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ELGIN RECOGNIZED STATEWIDE FOR OUTSTANDING DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

[Elgin, Texas](#) — Finalists for the 2022 President’s Awards Program were recently announced in Austin. The Elgin Main Street Program is excited to share that the Elgin Lions Club Thrift Store is a finalist for the 2022 Texas Downtown President’s Awards Program.

For over 30 years, the Texas Downtown sponsored awards program is designed to recognize outstanding projects, places, and people of Texas downtowns. The program features twelve different categories that fall under the headings of design or achievement.

This year, the Texas Downtown Association’s judges panel received a record number of entries. The Elgin Evening Lions Club Thrift Store has been named as finalist in the category: Best Downtown Partner, Under 50k along with Burleson Farmer’s Market, Burleson, Texas.

The Elgin Evening Lions Club Thrift Store has been a mainstay of Main Street in Elgin Texas for 30 years. Store originally opened at 107 N Main St in 1992 and was a total of 2,500 sq. ft. There was no room for storage and very little room for the stock. In 2001 the Club purchased the building at 108 N Main Street and more than doubled the size of the store, as well as moving into a building that was historic in nature.

The Lions Club has been an active partner in the Main Street Program since 2001, supporting all community events even when business capacity downtown was half vacant. They have been

actively improving and diversifying their window displays for the last seven years. They were one of the inaugural partners for the Sip, Shop, and Stroll that began six years ago. They led the effort to extend business hours on Saturday to 5 pm or later, and they have paid and volunteer staff to ensure they are open six days a week from 10 am - 5pm with late hours on 2nd Thursdays. The store is open to customers Tuesday thru Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and of course, until 8 pm on the second Thursday of every month. The store accepts donations only on Mondays from 10 am to 5 pm.

Texas Downtown holds an online competition called People's Choice through their Facebook page – you can vote for the Elgin Lions Club today and help them win for Best Downtown Partner in the 2022 People's Choice Competition:

<https://www.facebook.com/TexasDowntown/photos/pcb.5667993113258839/5667990036592480>

The design categories are: Best Commercial Interior, Best Renovation/Rehabilitation/Restoration, Best New Construction and Best Public Improvement. The achievement categories are: Best Promotion Digital, and Traditional Event, Best Downtown Business, Best Downtown Partner, Best Economic Game Changer and Resiliency Award.

Winners will be announced on November 2 at the President's Awards Gala, held in conjunction with the 2022 Texas Downtown Conference scheduled for November 1-4 in San Marcos.

For more information about the President's Awards, the Texas Downtown Conference, or other programs of Texas Downtown, please visit www.texasdowntown.org.

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About Elgin: The City of Elgin is a historic, full-service city that is currently home to approximately 10,000 residents located in northern Bastrop and eastern Travis Counties. Elgin has been designated by the Texas Legislature as "The Sausage Capital of Texas" and is an important stop on the US Hwy290 corridor between Austin and Houston. For more information about Elgin, please visit www.elgintexas.gov.

About Downtown Elgin & the Main Street Program: Elgin Main Street leads downtown revitalization in a Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The community won Best Economic Game Changer from the Texas Downtown Association in 2018 for the Downtown Zoning Overlay. Downtown Elgin is home to over 100 locally owned businesses and the historic district is listed on the National Register of Historic places. Elgin became a Texas Main Street city in 1990, a national approach to saving the town's heritage by preserving historic downtown areas. Elgin has also been recognized as a Nationally Accredited Main Street Community every year since 1998, when the state of Texas began participating in this program. Over the years, private property owners, business owners, and the public sector have invested approximately \$24.7 million in the downtown area. For more information visit www.elgintx.com/209/Main-Street-Program.