

# L I F E I N T H E P R A I R I E

Jason Schmidt and his daughter Kristyn enjoy the music at last year's Celebration.

One little girl got all dressed up for the "Kiddie Parade" at the 2005 4th of July festival.

Don't miss Eden Prairie's 4th of July Celebration - Tuesday, July 4th at Round Lake Park.

SPECIAL SUMMER ISSUE

## Mayor and Others from Eden Prairie Journey to Loudi, China

Ten days, more than 7,000 miles and a whole lot of fun! Mayor Nancy Tyra-Lukens and several area businesspeople and educators visited Loudi, China, in an effort to strengthen the relationship between the two cities.

"It was tremendous," Tyra-Lukens said, "it was just such an unusual experience, so much to take in."

The group, which included Eden Prairie School Board member Jan Eian, her husband Nick, who represented Habitat for Technology and local businessmen Terry Bunge and Greg Hallberg, toured several Chinese cities, including Beijing, before reaching Loudi.

"We didn't spend a lot of time in Beijing, but we did get to see the Great Wall which was amazing," Tyra-Lukens said.



pinching each other and saying, 'Is this really happening?'"

The Eden Prairie group visited the new economic development zone, including the Minnesota Zone. They also toured several schools and met many Chinese students who are interested in participating in future exchange programs with students from Eden Prairie.

"They are very eager to have students from the United States come to China and study in Loudi," said Tyra-Lukens. "I think the opportunity for cultural exchange between our cities is great."

This trip came about as a result of a visit Loudi officials made to Eden Prairie in February. At that time, Eden Prairie and Loudi signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement and the schools agreed to work together to better understand each others strengths.

The Mayor characterized the trip as a success and is confident the relationship between the cities, the schools and business interests will continue to expand in the future.



In Loudi the group was warmly welcomed by the community, government officials and local businesspeople.

"We were treated like celebrities in Loudi," Tyra-Lukens said. "We kept

## Real Or Fake?

There's a whole generation of kids playing "guns" and they're using weapons designed to look exactly like the real thing. Airsoft guns are plastic and use spring power or a CO2 cartridge to fire a small plastic bb-sized projectile 50 to 300 feet.

Enter the term "airsoft" into an internet search engine and more than 9 million results are listed. These guns look almost exactly like the real gun they are modeled after, except they have a small orange tip.

Because they look so real, they can put the user and others in jeopardy. Put yourself in the shoes of Eden Prairie Police officers responding to this actual call:

It's just after midnight on a summer night; a call comes over the police radio: "Suspicious males at the mall with what appears to be weapons." Three patrol cars converge on the scene with their lights out and see three males with what appear to be a long gun and a handgun. Not the kind of situation any officer wants to face.

An officer, standing behind his patrol car with his gun out and at his side, orders the three to drop their weapons. They stop, turn in surprise and drop their weapons. As the guns hit the pavement the officer hears a plastic sound, not a metal one. The guns are airsoft and the three teens are just



The two "top" guns are the toys, while the other three guns are real.

"playing." After a stern lecture from the officers, the teens pack their Airsoft guns in the trunk of their car and are followed home by an officer.

Parents and teens need to consider where a "toy" like an airsoft gun can be used safely. Any location that can be observed by the public is not safe. Furthermore, if the gun is in a vehicle and someone reports that a gun is pointing out a window, those people in the car could spend a night in jail and face a gross misdemeanor or felony charge.

The bottom line is that owning an airsoft gun can be dangerous. Be thoughtful before making the purchase.

## City Council Chambers Project Changes Meeting Schedules

The regular meeting schedule for the City Council and the Planning Commission will change for the month of July in order to accommodate a technology improvement project in the City Council Chambers. In addition to completely remodeling the audio-visual control room, which sits directly behind the Council Chambers, the project will replace the monitors and lighting in the Council Chambers. The project will also improve the sound in the Council Chambers itself.

