

# LIFE in the PRAIRIE



WINTER 2018

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**Celebrating 2017**

# Eden Prairie City Council



**Mayor Nancy Tyra-Lukens**

**CURRENT TERM**

2015–2018

**PREVIOUS TERMS**

Mayor 2002–2006, 2010–2014  
Council Member 1994–2001



**Council Member Brad Aho**

**CURRENT TERM**

2017–2020

**PREVIOUS TERMS**

2013–2016,  
2009–2012, 2005–2008



**Council Member Ron Case**

**CURRENT TERM**

2017–2020

**PREVIOUS TERMS**

2013–2016, 2009–2012,  
2005–2008, 2001–2004,  
1997–2000



**Council Member  
Sherry Butcher Wickstrom**

**CURRENT TERM**

2015–2018

**PREVIOUS TERMS**

2011–2014, 2005–2008,  
2001–2004, 1997–2000



**Council Member Kathy Nelson**

**CURRENT TERM**

2015–2018

**PREVIOUS TERMS**

2011–2014, 2007–2010

## City Council Meetings

Meetings typically occur the first and third Tuesdays of each month at City Center.

### SCHEDULE

**5:30 p.m.**

Council Workshop  
Heritage Rooms

**6:30–6:55 p.m.**

Public Open Podium  
Council Chambers

**7 p.m.**

Council Meeting  
Council Chambers

Watch meetings on  
**EPTV cable channel 16** or  
[edenprairie.org/CityTV](http://edenprairie.org/CityTV)

# 2018 City Taxes

The proposed 2018 City budget is \$48,648,652. The property tax levy proposed is \$35,357,845, an increase of 3.9 percent compared to last year. The median single-family home (MSFH) in Eden Prairie is valued at \$378,100 for 2018, which represents a property value increase of 3 percent. As a result, the estimated City property tax for a MSFH in 2018 is \$1,255, an increase of 3.6 percent.

[edenprairie.org/Budget](http://edenprairie.org/Budget)

| Category                           | Cost     |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| City Taxes (MSFH)                  | \$104.58 |
| Other Estimated Household Services | \$300    |

| City Taxes (MSFH) Services | Other Estimated Household Services |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Community Development      | Cable/Internet/Phone               |
| Fire                       | Electricity/Natural Gas            |
| Parks and Recreation       | Trash Collection                   |
| Police                     | Water/Sewer                        |
| Public Works               |                                    |

**Monthly Household Service Costs**



# CodeRED System Test

**Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 1 p.m.** the City will conduct a community notification test using **CodeRED** – a high-speed telephone, email and text messaging system capable of delivering customized messages in the event of an emergency. Be prepared and make sure your address and primary telephone number are accurate in the system.

[edenprairie.org/CodeRED](http://edenprairie.org/CodeRED)



# CELEBRATING 2017

It has become tradition for the City Manager to write a year-end letter to the community, because as stewards of the City's public buildings, parks, streets and much of its natural open spaces, we want to be accountable to you – the residents and taxpayers of this community. And, we want to celebrate what has taken place in Eden Prairie in 2017.

The City has an outstanding network of parks, recreational facilities and natural open spaces. This year, the final neighborhood park planned for the community was constructed in southwest Eden Prairie – **Cedar Hills Park**.



Our Police and Fire Departments worked hard this year to uphold the City's public safety standards – a couple of highlights include the addition of **15 new firefighters** and **new agility training equipment** for the K-9 Unit.



We dedicated significant time again this year to maintaining our City infrastructure and conserving natural resources. One of the best examples of this is the **water reuse system** we installed at Fire Station 2.



The economic vitality of Eden Prairie is strong, and this year we engaged with the community to prepare for the future with the **Aspire Eden Prairie 2040** comprehensive planning process.



Finally, the accomplishments we make would not be possible without the assistance of residents who volunteer to serve on the City's six commissions. This year, commission members secured two **heritage preservation grants**; completed phase one of the **Riley Lake Park master plan redesign**; reviewed plans for the 250,000-square-foot **Scheels development project** at Eden Prairie Center; helped develop the City's **Energy Action Plan**; and assisted with plans and completion of the **Aircraft Viewing Area** at Flying Cloud Airport.

