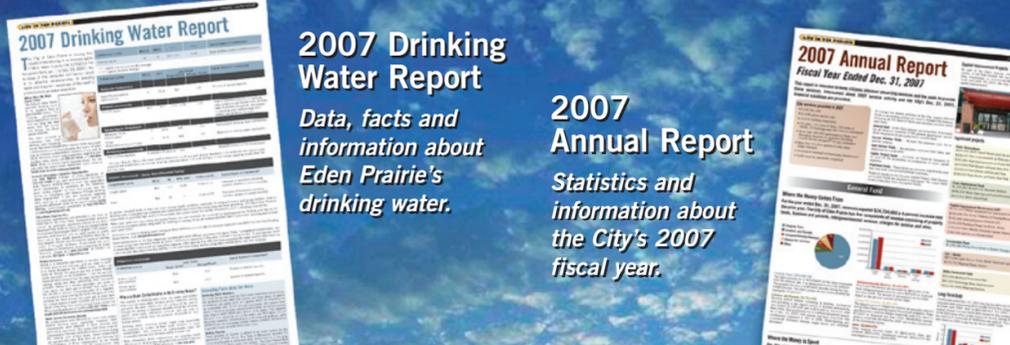


# LIFE IN THE PRAIRIE

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2008 SPECIAL SUMMER ISSUE

## Eden Prairie Promise: Our Commitment to You

As City staff members, it is our duty to fulfill the mission set forth by the Eden Prairie City Council, to foster respect for the past, plan for the future and deliver high quality public service that contributes to a strong sense of community. Over the last several years, City leaders have dedicated extensive time reflecting on how to best accomplish this mission.

Their work has resulted in the *Eden Prairie Promise*.



The *Eden Prairie Promise* combines our existing mission, vision, commitments, development standards and shared expectations with a new set of key results aimed at helping us to increase the overall quality of life for our residents, businesses and guests.

This new set of key results will help unify City staff around the outcomes we are trying to reach, which will help us keep our *Promise* to provide you with:

- A healthy, strong and safe community
- A preserved and beautiful environment
- A mobile community with safe and efficient travel options
- An overall satisfaction with your community
- Efficient and effective service
- Responsive and accessible government

And to hold ourselves accountable for keeping this *Promise*, we have set some very measurable outcomes, which we will track on a regular basis so that we can report back to you on how we're doing. I invite you to keep an eye on the City's Web site, [edenprairie.org](http://edenprairie.org), and monitor the progress of these measures with us!

As employees of the City, the *Eden Prairie Promise* is our commitment to you, and to making the City of Eden Prairie a place where you want to *Live, Work* and *Dream* for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Scott H. Neal  
Your Friendly City Manager

### Keeping the Promise

The City of Eden Prairie takes pride in the quality of its staff members, who are an essential piece of the Eden Prairie Promise, and congratulates the following 2008 employee award winners:

**James G. Clark Award for Excellence in Teamwork**

Wayne Estenson  
Customer Service Division

**City Manager Quality Award**

Wendy Sevenich  
Parks and Recreation

Paul Sticha  
Facilities

Andrew Sullivan  
Public Works

**Dr. Jean L. Harris Award for Community Service**

Colin Schmidt  
Assessing Division

Linda Williams  
Police Department

**Carl J. Jullie Award for Excellence in Customer Service**

Tim Fadden  
Building Inspections Division

## 2008 Election Reminders

The United States presidential election of 2008, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, will be the 56<sup>th</sup> consecutive quadrennial election for president and vice president of the United States.

It will coincide with the 2008 Senate elections in 35 states, House of Representatives elections in all states, and gubernatorial elections in 11 states, as well as various state referendums and local elections.

In Eden Prairie, two City Council member seats are up for election in 2008.

The City of Eden Prairie provides an election process that is open, fair and responsive to the needs of all eligible citizens.

### Election Judges

The City is currently seeking election judges to serve our community in the polling places on Election Day. Election judges help guarantee that the rights of voters are protected and the election process is fair, accurate and in accordance with election laws.

State law allows for time off from work, without loss of wages, to serve as an election judge with 20 days prior written notice to your employer, and election judges are paid an hourly rate for their service.

