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Keep Pathways To Garbage, Recyclables Clear

This winter, keep your trash and recycling haulers safe. Do not place recycling bins on the top of snow banks, as doing so creates a dangerous situation for haulers who have to reach, twist and bend to retrieve the collectibles.

If you do not take your trash and recycling bins to the curb, please keep your driveways clear so drivers can easily get to the materials.

Garbage and recycling containers should be set out by the house or garage or at the curb by 7 a.m. on pickup day. After collection, containers must be stored out of view from the front street.

For more information, contact Recycling Coordinator Solvei Wilmot, 952-826-0463.

About Town Calendar

January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Winter classes begin at the Edina Art Center.	4 7 p.m., City Council & HRA, Edina City Hall.	5	6 Noon, Wonderful World of Woody, Edinborough Park. 4 p.m., Public Art Committee, Edina City Hall.	7	8
9 1-5 p.m., Winter Ice Festival, Centennial Lakes Park.	10	11 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.	12	13 Noon, Bob the Beachcomber, Edinborough Park. 7 p.m., Energy & Environment Commission, Edina City Hall.	14	15 9:30 a.m., Mat Cutting Workshop, Edina Art Center.
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day. City Hall closed. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Annual Potters' Games, Edina Art Center.	18 7 p.m., City Council & HRA, Edina City Hall.	19	20 5:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall. 6 p.m., Transportation Commission, Edina City Hall.	21 7-8:30 p.m., Winter Neighborhood Night Out, Weber, Normandale and Pamela parks.	22 10 a.m., Images & Their Symbolic Alchemical Meanings Workshop, Edina Art Center.
23	24	25 7 p.m., Human Rights & Relations Commission, Edina City Hall.	26 7 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.	27 Noon, Will Hale, Edinborough Park.	28	29 9:30 a.m., Quick Start Sight-Size Oil Painting Workshop, Edina Art Center.
30 7 p.m., First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Edinborough Park.	31	7 p.m., Jazz on the Prairie Band, Edinborough Park.		4:30 p.m., Art Center Board, Edina Art Center.		

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February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7 p.m., City Council & HRA, Edina City Hall.	2	3 4 p.m., Public Art Committee, Edina City Hall. 5:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	4	5
6 10 a.m., Valentine-Making Workshop, Edina Art Center. 7 p.m., Richfield Symphonic Band, Edinborough Park.	7 7 p.m., PCN National Speaker Forum, "Raising Socially Responsible Kids Who Do the Right Thing," Edina High School Performing Arts Center.	8 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.	9	10 Noon, Bob the Beachcomber, Edinborough Park. 7 p.m., Energy & Environment Commission, Edina City Hall.	11	12
13 7 p.m., Moonlight Serenaders Big Band, Edinborough Park.	14	15 7 p.m., City Council & HRA, Edina City Hall.	16	17 5:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall. 6 p.m., Transportation Commission, Edina City Hall.	18	19
20	21 Presidents' Day. City Hall and Edina Art Center closed.	22 7 p.m., Human Rights & Relations Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Zuhrah Band, Edinborough Park.	23 7 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.	24 Noon, Wonderful World of Woody, Edinborough Park. 5 p.m., Teen Self-Portrait Show opening, Edina Art Center.	25	26 9:30 a.m., Quick Start Sight-Size Oil Painting Workshop, Edina Art Center.
27 7 p.m., First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Edinborough Park.	28					

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March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7 p.m., City Council & HRA, Edina City Hall.	2	3 4 p.m., Public Art Committee, Edina City Hall. 5:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	4	5
6 7 p.m., St. Louis Park Community Band, Edinborough Park.	7	8 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Moonlight Serenaders, Edinborough Park.	9	10 Noon, Bob the Beachcomber, Edinborough Park. 7 p.m., Energy & Environment Commission, Edina City Hall.	11	12 9:30 a.m., Fix Your Painting Workshop, Edina Art Center.
13 7 p.m., Hopkins Westwind Band, Edinborough Park.	14	15 6:30 p.m., Community Health Committee, Edina Senior Center. 7 p.m., HRA & City Council, Edina City Hall.	16	17 Noon, Brodini Comedy & Magic Act, Edinborough Park.	18	19
20 7 p.m., South of the River Band, Edinborough Park.	21	22 7 p.m., Human Rights & Relations Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Zuhrah Band, Edinborough Park.	23	24 Noon, Wonderful World of Woody, Edinborough Park. 4:30 p.m., Art Center Board, Edina Art Center.	25	26
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Winter Calendar Highlights

Other Dates To Remember

- Jan. 6** Faculty Exhibition opens, Edina Art Center.
- Jan. 6** 5:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.
- Jan. 20** Noon, Brodini Comedy & Magic Act, Edinborough Park.
- Feb. 17** Noon, Brodini Comedy & Magic Act, Edinborough Park.
- Feb. 24** 4:30 p.m., Art Center Board, Edina Art Center.
- March 8** 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.

Winter Ice Festival

What: In celebration of the winter season, Centennial Lakes Park will host the 21st-annual Winter Ice Festival. Visitors to the park will be able to have their faces painted and ride on a horse-drawn wagon. Ice Festival participants may bring their own equipment, but ice skates and kick-sleds are available for rental at the Park Centrum, which serves as a warming house and concessions stand during the winter months. Behind the Centrum, ice-sculpting demonstrations will be given.

When: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9

Where: Centennial Lakes Park, 7499 France Ave. S.

Info: Centennial Lakes Park,
www.CentennialLakesPark.com or 952-833-9580

Edina Chamber of Commerce Emerald Gala

What: The Edina Chamber of Commerce will hold its largest fund-raising event of the year, Emerald Gala 2011. The “black tie admired, but not required” event will feature a silent auction, dinner and dancing, among other things. A portion of the proceeds from a raffle will provide scholarships for Edina High School students.

When: 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5

Where: Interlachen Country Club,
6200 Interlachen Blvd.

Info: Edina Chamber of Commerce, 952-806-9060

Winter Neighborhood Night Out

What: Gather your family and neighbors for a night of free, old-fashioned winter fun at the warming house. Snowshoeing sponsored by Hoigaard’s, other winter fun sponsored by the Edina Community Foundation, ice skating and more will keep you active. Warm up with hot cider and connect with people in your neighborhood. Donations to the Edina Community Foundation will help keep this event free.

When: 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21

Where: Normandale Park
Pamela Park - Smores and popcorn sponsored by the Edina Lions Club
Weber Park – Smores sponsored by the Edina Morningside Neighborhood Association

Info: Edina Park & Recreation Department,
www.EdinaParks.com or 952-826-0433

A Word From The Mayor

At the Edina City Council's first meeting of the year on Jan. 4, Joni Bennett and Josh Sprague will take the oath of office as Council Members. Joni will start her second term and Josh his first.

Josh succeeds Scot Housh as a Council Member. Scot, who did not seek reelection, ended his 10 years as a member of the City Council on Dec. 21. A lifelong Edina resident, he was first elected in November 2000, after serving for one year on the Park Board. He was reelected to the City Council in 2002 and 2006. Scot has served as Mayor Pro Tem since 2005, filling in for me when I was not available.

In the decade I worked with Scot, I can state that the only agenda he ever had was to make decisions he thought were in the best interests of the entire community. His work was smart, thoughtful and he was ever considerate of all the opinions offered on an issue. While differing conclusions are often reached among Council members, one could always count on Scot's rock-solid analysis and judgment.

Major public projects approved during his tenure were the reconstruction of City Hall, Fire Station No. 1 and the Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility. Grandview Square, 5000 France, Westin Edina Galleria and additional retail complexes at Southdale Center and Centennial Lakes were developed. The City created a capital improvement program and, most significantly, achieved AAA and Aaa bond ratings from major bond-rating agencies Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Services. Seeking more participation from residents, the Council established the Energy & Environment

Commission, Transportation Commission and Public Art Committee and renamed the Human Rights & Relations Commission to better reflect its work in the community.

You will find no one that has a greater love for their hometown than Scot. He gave his salary as Council Member back to the community, donating it to the Edina Community Foundation. He also served as a member of the Edina Chamber of Commerce, Fairview Southdale Hospital Board of Directors, Community Education Services Board and Highlands Site Council.



