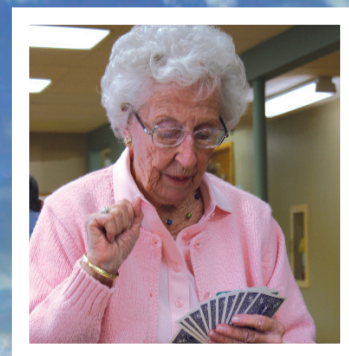


# L I F E I N T H E P R A I R I E



5 year old Hugh Seaton waits for his Mom at the Eden Prairie Parks and Recreation office

Pat Christianson tries her hand at bridge at the Eden Prairie Senior Center.



18 month old Mary Wiggins gets up close to the flowers

NOVEMBER 2005

## Save Our Slide Rake Up those Leaves

Tucker Zangs may only be 7-years-old, but he's on a mission. He wants to rebuild the slide in his favorite park. The tube slide in Staring Lake Park burned down in July, now Tucker and his family are raising money to fix it.



The tube slide at Staring Lake Park.

Eden Prairie Police believe a juvenile was responsible for the fire and Tucker wants to show the community that kids can be responsible not destructive. The Zangs family is selling wristbands around town for \$2. The wristbands have S.O.S. printed on them which stands for Save Our Slide. You can also make a donation at U.S. Bank.



U.S. Bank  
c/o S.O.S. Fund  
300 Prairie Center Drive  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

It's easy to let the leaves fall where they may this time of year. However, if you don't rake them up, you may see more algae in the lakes.

Phosphorous is the nutrient that spurs algae growth in lakes and that makes the lakes look and smell bad. Leaves that are not picked up can make their way down the storm drains and into the water, thus increasing the phosphorous.

Help keep Eden Prairie's water resources as clean as possible and rake up those leaves.



## Nine Eden Prairie Companies are Finalists for Tekne Awards

The sixth annual celebration of companies and individuals who have shown superior technology innovation and leadership, known as the Tekne Awards, will have a definite Eden Prairie flair this November.

Eden Prairie companies are represented in six of the eight Tekne categories. These companies are:

- MTS Systems Corporation
- Micro Dynamics Corporation
- Celleration, Inc.
- ADC Telecommunications
- Fargo Electronics
- Starkey Laboratories
- SurModics, Inc.
- C.H. Robinson Worldwide
- Ingenix

Congratulations to these nine Eden Prairie companies as well as all the other high tech and medical tech companies that call our City "home."



## It's a Prop Thanksgiving

Lend a hand, warm your heart. PROP or (People Reaching Out to Other People) is holding a Thanksgiving food drive for needy families. PROP needs everything from instant mashed potatoes to canned vegetables and gravy mix. The donations will give others something to really be thankful for this holiday.

If you want to donate, drop off your dry or canned goods at PROP. You could also give money or

volunteer your time by stopping in at the offices at Eden Prairie City Center located at 8080 Mitchell Road. The goal is to fill up the shelves by November 10, so don't delay-help today!

Prop will accept deliveries from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday and Wednesday evenings from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sorry-- no fresh or frozen turkeys or hams or home-baked foods will be accepted.

## Fire Truck Dedication



The City of Eden Prairie has three new fire trucks in its fleet. The Mayor, Fire Chief and other city officials were on hand at the October 4 council meeting to dedicate the new vehicles.

### GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The Park Referendum and School District Election will be held Tuesday, November 8. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Eligibility

##### Persons eligible to vote

- 18 years of age
- United States citizen
- Minnesota resident at address given
- Maintain residence at address given (No P.O. box or commercial equivalent)

##### Persons NOT eligible to vote

- Convicted felon whose sentence has not expired or has not been discharged from the sentence
- Individual under court ordered guardianship of the person where they have not retained the right to vote
- Individual who has been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote

##### The November 8 ballot will include:

- Park Bond Referendum (4 questions)
- School District Election
  - School District 272 residents - School Board (3 seats)
  - School District 270 residents - School Board (3 seats and one question)
  - School District 276 residents - School Board (3 seats)

##### Contact Information

The Eden Prairie City Clerk's office is available to answer your questions about voter registration and elections. Call 952.949.8414.



### ABSENTEE VOTING

You are eligible to vote an absentee ballot if you are in one of the following categories:

- Absent from precinct
- Illness or disability
- Religious discipline or observance of religious holiday
- An election judge serving in another precinct

Absentee voters may vote in person OR complete the entire process by mail.

#### Vote Absentee in person

City of Eden Prairie  
8080 Mitchell Road

Hennepin County Elections  
300 6th Street South - Public Service Level

#### Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
and Saturday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### Vote Absentee by Mail:

An official absentee ballot application may be obtained from the city or county elections office or at [www.edenprairie.org](http://www.edenprairie.org).

