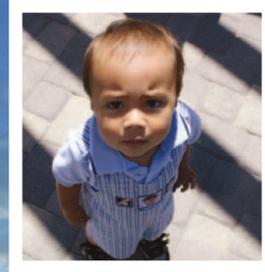


L I F E I N T H E P R A I R I E



Chelsey Gannon at work in the Pro Shop at Bent Creek Golf Club

Dawson Marek, 15 months, at Purgatory Creek



Dick and Doris Brown enjoy a walk

OCTOBER 2005

Park Bond Referendum to Take Place November 8

Eden Prairie voters will have the chance to vote on a four part park bond referendum on November 8. The four areas the referendum will address are: Community Center improvements, additions and improvements to the indoor pool at the Community Center, park land improvements and acquisition, and trail improvements and expansion.

The first referendum question addresses improvements to the Community Center, including the expansion of the fitness center and locker rooms and the development of a multi-use gymnasium, indoor walking/running track, multi-use teen/senior recreation room, improved access control and an expanded concession and lobby area. The bond issue for these improvements is \$6.6 million dollars. For residents with a median-priced home (\$339,200) the passage of this question would cost an additional \$1.95 per month.

Question number two also pertains to the Community Center and would authorize swimming pool

improvements only if question one passes. It involves the addition of a zero depth entry warm water recreation pool and deepening the east end of the existing pool. The \$3,330,000 price-tag on the project would cost voters with a median priced home \$0.99 per month.

The third question on the parks referendum addresses park acquisition,

lands, new playgrounds at five parks and renovation of tennis courts at five parks. The bond amount for this question is \$4,695,000 and for home owners with the median priced home, it would cost \$1.39 monthly.

Trail developments and improvements are the focus of the fourth question. The money would be used for the purchase of key pieces of land that will help complete the city-wide trail system, complete the sidewalk and trail system in the Major Center Area and widen the six feet trails to eight feet wide. The bond amount for this question is \$2,000,000 and for voters with a median priced home, the cost would be \$0.59 per month.

If all four questions on the referendum pass, home owners with the median priced home would pay an additional \$4.92 per month. If you have questions on the referendum, plan to attend a town meeting that will be held Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers or visit the City's website and submit your question there.



Eden Prairie Residents enjoying a warm September afternoon.

development and improvements. It would include major renovation of Forest Hills Park and Edenvale Park, a permanent park shelter at Prairie View Park, expansion of the Flying Cloud Athletic Fields, acquisition of park

1. Shall the City of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,650,000, for additions and improvements to the Community Center?

2. If Question 1 above is approved, shall the City of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,330,000, for additions and improvements to the existing indoor swimming pool located at the Community Center?

3. Shall the City of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,695,000, for the acquisition of additional 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?



The spirit of giving was clearly evident in Eden Prairie after Hurricane Katrina devastated a large portion of the Gulf Coast. Residents, service groups, companies and Eden Prairie fire fighters all worked together to send literally dozens of trailer loads of water, diapers, cleaning items and clothing to Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas as well as to Camp Ripley.

Final MCA Open House to be Held September 27

After months of work among businesses, residents, city government and consultants, the preferred alternative concept plans for the Major Center Area (MCA) will be unveiled. The MCA open house will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on September 27 at Eden Prairie Center mall in the Community Room on the lowest level.

"The Major Center Area Task Force held its fifth and final meeting in late August," said Janet Jeremiah, Director of Community Development for Eden Prairie. "This group, made up of business people,

residents and Chamber of Commerce representatives worked very hard to incorporate feedback into their near and long term recommendations for land use, transportation and way-finding."

The purpose of the upcoming open house is to review the final concept plans for the area and receive any additional feedback from the general public. Comments from this event will be forwarded, along with the plans, to the Park and Recreation Commission and a joint workshop of the Planning Commission and City Council in October.

