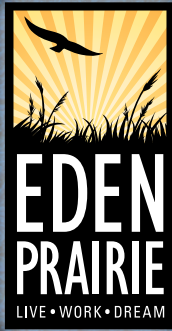


LIFE in the PRAIRIE



WINTER 2020

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Eden Prairie City Council



Mayor Ron Case

Current Term

2019–2022

Previous City Council Terms

2017–2020; 2013–2016; 2009–2012;
2005–2008; 2001–2004; 1997–2000

RCase@edenprairie.org

952-949-8593



Council Member Brad Aho

Current Term

2017–2020

Previous Terms

2013–2016; 2009–2012; 2005–2008

BAho@edenprairie.org

952-303-6884



Council Member PG Narayanan

Current Term

2019–2020

PGnarayanan@edenprairie.org

952-393-3100



Council Member Mark Freiberg

Current Term

2019–2022

MFreiberg@edenprairie.org

612-581-7504



Council Member Kathy Nelson

Current Term

2019–2022

Previous Terms

2015–2018; 2011–2014; 2007–2010

KNelson@edenprairie.org

952-941-6613

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

Call 952-949-8412 to
be scheduled to speak.

7 p.m.

Council Meeting
Council Chambers

HOW TO WATCH

EPTV Live Cable Broadcasts

Comcast
SD 16, HD 813

CenturyLink
SD 235, HD 1235

Cable Playback Schedule

edenprairie.org/EPTV

Online – Live and On-Demand

edenprairie.org/CityTV

2020 City Taxes

The 2020 City budget is \$51,610,456 and the property tax levy is \$37,574,695, an increase of 3.4% compared to 2019. The median single-family home (MSFH) in Eden Prairie is valued at \$413,800 for 2020, which represents a property value increase of 3.2%. As a result, the estimated City property tax for a MSFH in 2020 is \$1,334, an increase of 3.3%.