"The project will improve the view and the sound of our Council meetings, both for the public that

attends them and also for the viewing public that watches our meetings on EPTV-16 at home," said City Manager Scott Neal. "We think the lighting changes will be especially noticeable. Better lighting will really improve citizens' ability to see what's happening when we are having special presentations during our Council meetings."

The project will start in late June and wrap-up in mid-July. To accommodate the project work schedule, the City Council will hold only one meeting in July instead of its usual two. The July Council meeting

will be Tuesday, July 18. The Planning Commission will hold its two regularly scheduled July meetings on July 10 and 24 as planned, except that the July 10 meeting will not be broadcast live on EPTV-16. The July 10 Planning Commission meeting will be videotaped and replayed on EPTV-16 several times throughout July.



## Teens Volunteering in the Community

Volunteer opportunities for kids in Eden Prairie are nearly endless. Churches, senior centers, the City of Eden Prairie, and other organizations can always use help making the community a better place. "Last summer I volunteered with the City of Eden Prairie, leading programs with disabled kids. It was really fun!" said Carol Christenson, 17.

Each summer, People Reaching Out to Other People (PROP) hosts a school supply drive for students in our area. Volunteers, many of whom are students themselves, help the organization collect donations at Eden Prairie Center and sort the school supplies to be distributed. PROP also has a clothing and food shelf year-round, which is organized by volunteers.

Pioneer Estates, a seniors' group home with about ten residents, keeps its teenaged volunteers busy with yard work, keeping the residents company by playing cards and taking them for walks. Prairie Adult Care, a similar organization, has day programs for elderly people. The young volunteers there help with gardening, horseshoe games, and field trips. Chris Lee, 18, volunteered at Altera Retirement Community and says, "I really enjoyed volunteering at Altera because I got to know the people there and hear their stories. I helped serve breakfast,

which was fun since I love food."

The Three Rivers Park District has various positions for young volunteers in different parks across the metro. High school students can choose from office work, beekeeping, animal care, counseling camps, recreation, and farming.

Friendship Ventures and Eden Prairie Community Education both have camps in the summer where kids volunteer. Camp Edenwood is organized by Friendship Ventures, and is an overnight camp for people with disabilities. Volunteers stay in cabins for a week and help with activities such as swimming, nature studies and arts and crafts. Eden Prairie Community Education's camps, on the other hand, go on during the day. Volunteers there help with Summer Connection enrichment classes for kindergarteners through twelfth graders.

There are so many ways for young people to get involved in the community of Eden Prairie. Opportunities are everywhere, and they differ so much that there is a position for everyone. There are so many opportunities in fact, that a web site has been set up to match those in need of volunteers with those who want to volunteer. The web site can be found at [www.edenprairievolunteers.org](http://www.edenprairievolunteers.org).

## It's the busy season at PROP

Did you know that summer is PROP's busiest time of year in terms of serving families who are struggling? Well, it's true, with kids home for the summer families need additional food. You can help PROP keep its shelves stocked by donating food, cash and school supplies.

### Food items most needed in the summer include:

- Pancake mix
- Maple syrup
- Jelly/Jam
- Canned fruit
- Canned peas
- Canned tomatoes
- Spaghetti sauce
- Bags of rice
- Saltine crackers
- Pork & Beans
- Vegetable oil
- Sugar
- Flour
- Coffee/Tea

### Other items that are also needed:

- Toilet paper
- Bar soap
- Liquid dishwashing soap
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6)
- School supplies

PROP is located in the lower level of the City Center at 8080 Mitchell Road. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon, and on Wednesday evening from 4 to 6:30 p.m. For more information on PROP's needs, visit [www.propfood.org](http://www.propfood.org).

## The Slide is Back!

The new tube slide at Staring Lake Park is officially up and running and just in time for summer. Mayor Nancy Tyra-Lukens assisted 8-year-old Tucker Zangs as he cut the ribbon to officially dedicate the slide. Tucker then had the honor of being the first child to slide down the new tube slide. About two dozen people turned out for the "Tube Slide Opening Ceremony" at Staring Lake Park.

