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## About Town Receives State Award

The Minnesota Association of Government Communicators (MAGC) recently presented the City of Edina with awards for its publications *About Town* and *AboutBusiness*. The newsletters were each selected for an Award of Merit

in the "newsletter" category of MAGC's annual Northern Lights Awards competition. Judges made special note of the publications' easy-to-read and useful content and cost-effective use of two-color printing.

The City has been producing *About Town* since 1990 for all residents and most businesses. Introduced in January 2002 as a supplement

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to *About Town*, *AboutBusiness* is a quarterly publication produced to keep Edina business people informed of local government news, activities and programs of importance.

The City was also presented an Award of Merit in the Northern Lights Competition for its City Expo 2002 marketing materials. Similar to an "open house," the biennial

City Expo provides children and families the opportunity to meet their elected officials and learn about City departments, services, programs and facilities.

*For more information on the City's publications or communications projects, contact Communications Director Jennifer Wilkinson, 952-832-6063.*

# JULY 2003

## About Town Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Noon, Children's Music with Bruce Bell, Centennial Lakes Park.  7 p.m., Edina HRA & City Council, Edina City Hall.	<b>2</b> By appointment, Hearing Tests, Edina Senior Center. 7 p.m., Zuhrah Shrine Jolly Nobles, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>3</b> Noon, Hoot & Annie, Centennial Lakes Park. 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	<b>4</b> 10 a.m., July 4 parade.  6:30-10:30 p.m., Edina Art Center Open House. <b>Independence Day. Most City offices closed.</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 2-6 p.m., Zuhrah Shrine Antique Car Show, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Shakespeare in the Park, "Macbeth," Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>7</b> 7 p.m., Brooklyn Community Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>8</b> Noon, Ms. Catherine & Friends, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.	<b>9</b> 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Woodland Symposium, Arneson Acres Park. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Edina Garden Council Garden Tour, begins at Arneson Acres Park.	<b>10</b> 5 p.m., Exhibition opening and reception, Edina Art Center. 7 p.m., AlphaBits Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>11</b> By appointment beginning at 8:30 a.m., Podiatrist Appointments with fee charge, Edina Senior Center.	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 6 p.m., Jim Shannon Strolling Piano, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>14</b> 7 p.m., Medicine Show Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>15</b> 7 p.m., Edina HRA & City Council, Edina City Hall.	<b>16</b> 7 a.m., Recycling and Solid Waste Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Bloomington Medalist Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>17</b> Noon, Mary Hall Show for Pipsqueaks with Pipi the Mouse, Centennial Lakes Park. 3:30 p.m., Time Capsule Dedication, Edina City Hall. 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 7 p.m., Eden Prairie Community Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>21</b> 1-3:30 p.m., MASKS! for ages 9-12, Edina Art Center. 7 p.m., Minnesota Mandolin Orchestra, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>22</b> Noon, Carol McCormick Storyteller, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Human Relations Commission, Edina City Hall.	<b>23</b> 7 p.m., Scott Frasier Guitar Duo, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>24</b> Noon, Wiggle, Jiggle & Jam, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>25</b> By appointment beginning at 8:30 a.m., Podiatrist Appointments with fee charge, Edina Senior Center.	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 7 p.m., Northern Winds Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>28</b> 1-3:30 p.m., Storytelling Through Paint for ages 9-12, Edina Art Center. 7 p.m., Jazz on the Prairie Big Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>29</b> Noon, Bob the Beachcomber, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>30</b> 7 p.m., Hopkins Westwind Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park. 7:30 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.	<b>31</b> Noon, Brodini Comedy Magic Show, Centennial Lakes Park.		

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# AUGUST 2003

## About Town Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 1-4 p.m., Exhibition opening and reception, Edina Art Center. 7 p.m., Minneapolis, Police Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>4</b> 7 p.m., Northstar Barbershop Chorus, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>5</b> Noon, Kristi's Kid Songs, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Edina HRA and City Council, Edina City Hall.	<b>6</b> 7 p.m., Konzelmans, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>7</b> 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m.-noon, Clay Sculpture for ages 4 to 6, Edina Art Center.	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 7 p.m., Stan Bann Big Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>11</b> 7 p.m., Zuhrah Shrine Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>12</b> 1:15-3 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic, Edina Senior Center. 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.	<b>13</b> 7 p.m., Zuhrah Shrine Flames, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>14</b> Noon, Kit & Kaboodle, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Lighthouse Night 7 p.m., Jim Shannon Strolling Piano, Centennial Lakes Park. 8:30 p.m., First John Philip Sousa Band, Edinborough Park.	<b>18</b> 7 p.m., Swing Train Duo, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>19</b> Noon, Wonderful World of Woody, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Edina HRA & City Council, Edina City Hall.	<b>20</b> 7 a.m., Recycling and Solid Waste Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Just Friends Big Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>21</b> 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	<b>22</b> By appointment beginning at 8:30 a.m., Podiatrist Appointments with fee charge, Edina Senior Center.	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 7 p.m., Moonlight Serenaders, Centennial Lakes Park. 8 p.m., Edina Aquatic Center closes for the season.	<b>25</b> 7 p.m., Sentimental Swing, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>26</b> Noon, Magic of Brian Gilbertson, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Human Relations Commission, Edina City Hall.	<b>27</b> 7 p.m., Die Bavarian Music Meisters, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>28</b> Noon, Will Hale & the Tadpole Parade, Centennial Lakes Park. 8 p.m., Splash Jam, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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# SEPTEMBER 2003

## About Town Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Labor Day observed. Most City offices closed.  Edinborough Park play structure opens.	<b>2</b> 7 p.m., Edina HRA & City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Jim Berner, Edinborough Park.	<b>3</b> By appointment, Hearing Tests, Edina Senior Center. 5-8 p.m., Fall skating class registration, Braemar Arena.	<b>4</b> 5 p.m., Exhibition opening and reception, Edina Art Center. 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Fall classes begin at the Edina Art Center.	<b>9</b> 1:15-3 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic, Edina Senior Center. 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> By appointment beginning at 8:30 a.m., Podiatrist Appointments with fee charge, Edina Senior Center.	<b>13</b> 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fall into the Arts Festival, Centennial Lakes Park.
<b>14</b> 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fall into the Arts Festival, Centennial Lakes Park.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7 p.m., Edina HRA & City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Claire Van De Crommert, Edinborough Park.	<b>17</b> 7 a.m., Recycling and Solid Waste Commission, Edina City Hall.	<b>18</b> Noon, Ms. Catherine & Friends, Edinborough Park. 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 7 p.m., First Friends Big Band, Edinborough Park.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7 p.m., Dr. Tone & the Rhythm Thang, Edinborough Park. 7 p.m., Human Relations Commission, Edina City Hall.	<b>24</b> 8 a.m., Senior Advisory Council, Edina Senior Center. 7:30 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10 a.m., Great Duck Chase, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Edinborough Park.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7 p.m., Armenian Dance Ensemble, Edinborough Park.				

## Summer Calendar Highlights

### OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- July 1** 1-3:30 p.m., Print-Making for children ages 9-12, Edina Art Center.
- July 8** 1:15-3 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic, Edina Senior Center.
- July 9** 7 p.m., Bloomington Medalist Band, Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 17** 1-3:30 p.m., Explore Art for children ages 4-6, Edina Art Center.
- Aug. 17** Ironkids Triathlon, Edina Aquatic Center.
- Sept. 12** By appointment beginning at 8:30 a.m., podiatrist appointments with fee charge, Edina Senior Center.

### GARDENS OF DISTINCTION

- What:** The Edina Garden Council will hold its biennial Garden Tour, dubbed "Gardens of Distinction." The cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For advance tickets, contact any Garden Council member. Tickets can be purchased after 9:30 a.m. the day of the tour at Arneson Acres Park.
- When:** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. July 9
- Where:** The tour begins at Arneson Acres Park, 4711 W. 70th St.
- Info:** 952-941-9589

### LIGHTHOUSE NIGHT

- What:** Started by the Edina Model Yacht Club, Lighthouse Night has become an annual event at Centennial Lakes Park. More than 100 Tiki Torches will burn behind the Centrum and the park's special lighting will be highlighted.

- When:** Sunday, Aug. 17
- Where:** Centennial Lakes Park, 7499 France Ave. S.
- Info:** 952-832-6789
- At 8 p.m., there will be open boating in the Central Pond for model yachts. Jim Shannon will play the "strolling piano" at 7 p.m. The First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band will perform in the amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. At dusk, the boats from the Model Yacht Club will light up the lake. Interior cockpit and cabin lights, searchlights and floodlights will shimmer off the water. The backdrop will be a floating and fully operational scaled model of a lighthouse.

