

LIFE in the PRAIRIE



FALL 2020

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Residents of Eden Prairie,

My sincere hope is that you all made the most of a beautiful summer here in Eden Prairie, and that each of you found opportunities to connect with family, enjoy the great outdoors and spend time building community.

Besides more time with my family and doing home projects, a favorite community memory from the summer of 2020 is the 4th of July Hometown Celebration #ChalkYourWalk contest. More than 100 residents joined in this fun challenge and painted the town with chalk. Thousands more participated by voting for their favorite entries online, and the lucky winners each received a piping-hot pizza party – compliments of Red’s Savoy Eden Prairie – delivered by the Eden Prairie Fire Department.

If you missed it, you can see all of the amazing chalk art featured in the Virtual 4th of July Hometown Celebration video at edenprairie.org/ChalkYourWalk.

Thanks to everyone who embraced this great opportunity to come together virtually, when we could not actually be together this year.

Now, as we find ourselves transitioning into a new season, our thoughts go out to those working hard to support young people in our community as they return to learning – most especially the teachers, school support staff, parents and caregivers.



Many of you know I was a teacher in Eden Prairie Schools for 33 years. As a dad to four Eden Prairie High School graduates and a proud grandfather of five, I completely get just how challenging this back-to-school season has been. To those of you responsible for the health, safety and education of our youth, please know your community is here to support you in every way we can, and we are so proud of the work you are doing!



In the final months of 2020, the City Council, working closely with City staff, will be finalizing the 2021 budget and allocating funding as needed to ensure that residents of this community will continue to receive the level of services and to experience the exceptional quality of life that we have come to appreciate living here in Eden Prairie. As tax-paying residents ourselves, each Council Member is acutely aware of the expectations for responsibly spending our tax dollars. We want you to know that this year continues a decades-long run of Eden Prairie having one of the lowest tax rates in the region.

Looking toward the New Year, there is so much that is still uncertain about the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, what seems most certain is we are all #InThisTogether for the long haul. Please continue to find ways to stay active and positive during these trying times, look for opportunities to help others in need, and let us know if you have questions or concerns with which we can assist you.



In a City filled with amazing people where government works for the good of all, we will get through this together.

Take care and stay safe!

Ronald A. Case

Mayor Ron Case



Fill Your Fall Bucket List!

There's Something for Everyone



For many of us, fall looks different from years past. But don't let that stop you from enjoying the season!

The Eden Prairie Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing safe opportunities for you and your family to have fun, stay healthy, learn and explore.

SWIMMING AND SKATING LESSONS

Jump in and **learn to swim** with an American Red Cross-certified instructor; lessons available for ages 6-months to adult. Take to the ice with the **Learn-to-Skate USA** program; designed for ages 3 years to adult.

ART PROGRAMS

Explore **outdoor art classes** for all ages or register your 8–12 year-old for a **half-day Art Break** program. Escape for a **Family Clay Day** or meet a few friends for **Happy Hour at the Art Center**.

PRESCHOOL SPORTS

Introduce your 2–5 year-old child to **soccer, t-ball, flag football** and more.

YOUTH SPORTS

Keep your elementary school-age children active with **soccer** or **tennis lessons**, take **archery lessons** together or explore the art of **Shaolin Kung Fu** as a family.

ADULT SPORTS AND FITNESS

Reduce stress with **yoga** and **meditation**, or try something new with **archery** or **golf lessons**.

NATURE PROGRAMS

Enhance nature education opportunities for your 8–12 year-old with **School Extension Programs**, enjoy **Star Watch Astronomy** with your kids ages 8 and older, an **evening campfire** with the whole family, or learn about making **apple cider**.

ADAPTIVE RECREATION

Designed specifically for individuals with disabilities — have some fun tie-dying or leaf-rubbing at the **Saturday Socializer**, or try your hand at a series of **yard games**.

edenprairie.org/FallPrograms

Join today
for year-round

FITNESS
and
FUN



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Election 2020

Eden Prairie's elected officials include a Mayor and four at-large City Council members elected to serve four-year terms. Two City Council seats are on the 2020 general election ballot.

The following residents have filed for candidacy in the City Council election:

- Ryan Miske
- PG Narayanan (incumbent)
- Lisa Toomey

VOTING OPTIONS


In the 2020 election, there are three ways to cast your ballot:

Vote Early in Person – at City Center (8080 Mitchell Road) or Hennepin County Elections (300 South 6th Street in Minneapolis) beginning Sept. 18.

Vote Early by Mail – apply at [MNVotes.org](https://mnvotes.org) to request a ballot by mail, and track your ballot to confirm it was received – ballots may also be dropped off at City Center or Hennepin County Elections.

Vote in Person on Election Day – visit the polling location for the precinct in which you live, Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

edenprairie.org/Elections



Fire Prevention Week

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and nearly half of reported home fires occur in the kitchen. Be aware of the potential risks and practice safety behaviors when cooking.

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 4–10. Explore age-appropriate lessons for your entire family and serve up fire safety in the kitchen!

NFPA.org



COVID-19 Online Resources

Eden Prairie's Emergency Management Team continues to work closely with public safety officials in neighboring cities and schools, along with Emergency Medical Services, county and state partners to protect our community.

The City's COVID-19 website features frequently updated information, including:

- How to safely conduct business with the City
- What you can do to help our community
- Public health and safety information
- Resources for Eden Prairie residents and businesses
- Answers to frequently asked questions about the City's response to COVID-19

edenprairie.org/Coronavirus

Schedule Free Virtual Home Energy Audit

Eden Prairie residents can save money and energy by scheduling a free virtual Home Energy Squad® visit. The virtual energy audit is conducted via video chat and you'll receive tips to start saving energy right away, as well as recommendations for next steps.

Now through Jan. 31, 2021, residents who complete a Home Energy Squad visit are also eligible to enter a drawing for a smart thermostat rebate, valued up to \$120.

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Managing Yard Waste

After a rainfall, the runoff on your street washes through storm sewers and into local lakes and rivers, carrying yard waste and other pollutants. Proper disposal of yard waste helps protect the health of local waterways.

Options for managing yard waste include curbside pick-up available through most trash haulers, using a local drop-off site or composting in your backyard. In 2021, a new yard waste drop-off site opens in Eden Prairie!

hennepin.us/YardWaste



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RESIDENTIAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

Mark Your Calendar



On the Cover:

Native grass sculptures
recently installed along
Preserve Boulevard

edenprairie.org/PublicArt

Movies in the Park: Jurassic Park (PG-13)

7:30 p.m. Oct. 3
Staring Lake Amphitheatre

Floating Pumpkin Patch*

6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 9
Community Center Recreation Pool

The Great Pumpkin Path*

6-9 p.m. Oct. 16
Riley-Jacques Farmstead



Not-So-Scary Nature Trail*

6-8 p.m. Oct. 23, 24
Outdoor Center

Boo Drive-Thru*

1-5 p.m. Oct. 31
Miller Park

The Pumpkin Roll-Down*

10-11:30 a.m. Nov. 7
Staring Lake Sledding Hill

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*Registration required