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Betty Peterson & Marlene Sherwood working in Kowalski's bakery department.

Mary Holdahl & Jane Pederson enjoying a cup at Caribou.



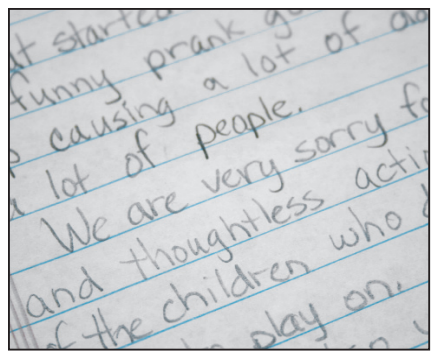
John Windcarver selling trees at Eden Prairie Center.

JANUARY 2006

Juvenile Diversion Program Provides Options To Youth

The Eden Prairie Police Department has implemented a new Juvenile Diversion program designed to work with juvenile offenders. Eden Prairie Police Sergeant Randy Thompson is heading up the effort, after spending the last 14 years as School Liaison.

Currently, juvenile offenders are referred to Hennepin County Juvenile Court where a juvenile referee presides over the case and a disposition is determined. Often this process takes months and the disposition is not fitting of the offense. In many cases, the victim of the offense is not involved in the outcome.



The new program hopes to change these two factors. To place a case into diversion, several requirements must be met. First, the victim must be willing to take part in, or allow the diversion program to commence. "If a victim says 'I want her prosecuted,'

we'll do that by sending the case to juvenile court," said Thompson. Second, the police must believe the child can successfully complete the program. Thompson says, "The more serious the offense or if there's been a pattern of law breaking, the less willing we will be to have that child in the program."

Already this diversion program's Family conferencing component has been used in a couple of situations. A family conference brings the victim, victim supporters, the juvenile offender, and the offender's family together to discuss ways to repair the harm that was caused. These face to face meetings are designed to focus on the offender's actions and how the harm of those actions can be repaired.

"In many cases, a combination of written apology, restitution and community service will become part of a contract whereby the offenders work to repair the harm they have caused," Thompson said. When the child has completed the program, the Eden Prairie Police will have documentation of the offense and diversion; however, there will not be a criminal record with Hennepin County.

Thompson is excited about the potential positive outcomes from this program for Eden Prairie youth and believes it can be a great tool to reduce repeat offenders.



Woody Franklin briefs his group of reserve officers at the Traffic Direction School.

Give Back to the Community - Be a Police Reservist

It's the childhood dream of many little boys and girls - to be a police officer. Though many of those individuals eventually follow other career pursuits, there are still opportunities to have involvement in the Police Department. One of those opportunities entails becoming a Police Reserve Officer.



Eden Prairie Police Reserve Flag Team Members Tony Larrimore, Woody Franklin and Kelly Strom.

The Police Reserve program has been going on for nearly 30 years in Eden Prairie and currently, the City has 23 police reserve officers. Eden Prairie police reservists are volunteers who assist licensed, sworn officers in a number of situations including severe weather conditions, fire scene protection, lost/missing person searches, crime scene protection, serious traffic accidents, power outages or special projects. They also manage traffic and provide security at

many special events. Other responsibilities of police reserve officers include activation of the Mobile Command Center and working regularly scheduled patrol shifts.

New reservists undergo a training program one night per week for ten weeks and take a CPR/First Aid training course to prepare for service. After these credentials have been met, reservists must work at least one weekend evening per month, attend monthly training meetings, carry a pager and respond when available to emergency calls. For more information, visit www.eppdreserves.org. Applications for the Police Reserves are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Thank You

The City of Eden Prairie would like to thank the following businesses, residents and service organizations for their contributions to the 2005 Arts and Special Events Programs. Over \$21, 975 in support was given to help provide arts and special events programs to the Eden Prairie Community.