Police and Fire Departments will Host Open Houses

Mark your calendars now to be at the Eden Prairie City Center on Saturday, October 15. The Eden Prairie Police and Fire departments will both have open houses that day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Fire Department's open house coincides with national Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Use Candles with Care." The open house will feature a candle maker who can answer questions about candle safety. Also, a homeowner whose home burned down as a result of a fire started by candles will be on hand to discuss that experience.



An attendee of the 2004 Fire Open House tries on fire gear.

Kids will be able to try on fire gear and take a ride on a fire truck. Three new fire engines will also be on display. CenterPoint Energy will be on hand to talk about power line safety.

"It is a great opportunity for the community to come and see what goes on at the police station and meet the staff."

"This is a fun way for us to get information on fire and candle safety out to the public," said Kim Hanlon of the Eden Prairie Fire Department.

The Police open house will include jail tours, squad car rides, Police K9 demonstrations, car seat safety information and photos with McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog. Police officers will also be on hand to answer questions.

"It is a great opportunity for the community to come and see what goes on at the police station and meet the staff," said Police Chief Dan Carlson.

Police Reserves Needed

The Eden Prairie Police Department is currently accepting applications for police reserve officers. Police reserve officers assist licensed sworn officers by performing community service tasks and non-criminal police functions. Reserve officers are volunteers, are non-sworn, and do not carry firearms.

Reserve officers help serve the community in a variety of ways. The type of service can range from supporting officers on weekends by responding to service and non-criminal calls to helping with crowd and traffic control at events. Police reserves are also very helpful when events such as natural disasters or fires occur and additional help is needed.

The positions that are available will begin in 2006 and men and women from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. The average time commitment for police reserve officers is 10 to 20 hours per month. Training, uniforms, and equipment are provided.

If you have an interest, and would like more information and a brochure, contact Mark Krueger, Police Volunteer Coordinator, at 952-949-6201.

Eden Prairie Liquor and Rotary to Host Wine Tasting Event

The Flagship Athletic Club will once again be the site for the Fall Wine Tasting event, known as "Vino Classico-Eden Prairie Uncorked." The event, which is a fundraiser for the A.M. Rotary will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Mitch Dean, Operations Manager for Eden Prairie Liquor, says, "It will be quite an event again this year. We plan to have nearly 100 wines available to sample as well as food from Kowalski's, Outback Steakhouse, Flagship and others." The Rotary is also hosting a silent art auction.

The cost for the event is \$35 and tickets can be purchased at any of the City's three liquor stores or from members of the A.M. Rotary. Eden Prairie Liquor will also provide order forms that will feature special discounted prices on the wines being tasted.



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Just for the Fun of It!

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Upcoming Events CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 20 Knitting**
Knitting for adults. Five Tuesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. Outdoor Center, 13765 Staring Lake Parkway. \$35. 952-949-8479
- Sept 21 Raptors Class**
For ages 12 to adult. 7 - 9 p.m. Outdoor Center, 13765 Staring Lake Parkway. \$5 952-949-8479
- Sept 23 Batty about Bats**
Outdoor Center, 13765 Staring Lake Parkway. Bat learning class for ages 5 to adult. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Outdoor Center, 13765 Staring Lake Parkway. \$5 952-949-8479
- Sept 27 Far Away Kingdoms**
Art class for ages 3 - 6. 11:00 am - Noon; Senior Center - Room 201, 8950 Eden Prairie Road; \$16. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8456
- Sept 28 Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince**
Art class for ages 6 - 12 meet three Wednesdays. 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.; Senior Center - Room 209, 8950 Eden Prairie Road; \$55. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8456
- Sept 29 Adult Volleyball League Deadline**
Sign up your team for men's or women's volleyball league. Thursday evenings at Central Middle School. \$430 per team. 952-949-8438
- Sept 29 Men's 5-on-5 Basketball League Deadline**
Sign up your team for men's or women's volleyball league. Thursday evenings at Central Middle School. \$430 per team. 952-949-8438
- Sept 30 Dragon Tales Live!**
9:15 am - 1:00 pm; \$15 per person. Leaves from the Community Center, 16700 Valley View Road; 952-949-8456