### FALL INTO THE ARTS FESTIVAL

- What:** As summer draws to a close, people will start thinking about fall and winter – holiday gift-giving, back-to-school shopping, fall and winter entertaining and indoor décor, rustic accessories and glittering jewelry. More than 125 talented artists from around the Midwest will display and sell their work at the first ever Fall into the Arts Festival at Centennial Lakes Park. The arts festival will also feature favorite fall foods and entertainment, children's activities and artist demonstrations. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Edina Crime Prevention Fund.
- When:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14
- Where:** Centennial Lakes Park, 7499 France Ave. S.
- Info:** www.FallintotheArtsFestival.com

## A Word From The Mayor

*"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."*—Will Rogers

With motivational phrases like those in mind, the Edina City Council recently began reviewing its long-range plan, "Edina's Vision 20/20." Crafted three years ago, Edina's Vision 20/20 is a long-term vision for the City and a short-term strategic plan of three to five years. The plan included nine objectives, or goals. I am pleased to report that we have accomplished many of those goals. Among our accomplishments:

- Objective No. 1:** Maintain strong residential neighborhoods.
- Affordable and life-cycle housing opportunities have been encouraged with the preservation of affordable housing units at Oak Glen and development of Grandview Square.
  - A Local Traffic Task Force was created to study ways to reduce non-local, cut-through traffic. The task force recently completed its study and issued a report to the City Council.

- Objective No. 2:** Provide a level of City services that sets Edina apart from other communities.
- To attract and retain competent employees who are key to delivering exceptional services, the City has enhanced employee benefits and created internal appreciation and recognition programs.
  - The City is constantly adapting its services to meet the changing demographics of the community.

- Objective No. 3:** Provide capital investments that balance need and affordability
- The Grandview Square redevelopment project was completed, which facilitated the relocation of the Edina Community Library and construction of Edina Senior Center.
  - A new Edina City Hall and police facility is under construction.
  - A five-year Capital Improvement Program has been put into place and updated annually.
  - The City received an Aaa bond rating from Moody's Investors Services and AAA bond rating from Standard & Poor's – the highest ratings possible.

- Objective No. 4:** Accommodate the efficient movement of people and goods in and around Edina.

- The Edina Dial-A-Ride program was initiated.
- The City played a major role in the Dan Patch Corridor Commuter Rail Study to ensure fair consideration of its positive and negative effects on the community.

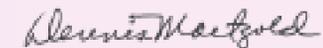
- Objective No. 5:** Take an active role in future redevelopment strategies.
- An amended Comprehensive Plan was adopted that includes a redevelopment element.
  - The City has acquired properties key to redevelopment of the Wooddale and Valley View commercial area.

- Objective No. 6:** Facilitate the evolution of Southdale and environs into a premier shopping, business and health care center.
- The City supported the expansions of Southdale Center and Fairview Southdale Hospital.

- Objective No. 7:** Develop a stronger working relationship with Edina Public Schools.
- The City is a very active participant in the school district's youth asset-building initiative "Connecting With Kids."

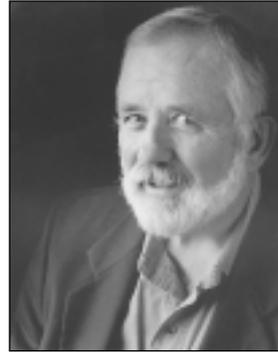
- Objective No. 8:** Match the City's technological capabilities with the needs and desires of residents and business people.
- The City's website, www.cityofedina.com, was redesigned and e-commerce implemented.
  - In connection with the construction of Edina City Hall, the City will install the infrastructure needed to televise City Council and major commission meetings.

The ninth objective was to "continually update and refine Vision 20/20." This spring, the City Council began discussing potential revisions. Later this year, we hope to provide residents with the updated plan. I am confident that the updated plan will ensure Edina continues to be "the preeminent place for living, learning, raising families and doing business."



Dennis F. Maetzold  
Mayor

# New City Hall's History Dates Back To 1888



**By Joe Sullivan, Freelance Writer and Edina Resident**

As this edition of *AboutTown* goes to press, construction of Edina's new, combined City Hall and Police Department – located next door to the existing City Hall on the former site of the Edina Community Library – is rapidly moving toward completion. After a dedication

this fall, the City's administrative offices and the police department will move from crowded conditions in the current City Hall to the building. After that, the 50-year-old existing building will be razed and the space it now occupies will become a much needed, enlarged parking lot.

The history of Edina's City Hall dates back to 1888, when the community seceded from Richfield Township. Shortly after its incorporation, the residents of the new village voted to name it "Edina." (According to *Edina – Chapters in the City's History* by Deborah Morse-Kahn, "Edina" was a nickname for Edinburgh, Scotland, that appeared in a poem by Scottish poet Robert Burns.) One of the newly elected Village Council's first tasks was to find a place to meet.

## **Minnehaha Grange Was Edina's First Village Hall**

For \$25 a year, the Village Council rented the hall of Minnehaha Grange No. 398 for its meetings, elections and other civic affairs. Originally on the southeast corner of

today's West 50th Street and Wooddale Avenue, the Grange Hall remained the headquarters of the tiny village for the next 54 years.

Morse-Kahn described the Grange in her book, "Although the Grange, a fraternal organization, was somewhat mysterious to many city dwellers, it was clear that its hall was the center of a busy social life at the nucleus of the village."



Edina Historical Society photo

*The Edina Village Council met at the Minnehaha Grange Hall from 1888 to 1942. Today, the restored Grange Hall is next to the one-room Cahill School in the historic park at Minnesota Highway 100 and Eden Avenue.*

In 1935, the Grange Hall was moved to 50th and Normandale Road to make way for construction of St. Stephen the Martyr Episcopal Church. In 1968, the State purchased the second Grange Hall site for a new Minnesota Highway 100 interchange at 50th. Today, the restored Grange Hall is located in the nearby historic park on Eden Avenue and Highway 100.

## **Village Hall Proposed In 1935 Was Never Built**

An article in the October 1935 issue of *The Crier* reported that the Village of Edina had applied that year for financial aid from the federal Public Works Administration to build a proposed Village Hall and "community house." The proposed building was planned for the site of the so-called "yellow brick" elementary school, erected in 1887 on the site of today's City Hall on land that had been deeded to Edina School District 17 by pioneer Edina farmer and businessman Andrew Craik.

The cost of razing the vacant school building and leveling the property was estimated at \$12,000, of which only about \$1,500 would have been borne by the Village. The proposed brick and concrete building was to be 88-by-116 feet. A Council room would have provided space for Council meetings as well as storage of Village records, which were being kept in the homes of Village officials. Brick, lumber and flooring salvaged from demolition of the school were to be used in the new, two-story building.

The building was never built. There is no record of why, but one possibility is that the requested federal funding, which would have represented the bulk of the project's financing, was not secured.



Edina Historical Society photo

*Edina's first Village Hall was built in 1942-46 on the same site as today's City Hall at 4801 W. 50th St. The crowded, barracks-like Village Hall was razed in 1954 to make way for a new Village Hall and fire station.*

## **Edina Builds Partially Completed Village Hall In 1942**

Almost a year after the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor brought the United States into World War II, Mayor Earle C. Sharpe announced the opening of Edina's first Village Hall and police station. It was a capped basement erected on 50th across from the golf course of the Thorpe Country Club, later renamed the Edina Country Club. The land was deeded to the Village in 1938 by School District 17 for \$1,000.

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A November 1942 *Minneapolis Tribune* article described the partially completed Village Hall, “Because of wartime building restrictions, the new hall is only the basement of the structure Village fathers planned. Cost of the structure was \$4,950. It provides a meeting room for the Council and offices for Village police, engineer, recorder and assessor.”

In 1946, after the war, the above-ground portion of the frame building, which looked like one of the three-bedroom rambler houses being built nearby in former farm fields, was completed.

**Current City Hall Was Built In 1953**

In the early 1950s, Village departments were expanding to keep up with the former sleepy, mostly rural community’s



*April 28, 1954 – moving day. Village employees moved boxes through the front entrance of the new Village Hall. Note the original Village Hall in the background.*

Minnesota Historical Society photo

development into a metropolitan suburb. On July 23, 1951, the Edina Village Council appointed a citizens’ committee, headed by Harold C. Utley, to investigate the possibility of constructing a larger municipal office building.

The citizens’ committee recommended that the new building be built on the same site as the 1942 Village Hall. A land swap was arranged with American Legion Post No. 471, then located on Eden Avenue next to the first Village Hall. Two small parcels of Legion Post land, needed for the new Village Hall, were deeded to the Village. In return, the Village deeded to the Legion a small parcel that encroached on Village property and another 40-foot-wide strip abutting the Legion’s property, which was to be used as a parking lot.

The citizens’ committee plan proposed that the building be financed mainly with \$135,000 of profits from the Edina Municipal Liquor Store, then located on 50th near France Avenue. After approving that recommendation, the Village Council hired two local architectural firms – McEnary & Krafft and Lang & Raugland – to design the proposed building.

A \$274,000 general contract for construction of the building was awarded to C.O. Field Co., Minneapolis. Village officials in charge of the project were Village Manager & Engineer Sidney R. Mitchell and his assistant Richard E. Olson.

Construction began July 1, 1953, and was completed May 1, 1954. The building provided offices for the Village’s departments – engineering, building inspection, plumbing inspection, utilities and property assessment – plus a large



Edina Historical Society photo

*The present City Hall was completed in 1954. Note the fire station at right and its tower for drying fire hoses.*

drafting room, a walk-in vault and an auditorium, plus police and fire stations.

**Time For A Change? Edinans Approved A New Form Of Government In 1954**

About the time the new Village Hall was nearing completion, a new challenge was delivered to Edina’s voters. A survey entitled “The Citizens’ Report on Government Revision” pointed out that Edina, then a municipality of nearly 17,000 residents, was being governed under a form of government most often used by communities with as few as 100 people.