Contributing to the Arts

Silver - \$1,000 - \$4,999

Flagship Athletic Club
Schwans Consumer Brands

Prairie - \$499 or less

Xcel Energy
Barrett Moving & Storage Company
Noodles & Company
Park Dental Eden Prairie
Prairie Village Pet Hospital
TLC Café & Catering
Lawrence and Dorothy O'Connell
Meredyth & Bill Stern

Contributing to Community Special Events

Platinum - \$5,000 or more

Wells Fargo Bank of Eden Prairie

Gold - \$1,000 to \$4,999

J.A. Price Agency, Inc
Twin City Co-ops Federal Credit Union
Anchor Bank
Flagship Athletic Club
Anchor Printing (In Kind Service)

Silver - \$500 - \$999

B.F. I. (In-Kind Service)
Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund
Lions Tap
Twin City Federal Bank

Bronze - \$100 - \$499

Xcel Energy
Brad Dodds, DDS
Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels
Wells Fargo Bank
Optimist Club of Eden Prairie
Bent Creek Golf Club
Ridgedale Shopping Center
Eden Prairie Shopping Center
Zane Birky of Edward Jones Investments
Saoudy A. Saoudy and Onaiza Ansar
Ansar & Qamar Khan

Prairie - \$99 or less

Barrett Moving and Storage
TLC Café and Catering
Councilmember Philip Young
East of Eden Salon

25 Years Of Giving

It was July of 1981 that a group of Eden Prairie citizens and business leaders announced the formation of the Eden Prairie Foundation. The original Board of Directors was made up of 12 members who knew that Eden Prairie would face new responsibilities and challenges as the city grew.

This March, when the Eden Prairie Foundation Ball is held at the Minnetonka Marriot, it will mark both the 25th year of the foundation and the 25th year of its major fundraiser, the Ball. The first Ball raised a little more than \$10,000. In 2005 the Ball raised more than ten times that much and the goal for 2006 is \$125,000.

In its 25 years the Eden Prairie Foundation has been able to contribute nearly \$800,000 to community projects. Roy Terwilliger of Community

Bank Group has been involved with the Foundation since its beginning. "The original idea was pretty simple" said Terwilliger, "provide a way to raise monies for community projects that could not be funded through tax dollars." He went on to say, "The Foundation's work has enhanced the community in many ways, providing for things that while perhaps not necessary, make Eden Prairie a better place to live and work."

For the past two and a half years Phil Young has represented the City of Eden Prairie on the Foundation Board and is grateful for the group's efforts. "This is a great organization. It's made up of all volunteers whose sole purpose is to give back to our community and they give a lot."

As a result of the many thousands of hours the hundreds of volunteers have contributed over the past two and a half decades, the Eden Prairie Foundation has become an integral part of the Eden Prairie community.



Blue Sky Creamery

What do you get when you combine a new Eden Prairie business with liquid nitrogen? Blue Sky Creamery of course! Blue Sky Creamery is moving its headquarters to town. The relatively new company uses a completely different process when it comes to making its creamy concoction. Liquid nitrogen helps create a much smoother and creamier dessert by freezing the cream instantly. There is no time for ice crystals to form which makes the end result not only better tasting but according to the owners, better for you. The company, which started in Lakeville, has blossomed over the past year-and-a-half. The Eden Prairie operations will serve as both a factory and storage facility. You can buy Blue Sky Ice Cream in several area grocery stores.



Blue Sky Creamery, Lakeville.