Additional election judge criteria apply and an official election judge application must be completed.

### Voter Registration

Members of the public may pre-register to vote any time up to 20 days prior to an election. Voters who have moved, changed their name or not voted in four years will need to re-register.

### Campaign Signs

Eden Prairie City Code provides specific criteria regarding the placement of election campaign signs. If you choose to display an election sign, please be familiar with these regulations to be sure you are in compliance.

Visit [edenprairie.org](http://edenprairie.org) or the **City Center** (8080 Mitchell Road) for detailed, up-to-date 2008 election information, applications and registration forms.

## 20-40-15 Efforts Underway

Last year the City of Eden Prairie began work on its **20-40-15** initiative, calling for the City to improve energy efficiency in all of its facilities by **20** percent, increase the fuel efficiency of its vehicle fleet by **40** percent and accomplish these goals by the year 2015.

After initiating a partnership with **McKinstry Co.**, a consulting firm specializing in energy and facility solutions, the City has begun implementing the first phase of an energy efficiency plan approved by the City Council in April.

Some of the projects currently being implemented include:

- The installation of new light-emitting diode (LED) lights in the City Center parking lots. LED lights are advantageous over other lighting options because they produce more light per watt, produce light immediately and have a longer life expectancy.
- The replacement of older, less efficient lights with new, high-efficiency fluorescent lights at the City's Parks Maintenance Facility, Fire Stations and Community Center ice rinks. Fluorescent lights use about 75-percent less energy and can last up to 10 times longer!
- The installation of cost-effective controllers on all vending machines in City facilities. These controllers dim the lights and decrease the energy used by the cooling systems in the machines while City buildings are not in use.

As these and other energy-efficient projects begin to pay for themselves, the City will continue to implement the plans established by McKinstry to accomplish the goals set forth in the 20-40-15 initiative.

"It is a unique source of funding," says **Paul Sticha**, Eden Prairie facilities manager. "All of the projects are essentially paid for with the energy savings we will receive in the long run, and these savings are guaranteed by McKinstry."

Upcoming stages of the plan call for additional upgrades in lighting efficiency in the City Center and Community Center. The City is also investigating the feasibility of using solar panels to heat the water — for the swimming pool and domestic use — at the Community Center.

These changes, if determined to be economically viable, will be proposed for City Council approval late this summer.



## Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year

Each year, more than 200 men and women put their lives on the line to protect and serve the Eden Prairie community with duty, honor and courage. And each year, two of these brave public servants demonstrate the commitment, dedication and leadership it takes to be nominated and chosen to receive the honor of Eden Prairie Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year.

On Wednesday, May 15, 2008, the Eden Prairie **Police Department** proudly awarded the 2007 Police Officer of the Year award to **Officer John Wilson**.

In his six years of service with the Eden Prairie Police Department, Wilson has demonstrated his commitment to the community and the department through his work as a Patrol Officer, Use of Force Instructor and Emergency Response Unit team member.



John Wilson  
2007 Police Officer of the Year

"Our department is fortunate to have an officer like John who is willing to devote a great deal of time, much of it personal, to making Eden Prairie a safe place for residents and officers alike."

Police Chief **Rob Reynolds**



Mike Luger  
2007 Firefighter of the Year



On Thursday, June 12, 2008, the Eden Prairie **Fire Department** proudly awarded the 2007 Firefighter of the Year Award to **Volunteer Firefighter Mike Luger**.

In his four years of service with the Eden Prairie Fire Department, Luger has consistently demonstrated his dedication to the community and the department through his work as a Volunteer Firefighter.

"Mike conducts himself without a lot of fanfare and is always there when you need something done, gaining the respect of his peers and serving as a role model for our newer firefighters."

Fire Chief **George Esbensen**



The City of Eden Prairie is celebrating **150 Years of Community!**

Visit [edenprairie.org](http://edenprairie.org) for a list of sesquicentennial celebration events.

### YOUR ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS



**MAYOR**  
Phil Young  
952-426-1931

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# 2007 Drinking Water Report

The City of Eden Prairie is issuing the results of monitoring of its drinking water (Public Water Supply ID #1270010) for the period from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2007. The purpose of this consumer confidence report is to advance understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

## Where Does My Water Come From?

The City of Eden Prairie provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source. This includes groundwater wells ranging from 379 to 420 feet deep that draw water from the Jordan and Prairie Du Chien-Jordan aquifers.

