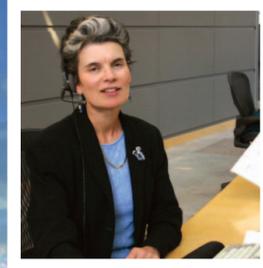


L I F E I N T H E P R A I R I E



Two year old Lydia Gschwendtner is bundled up to ward off the cold.

Teresa Tueting answering calls at ADC's World Headquarters, located right here in Eden Prairie.



Alex Johnson takes a turn at driving one of the new fire engines.

DECEMBER 2005

Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

Need a new furnace? Got a leaky roof? Did you know that there is money available from the City to help to fix those problems? Eden Prairie has a Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program for residents that qualify. You can't beat the terms of the loan. It's at a 5% interest rate and you have 30 years to pay it back or the payment is due when you sell your property, whichever comes first. Also, the interest only accrues over the first ten years of the loan. You can borrow up to \$25,000 for



Recently Rehabilitated Eden Prairie Home.

structural, or energy efficiency repairs as long as you have equity in your home. Think you won't qualify? Think again! Here are the income requirements.

Household Size	Combined Income Limit
One	\$40,600
Two.....	\$46,400
Three	\$52,200
Four	\$58,000
Five	\$62,650
Six	\$67,300
Seven	\$71,900
Eight.....	\$76,550

If you're interested you can pick up an application at Eden Prairie City Center or call 952-949-8486.

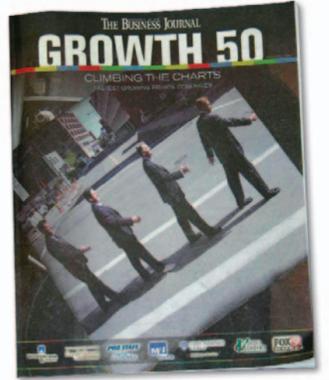
Eden Prairie

—Home to Fast Growing Private Companies

It's official. Eden Prairie is a recognized hot spot for companies that are growing and growing very quickly.

Ten of the 50 fastest growing companies in Minnesota are located in Eden Prairie, according to The Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal.

In a recent special section, these were the 10 Eden Prairie companies (along with their ranking and growth rate) that made the Business Journal's top 50 list:



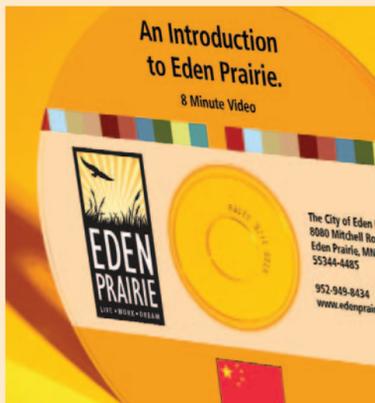
- ① Premier Restaurant Management, Inc.1,019.22%
- ② Inlet Medical, Inc.148.10%
- ③ Cross Telecom Corp.116.39%
- ④ Hound Dog Products, Inc.84.76%
- ⑤ Micro Dynamics Corp.78.28%
- ⑥ 2nd Wind Exercise Equipment58.10%
- ⑦ Video Guidance50.59%
- ⑧ Alternative Business Furniture, Inc.50.25%
- ⑨ Magnum Technologies Inc.44.18%
- ⑩ DDL Inc.41.51%

Eden Prairie on DVD

It's a DVD with a purpose – establishing a strategic community partnership in China. The City of Eden Prairie's communication staff has been hard at work creating an eight-minute informational DVD about Eden Prairie that will be viewed in China.

The DVD includes information about Eden Prairie's history, landmarks, businesses, industries and more. It's narrated in Mandarin Chinese by Lisa Wu, a native of China who is the City of Eden Prairie's informational technology manager.

Governor Pawlenty has headed up a 200-member delegation to go on a trade mission to China from November 11 to November 19. Four of those members will be representing Eden Prairie and will present the DVD to people that they meet in China.



Holiday Hours

Eden Prairie City Center

Eden Prairie City Center (City Hall) and Eden Prairie Senior Center will be **CLOSED** the following days:

- Thursday, November 24
- Friday, November 25
- Monday, December 26
- Monday, January 2, 2006

Community Center

The Community Center will be **CLOSED** the following days:

- Thursday, November 25
- Sunday, December 25
- Sunday January 1

The Community Center will be **OPEN** the following days:

- Thursday, November 25 (day after Thanksgiving)
- Monday, December 26
- Monday, January 2.

Liquor Stores

The City's three liquor stores will be **OPEN** additional hours in November and December.

- November 21- 26
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
CLOSED November 24 (Thanksgiving Day)
- December
Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- December 19-31
Monday through Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
CLOSED December 25 (Christmas Day)
CLOSED Sundays

Human Rights Award



2004 Human Rights Award Winners.

The holiday season is fast approaching and the spirit of giving always grows. But, what about those people who give all year long? You probably know an individual or organization that is always giving back to the community.

These people or organizations should be recognized and they are. Beginning in January, you will be able to submit nominations for the City of Eden Prairie Human Rights Awards.