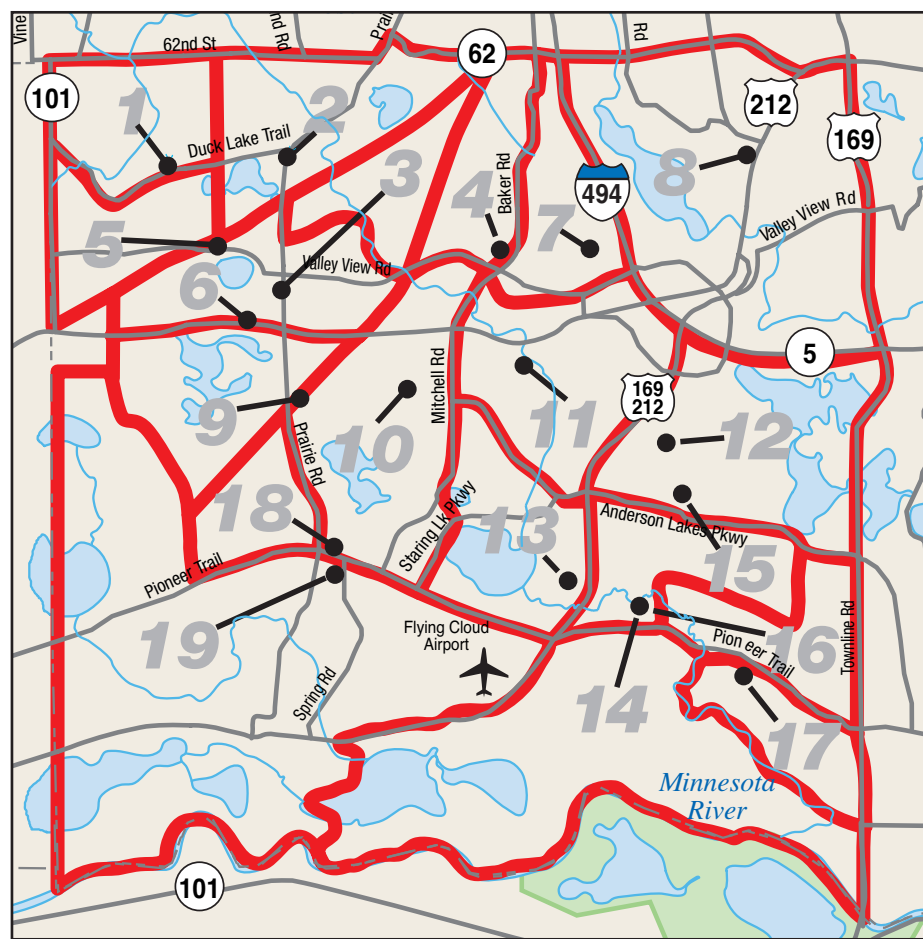
#### Mail your Absentee Ballot Application to:

City Clerk  
8080 Mitchell Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344 or fax to 952-949-8390

Voters may drop off their completed ballot in person until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7.

Ballots returned by mail must arrive by the last mail delivery on Election Day.

Please allow at least seven days to complete the process. For Absentee Voting information and assistance, call 952-949-8414



### 2005 POLLING PLACES

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| <p><b>Precinct 1</b><br/>King of Glory Lutheran Church<br/>17850 Duck Lake Trail</p> <p><b>Precinct 2</b><br/>Eden Prairie Assembly of God<br/>16591 Duck Lake Trail</p> <p><b>Precinct 3</b><br/>Immanuel Lutheran Church<br/>16515 Luther Way</p> <p><b>Precinct 4</b><br/>Life Church<br/>14100 Valley View Road</p> <p><b>Precinct 5</b><br/>Prairie Hill Evangelical Free Church<br/>17200 Valley View Road</p> <p><b>Precinct 6</b><br/>Christ Lutheran Church<br/>16900 Main Street</p> <p><b>Precinct 7</b><br/>City Hill Fellowship<br/>12901 Roberts Drive</p> | <p><b>Precinct 8</b><br/>Wooddale Church<br/>Door 1<br/>6630 Shady Oak Road</p> <p><b>Precinct 9</b><br/>Resurrection Life Church<br/>16397 Glory Lane</p> <p><b>Precinct 10</b><br/>Eden Prairie United Methodist Church<br/>15050 Scenic Heights Road</p> <p><b>Precinct 11</b><br/>St. Andrew Lutheran Church<br/>13600 Technology Drive</p> <p><b>Precinct 12</b><br/>Eden Prairie Community Library<br/>565 Prairie Center Drive</p> <p><b>Precinct 13</b><br/>Hennepin Technical College<br/>13100 College View Drive</p> <p><b>Precinct 14</b><br/>Pax Christi Catholic Community Door 4<br/>12100 Pioneer Trail</p> | <p><b>Precinct 15</b><br/>Eden Lake Elementary School<br/>12000 Anderson Lakes Parkway</p> <p><b>Precinct 16</b><br/>Pax Christi Catholic Community Door 3<br/>12100 Pioneer Trail</p> <p><b>Precinct 17</b><br/>Prairie Lutheran Church<br/>11000 Blossom Road</p> <p><b>Precinct 18</b><br/>Eden Prairie Presbyterian Church<br/>9145 Eden Prairie Road</p> <p><b>Precinct 19</b><br/>Grace Church<br/>Door 1<br/>9301 Eden Prairie Road</p> |
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### ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

