

# Edition: Edina

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## The City of Edina



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### Legend of 2016-2017 Priorities:

- Focused Redevelopment
- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Planning for the Future
- Enterprise Facilities
- Intergovernmental Relations

## Absentee Voting is Under Way

Voters who are unable to vote on Election Day may want to consider absentee voting. Since 2014, Minnesota has been a "no excuse" absentee voting state, so it's easy to absentee vote.

Anyone who wishes to vote may do so by absentee ballot beginning 46 days before Election Day. Absentee voting for the State General Election opened on Friday, Sept. 23, and closes on Monday, Nov. 7.

"We encourage people who think they are not going to be able to get to their polling place to apply for an absentee ballot because we want every voter to vote," said City Clerk Deb Mangen.

During the absentee voting period, voters can cast their ballot in one of two ways.

Absentee voters can vote in person at Edina City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 1-4, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5 and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 7.

The second way absentee voters can vote is by submitting ballots by mail. Call City Hall to have an application mailed to you or download the application from the City website, EdinaMN.gov. The City Clerk's office will send the ballot the same day an application is received or the next day. Potential absentee voters can also fill out an online application on the Minnesota Secretary of State website, [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)

Absentee voters will receive a "secrecy envelope" and a signature certification envelope which requires a witness. If no Minnesota registered voter is available to serve as a witness for you, you can go to a Notary Public to be your witness. You can mail your ballot back in the pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope that's provided or return it in person to the City Clerk's office or Hennepin County Elections. Voted ballots must be received on or before Election Day.

According to the Minnesota Secretary of State website, persons living abroad or who are in the military can have an absentee ballot sent to them anywhere in the world. A spouse, parent, sibling or child age 18 and older can apply on their behalf.

College students are encouraged to apply for absentee ballots if they know they will not be able to get to their polling place on Election Day.

"Students should make sure they have a good address to use," said Mangen. "It's best if they use both their driver's license number and the last four digits of their Social Security number on the application. That way, if they forget which one they choose, it doesn't matter if they used both."

Mangen also encourages students to find another registered Minnesota voter on campus so that they can be a witness for each other's signature.

Absentee voters can track their application status on the Minnesota Secretary of State website.

Starting Nov. 1 when you visit Edina City Hall to absentee vote, you will be able to vote like you would actually do on Election Day and you will have the opportunity to correct your ballot if needed.

"We want every possible person who can cast a ballot to cast one," said Mangen.

For more information on elections, call 952-826-0363.

## October 2016 Events

**Thursday, Sept. 29, 3-7 p.m.**  
Farmers Market, Centennial Lakes Park

**Monday, Oct. 3, Noon and 2:30 p.m.**  
"Final Fore" Golf Outing, Braemar Golf Course

**Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.**  
City Council meeting, Edina City Hall

**Saturday, Oct. 8, 9:30-11:30**  
Edina Family Center Fall Harvest Party, Edina Community Center

**Saturday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.**  
Nite Glow Golf, Braemar Academy 9

**Monday, Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m.**  
Community Health Commission meeting, Edina City Hall

**Monday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.**  
Heritage Conservation Board meeting, Edina City Hall

**Monday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.**  
Park Board meeting, Edina City Hall

For more October events, visit [EdinaMN.gov](http://EdinaMN.gov) or watch for the October issue of Edition: Edina.

## Braemar Golf Course to Host the 'Final Fore!'

Marking the final rounds of golf played on its 27-hole regulation courses prior to a major renovation, Braemar Golf Course will host the "Final Fore!" golf outing Monday, Oct. 3.

"It is going to be the last chance to play the old Braemar Golf Course. I think there is a lot of attachment to it and I think everybody will want to get out there one last time," said Joe Abood, General Manager of Braemar Golf Course, adding that the proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Braemar Memorial Fund.

Around 100 golfers will be able to enjoy the outing while helping to support the future of Braemar Golf facilities. The Braemar Memorial Fund helps fund improvements at the facilities, allowing golfers to have enriched experiences at Braemar. Golfers will have the choice to play at noon on the 18-hole course, which will be on Castle and Hays, or the 9-hole course that will be played on Clunie at 2:30 p.m.