The Mayor congratulated Tucker for raising more than \$1,500 toward the purchase of the new slide which will cost more than \$20,000.

"In my experience, I've never known a child to take it upon him or herself to raise funds to replace or add a park facility and Tucker did that," Tyra-Lukens said.

Tucker raised the money by selling wristbands saying "Save Our Slide" to



Tucker Zangs enjoying the new tube slide.

friends, family and members of the community.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony and Tucker's journey through the tube slide, there was cake and lemonade for all in attendance.

Thanks to Tucker, kids in Eden Prairie will be able to enjoy the tube slide at Staring Lake Park this summer and for many summers to come!

**Editors Note:** This is a special Summer Edition of the Life in the Prairie newsletter that includes the City's Financial and Water Reports. Because it contains these reports, the newsletter is being mailed to every household in the City. Please look for future editions of Life in the Prairie in the Eden Prairie News.

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## Award Winning Newsletter

You're reading an award winning newsletter! The City of Eden Prairie's monthly newsletter, Life in the Prairie, received the 2005 Award of Merit from the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators (MAGC) at the 24th Annual Northern Lights Awards Banquet. The award was accepted on behalf of the City by Communications Manager Patrick Brink.

"We're proud of what we've produced here," said Brink. "We're also pleased to get the recognition of our newsletter from our peers in the public sector communications field."

In addition, Eden Prairie's Communications Division also won an Award of Merit from MAGC for the creation and introduction of the City's new logo and brand.



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# 2005 DRINKING WATER REPORT



The City of Eden Prairie is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2005. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' 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 that range from 379 to 418 feet deep that draw water from the Jordan and Prairie Du Chien-Jordan aquifers.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has determined that one or more of your sources of drinking water is susceptible to contamination. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4670 or 1-800-818-9318 (press 5) during normal business hours. You can also view the source water assessment report online at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://www.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 our 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 at [lstovring@edenprairie.org](mailto:lstovring@edenprairie.org).

## 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 frequently than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. As a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2005. 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.

## Education Opportunities

Educational opportunities are provided as field trips for local schools. In addition, a program being 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 to 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 [wjs@sctc.edu](mailto:wjs@sctc.edu).

## Key to abbreviations

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

**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.

**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.

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

**MRDL - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level**

**MRDLG - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal**

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

**90th 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 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th 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).

## 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 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.

Contaminant (units)	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
	Range (2005)	Average/Result*	
Radon (pCi/l) (11/07/2001)	N/A	85.0	Erosion of natural deposits.

\*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is 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.

Because radon in indoor air poses a much greater health risk than radon in drinking water, an Alternative Maximum Contaminant Level (AMCL) of 4,000 picoCuries per liter may apply in states that have adopted an Indoor Air Program, which compels citizens, homeowners, schools, and communities to reduce the radon threat from indoor air. For states without such a program, the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 300 pCi/l may apply. Minnesota plans to adopt an Indoor Air Program once the Radon Rule is finalized. If you are concerned about radon in your home, testing is inexpensive and easy. For additional information on radon testing you may wish to contact the Minnesota Department of Health (651) 201-4601 or (800) 798-9050. You can also log on to their web site at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/radon/index.html).

Contaminant (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	****	*****	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	0.5 - 1.2	1	Water additive used to control microbes

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

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2005)	Average/Result*	

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

Inorganic Contaminants					
Barium (ppm) (12/09/2002)	2.0	2.0	N/A	0.03	Discharge of drilling wastes, discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4.0	4.0	0.92 - 1.1	1.1	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.

Inorganic Contaminants					
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	0	60.0	N/A	4.7	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb)	0	80.0	N/A	17.6	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Xylenes (ppm) (12/09/2002)	10.0	10.0	N/A	0.0002	Discharge from petroleum or chemical factories.