Each year, the City's Human Rights and Diversity Council presents three awards: one to a person, one to a non-profit organization and one to a business. The recipients are recognized for creating and fostering an inclusive environment in our City.

It's time to start thinking about who would be appropriate to nominate. Come January, you will be able to go to the City's website and complete the nomination form.

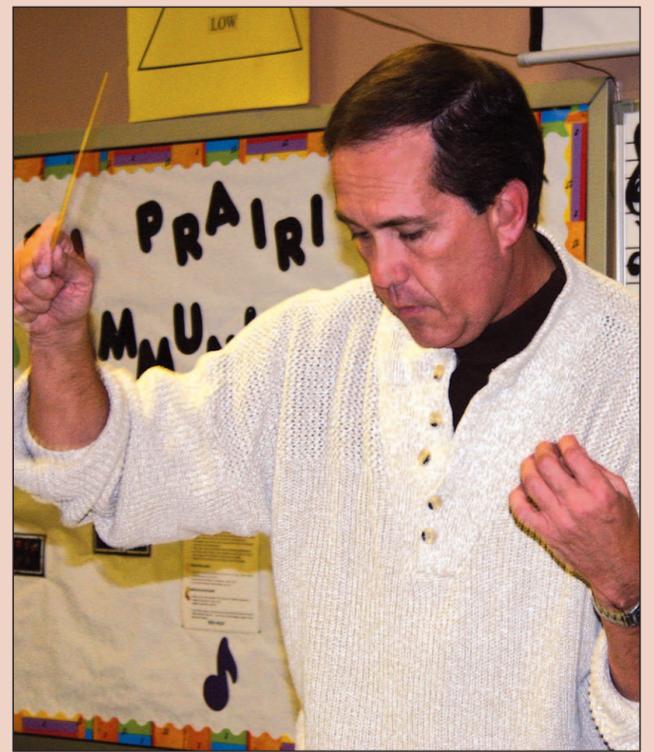
The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

You can't see it, you can't smell it, but it may be creeping through your home. Carbon monoxide is a gas so dangerous it can kill you, but there are things you can do to protect your family. Check your appliances. Old appliances are more likely to give off the gas, but don't rule out the newer ones too. Check the color of the flame emitted from natural gas appliances. Orange means you've got a problem; blue is the color you are looking for. Make sure you have adequate ventilation in your home and



check to make sure nothing is blocking the flue of your fireplace. Most importantly, buy a carbon monoxide detector with a low level indicator. These are a few simple steps that could save your life.

New Conductor



The Eden Prairie Community band is a long-time tradition in our community. The members have been making beautiful music for the last 31 years. Now, they'll be doing it with somebody new. Tom Maeck joined the band as director in October, making him just the third band director in the City's history. "It's great to be part of the tradition," says Tom. The band will be playing its "Share the Warmth" concert December, 11 at Eden Prairie High School at 7p.m.

YOUR ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

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952-937-1898

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952-944-5955
Sherry Butcher
952-829-5351
Ron Case
952-949-0915
Philip Young
952-949-2451

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Just for the Fun of It!

A PUBLICATION OF THE EDEN PRAIRIE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Events CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- Nov 19** Parks & Recreation Winter 2006 Brochures mailed to Eden Prairie Residents
- Nov 24-25** City Offices Closed
- Nov 24** Community Center Closed
EPCC open on November 25
- Nov 26** Ski & Snowboard Programs Begin
Ages 6-18. Register immediately for ski lessons or snowboard lessons. Variety of skill levels available. Transportation included. 952-949-8456
- Nov 29** First Day of Registration
Register for winter programs offered by the Eden Prairie Parks and Recreation Department