The March 11, 1954 *Edina-Morningside Courier* reported that Edina’s government operated “under the ‘standard village plan’ defined by Minnesota Statutes in 1949.” A citizens’ committee recommended that Edina move to a “Minnesota

Plan B” council-manager type of government that would require a full-time village manager, clerk and treasurer.

The citizens’ report concluded, “... community understanding and backing, a cooperative Council and a trained and experienced manager will bring countless improvements and give greater value to the tax dollar.”

In a Sept. 15, 1954 election, Edina voters approved the recommendation – by a margin of 2,677 to 530 – a change to the council-manager form of government, which is still in force.

**Warren Hyde Hired As First Full-Time Village Manager**

Not long after its new form of government was approved, a search began for the “experienced manager” described in the 1954 citizens’ committee report. The top candidate was Warren Hyde, whose credits included experience as a city manager in Janesville, Wis.; Albert Lea, Minn.; Western Springs, Ill; and East Cleveland, Ohio. On May 1, 1955, Hyde assumed the duties of Sidney Mitchell,



*Warren Hyde managed Edina as a mostly-rural village until 1977, when it was one of America’s three or four outstanding smaller cities.*

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the former Village manager and engineer who had resigned three months earlier.

In 1960, Hyde, with the assistance of his wife Janet (who was Morningside's village clerk at the time) helped reunite Edina and Morningside after the two communities had existed as separate villages for 40 years after separating in 1920.

In 1977, after more than 22 years as Edina's manager, Hyde retired and was succeeded by Ken Rosland. Hyde moved to Sanibel Island, Fla., where he died in 1988, at age 75.

Former Edina Mayor Jim VanValkenburg honored him, saying "Warren Hyde presided over the 'bricks and mortar' period of Edina's growth. An essentially rural village acquired the infrastructure of streets, sewer and water services on the way to becoming a metropolitan suburb."



Ken Rosland worked for Edina from 1957 to 1998, 21 years of which he was the City Manager.

Rosland retired in 1998 and Assistant City Manager Gordon Hughes, a long-time City employee who began work in the early 1970s as environmental planner, was named city manager.

### Update On Recent City Hall Developments

The initial concept for the new City Hall now under construction called for remodeling the current building and moving the Police Department from its overcrowded quarters on the lower level of the existing building into the 1968 Edina Community Library. (The library was already planning to relocate in the new multi-use building at 5280 Grandview Square -- a move that took place last fall.) The cost of remodeling the library building for City use was estimated at \$3.7 million.

In November 2001, Boarman Kroos Vogel (BKV) Group, a Minneapolis architecture and engineering firm, presented



Photo by Polly Norman

Gordon Hughes, Edina's City Manager since 1998, joined the City staff in 1974 as Environmental Planner.

<i>Edina: Rural Village to Suburban City - 1955 to 2003</i>		
	1955	2003
Residents	17,000	47,620
Employees	50-60	256
Operating Budget	\$440,308	\$22.2 million

to the City Council its recommendations for remodeling the current City Hall. BKV indicated that remodeling would require several improvements to meet current building standards. In addition, costs would be incurred to relocate City Hall offices while renovations were under way. They estimated the total construction cost of renovating City Hall, not including moving expenses, at \$4.8 million.



On hand for the Nov. 15, 2002, official groundbreaking for Edina's new City Hall and public safety building were City Manager Gordon Hughes and four members of the Edina City Council.



The exterior of Edina's new, dual-purpose City Hall and police station is lannon stone with copper trim. A modernistic portico accents the front entrance. Two stories of glass make the main lobby fully visible from the outside.

In February of 2002, when bids for renovation of the library exceeded the established budget by 10 percent, officials advised the Council that remodeling City Hall was also likely to be very costly. At that point, it became evident that renovation costs on both projects were approaching the cost of building a single, dual-purpose building.

In May 2002, based on the following criteria, the City Council agreed to consider a design for a combined City Hall and police station to be built on the former site of the Community Library:

- Construction costs
- Added efficiency of having both City Hall and police department functions in the same building
- More space for parking
- No need to relocate City Hall operations while current building was being renovated

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Last summer, Adolfsen & Peterson, Minneapolis, was named construction manager of the project. It was assigned to work with BKV to develop cost estimates on a new, dual-purpose, City Hall/police station building. Construction cost of the 57,000-square-foot facility is estimated at \$10.4 million and the project will be paid for with lease revenue bonds sold in December 2001. Construction began last November. Completion of the new City Hall and police station is scheduled for December.

Hughes is enthusiastic about the new City Hall/police station. "The present building is not up to today's standards," he said. "Everybody at City Hall has tried for years to work around the crowded conditions, but the time has come to build a modern up-to-date building that will handle the City's needs. We hope the new City Hall will continue to serve the community as well as the present one has served for the last 50 years."

*Background material and photographs for this article came from the archival collections of Edina Historical Society; Minnesota Historical Society; Village of Edina; personal recollections of Bill Hansen, Ken Rosland, Eric Anderson and Gordon Hughes; and the following publications: Minnehaha Grange #398 - 1873-1993; Edina - Chapters in the City's History by Deborah Morse-Kahn; The History of Edina, Minnesota by Paul D. Hesterman; 150 Years of Edina Life, by Deborah Morse-Kahn; Edina: A Survey, by the Edina League of Women Voters; Minneapolis Journal; The Crier; Minneapolis Tribune; Minneapolis Star; Edina-Morningside Courier; Edina Sun and Edina Sun-Current.*

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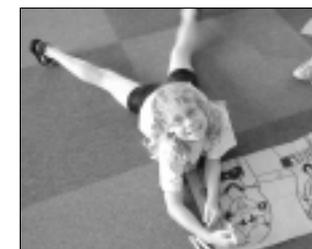
# Hot Happenings In Park And Recreation

Summer is here and the City of Edina's Park and Recreation Department has planned many events and activities for you and your children.

## Playground Program

Children ages 6 to 10 are able to play and complete special activities at many local parks through the summer Playground Program. Check your 2003 *Activities Directory* or the City website, [www.cityofedina.com](http://www.cityofedina.com), for dates and locations.

Countryside Park will be the home site for youth ages 9 to 12 years old. Older youth can hang with their friends, play games and participate in special events just for them. Staff will make up new games and play old favorites. Arts and crafts will also enhance the day.



*Playground program.*

*Cost is \$21 per participant per six-week session. Register online or at City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St. For more information, call 952-826-0367.*

## Nature Camp

Discover the wonderful world of nature in an urban setting. A four-day camp will be held July 28-31. Children entering kindergarten or first grade will meet from 9 a.m. to noon. Children entering grades two through five will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. Both camps will be held at Rosland Park (formerly Lake Cornelia Park). Campers will explore a new theme each day, learning about wildlife that flies, creeps, crawls and swims.

*Cost is \$55 per person. Register online or at Edina City Hall. For more information, call 952-826-0367.*

## Healthy Hornets

Healthy Hornets is a new summer program designed for families to explore Edina's parks. The interactive program began in May, but families can join in now and participate independently as their schedules allow. After completing activities online at [www.cityofedina.com](http://www.cityofedina.com), participants receive lists of places to visit at local parks. Participants will visit the parks and try to find 10 hidden Healthy Hornets to win prizes and an invitation to a special event!

There is no cost to participate. For more information, visit the City's website or call Recreation Supervisors Donna Tilsner, 952-832-0432, or Susie Miller, 952-826-0433.

## Reserve A Park

Buildings at Todd, Cornelia School, Weber and Walnut Ridge parks are available for rent for birthday parties, small reunions, neighborhood meetings and other events. These are pleasant buildings with clean restrooms and easy parking.

*For more information or to rent a building, call the Park and Recreation Department at 952-826-0367.*

## Braemar Ice Arena

Registration for fall skating lessons will be held Wednesday Sept. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Arena, 7501 Ikola Way. Classes begin in mid-September and end in late October.

*For more information on skating lessons or public skating times, visit the Arena's website, [www.braemar-arena.com](http://www.braemar-arena.com), or call 952-941-1322.*

# VEAP Continues Back-to-School Program



Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP) needs your help in giving our neighborhood children the opportunity to start the school year with the basic supplies necessary for a good education.

VEAP's Back-to-School Program provides every child in need with a bag of basic school supplies, plus a backpack or calculator

and a \$15 gift certificate with which to buy socks and underwear or another clothing item. Last year, more than 1,250 children received supplies. Based on statistics from its other programs, VEAP officials expect a similar double-digit percentage increase in usage this year.

VEAP distributes items valued at an average of \$60 per pre-registered child to ensure that he or she has the basic tools necessary to start the school year off right. You can make a real difference in a child's education by donating some of the items on the wish list below; donating gift certificates from Herberger's, Kohl's, Marshall Field's, TJ Maxx, Southdale Center, Target or Wal-Mart; or by sponsoring a child with a monetary donation.