edenprairie.org/Budget

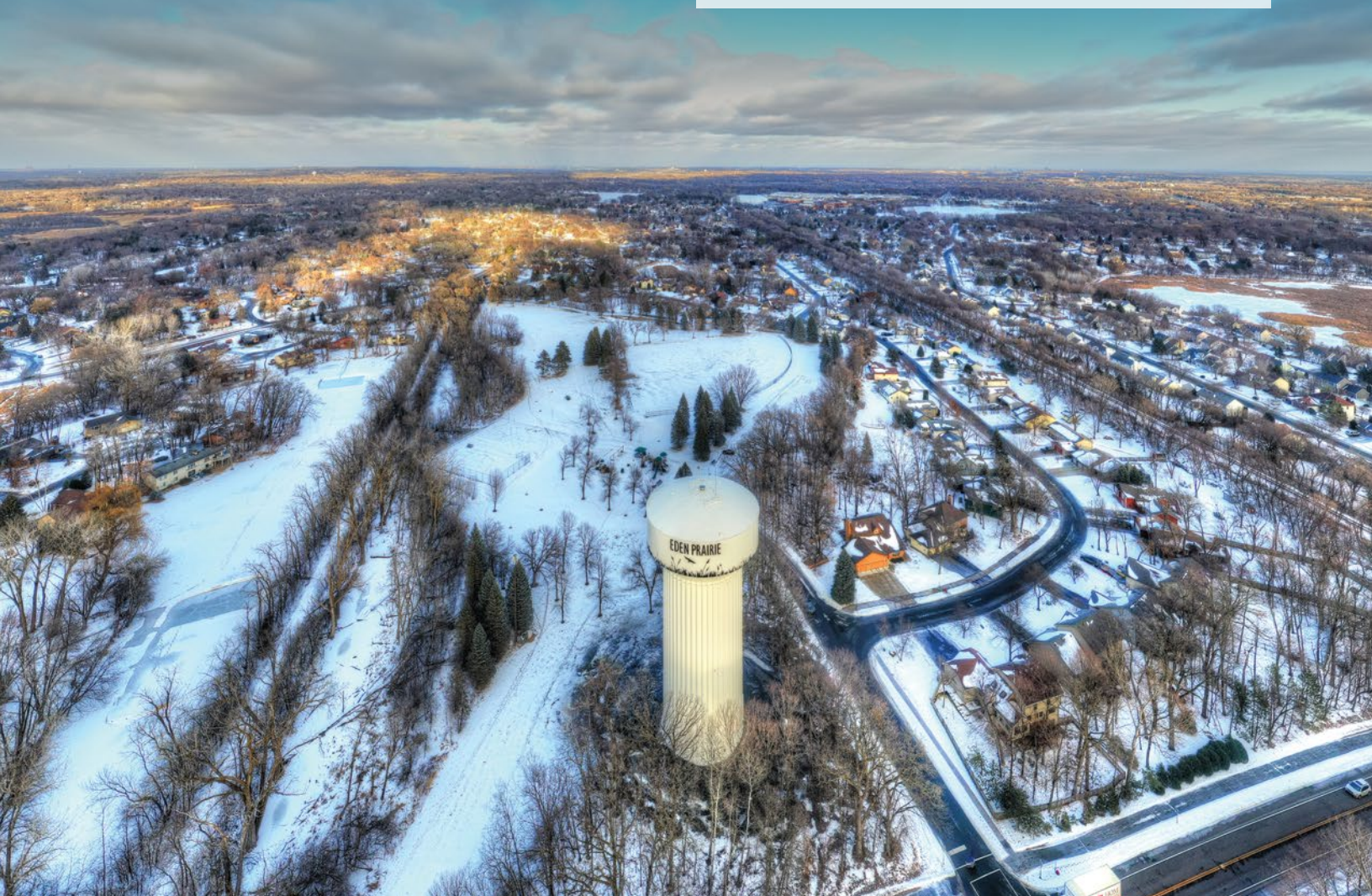
City Taxes (MSFH)
\$111.17

Community Development
Fire
Parks and Recreation
Police
Public Works

Other Estimated
Household Services
\$315

Cable/Internet/Phone
Electricity/Natural Gas
Trash Collection
Water/Sewer

Monthly Household Service Costs



CELEBRATING | 2019



We are quickly nearing the year's end, 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 2019.

We replaced one of our most popular park facilities with a much larger-capacity, state-of-the-art **Staring Lake Park Building**. We also constructed the new **Minnesota River Vista** near Flying Cloud Drive and Charlson Road, creating a place for visitors to take in the sights, and learn about the history and wildlife of the area.

With the retirement of several members of our Police force recently, we proudly added **five new officers** and **two new K-9 partners** to the Department.

The Fire Department updated **emergency management plans** for large-scale community events and issued building inspection permits for **development projects valued at more than \$140 million**.

With a commitment to sustainability and snow removal, we purchased two of the country's first **Ford F-250 ¾-ton hybrid electric plow trucks**. We also upgraded two major thoroughfares, with the reconstruction of **Eden Prairie Road** and **Preserve Boulevard**.

Several new development projects were completed, including Elevate at SouthWest Station, with the Brick and Bourbon restaurant opening soon, Eden Prairie Senior Living, Prairie Bluffs Senior Living and Fat Pants Brewery. A quick glance at the construction cranes across the skyline also reveals **several large development projects underway**, including Hampton Inn, Scheels, Flagstone Senior Living, Trail Point Ridge Apartments, Sheldon Townhomes, Stable Path Villas, Highland Oaks Villas and Southwest Light Rail Transit, with four stations in Eden Prairie.

Finally, the accomplishments we achieve would not be possible without the assistance of 50 residents and nearly 20 high school students who volunteer to serve on the City's six advisory commissions.

CITY COMMISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Collaborated with local organizations to host the **PeopleFest! A Community Celebration of Culture** and **Kickin' It with the Cops** events.

Played an important role in the public input and design phases of the new **Staring Lake Park Building** and **Minnesota River Vista**.

Reviewed and approved plans for the **Castle Ridge Redevelopment, Paravel, Highland Oaks** and **Sheldon Place Townhomes**.

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 2019! 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






Snow Events – What You Need to Know

When the forecast indicates a snow accumulation of 2 inches or more, the City will declare a Snow Event. Then, when snow accumulation reaches 2 inches, a Snow Emergency is in effect. Do not park on City streets until noon the next day. Streets maintenance crews maintain safe and passable roadways throughout a Snow Event, and perform a full curb-to-curb cleanup from 3 a.m.–noon, weather permitting.

edenprairie.org/Snow



First-Time Homebuyer Program

The City of Eden Prairie offers a zero-interest, deferred loan up to \$10,000 for qualifying first-time homebuyers purchasing a home in Eden Prairie. Program guidelines and income requirements apply. Applications accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

edenprairie.org/Homebuyer

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

Solar Energy

As part of the Sustainable Eden Prairie initiative, the City recently installed rooftop solar arrays at the City Center, Maintenance Facility and Water Treatment Plant. The power generated at these facilities, supplemented by off-site solar energy subscriptions, will soon allow Eden Prairie's municipal energy usage to be 100% solar-powered – reducing the City's overall carbon footprint and lowering utility costs.

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Holiday Light Recycling

Recycle Your Holidays™ is a statewide holiday light recycling program. Residents can drop off unwanted light strands at any **Eden Prairie Liquor** location through the end of the year.

RecycleMinnesota.org



Presidential Primary

In 2016, the Minnesota legislature established a presidential nomination primary in our state. The 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary is March 3. Absentee voting begins Jan. 17.

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Mark Your Calendar



On the Cover:
Staring Lake Sledding Hill



Winter Blast

11 a.m.–2 p.m. Jan. 18
Staring Lake Park

Summer Camps Preview Day

5–7 p.m. Feb. 4
Community Center

Skate With Your Date

8–10 p.m. Feb. 7
Staring Lake Park

Eden Prairie Players Present:

The Curious Savage

7:30 p.m. March 13–14; 20–21
2 p.m. March 15, 22
PiM Arts High School

Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club

Annual Ice Show

7 p.m. March 20
5 p.m. March 21
2 p.m. March 22
Community Center

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