The water provided to customers may meet drinking water standards, but the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) also made a determination as to how vulnerable the source of water may be to future contamination incidents. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call **651-201-4700** or **1-800-818-9318** (press 5) during normal business hours. You can also view the source water assessment report online at [health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa).



## Contact Information / Volunteer Opportunities

Call **Rick Wahlen**, manager of utility operations, at **952-294-5908** if you have questions about the City of Eden Prairie's drinking water or would like information about opportunities for volunteers for the household water testing program for lead and copper (see the section on Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations). If you have questions regarding lawn watering or conservation surcharge policies or would like additional copies of this report, contact **Leslie Stovring**, environmental coordinator, at **952-949-8327** or [lstovring@edenprairie.org](mailto:lstovring@edenprairie.org).

## Educational Opportunities

Educational opportunities are provided in the form of field trips to the City's Water Treatment Plant for local schools. An additional opportunity offered at the Water Treatment Plant is the St. Cloud Technical College's Water Environment Technologies (WETT) program. This program provides adult students with the skills needed to qualify for a job in this rapidly growing industry. Benefits of this program include opportunities for hands-on learning within a 12-month timeframe. If you would like more information on this program, please contact the St. Cloud Technical College at **1-800-222-1009** or contact the instructor, **Bill Spain**, at [bspain@sctc.edu](mailto:bspain@sctc.edu).

## Radon Monitoring

Radon is a radioactive gas which is naturally occurring in some groundwater that you can't see, taste or smell. It is found throughout the United States. Radon can move up through the ground and into a home through cracks and holes in the foundation. It can also get into indoor air when released from tap water during showering, washing dishes and when performing other household activities. Radon is a known carcinogen and poses a lung cancer risk when gas is released from water into the air and a stomach cancer risk when it is ingested. Compared to radon entering the home through soil, radon entering the home through tap water will in most cases be a small source of radon in indoor air. For information about conducting radon testing in your home, contact the Minnesota Department of Health at **651-201-4700** or visit [health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/index.html](http://health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/index.html).

## Water Quality Monitoring Results

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The tables that follow show the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts during the calendar year of this report. Some contaminants are sampled less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. As a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2007. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.

## Key to Abbreviations

**AL** — Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant, which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement that a water system must follow.

**MCLG** — Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MCL** — Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MRDL** — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.

**MRDLG** — Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.

**N/A** — Not Applicable (does not apply).

**90<sup>th</sup> Percentile Level** — This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations where only five samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level.

**pCi/l** — PicoCuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

**ppb** — Parts per billion, which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (ug/l).

**ppm** — Parts per million, which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

| Contaminant (units) | MRDLG | MRDL | ****      | ***** | Typical Source of Contaminant            |
|---------------------|-------|------|-----------|-------|--|
| Chlorine (ppm)      | 4     | 4    | 0.6 – 1.3 | 0.91  | Water additive used to control microbes. |

\*\*\*\* Highest and Lowest Monthly Average

\*\*\*\*\* Highest Quarterly Average

| Contaminant (units)             | MCLG | MCL | Level Found Range (2006) | Average / Result* | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|---------------------------------|------|-----|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Radioactive Contaminants</b> |      |     |                          |                   |                               |

|                                     |   |      |     |     |                              |
|-------------------------------------|---|------|-----|-----|------------------------------|
| Alpha Emitters (pCi/l) (10/24/2002) | 0 | 15.4 | N/A | 1.0 | Erosion of natural deposits. |
|-------------------------------------|---|------|-----|-----|------------------------------|

|                               |     |     |             |     |   |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------|-----|---|
| <b>Inorganic Contaminants</b> |     |     |             |     |   |
| Fluoride (ppm)                | 4.0 | 4.0 | 0.46 – 0.96 | 0.9 | State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth. Also erosion of natural deposits and discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |

|                                      |   |      |     |     |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|------|-----|-----|---|
| <b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b> |   |      |     |     |   |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)        | 0 | 60.0 | N/A | 5.2 | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection  |
| TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb)   | 0 | 80.0 | N/A | 20  | Byproduct of drinking water chlorination. |

|                                     |           |             |     |    |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----|----|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Microbiological Contaminants</b> |           |             |     |    |                                       |
| Total Coliform Bacteria             | 0 present | >5% present | N/A | 5% | Naturally present in the environment. |