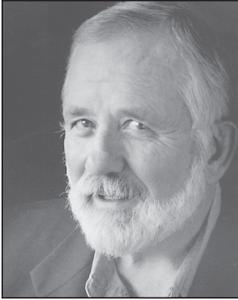
Scot Housh

Scot Housh is as fine a City Council member as any community could ever hope to have serve them. When you see him, thank him for his many years of service to Edina. He did a terrific job for all of us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James B. Hovland".

James B. Hovland
Mayor

Clancy's Drug: Edina's Version of TV Sitcom 'Cheers'



By Joe Sullivan
Contributing Writer

In 1930, Edina was still a small, rural town with what was definitely a "horse-and-buggy economy." There were plenty of horses around to keep Lilja's Blacksmith Shop busy forging horseshoes in the tiny Edina commercial center.

Dairy farmers from all over the surrounding area drove horse-drawn wagons to haul milk in five- and 10-gallon cans to the Elgin Dairy, which stood where the Edina Cinema is today.

Theater Opening Leads To More Changes

When the theater was first proposed in the early 1930s, it faced strong opposition from many residents who feared it would be harmful to their children's character. It was eventually approved and opened in 1934, with a big event that ushered in more new businesses. But the face of "downtown" Edina really began to change in 1938 when Hove's grocery moved into town with a new concept called a "supermarket." It was built across the street from the Edina Theatre on land that was owned by Russell Lund. Lund became manager of the store's meat market.

When Hove died, Lund bought and continued the business – in the same building and under the "Hove's" name. The building, which also housed other tenants,

including Herberger's and Gamble's department stores, was named the "Edina Shopping Center."

In 1947, in the west end of the building on the corner of 50th Street and Halifax Avenue, drug store operator Keith Keller established the second of his Keller Drug Stores. (He also owned a drug store on Bloomington Avenue in south Minneapolis.)

The new Keller Drug Store included a restaurant/lunch counter/soda fountain that he named "The Shadow Box." Early on, the restaurant began to gain favor among 50th & France shoppers, retail clerks, other sales people and just plain passersby as a good place to go for a quick cup of coffee or a nice lunch at an attractive price.

Clancy's Drug – 50th & France Legend In The Making

Two years later, Midwest drug store magnate Roy Clancy bought Keller's Drug Store and renamed it Clancy's Drug. Over the years, Clancy's became legendary for what the Edina Historical Society Newsletter characterized as



Edina Historical Society photo

This 1940s-era photo of the Shadow Box lunch counter and soda fountain included the curved lunch counter and stools. It remained largely unchanged until its closing on Feb. 22, 1992.



Popular WCCO radio personalities Charlie Boone and Roger Erickson broadcasted live from Clancy's to publicize the 79-cent breakfast and the introduction of then-new cherry Coke.

having a "unique blend of small town charm and big business merchandising."

Clancy was a charming, outgoing merchandiser, who was also described as "fatherly." Everybody seemed to like him. After taking over the store, he reportedly "adopted" the 50th & France community at large.

The Shadow Box café had been a successful carryover from the Keller days. People would line up in the morning for "Clancy's 79¢ Breakfast Special" or they might have dinner at the Shadow Box and combine it with a night out at the Edina Theatre.

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Clancy's had a wide selection of bulk candies in the early days. The view from the store's front window shows residences and a gas station located across 50th Street. That side of 50th now houses chic shops, a liquor store, a bakery and a Lund's supermarket.

More Than A Drug Store

Clancy's was more than a drug store, selling everything from jewelry to toys to barbeque grills and much more. They even had a fully equipped watch repair shop.

Former customers still remember Clancy's store for its friendly staff and eclectic inventory, including items not found in other drug stores.

Around the holidays, after kids had looked over Clancy's huge toy selection and visited Santa in the store's lower-level "toyland," the already wide-eyed youngsters were

often invited by their parents to top off the experience with a treat at the soda fountain upstairs.

Clancy's Drug was smaller than the big national chain stores like Woolworth's, Kresge's and Walgreens downtown. But, by using his merchandising savvy and the astute purchasing leverage he had gained from operating drug stores elsewhere in the Midwest, Clancy was able to build his Edina store into one of the most successful in the state.

Despite several remodelings, the Shadow Box café didn't change much after opening in 1947. It had a 15-stool lunch counter/soda fountain and several booths. Even the prices stayed much the same. (Two strips of bacon, two fried eggs, toast and jelly were still selling for 79 cents in 1988.)

Although Clancy Drug was legendary for its selection of merchandise, toys and cheap breakfasts, the pharmacy remained the main purpose of the store. A large sign in the pharmacy proclaimed: "Filling prescriptions is the most important part of our business."

The 'Cheers' Of Edina

Ralph Knutsen was a regular Clancy's breakfast customer. He stopped in at the Shadow Box almost every weekday on his way to work at the Ford plant in St. Paul.



Clancy Drug's façade changed through the years. The first renovation took place in the 1970s.

that proclaimed, "Where everybody knows your name."

Knutsen summed up the store's close relationships with its customers when he recalled, "I got to know so many good people there." That same feeling was echoed by most of the store's regulars, many of whom described the place as "more like a club, fraternity or sorority than a drug store."

"We're all pretty much family around here," said one of Clancy's waitresses with a proud smile. Another employee added, "Most of our staff has worked here for many years. We get to know most of our customers on a first-name basis. It may be an overused cliché these days, but we try to keep it a family atmosphere."

"To me, it was the 'Cheers' of Edina," Knutsen told the *Edina Sun-Current*. The friendly atmosphere reminded him of the beloved TV sitcom – the one with the theme song

Martin Ramler Was Clancy's Right-Hand Man

One of Clancy's early employees was Martin Ramler, who started when he was still a pharmacy student at the University of Minnesota in the 1940s.

Ramler would eventually become the store's head pharmacist, manager and later owner when he bought the store from the Clancy estate after Roy Clancy died in 1986.

Ramler sold the store to the Sterling Drug chain in 1992, but stayed on as pharmacist. He explained that he decided to sell the business because he couldn't afford an impending rent increase that would cover extensive renovations planned by the building owners.

Ramler worked there for six more years after he sold the store. "Sterling made a lot of changes," he recalled. For example, they decided to close the lunch counter.

Last Day For Lunch Counter

All the employees wore black for the lunch counter's last day of business on Saturday, Feb. 22, 1992. They decorated the lunch counter, soda fountain and booths with black crepe and black balloons for the occasion.

"The counter was packed all day long," an *Edina Sun-Current* article reported. "If we were this busy every day, we wouldn't be closing," waitress Kristina Austin remarked at the time.

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Roy Clancy (center in dark suit) treated his employees like family, too, said Marlin Ramler (far right), who had worked with Clancy since the store opened.

In 1992, a second new owner was Alstrip Drug. They actually moved the store's location from its landmark location at 50th and Halifax to a different building at Wooddale Avenue and Valley View Road.

With a new Walgreens drug store moving in two blocks from Clancy's former location and big toy chains and discount stores taking over the toy business, it was probably only a matter of time for the venerable

neighborhood drug store to move and concentrate its attention on pharmacy services.

Clancy's move out of downtown Edina shocked many patrons, but others had seen the handwriting on the wall after the lunch counter closed. "The heart of Clancy's had left," said Ken Rosland, then-City Manager when the final move was announced. "I think it kind of lost its status as a community hangout."

At his retirement send-off in 1998, Ramler recalled the days when local sports celebrities such as basketball great George Mikan, baseball broadcaster Herb Carneal and Twins owner Carl Pohlad all filled their prescriptions at Clancy's.

On his first day of retirement, Ramler said he "looked at his alarm clock, stayed in bed another hour, got up ... and went in to work," the *Star-Tribune* reported. "I just went in to turn in my keys." He promised not to make the trip a habit.

In recognition of what Clancy's had meant to the City, the Edina Historical Society "begged, borrowed and practically stole" memorabilia from the soda fountain when it closed – including menus, ice cream soda glasses and place settings of tableware – for an exhibit in the history museum at 4711 W. 70th Street.

"[Everybody] thought we were nuts," said Marion Hansen, then the Historical Society's administrator. "[Several people asked us] what do you want this old stuff for?"

"Clancy's is gone, but its story will live on in our collection," said the Historical Society's current Executive Director, Marci Matson.