#### To register to vote, provide one of these:

- Valid Minnesota Driver's License, Learners Permit or receipt with correct address in precinct
- Valid Minnesota ID or receipt with correct address in precinct
- Current Students: Student ID or dated registration or fee statement with valid address in precinct.
- Valid registration within same precinct under different address
- Notice of Late Registration from Election Office
- Voucher: Oath of a voter registered in the precinct who can verify the registrants address in the precinct

#### Or two of these:

- One picture ID as listed and utility bill. Picture ID with name (can have old address or no address)
  - MN Driver's License
  - MN State ID
  - U.S. Passport
  - U.S. Military ID
  - MN Student ID (from post-secondary educational institution)
- Current utility bill (cable TV, electric, gas, phone) dated within 30 days of election with name and address in this precinct



### To locate your polling place:

[www.edenprairie.org](http://www.edenprairie.org) or [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)

#### YOUR ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

- MAYOR**  
Nancy Tyra-Lukens.....952-937-1898
- COUNCILMEMBERS**  
Brad Aho .....952-944-5955  
Sherry Butcher .....952-829-5351  
Ron Case .....952-949-0915  
Phillip Young.....952-949-2451

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# Just for the Fun of It!

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## Upcoming Events CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- Oct 22 Cemetery Walk**  
7 - 9 p.m. Meet at J.R. Cummins Homestead, 13600 Pioneer Trail.  
\$5 Advance registration required. 952-949-8450
- Oct 25 The Hidden Rules**  
Ages 3-5 with a disability develop skills for playing games. 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.  
Senior Center, Room 203, 8950 Eden Prairie Road. \$40. Meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays for six classes.  
Advance registration required. 952-949-8457
- Oct 25 Happy Halloween Fun**  
Art class for ages 3 - 6. 11:00 a.m. - Noon;  
Senior Center - Room 201, 8950 Eden Prairie Road; \$16. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8456
- Oct 27 Senior Center Halloween Party & Lunch**  
Adults are invited to dress in costume and enjoy the party and chicken lunch at the Edenwood Retreat Center, 6350 Indian Chief Road. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
\$13. Advance registration required. 952-949-8475
- Oct 28 The Great Pumpkin Event**  
Pick a pumpkin from the patch and carve it up while listening to holiday stories. 7 - 9 p.m. Staring Lake Outdoor Center, 13765 Staring Lake Parkway. \$7 Advance registration required. 952-949-8479
- Oct 29 Spooky Saturday**  
Families are invited to the dress in costume, play games, decorate cookies, swim and skate. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Community Center, 16700 Valley View Road.  
\$3 at the door. 952-949-8470
- Oct 29 Fall Frolic 5K/10K Family Fun Run or Walk**  
9:00 a.m. Sign up to run (or walk) a 5K or 10K around the Purgatory Creek Recreation Area, 13001 Technology Drive.  
\$15 for kids, \$20 for adults includes t-shirt. Advance registration recommended. 952-949-8447
- Oct 31 Halloween on the Mall**  
5-7 p.m. at Eden Prairie Shopping Center.  
**FREE** 952-949-8450

### NOVEMBER

- Nov 5 Saturday Morning Swimming Lessons**  
Six weeks of swimming lessons begin from entry level to advanced.  
\$34.50 Advance registration requested. 952-949-8447
- Nov 7 Knit a Warm Pair of Socks**  
If you know the basics of knitting, this class will take you to the next step. Four Mondays at the Outdoor Center, 13765 Staring Lake Parkway  
\$35 Advance registration required. 952-949-8479
- Nov 7 Monday & Wednesday Evening Swimming Lessons**  
Six weeks of swimming lessons begin from entry level to advanced.  
\$34.50 Advance registration requested. 952-949-8447
- Nov 14 Registration Deadline for Winter Nights Lights Tour**  
Steak dinner and bus tour of holiday lights trip on December 7.  
\$51 Advance registration required. 952-949-8475
- Nov 16 Matinee Play & Dinner**  
The High School performance of "Singing in the Rain" will be followed by a chicken dinner.  
\$15 Registration Deadline: November 9. 952-949-8475
- Nov 23 Registration Deadline for Disney on Ice Trip**  
Transportation and tickets included for the December 1 trip. \$20

## National Award Recognition

Carla Kress, the City of Eden Prairie Senior Center Coordinator, has been awarded the National Recreation and Parks Association's Excellence in Inclusion Award.

