Early in 2017, Eden Prairie launched a multiyear planning process to update its comprehensive plan called Aspire Eden Prairie 2040. Residents and stakeholders have been engaged in the process – both in person and online – by providing input on topics ranging from commercial development and land use to traffic and community building. Thank you for your contributions to this project – your feedback and the resulting plan will help shape the future of our community!

City staff members are working with project consultant Houseal Lavigne Associates to prepare a draft plan incorporating the data collected over the past several months. The plan will be presented to the City Council and community for review this fall.

edenprairie.org/AspireEP2040
City Named Top 150 Workplace

For the fourth consecutive year, the Star Tribune named the City of Eden Prairie one of the Top 150 Workplaces in Minnesota. Ranking #24 in the midsized company category, Eden Prairie is the only municipal government in Minnesota to receive this recognition.

edenprairie.org/Employment

Fall Program Registration

Registration for another season of parks and recreation programs has already begun! Visit edenprairie.org/Register to set up an account and view programs, trips, camps and lessons.

edenprairie.org/Register
In addition to adding a new park in southwest Eden Prairie over the summer, several community parks were updated and improved. The **Round Lake Park** renovation project includes significant improvements to the play area, picnic pavilion and accessibility as well as a renovated skate plaza and new splash pad that were opened for use in 2013. The multiyear project is now complete and the park features three larger softball fields with improved lighting, a new shaded spectator structure between the fields, increased parking and new trees for shade.

**Riley Lake Park** improvements are underway as the boat trailer parking area is reconfigured for better circulation and safety, and new parking stalls are added. Park enhancements also include an expanded beach, new picnic areas and seating along the lakeshore, with the project completion expected in spring 2018.

**Cedar Hills Park** will soon be complete with a playground, basketball court and plenty of open space. This is the final neighborhood park in the City’s master park plan that fulfills the goal for parks to be located within a half mile of all residents.

**Nature-inspired play equipment**, featuring artificial boulders, ropes and logs, was installed at the **Outdoor Center** and the new play area is now open to the public. This addition is part of the Outdoor Center master plan created in 2016.

edenprairie.org/ParkProjects
School Bus Safety

Drivers, be aware of school bus safety as children in our community head back to school. Red flashing lights on busses indicate students are either exiting or entering the bus. Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights and/or has its stop arms extended — this applies when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads.

edenprairie.org/Police

Fire Prevention Week

In a fire, every second counts. It is important to sit down with all members of your household, draw a map of your home and mark two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit. National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8–14. Take this opportunity to explore age-appropriate lessons for your entire family and be sure everyone knows your fire escape plan.

NFPA.org
Through a grant from the Metropolitan Council, the City is working in partnership with the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District to incorporate a water harvesting and reuse system at Fire Station 2 (12142 Sunnybrook Road). The goals of this project are to promote and demonstrate water conservation, reduce the City’s maintenance costs and dependence on ground water, and provide a pollinator-friendly habitat.

Over the summer, native landscaping features were installed on the property; however, restoration of native plantings can take three to five years to mature. This fall, visitors to the site will see a rainwater collection system installed, and can observe fast-growing annual grasses, which help prevent weed infestation and stabilize soils.

By next summer, some colorful native plant species will begin to emerge – and over the next few years, a healthy, thick stand of attractive native plants will start to support a growing population of pollinators.
Partners in Energy

The City of Eden Prairie is collaborating with Xcel Energy to develop and implement an Energy Action Plan through the Partners in Energy program.

This plan supports the Sustainable Eden Prairie initiative focused on protecting the environment and natural resources our community enjoys. Successful implementation of this plan involves residents, businesses and service organizations working together with the City to carry out efficient and renewable energy best practices.

Solid Waste Master Plan Open House

As part of the Sustainable Eden Prairie initiative, the City is planning for the future management of solid waste, organics, yard waste and recycling. To learn more and provide your input, stop by the open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at City Center (8080 Mitchell Road).

Food Waste Reduction

Wasted food is a social, environmental and economic issue. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, discarded food in the United States totals $161-billion and equates to 21 percent of municipal landfill waste each year.

Save money, conserve energy and support the health of our community by learning more about food labeling and reducing food waste in your home.

SaveTheFood.com
Eden Prairie City Council

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Mark Your Calendar

Eden Prairie Players Present: A Collection of One Acts
7:30 p.m. Sept. 15–16; 21–23
2 p.m. Sept. 17, 24
Riley-Jacques Barn

Eden Prairie Art Crawl
10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sept. 23
Noon–5 p.m. Sept. 24

Fall Harvest Celebration
2–5 p.m. Oct. 7
Riley-Jacques Barn

Fall into Fitness Open House
8 a.m.–noon Oct. 14
Community Center

Fire and Police Department Open House
11 a.m.–2 p.m. Oct. 14
City Center

Spooky Saturday
3–5 p.m. Oct. 28
Community Center

Halloween on the Mall
5–7:30 p.m. Oct. 31
Eden Prairie Center

School Board Election
7 a.m.–8 p.m. Nov. 7
PollFinder.sos.state.mn.us

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