## VEAP's Back-to-School Wish List:

Backpacks	
Scientific calculators	
Spiral notebooks	Wide- and college-ruled
Loose-leaf paper	Wide- and college-ruled
Rulers	12-inch with metric measurements
Scissors	Metal Fiskars with sharp point
Folders	Two-pocket, solid basic colors
Markers	Water-based and non-permanent
Pencil boxes	Or zippered pencil pouches
Colored pencils	Full-size and solid colors
Erasers	Full-size
No. 2 pencils	Packages of 8-10
Glue	Elmer's white
Glue sticks	
Highlighters	
Ink pens	Blue or black ink only

VEAP, which serves the communities of Edina, Bloomington and Richfield, cannot accept donations of used items.

Donations should be sent to the VEAP office, 9731 James Ave. S., Bloomington, by Aug. 21. Collection sites will be set up in the community by July 29. Volunteer opportunities begin Aug. 1. Donated items will be distributed during the last week of August.

*For more information, contact VEAP at 952-888-9616, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.*

# Edina Community Foundation Appoints New Executive Director

The Edina Community Foundation Board of Directors recently hired Richard B. Crockett as Executive Director.

An Edina resident and Stanford Law School graduate, Crockett is a member of the Gray Plant Mooty law firm in Minneapolis. He joined the firm in 1999 after 30 years of providing a broad range of legal services to colleges and universities, first as in-house counsel at North Dakota State University in the 1970s and 1980s, then with a law firm in Syracuse, N.Y.



Photo by Polly Norman

*Richard B. Crockett was recently named Executive Director of the Edina Community Foundation.*

He has participated in many community non-profit organizations and foundations in North Dakota, New York and Minnesota through board leadership positions, as legal counsel and as a volunteer consultant on organizational development and strategic planning issues. Among the foundations he has been involved with are the Fargo Moorhead Area Foundation, North Dakota State University Development Foundation, Central New York Community Foundation, SUNY ESF College Foundation and Gray Plant Mooty Foundation.

"Dick Crockett, by education, training and experience brings a wealth of talent and ability with which to serve the Edina Community Foundation," said Foundation President James B. Hovland. "He has a keen interest in Edina, and I know his enthusiasm, skills and leadership qualities will help build our community foundation to the level where it can make Edina an even better place to live, learn and raise families for many generations to come."

Crockett continues his position at Gray Plant Mooty while taking on his new position at the Foundation. He succeeds interim Executive Director Patricia A. Tucker, who will continue to serve the Foundation as Development Officer. Tucker is past president of the Edina Chamber of Commerce and is a current board member of Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People.

The Foundation's objective is to respond to emerging and changing community needs by providing financial assistance and support for academic programs, age-appropriate teen activities and senior-related projects. In addition, the Foundation fosters partnerships with community service organizations that provide vital links between various segments of the community.

"I'm looking forward to working with the Board and other friends of the Foundation in identifying needs in our city and then developing and allocating funds to meet those needs," said Crockett.

*The Edina Community Foundation office is located at 5280 Grandview Square. For more information or to donate, call 952-833-9573.*

# Historical Society Executive Director To Retire

How did Edina get its name? Who were some of the leaders of the community in the late 1800s? What pioneer women made a significant impact on the community? In what sport did Edina win its first high school championship?

Six years ago, Kay Wetherall probably wouldn't have been able to answer all of those questions. She readily admits that she didn't know much about the community's history when she started as executive director of the Edina Historical Society in 1998.

After much on- and off-the-job reading and research, today she is considered an expert on Edina's past.

"There is a lot to learn about Edina's history," said Wetherall, a native of Minneapolis. "When I first started, I thought Edina was just another suburb. No! Edina has a history and a deep one at that."

The Edina Historical Society was formed in 1969 by a group of volunteers committed to preserving the artifacts and records of the community's history. In 1991, the Society opened the Edina Historical Museum at Arneson Acres Park, 4711 W. 70th St. Marion Hanson was hired that year as the group's first executive director.

The Society also operates the Edina Historical Center at Frank Tupa Park, 4918 Eden Ave. The site includes two restored historic buildings: the one-room Cahill School built in 1864 and the Minnehaha Grange Hall built in 1879. The park and buildings are open by appointment and on special occasions. In addition, the Cahill School provides a living

museum for elementary students who come daily during the school year to experience life in a turn-of-the-century country school.

Since Wetherall joined the Historical Society six years ago, hundreds of photographs and artifacts have been accessioned, publication of a quarterly newsletter began, a video has been produced and the Society has become more involved in the local schools. In addition, Wetherall's responsibilities have included taking visitors through the galleries, assisting researchers, mounting exhibits, overseeing the budget and handling correspondence for the Board of Directors.

Among Wetherall's favorite exhibits during her tenure were those centered on dolls, Edina's pioneer women, 50 years of high school athletics and the life of Dave Moore.

"It's fun knowing so much about a community," she said. "It



Photo by Polly Norman

Kathleen "Kay" Wetherall will retire this month as executive director of the Edina Historical Society.

is a lovely thing how the community developed – it's really a microcosm of the whole Western movement. Edina started as soon as [the settlers] crossed the river. It was a very small farm community and has evolved into a very sophisticated suburb."

Edina Historical Society board members are very complimentary of Wetherall's work. "Kay brings an enthusiasm to the Edina Historical Society and the history of Edina," said President Bob Kojetin. "She is really the first person to bring the museum and the Society out into the community. Before Kay came along, the Edina Historical Society was really just a group of caretakers. Kay brought our initiatives to the public and got people really excited about Edina's history."

Despite her love for Edina and its rich history, Wetherall, 71, will retire this month. "I've been in the workforce for 55 years," she said. "I want to write, research and be free. I want to go to all of [my seven granddaughters'] dances, all of the girls' soccer games, all of the girls' choir concerts. And I'll read like a maniac."

Members of the Edina Historical Society will miss Wetherall's dependability and enthusiasm for her work. "We will miss knowing she is always there, ready to do whatever she can to further the history of the community" Kojetin said. "Our next executive director will have big shoes to fill."

The Board of Directors is seeking candidates for Wetherall's position who are willing to work a minimum of 10 hours per

week at the museum. Qualifications include computer skills and some experience in business, history or museum science. Resumes should be sent to Kojetin at the Edina Historical Museum, 4711 W. 70th St., Edina, MN 55435.

The Edina Historical Museum is open 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and by appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 952-928-4577.



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# Construction Begins On Indoor Play Structure

One of the largest indoor play structures in the state will reach toward the lofty ceiling of Edina's Edinborough Park. Installation of the "contained play structure" is scheduled to begin early this month.

Towering 34 feet above the ground, the play structure, completely enclosed in nylon mesh netting, will incorporate more than 40 play elements including seven slides, a trolley glide, an air bounce, suspension bridge, cargo climbs, tube crawls and several mazes.

Built by the International Play Company, the 40-by-40-foot structure has a listed capacity of more than 300 children.

"We have been extremely happy to see how much play value has been built into this structure," said Park Manager Tom Shirley. "For the past 15 years, park patrons have asked for a larger play area with more amenities. Now they will have it."

The play structure is the first major improvement to the innovative public park since its opening in 1987. The play structure is being built on the site of the park's ice skating rink, which was decommissioned in May. Other park amenities include a swimming pool, track and exercise area, amphitheater, grotto and great hall. Some of the most striking elements of the park are its 6,000 trees, plants and flowers.

"The aesthetics of the park have always been important to us," noted Shirley. "We felt it essential that the new structure blend into the park environment as much as possible and not detract from the surroundings. The



designers of the new structure did a great job in meeting that goal."

The new indoor play structure is scheduled to open Sept. 1. The structure, like the ice rink that preceeded it, will be fee-based. Although fees and charges are yet to be approved by the Park Board and City Council, tentative plans call for a \$4 daily admission.

*For more information about the park or the new play structure, call Shirley, manager of both Edinborough and Centennial Lakes parks, at 952-832-6788.*

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

## Garage Sales

Garage or yard sales are a great way to clean out your house, meet your neighbors and make some extra money. If you plan to have a sale at your home this year, please be aware of the following rules.

- You may conduct only one sale per year at your home, lasting no more than 72 consecutive hours.
- Items offered for sale must be owned by the owner of the premises or by friends of the owner.
- Items offered for sale must not have been bought for resale or received on consignment for the purpose of resale.
- Signs may be erected on the premises where the sale is No signs may be posted on the road right-of-way (the City-owned property 15 feet in from residential curbs) or on telephone poles.

*Information: Associate Planner Joyce Repya, 952-826-0462.*

## Signs

Signs can negatively impact the aesthetics in an area and, in some cases, pose a safety hazard. As a result, most portable signs are prohibited in the City of Edina.

Contractors are allowed to erect a portable sign no larger than six square feet on property where work is being done. However, the sign must be removed when work is complete. A sign may not be posted when the contract is signed unless the work commences immediately. A lawn care company may erect a sign in a yard being mowed, but it must be taken down before the contractor leaves for the day.

Real estate signs are not considered "portable" under the Edina City Code. Those signs are addressed in another section of the Code.

Campaign signs are the only signs allowed in the public right-of-way. The dates such signs can be put up are restricted and can be done only with permission of the abutting property owner.

*Information: Associate Planner Joyce Repya, 952-826-0462.*

## Dumping In Parks

Edina's parks are among the community's treasures. Unfortunately, those treasures are sometimes tarnished when people illegally dump garbage and yard waste there.