DECEMBER

- Dec 1** Outdoor Center Rentals Accepted
The Staring Lake Outdoor Center is available for rental through March 31. \$35 per hour. 952-949-8471
- Dec 1** Disney On Ice Trip
Transportation and tickets included. \$20 per person. 952-949-8456
- Dec 4** Ice Skating Skills Evaluation
Parents and new skaters of all skill levels will learn about skating lessons. A short exhibition will take place at 1:00 p.m., followed by assessment of skater's skills and free skating time. Coaches will be available to answer questions. Bring your own skates or rent a pair at the Community Center. Questions? 952-949-8471
- Dec 4** Cummins House Christmas
2:00 - 4:30 p.m., J.R. Cummins House, 13600 Pioneer Trail. Free. 952-949-8450
- Dec 5&6** Auditions for It Wasn't Murder?
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. EP Senior Center, 8950 Eden Prairie Road 952-470-6300
- Dec 8** Speak & Eat
Enjoy a delicious free lunch and a presentation on Fall Prevention. RSVP at the Senior Center office or call 952-949-8475.
- Dec 9** Annual Senior Center Holiday Dinner
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Edenwood Retreat Center, 6350 Indian Chief Road. \$16. Advance registration required. 952-949-8475
- Dec 11** Eden Prairie Community Band Holiday Concert
Celebrate the Season & Share the Warmth. 7:00 p.m. at Eden Prairie High School Auditorium (north entrance) Free Admission, please bring a non-perishable food item or a warm article of clothing (hats, mittens, etc.) to be donated to PRO.P.
- Dec 15** Registration Deadline for Adult Co-Rec Volleyball
League begins January 9. \$335 per team. 952-949-8438
- Dec 13** Adult Broomball Leagues Begin
Mens and Co-Rec leagues played on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings at Round Lake Park. Register your team before December 1. \$355. 952-949-8438
- Dec 16** Jingle Bells with Mrs. Claus
Ages 3 - 6 with an adult will do crafts and activities with Mrs. Claus. 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Eden Prairie Shopping Center in the Basement Community Room, \$12. Advance registration required. 952-949-8456
- Dec 16** Deadline for Ice Show Skater Registration
Skaters must be registered in a Fall or Winter skating lesson to participate in the March 24-26 Ice Show. \$85 fee includes practices, costume, and coaches fees. 952-949-8471
- 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
- Dec 26** Night with the Timberwolves
Ages 16 and under with an adult can attend the Timberwolves vs. the Phoenix Suns at the Target Center. Fee includes post-game shoot-around, ticket, transportation and Timberwolves gift. 5:30 - 11:00 p.m. Leave from the Community Center \$28 per person. Registration deadline - Dec 8. 952-949-8456
- 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** SnowTubing and Swimming
Grades 1 - 6 day trip of snowtubing 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.



FREE FAMILY EVENT

Cummins House CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 4
2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
J.R. Cummins House
13600 Pioneer Trail

Open House featuring...

- Reindeer-drawn carriage rides with jolly ole St. Nick (fee)
- Holiday Crafts
- "Tales of Christmas Past and Other Stories" by the Wonder Weavers
- Old Fashioned Tree Trimming
- Refreshments



Bring a food or gift item for PRO.P.

Co-Rec Adult Volleyball League

Co-rec is a fun, officiated league for men and women with special rules that make it more enjoyable for everybody. Seven separate levels of play will be offered from beginner teams to advanced levels of play. Twelve matches played at Oak Point Intermediate School Gym, Central Middle School Gym or Eden Lake School Gym.

Monday nights
Beginning January 9



\$335/team. Registration by mail before December 15.

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

Annual Senior Center HOLIDAY DINNER

Chicken Kiev or Baked Cod with white sauce or Vegetarian Lasagna with vegetable, cranberries, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream

Friday, December 9
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Edenwood Retreat Center
6350 Indian Chief Road
\$16

Entertainment by: Musical Memories with Margie

Registration Deadline December 2

Need A Ride? Call the Senior Center at 952-949-8475.

Or meet at the Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. for a coach bus ride to Edenwood. Call 952-949-8475 to reserve a spot.



Stocking Stuffers for PRO.P

PRO.P needs stocking stuffers for children, pre-teens and teens. Bring unwrapped items to Senior Center when you come in to register or to the Dinner on December 9.

Tell us what you think! Online Survey

What do you think about the City of Eden Prairie's recreation programs and services?

We value your opinions and suggestions for improvement as a parent and/or participant of the various programs and services offered by the City of Eden Prairie.



Please take a few minutes to complete a brief online survey

for us at www.edenprairie.org/survey. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and comments so we can serve you better.

Don't delay. All surveys must be completed no later than **December 31, 2005!**

www.edenprairie.org/survey

Parks & Recreation Brochure

Eden Prairie Residents will receive the Parks & Recreation Winter 2006 brochure in the mail the week of November 21. Copies are also available at the Community Center, Senior Center and at City Center.

Throughout the brochure, you'll find classes, trips and activities to keep you busy all winter long. Look for the 'new' symbol for the new programs being offered.



AUDITIONS FOR It Wasn't Murder?

calling all adult actors



Open Auditions
December 5 & 6, 7 - 10 pm
Call backs on December 7 or 8

EP Senior Center
8950 Eden Prairie Road

Please prepare a 2 minute monologue and be prepared to read from the script.

For more information contact Liz Michaelson at 952-470-6300 or by email at: liz@uncommongatherings.com or visit: www.edenprairie.org

Performance Dates: February 17, 18, 24, 25, & 26 at Eden Prairie High School Auditorium. Rehearsals begin in January

Get Up & Go



Join the Eden Prairie Community Center and receive one month free*. A Community Center membership provides you with free use of Fitness Center (14 & up), Community Center and Oak Point pools, racquetball, ice skating, and discounted rates for fitness classes, swimming and skating lessons.

	Residents (live or work in EP)		Non-residents	
	3 mo.	1 yr.	3 mo.	1 yr.
Youth (18 & under)	\$40	\$110	\$50	\$135
Adult (19 & up)	\$65	\$185	\$85	\$240
Household	\$95	\$265	\$120	\$340
Senior (62 & up)	\$40	\$110	\$50	\$140
Senior Household (62 & up)	\$45	\$130	\$60	\$170

Eden Prairie Community Center
16700 Valley View Road

* Free membership month applies to new members only. Restrictions may apply. Offer expires December 31, 2005

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.