Attendees will be able to experience one last round of golf on the course, but they can also take home a memento. Old tee signs will be auctioned off at the end of the outing. Anyone will be able to bid on a special number that is tied to a first ever hole-in-one or favorite family outing.

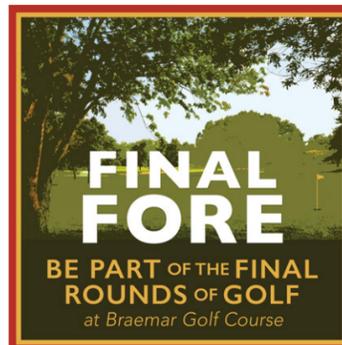
"There are a lot of memories on this course. I played on the Edina High School golf team and we played a lot of tournaments out here. I'm nostalgic because it's where I grew up and learned to play the game," said Braemar Golf Course Assistant General Manager Mary Wooldridge. "I'm looking forward to the changes, though. It's exciting

to have an updated golf course. The design will be something special."

The day following the Final Fore! golf outing will mark the beginning of a new Braemar Golf Course. The 27 holes will be reconfigured as an improved 18-hole course. The renovation is expected to be completed in the summer of 2018, weather permitting.

"Our family has probably played there for 30 years in total. We have a special needs son, Michael, who is 37. He has worked at the course since right after high school and he plays in the adaptive programs," said Edina resident Rick Ites. He looks back with appreciation at the home Braemar has been for players of all ages and abilities and is excited to see the continuation of that in the renovations being made.

"One of my memories is when a former pro, Larry Nelson, came and he and the professional staff made the commitment to young and adult handicapped people who couldn't find a place to play. They would have Braemar. It provides a lot of opportunity to help young adults and adults to have a place to play."



Online registrations for the Final Fore! golf outing can be made at [BraemarGolf.com](http://BraemarGolf.com), as well as in person. The 18-hole outing is priced at \$99 and the 9-hole outing costs \$65. Players may sign up in teams of four, three, two or one. Less than four players will be paired with other golfers. Cost includes the green fee, card fee, practice balls, food and prizes.

For more information, contact Abood at 952-903-5754 or [jabood@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:jabood@EdinaMN.gov).

## Braemar Arena and Field See New Leadership

Braemar Arena and Field are entering a new chapter with new leadership; General Manager Chad Eischens began work last month.

"Chad has a great combination of work experience, organizational skills and leadership qualities. He has extensive experience supervising large staff teams, managing facilities and events and working with a wide range of stakeholder groups," said Parks & Recreation Director Ann Kattreh.

Eischens' career has focused on public service and education. He holds a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from St. Cloud State University and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He got his start teaching Physical Education in schools, but soon moved into administrative athletic director positions. Most recently, he held the roles of Activities and Recreation Director for Belle Plaine Public Schools and Activities Director for New Ulm Public Schools and The International School of Minnesota. Through that experience, he has managed staffs as large as 100 and many different types of athletic facilities and programs.

Eischens sees the legacy that Braemar Arena and Field carry and is looking forward to continuing that tradition and finding new ways to grow.

"For being a 51-year-old facility, Braemar Arena has had a

fair amount of growth within the last few years. We've had the addition of the Hornets Nest, Braemar Field and the Backyard Rink," said Eischens. "In addition, we've made updates to some of the things that the general public doesn't see, like the pumps and compressors that keep the rink alive. We want to continue to not just maintain the building, but make sure we're serving the community."

Eischens' diverse experience in activities and sports is a welcome addition to the Braemar Field leadership as Braemar Field is offering more activities for patrons, including yoga, BarreX, flag football, soccer and a popular sports sampler.

"Chad's experiences in working with recreational and educational programs and facility and athletic event management make him uniquely qualified for this position," said Kattreh. "Chad also served on the Norwood Young

America City Council, Norwood Young America Parks and Recreation Commission and Carver County Parks and Recreation Commission."