\* Average / Result – This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It is sometimes the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

## Inorganic Contaminants – Source Water (Household Testing)

| Contaminant (units) | MCLG | AL  | 90% Level | # sites over AL | Typical Source of Contaminant   |
|---------------------|------|-----|-----------|-----------------|---|
| Copper (ppm)        | N/A  | 1.3 | 0.04      | 0 out of 30     | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits. |
| Lead                | N/A  | 15  | 3         | 0 out of 30     | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits. |

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Eden Prairie is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, or at [epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Some contaminants do not have Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) established for them. These “Unregulated Contaminates” are assessed using state standards known as health risk limits to determine if they pose a threat to human health. If unacceptable levels of an unregulated contaminant are found, the response is the same as if an MCL has been exceeded; the water system must inform its customers and take other corrective actions. In the table that follows are the unregulated contaminants that were detected.

| <b>Unregulated Contaminants</b> |                          |                |                               |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Contaminant (units)             | Level Found Range (2006) | Average/Result | Typical Source of Contaminant |
| Sodium (ppm) (10/16/2006)       | N/A                      | 8.7            | Erosion of natural deposits.  |
| Sulfate (ppm) (10/16/2006)      | N/A                      | 21.9           | Erosion of natural deposits.  |

## Why are there Contaminants in My Drinking Water?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at **1-800-426-4791**.

## Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production, and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

## Interesting Facts about Our Water

### Reducing Water Hardness

It's a little known fact that the City's water treatment plant reduces the hardness of our water with pebble lime from about 18 grains of hardness per gallon to 5 to 7 grains, which is considered to be moderately hard. To the average homeowner this means fewer stains or build-up in sinks, tubs and toilet bowls, as well as needing less soap to wash dishes and clothes, or to bathe. This happens because lime raises the pH of the water, and the higher the pH the more hardness is removed. Due to the reduced hardness, water softeners are not necessary in Eden Prairie; however, homeowners may still choose to soften their water more.

### Adding Fluoride

Trace amounts of fluoride is added to our water system for the prevention of tooth decay. The State of Minnesota regulates the amount of fluoride in municipal water, which must be in the range of about 0.9–1.4ppm (parts per million). The Eden Prairie Water Treatment Plant keeps the dosage around 1ppm. Fluoride is tested at the plant every three to four hours for its concentration, and daily samples are collected by field crews from various points in the distribution system. The treatment plant submits a monthly fluoride report to the Minnesota Department of Health listing daily averages and sample point results.

### Sump Pump Update

Last year the City advised customers that a study was underway to discover the source of storm water entering the sanitary sewer system, which was overwhelming the capacity of our sewers and waste water treatment plant in Prior Lake. As suspected, water from resident sump pumps discharging directly to floor drains, laundry tubs and direct connections to sanitary sewers has been confirmed during the study process.

The City Council will review the study findings later this year and engage in a process to establish methods for the removal of excess water from our system as mandated by the State. One probable outcome will be the creation of a new ordinance mandating the disconnection of sump pumps from the sanitary sewer system.

As part of a metro wide initiative, Eden Prairie and many other communities are subject to fines of more than \$500,000 for failure to resolve the excess water burden, referred to as infiltration and inflow, from the sewer system. There will be a public process to address this important issue in the coming months.

## Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised individuals, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants, can be at higher risk of infections. These individuals should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at **1-800-426-4791**.

# 2007 Annual Report

## Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 2007

This report is intended to keep citizens informed about City services and the costs to provide these services. Information about 2007 service activity and the City's Dec. 31, 2007, financial condition are provided.

