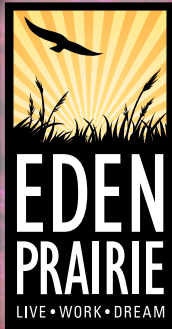


LIFE in the PRAIRIE



SPRING 2019

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Eden Prairie City Council



Mayor Ron Case

In the 2018 election, Ron Case was elected mayor of Eden Prairie, after serving six-and-a-half terms as a member of the City Council.

"As I begin my term as mayor, I would like to thank former Mayor Nancy Tyra-Lukens for her friendship and leadership over the years. We have what I believe is a very strong City Council that will represent the people of Eden Prairie well in the coming years. We are also fortunate to have an amazingly strong group of City staff members who, under the leadership of City Manager Rick Getschow, provide exceptional services to our residents."

– Mayor Ron Case



Council Member Brad Aho

Brad Aho is serving his fourth four-year term as a member of the City Council. His current term ends Dec. 31, 2020.



Council Member PG Narayanan

PG Narayanan was appointed to a two-year term on the City Council to fill a vacancy resulting from the 2018 election. His current term ends Dec. 31, 2020.



Council Member Mark Freiberg

Mark Freiberg was elected in 2018 to a four-year term on the City Council. His current term ends Dec. 31, 2022.



Council Member Kathy Nelson

Kathy Nelson was elected in 2018 to her fourth four-year term as a member of the City Council. Her current term ends Dec. 31, 2022.

Property Valuation

In March, residential property owners received a **Hennepin County 2019 Property Tax Statement** based on the 2018 assessment indicating taxes due this year, and a **2019 Notice of Valuation and Classification** indicating property values used as a basis for taxes due in 2020.

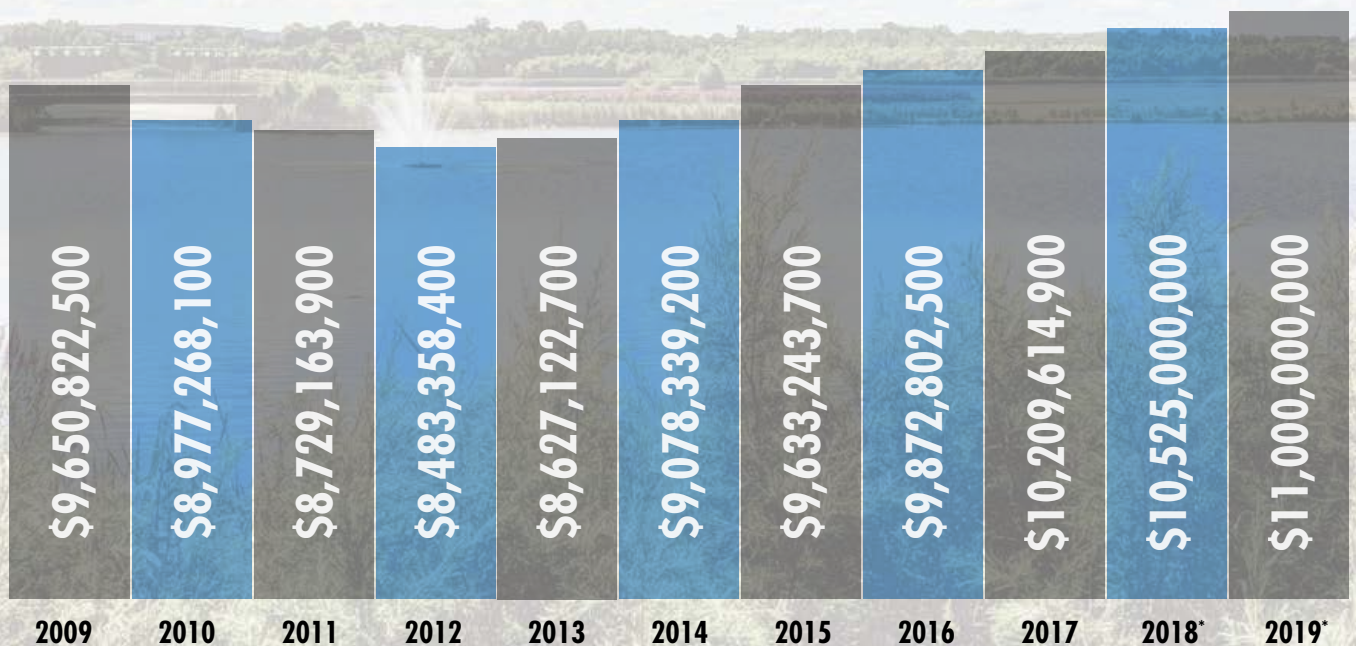
The **Assessing Division** maintains Eden Prairie property records and adjusts the market values based on actual real estate sales on comparable properties from the past year.