Clancy's drug store finally closed Feb. 22, 2010, after more than 60 years in business. The announcement didn't prompt much public attention. People may have mourned

its passing in 1996, when higher rent forced the pharmacy to move to the new location.

As a final comment Ramler stated proudly, "If I was going to pick a place to build a drug store, I couldn't ask for a better location than 50th & France."

I can't think of a finer drug store than Clancy's from the customer's point of view. Incredibly, people still talk about it as an Edina institution.

Photos and background material for this article came from the archives of the Edina Historical Society and the following publications: *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*; *Edina Sun-Current*; *Edina Historical Society Newsletter* (Spring 2010 issue); *From Settlement to Suburb--The History of Edina, Minnesota*, by Paul D. Hesterman; and a 1981 article identified only as "Lake Area."

It's Not Only Neighborly ... It's The Law

Pets

The Law: Edina City Code 300.03, Subd. 1 Licensing Requirements. Any owner of a dog over 6 months of age shall secure a license for such dog from the City.

What It Means: All dogs 6 months and older residing in Edina must have a license permanently affixed to their collars. Cats do not have to be licensed. Rabies vaccinations are required on all dogs and cats 6 months and older. Dogs are required to wear vaccination tags at all times.

Remember, all 2010 City dog licenses expired Dec. 31, 2010. Licenses can be renewed at City Hall, through the mail or online. To renew by mail, send current rabies information and a check for the licensing fee to Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424-1394.

The Law: Edina City Code 300.12 Animals Running at Large. No owner shall allow any animal to run at large on any property without the consent of the owner or possessor of the property.

What It Means: Dogs and cats are not allowed to run at large in the community. An off-leash area for dogs opened in 2007 at Van Valkenburg Park in northwest Edina. Dogs must wear a special collar while in the off-



File Photo

The Van Valkenburg Dog Park is located at 4935 Lincoln Drive.

leash area, identifying them as leash-free permit holders. Cost for the permit is \$25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. Discounts are available for multiple dogs. The permits can be purchased at City Hall or online.

For more information on licensing, contact City Hall Receptionist Lynette Biunno, 952-927-8861. For more information on laws pertaining to pets, such as the keeping or regulation of certain animals, or laws pertaining to kennels, contact Edina Animal Control Officer Tim Hunter, 952-826-0494.



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Braemar Arena Manager No Stranger To The Ice

Photo by Marty Doll



Former Braemar Arena Assistant Manager Doug Bauman was promoted to manager on March 10, 2010, following the retirement of long-time Manager Larry Thayer.

over for long-time Arena Manager Larry Thayer, who retired in February 2010. According to Bauman and those around him, the transition has been virtually seamless.

By Marty Doll

Doug Bauman thinks he has the best job a hockey fanatic could possibly ask for, and it's hard to argue. As the new Manager of Edina's Braemar Arena, he spends his entire workday on and around the ice.

The east St. Paul native – who claims his genetic make-up consists of slap shots, hat-tricks and power plays – took

“Larry did a good job to prepare me for this job,” said Bauman, who had been the facility's Assistant Manager for four years prior to his promotion.

From youth leagues to his high school playing days, Bauman says hockey has always been an important part of his life. Growing up, he knew he wanted to find a career in the “hockey business.” His first was as Director of Hockey Operations at Badgerland Civic Center in Spooner, Wis. He later decided to move back to Minnesota and closer to his St. Paul home. His first stop was Braemar Arena.

Bauman was quickly hired on a part-time basis in 1997, and spent much of his time “sharpening skates, scrubbing bathrooms and driving Zamboni.” In 1998, he became a full-time employee. In 2006, he was promoted to Assistant Manager. Now, as the Arena's top brass, he finds himself combining a number of his previous responsibilities with the additional duties of a manager.

“The number one difference has been that I'm more ‘hands-on’ with projects, like the reconstruction of our west arena,” said Bauman, referring to the \$2.66 million renovation of Braemar Arena's main sheet of ice. “I've always been up for a new challenge, and last summer, it was challenging at times.”

“It was an enormous task,” said Edina's Park & Recreation Director John Keprios, who supervises Bauman. “I leaned on him to manage the project, and he

handled it admirably. He had his feet in the fire early on as manager, and he stood up to it very well.”

In addition to managing last summer’s large-scale construction project, Bauman has had to take on an even more active role in the Arena’s day-to-day operations. One of his responsibilities – and something he started doing even before becoming manager – is scheduling ice rentals. On an average day, Bauman says he must plan and oversee approximately 28 hours of ice time between the facility’s three sheets.

“When I work with customers, I truly want to help them find a solution for their needs. I want to help them out,” said Bauman. “All of our customers have been a pleasure to work with. Some days, they may want to rent more ice than I have available – and some days, I want them to rent more ice than they want! Overall, though, we have a great relationship.”

Bauman says scheduling can be one of the more difficult aspects of his job, considering the Arena is home to the Edina High School hockey teams, Edina Hockey Association youth leagues, the Braemar-City of Lakes Figure Skating Club and multiple other organizations.

At least one of the Arena’s primary customers says his organization is more than pleased with the work done by Bauman and his staff.

“Doug has been Larry [Thayer’s] right-hand-man for a number of years,” said Edina Hockey Association Co-President Bob Levy, who has worked with both

Thayer, and now Bauman, on a near-daily basis during the hockey season. “He stepped right in on his first day [as manager], competent and ready to go. There were a lot of challenges this past year because of the west rink construction, but he did a fabulous job of keeping us apprised of the situation.”

As manager, Bauman says he is also now more involved in the financial end of the Arena’s business, including planning the annual budget and its five-year capital improvement plan. He also manages the facility’s three other full-time staff members, including his new Assistant Manager, Patrick Dulaney, whom he promoted from within last April.

Overall, Bauman says he puts in more hours than he did as Assistant Manager – especially during the arena’s busy winter months.

“When I started last February, we were still in the middle of the High School hockey season,” said Bauman. “During games, I’d be here from sun up until 9 or 10 p.m. Someone like me who loves hockey, I don’t complain about it.”

Braemar Arena offers a variety of skating lessons for beginners through advanced skaters, age 4 through adult. For more information, visit www.Braemar-Arena.com.

Braemar's Main Arena Gets Makeover

Just in time for the winter hockey season, a \$2.66 million renovation of Braemar Arena's primary sheet of ice has been completed. Skaters, hockey players and spectators will notice a slight difference in the ice and the arena boards, glass and players' boxes in the west arena. However, the majority of the renovation will go unnoticed as it dealt with the arena's 45-year-old mechanical systems.

The west arena serves as Braemar's primary sheet of ice and is used by several groups, including Edina High School's varsity hockey programs. It was built in 1965 and was operating with its original mechanical ice rink floor and heating and cooling systems before being



Photo by Marty Doll

In November, members of Edina High School's girls varsity hockey team were the first to skate on Braemar Arena's new sheet of ice.

updated last summer and fall. Arena officials decided to proactively replace the system, eliminating the risk of a major and costly ice failure during the hockey season.

"We'll no longer need to keep our fingers crossed that our 45-year-old floor will make it through another season," said Arena Manager Doug Bauman of the renovation. "These changes provide a better product, which will benefit everyone who uses the arena."

Construction began in May with the removal of 18 feet of frost from the ground beneath the ice rink floor. The unanticipated depth of the frost delayed the project a few weeks, but once construction began, Bauman says things went fairly quickly. The project was wrapped up in early November.

A new hybrid dehumidification system was also installed in the facility's west and east arenas. In addition to the mechanical changes, the players' boxes in the west arena were renovated to allow off-ice accessibility and new boards were installed to eliminate "bad bounces" taken by hockey players.

The project was paid for with the sale of \$2.4 million in General Obligation Recreation Facility Bonds and a \$220,000 Federal Stimulus Grant.

"It was challenging at times to keep things on schedule," said Bauman, "but we are very happy with the finished product."

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Edina Dispatch Takes On 9-1-1 Coverage For Golden Valley

By Kaylin Martin

Even though dispatchers for the Edina Police Department have been answering the phones “9-1-1 Emergency” for a few months, it is still natural for a dispatcher to want to answer with “Edina 9-1-1.”