OCTOBER

- Oct 1 Claymobile Travels to Eden Prairie**
Youth ages 7-12 with a disability can make a project out of clay. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Senior Center, Room 209, 8950 Eden Prairie Road. \$15. Advance registration required. 952-949-8457
- Oct 1 Twist-N-Shout**
Youth grades 1 - 6 with a disability can join this fun dance program. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for seven Thursdays. Edina Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Square. \$45. Advance registration required. 952-949-8457
- Oct 7 Hilary Duff Glitter Party**
Youth ages 5 - 12 can get a glitter make-over, make a jewelry-choker craft and sing and dance to Hilary's CD. 1:00 pm - 2:30 p.m.; EP Shopping Center, Basement Community Room; \$16. Pre-registration required. 952-949-8456
- Oct 7, 8, 9 Evening of Short Plays**
7:30 p.m. Fri & Sat, 2:00 p.m. Sun Riley-Jacques Barn, 9096 Riley Lake Road. \$10 at the door.
- Oct 8 Saturday Night Out**
Teens & Adults ages 13-22 with a disability enjoy social outings. 6 - 9 p.m. for six Saturdays. Senior Center, 8950 Eden Prairie Road. \$50. Advance registration required. 952-949-8457
- Oct 9 Apple Cider Making**
Crush, mash and strain apples on the old-fashioned cider press. Free. 1 - 3 p.m. Staring Lake Outdoor Center, 13765 Staring Lake Parkway. 952-949-8479
- Oct 11 Senior Center Welcome Coffee**
Adults are invited to the Welcome Coffee at the Senior Center, 8950 Eden Prairie Road, to meet staff and learn of programs. 10 a.m. RSVP at 952-949-8475
- Oct 11 Town Meeting**
7 p.m. City Center, Council Chambers, 8080 Mitchell Road. Residents are invited to learn about the Park Referendum.
- Oct 12 Old Log Theater Trip**
Adults are invited to the lunch and the show "Murder at the Howard Johnson's". 10:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Leave from the Senior Center, 8950 Eden Prairie Road. \$31 Registration deadline - October 4. 952-949-8475
- Oct 12 Zumbro Falls Autumn Lights Deadline**
Adults are invited to the dinner, entertainment and a motorcoach lights tour on November 9. 4:00 - 9:45 p.m. Leave from the Senior Center, 8950 Eden Prairie Road. \$36 952-949-8475
- Oct 16 Fall Birding in Eden Prairie**
Adult trip to visit EP birding spots. 9 a.m. - noon. Leave from Staring Lake Outdoor Center, 13765 Staring Lake Parkway. \$10 Advance registration required.
- Oct 18 Flu Shot Clinic**
The public is invited to get a flu shot at the Senior Center, 8950 Eden Prairie Road. 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. \$19 or Medicare voucher. 952-949-8475
- Oct 20 School's Out! Skating & Lava Links**
Youth grades 1-6 can fill their no school day with ice skating, mini-golf, movie and lunch. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$38 Advance registration required. 952-949-8456
- Oct 21 School's Out! Chuck E Cheese & Swimming**
Youth grades 1-6 can fill their no school day with swimming, arcades, indoor play and lunch. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$38 Advance registration required. 952-949-8456
- Oct 22 Cemetery Walk**
7 - 9 p.m. Meet at J.R. Cummins Homestead, 13600 Pioneer Trail. \$5 Advance registration required. 952-949-8470
- Oct 25 The Hidden Rules**
Youth 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 31 Halloween on the Mall**
5 - 7 p.m. EP Shopping Center. Free event for kids.