Microbiological Contaminants					
Total Coliform Bacteria	0 present	>5% present	N/A	2%	Naturally present in the environment.

Inorganic Contaminants - Source Water (Household Testing)					
Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm) (07/17/2004)	N/A	1.3	0.02	0 out of 37	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

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.

Contaminant (units)	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
	Range (2005)	Average/Result*	
Sodium (ppm) (12/09/2002)	N/A	8.1	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sulfate (ppm) (12/09/2002)	N/A	29.0	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 stormwater 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 stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater 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 (EPA) prescribes regulations which 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.

## Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons 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 particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

## Where Does your Sump Pump Discharge?

Many homes in Eden Prairie have a sump pump; they help make sure basements are kept dry when rain or melting snow saturates the ground. But did you know it makes a very big difference where the water that is discharged ends up?

To understand why this is important, let's take a quick review of the City's sewer system, or more correctly, its sewer systems. There is the sanitary sewer system where the water from your toilets, washing machines and dishwashers goes to be treated. And then there is the storm sewer system, where rain water goes to prevent street flooding during a rain storm or when the snow melts.

The major difference is the treatment process. The Metropolitan Council operates the region's wastewater collection and treatment system, treating almost 300 million gallons of wastewater each day at eight regional treatment plants. Sanitary sewage from Eden Prairie is piped under the

Minnesota River to the Blue Lake Treatment Plant in Savage-just down the road from Valley Fair.

Add a heavy rainstorm, and the treatment plants in the system can experience triple the usual load. And therein lies a significant part of the problem--storm water that finds its way to the treatment system through basement sump pumps and foundation drains that are illegally connected to sanitary sewers. It's called "inflow" and it uses up capacity and can cause sewer backups and overflows into lakes and rivers.

"We simply can't afford to build enough sewer capacity to accommodate the excess flow from clear water, so we need to fix the problem at its source," said Metropolitan Council chair Peter Bell.

The City of Eden Prairie has begun to look into this issue more closely as it has been identified as one of more than 50 communities that appears to be contributing to the problem. A consultant has been retained to measure the amount of excess flow that occurs during rainfall events, which is the first step towards a resolution to the problem.

So, back to your sump pump...is it connected to the sanitary sewer through a floor drain or through a wash tub, or does it flow outside, onto the lawn and into the storm sewer system? Please help us solve our problem and make sure your sump pump is connected to the storm sewer system, it really does make a difference!

## Lawn Watering Restrictions

Summer is here! It's time for fun, sun and a lot of watering. Before you turn on your hose, don't forget about Eden Prairie's watering restrictions!

**DO NOT water your lawn between Noon and 5 p.m. on any day.**

**DO water your lawn on odd-numbered days if your street address ends in an odd number.**

**DO water your lawn on even-numbered days if your street address ends in an even number.**

**A 30-day exemption from these watering restrictions may be granted for newly planted areas.**

**Watering restrictions are enforced year-round and violators will be fined.**



Additional information and an application for an exemption can be found on the City's website at [edenprairie.org](http://edenprairie.org).

# 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

This report is intended to keep citizens informed about City services and the costs to provide these services. Information about 2005 service activity and the City's 12/31/05 financial condition are provided. City services provided in 2005 include the following:

1,111 fire calls which included 112 fires
12,834 building inspections
54,622 police service calls
43 parks, 90 miles of trails, 261 miles of streets, 24 buildings, and 290 vehicles maintained
Over 100,000 participants in Parks and Recreation programs including 20,000 for the annual July 4th celebration
Over 8 million gallons of daily water usage managed
32 projects reviewed in Community Development
6,900 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.