“Habits are hard to break, especially when you’ve been answering the phone ‘Edina 9-1-1’ for as long as some of our dispatchers have,” said Communications Supervisor Laurene Draper, who oversees the dispatch center. “We changed how we were answering the calls as soon as we knew we were going to take on Golden Valley.”

At the end of December, Edina dispatch took over 9-1-1 coverage for the City of Golden Valley, which will save the northwest suburb tens of thousands of dollars a year. Golden Valley paid \$306,000 for dispatch services from St. Louis Park last year.

“[For them] it really just came down to the money,” said Edina’s Police Chief Jeff Long.

Knowing its two-year contract with St. Louis Park was due to expire the end of 2010, Golden Valley put out a call for bids for a new dispatch provider last spring. Edina responded with the lowest estimate of \$178,140 annually in addition to a one-time \$25,000 administrative fee. Golden Valley will also help cover costs of technology and staff upgrades.

“We are only charging what it will cost to implement the service,” said Long, “and nothing more.”

“It will be good experience for the future to see if we can handle an additional city’s dispatch. Because so many dispatch centers in Hennepin County are consolidating, in order to maintain our own center we will likely have to provide dispatching services for more than just Edina.”

On top of upgrades to the software and additional technologies needed to make the implementation possible, that cost included adding three dispatchers to Edina’s team of eight – a task Draper’s team enthusiastically accepted.

More than 350 people applied for the open dispatching positions.

“I know there will be some growing pains and bumps along the road,” said Edina Dispatcher Tony Martin, “but, I love teaching. It will be good to continue to test our skills as well.”

“Overall, as a group, they’re excited,” said Draper before the expansion took place. “There is an underlying nervousness, of course, because it’s a big change and they want to do a good job and provide a good service.”

“I don’t think we could pull this off without having the [dispatch] team in here that we have. I’m really proud of them. They are hard workers and they are really good at what they do.”

Edina’s dispatchers process about 55,000 calls per year using computer-aided dispatching software, while Golden Valley’s call load is around 18,000 calls. Those figures



The Edina Police Department took over dispatching service for Golden Valley at the end of December.

combined, Draper and Long estimate Edina's call load will increase 24 percent, equaling about two extra calls per hour. The majority of calls are expected to take place during the day.

Before the expansion, two dispatchers could sufficiently handle the daytime call load between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in Edina. Adding a third dispatcher will not only help relieve the additional call load from Golden Valley, but also benefit Edina residents by adding an extra dispatcher during peak hours.

Draper says Golden Valley will continue to handle its own clerical work for their officers, such as background

checks and completion of full criminal history packets. She says Edina will also forward all medical calls from Golden Valley to North Memorial, the hospital the city uses for emergency medical services.

"When residents call concerned that this expansion will negatively affect service to Edina, I usually tell them that and it eases their nerves," said Draper about Edina dispatchers not taking on medical calls for Golden Valley.

Long said Edina residents shouldn't see a difference and that they can expect the same quality service they are used to.

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Golden Valley Police Chief Stacy Altonen echoes that statement for Golden Valley residents.

"It's such a behind-the-scenes transition, that besides learning some new features for the technology we use, it will be a seamless transition for the officers and residents [of Golden Valley]," she said.

Operations like this typically take around a year to roll out, said Long, but due to the situation, both cities worked to make the transition in just a few months' time. Even though time was a challenge for both parties, Altonen said planning and preparing for the change was as smooth as possible.

"Every one of my staff, me included, has been impressed with the Edina dispatch operations," said Altonen before the cut-over. "It's well known that they run a great operation. We're really looking forward to being a part of it."

Draper feels the same way about the Golden Valley Police Department.

"If we weren't working with such a great group of people, it wouldn't have been as easy as it has," she said.

With today's economy tightening city budgets and pushing for consolidation, Draper says the department needs to get a little creative when working on ways to save money.

"Because most cities that share dispatch also share a border, it's a little different in that respect," she said of the unique arrangement. "We just have to think outside the box a little bit. Just because we don't share a border doesn't mean we can't provide services that are just as good."

For more information about the expansion, contact Draper at 952-826-0475.

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Domestic Partnerships Recognized By City

By Jordan Gilgenbach

Kristin Peterson and Joan Wallner met in 2007 and have been in a committed relationship ever since. In June, the couple made local history by making a trip to City Hall to become the first to register a domestic partnership in Edina.

This past summer, Edina made the historic move to become the first suburb and fourth Minnesota city to register domestic partnerships. Only Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth had offered a registry previously.

“What a progressive city,” said Wallner. “It’s great Edina recognizes that families look different.”

On June 1, the Edina City Council unanimously approved an ordinance to amend local law to recognize domestic partnerships. The ordinance also gives City employees with a registered domestic partnership the same sick leave and bereavement leave rights as married couples.

“It feels good to be recognized by the City,” said Peterson.

“It says, ‘Hey, we’re normal, too,’” Wallner added.

Peterson and Wallner said they chose to register because it gives them a personal sense of permanence. The couple has made their home in Edina since 2008.

These rights also qualify couples for family rates at City facilities. Previously, the City Code allowed nannies and foreign exchange students to be considered family



Photo by Marty Doll

Joan Wallner and Kristin Peterson became the first couple to register a domestic partnership with the City in June.

members when seasonal passes to some facilities were purchased, but not domestic partners. Now, domestic partners can purchase family memberships at City facilities such as the Edina Aquatic Center.

The City’s policy allows gay and straight couples who are not married or related, are committed to each other and share a home together to pay \$25 to register a domestic partnership. For an additional \$10, the couples will receive a certified copy of their status from the City verifying their commitment.

State law currently prohibits local governments from offering health care and benefits to domestic partners. However, some of Minnesota’s largest companies offer

health benefits for domestic partners. Many of the companies that offer benefits ask for documentation of the relationship. This is where a certified certificate can come in handy.

In September, Edina Community Lutheran Church (ECLC) recognized the City of Edina with its “Good News Award.” The award is meant to honor organizations and individuals who work to expand respect, dignity and equality.

“As a congregation that has fully welcomed persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities for over 25 years, we celebrate this public statement of equality by the City in which we worship and in which many in our congregation reside,” said Lauren Morse-Wendt, Mission and Missionary Developer at ECLC.

Edina’s action has attracted much attention around the state to the issue of same-sex rights. Since the Edina City Council passed the domestic partnership ordinance, at least six other Minnesota cities have approved, are considering or are debating such a registry. Those cities include Moorhead, Rochester, Bloomington, Richfield, Golden Valley and Robbinsdale.

“There has been a great deal of interest from other communities considering such an ordinance since it was approved in Edina,” said Arnie Bigbee, Chairman of Edina’s Human Rights & Relations Commission. “What stands out is that we can be assured all our citizens are being treated fairly.

“We have had a positive response from the community. But, there is still a long way to go on the State level.”

According to the Human Rights Campaign website, www.hrc.org, five states and Washington D.C. honor same-sex marriage: Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. In addition, nine states offer domestic partnerships or some sort of protection for same-sex couples. More than 80 individual counties or cities manage domestic partnership registries.

“Establishing a domestic registry is a public statement of respect and dignity for all citizens,” said Morse-Wendt. “Edina’s passage of the statement itself reflects to our entire state that Edina values each and every one of its citizens.”

To date, five domestic partnerships have been registered in Edina.

“We’re normal. We work. We mow our lawns. Just like everyone else,” said Wallner.

For more information on the work of the Human Rights & Relations Commission, contact Human Services Coordinator Susan Howl, 952-826-0403. For more information on the domestic partnership registry, contact City Clerk Debra Mangen, 952-826-0408.

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Reader Satisfaction Survey



In order to improve *About Town*, your help is needed! We need to know more about our readers' opinions in order to determine what new features to add or what areas we need to focus on to improve the publication.

The Reader Satisfaction Survey below will take just a few minutes to complete. When you have completed the survey, please mail it to: Edina City Hall; Communications & Marketing Department; 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424. You may also complete this survey electronically at www.CityofEdina.com/Communications.

Thank you for your participation!

What are your top three primary sources of information about City government and its activities? (Check three.)