Carla has demonstrated significant effort to provide inclusive opportunities through the Eden Prairie parks, recreation programs and services. She is known for continually advocating quality of life experiences for elderly people and individuals with disabilities. She has demonstrated her commitment and determination to make inclusion not an exception, but the norm at the City of Eden Prairie for the past 7 years.



**Congratulations Carla!**

## Fall Frolic

**5K / 10K Family Fun Run / Walk**  
**Saturday, October 29**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Purgatory Creek Recreation Area  
13001 Technology Drive  
\$15 (ages 8 - 12)  
\$20 (ages 13 - adult)  
\$25 after October 20 through day of race

All proceeds benefit the "Girls on the Run" program, A healthy workout program serving area girls in grades 3-8. Participants may register at [midwestevents.com](http://midwestevents.com) or pick up a registration form at: Eden Prairie Community Center 16700 Valley View Road

For more information contact Beth at 952-949-8447 [bdegree@edenprairie.org](mailto:bdegree@edenprairie.org)

## Senior Center Halloween Party & Chicken Luncheon

**Thursday, October 27**  
**11:30 am - 1:30 pm**  
**Edenwood Retreat Center**  
**6350 Indian Chief Road**

**Entertainment**  
Come dressed in your favorite costume. Best Costume Prizes given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables and pumpkin pie will be served.

\$13 Registration eConnect #18384 Advance registration required.

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

## Halloween on the Mall

Monday, October 31  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Eden Prairie Shopping Center

For youth ages 2 years to 6th grade  
Moms, Dads...Bring your children; enter any door.

"Trick or Treat" at each of the Mall Merchants.  
Wear your costume and join in the fun!!  
Teens and adults - no masks allowed.  
"Free" Entertainment in the Center Court

## Disney ON ICE

### 3 Jungle Adventures

Experience the amusing adventures of Mowgli, Baloo and Colonel Hathi's hilarious marching pachyderms in "The Jungle Book," the comical antics of "Tarzan," Terk and Jane as they explore and learn about their two worlds; and the hair-raising, heart-lifting escapades of Simba, Timon and Pumbaa from "The Lion King."

**Thursday, December 1**  
**9:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Target Center seating is in the lower level - close to the ice! An adult must accompany all children. \$20 fee includes tickets and transportation. Bus departs from the Community Center at 9:15 a.m.

Registration Deadline - November 23  
Registration eConnect #18252  
Questions? Call Nicole Weedman at 952-949-8456 or [nweedman@edenprairie.org](mailto:nweedman@edenprairie.org)

## Spooky Saturday

Eden Prairie Community Center  
16700 Valley View Road

**Saturday, October 29**  
**6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
**\$3 (pay at the door)**

Games, Costume Contests (individual and family)  
Cookie Decorating and more.

There will be open swim and open skate with **FREE** skate rental.

Parents and Kids of all ages are welcome. Children under 7 must be accompanied by a parent.

## ADULT BROOMBALL LEAGUES

Two leagues with two separate divisions will be offered at Round Lake Park hockey rink. Championship round will be played indoors. If you're interested in cleaning up on the ice rinks, make sure you register by December 1. \$355/team.



### MEN'S BROOMBALL

six-man, no-check, red-line broomball league played on Tuesday evenings.

### CO-REC BROOMBALL

six-man, no-check, red-line broomball league played on Wednesday evenings.

For registration information contact Lyndell Frey at 952-949-8438 or [LFrey@edenprairie.org](mailto:LFrey@edenprairie.org).

## PRAIRIE FEST

Saturday & Sunday, November 19-20, 2005

Prairie Fest is a fun weekend event open to 7 - 8 grades to encourage positive choices. Prairie Fest is an overnight adventure, high-energy weekend sponsored by churches, Eden Prairie schools, service organizations, businesses and the City of Eden Prairie. Prairie Fest has motivational speakers and an awesome adventure course that will boost self esteem, build internal assets and challenge youth to reach out and care for their classmates and others. Students will be bused from Central Middle School to Camp Ihduhapi in Loretto.



Cost: \$95 (early bird discount: save \$10 if registered before Oct 31) (includes fun activities, food, lodging, busing, and chaperones) Look for more information on the Central Middle School website ([www.edenpr.org/cms/prairiefest](http://www.edenpr.org/cms/prairiefest)) and flyers at school.

Question? Call Nicole Weedman at 952-949-8456

## 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.