YOUR ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

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EDEN PRAIRIE FOUNDATION ANNUAL BALL



Silver Wonderland
25th Annual

Eden Prairie Foundation Ball
Saturday, March 4, 2006
Minneapolis Marriott Southwest

Tickets now on sale
- order now before
the Ball is Sold Out.
\$125 per person

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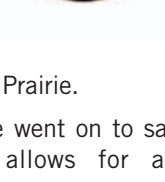
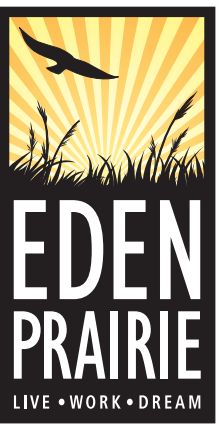
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2005-THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Eden Prairie Re-branded in 2005

Beginning January 1, 2005, the City switched to a new logo. The logo features a sunrise over the prairie with a high flying bird among the sunrays all on the top half. On the bottom, the City's name is stacked, with Eden on top of Prairie and in bigger letters. Under the City name are the words Live * Work * Dream. The colors chosen for the brand mark are black, yellow and orange.



expression of self, opportunity, achievement and is convenient. And to finish it off, they say the City is always open, forward leaning, vibrant and safe.

The city itself was not the only entity re-branded. Both the Fire and Police Departments have new patches that reflect the same feel as the City's logo and make it clear that these two important departments are part of the overall City government structure.



Eden Prairie Liquor has a new logo as well. The logo looks very similar to the City's overall logo, but has the word "Liquor" as part of the stacked words on the bottom.

The City's government channel, 16 on the cable system, became EPTV 16 and adopted a logo that features the sunrise with the number 16 over the sun rays and "EPTV" above the rectangle.

The new brand came about after months of working with volunteers, a branding agency and talking with citizens and people that live and work in the City. These people told us what their impression is of the foundation of the City. They told us the City has a pioneer heritage with natural beauty and a diversity that's unique to Eden Prairie.

These same people went on to say that Eden Prairie allows for an

Three of Four Park Referendum Questions Pass

Eden Prairie voters went to the polls in November to decide if they wanted to improve and expand the City's Parks, its Community Center, its trail system and its pool situation.

All questions except for the deepening of the current pool and the addition of a zero-entry warm water pool were approved by voters.

Twenty percent of Eden Prairie's eligible voters had their voices heard on the Parks Referendum. The City had conducted a survey to determine why voters had turned down a somewhat similar referendum in 2004.

Based on the information gathered in that survey, the City made a number of changes before deciding to hold another referendum.

Among the changes made by the

A Letter to Citizens of Eden Prairie from Mayor Tyra-Lukens

The Eden Prairie Park System is regularly cited by our residents as one of the major reasons they've decided to call Eden Prairie home. On Tuesday, November 8, 2005 Eden Prairie voters will go to the polls to vote on a four question referendum addressing park and recreation facilities improvements.

After last year's referendum the City surveyed residents about why the one question referendum did not pass. Additionally, City Council members listened to what their neighbors and others in the City had to say about the referendum. What we heard was that residents value our park system and that they wanted the City to hold another referendum, but only after key changes were made:

- Hold the referendum in a year when schools are not also holding one.
- Have the referendum in November, at the regular election time.
- Ask for less money, but improve our park system projects that were supported in the survey conducted last year and
- Break the questions into parts, let voters decide on specific items.

The City Council believes all four items are worthwhile and valuable to the residents of Eden Prairie. We believe that continuing to invest in our parks system and facilities will have a long lasting positive impact on all citizens. For the better of a million priced homes in the City (\$200,000), the additional cost per month, if all four questions are approved, will be \$4.50.

The City Council has listened to our residents. The referendum will be held November 8th with four questions that will allow voters to have greater choice. The four questions that will appear on the ballot are listed below:

1. Shall the City of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000, for additions and improvements to the existing indoor swimming pool located at the Community Center?
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3. Shall the City of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,650,000, for the acquisition of extensive park land and improvements to existing parks?
4. Shall the City of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, for improvements to and expansion of the trail system?

Please take the time to review the information in this handout. If you have questions, please visit the City's website at www.edenprairie.org and use the "Contact Us" link to submit your questions to the City.

City were to hold the referendum in November of a year the School District was not also holding a referendum, and to allow voters to pick and choose which improvements they wanted.