We continued our commitment to environmentally conscious operations this year by launching the **Sustainable Eden Prairie** initiative focused on sustainable practices in four areas — energy, landscape, waste and water.



There is much to celebrate about 2017! On behalf of your elected officials and everyone who works for the City of Eden Prairie, thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

**Rick Getschow**  
City Manager



# Winter Program Registration

**R**egistration for another season of parks and recreation programs has already begun! Make plans for an active winter season with programs, trips, camps and lessons for the whole family.

[edenprairie.org/Register](http://edenprairie.org/Register)



## Snow Removal Basics

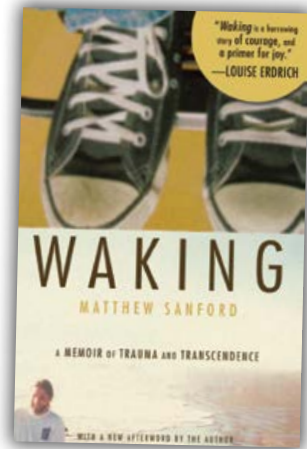
**W**hen it snows, Eden Prairie maintenance crews clear City streets, sidewalks and trails – county and state crews plow the highways and county roads.

Residents, please remove snow and ice from sidewalks and trails surrounding your property within 24 hours after a snowfall. During a snow emergency, do not park on City streets until plows clear them. Remember to clear snow away from your nearest fire hydrant.

[edenprairie.org/Snow](http://edenprairie.org/Snow)

## Eden Prairie Reads 2018

**E**den Prairie Reads is a program designed to promote reading, encourage discussion and strive for a new level of connection throughout the community.



The 2018 Eden Prairie Reads book selection is **“WAKING: A Memoir of Trauma and Transcendence”** by local author **Matthew Sanford**. Pick up a copy and join in the fun!

Then, attend a March 13 presentation and book signing with the author, hosted by Eden Prairie Reads.

[epreads.org](http://epreads.org)

# Energy-Efficient Holidays

**A**s you prepare for the holidays, consider a few options to conserve energy and save money!

Lights – switch to LED, use solar power and timers. Cooking – skip preheating the oven and avoid opening it while cooking. Vacation – set thermostat between 50 and 60 degrees, turn down water heater temperature and unplug electronics.

These tips will help save on costs and reduce your energy usage.

[energy.gov/EnergySaver](http://energy.gov/EnergySaver)



# Managing Snow and Ice at Home

**S**alt used on roads and walkways pollutes local lakes, streams and wetlands, which negatively affects water quality. You can help protect Minnesota's water resources by decreasing your salt usage.

Start by shoveling well and if you need salt, scatter it widely. If the temperature is below 15 degrees, salt will not work so use sand instead. Finally, collect any undissolved salt for reuse.

[pca.state.mn.us/Water](http://pca.state.mn.us/Water)



# Water Conservation Rebates

**T**he City's water conservation rebate program covers up to 50 percent of the cost of a qualified item, up to a maximum of \$100 for Energy Star washers; \$50 for WaterSense toilets, faucets and showerheads; and \$200 for WaterSense irrigation controllers.

Rebates are also available for rain gardens, permeable pavement systems and restoration of pond, creek or lakeshore buffers.

[edenprairie.org/WaterRebates](http://edenprairie.org/WaterRebates)



[edenprairie.org/SustainableEP](http://edenprairie.org/SustainableEP)



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# RESIDENTIAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

## Mark Your Calendar



*On the Cover:*  
**Staring Lake**

### Winter **BLAST**

4:30–7:30 p.m. Jan. 26  
Staring Lake Park

### The Man Who Came to Dinner

Presented by Eden Prairie Players  
7:30 p.m. Feb. 16–17; 23–24  
2 p.m. Feb. 18; 25  
Eden Prairie High School Auditorium

### Summer Camps Preview Day

11 a.m.–2 p.m. Feb. 19  
Community Center

### It's MAGIC AROUND THE WORLD

7 p.m. March 23  
5 p.m. March 24  
2 p.m. March 25  
Community Center

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