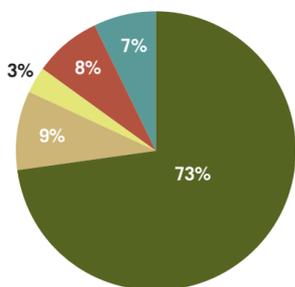


## General Fund

### Where the money came from

For the year ended December 31, 2005, total revenues and other financing sources equaled \$32,812,540. A summary of General Fund revenue is summarized below:

	2005	2004
Property Taxes	23,629,520	22,468,369
Licenses and Permits	2,987,452	3,063,670
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,145,803	1,102,241
Charges for Services	2,744,535	2,566,114
Other	2,305,230	1,988,392
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>32,812,540</b>	<b>31,186,786</b>



■ Property Taxes ■ Licenses and Permits ■ Other  
■ Charges for Services ■ Intergovernmental Revenue

### Where The Money Went

For the year ended December 31, 2005, total expenditures and other financing uses equaled \$31,913,085. Following is a summary of expenditures by department.

	2005	2004
Office of the City Manager	9,169,204	8,548,935
Community Development	1,580,080	1,433,574
Parks and Recreation	4,301,815	4,290,299
Police	7,833,509	7,421,408
Fire	2,849,913	2,565,813
Public Works	4,960,095	4,654,562
*Transfers	1,218,469	1,501,087
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>31,913,085</b>	<b>30,415,677</b>

\*Transfers include amounts transferred to the capital improvement plan.

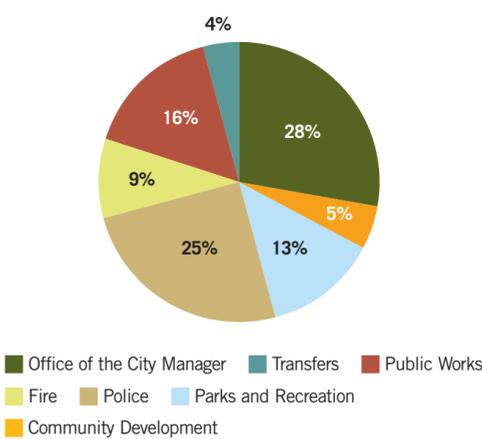


The City's property tax is levied based on the value of property from the previous January 1 as determined by the City Assessor. The property tax levy is established annually during the City budget process.

Building permit revenue consisting of building, mechanical, and plumbing is the largest source of licenses and permits and totaled \$2,083,122 and is \$172,606 less than 2004. This is primarily due to fewer single and multi-family building permits issued. As of 12/31/05, \$130 million valuation in building permits was issued compared to \$143 million as of 12/31/04.

The largest source of charges for services are amounts collected for the City's parks and recreation programs. Parks and Recreation revenue charges totaled \$1,853,125 which is 6.8% more than 2004.

Intergovernmental revenue includes Police and Fire Pension Aid. Other revenue includes Cable TV, fines and penalties, investment earnings, miscellaneous revenue, and transfers in.



■ Office of the City Manager ■ Transfers ■ Public Works  
■ Fire ■ Police ■ Parks and Recreation  
■ Community Development



The City Council delegates all administrative duties to the City Manager who is accountable to the Council for the effective administration of city business. Office of the City Manager (OCM) includes Communications, Facilities, Human Resources, Information Technology and Finance. The functions of the OCM divisions range from managing City Boards

and Commissions and public relations to public records and budget. Each division in the Office of City Manager also provides a support role for city government.

Community Development includes Planning, Assessing, Economic Development, and Housing and Human Services. Services provided include comprehensive planning, homestead applications, promotion of business growth and retention, and affordable housing.



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.

The Police Department works with the community to make the city a safer place to live and partners with residents and businesses to meet their diverse needs.



The Fire Department protects the community by performing rescues, responding to fires, emergencies, and hazardous materials incidents, and teaching fire prevention.



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.