### City services provided in 2007

- 1,346 fire calls
- 51,638 police service calls
- 10,679 building inspections
- 43 parks, 112 miles of trails, 270 miles of streets, 31 buildings and 300 vehicles maintained
- More than 100,000 participants in Parks and Recreation Department programs including 20,000 for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration
- More than 8 million gallons of daily water usage managed
- 26 projects reviewed in Community Development
- 5,643 property appraisals completed

To manage the diverse activities of the City, several different funds or accounting entities are used to manage City finances. Following are the types of funds and activities included within each fund:

**General Fund** – Is the City's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**Special Revenue Funds** – Account for revenues used for a specific purpose.

**Debt Service Funds** – Accumulates revenues from taxes and other sources to pay debt.

**Capital Project Funds** – Accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital expenses.

**Proprietary Funds** – These funds are primarily supported by user fees from both internal and external customers.

Financial results for the General, Capital Project, Debt Service and Liquor Funds are provided in this report. The Liquor Fund is one of the City's three Enterprise Funds.

### Capital Improvement Projects

As part of the City's ongoing commitment to provide a quality of life that ensures the success and vitality of the area, investments in community/capital improvements are made each year. For 2007, the City spent \$24,400,146 on capital improvements.



### Significant projects

- Parks Referendum**
- \$835,406 Birch Island Woods Land Acquisition
  - \$308,527 Park Improvements at Edenvale Park
  - \$301,891 Park Improvements at Forest Hills Park
  - \$257,091 Park Shelter at Forest Hills Park
  - \$254,525 Park Shelter at Edenvale Park
  - \$249,757 Park Shelter at Prairie View Park

- Parks Improvement Fund**
- \$1,169,497 Round Lake Baseball Stadium
  - \$440,259 Miller Park Soccer/Football/Restrooms/Storage
  - \$253,061 Birch Island Park

- Capital Improvement Maintenance (CIP)**
- \$310,129 Fitness Equipment for Community Center
  - \$160,694 City Center Parking Lot Overlay/Recondition
  - \$109,368 Internal/External Network (IT)
  - \$100,328 Trackless Plover for Public Works
  - \$93,293 Police Mobile Computer System Replacement
  - \$90,704 Card Access Replacement

- Construction Fund**
- \$1,289,980 Flying Cloud Drive to Golden Triangle Drive

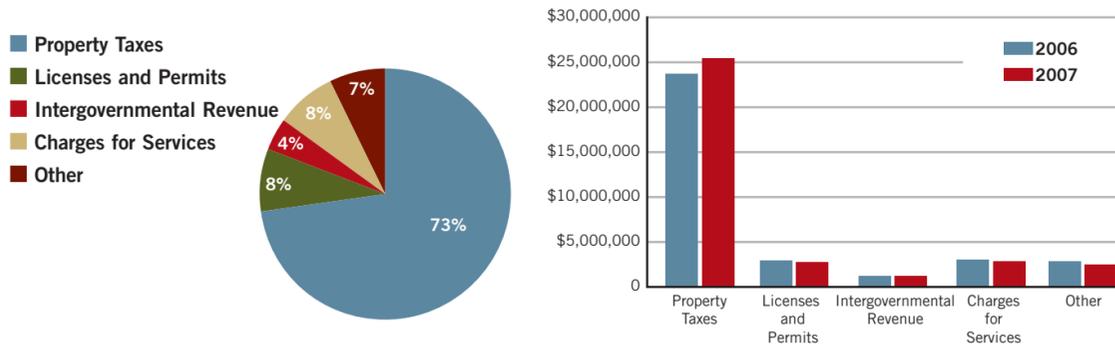
- CIP – Bonds**
- \$877,006 Light Rescue Truck, Brush Truck and Ladder #1
  - \$153,751 Regional Radio System

- Utility Construction Fund**
- \$91,095 Wellhead Protection Plan
  - \$81,023 Technology Drive Improvements
  - \$50,278 Utility Mapping Services

## General Fund

### Where the Money Comes From

For the year ended Dec. 31, 2007, revenues equaled \$34,734,460 a 4-percent increase over the prior year. The City of Eden Prairie has five components of revenue consisting of property taxes, licenses and permits, intergovernmental revenue, charges for service and other.



#### Property Taxes: \$25,408,798

The City's property tax is levied based on the value of property from the previous Jan. 1 as determined by the City Assessor. The property tax levy is established annually during the City budget process. The City's portion of your overall property tax represents 25 percent.

