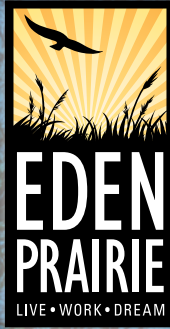


LIFE in the PRAIRIE



WINTER 2019

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THANK YOU FOR



YOUR SERVICE!



Mayor **Nancy Tyra-Lukens**, Eden Prairie's longest-serving mayor, is retiring from public service Dec. 31, 2018.

Since her first term on the City Council in 1994, Eden Prairie has thrived and grown into one of the most desirable communities in the country. Her leadership and vision as a City Council member and mayor have contributed to the City's reputation for outstanding levels of service and achievement that serve as a benchmark for which other communities strive.

Thank you, Mayor Tyra-Lukens, we wish you all the best in your retirement from public service!



The legacy of Mayor Tyra-Lukens' service in Eden Prairie is woven into the fabric of our community in a multitude of ways. But there are three key issues she has been consistently passionate about, the effects of which have impacted the greater good within and beyond Eden Prairie—health and wellness, environmental impacts and sustainability, and transportation and transit.

Celebrating 2018



We've come to the end of another year, and as stewards of the City's public buildings, parks, streets and much of its natural open spaces, it's time to celebrate with you – the residents and taxpayers of this community – all that has taken place in Eden Prairie in 2018.

The City collaborated with the school district, community foundation and other organizations to host the first-ever **PeopleFest!** celebration, a highly attended weeklong series of events to celebrate the unique cultures represented in Eden Prairie.

Our Police Department made significant strides toward upholding the City's public safety standards with ongoing efforts to combat opioid addiction in our community, including the release of an **Opioid Impact Video**.

The Building Inspections Division issued permits for **development projects valued at a nearly \$250 million** – the fourth-highest annual permit valuation since 2000.

We constructed a safe railroad crossing near Eden Prairie High School and installed two **entry monument signs**, welcoming drivers entering Eden Prairie on Anderson Lakes Parkway and Interstate 494.

The economic vitality of Eden Prairie is strong, and with the completion of the **Aspire Eden Prairie 2040** comprehensive plan update, we have a vision for the next 20 years of development in our community.

We hosted the first-ever Eden Prairie **City Government Academy** and invited residents behind the scenes for a free, six-week program highlighting how the City operates.

We continued our commitment to the **Sustainable Eden Prairie** initiative by implementing the City's Energy Action Plan.

We successfully provided a process that was open, fair and responsive to the needs of more than 32,974 residents who voted in the **2018 election**.



The accomplishments we achieve would not be possible without the assistance of the 50 residents and nearly 20 high school students who volunteer to serve on the City's six commissions. In 2018, commission members:

Secured two **heritage preservation grants** for adding interpretive signs at the Riley-Jacques Farmstead and for phase one of the archeology study of the Town of Hennepin.

Played an important role in the public input and design phase of the new **Staring Lake Park pickleball courts**.

Reviewed and approved plans for **Southview Senior Living, Culver's, Hampton Inn** and the "**Smith Village**" residential development.

Educated residents about **sustainable practices** at several events.

Collaborated with the Metropolitan Airports Commission to **ensure compliance with agreed-upon aircraft weight limits** at Flying Cloud Airport.

There is much to celebrate about 2018! 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





Location: 6350 Indian Chief Road
Current Use: Camp Eden Wood

Photo credit: Eden Prairie Historical Society

Historic Eden Prairie: Glen Lake Children's Camp

Established in 1925, the Glen Lake Children's Camp was a home for children who tested positive to the tuberculosis sensitivity test. Hennepin County transferred the property to the City of Eden Prairie in 1983. The dining hall, dormitory building and garage are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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2019 City Taxes

The approved 2019 City budget is \$50,054,720. The property tax levy proposed is \$36,324,427, an increase of 2.7 percent compared to last year. The median single-family home (MSFH) in Eden Prairie is valued at \$396,200 for 2019, which represents a property value increase of 3.6 percent. As a result, the estimated City property tax for a MSFH in 2019 is \$1,276, an increase of 1.3 percent.



edenprairie.org/Budget

MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD SERVICE COSTS

CITY TAXES

(MSFH)

\$106.42

OTHER HOUSEHOLD SERVICES

(Estimated)

\$300



Community Development



Fire



Police



Parks and Recreation



Public Works



Cable/Internet/Phone



Electricity/Natural Gas



Trash Collection



Water/Sewer



Energy-Efficient Holidays

As you prepare for the holidays, consider making the switch to LED lights – they not only consume less electricity and save you money, they are also safer, sturdier, longer lasting and easier to install. Then, recycle your unwanted light strands at any **Eden Prairie Liquor** location through the end of the year.

recyclemn.org



Keep Recycling Simple

The recycling industry is changing and mixed messages can be confusing. To continue your commitment to recycling, keep it simple:

- Recycle bottles, cans and paper
- Keep items clean and dry
- No plastic bags

Visit the City website for the latest on what Eden Prairie is doing to plan for the future management of solid waste, organics and recycling.

edenprairie.org/SolidWaste



edenprairie.org/SustainableEP

Water Conservation Rebates

The 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

Managing Snow and Ice at Home

Salt 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



City of Eden Prairie Election Results

Election results show 80 percent of Eden Prairie's registered voters participated in the 2018 general election. In the City Council races, voters elected **Ron Case** as mayor, and **Kathy Nelson** and **Mark Freiberg** to the City Council. The Council will fill the seat vacated by Ron Case in early 2019.



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Mark Your Calendar



On the Cover:
Staring Lake Trail

Winter BLAST

Winter Blast
4:30–7:30 p.m. Jan. 25
Staring Lake Park

Summer Camps Preview Day

Summer Camps Preview Day
4–7 p.m. Feb. 18
Community Center

BUS STOP By William Inge

Eden Prairie Players
Present: Bus Stop
7:30 p.m. March 15–16; 22–23
2 p.m. March 17, 24
edenprairieplayers.com

GET THE PARTY STARTED



Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club
Annual Ice Show
7 p.m. March 22
5 p.m. March 23
2 p.m. March 24
Community Center

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