An expanded Community Center, upgraded walking paths, the purchase of land, redesigned parks and new tennis courts are some of the things that were approved by the voters.

Nearly 50 Years Later work on the New 212 Moves to the Fast Lane

Other Road Construction Projects also Moved forward

It was a year of road construction throughout the City of Eden Prairie. It didn't seem to matter where you turned (or tried to turn) there were road projects on the north, south, east and west sides of the city as well as in the heart of the city.



Work officially began on the New 212 late in 2005 as grading work was commenced that will run through the winter and throughout 2006. It's expected that the New 212 will be finished to Dell Road by the end of 2006.

On the east side of town, a new bridge was completed over Hwy 169 at Anderson Lakes Parkway.

Work to add lanes on 494 to the east of the City was completed during 2005, but 494 to the north remains under construction. As part of this project, there has been a good deal of work on the 494 and Hwy 62 interchange.

To the south, road work on the present 212 limited travel for much of the summer months near the Airport and the Minnesota River. Through town, the addition of lanes on 212 caused some consternation near Eden Prairie Center.

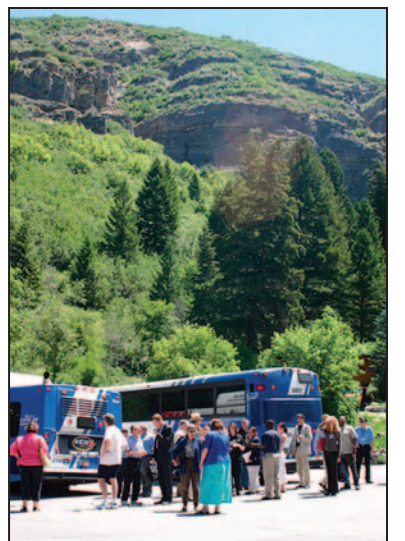
And even City Center, where Eden Prairie's City offices are located couldn't escape the road work as Technology Drive and Mitchell Road were rebuilt and widened in the area.

Mayor Becomes Environmental Steward

For three days last July, nearly 50 mayors, including Nancy Tyra-Lukens, gathered in Utah to discuss global warming. The "Sundance Summit: A Mayor's Gathering on Climate Protection" was hosted by Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson and Robert Redford.

"This summit certainly opened my eyes to the issues surrounding global warming," Tyra-Lukens told her fellow council members on her return. She also presented environmental information gathered at the Summit with other communities and government agencies including Eden Prairie Schools.

The City of Eden Prairie is doing a number of things right to help the environment including the City's tree ordinance, using an odd/even watering plan and using energy efficient traffic lights.



I Am A Blogger



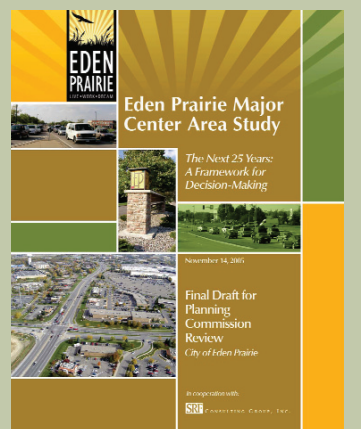
2005 was the year of the Blog in Eden Prairie City government. Weblogs (shortened to Blogs) became an important vehicle to learn more about the City as not only did City Manger Scott Neal and Police Chief Dan Carlson have blogs, but fire Chief George Esbensen also started blogging. All three of the blogs can be accessed from the City's website at edenprairie.org.

The City's original blogger, Scott Neal, was called on by many groups to discuss his experiences. But only one of those groups called from as far away as the United Kingdom and that's where Scott Neal was to be found in late February. Neal was invited (and his trip paid for) by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister through The National e-Democracy Project.



Looking Ahead To 2030

What will Eden Prairie's Major Center Area (MCA) look like in 25 years? That's anyone's guess at this point, but the City took the first step in laying the groundwork for what it may look like in 2030 by commissioning the MCA Study.