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- City of Edina website
- City mailings
- Edina Community Channel 16/videos
- Edina *Sun-Current*
- Personal observations
- Social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter
- Minneapolis Star Tribune*
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- "Strengthening Our Community"
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- Photo Gallery
- Other: _____

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"You'd be surprised how the pennies add up," said Anne Spooner, staff liaison to the Committee. "The Public Art Committee has been raising more than \$3,000 a year from this program thanks to our generous residents. We hope to increase this amount to \$5,000 per year."

To date, more than 100 residents are donating to the public art program via their utility bill payments.

Some of the public art the Committee has helped fund include the art glass window by artist Michael Pilla, "Raven" sculpture and a permanent collection of Art Dickey's photographs at City Hall. Murals by Bob Ellison in the gyms at the Community Center and a rotating outdoor exhibit at Grandview Square west of the Senior

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Center, and along the Edina Promenade are a few more of the group's projects.

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Anderson Takes Over As Manager Of Braemar Golf Course

By Marty Doll

The classified ad could have read as follows: "Receive one manager with the purchase of any golf dome."

At least that's the way it worked out for Braemar Golf Course. When the City of Edina purchased the then privately owned indoor golf practice facility near Braemar in 1988, Todd Anderson was on its payroll. The City decided to take him on with the dome, and now – 22 years later – he has been named the General Manager of the entire municipal operation.

"He seemed like a natural," said long-time Edina Park & Recreation Director John Keprios. "He has done a great job for us over the years."

Anderson quickly proved to Keprios and then Course Manager John Valliere that his hire had been the right decision. After only two years at Braemar, Anderson was promoted to Assistant Manager, where he began overseeing many of the Course's day-to-day operations. He held that position for 20 years before taking over for Valliere, who retired last August. According to Keprios, it was Anderson's business savvy and ability to work well with his staff and golfers that made him the clear choice to be the Course's next top administrator.

"Todd has good, keen business sense," said Keprios. "He's very familiar with the business, and we're very fortunate to have him with his experience and intimate knowledge of the course."

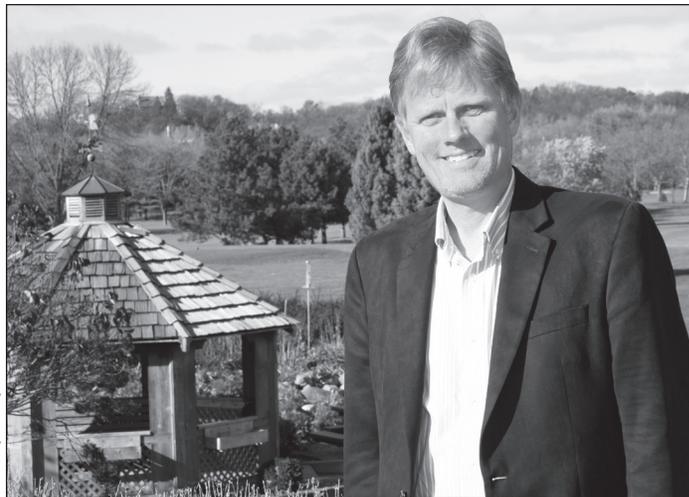


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New Braemar Golf Course General Manager Todd Anderson says his focus is on improving the course and its operations.

"There are not a lot of real big differences," Anderson said modestly of his responsibilities as Manager compared to those of Assistant Manager. "[John] gave me a lot of responsibility while he was here, which made it a lot easier to transition over to manager."

While his day-to-day duties may be similar, Anderson says he does not intend to completely maintain the status quo at the course. As manager, he says he will focus his immediate efforts on improving the condition of Braemar's 27 regulation holes, two 9-hole executive courses, driving range and putting green. Anderson says golfers should have already noticed some of those improvements and will see more come spring.

“Course Superintendent Tom Swenson and his staff have already made a big impact on the playability of our courses by widening fairways and approaches, lowering cutting heights and incorporating a more aggressive mowing schedule [during the golf season],” said Anderson. “We are also exploring more preventative maintenance practices, and will continue to work toward improving things for our patrons.”

Jerry Nystrom, President of the Braemar Golf Association and a representative of the golfers who use the municipal course, says that Anderson was a quiet Assistant Manager, but that he looks forward to seeing how he will handle his new role.

“Todd is very much in tune to people and making sure that their issues get resolved,” said Nystrom. “He was also a three or four handicap [golfer] at one point, so this guy definitely understands the game of golf!”

An Edina resident since age 5, Anderson says golf has been a passion of his since youth. He began playing the game socially at age 10 and competitively at age 12. As a sophomore, junior and senior in high school, he played on the varsity golf team for Edina East. While he didn’t play the game on the collegiate level, he says he is glad that he has been able to make golf a career.

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As the Course’s General Manager, Anderson is tasked with overseeing day-to-day operations, maintaining finances, managing 150 full- and part-time employees and developing and carrying out a strategic plan for the courses future. In addition to his duties at Braemar, Anderson is also a long-time member of the Midwest Public Golf Managers Association, where he serves as a Past President.

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Anderson also considers himself a skilled marketer. With a degree in Applied Design and Marketing from the University of Minnesota, he started his own marketing company out of college. He says he originally took the job at the golf dome, because he saw it as an interesting challenge to market the dome in the off season. Now, as Braemar's manager, he's hoping to incorporate his marketing experience to help promote and grow aspects of the course that he feels are currently underutilized.

"One example is our grill," said Anderson, referring to the little-known food shop in Braemar's clubhouse. "We have great food, and now we serve beer and wine. We have free internet access and a new 63-inch flat screen TV. We've also started having live music out on our deck. We'd like to promote our grill more to draw in non-golfers to our great venue."

In addition, Anderson says he is currently working with his staff in all areas of operation to find out ways the course can be improved. Instead of saying "this is the way it has always been done," Anderson says he'd like to determine "how we can do things better." That, he says, requires a team approach.

"I want to empower our staff – working closely with them more as a 'coach' than a 'boss,'" said Anderson.

Anderson and his wife Leslie live in Edina with their son Geoffrey and daughter Sarah. For more information, visit www.BraemarGolf.com.

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- One of the "Best Places to Live" in the Twin Cities by *Minnesota Monthly* magazine
- One of "America's 100 Best Communities for Young People" by America's Promise Alliance, the nation's largest partnership organization dedicated to youth and children
- One of the "Coolest Suburbs Worth a Visit!" by *Travel+Leisure* magazine

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FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

We hosted or directly sponsored several programs in collaboration with other community groups:

The **Mission Briefing** for veterans and **Edina 4th of July Parade**, chaired by Richard Olson, and the **Fireworks** display that evening, both in cooperation with the City of Edina and with major sponsorship support from Lunds/Byerly's and Fairview Southdale Hospital

The **Torchlight Concert** in Centennial Lakes Park, in cooperation with the First John Philip Sousa Band, directed by Scott Crosbie, with sponsorship support from Fairview Southdale Hospital and Centennial Lakes Partners

An **Edina Dialogue** event, *Our Clean Energy Future*, chaired by Paul Thompson and featuring environmental author Bill McKibben and global explorer Will Steger, in collaboration with the Will Steger Foundation, the Edina Energy & Environment Commission, Cool Planet, Marquette Asset Management and several local sponsors

Edina Reads programs, chaired by Maureen Millea Smith and co-sponsored by the Edina Library and several other community groups, beginning with a panel on *Golf and Literature* (August), followed by authors Kao Kalia Yang (October), Fred Senn (January), Nicole Helget (March) and Jude Nutter and Maureen Millea Smith (June)

The annual **Ikola Cup Golf Tournament**, chaired by Casey Hankinson, to honor long-time EHS Boys Hockey coach Willard Ikola and raise funds for our Ikola Scholarship and a tribute wall to Coach Ikola at Braemar Arena

The annual **Terry Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament**, chaired by Cindy Anderson, to raise funds for Edina and Fairmount High School graduates pursuing college study in photography

Connecting With Kids programs, led by Board chair Mark Peterson and Executive Director Heather Haen Anderson, including the Edina Day of Service and Leadership Breakfast, with funding from Dow Water Solutions and EdinAlarm

Our annual **Ikola Scholarship** award, to 2009 Edina High School graduate John Eppel, who had the highest GPA on the boys hockey team

A **Williams-Overholt Long-Term Care Scholarship** award to Jared Nyansimora for nursing tuition fees at the University of St. Catherine

COMMUNITY GRANTS

We also provided grant funding for many community programs and events hosted by other organizations. Our Board of Directors and staff greatly appreciate the efforts of other individuals and organizations that have provided leadership, volunteer effort and financial support for these many programs. We welcome the opportunity to serve as the charitable giving partner that helps make these programs and Edina's continuing status as an exceptional community possible.