According to the City Code, "no person, in any park, street, sidewalk or publicly owned property shall ... deposit, place or leave any paper, rubbish, waste, cans, bottles or refuse of any kind except in receptacles provided for the collection of waste."

There are four licensed refuse haulers for the City, with which residents must privately contract. They are Aspen Waste Systems, 612-884-8000; BFI, Inc., 952-941-5174; Vierkant Disposal, 612-922-2505; and Waste Management, 952-882-2300. Garbage containers should be set out by the house or garage by 7 a.m. on pickup day. Containers should be visible from the street on pickup day, but should not be placed at the curb. After collection, containers must be stored out of view from the front street.

Residents must also contract with a refuse hauler for the disposal of yard waste. Yard waste should be set out by the curb no more than 12 hours prior to the day of collection.

*Information: Park Maintenance Superintendent Vince Cockriel, 952-826-0305, or Recycling Coordinator Solvei Wilmot, 952-826-0463.*

# Noted Humanitarian Retires From Human Relations Commission

By Jessica Shellum

Edina Resident Tom Oye was recognized by the City and the Immortal Chaplains Foundation this year for his lifetime of humanitarian service.

In honor of his military service, Oye was awarded the 2003 Prize for Humanity by the Immortal Chaplains Foundation. It is an organization that was inspired by the deeds of four chaplains – two protestant pastors, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi – who died Feb. 3, 1943, aboard a U.S. Army troopship that was torpedoed off the coast of Greenland. The Foundation's objective is to honor individuals, both past and present, whose lives exemplify the compassion of the four "Immortal Chaplains" against great adversity and prejudice.

"I do not think I am a colorful guy, so it is such an honor to be recognized by the Immortal Chaplains Foundation for Humanity," said Oye.

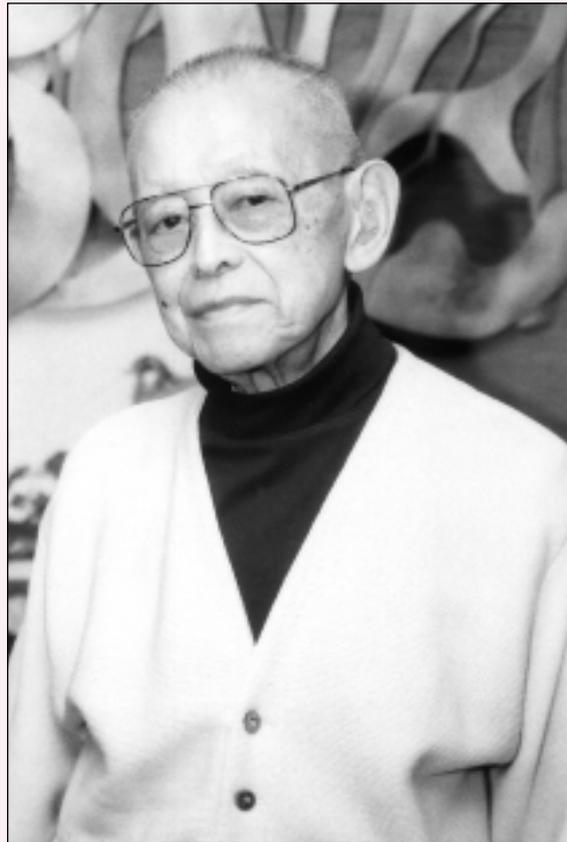


Photo by Pelly Norman

Tom Oye is retiring from the Human Relations Commission after more than 25 years.

Oye began public service on Feb. 20, 1942, when he was drafted to serve in the U.S. military. On his way to the draft station, his father offered him a piece of advice. "He said, 'I want you to always remember that as a citizen of this country you owe everything to preserve your status as a citizen.'"

The day before he was drafted, U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which authorized the designation of "military areas" in the United States and allowed the forcible removal of nearly 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry. Oye's parents and other family members were among those sent to the internment camps.

"The country that I was fighting for would not allow me to see my family, but I listened to what my father had told me and [performed to] the best of my ability. I was a part of the 100th Battalion 442nd Regimental Unit, which was an all Japanese-American unit," he said. "We were honored after the war for our record in military combat."

After his years of active duty, Oye continued in the Army Reserves for more than 25 years. When he retired in 1971, Oye had received a rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

His military service is just one facet of Oye's jewel-like life. Oye went back to college to receive his law degree from DePaul University, Chicago, in 1948. Then, he went to work for General Mills as a national credit manager in Illinois. In 1966, General Mills moved him and his family from Chicago to the Twin Cities.

Oye became involved in the Edina community by joining the Human Relations Committee for the Edina Public Schools more than 25 years ago. He continued to be involved with the schools after he became a member of the Edina Human Relations Commission by speaking about racism at the high school.

The Human Relations Commission serves as a human rights mediator and has worked hand-in-hand with groups such as VEAP, Women in Transition, and Community of Nations. In recent years, the Commission developed a bias hate crime response plan and thoroughly studied the needs of seniors in the community.

"Tom is a student of racism and has spent his life learning as much as he could about it," said current Human Relations Commission Chairwoman Betsy Flaten. "He takes his knowledge and teaches those that surround him."

Oye retired from the Human Relations Commission early this year. In April, his fellow commissioners

honored him at Edina's Volunteer Recognition Reception.

"I was really proud to be a part of the Human Relation Commission," said Oye. "One of my proudest moments was being a part of the committee that established FamiLink because it was a large project and we put a lot of work into it."

FamiLink is a help line for any kind of need. Specifically, the line is there for people so that they do not get lost in the system.

Since moving to Edina in 1966, Oye has become involved with many other volunteer activities, including Meals On Wheels, Edina Resource Center and volunteering at his church in St. Louis Park.

"I guess you could say volunteering has been my hobby," said Oye, with a smile.

Now retired from General Mills and the Edina Human Relations Commission, Oye relaxes in his Edina home and does his best to keep in touch with his children. His son lives in Ohio and his daughter lives in Minnesota.

"Tom is a dear man, with deep convictions and a heart of gold. He was a representative that the City was proud to have and will be missed," said Human Services Coordinator Susan Heiberg.

For more information on the Human Relations Commission, contact Heiberg, 952-826-0403.

# Artist Overcomes Disability And Promotes Safety To Edina Fourth Graders

By Jessica Shellum

By setting an example, Don Bania encourages kids at Safety Camp to find their "safe zones."

"I found my safe zone 30 years ago after I was in a motorcycle accident that left me paralyzed from the neck down," said Bania.

The safe zone, according to Bania, is the area within the rules that are set up by parents, teachers and other adult role models. The rules are set up to protect children. Bania believes when children have found the safe zone, they have the opportunity to discover their abilities.

Bania's motorcycle accident, just two weeks after his high school graduation, happened during a ride that was against his parents' wishes. As Bania was driving, a drunk driver pulled out in front of him. Bania was not able to stop quickly enough to avoid the disastrous accident.

Following the accident, Bania said he could only focus on things he could not do. After reading a book by a woman who was also a quadriplegic, but who could draw by holding a pen or pencil in her teeth, his interest was sparked.

"I was interested, but I was afraid of what people would think and did not even attempt to try it," he said.

It was seven years after reading the book that Bania picked up a pen and spent time every day at an easel.



Photo by Polly Norman

*Don Bania will be the featured speaker at this year's Safety Camp. Bania encourages children to find their safe zones.*

Safety Camp, Bania lets children come and stand around him while he draws. Bania has been drawing for children for several years during area communities' Safety Camps.

"I stopped focusing on things I couldn't do and started focusing on the things I could do," said Bania.

Bania found his ability to create art by staying within his personal safe zone and focusing on the things that he could do. Now, during

"I find that Safety Camp is a great way to promote a safe zone to children," he said. "I hold the children's attention when I come into the room because I am in a wheelchair. When I have their concentration, I am able to promote safety within the communities where I speak."

This year will be the sixth year Safety Camp has been held in Edina. The event is for children entering fourth grade.

"Last year's event was a huge success," said Recreation Supervisor Susie Miller. "We had such a great turnout that we are extending the hours of the event and we are hoping attendance this year surpasses that of last year."

In addition to the guest speaker, children will have an opportunity to interact with members of the Edina Police and Fire departments, see the State Patrol helicopter, take photos with Sparky and McGruff, and meet Meteorologist Mike Tsolinas of Fox News 9.

"It is such a fun event because the children get to learn about safety and hang out with police officers and fire fighters, but they don't know who they are until the end of the day when the officers put on their uniforms," said Fire Department Secretary Ruth Schmoll.

Safety Camp will be held rain or shine Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Edina Fire Station No. 2, 7335 York Ave. The cost is \$20 per child for the entire day and includes lunch, snacks, goodie bag and a souvenir T-shirt. Preregistration is required. There will be a "graduation ceremony" for participants at 4:10 p.m., which parents are encouraged to attend.

*Safety Camp is sponsored by the Park and Recreation Department and the Edina Fire and Police departments. To register, call the Park and Recreation Department at 952-826-0367 or visit [www.cityofedina.com](http://www.cityofedina.com).*

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# Edina Will Be 'Hometown U.S.A.' July 4, 2003

The City of Edina will celebrate its place as "Hometown U.S.A." during the 2003 Independence Day parade.