Public service is the Eischens family way. His wife, Sara, works as the District Health Coordinator for Waconia Public School District. Eischens lives with his wife and 9-year-old daughter, Kiera, and 11-year-old son, Quinn, in Norwood Young America.

For more information, contact Eischens at 952-833-0502 or [ceischens@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:ceischens@EdinaMN.gov).

Photo by Michael Braun



The City of Edina welcomed Braemar Arena and Field's new General Manager, Chad Eischens, last month.

## By the Numbers: Electronic Plan Review Saves Time, Increases Efficiencies

In January, the City launched a system for online building plan reviews, Project Dox. The software has streamlined the review process and resulted in quicker reviews and permit issuance.



**235**

There are 235 Edina Project Dox users, including City workers, contractors and architect firms. Of those, 40 are City employees.

**1,586**

Of permits issued so far in 2016, the most have been for plumbing, with 1,586 issued. There have been 1,472 building permits issued in the same time frame.



**52**

There are 52 different permits people can apply for online.

**331**

331 plan review applications have been submitted through Project Dox since Jan. 1.

**11,978**

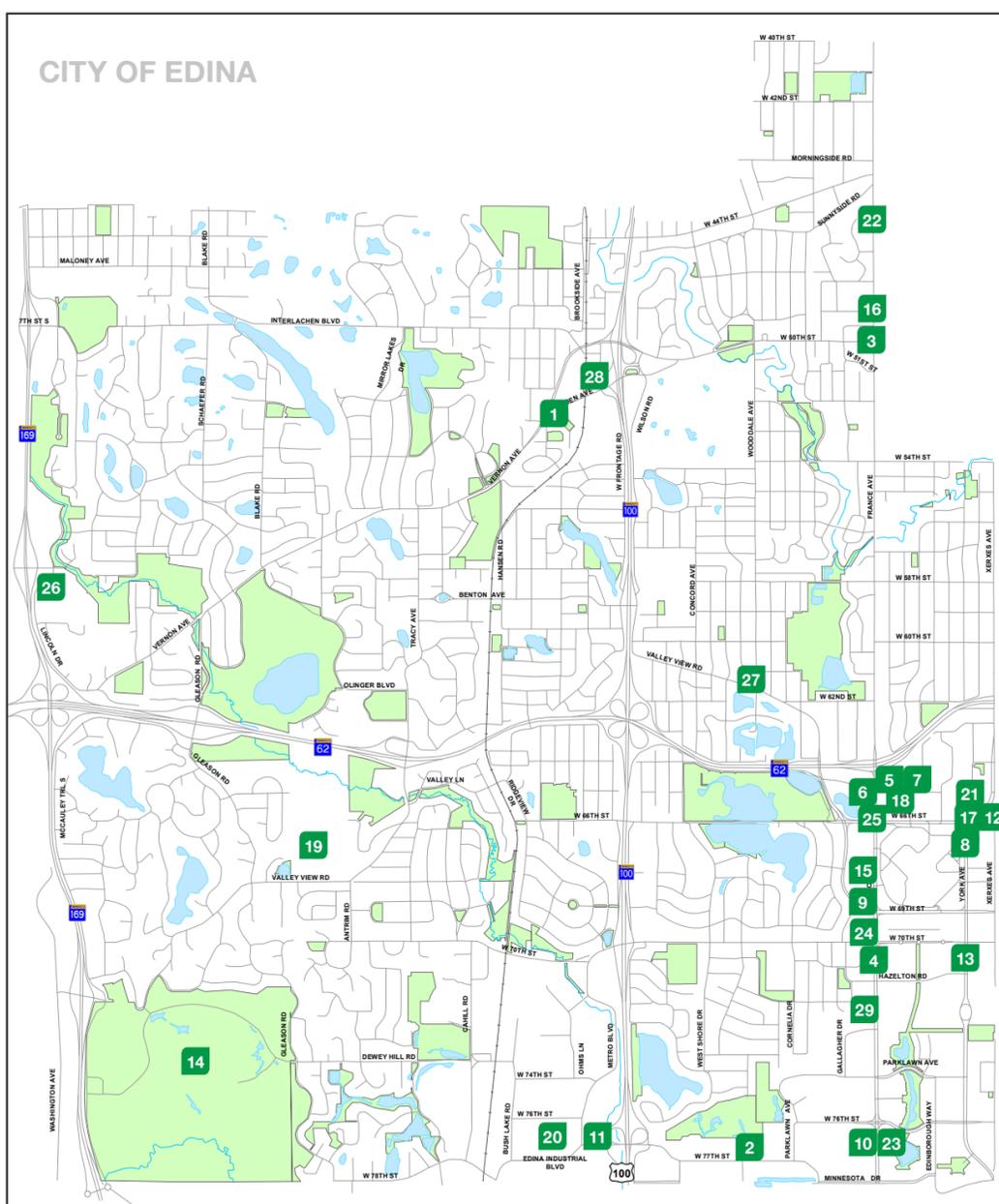


As of Sept. 2, the City has completed 11,978 inspections.

## Commercial Development Tracker

In this commercial development tracker, the City of Edina includes commercial reconstruction projects or new constructions that have been completed in the last 12 months, are currently under construction, have filed a formal application to the City, have been approved or have presented a non-binding sketch plan to either the Planning Commission or the City Council. For more information, visit [www.EdinaMN.gov/Planning](http://www.EdinaMN.gov/Planning) or contact the Community Development Department Planning Division at 952-826-0369.

- 1 Business/Project:** Grandview/Former Public Works site  
**Location:** 5146 Eden Ave.  
**Developer:** Unknown  
**Status:** In Progress  
The City of Edina is in the process of determining what mix of public and private uses could best work on the site.
- 2 Business/Project:** The Link  