*We have four focus areas for grant making—**Beautifying Our City, Bringing People Together, Enhancing Our Safety and Helping Our Neighbors.** During this last year, we have tried to expand our role in meeting the needs of financially challenged families in the communities, and those grants are italicized below.*

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS: CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SENIORS



Youth volunteers with the Edina spirit

Edina Boy Scout Troop 48 – Fees and camping expenses for Scouts from low income families

Edina Boys' High School Hockey – Community Service Project

Edina Communications Department – Partial production costs for a video highlighting Edina’s selection by *Family Circle* magazine as one of America’s top 10 cities for families

Edina Morningside Rotary Club – *Warm Hands, Warm Heads, Warm Hearts* program operated by member Ted Field, to provide mittens and hats to needy children, and Bike Parade and Polio Plus golf sponsorships

Edina Park & Recreation Department – *Grant-in-Aid program for needy children and families, with major funding from David and Sandra Frauenshuh and our Van Valkenburg Children’s Fund.*

Edina Resource Center – *Summer of Opportunity program to allow low-income middle school youth in Edina Public Schools to attend a YMCA summer camp*, funded by our Van Valkenburg Children’s Fund and available Founders Club program funds, and support for science curriculum enhancement, funded by Dow Water & Process Solutions

Edina Youth Juggling Association – Professional coaching for the International Youth Juggling competition, the composition and recording of a piece of original music for competition team performance, a Winter Juggling Showcase, a Juggling Workshop, end-of-season Juggle Jam and juggling clubs for “The Five of Clubs” group



Student jugglers on stage

LeagueAires – *Free Community Concert funded by our Otto Bang Fund for Seniors, with a special invitation to young adults with special needs and older adults who reside in Edina*

The Works children’s technology museum – TechFest 2010, with major funding from the William D. Radichel Foundation

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER: NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Country Club Neighborhood Association – July 4th breakfast event, wine-tasting party, Christmas holiday party, and June block party

Edina Highlands Neighborhood Association – Neighborhood Night Out, Fall Picnic and common area landscaping expense

50th & France Business & Professional Association – 2009 holiday entertainment, including reindeer and sleigh rides, Edina High School Carolers and Santa’s appearance

BEAUTIFYING EDINA: ENVIRONMENT, MUSIC AND ART

Browndale Park Association – Dutch Elm Disease prevention

Cool Planet – Environmental education programs

Edina Art Center – May Day Celebration, with funding from our Peggy Kelly Memorial Fund; Greer Garden, with funding from Dow Water & Process Solutions; and an Arts Outreach Program and Family Fun 2010

Edina Energy and Environment Commission – representation by member Paul Thompson at the Copenhagen Climate Conference

Edina Park & Recreation Department – Tree-planting and a pilot recycling program funded by Dow Water Solutions, and York Park Baseball Field improvements funded by friends of Timmy Nunn and his family

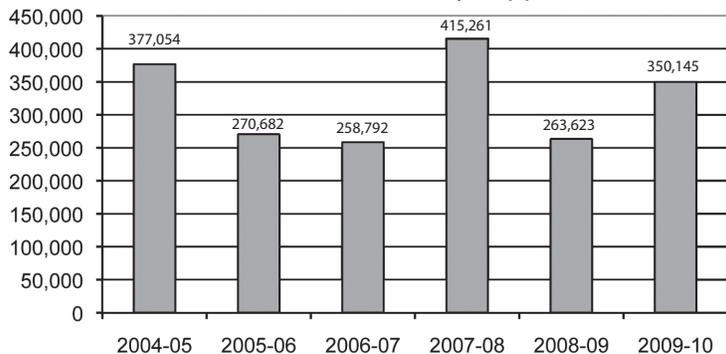
Edina Public Art Committee – Underwriting of the annual Grandview Square Park and Promenade sculpture exhibitions with funds from the Marguerite McNally Estate, and purchase of MinnEco Turtle, a welded steel sculpture by Kathy Gustafson in the Promenade exhibition with funds donated by EPAC members

Edina Senior Center – Annual volunteer recognition lunch and purchase of a watercolor by local artist Doug Lew

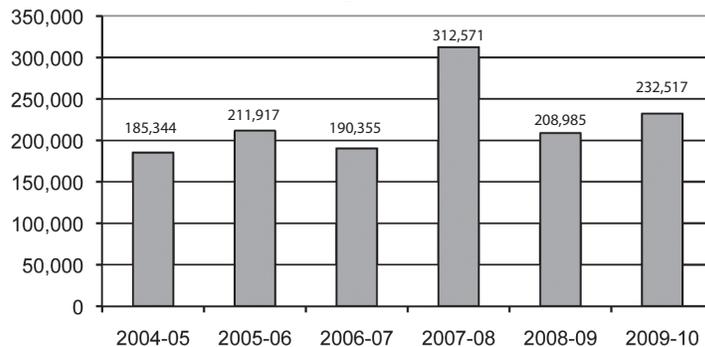
2009-2010 FINANCES

Our total revenue was \$350,145, which exceeded our average for the last five years of \$317, 082. Our program services expenditures of \$232,517 were 82% of our total expenditures of \$285,235, which more than complied with the 70% minimum recommended by the Minnesota Charities Review Council.

2009-10 Community Support



2009-10 Program Services



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For more information about our program, charitable giving opportunities and a list of 2009-2010 donors, contact Executive Director Dick Crockett at 952-833-9573, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina, MN 55436 or edfoundation@ci.edina.mn.us, or review our website at www.edinacommunityfoundation.org.



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After 85 Years Of Serving the Community, Edina Women's Club Still Strong

By Jordan Gilgenbach

The beginning of what has become the City's oldest organized women's group was a December 1925 invitation by Mrs. W.E. Wilder to a group of ladies to plan a Christmas party for the neighborhood children. The Edina Women's Club was established at that gathering and continues to meet today.

The group was originally called "Edina Women of the Country Club." It held its first meeting at Wilder's home in the then-newly developed Edina Country Club District. The neighborhood was developed by Minneapolis realtor Sam Thorpe in 1922 for the purpose of building a community complete with distinctive homes, a club house and an 18-hole golf course.

"Wilder started the club at the new Country Club because she thought the women should know each other," said Betty Pollitt, Edina Women's Club Publicity Chairwoman and Past President. She says the Club's official purpose is to "promote better understanding, deeper friendships and broader culture."

There were 35 charter members of the Women's Club. Mrs. John J. Louis was elected as the club's first president.

"Mrs. Louis left the meeting to check on the plumber working at her home. While she was gone, she was elected president," said Pollitt. She said Louis was chosen, in part, because she had previously been a member of many other charitable organizations. Louis



Edina Historical Society photo

The Edina Women's Club originally included only the women of the Country Club District. Officers selected for 1936 were Mrs. John Forrest, Mrs. Donald Knapp, Mrs. George Strong and Mrs. Leonard Hermann.

served as President from 1925 to 1927. She served a second term between 1937 and 1939.

The Edina Women's Club meets on the fourth Monday of every month except during the summer and in December. Each meeting includes a program. Often, they are educational, but never political. The club has had the same schedule for more than 85 years.

Meetings initially took place in members' homes where they would have lunch. Monthly meetings were moved

to the Country Club when membership reached 200, because they could no longer fit in homes. In 1929, the Country Club was destroyed by fire. Thereafter, members met at St. Stephen's Church for several years. The club continues to hold meetings in churches and the Interlachen and Edina country clubs.

After World War II, the women voted to change the club name to Edina Women's Club and, in 1948, they opened membership to all Edina women. The membership limit was increased to 450 and later to 600.

"After the war, the building boom began and the women in the new parts of Edina heard about the club and wanted to join, too. That was the beginning of the growth of the club," said Club Historian and Past President Beatrice Rasmussen in a recent interview with the *Edina Sun-Current*.

"There were 125 people on the waiting list, and this lasted until the early '90s," said Pollitt. She said of the 600 active members, more than 300 attended monthly meetings. Pollitt served as President of the Women's Club from 1986 to 1987.