edenprairie.org/PropertyTax



Eden Prairie Market Value Trends

The assessed value of all residential and commercial property in the City of Eden Prairie for the past 10 years.



* Estimate

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Minnesota's **Severe Weather Awareness Week** is **April 8–12**, with a statewide tornado drill at **1:45 and 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 11**. Families, neighborhoods and businesses are encouraged to review and practice emergency plans in preparation for the upcoming severe weather season.

weather.gov/Safety



Housing Rehab Loans Available

Interest-free home improvement loans are available through the **Eden Prairie Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program** to help maintain the condition of housing in our community. Improvements can include safety, energy and building code-related repairs; eligibility determined by household income and equity in the home.

edenprairie.org/RehabLoans

Fire Chief George Esbensen Retires

3 Decades of Service

George Esbensen became a volunteer firefighter with the Eden Prairie Fire Department in November 1986. After working his way through the ranks, he was named Eden Prairie's first full-time fire chief in September 2002. Previously, the position of fire chief was a part-time role.

In December, after nearly 32 years, Esbensen retired from the Fire Department where he spent his entire fire service career.

Thanks for your service, Chief Esbensen. You served the people of Eden Prairie with duty, honor and courage. You left a legacy of excellence with the Eden Prairie Fire Department when you signed off for the final time Dec. 28, 2018.



"Since the day I joined the Fire Department, I have been overwhelmed by the incredible dedication and drive of the firefighters who came before me, and those I served with. It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of the Eden Prairie Fire Department, and to do my part to keep the organization moving positively into the future."

– Former Fire Chief George Esbensen

A Message from the City Manager

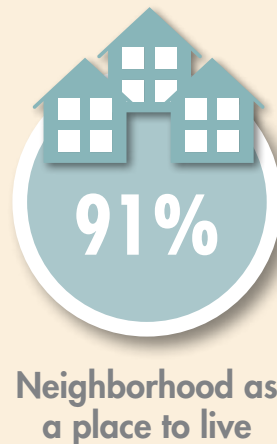
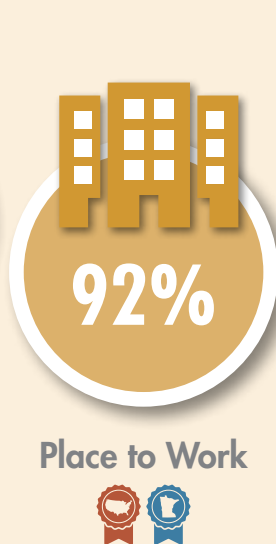
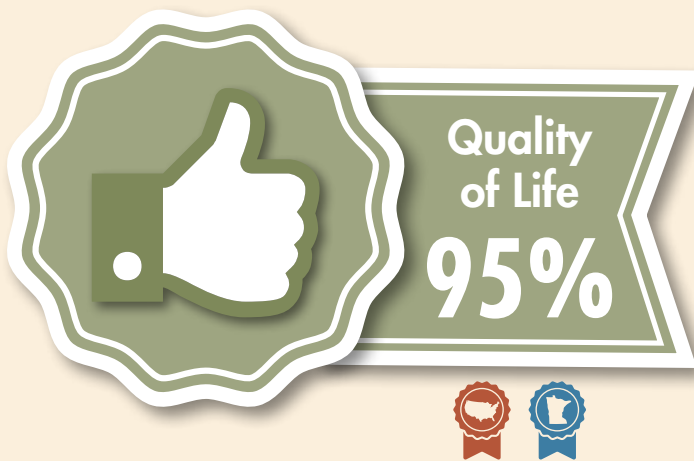
We appreciate the distinction with which Chief Esbensen served the Fire Department and the Eden Prairie community over his 32-year career, and we wish him well in his retirement from the fire service.