**Location:** 4901, 1815, 4820, 4660, 4510, 4530, 4550 W. 77th St. and 7600 Parklawn Ave.  
**Developer:** Hillcrest Development  
**Status:** Unknown  
The developer plans to redevelop the 43-acre site in southeast Edina. The plan may include 1.4 million square feet of office space, 40,000 square feet of retail and a 400-room hotel. The six-story tower at 4640 W. 77th St. was torn down in late 2014.
- 3 Business/Project:** Vacant Parcels  
**Location:** 50th & France  
**Developer:** City of Edina  
**Status:** In Progress  
The City acquired property at 3930 and 3944 W. 49 1/2 St. to expand parking. The City is currently weighing its options with the sites.
- 4 Business/Project:** 71 France  
**Location:** 7161 France Ave.  
**Developer:** Lund Food Holdings  
**Status:** Complete  
Construction is complete on a seven-story, 109-unit apartment building with 10,450 square feet of retail; another six-story, 77-unit apartment building with 10,711 square feet of retail; and a six-story, 48-unit apartment building with 11,162 square feet of retail. All three buildings include two levels of underground parking.
- 5 Business/Project:** Fairview Southdale Hospital  
**Location:** 6401 France Ave. S.  
**Developer:** Brian Lubben, Walker & Associates/Fairview Southdale Hospital  
**Status:** Complete  
Construction finished in August 2015 on a new 89,000-square-foot expansion of the hospital's emergency room.
- 6 Business/Project:** Aurora on France  
**Location:** 4005 W. 65th St. & 6500 France Ave.  
**Developer:** Aurora Investments, LLC/Mount Development  
**Status:** In Progress  
Construction is under way on a 220,000-square-foot, five-story, 195-unit senior care building. The plan includes one level of underground parking.
- 7 Business/Project:** Southdale Medical Center  
**Location:** 6545 France Ave. S.  
**Developer:** Oak Development  
**Status:** Complete  
The existing building was expanded with a four-story, 60,000-square-foot addition and new parking ramp.
- 8 Business/Project:** The Onyx  
**Location:** 6725 York Ave. S.  
**Developer:** Lennar  
**Status:** In Progress  
Construction has begun on a six-story, 296,000-square-foot building with 242 luxury apartments and 12,000 square feet of first-floor retail are planned.
- 9 Business/Project:** One Southdale Place  