The final results of the study make both short and long-term recommendations that current and future City Council and Planning Commission members can use to create a more vibrant and accessible "downtown" area for the City.

The City's Community Development Department gathered input from a wide variety of sources in a great many ways. A task force of business people, residents from the area and others met throughout the year. Citizen surveys and open houses took place to gather input; representatives from the City talked with community groups including the Chamber of Commerce and the AM Rotary.

"A sailor without a destination cannot hope for a favorable wind."

—Leon Tec



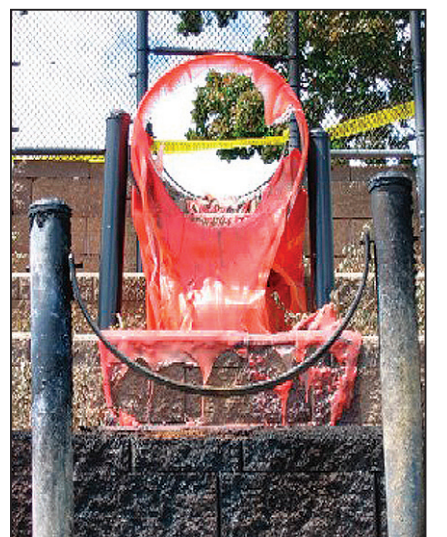
Dog Park
The City opened a fenced, nearly one acre, off leash dog park in early 2005. The off leash facility is located near the old Best Buy headquarters on Flying Cloud Drive. The City is working to open other sites in the future.



New Fire Trucks
Three new Fire Engines are now a part of the Fire Department. The three pieces of equipment were officially brought into service October 4 and were immediately used as torrential rain and lightning strikes caused many problems throughout the City.



Riley-Jacques Barn
The City of Eden Prairie was recognized for the historical restoration of the Riley-Jacques Barn. The Preservation Alliance of Minnesota presented the award for the renovation that was completed in 2004. The Riley-Jacques Barn now serves as a location for youth programs, Safety Camp, dances, concerts, plays and other such events.



Arson
An arson fire destroyed the enclosed slide that had been a part of Staring Lake Park for three decades. Two 15 year-old Eden Prairie boys have admitted to setting the fire and are now taking part in the Police Department's Juvenile Diversion Program. On a brighter note, one young man, 7 year-old Tucker Zangs has set up a Save Our Slide (or SOS) fund to help raise money to replace the slide.



Life in the Prairie
A new monthly television program covering all things Eden Prairie began in February. The show, "Life in the Prairie," is produced by the City's Communications division and has been airing on EPTV 16. In late November, the City added streaming media to its website and the Life in the Prairie show is now available there as well as on cable.

EDEN PRAIRIE COMMISSIONS

You don't have to be an elected official to have an impact on your community. Did you know the City of Eden Prairie now has seven commissions that are made up of everyday citizens like yourself? Seven commissions that do everything from preserving historical markers to helping the City Council decide how and where to build new projects. Interested in Art? There's a commission for you. How about human rights? Here's

your chance to get involved and it couldn't be easier. The commissions are looking right now for good people willing to donate their time and expertise to better the community. Two of the commissions are brand new and will need to have all positions filled so get ready to get involved! Applications will be accepted in January, City Council will conduct interviews in February and appointments will be made in March. Commission

terms are typically three years long and start on April 1. You can find out more information and get an application and supplemental questionnaire online at www.edenprairie.org or pick one up at Eden Prairie City Center. You can also call Michael Barone at 952-949-8433. All commission meetings are open to the public if you'd like to check them out in person. The seven commissions are featured below.



Arts and Culture Commission

The Arts and Culture Commission is an advisory board for the City Council. The group deals with matters that pertain to cultural performance and visual arts programs as well as activities supported by the general public. The goal of the group is to build awareness for the Arts in Eden Prairie. It does so through programs like Art on City Walls, the Community Band and Eden Prairie Players Community Theater group. Commission meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Eden Prairie City Center.



Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is the front line for all information about projects and development in the community. The commission carefully wades through proposals to determine the viability of a plan, whether it fits in aesthetically, and the land use issues surrounding it. Decisions are made with regard to the City's Strategic Plan, Comprehensive Guide Plan and City land use. Information is passed on to City Council members who have the ultimate decision making power. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.



Human Rights & Diversity Commission

The Human Rights and Diversity Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the city on matters of diversity, civil and human rights and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The commission has been involved in everything from finding solutions to "bullying" in our schools to helping immigrants with assimilating into our community. Each year it is responsible for handing out two types of awards. The Dr. Jean L. Harris Youth Scholarship Award goes to one or two high school seniors who show the importance of an inclusive community through volunteering. The Human Rights Awards are given to an individual, non-profit or business who demonstrates the importance of diversity and inclusiveness through programs or actions. Commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on the lower level of the Eden Prairie Mall.



Conservation Commission

The new conservation commission will act in an advisory capacity to the City Council. The goal is to advance and support the health and development of the citizens and natural environment of Eden Prairie. The commission will accomplish that by examining and recommending the best practices for energy conservation. It will establish a 'Green' Building code and even promote a healthy community by encouraging a community designed for walking, exercise and recreation. The commission will meet monthly, but the exact night has not yet been set.



Heritage Preservation Commission

The Heritage Preservation Commission promotes Eden Prairie's future by protecting its past. The group works to safeguard sites and structures that reflect significant elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, visual or architectural history. It promotes the preservation and continued use of historic sites and structures for the education and general welfare of the people of the City. Commission meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Eden Prairie City Center.



Flying Cloud Airport Advisory Commission

The new Flying Cloud Airport Advisory Commission is being formed to advise the City Council and the Metropolitan Airports Commission on matters affecting the operation of Flying Cloud Airport. The Commission will monitor the implementation of the Final Agreement between the City of Eden Prairie and the Metropolitan Airports Commission as well as noise abatement methods to reduce aircraft noise in the community. The commission will also work cooperatively with MAC staff in reviewing the use and control of Flying Cloud Airport.



Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Commission

Eden Prairie is known for its abundance of natural resources. The lakes, trails and parks residents enjoy are the envy of many other communities and it just keeps getting better. The Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Commission advises the City on issues concerning development and use of parks and recreation facilities, leisure services, recreation programming, preservation of natural resources and promotion of environmental awareness. Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Eden Prairie City Center.



How to Apply

Are you intrigued yet? It's so easy to get involved. Come pick up an application at Eden Prairie City Center, which is at 8080 Mitchell Road, or just log on to the website at www.edenprairie.org.

Creating Community

Through People, Parks and Programs

January 2006
Eden Prairie Parks & Recreation

Upcoming Events CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- Dec 22 Skating Rinks & Sledding Hill Open**
Weather permitting, the outdoor, lighted, free skating and hockey rinks are scheduled to open. 952-949-8456
- Dec 24 Community Center Closed at 3 p.m.**
- Dec 25 Community Center Closed**
- Dec 26 City Offices Closed; Community Center Open**
- Dec 27-30 Oak Point Pool Open Swim**
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Oak Point swimming pool and waterslide will be open. \$3.50 adults; \$3 youth. 952-949-8447
- Dec 27 Star Wars - Episode 3**
Art class for ages 6 - 12. 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Senior Center - Room 209, 8950 Eden Prairie Road \$18. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8456
- Dec 28 Pump It Up**
Ages 5 - 12 Open play time with chaperones, activities and snacks. 9:00 a.m. - Noon (ages 5-8); 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (ages 9-12); Pump It Up, 7406 Washington Avenue. \$25. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8456
- Dec 28 Snow Tubing and Swimming**
Grades 1 - 6 day trip of snow tubing at Elm Creek and swimming at Chaska Community Center. Includes admissions, chaperones, transportation, and lunch. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Leave from the Community Center. \$38. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8456
- Dec 29 Unfortunate Events Imagery**
Art class for ages 6 - 12. 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.; Senior Center - Room 209, 8950 Eden Prairie Road; \$18. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8456
- Dec 29 Skateville and Chuck E. Cheese**
Grades 1 - 6 day trip of roller skating at Skateville and ice skating at the Community Center. Includes admissions, chaperones, transportation, and lunch. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Leave from the Community Center. \$38. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8456
- Dec 31 Community Center Closed at 5 p.m.**