One of the City's most popular events of the year, the July 4 grand spectacle attracts thousands of people along the parade route, which begins near Edina City Hall and winds its way to the intersection of 50th Street and Halifax Avenue in downtown Edina.

Recognized as "Hometown Heroes," members of the "B"ZZ have been selected as grand marshals. The "B"ZZ is a group of bubbly senior women whose goal is to entertain with a variety of line dancing routines. The "B"ZZ have been performing and teaching in the metropolitan area for about nine years and have participated in each of Edina's July 4 parades. Members of the group are Yvonne Halek, Marge Macho, Betty Neilsen, Marion Nichols, Jackie Raasch, Marilyn Rueger and Betty Schoen.

"Since 9/11, public safety and military personnel have again and again been recognized as heroes," said Recreation Supervisor Susie Miller, who serves as staff liaison to the planning committee. "Those men and women are definitely heroes. However, there are many more people who make a difference in the lives of those in our community. This year, we want to recognize all of our local heroes who contribute to the high quality of life enjoyed by residents here."

The generosity of local businesses has allowed the Parade Planning Committee to expand entertainment for this year's event. The parade's Gold Level Community Patrons include Calhoun Insurance, Excel Bank, Fairview Southdale Hospital,



Ronald McDonald is one of many characters who might make appearances during the year's parade.

Grandview Tire & Auto, Key Cadillac and Oldsmobile and North American Banking Co.

"Involvement by local businesses helps make the parade bigger and better each year," said Laurie Jung, chairwoman the Parade Planning Committee. "Sponsorships allow the Committee to bring in the type of entertainment residents and visitors have come to expect at this parade. This year, we will have the best entertainment ever."

Among the featured entertainment will be Cajun Hot Soles, First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Heatherton Trail Sax Quartet, Kramer's Kracker Jacks, Minnesota Pipes and Drums, Minnesota Wheelmen, Morris Dancers, Richfield

High School marching band, South Central marching band and Theater Mu.

Many costumed characters will also make appearances. The characters will also be available before the parade for photos with children. Madeline will be available at 50th and Wooddale Avenue. Curious George will pose with fans at 50th and Maple Road. Corduroy Bear will stop at 50th and Halifax Avenue to mug for the camera.

As in past years, the Parade Planning Committee is encouraging some friendly competition among Edina's residents and businesses.

Parade units will be judged before the 10 a.m. start of the parade for their creativity and overall parade impact. Ribbons will be given to the first-, second- and third-place winners. The annual essay and coloring contest, "Why I Should Be the Kid Who Starts the Parade," will be conducted beforehand to determine the best person to blow the whistle at the start of the parade.

"We've learned a lot from the past parades. We know what people really like and want to see," said Jung. "The parade won't be too long and it won't be too short - we're sticking with a manageable number of 80 units. We're really excited to bring in new entertainment and feature old favorites. It's going to be a great parade that will be remembered."

After the parade, Independence Day celebrations will continue. The Edina Historical Society will give tours at Grange Hall and Old Cahill School in Tupa Park from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The

Edina Art Center will host an open house from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. where visitors can view the Student Art Exhibition.

Wrapping up the holiday, the First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band will perform its traditional July 4 concert in Rosland Park beginning at 8:45 p.m., followed by a spectacular display of fireworks at approximately 10 p.m.

For more information, contact Miller, 952-826-0433, or visit the parade website, [www.edinaparade.org](http://www.edinaparade.org).

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# Historic Baird House Receives Edina's First Heritage Award

The City of Edina recently presented the first Edina Heritage Award to the owners of the historic Baird House and the company that built an addition to the home in 2002.

The Heritage Preservation Board developed the award to recognize outstanding contributions to the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and use of Edina's heritage resources. The Board unanimously selected the Baird House at 4400 W. 50th St. for the 2003 award because of the homeowners' careful attention in building a modern addition to the historic home.

"The Baird House addition is a shining example of how an addition to an historic structure can seamlessly integrate the new with the old structure, creating a harmonious and livable home while maintaining a distinct visual separation on the exterior," said Board Member Ann Swenson at the May award presentation.

Constructed in the 19th century by Edina settler George Baird, the elegant red brick farmhouse has been home to five families over the years. Owned today by Brad and Arlene Forrest, the home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

After the Forrests purchased the home, they made the decision to construct an addition, respecting the history and significance of the home while making it more livable for their modern lifestyle. The 3,500-square-foot addition, designed and constructed by M|A|Peterson Designbuild, complements the original home and features a master suite including a soaking tub, walk-in closet, laundry room and



*The soda fountain from the 1960s addition to the house was refurbished and installed in the new lower level of the home. As a tribute to the history and legacy of the home, a new mirror was etched to read "Baird House 1886-2002."*

balcony; attached garage; expanded kitchen area with adjacent library and powder room; and a basement with family/entertainment room, exercise room and bath. Custom millwork and wood throughout the addition complement the original millwork and decorative details of the home. Designed and executed by a local artist, hand-carved accents on the kitchen island and basement wet bar were inspired by detail in the original newel post and dining room buffet. The renovated kitchen features a painted tin ceiling, classic drop-front apron sink and reproduction plumbing fixtures.

The original side-entry porch had been removed from the house several years ago. Using vintage photographs, M|A|Peterson Designbuild was able to restore the porch to its original form and location while providing a smooth visual transition between the existing and new space.

"This landmark real estate is a significant piece of Edina settlement history. It has charmed and fascinated people throughout the metropolitan area who are fond of the home's style and architecture and has interested Edina residents curious about its origins and history," said Mark Peterson of M|A|Peterson Designbuild.

"All homes go through changes as they age and the lifestyle of their owners change. We're hopeful that the rehabilitation and changes made to the Baird home ensure it remains a viable private residence and prominent part of Edina's history for the next 100 years. ... Working with a home tied so deeply to Edina's history demanded attention to detail, imagination and innovation in both the design and

construction phases. It is a real privilege to be part of Edina's rich history with our association to this home."

*For more information on the Edina Heritage Award or activities of the Heritage Preservation Board, contact Associate Planner Joyce Repya, 952-826-0462.*

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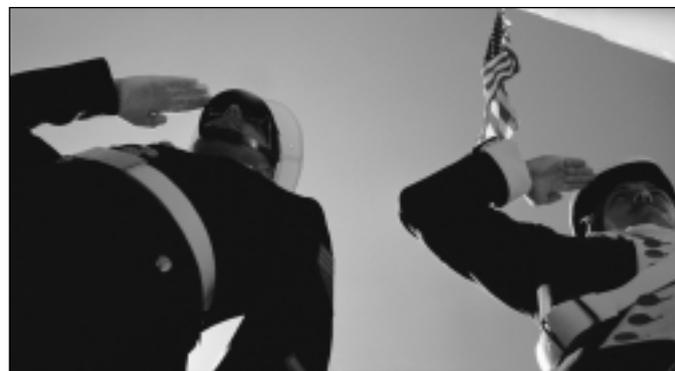
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# Two City Employees Called Into Military Action



Two City of Edina employees have been called to active duty in connection with Operation Enduring Freedom.

Police Officer Ken Marks was called to active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) on October 15, 2001. Since then, he has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After Marks spent eight years on active duty with USMC, including service in the Persian Gulf Conflict, the City of Edina hired Marks as a police officer in February 1995. Marks quickly established himself as an outstanding police officer and a tremendous asset to the City of Edina. He put his military training to use by volunteering to serve on the Police Department's Emergency Response Team. He became a Field Training Officer, assuming the responsibility to train new officers as they began their law enforcement careers with the Edina Police Department. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1998 for his life-saving efforts on an attempted suicide call.

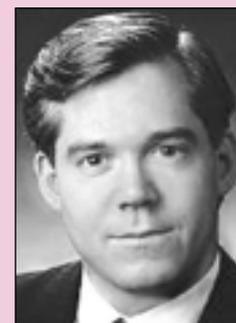
Marks showed his commitment to the youth of the community by volunteering to teach Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE). He demonstrated a flair for connecting with the kids and received excellent reviews from the students and teachers. He also presented the Junior Police program to second graders and assisted with the Bicycle Safety program. Marks was named the Edina Crime Prevention Fund Police Officer of the Year in 1999 in recognition of his dedication and outstanding work.

Property Appraiser Moreau Sankey was called into active duty earlier this year when his Army unit was deployed. He was hired by the City of Edina in October 1980. Sankey specializes in appraisals of commercial, industrial, apartment and various other residential property types. Prior to being employed by the City of Edina, Sankey was a licensed real estate salesperson from 1975 to 1977 with Bermel Smaby Realty, Inc. and also worked for O.J. Janski & Associates Appraisers from 1977 to 1980.

"The City is exceedingly proud of the sacrifice these employees and others have made on our behalf," said City Manager Gordon Hughes. "We hope that all American service men and women will be able to come home as soon as possible."

*The City of Edina will attempt to send copies of its newsletters, About Town and AboutBusiness, to troops. If you would like a copy sent to a family member, friend or co-worker who has been deployed, please contact Communications Director Jennifer Wilkinson, 952-832-6063. In order to mail the newsletters, the City must be given the person's exact military address.*

## City Of Edina Remembers Bloom



David Bloom

Edina native and NBC News correspondent David Bloom died in early April from a blood clot while reporting on the war from the Iraqi desert.