#### Licenses and Permits: \$2,751,938

Building permit revenue consisting of building, mechanical and plumbing is the largest source of licenses and permits, and totaled \$2,286,128 and is \$72,309 or 3-percent more than 2006. This is primarily due to commercial permits issued. As of Dec. 31, 2007, 495 permits had been issued for new construction compared to 447 in 2006. Multi-dwelling and commercial increased whereas single family and industrial decreased.

#### Intergovernmental Revenue: \$1,231,867

Police and Fire pension aid accounts for \$871,026 of the total intergovernmental revenue and is \$30,039 or 3-percent less than 2006. The amount of aid received will fluctuate based on the amount available at the State.

#### Charges for Services: \$2,881,485

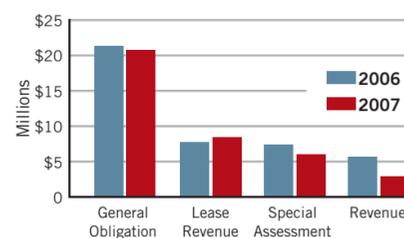
The largest source of charges for services are amounts collected for the City's Parks and Recreation Department programs. Parks and Recreation revenue charges totaled \$1,838,919, which is \$73,607 or 4-percent less than 2006. Membership revenue and ice rental had decreased in 2007 due to the construction at the Community Center.

#### Other: \$2,460,372

Other revenue includes Cable TV (\$662,607), fines and penalties (\$429,294), investment earnings (\$869,071) and miscellaneous revenue (\$499,400).

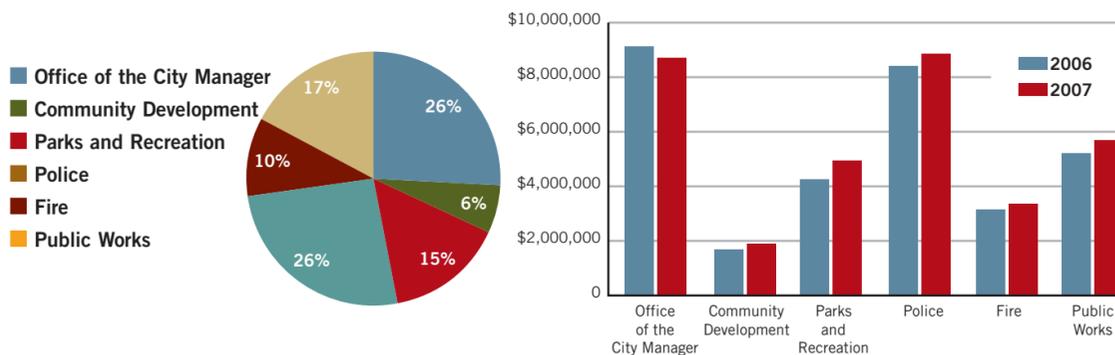
### Long-Term Debt

For the year ended Dec. 31, 2007, the City had \$40,320,983 in long-term debt outstanding which is a \$4,719,278 or 10-percent decrease over 2006 debt of \$45,040,261. For 2007, \$1.6 million of lease revenue bonds were issued for the construction of the third sheet of ice at the Community Center. During 2007, the 2002 G.O. Certificate of Indebtness was paid off. This debt was issued in 2002 to pay for the Aerial Ladder Truck.



### Where the Money is Spent

For the year ended Dec. 31, 2007, general fund expenditures equaled \$33,484,636, a 5-percent increase over the prior year. The City of Eden Prairie consists of six departments including Office of the City Manager, Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Police, Fire and Public Works.



#### Office of the City Manager: \$8,709,719

Office of the City Manager (OCM) includes Communications, Facilities, Human Resources, Information Technology, Customer Service and Finance. Expenditures decreased 2 percent due to charging insurance costs back to the various departments instead of to OCM.

#### Community Development: \$1,911,878

Community Development includes Planning, Assessing, Economic Development and Housing and Community Services. Services provided include comprehensive planning, homestead applications, promotion of business growth and retention, and affordable housing. Expenditures increased 14 percent due to improved cost allocation for insurance, the update of the comprehensive plan and personnel-related costs.