JANUARY

- Jan 1 Community Center Closed**
- Jan 2 City Offices Closed; Community Center Open**
- Jan 2 Ice Skating Lessons Begin**
Monday daytime lessons available for six weeks. \$35. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8471.
- Jan 3 Park Facility Rentals Begin**
Reserve a park facility for your family reunions, graduations, or business function. Rental available to Eden Prairie residents or Eden Prairie businesses. Place your reservation at the Community Center, 16700 Valley View Road, or call 952-949-8471.
- Jan 7 Ice Skating Lessons Begin**
Saturday daytime lessons available for twelve weeks. \$58. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8471.
- Jan 9 Adult Co-Rec Volleyball Leagues Begin**
Twelve matches played on Monday nights at local schools. \$335/team. 952-949-8438.
- Jan 11, 18, 25 I Love Minnesota**
Each Wednesday ages 3-6 are invited to learn about their state. 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Staring Lake Outdoor Center, 14800 Pioneer Trail. \$5 per day. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8479.
- Jan 16 City Offices Closed; Community Center Open**
- Jan 17 Welcome Coffee**
Tour the Senior Center and learn about the programs. 10:00 a.m. 8950 Eden Prairie Road. RSVP 952-949-8475.
- Jan 18 Racquetball Begins**
Adult leagues begin. Register before January 8. Community Center, 16700 Valley View Road. \$5. 952-949-8471
- Jan 20 Snow Jam**
Teen band concert for CMS and EPHS students. Edenwood Center, 6350 Indian Chief Road. \$3 at the door.
- Jan 21 CPR / First Aid Review**
Annual review for your current certification in CPR, First Aid or both. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. \$60. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8447.
- Jan 22 Eden Prairie Community Band Concert**
7:00 p.m. Edinborough Park in Edina
- Jan 22 Snowshoe Hikes & Kicksleds**
Ages 5 to adult learn about these winter travel tools. Dress for the weather. Wear boots. 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. \$8. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8479.
- Jan 26 Registration Deadline for Coffee Concert - Mozart's Prague Symphony**
Leave from the Senior Center, 8950 Eden Prairie Road to attend the Wooddale Church concert on February 3, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. \$22. 952-949-8475.
- Jan 26 Super Grover! Ready for Action**
Sesame Street Live! performance and transportation. 9:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Leave from the Community Center. \$15. Pre-registration required. 942-949-8456.
- Jan 27 Registration Deadline for Father & Daughter Sweetheart Dance**
Dinner and dance held on February 3, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at Garden Room, 8080 Mitchell Road. \$20. Pre-registration required. 942-949-8456.
- Jan 28 Sculpture 101**
Leisure Education program for individuals ages 13-22 with disabilities. Create 3-d masterpieces. Senior Center, 8950 Eden Prairie Road. \$15. Pre-registration required. 942-949-8457.
- Jan 28 Winter Family Fun Day**
Free family event. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Staring Lake Park, 14800 Pioneer Trail.

Men's/Women's Adult Volleyball Leagues

Beginning In February

A variety of levels of play will be offered from beginner teams to advanced. Matches played at Central Middle School Gym.

Men's Thursday nights for nine weeks with a minimum of twelve matches. \$335/team.

Women's Tuesday nights for ten games. \$280/team.

Registration and payment deadline - February 1.

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

SCHOOL'S OUT! LET'S PLAY... GRADES 1-6

Activities, games, crafts, all admissions, supplies and chaperones included.