## Capital Improvement Projects

As part of the City's on-going 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. The City has spent \$16,810,785 out of the capital project funds from 1/1/05 to 12/31/05. Amounts spent were from the following funds:

Capital Improvement / Maintenance	\$3,237,069
ADC Project	2,747,656
TH 212 / Charlson Area	2,378,498
Fire Station #4	2,219,603
Construction Fund	2,124,929
Road Construction Fund	1,305,200
CIP Pavement Management	1,155,468
Charlson Area	219,685
Parks Development	769,245
Equipment Revolving	490,954
CIP Trails	162,478
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,810,785</b>

### Significant projects include the following:

#### Capital Improvement/Maintenance

\$1,144,241	Fire Engines
\$446,468	City Center Carpet Replacement
\$339,493	Outside Storage Site
\$252,079	Building Assessment
\$248,421	Salt Storage Building
\$156,731	One-Ton Truck with Plow

#### Construction Fund

\$1,748,561	TH212/Prairie Center Drive Intersection Improvements
\$375,818	Columbine Road

#### Road Construction Fund

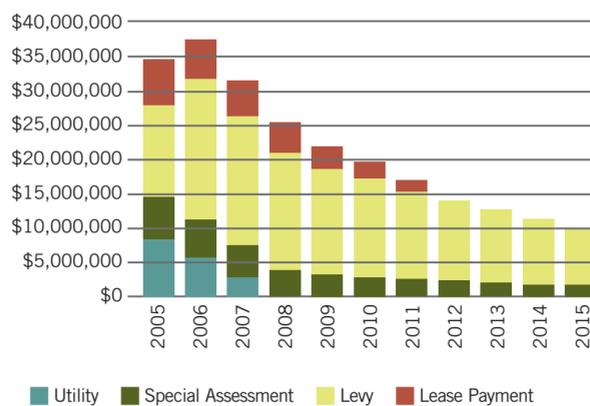
\$755,660	TH212 - Stage IV
\$248,885	Traffic Signals & Improvement at County Road 4 and Valley View Road
\$103,145	Hidden Ponds Trails

#### Parks Development

\$233,365	Miller Park Softball Shelter
\$138,310	Riverview Road Trail
\$110,500	Birch Island Woods Parking
\$87,583	Round Lake Trail Widen

## Debt

Many community needs must be met by the City of Eden Prairie including construction projects and equipment purchases. The City's ability to issue future debt at lower interest rates provides for the City's upkeep and renewal. The graph below depicts debt outstanding from 2005 to 2015.



## 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 youth access to alcohol in Eden Prairie. The City believes the municipal owned liquor operations help to protect the health and safety of youth by placing emphasis on enforcing sales to underage people.



Liquor sales increased 13.4% over 12/31/04 to \$9,792,657 and profit of \$600,000 was 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 1997 to 2005, liquor operations contributed over \$5 million to capital projects.

### About this Report

The information for this report was taken from the City of Eden Prairie's Comprehensive Financial Report (CAFR), which was prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements for the year ended December 31, 2005. 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 each of you with a better understanding of the City's overall financial conditions. For a complete review of the City's financial position for 2005, consult the CAFR, available on the City's website or from the City. Contact us at 952-949-8300 for information.



# Creating Community

Through People, Parks and Programs

July 2006  
Eden Prairie Parks & Recreation

## Upcoming Events CALENDAR

Call the Community Center at 952-949-8470 for registration information.

### JUNE

- June 16-18 Oliver!**  
Musical; 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Park Amphitheatre. Donations accepted.
- June 17 Blue Grass Night**  
Featuring the Middle Spunk Creek Boys. 7:00 p.m. Riley-Jacques Barn. \$5 adults; \$3 for children, students and seniors.
- June 19 Shrek and the Far Away Kingdom**  
Children ages 3-6 can join Shrek and Fiona to make castles, pictures and a giant gingerbread man. June 19 and 26. 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Senior Center. \$32. #18943
- June 20 Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade**  
Free kids entertainment. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- June 23 Andy LaCasse (Guitar)**  
Free concert. Noon - 1:00 p.m. Purgatory Creek Recreation Area.
- June 23-25 Oliver!**  
Musical; 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Park Amphitheatre. Donations accepted.
- June 27 Bob and the Beachcomber**  
Free kids entertainment. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- June 28 Under the Sea with the Little Mermaid**  
Sea life games, 'under-the sea' dancing and special seashell craft. Ages 3-6 with parent. 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Senior Center. \$12. #18953
- June 28 The Blue Drifters (Bluegrass)**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- June 30 Tricia & the Toonies**  
Free children's entertainment. Noon - 1:00 p.m. Purgatory Creek Recreation Area.
- June 30 Boyd Lee & Joe Cruz (Acoustic Trio)**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.