Membership began declining in 2000. Pollitt said she thinks the downfall in membership might have been the result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the recent recession. "This saw a lot of women returning to the workforce," she said. "Also, many members are aging and unable to continue being active. And many others who are retiring are moving to distant states." Currently,

the club has about 130 members. Despite the dwindling membership, the club continues to remain active in the community.

Early members have always been encouraged to serve the community in some way. In the club's early years, the women volunteered in the Wooddale School when it opened in 1926 and Boys' and Girls' clubs.

The women also served the Red Cross by making garments and bandages and teaching nutrition and first aid classes. The club has also contributed to Community Fund, Social Welfare, Camp Fire Girls, Brownies, Symphony Orchestra, Disabled Veterans and United Service Organization.

As the club grew, the women were able to do even more for the community. They delivered baskets of food to families in need during Thanksgiving and Christmas. The women also distributed toys to children.

They worked with the men's civic organization to promote Christmas house lighting contests, annual Halloween parties and a Fourth of July celebration that continues today as a parade.

The Women's Club has also given monetary donations to the Edina Library, Edina Historical Society, Edina Art Center, Edina League of Women Voters and Meals on Wheels.

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Edina Women's Club Executive Officers in 2009-2010 were (L to R): Marjorie Jamieson, Gloria Peterson, Clara Engelbert, Kaye Wentzel and Jane Carpenter.

The women began offering scholarships to female Edina students. The first scholarship was awarded in 1950 in the amount of \$50. This was enough to cover expenses for one quarter at the University of Minnesota. In 2010, the club gave four \$1,500 scholarships. The club plans to give four more \$1,500 scholarships in May 2011.

In 1985, the club received a bequest from the estate of Dr. George Eitel in memory of his wife, Wilma, who preceded him in death. Eitel was an active member for many years. The club established the Eitel Scholarship Fund in her honor.

The club received another bequest in 1996 from the estate of Bernadine Lacy, a longtime member and a past president serving 1929 to 1940. Lacy's bequest was to be used specifically for scholarships to deserving Edina females who are Edina residents and graduating from Edina High School.

"She was just a remarkable woman," Pollitt said of Lacy. Lacy died in 1996 at age 109.

Current Edina Women's Club members believe the founders would be proud of how much the club has grown and flourished. They hope the club will continue well into the future.

The Edina Women's Club celebrated its 85th anniversary Sept. 29 at the Edina Country Club. A historical program was presented by Rasmussen and Marci Mattson, Edina Historical Society Executive Director.

For more information on the Edina Women's Club, contact President Clara Engelbert at 952-922-6759.

Bennett, Sprague Elected To Edina City Council



Submitted Photo

Joni Bennett

to the Council in 2006 after serving on the Transportation Commission.

“I am honored by the trust that Edina voters placed in me by re-electing me to the City Council,” Bennett said. “I am very grateful for the opportunity to continue to work on behalf of Edina residents for the next four years.”

Sprague, who was a member of the Transportation Commission, received 7,889 votes.

“It is such a great honor and privilege to serve the people of Edina, and I am so thankful to the many volunteers and supporters who made this year’s campaign a success,” he said. “I truly believe our greatest asset is our residents – talented, educated, highly generous and deeply committed to our community, our education system and our youth. If we can more effectively leverage that asset, I believe we can maintain our tradition of

Joni Bennett and Josh Sprague will take the oath of office as Council Members at the Edina City Council’s first meeting of the year, to be held Jan. 4.

Bennett and Sprague were the top vote-getters in the Nov. 2 General Election. In the race for two City Council seats, Bennett, an incumbent, was the top voter-getter with 10,419 votes. Bennett was first elected

excellence, and continue to innovate and provide the best 21st century city possible.”



Submitted Photo

Josh Sprague

Fairview Southdale Hospital and Edina Public Schools. The City also developed a capital improvement program and received its first triple-A bond ratings.

Other candidates in the election were Todd Fronek, 7,555 votes; Steve Brown, 7,435; Daniel Azar, 1,708; and Timothy D. Kehr, 1,210.

The Edina City Council meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month. For more information about the election or Council meetings, visit www.CityofEdina.com or call City Clerk Debra Mangen, 952-826-0408.

Retired Officer Recalls Shooting 10 Years Later

By Marty Doll

Retired Edina Police Officer Mike Blood says he's lucky.

He has a new granddaughter, he fishes often and he finished first in a charitable golf tournament last fall. While all admittedly simple pleasures, for Blood they are pride-filled accomplishments.

Ten years after being shot and left for dead by an armed bank robber, Blood, 62, says he recognizes how precious life's little moments can be.

"You think about what's important to you," said Blood while recalling the chain of events that took place the snowy November day his life was nearly taken from him. For many, the dozens of surgeries, the years of lingering pain, the countless hours of physical therapy and the frightening memories resulting from a series of near-fatal gunshot wounds could be a source of angst. For Blood, who is simply happy to be alive, they serve as a reason to stay positive.

"Remember," said Blood, "this story has a good ending."

Ten years ago, the story rocked the community – but for Blood, Nov. 16, 2000 began like any other day. Around 6 that Thursday morning, the 23-year veteran of the force reported to work on the Police Department's day-shift. Only 29 working days until his retirement, he went through his typical morning routine before beginning his patrol. Shortly after 10 a.m., a call came in that changed things.

"Our dispatcher came on the air and advised us that there was a bank robbery in progress," said Blood, who learned

an armed assailant was holding-up the First Star Bank on the corner of 69th Street and France Avenue. Only a mile-and-a-half north of the bank at the time of the call, Blood was the first officer to arrive on the scene.

The wily veteran's first instinct was to look for the robber's getaway car, which he found in a parking lot behind the bank. A quick peak inside the suspiciously parked Ford Explorer revealed a duffle bag loaded with guns and ammo. Realizing that the robber was heavily armed, Blood decided to wait for backup. By then, it was already too late.

"[Over my radio] I heard our dispatcher say 'He's going out the backdoor now,'" said Blood. "Two seconds later, the robber stood up from between a couple of cars about 15 feet from my squad. As I turned to look at him, he rotated up an assault rifle."

Before Blood could reach for his own gun, the robber – who was later identified as David L. White, a former police cadet with a history of robbing banks – pulled off



Photo by Marty Doll

Retired Edina Police Officer Mike Blood accepts an award recognizing the injuries he sustained in the line of duty from Minnesota's Military Order of the Purple Heart.

his first round. A bullet went through the passenger side of Blood's squad car and struck him in the hip.

Blood attempted to flee on foot and the robber opened fire again. The second round struck him in his right knee. As the wounded officer fell to the ground, he hit his shoulder on his squad and pinched a nerve, making it impossible for him to reach for his gun.

"I knew I couldn't run and I couldn't protect myself," said Blood. "I saw that the only option was to play dead, and that's what I did."

Blood took a deep breath and held it. The robber shot him twice more through the back. As the armed assailant fled the scene, Blood's colleagues, Sgt. Scott Kuyper and Officers Billie Moir and Jim Rygg, picked up pursuit. Officer Shelby Lane, who had been sworn in as a police officer only eight months earlier, was the first to reach Blood.

"Shelby ended up putting her fist in one of the holes in my back to help keep me from bleeding to death," said Blood.

While Lane and Blood waited for paramedics, the fleeing bank robber opened fire on his pursuers. He was eventually driven off the road in the residential area of 66th Street and Ridgeview Drive, where he was shot and killed by Kuyper.

"Initially after the incident, most of our concern and shock was over Mike Blood's traumatic injuries," said Kuyper, still a member of Edina's Police Department. "We didn't know if he was going to survive."

Although seriously wounded, Blood survived. It took 19 surgeries and seven months in the hospital to repair the damage done by the assault rifle and to remove more than 50 bullet fragments from his body.

"Ten years. I've been working every day," answered Blood when asked how long it's taken him to get to the point where his aching hips and sore leg are able to withstand a round of golf or a morning on the river. "I'm still improving in some ways, although getting older, some things get harder. The reading glasses get a little bit stronger."

Today, through the help of blood and bone donations, Blood is walking on his own two legs. Since the shooting, he's seen his two children get married and recently welcomed his first granddaughter, Lilly, into the world.