The 39-year-old co-anchor of the weekend "Today" show was traveling with troops about 25 miles south of Baghdad when he suddenly collapsed, said Allison Gollust, a spokeswoman for NBC News. He

was airlifted to a nearby field medical unit, where he was pronounced dead from a pulmonary embolism. His death was not combat related.

Bloom lived in the New York area with his wife, Melanie, and three daughters. He had been on assignment in Iraq for several weeks, reporting from the middle of desert sand storms and while columns of military vehicles rumbled toward Baghdad.

His televised debate triumph launched his career as a reporter that began in La Crosse, Wis., and later Wichita, Kan. He moved to Miami as an investigative journalist for NBC in 1989. Bloom's work took him to Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington, where he served as White House correspondent, and finally to New York as the co-anchor of "Today." Bloom was a familiar face on morning

and nightly news broadcasts, bringing live coverage from the wars in Bosnia and Somalia, from Ground Zero in New York, as well as Israel, Kuwait and Pakistan.

"Since David's death, the City has received countless e-mail messages from people in Edina and around the country who were stunned by news of his death," said Mayor Dennis Maetzold. "Through the television screen, he touched thousands of people with his boyish charm, intelligent reporting and zest for life." One message sent to the City read, 'David was undoubtedly one of the brightest, intelligent, articulate, passionate, compassionate and highly respected 'reporter's reporter' with so much promise ... his loss is great and is greatly felt.'

"Here in Edina, people not only remember him for his meteoric rise in journalism, but for his days in the community. He was one of Edina's sons. We fondly remember him as a neighbor, friend, classmate, student and hockey player, among other things. We smiled each time David proudly announced on national television that he was from Edina, Minnesota. He never forgot Edina and we will never forget him."

Bloom is survived by wife Melanie; his three daughters, Christine, Nicole and Ava; his parents Harold and Laura, of Edina; and his brothers John, of Edina, and Jim, of Seattle, Wash.

Bloom's friends have established a trust for the benefit of his three daughters. Donations in memoriam may be sent to: **David Bloom Children's Trust**, c/o Latham & Watkins, 885 3rd Ave., Suite 1000, New York, NY 10022.

# Voluntary Smallpox Vaccination Program Begins

To protect against a potential terrorist threat, a national voluntary smallpox vaccination program is under way.

Smallpox is a highly contagious disease. In most cases, smallpox is spread from one person to another by infected saliva droplets during prolonged face-to-face contact. The first symptoms of smallpox occur about 10 days after a person has been exposed to the disease. The initial symptoms include the sudden onset of high fever, fatigue, headache and severe backache. People with smallpox will develop a severe infectious rash, usually on the face, arms and legs two to four days after the first symptoms appear. The rash will last from two to four weeks. A person does not become contagious until the rash appears. By then, an infected person is quite ill and generally not traveling or participating in activities.

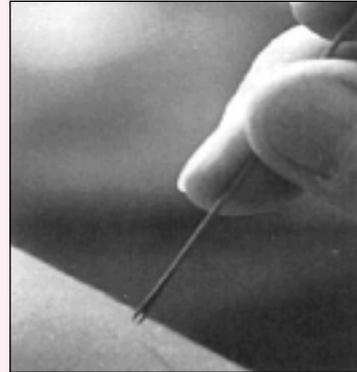
There is no cure for smallpox. The disease kills 30 percent of people who contract it. Although most patients with smallpox recover, those who survive may experience long-standing health problems such as scarring and blindness.

Routine smallpox vaccinations in the U.S. ceased in the 1970s. The last naturally occurring case of smallpox was reported in 1977. It is feared, however, that the disease has been weaponized by another country and could be used against the U.S. population. According to a statement issued last year by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), "The probability of an intentional release of the smallpox virus is low, but since the consequences of an outbreak would be great, we must be prepared."

U.S. President George W. Bush announced the three-phase voluntary vaccination program Dec. 13, 2002. At that time, 500,000 selected military personnel were vaccinated and Phase I began. Phase I, administered in Minnesota in February, included the vaccinations of a limited number of health care workers, public health workers and selected public safety personnel.

The vaccine against smallpox is considered very safe for most people. However, since the vaccine contains "live" vaccinia virus, closely related to the virus that causes smallpox, there is a risk of complications for people with certain physical conditions. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that careful monitoring of vaccinations given over recent months has suggested that the vaccine might cause heart inflammation, inflammation of the membrane covering the heart and/or a combination of the two problems.

"If there is an outbreak, it will be important that some people have already been vaccinated," said Debra Ehret, the Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) metro public health preparedness planner. "Vaccine against



*A bifurcated needle is used to poke through the surface of the skin during smallpox vaccination.*

smallpox can protect workers from getting smallpox, even if they have been exposed to the disease. We are trying to be strategic about who is vaccinated in these first two phases. People who would be first-responders, care providers, investigators or vaccinators were vaccinated in Phase I."

According to MDH figures, as of early May, 1,475 people in Minnesota had been vaccinated, including Bloomington Public Health and Fairview Southdale Hospital staff members. In addition to giving its staff the option of being vaccinated, Fairview Southdale Hospital has designated a response team to deal with a potential outbreak and is providing additional training to its employees.

Nationwide, nearly 36,217 civilian people had been vaccinated at press time. Just four other states had more people vaccinated than Minnesota. Those states are Florida, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas. Just 488 people volunteered for the vaccination in Iowa, 734 in South Dakota and 749 in Wisconsin.

Phase II of the vaccination program will include a larger number of health care workers, public health workers, first responders and public safety personnel, as well as "essential" government employees. The Minnesota Department of Health is awaiting guidance from the federal government on when to expand the vaccination campaign to Phases II and III.

Denise Dunn, Bloomington Public Health's Emergency Preparedness coordinator, said that if a case of smallpox were reported, a "ring" vaccination would begin. First, the

people exposed to the person with the disease would be vaccinated, then the people who had been exposed to those people, and so on. If there were a mass outbreak, vaccination clinics would be set up. Dunn has identified four possible vaccination clinic sites in Edina.

"In the aftermath of the events of September and October, 2001, the U.S. government is taking precautions to be ready to deal with a nationwide smallpox preparedness program to protect Americans against smallpox as a biological weapon," Dunn said. "People should know two things: there is a detailed nationwide smallpox preparedness program to protect Americans against smallpox and there is enough smallpox vaccine to vaccinate everyone who would need it in the event of an emergency."

*For more information on the national voluntary smallpox vaccination program, contact Dunn at Bloomington Public Health, 952-563-4962; MDH Smallpox Vaccination Hotline, 1-800-657-3903; or Centers for Disease Control Hotline, 1-888-246-2675.*

# October Is Buckthorn Abatement Month In Edina

Because of the success of Edina's 2002 Buckthorn Abatement Week, the program has been expanded from the southwest quadrant of the community to the entire city. In addition, the City will designate the entire month of October for abatement, not just one week.

All across the metropolitan area, cities and residents are joining forces to rid their communities of this noxious weed, the sale of which is now prohibited in Minnesota. What things are negatively impacted by the presence of buckthorn?

**Children** – Buckthorn berries, bark and roots are toxic. The berries cause severe cramping and diarrhea in humans. Keep small children out of areas where buckthorn berries fall, as the blue/black berries may be mistaken for blueberries and accidentally eaten.

**Birds** – Buckthorn is a starvation food for birds. They eat buckthorn berries only when food sources are low, especially in late winter as they cause diarrhea and weakening. The blue stains on houses and sidewalks are the result of droppings from birds that ate buckthorn berries. Bird numbers decline in areas infested by buckthorn, since food sources and nesting sites are greatly reduced.

**Wildflowers and the next generation of trees** - Buckthorn has an allelopathic chemical in its roots that suppresses the growth of surrounding plants, much like black walnuts do. Between this and being shaded out by buckthorn, wildflowers are suppressed and native tree seedlings don't grow well. When the mature trees in a buckthorn-infested woodland reach the end of their lifespan, there are few replacement trees. Because

buckthorn is toxic, wildlife do not eat it and disproportionately browse the native shrubs and wildflowers, further reducing the few native plants that remain. Eventually, all that is left is a buckthorn monoculture.

**Fall color** – Staying green an average of 58 days longer than our native species, common buckthorn provides little fall color. Spreading from urban areas, buckthorn is replacing our urban woodlands and their beautiful fall colors. Buckthorn seeds came from ornamental buckthorn hedges planted before the shrubs were banned. These hedges must now be removed. Nearly all deciduous trees and shrubs that are still green in October and November are buckthorn. Watch for it this fall as you drive around the metropolitan area.

**Privacy** – Homeowners who maintain buckthorn thickets for privacy should consider conifers, which offer much better privacy, as they stay green all year.