#### Parks and Recreation: \$4,939,098

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for providing and maintaining the park and open space system, wildlife management, forestry management, maintenance of the park and trail properties, and recreation programs. Parks and Recreation expenditures increased 16 percent in 2007. Park maintenance and the Community Center had the largest increase due to improved cost allocation for insurance and personnel-related costs.

#### Police: \$8,868,134

The Police Department consists of police officers, dispatch, animal control and administration. Expenditures increased 5 percent in 2007 over 2006. In 2007 a new Police Analyst position was added.

#### Fire: \$3,362,626

The Fire Department consists of volunteer firefighters, inspections and emergency preparedness. Expenditures decreased .5 percent due to fewer radio purchases in 2007.

#### Public Works: \$5,693,181

The Public Works Department includes Engineering, Street Maintenance, Street Lighting and Fleet Services. The Public Works Department is responsible for the design, construction and maintenance of the streets. Expenditures increased 9 percent due to the increase in electricity, improved cost allocation for insurance and personnel-related costs.



### Liquor Fund

The City operates three municipal liquor stores and has one of the largest municipal off-sale operations in the state. Liquor profits contribute to the financial well-being of the City by funding important City capital projects. Also, the City is committed to restricting alcohol access to minors in Eden Prairie through the strict enforcement of liquor laws at municipally owned liquor stores.

Liquor sales increased 3.2 percent over 2006 to \$10,479,880 and profits of \$800,000 were transferred to the Capital Improvement Plan. Various projects funded include pavement management, park play structure replacement, trails, etc. Liquor profits provide an alternative funding source and therefore reduce property taxes. From 1998 to 2007, Eden Prairie Liquor operations contributed more than \$6 million to capital projects.

### About this Report

The information for this report was taken from the City of Eden Prairie's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which was prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements for the year ended Dec. 31, 2007. The purpose of this information is to inform citizens of the City's financial activity. This information does not replace the CAFR; it is meant as a supplement to provide the public with a better understanding of the City's overall financial condition. For a complete review of the City's financial position for 2007, consult the CAFR available at edenprairie.org or from the City. Call 952-949-8300 for information.

### Awards

The City of Eden Prairie received the following awards from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA):

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the CAFR for the year ended Dec. 31, 2006.

Distinguished Budget Presentation award for its Two Year Budget for the fiscal years beginning Jan. 1, 2006, and ending Dec. 31, 2007.

Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2006.



# Live Well Eden Prairie!

## Enjoy the 4th of July Hometown Celebration

The origin of **Independence Day** dates back to the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Since then, the holiday has become a patriotic celebration enriched with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, picnics and baseball games.

The City of Eden Prairie's **4th of July Hometown Celebration** is like no other! The day's many festivities will take place at **Round Lake Park** (16691 Valley View Road) beginning at 9 a.m. and commence with a fireworks show at 10 p.m.

Whether you opt to relax and enjoy the live outdoor entertainment, try your luck in the fishing contest, put together a team for sand volleyball, enjoy a family picnic in the park, show off your style in the Kiddie Parade or play for prizes in the Festival of Fun, you're sure to find a diverse selection of ways to enjoy the holiday.



However you choose to celebrate Independence Day this year, be sure to take a break from the everyday stresses of life, reflect on the history of the occasion, gather with family and friends, celebrate community, relish in the joys of summer and Live Well in Eden Prairie!

For a full schedule of Eden Prairie's July 4th events and activities, as well as volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, watch for the **4th of July Hometown Celebration** brochure in the June 26 issue of **Eden Prairie News** or visit [edenprairie.org](http://edenprairie.org).



## To Live Well is to live the life you desire!

Living well is all about making the most of every moment, and as we enter the "dog days" of summer, don't miss out on any opportunity to live each summer day to the fullest!

- Pack up the cooler and head out for an evening of live outdoor music at **Purgatory Creek Park**.
- Put together a team and compete in the **4th of July Volleyball Tournament**.
- Send the kids on an outdoor adventure with a **Nature Day Camp** at the Outdoor Center.
- Explore the Zumbro River on a **Canoe Trip** with friends.
- Relax and take in a performance of the **Eden Prairie Community Band**.
- Learn to kayak with beginner lessons at the **Outdoor Center**.
- Make a picnic lunch and enjoy the sounds, stories and fun of **KidStock** at Riley Lake Park.