An Evening of Short Plays

Fri, Oct 7 7:30 p.m. Sat, Oct 8 7:30 p.m. Sun, Oct 9 2:00 p.m.
Riley-Jacques Barn
9096 Riley Lake Road
Tickets: \$10 available at the door
Enjoy an evening of comedy and drama featuring the following plays:

Mere Mortals
by David Ives

The Zoo Story
by Edward Albee

Lady of Larkspur Lotion
by Tennessee Williams

For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls
by Christopher Durang

Performed by the Eden Prairie Players

Halloween on the Mall

Sunday, 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!!
"Free" Entertainment in the Center Court



Flu Shot Clinic

Tuesday, October 18
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Eden Prairie Senior Center
8950 Eden Prairie Road

Cost: \$19
Provided by the Metropolitan Visiting Nurse Association (MVNA). Seniors with Medicare Part B will have Medicare or their insurance company billed. Bring your Medicare card (with Medicare Part B), insurance card and any voucher received in the mail. **Need Transportation? Call the Senior Center at 949-8475 by noon, Tuesday, October 11.**

Volunteers are needed to help check people in. Please contact Carla Kress at 952-949-8453 if you can help.



Dragon Tales Live!

Missing Music Mystery

Friday, Sept 30
9:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
\$15 per person

After wishing on their magic dragon scale, Max and Emmy arrive in Dragon Land the day of the concert at the Singing Springs. The concert was off to a great start when, suddenly the Singing Springs stopped singing. "Missing Music Mystery" follows Emmy, Max, and all their dragon friends as they go on a magical adventure to solve the mystery of the missing music.

The Target Center seating is in the lower level - close to the stage! Bus leaves from Community Center, 116700 Valley View Road. An adult must accompany all children. Fee includes tickets and transportation. Children under the age of one are free if sitting on parents lap.

Registration Deadline - September 23
Registration eConnect #18251



Adult Athletics

5-Man Flag Football in the EP Dome

Flag football leagues are played at the Eden Prairie Dome (High School) on Wednesday nights in November and December. \$255 per team. Register by October 21.

Adult Volleyball Leagues

Men's or Women's leagues with different divisions for all levels of play. Men play on Thursday nights; Women on Tuesday nights from October through January at Central Middle School Gym, 8025 School Road. \$430 per team. Register by September 29.

Adult Open Gym

Basketball (Mondays - 7-10 p.m.) or Volleyball (Saturdays 7:30 - 10:15 a.m.) available at the Central Middle School Gym, 8025 School Road. No officials - honor call system will be used. Four courts will be available for a variety of abilities from beginner to more competitive teams/players. Pay attendant at the door by purchasing a specific sport season pass (\$75), paying the one visit fee (\$5), or purchasing an unlimited season pass (\$95) good for basketball or volleyball.

For more information on Adult Athletics contact Lyndell Frey at 952-949-8438 or LFrey@edenprairie.org



Cemetery Walk

Come and learn some backyard history as you walk through Pleasant Hills Cemetery and the Eden Prairie Cemetery. Interactive characters from the Eden Prairie Players will portray prominent past citizens who will teach you about Eden Prairie's history, residents, and the role cemeteries play in the societies of yesteryear and today.

Saturday, October 22
7:00 p.m.
\$5 per person

Begin at the historic home of J.R. Cummins, board a bus that will take you to the Pleasant Hills Cemetery and then to the Eden Prairie Cemetery, returning to the Cummins Homestead. This tour is not recommended for children under eight years of age.

Advance Registration Required. Bus leaves from J.R. Cummins Homestead at 13600 Pioneer Trail. Registration eConnect #18275

Life Line Screening

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80% of strokes may be prevented. Vascular disease is often preventable and treatable. Life Line Screening is America's leading provider of quality health screenings. These tests quickly detect arterial abnormalities which can cause disrupted blood flow. These tests are being offered to the public on:

Thursday
September 22
beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Eden Prairie Senior Center
8950 Eden Prairie Road

Pre-registration is required, call 1-800-324-1851. Each test takes approximately 10 minutes.

- Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening - \$45
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening - \$45
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening - \$45
- Osteoporosis Screening - \$45
- All 4 Screenings - \$139 (a savings of \$41)
- Complete Vascular Package - \$109

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.