

Billy Brick's Wood-Fire Pizza Café
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Dear Faithful Customers and Downtown Neighbors,

As you all know the sudden passing of my business partner and long-time friend, Frank Sibr, was a gut-wrenching and unanticipated blow to not only our business, but to the Elgin community as well. The outpouring of support, the kind words in passing, the messages we have received on social media, have not only been kind and supportive, but encouraging as well. It has once again reminded me of the original dream Frank and I shared.

When we first came to Elgin, we fell in love with this amazing little big city. We saw this beautiful downtown area that is on the rise. We saw history and old charm being mixed with new life and energy, and we knew right then and there that we wanted to be part of it all. We saw the looks of excitement on our prospective customers when the former Chooch's was going to be given new life. The Elgin energy was contagious and it fed Frank and me until we could open our doors and in return, feed all of you.

Without doubt, the past two weeks have been incredibly challenging, to say the least. I personally have spent many hours and days pining over decisions that needed to be made while laying my friend's soul to rest. My heart ached posting the "Closed" sign on our front door. I saw many of you gently tug on the doors; my heart broke a little with each look of disappointment and sadness on your faces. I knew I could not let our dream or the energy already behind it fade away.

I am PROUD to say I am re-opening tomorrow, Friday, August 16th, 2019. Not only has the support from my fellow downtown business owners been incredible, but the encouragement from the Elgin community has been nothing short of a God-send. You have breathed new life into my broken spirit. I promise you. With a little patience as we sort things out, love, understanding, and your undying support, we will make Bricks the perfect family atmosphere Frank and I originally envisioned.

I am here to stay. I cannot wait to see friendly and familiar faces once again walk through our doors. Thank you so much for everything. My gratitude is eternal and this growing period has once again proven to me that Elgin rules.

Most Sincerely,

Philip Lencioni
Owner – Billy Bricks Wood Fired Pizza Café, Elgin