**Location:** One Southdale Place  
**Developer:** Stuart Co.  
**Status:** Complete  
Construction is finished on 3-, 5- and 10-story apartment buildings containing 232 luxury units.
- 10 Business/Project:** Restaurant  
**Location:** 7700 France Ave.  
**Developer:** Frauenshuh, Inc./Parasole Restaurant Holdings  
**Status:** Unknown  
The developer received approval to build a 7,600-square-foot freestanding seafood restaurant. The building will have seating for up to 242 diners and an outdoor seating area and bar along France Avenue.
- 11 Business/Project:** Commercial Development  
**Location:** 5108 Edina Industrial Blvd.  
**Developer:** Frauenshuh Commercial Real Estate  
**Status:** Complete  
Construction is complete on a new 10,000-square-foot retail building with a drive-thru.
- 12 Business/Project:** 66 West  
**Location:** 3330 W. 66th St.  
**Developer:** Beacon Interfaith Housing  
**Status:** In Progress  
The City approved a rezoning and development plan to redevelop the 18,179-square-foot former bank. The developer is working to remodel and expand the building into 39 studio apartment units for young adults who have experienced homelessness. The addition will be 11,888 square feet.
- 13 Business/Project:** Yorktown Gardens  
**Location:** 7151 York Ave.  
**Developer:** Mesaba Capital  
**Status:** In Progress  
Construction is under way on a new four-story, 100-unit senior assisted living building west of the existing Yorktown Continental Living apartments. Thirty of the units will be used for memory care.
- 14 Business/Project:** Braemar Golf Course  
**Location:** 6364 John Harris Drive  
**Developer:** City of Edina  
**Status:** In Progress  
The Course's driving range was expanded and improved and the executive course was reconstructed as a Par 3 called the Academy 9. Both reopened earlier this year. This fall, the 27-hole regulation course will be closed and converted to a better 18-hole course and will reopen in 2018.
- 15 Business/Project:** Bank of America  
**Location:** 6868 France Ave.  
**Developer:** Bank of America  
**Status:** In Progress  
Work will begin soon to replace the existing building with a one-story, 6,993-square-foot, LEED-certified Bank of America with a drive-up ATM. Merrill Lynch would also be a tenant in the building, but each business would have a separate, dedicated entrance.