The crisp winds of fall will blow in before we know it. Don't let your summer slip away before taking every possible opportunity to Live Well in Eden Prairie!

To learn more about these and other Eden Prairie Parks and Recreation programs, visit [edenprairie.org](http://edenprairie.org).

# Around Eden Prairie

## A Page from the Blog of City Manager Scott Neal

This is an **Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)**. It is attached to the wall near the main reception desk of the building where I work, the Eden Prairie City Center. I've been trained by the Eden Prairie Fire Department how to use the AED safely and effectively in case one of my coworkers or a guest to our building goes down with a sudden cardiac arrest — which is still the number one cause of death in the United States.

The City has been doing its part to encourage the owners of all public and private buildings in Eden Prairie to purchase AEDs. We'd like to eventually see the AED as commonly as we see fire extinguishers. That's what the City's **HeartSafe Eden Prairie** program is all about.

We started phase one of the **HeartSafe Eden Prairie** program in 2006 when we raised over \$60,000 from the community to purchase and install AEDs in the public buildings around the City. We are launching phase two of the program this week, which also happens to be **National CPR and AED Awareness Week**, in order to spread the reach of the program into private buildings where we all eat, shop and work.



We believe the **HeartSafe Eden Prairie** program can have a positive impact on the health of the residents of our community. By placing more AEDs in the community, we are decreasing the proximity of an AED to people who may suffer a sudden cardiac arrest.

We know that decreasing the time between an arrest and the implementation of the first shock from an AED is critical to survival. If the first shock is delivered within the first minute following an arrest, there is a 90% chance of survival. That survival percentage decreases 10% for every minute of delay of the first shock following the arrest.

At last night's City Council meeting, the Council issued a proclamation declaring June to be **HeartSafe Eden Prairie** month. I hope you will never need one, but if you do we want there to be an AED near you in Eden Prairie.

*This is an abridged version of the Automatic External Defibrillator blog entry.*

See more of **Scott Neal's** blog entries by visiting [edenprairie.org](http://edenprairie.org).

## Did You Know?

Did you know that the City of Eden Prairie now provides access to public documents, City Council meetings and EPTV Channel 16 online?

These new features of the City's Web site provide convenient electronic document information, live broadcasts and on-demand video with a few clicks of a mouse.

Visit [edenprairie.org](http://edenprairie.org) and check out:

- Live broadcasts and on-demand videos of City Council and Planning Commission meetings.
- Meeting agendas with on-demand video links to portions of the meeting you're interested in.
- A searchable electronic database of the City's public documents, available for you to download.
- A live streaming broadcast of EPTV Channel 16.
- Other informational videos from the City of Eden Prairie.

Now you can "attend" City meetings, catch up on City news and find more information on the topics that interest you — when it is most convenient for you — visit [edenprairie.org](http://edenprairie.org) today!



# Mark Your Calendar

### Concerts in the Park

Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
June 8–Aug. 16  
7 p.m.  
Purgatory Creek Park

Enjoy an evening of music, fresh air and friendship!

### KidStock

Tuesdays  
June 10–Aug. 5  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Riley Lake Park

Enjoy the sounds, actions, stories and fun of children's entertainers from around the Twin Cities.

### 4th of July Hometown Celebration

Friday, July 4  
Round Lake Park

Enjoy entertainment, concessions, games, activities and more! The fun begins at 9 a.m. and commences with fireworks at 10 p.m.

### Independence Day

Friday, July 4

In observance of Independence Day the City Center, Senior Center and Community Center will be closed on Friday, July 4. All Eden Prairie Liquor stores will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### City Council Meeting\*

Tuesday, July 15

\*All meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the City Center.

### Riley-Jacques Barn Twilight Special

Saturday, July 19  
7:30 p.m.

Bring the whole gang for a barn dance at the historic Riley-Jacques Barn, featuring great local bands. Tickets available at the door: \$5 for adults; \$3 for children, students and seniors.