I am proud to announce the selection of Excelsior Fire District Chief **Scott Gerber** as Eden Prairie's next fire chief, effective April 1, 2019.

2018 Quality of Life Survey Results

Every two years, the City conducts a **Quality of Life Survey** to gather opinions from a random sample of Eden Prairie households. This provides City leaders with an overall snapshot of how residents feel about living in this community, which plays a major role in determining current and future needs.

OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE

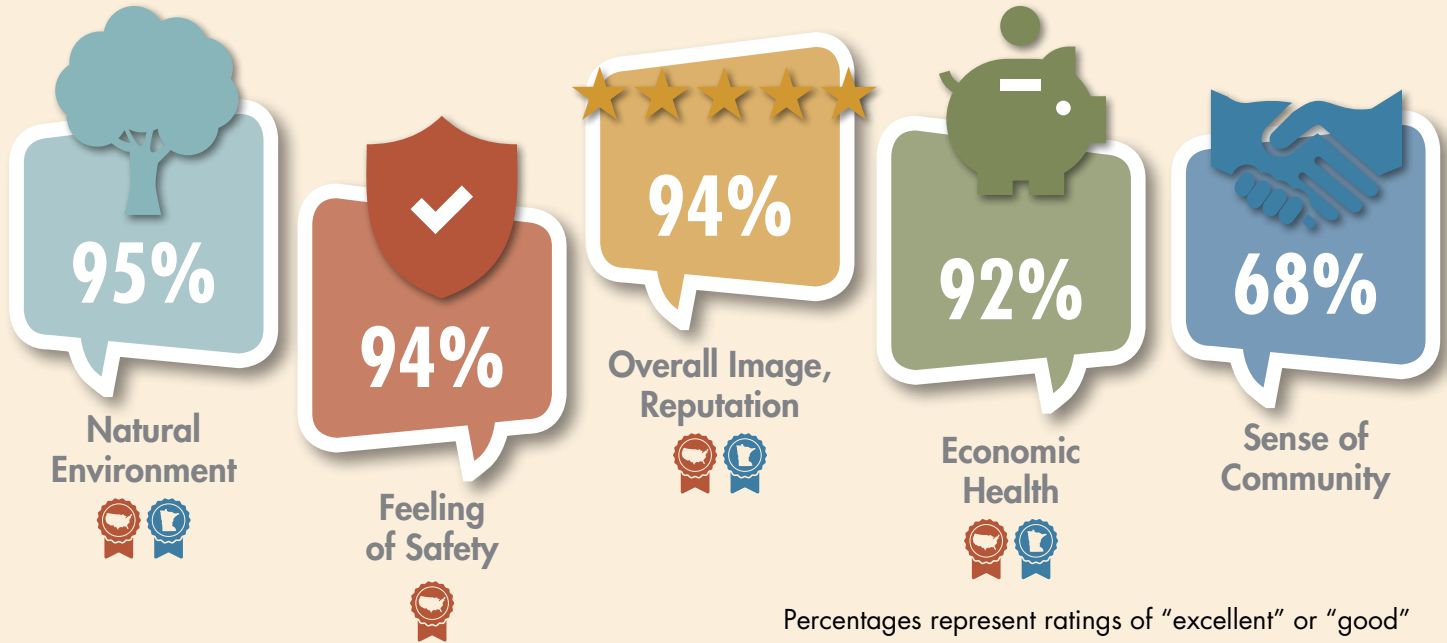


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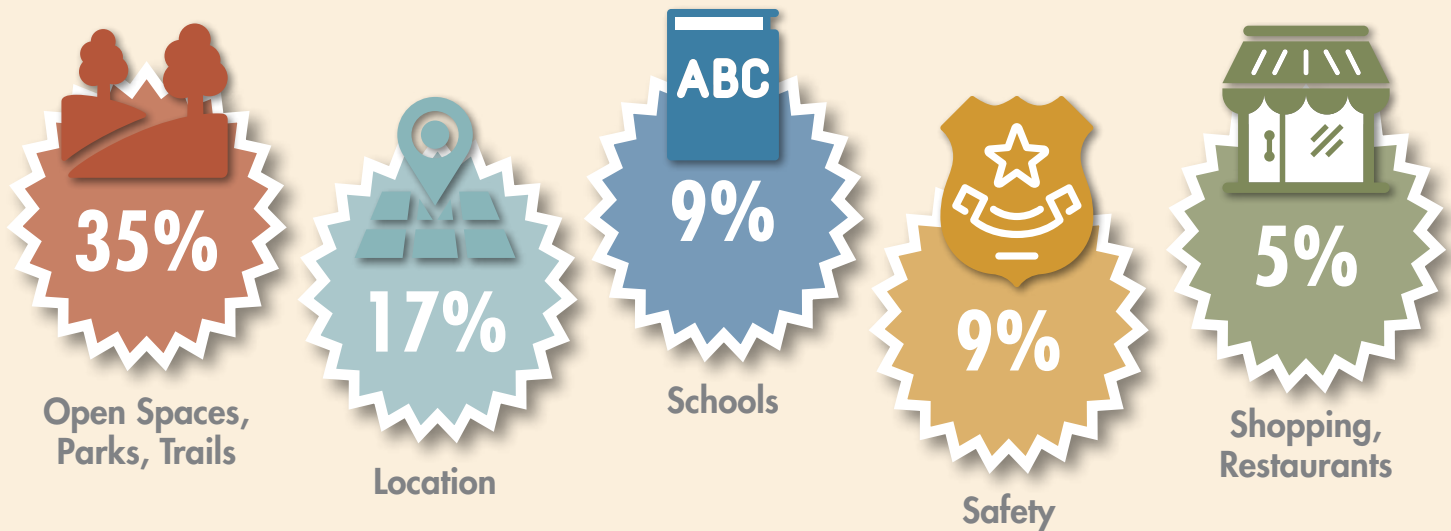
Ranks at least 10% higher than state benchmarks

Percentages represent ratings of "excellent" or "good"

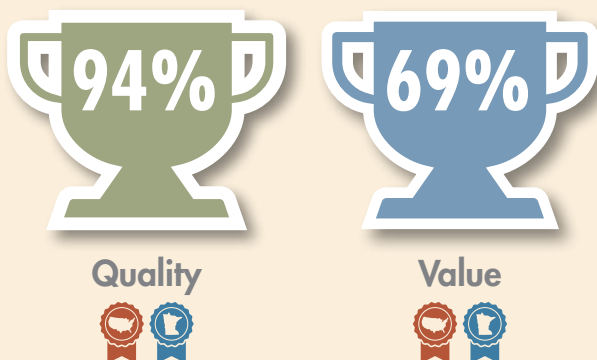
QUALITY OF COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS



LIKE MOST ABOUT LIVING IN EDEN PRAIRIE



CITY SERVICES



OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

Eden Prairie residents consistently boast a quality of life that ranks higher than local and national benchmarks. The top characteristics residents cite as making this a great community in which to live, work and raise a family have also remained consistent over the past decade. City leaders will study additional trends revealed in the survey results and use them to guide policy decisions now and into the future.

edenprairie.org/QualityOfLife