Wednesday, Dec 28 Pump It Up
Eden Prairie's very own indoor inflatable play arena featuring huge air-filled play structures. \$25
Ages 5 - 8 - 9:00 am - Noon #18614
Ages 9 - 12 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm #18615

Snow Tubing and Swimming
Snow tubing at Elm Creek Park, lunch of McDonald's and swimming at the Chaska Community Center. \$38
8:00 am - 4:00 pm #18616

Thursday, Dec 29 Skateville and Chuck E. Cheese
Roller skating at Skateville, lunch at Chuck E Cheese and ice skating at the Community Center. \$38
8:00 am - 4:00 pm #18617

For more information contact Nicole Weedman, Recreation Coordinator at 952-949-8456 or nweedman@edenprairie.org

Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

The outdoor, lighted free skating and hockey rinks are scheduled to open Thursday, December 22, 2005 and will close Friday, February 24, 2006 depending on weather conditions. Rinks are flooded and swept daily.

During open hours the warming house will be open, lights will be available, and an attendant will be on duty. Bring your own skates.

The warming house and rinks may be reserved by groups when not open to the public or in use for hockey practice. To reserve a warming house, call Nicole Weedman at 952-949-8456. Hockey Association coaches should contact the Hockey Association. All warming houses will be open extended hours during the holiday break.

Staring Lake Sledding Hill

Staring Lake Sledding Hill will fulfill your need for snow sledding adventure. This 700-foot sledding hill is sure to be a hit for all participants. Only plastic sleds are allowed on the hill. Sleds with metal runners, skis or snowboards are prohibited. Bring your own sleds. There is no tow rope at this facility.

LEISURE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Leisure Education Programs provide opportunities for participants with disabilities.

Bell Choir

Mondays
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
January 23 - March 20
St. Andrew Church
13600 Technology Drive

Ages 13 - 22 can make beautiful music with bells. This introductory bell choir program provides the opportunity to learn the basic ringing techniques. Join Mrs. Swan on Mondays at St. Andrew Church for a chance to learn and/or practice bell ringing. Music reading is not necessary to participate. (no class Feb 20)

\$40 Register by January 19. #18802
For more information contact Nicole White, Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator at 952-949-8457 or nwhite@edenprairie.org

WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Fun for the Entire Family!

featuring...

- Ice skating
- Sledding
- Horse drawn wagon rides (small fee)
- Refreshments
- Snowshoeing - (snowshoes provided) weather permitting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
1 - 4 PM
FREE FAMILY EVENT

STARING LAKE PARK
14800 PIONEER TRAIL

Sponsored by the City of Eden Prairie and the Optimists Club of Eden Prairie

MUSICIANS WANTED

The Eden Prairie Community Band is looking for trumpet players, low brass players, and percussionists to play in a weekly band ensemble with holiday and summer concerts.

The City of Eden Prairie Community Band, meets at the Central Middle School, 8025 School Road on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Please contact Tom Maeck, conductor, at maecktom@excite.com, or visit the band's website at <http://epcommunityband.org> and let us know of your interest through our comments page.

Swim Lessons

Swimming lessons are available for ages six months through adult. Whether you want to learn the basics, perfect your dives, or improve your speed and strokes - the Community Center offers a variety classes.

Evening and Saturday group lessons begin in January. Private and semi-private lessons also available.

Swimming Level Assessment
Come to the pool and have your child assessed for the appropriate American Red Cross swimming lesson level by our certified staff. No registration necessary, just show up.

Oak Point Pool - Thu, Jan 5 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Community Center Pool - Sat, Jan 7 - 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Ice Skate Lessons

The "Learn to Skate" program provides skill progression classes for ages 3 to adult. Before you know it, you'll be gliding across the ice.

Monday or Saturday group lessons begin in January.
Community Center
16700 Valley View Road
952-949-8470

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
- *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.