Reflecting on his traumatic experience 10 years later, Blood says he is most thankful for the support he received during his recovery – from his wife, Cheri, and his two adult children, the Police Department and the community.

"[After the shooting] I started getting letters from around the community. I think we got over 4,000 cards and letters from people," said Blood. "Here I was, realizing that all those little things I'd done every day [as a police officer] meant a lot to other people. I think I tried to do the right thing while I was working here."

Those who know Blood tend to agree.

Blood was recently recognized by Minnesota's Military Order of the Purple Heart. For more information, contact the Edina Police Department at 952-826-1610.

Business Notes

Two Edina Public School Employees Receive Awards



Submitted Photo

Marsha Buchok

Marsha Buchok, Coordinator of Edina Public School's Center for Adult Education, and Bruce Locklear, Edina High School principal, were each recently recognized for their leadership.

At an annual conference in early November, Buchok received the Minnesota Community Education Association's Outstanding Program Award for the five-week "Out of

Work Camp" program. The intent of the series is to help those who lost their jobs due to tough economic times. More than 500 people have attended the program.

Locklear was selected 2010 High School Principal of the Year by the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals. He was selected for his ability to "exemplify outstanding educational leadership."

Locklear will be recognized at an awards banquet in Washington D.C. He will also be a contender for National High School Principal of the Year among 49 other principals from across the country.



Submitted Photo

Bruce Locklear

Vietnamese Cuisine Served At 50th & France

An Nguyen settled in Minneapolis in 1970 after emigrating from Vietnam and claims to be responsible for introducing Minnesotans to "true Vietnamese" cooking. She opened her first restaurant in the Warehouse District of Minneapolis, then later in Linden Hills. Now, the most recent of her eateries has opened in Edina's shopping and entertainment hub.

Rice Paper, Nguyen's newest Vietnamese restaurant, opened at 50th & France Sept. 20. Rice Paper stays true to the meaning of Nguyen's first name, An, meaning "tranquility." Patrons dine in a calm setting surrounded by cool and shadowy bamboo groves.

One can further relax when eating at Rice Paper knowing the menu was created with health in mind. The traditional Vietnamese recipes have been stripped of the fat and salt that is common to most Asian cooking. Rice Paper focuses on steaming and grilling to heighten the flavors of the food.

Rice Paper is located at 3948 W. 50th St. and is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday. For more information about Rice Paper, call 952-288-2888. For more information about 50th & France, visit www.50thandFrance.com.

Galleria Welcomes Two New Stores

Two new stores are set to open at Galleria in the coming months. Eileen Fisher opened Nov. 18 and is located on the center's south side across from Bissinger's and next to Coach. Lakes Sotheby's International Realty will open in 2011 by Barnes & Noble on Galleria's east lower level.

Eileen Fisher was founded in 1984 and has grown to 44 stores in 14 states. The 2,300-square-foot store offers women's clothing known for lifestyle-oriented, timeless designs. Eileen Fisher's lines use five design values: simple, sensual, beautiful, timeless and functional.

"She designs collections for women who want smart, timeless pieces for their wardrobe; it's an ideal fit for our customers and guests," said Jill Noack, Galleria's Vice President and General Manager. "We're delighted to have Eileen Fisher at Galleria."

Lake Sotheby's International Realty offers both home sellers and buyers alike an internationally respected brand and global exposure. The firm's staff and brokers have extensive knowledge and experience in determining property values and understanding local market forces.

"Lakes Sotheby's has long been affiliated with luxury and quality. Our property's live, work, play lifestyle is a perfect fit for their offices, employees and clients," said Noack.

Jacob Smith, Broker-Sales Manager at Lakes Sotheby's International Realty said they chose the location with

their brokers, staff and clients in mind. "Galleria is convenient, well known, offers coffee shops, restaurants and an assortment of regional and national retailers. It is a perfect fit for our office," he said.

Galleria is located at 69th Street and France Avenue. For more information, visit www.galleriaedina.com.

Southdale Center Hires New General Manager



Laurie VanDalen

Simon Property Group, Inc. promoted Laurie VanDalen as Southdale Center's new Mall Manager in August. VanDalen began with Simon Property Group in 1998 in Wisconsin as an Area Marketing Director at Forest and Memorial Malls. She was later promoted to Director of Mall Marketing at Green Bay's Bay Park Square Mall.

VanDalen oversaw a multi-million dollar renovation and redevelopment of Town Center in Aurora, Colo., when she was appointed Assistant Mall Manager in 2004. From there, she served as Mall Manager in Tyler, Texas, in 2006 where she also had a major role in the renovation of Broadway Square as part of the Renovation Initiative program.

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Until recently, VanDalen has been serving as Mall Manager of the Maplewood Mall in suburban St. Paul. Among other things, she was able to secure major exterior improvements to the center totaling \$5 million at no cost to Simon Property Group. She was named Field Employee of the Year in 2009.

"Laurie's proven track record and passion for our business will be a tremendous asset to the team at Southdale," Simon Property Group said in a written announcement.

VanDalen replaces former Manager Jerry Cohen, who left to pursue other opportunities. She will also continue to serve as Interim Mall Manager of the Maplewood Mall until a replacement is appointed.

For more information about Southdale Center or Simon Property Group, Inc., visit www.simon.com.

Jett Makeup Opens At 50th & France

Jett Makeup, a unique boutique specializing in airbrush makeup and eyelash enhancements, opened at 50th & France Sept. 1.

Jett Makeup was formed in 2007, specializing in onsite eyelash extensions and airbrush makeup application. Amy Presson, owner of Jett Makeup, said 50th & France in Edina was chosen for its first location because Jett Makeup's services complement many of the established beauty, bridal and fashion businesses in the area.

"The 50th & France location draws shoppers from around the Twin Cities and offers a unique shopping experience known for its independent business owners with strong ties to the community," said Presson. "We recognized an opportunity to serve this market by offering airbrush makeup services and eyelash extensions in our state-of-the-art makeup studio."

Jett Makeup has been recognized as the Twin Cities' first eyelash bar. Extensions are offered in synthetic, silk and real mink fur. Jett's team also applies the same airbrush techniques used in film and television industries on local brides, models and public figures.

To learn more about Jett Makeup and its services, visit www.jettmakeup.com.

– **Compiled by Jordan Gilgenbach**



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Keith Downey, Representative – 41A	651-296-4363
Pat Mazorol, Representative – 41B	952-380-7127

Dial 9-1-1 to:

- Report an incident that requires a Police Officer at the scene (assaults, burglaries, domestic disputes, accidents, etc.).
- Summon a paramedic or ambulance.
- Report a fire.
- Report suspicious, criminal activity (alarms, shots fired, shouts for help, sounds of breaking glass, unfamiliar person carrying items from a house, etc.).
- Report a sewer backup or other Public Works emergency that requires immediate attention.

When in doubt or unsure of any situation, call 9-1-1 and the dispatcher will assist you.

Call 952-927-8861 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for general information. If you have a situation after hours or on weekends, but do not require immediate response from a paramedic, firefighter, police officer or Public Works crew, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 952-826-1600.

Photo Gallery

- 1) A young boy tours one of the Edina Fire Department's trucks during the 50th & France Business & Professional Association's annual Pumpkin Festival Oct. 30.
- 2) Mayor **Jim Hovland** explains the Kids Voting Edina ballot to **Ellie Soukup**, 10, and her brother, **Adam**, 7, during the General Election Nov. 2.
- 3) City Council Member-Elect **Josh Sprague** co-chaired the Edina Rotary Foundation Fundraiser & Gala Oct. 29. The theme of the event, which raised nearly \$100,000 for charity, was "Masquerade."
- 4) Edina Art Center Board Chairwoman **Heather Randall King** and Park & Recreation Director **John Keprios** enjoy Taste of Creativity, a fundraiser featuring a silent auction, music and artists' demonstrations.
- 5) Artist **Adama Sow** demonstrates his pottery techniques during the Taste of Creativity, a fundraiser benefitting the Edina Art Center, Public Art Committee and Fairview Auxiliary on Nov. 4.
- 6) **Angie Fugleberg** and **Brett Sovak** were the last couple to be married at the Maetzold Amphitheater at Centennial Lakes Park in 2010.



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