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Report City Maintenance Issues with Your Phone

See Click Fix is a mobile application for reporting nonemergency issues in our community – for example, potholes! Simply download the app on your mobile device and use it as an efficient way to help the City address maintenance issues.



edenprairie.org/EPSeeClickFix



Preserve Boulevard Improvement Project

Work has begun on the Preserve Boulevard Improvement Project, scheduled to be complete by fall 2019. The project will include improved intersections, a second southbound lane, left turn lanes and center medians.



edenprairie.org/PreserveBlvd

Recreational Fire Guidelines

General recreational fire guidelines in Eden Prairie include:

- Maximum size of 3-by-3 feet
- Must be at least 25 feet from any combustible structures such as homes, sheds, decks or fences
- Only wood with minimum 1-inch diameter may be burned
- Fires permitted between 7 a.m. and midnight
- Fires allowed when wind is less than 15 miles per hour
- Any fire or police officer may withdraw permission for recreational fires

A copy of the detailed recreational fire guidelines available online or from the **Fire Department** serves as your permit and must be on-site.

edenprairie.org/RecreationalFires



Historic Eden Prairie

Riley-Jacques Farmstead

Established by Frank Riley in 1855, the Riley-Jacques Farmstead includes the original house, garage and barn. In 1990, the City of Eden Prairie purchased the farmstead to expand Riley Lake Park.