- 16 Business/Project:** Walgreens  
**Location:** 4916 France Ave. S.  
**Developer:** NLD Edina LLC  
**Status:** On Hold  
The developer proposes to tear down the existing Walgreens store and build a new 14,265-square-foot Walgreens with four levels of residential above with 64 apartment units. The plan proposes two levels of underground parking for the apartments and 20 enclosed surface parking spaces for the store.
- 17 Business/Project:** Gateway Pointe  
**Location:** 3101 W. 66th St. and 6612 Xerxes Ave.  
**Developer:** Bull Moose Construction  
**Status:** Pending Final Approval  
The developer proposes to remove the existing structure and build a six-story, 210-unit apartment building on the two-acre site. The building would have one level of underground parking and a 1,760-square-foot restaurant/coffee shop with outdoor seating.
- 18 Business/Project:** The Millennium at Southdale  
**Location:** 6550 Xerxes Ave. and 3250 W. 66th St.  
**Developer:** DLC Residential  
**Status:** Approved  
The developer proposes a two-stage development with this site. If approved, the existing office building at 3250 W. 66th St. would be razed and replaced with a five- or six-story, 227-unit apartment building. In a second phase of development, the office building at 6550 Xerxes Ave. would also be razed and a four- or five-story, 145-unit apartment building would be built. Each building includes one level of at-grade parking. The two buildings, comprising 421,268 square feet, would sit on the site's 5.65 acres.
- 19 Business/Project:** Edina High School addition  
**Location:** 6754 Valley View Road  
**Developer:** Edina Public Schools  
**Status:** In Progress  
Edina Public Schools plans to build a 142,000-square-foot addition to the existing Edina High School. The additional space will be used to house the ninth grade, which will move from South View and Valley View middle schools.
- 20 Business/Project:** Edina Schools Transportation Facility  
**Location:** 7600 Metro Blvd.  
**Developer:** Edina Public Schools  
**Status:** Approved  
The Edina School Board will soon begin construction of a new school district transportation services facility. The 9.25-acre site will accommodate the current fleet as well as future program expansion.
- 21 Business/Project:** Hilton Homewood Suites  
**Location:** Southwest Corner of 66th Street and York Avenue  
**Developer:** Noble Investment Group  
**Status:** Approved  
The developer will construct a four-story, 146-room hotel in the northeast corner of the Southdale Center property. The upscale, all-suites hotel would include an indoor swimming pool, fitness room, meeting rooms and a large gathering space called "The Lodge." The hotel is anticipated to be branded as a Hilton Homewood Suites.
- 22 Business/Project:** Office Development  
**Location:** 4528 and 4530 France Ave.  
**Developer:** Orion Group  
**Status:** Approved  
The developer plans to remove the existing former oil change station at 4530 France Ave. and build an addition above the existing parking garage at 4528 France Ave. that will match the existing building on that lot. A bank drive-thru is also planned.
- 23 Business/Project:** Twin Cities Orthopedics  
**Location:** 7700 France Ave.  
**Developer:** Twin Cities Orthopedics/Frauenshuh  
**Status:** Proposed  
The developer proposes to build a possible two-phase development near the corner of 77th Street and Minnesota Drive to expand Twin Cities Orthopedics' operations in Edina. The first phase would include a 60,000 to 80,000-square-foot medical office building and a 358-space parking deck. Phase Two could potentially include a 200,000-square-foot expansion with addition levels or parking added to the parking deck.
- 24 Business/Project:** Commercial Development  
**Location:** 3901 W. 70th St.  
**Developer:** DJR Architecture/Hector Vinas  
**Status:** Approved  
The developer proposes to tear down the existing gas station and rebuild a new, 8,030-square-foot retail building. The design of the building would complement Phoenix Plaza, a recent redevelopment on the northwest corner of 70th Street and France Avenue.
- 25 Business/Project:** Promenade on France  
**Location:** 6600 France Ave.  
**Developer:** DJR Architecture/Wildamere  
**Status:** Proposed  
The developer proposes to redevelop the 22-acre site at 6600 France Ave. This request includes a potential five-phase development. At full build-out, the site would include a new six-story medical building, six-story hotel, eight-story residential apartment and two two-story retail buildings. A new Bank or America is currently being built on the site. An existing six- and seven-story building would remain in addition to the Tavern on France restaurant. One existing building would be removed.
- 26 Business/Project:** Lincoln Drive Apartments  
**Location:** 5901 Lincoln Drive  
**Developer:** Opus Development  
**Status:** Proposed  
The developer proposes to redevelop a portion of the former United Health Group site. An existing, unoccupied office building would be torn down and replaced with a four-story, 250-unit apartment building with 250 spaces of underground parking. The site would include a dedicated entrance separate from the office building, and provide access to the new Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail.
- 27 Business/Project:** Town Hall Station  
**Location:** 4500 Valley View Road  
**Developer:** Town Hall Brewery  
**Status:** Proposed  
The developer proposes to remodel and expand the existing gas station building into a restaurant. The remodeling would include a 1,300-square-foot addition for a cooler, offices and storage area and a 1,000-square-foot patio. The restaurant would be designed for 64 indoor dining seats and 11 seats at the bar. The outdoor patio area would have 66 seats.
- 28 Business/Project:** Brookside Condominiums  
**Location:** 5109-5125 W. 49th St.  
**Developer:** Great Oaks  
**Status:** Sketch Plan  
The developer has presented a sketch plan to tear down the existing two apartment buildings and a single-family home on the site and build two new three- or four-story condominiums with a total of 27 units. Six of the units would be designated for affordable housing.
- 29 Business/Project:** Apartments  
**Location:** 7200 France Ave.  
**Developer:** Campbell Capital Group  
**Status:** Sketch Plan  
The developer proposes to tear down the existing office building and redevelop it with a six-story, 241-unit apartment building with parking on the first two levels. Ten percent of the units would be designated for affordable housing.