### JULY

- July 2 Teddy Bear Band**  
Free children's entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 4 4th of July Celebration**  
Entertainment, concessions, games, activities and fireworks. 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Round Lake Park.
- July 5 Gridlock (Jazz & Blues)**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 7 Matt Wahl (Country/Folk)**  
Free concert. Noon - 1:00 p.m. Purgatory Creek Recreation Area.
- July 7 Utter Chaos (Pop & Rock)**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 9 The Merchant of Venice (Calibana Company Theatre)**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 10 Scooby-Doo and the Mystery Machine**  
Draw, paint and collage Scooby, Shaggy and the gang and other craft-fun. 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Senior Center. \$32. #18944
- July 11 Tune into Kids**  
Free kids entertainment. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 12 After 5 (Women's Vocal Group)**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 13 Kidsmart**  
Self-defense and safety training course for kids ages 5-12. 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Community Center. \$36. #18974
- July 13 Stan Bann Big Band**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 14 Kid Power with Rachael (children)**  
Free entertainment. Noon - 1:00 p.m. Purgatory Creek Recreation Area.
- July 15 Riley-Jacques Twilight Special**  
Featuring "Old Yeller" and storytelling by Bob Gasch. Riley-Jacques Barn. \$5 adults; \$3 for children, students and seniors.
- July 16 John Philip Sousa Band**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 18 Taylors Falls Boat Cruise**  
Take a scenic cruise on the St. Croix and enjoy lunch on board. Register by July 3. 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Leave from Senior Center. \$44. #19685
- July 18 The AlphaBits**  
Free kids entertainment. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 18 Eden Prairie History Tour**  
Learn more about farming in Eden Prairie through a bus tour of farms and by visiting with local farmers. 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Leave from Community Center. Adults - \$10, Children 13 and under - \$5. Pre-register by July 13. #19615
- July 19 Triplicate (Jazz)**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 21 Reynold Philepsek (Jazz Guitar)**  
Free concert. Noon - 1:00 p.m. Purgatory Creek Recreation Area.
- July 21 Dance Art Center**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 21 Beginning Kayaking**  
Introductory, classroom class that teaches the basics of kayaking. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Staring Lake Outdoor Center. \$10. #19514
- July 22 Basic Flatwater Kayaking**  
On-the-water course which teaches basics of kayaking. "Beginning Kayaking" is a prerequisite to this course. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Staring Lake Outdoor Center. \$35. #19516
- July 23 Jazz on the Prairie (Big Band)**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 28 Mary Hall (Jazz & Pop)**  
Free concert. Noon - 1:00 p.m. Purgatory Creek Recreation Area.
- July 25 Wendy's Wiggle Jiggle and Jam**  
Free kids entertainment. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 28 Twin Cities Hot Club (Gypsy Jazz)**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.
- July 30 Lehto & Wright (Celtic/American Folk)**  
Free entertainment. 7:00 p.m. Staring Lake Amphitheatre.

## STARING LAKE CONCERT SERIES

Music and entertainment fill the air **Wednesday, Friday and Sunday** evenings at the **Staring Lake Amphitheatre**, 14800 Pioneer Trail. All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Pack a picnic basket, bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy some **FREE** entertainment for the whole family!

### Upcoming Entertainment

- JUNE 28** The Blue Drifters (Bluegrass)  
**JUNE 30** Boyd Lee & Joe Cruz (Acoustic Trio)  
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EDEN PRAIRIE PLAYERS PRESENT

# Oliver!

Classic musical for the whole family.

