In 2017, Eden Prairie launched the planning process to update its Comprehensive Plan called Aspire Eden Prairie 2040. Feedback from residents and stakeholders, along with information gathered from housing and transportation studies, are informing a draft of the plan, which will be presented to the City Council for review this spring.

Watch for your opportunity to review the plan and provide additional feedback before the City submits the final draft to the Metropolitan Council for approval later this year.

edenprairie.org/AspireEP2040

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
Property Valuation

In March, residential property owners receive a Hennepin County 2018 Property Tax Statement based on the 2017 assessment indicating taxes due this year, and a 2018 Notice of Valuation and Classification indicating property values used as a basis for taxes due in 2019.

The City’s 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.


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.
2018 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, Wednesday and Friday evening, as well as KidStock concerts featuring local children’s performers Tuesday mornings.

Then, don’t miss weekend performances by the Children’s Theatre Workshop as well as evening Movies in the Park screenings. For a full schedule of events, watch for the the Sounds Around Town brochure in the May 31 issue of Eden Prairie News.

edenprairie.org/Calendar

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Minnesota’s Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 9–13, with statewide tornado drills at 1:45 and 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 12. Families, neighborhoods and businesses are encouraged to review and practice emergency plans in preparation for the upcoming severe weather season.
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 Eden Prairie’s detailed recreational fire guidelines, available online or from the Fire Department, serves as your permit and must be on-site.

edenprairie.org/RecreationalFires

Park Clean-up Day

This annual event is a great volunteer opportunity for local service and youth organizations, and neighborhood groups to help keep Eden Prairie’s parks and trails clean. Participate Saturday, April 14, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. by calling 952-949-8463 for a park assignment — deadline to sign up is Thursday, April 5.

edenprairie.org/Calendar
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 the community. Improvements can include safety, energy and building code-related repairs; eligibility determined by household income and equity in the home.

edenprairie.org/RehabLoans

HISTORIC EDEN PRAIRIE

The Smith-Douglas-More House

Built in 1877 by Sheldon Smith, this eclectic, red brick home with white scrollwork is reminiscent of the Queen Ann style. The house and farm were once part of a small thriving economic center in Eden Prairie, with the nearby railroad depot, Miller Store, creamery, grain elevator, implement dealer and small residential enclave.

rusticabakery.com/edenprairie

Location: 8107 Eden Prairie Road. Current Use: Rustica Bakery
Water Rebates

**Water Conservation**
Residents who purchase ENERGY Star® washing machines, dishwashers, WaterSense toilets, faucets and showerheads, and smart irrigation controllers are encouraged to apply for rebates. Additional funding may be available for upgrading irrigation systems or adding cisterns.

**Water Quality**
Rebates are also available for constructing infiltration areas such as rain gardens, shoreland buffers, pollinator gardens and pervious pavement designed to help capture stormwater runoff, and improve water quality in local lakes, ponds and creeks.

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

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**Save Money, Schedule Home Energy Audit**

**E**den 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 isbuying down the cost of Home Energy Squad visits to $50 for the first 200 homeowners who sign up — visits normally cost $100 and are valued at more than $600.

“This is the best deal ever! Even at the $100 rate, I highly recommend it for our residents,” said Mayor Nancy Tyra-Lukens, after she experienced the benefits of a detailed home energy audit firsthand.

Visit [HomeEnergySquad.net](http://HomeEnergySquad.net) or call 866-222-4595 to schedule a Home Energy Squad appointment.

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

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**Community Drop-Off Day**

Get rid of unwanted items that you cannot dispose of in the trash or recycling bin, Saturday, June 16, from 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m. at Hennepin Technical College (13100 College View Drive).

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

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**Watershed Assessment Project**

With the help of Wenck Associates, Inc., the City is conducting a multiyear project to survey stormwater ponds and wetlands. These water bodies help prevent flooding and collect pollutants such as fertilizers, pet waste and grass clippings, and can require maintenance over time.

This year, the City will assess the Round Lake watershed and develop a plan to address future maintenance needs.

[edenprairie.org/Stormwater](http://edenprairie.org/Stormwater)
Mark Your Calendar

**ANIMAL OPEN HOUSE**
1–4 p.m.
Saturday, April 7
Outdoor Center

**PRAIRIE POUR**
6–8 p.m.
Thursday, April 12
The Garden Room of Eden Prairie

**The GIVE Gathering**
6–8 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
City Center

**ARBOR DAY WALK and Green Fair**
10 a.m.–noon
Saturday, April 28
Staring Lake Park

**Arts in the Park**
9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Saturday, May 19
Purgatory Creek Park

**MINNESOTA FESTIVAL OF JAZZ ON THE PRAIRIE**
2–8 p.m.
Sunday, June 10
Staring Lake Amphitheatre

On the Cover:
The Gathering Bridge at Purgatory Creek Park