Location: 9100 Riley Lake Road

Current Use: Public and private events



Photo credit: Eden Prairie Historical Society



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Dorenkemper House

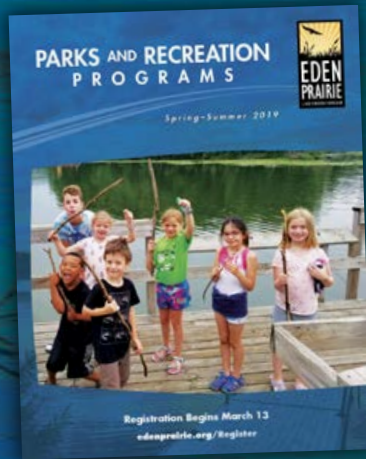
Built in the 1860s along Pioneer Trail at Settlers Ridge, the Dorenkemper House is one of the last remaining log-built homes in Eden Prairie. The City moved the house from its original location to the Riley-Jacques Farmstead in 2002 to save it from demolition and restore it for educational use.

Location: 9090 Riley Lake Road

Current Use: Tours by appointment and during scheduled events

edenprairie.org/HeritageSites





Summer Program Registration

Registration for another season of parks and recreation programs has already begun! Make it a fun summer with programs, trips, camps and lessons for all ages.

edenprairie.org/Register

2019 Summer Entertainment Series

Kicking off in June with the **Minnesota Festival of Jazz on the Prairie**, Eden Prairie's summer entertainment series includes **Starring at Staring** musical entertainment every Sunday, Thursday and Friday evening, the Eden Prairie Players **summer musical** and **KidStock** concerts featuring local children's performers Tuesday mornings.

Don't miss weekend performances by the **Children's Theater Workshop** in July and **Movies in the Park** screenings in August. For a full schedule of events, watch for the **Sounds Around Town** brochure in the May 30 issue of **Eden Prairie NEWS**.

edenprairie.org/Calendar

Save Money, Schedule Home Energy Audit

Eden Prairie homeowners who are Xcel Energy or CenterPoint Energy customers can learn how to save money on energy bills from a **Home Energy Squad®** visit.

As part of its **Sustainable Eden Prairie** initiative and **Energy Action Plan**, the City is buying down the cost of Home Energy Squad visits to **\$50 for the first 200 homeowners who sign up beginning April 1**. Visits normally cost \$100 and are valued at more than \$600.

Schedule your appointment at HomeEnergySquad.net or call **866-222-4595**.



Community Drop-Off Day

Get rid of unwanted items you cannot dispose of in the trash or recycling bin, **Saturday, June 15**, from **8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at **Hennepin Technical College** (13100 College View Drive).

edenprairie.org/Calendar



edenprairie.org/SustainableEP

Fix-It Clinic

Get household items fixed for free and learn valuable repair skills at Hennepin County's Fix-It Clinic, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at the Senior Center (8950 Eden Prairie Road). Clinic features volunteers who will help you repair small household appliances, clothing, electronics, mobile devices and more!

hennepin.us/FixItClinic

Water Conservation Rebates

Rebates are available to Eden Prairie residents who make home improvements that contribute to water conservation and improve water quality in our community. Qualifying projects include the purchase of **WaterSense**-approved, wireless-enabled smart irrigation systems, the installation of water reuse systems or pollinator gardens, and the construction of infiltration areas such as rain gardens or shoreline buffers.

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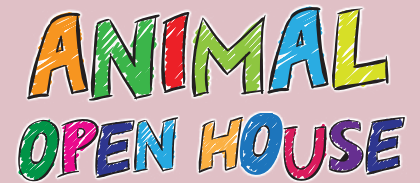
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On the Cover:
Staring Lake Trail



6–8:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 11
The Garden Room of Eden Prairie



1–4 p.m.
Saturday, April 13
Outdoor Center



9 a.m.–noon
Saturday, May 4
Round Lake Park



9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Saturday, May 18
Purgatory Creek Park



1–7 p.m.
Sunday, June 9
Staring Lake Amphitheatre

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