This is Charles Dickens' touching tale of an orphan boy who is sold to an undertaker because he dared to ask for more to eat. Come follow Oliver's adventures from his start as a pick-pocket all the way to the home of a wealthy benefactor.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
June 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25  
7:00 p.m.  
Staring Lake Park Amphitheatre

Free Admission - Donations Accepted

## RILEY-JACQUES BARN TWILIGHT SPECIAL

Riley-Jacques Barn • 9096 Riley Lake Road • 7:00 p.m.



Have a down-home good time with Country-themed entertainment at the historic Riley-Jacques Barn.

**ADMISSION AT THE DOOR**  
\$5 ADULTS  
\$3 STUDENTS AND SENIORS

**Friday, August 25 Barn Dance**  
Featuring Pigs Eye Landing & Caller Sue Hulsether

For more information, call Sandy Werts at 952-949-8450

## Fridays at Purgatory Creek

Pack some food, sit back and take in some lunch hour entertainment at the beautiful Purgatory Creek Recreation Area.

**FRIDAYS**  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
Purgatory Creek Recreation Area  
13001 Technology Drive

**July 21**  
Reynold Philepsek, Jazz Guitar

**July 28**  
Mary Hall, Jazz & Pop

**June 23**  
Andy LaCasse, Guitar

**August 4**  
Ms. Catherine  
Children's Entertainment

**June 30**  
Tricia & the Toonies  
Kid's environmental show

**August 11**  
Bob Walsler, Folk

**July 7**  
Matt Wahl, Country/Folk

**July 14**  
Kid Power with Rachael

## Garden Party

Tuesday, July 11 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Eden Prairie Senior Center 8950 Eden Prairie Road

- Stroll through the Gardens
- Tour the Senior Center
- Enjoy refreshments
- Be entertained by Shawn Sweeney - Singer, Musician and Humorist

**FREE** RSVP 952-949-8475

Sponsored by the Eden Prairie Senior Advisory Council.

## Beach Party

Thursday, July 27 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Riley Lake Park

Enjoy some beach-side entertainment, try your hand at contests, win prizes and take a swim in beautiful Lake Riley!

- Musical entertainment by Bob the Beachcomber (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)
  - Hula hoop contest
  - Sand sculpture contest
- Vie for the contents of the piñata
- Concessions available

Event weather pending. Call the weather hotline 952-949-8449 to check the status of the event.

## FALL ADULT ATHLETICS

### SOFTBALL

Leagues begin mid-August and continue through early October. Games will be played at Round Lake Park, Monday-Friday and Sunday nights. Registration deadline: July 20.

7 game schedule -- \$300/team  
10 game schedule -- \$395/team  
13 game schedule -- \$495/team

### TOUCH FOOTBALL

Games are played on Wednesday nights from mid-August through October. \$190 per team. Register by July 13.

For registration information, contact Lyndell Frey at 952-949-8438 or lfrey@edenprairie.org.

## 4th of July

Tuesday, July 4th 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Round Lake Park

**9:00 a.m.** "Whopper of a Fish"ing Contest  
**11:30 a.m.** Kiddie Parade  
**Noon** Entertainment begins  
**7:00 p.m.** Eden Prairie Community Band  
**8:00 - 10:00 p.m.** Temporary Heroes Orchestra  
**10:00 p.m.** Fireworks display with music

And a whole lot more! Watch for more information in a special insert in the Eden Prairie Newspaper on June 29.

## REGISTRATION IS EASY!

Register for Parks and Recreation programs by: Internet, phone, mail and in person.

- \*Register using eConnect via the internet at [www.edenprairie.org](http://www.edenprairie.org)
- \*Over the phone at 952-949-8407
- Through the mail to the Community Center
- In person at the Community Center 16700 Valley View Road or the Senior Center 8950 Eden Prairie Road

\*If you need a PIN and Family Account Number, stop by the Eden Prairie Community Center to complete a Family Information Form.