vuckovich noted. "He has earned more playing time this week and his future is looking even brighter than it already had." The coach also praised the work junior team managers Carson Kingsmill and Charlie Weithofer do. "Carson and Charlie are the backbone of our program and two people I am extremely thankful will be back with us again next year," Vuckovich said. "They have both been part of the program since their freshman year and have established themselves within our team. They are one of the guys with the players and there is a mutual respect between everyone for what they do for our program. Both handle non-coaching duties such as filming practice, filming both the sophomore and varsity games, and helping with equipment and pads. That allows us to just coach. We are so appreciative of them and their strong work ethic."

West Chicago (1-7, 1-7) at **Larkin** (5-3, 5-3)

When: Friday, 7 p.m. (Memorial Field, Elgin)

Previous matchup: **Larkin** 48, West Chicago 0 (2021 at West Chicago)

About the Wildcats: "**Larkin** is a very well-coached, fast and physical team," West Chicago coach Adam Chavez said. "They will be looking to lock up a postseason berth. We will have to cut down on the turnovers on offense and get some takeaways on defense to have a chance to be in a position to win." Vincent Muci ran 20 times for 120 yards and 2 touchdowns and also scored a touchdown on a blocked punt in last week's game. He continues to close in on a 1,000-yard rushing season. Adrian Munoz has passed for 710 yards and 6 touchdowns. "Adrian has turned in a good season passing for a team that uses a rush-oriented offense," Chavez said.

About the **Royals**: Simple for **Larkin** here. Win and the Royals earn a guaranteed playoff spot. Larkin already has 35 playoff points and should be in good position regardless of the outcome. The **Royals** have won four games in a row since starting 1-3. "West Chicago has improved over the season and will be a tough challenge," **Larkin** coach Grant Dietz said. "We will have to make sure we execute our offense, play hard, fast and together on defense, and play great special teams. We are at 5-3 and playoff eligible for the second straight season. A win will get

us in and who knows what else? We want to take care of our business and finish strong."

Robert Grant continues to be a bright spot for the **Royals**. "Robert is improving every week," Dietz said. "He had an interception last week and played very well on the defensive line." Jalen Miller and Chevelle Clements are leading the **Royals** in touchdowns and rushing yards. Reducing turnovers and minimizing mental mistakes have been points of emphasis, Dietz said. **Larkin's** program also has been bolstered by the play of younger players such as freshman quarterback Julius Yandel, sophomore defensive end Sincere Robinson, sophomore defensive back Adrian Gasca and sophomore defensive back Gabriel Gavin. "Julius, Sincere, Adrian and Gabriel are all guys we have brought up to the varsity for their outstanding play and development on the lower level. Our coaches are doing a great job preparing them."

Elgin (3-5, 3-5) at Glenbard South (6-2, 6-2)

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Previous matchup: Glenbard South 21, **Elgin** 14 (2021 at **Elgin**)

About the **Maroons**: **Elgin** coach Anthony Mason gave high praise to Matt Lawson for his efforts in last week's game against **Larkin**. "Matt Lawson showed up for us in the second half of the game," he said. "We all started slow and were behind the eight-ball from the start, only being down 6-0 at half. I wish everyone was ready and we would have been in a better position. We were really in every game this year and had opportunities at 6 wins." Lawson had more than 200 all-purpose yards, 5 tackles and 1 interception against **Larkin**. Mason said a continued emphasis has been on the front line. "Games are won in the trenches and we have to be ready to battle to give us a chance," he said. Sophomore tackle Adrian Jackson has been another bright spot. "Adrian has been good for us on the offensive line," Mason said. Senior defensive end Kristian Davis also has been a key cog. "Kristian has done everything we asked him to do and has played hard throughout this season," Mason said. Sophomore linebacker Fabian Ramirez had a big game against **Larkin**. "Fabian has stepped up in only the eighth football game of his life," Mason pointed out.

About the Raiders: "Glenbard South is good," Mason said. "They have players at all levels and we need to play a good game to compete."

South Elgin (8-0, 8-0) at **Streamwood** (1-7, 1-7)

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Previous Matchup: **South Elgin** 57, **Streamwood** 8, (2021 at **South Elgin**)

About the **Storm**: A win gives the **Storm** an undefeated Upstate Eight Conference title.

"**Streamwood** is a young team made up of mostly underclassmen," **South Elgin** coach Dragan Teonic said. "They have taken some lumps this year, but this experience should help them in the future." Some big numbers from last week's win against **Bartlett**: Jordan Green ran the ball 4 times for 168 yards and 3 touchdowns, while Ari Kravis ran 16 times for 145 yards and 2 scores. Mason Montgomery had a 61-yard interception return, returned a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown and caught a 9-yard touchdown. Lucas Noworol had a 25-yard touchdown run.

South Elgin's offensive line, Teonic noted, paved the way for 443 rushing yards on only 34 carries. Montgomery, Kyle Steinhofer, Green and Kravis continue to lead the stat pages for the Storm. **South Elgin** is looking for its fourth conference title in a row (can do no worse than share it regardless of Week 9 outcome) and has won 23 UEC games in a row.

About the Sabres: "**South Elgin** is always a top-tier team," **Sabres** coach Keith McMaster said. "They are tough and will be a challenge, especially for our younger players who have been called up to varsity." Freshman running back Elijahh Beckford ran 17 times for 193 yards and 2 touchdowns in last week's game against Fenton (24-22 loss). "Elijahh had a career day on the varsity level," McMaster said. First-year senior Kyle Thompson also has played well. "Kyle has a couple of picks and leads the team in solo tackles," McMaster noted. "He's a tough kid and I really wish this wasn't his first and last season of high school football." **Streamwood's** youth movement, McMaster said, has been a positive. "The young kids are learning at the varsity level," he said. "At different times in the last game there were up to eight freshmen and sophomores on the field in a varsity contest." McMaster said the team is working to shore up turnover reduction and acquisition. "We have to stop hurting ourselves with turnovers," he

said. "Turnovers have cost us the chance at winning games. At the same time, we need to get the ball defensively."

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