



In 2010, Friends of Elgin Parks funded Music in the Park and Movies in the Park. We showed a movie at the Juneteenth Festival and had our first Movie at the Pool. All of this is free to the public and could not have happened without the generous support from the Elgin community and surrounding areas. With folks sticking closer to home these days we feel like this year's season will be even more important to all of us here in Elgin.

New this year is a documentary to be shown at the Chamber of Commerce during Black History Month. Friday, February 18th "Standing in the Shadows of Motown" will be shown. In 1959 Barry Gordy gathered the best musicians from Detroit's thriving jazz and blues scene and began cutting songs for his new record company. For 14 years The Funk Brothers played on more number one hits than the Beach Boys, the Rolling Stones, Elvis and the Beatles combined. Faces are finally put on the music that played a major role in the cultural fabric of our lives with this movie. Guaranteed to get us on our feet and dancin'!

Last summer the movie at the pool was such a success that we want to show 2 this coming summer. Our pool coordinator, Karla Rivers, will pick the movies and dates when she arrives for the season.

The 2011 season kicks off on Saturday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. with a concert by Joel Guzman and Sarah Fox (www.joelguzmanandsarahfox.com or www.reverbnation.com). Del Woods' Barn, located at 850 FM 3000, is once again the performance space. **The barn is 1.4 miles east of the only traffic light on Main Street. Turn left into the property on Old Pleasant Grove Road.** To help spot the barn, look for lights on the gate, the Friends' banner, bonfires and other eye-catching features. By the way, did you see Joel playing his accordion with the band in "Crazy Heart" or hear him on Prairie Home Companion?

Please bring adult beverages/water of your choice. In addition to the concert and a good time visiting with old and new friends, we have a number of interesting door prizes. Early reservations are critical as seating is limited. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a reception with appetizers prepared by the Friends. Bring your own comfortable chairs.

Sponsorships are critical to funding the Friends' activities; however, we can always use your help with our events. Some of the places where you could help are photos with Santa and the Easter Bunny and the famous Cow Patty Bingo at the Hoge Festival.

We hope that many of you will go beyond the price of tickets and become sponsors. All sponsors are recognized throughout the year on the website and in all of our publicity. We hope to see you at all of our activities!

HERE'S OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR

MUSIC

Friday, April 29, **Beto y los Fairlanes** (www.betoandthefairlanes.com)

Friday, May 6, **The Blues Crawlers** (www.TheBluesCrawlers.com)

Friday, May 20, **Jumpstart** (www.jumpstart.com)

Music in the Park begins each Friday at 7:30 pm. Bring blankets or chairs and the family to enjoy a picnic together. Another option is to purchase supper from the vendor that evening for an easy night out. Our rain plan is to go to the cafeteria at Elgin Elementary North, located at 1005 West 2nd Street. We appreciate Elgin ISD and their willingness to have the facility available.

MOVIES

Friday, February 18, **Standing in the Shadows of Motown**
(www.standingintheshadowsofmotown.com)

The movie in February is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Chamber.

The pool movies are to be determined this spring. They will both start at dusk.

In order to save on postage and trees we are adding information about membership dues in this mailing. Beginning in 2011 all members will be up for renewal on January 1. Dues are as follows:

Student-\$5.00
Individual-\$10.00
Family-\$15.00
Business-\$25.00
Corporation-\$250.00

The official membership application/brochure can be found on the city website.
www.elgintx.com

Your donations are deductible to the full extent of IRS guidelines.
 To reserve your place at the concert featuring **Joel and Sarah** on February 12, return the form on this page with your check to us at the return address on the envelope. Membership dues can be added to the same check.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR RESERVATION AND DONATION.
 MAKING A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS WOULD ALSO BE A GOOD IDEA.**

Tickets @ <u>\$40 each</u>	Number of tickets ____	Total \$ _____
SPONSORSHIPS		
\$150	(1 complimentary ticket)	
\$300	(2 complimentary tickets)	
\$400	(2 complimentary tickets)	
\$500	(3 complimentary tickets)	
\$600	(3 complimentary tickets)	
\$700	(4 complimentary tickets)	
\$1,000 & up	(6 complimentary tickets)	
Other level of sponsorship		
Membership Dues		
		Total \$ _____
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