Education is an important component of Edina's 2003 Buckthorn Abatement program. The League of Women Voters of Edina (LWVE) and Edina Garden Council (EGC) will co-sponsor a July 9 symposium titled "Landscaping and Maintaining your Natural Area." The free symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Arneson Acres Terrace Room, 4709 W. 70th St. The symposium is free and open to the public. Topics will include: Buckthorn Biology, Ecology & Control; Edina's Buckthorn Abatement Program; Cultivating Native Orchids and Other Wildflowers in Your Woodland; Landscaping and Maintaining your Woodland after Banishing Buckthorn; co-sponsor a July 9 symposium titled "Landscaping and Maintaining your Natural Area." The free symposium will

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Photo by Polly Norman

Buckthorn has been declared a noxious weed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Mayor Dennis Maetzold has declared Oct. 5-11 as Buckthorn Abatement Week in the community.

To assist in buckthorn identification, the LWVE and EGC will distribute bright pink door hangers to those residents in selected neighborhoods where buckthorn has been identified. Some residents may have too much buckthorn to set out in four-foot bundles for their local waste hauler. Edina residents with large quantities of buckthorn can participate in the October Buckthorn Abatement program and take advantage of the special buckthorn curbside pick-up rate of \$18 per crushed cubic yard, which is offered by Top Notch Tree Service. To schedule the buckthorn curbside pick-up service, call the Top Notch Tree Service at 763-253-0027 and identify yourself as a participant in the Edina Buckthorn Abatement program.

The City of Edina will be working to remove buckthorn in various City parks. If you would like to volunteer to assist in this effort, contact City Forester Tom Horwath at 952-828-0308. Individuals as well as groups such as Scouts, school and other community groups are encouraged to volunteer. Last year, the Kelodale Garden Club (an EGC affiliate) removed buckthorn on the Taylor Knoll at the Edina Art Center. The Braemar Men's Club also removed buckthorn in Braemar Park. With more than 500 acres of infested public woodland in Edina, many more volunteers are needed.

For more information, contact Horwath, 952-828-0308, or visit the League of Women Voters of Edina's website, [www.lwvnmn.org/LocalLeagues/Edina](http://www.lwvnmn.org/LocalLeagues/Edina).

# Blanchard's Love Affair Lasts More Than 30 Years

By Jessica Shellum

Cora Jane Blanchard's passion for golf is a love story.

Girl meets boy (who plays golf). Girl learns the sport and impresses boy. Girl and boy fall in love.

At first sight, a young Cora Jane Smith fell in love with a boy who worked at Dairy Queen during a hot summer some years ago. "I had a lot of Dairy Queen that summer," she said.

The boy who worked at Dairy Queen was very busy, she was told by friends, but Blanchard knew he played hockey during the winter months and golfed during the summer months.

"I knew I was not going to play hockey, so I decided to take up golf," she recalled. "Then, during my junior year at Southwest Minneapolis High School, I joined the first-ever women's golf team."

Blanchard fondly remembers her first golf tournament -- Southwest played South High at the Hiawatha Golf Course. She scored a 108 for nine holes of golf.

Years after they met, Smith married Jim Blanchard -- the boy that worked at Dairy Queen. He became a pilot and spent four years in the Navy. The two continued to golf throughout their years together and when they settled down in Edina they became members of Braemar Golf Course.



*Cora Jane, General Chairwoman, is congratulated by Mr. Frank Tatum, President U.S.G.A., during the 1979 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship.*

"It had always been a social outlet for me," said Blanchard.

In 1979, Blanchard was chosen as chairwoman of the host committee for the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship at Braemar Golf Course. For the first time, Blanchard

became involved in the golfing community as an administrator.

Braemar Golf Course Manager John Valliere said, "This was a very big and exciting event for our golf course. It is a national event and she had a huge responsibility. She was chosen because of her high involvement at Braemar Golf Course."

In the years proceeding the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship, Blanchard served on its committee at a national level. From 1991 to 1997, she served as chairwoman.

In 2001, Blanchard was chosen, after serving two consecutive years as vice-chairwoman, as the United States Golf Association (USGA) Women's Committee chairwoman.

"This was a great honor for me because I was chosen by my peers to represent a women's sport that I am very passionate about," said Blanchard.

The Women's Committee represents the USGA in all matters related to women's golf and its members are the leaders of women's amateur golf in the United States. The Committee conducts the U.S. Women's Amateur and the U.S. Women's Open. In addition, it conducts the Curtis Cup Match and the Women's World Amateur Team Championship.

In January, Blanchard ended her role as the USGA Women's Committee chairwoman. This year will be the first time in 20 years that she will miss the U.S. Women's Open. She doesn't want the new chairwoman to feel as though she is breathing down her shoulder.

One of the highlights from her two years as chairwoman was a trip that she and her husband took to Malaysia for the USGA to the World Amateur Team Championship.

"It was amazing to see a golf course in the middle of a jungle. There were 'Monkey Domain' signs posted around the course to let you know that the monkeys might take your valuables," she said.

Even though the positions Blanchard has held for the USGA are volunteer positions, she feels it was time well

spent because she was able to go to places that she may have never been before.

This summer Blanchard looks forward to spending her time on the golf course in her golf leagues and being at home in Edina. She might even work to improve her handicap.

"I don't know what it is now, but at my best I had a 15 handicap. That was a long-time ago," she said with a smile.

*For more information on Braemar Golf Course, call 952-826-6791.*



# Adama Sow Adds International Perspective To Edina Art Center Faculty

By Kathleen Sovell and Diane Long

A new addition to the Edina Art Center faculty has added an international perspective to art and activities there.

Adama Sow, a ceramist from Senegal, has worked with clay for the past 19 years. In his country, women in the villages often do traditional pottery within the family. "My big brother is the one who gave me a taste for pottery. He's been a ceramist for 35 years," Sow said.

Obtaining his diploma in ceramics in 1986 in Senegal, he had his first exhibition at the historic museum of Goree in Dakar in 1989. A year later, he offered classes to both adults and children.

In 1995, to further his education, Sow attended the Fuh Ceramics School in Hor Grenz Hausen in Germany.

He has exhibited his work in the International Fair in Dakar, Senegal; the Frankfurt Fair in Germany and the Tunipier Expo in Lyon, France.

In 2000, he traveled to the Indian Ocean island Reunion to take part in a large exhibit where he showed his work with Claude Berlie Caillet, a well-known French ceramist, and Michelle Delprete, a Swiss painter.

The next year, Sow came to the United States, choosing an artist's cooperative in Houston, Texas, for his first stop, where he exhibited his work and taught children. "I love kids," he said. "They have a lot of imagination and

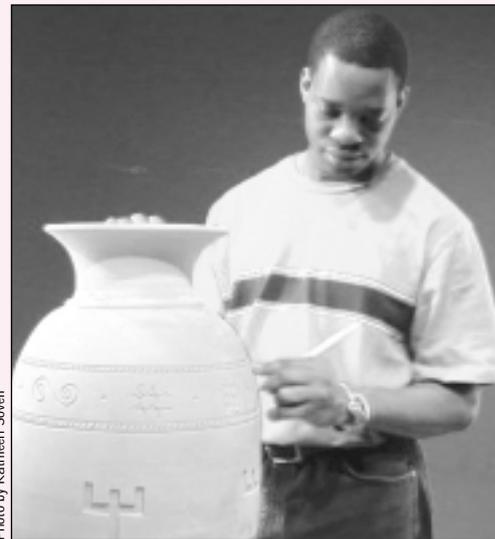


Photo by Kathleen Sovell

Adama Sow creates large ceramic pieces at EAC to the delight of students and faculty. His two-foot high vase features meaningful, hand-carved African symbols.

Center and applied to teach there.

"Now, I am working at the Edina Art Center, which I really enjoy. People are very welcoming. Artists help each other out. I feel at home. I teach mosaic, sculpture and pottery on the wheel. I love teaching. I try to bring African techniques, which are different than those in the [United States] or Europe and mix them together. It is interesting to see what happens with this mix of cultures," Adama said.

originality. They make extraordinary things -- always unique works of art impossible to duplicate."

Adama visited art centers in the Twin Cities area last fall searching for a place to create, teach and share knowledge with other clay artists. He felt the warmth and openness of the Edina Art

"For example, in the mosaics class I teach, we don't rely on machines, so people can do this type of work at home with hands and simple tools. The tiles are hand made from start to finish."

Adama is currently teaching several classes at the Edina Art Center. He has classes scheduled throughout the summer months for both children and adults.

"In addition to his hand-building excellence, many of our students and instructors have been impressed by his superb throwing skills," said Harriet Campe, an Edina resident and fellow Art Center faculty member. "Just look at his 25-pound bowl and his two-foot high vase and you will be amazed, too!"

Visit the Art Center's website, [www.EdinaArtCenter.com](http://www.EdinaArtCenter.com), for a complete listing or call 612-915-6600 for information, to request a class schedule or register for classes. The Edina Art Center is located on the northwest corner of Rosland Park (formerly Lake Cornelia Park.)

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For more information, call Edina Public Works, 952-826-0311.

# City Of Edina To Flush Hydrants In September, October

To purge rust and stagnant water from the water distribution system and identify hydrants in need of maintenance, the Utilities Division of the City of Edina's Public Works Department will flush hydrants for four weeks beginning Monday, Sept. 22. Random hydrants are also flushed throughout the year as weather and water demand allows.

Hydrant flushing will take place 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. In an attempt to minimize the impact on residents, hydrants will be flushed as follows:

- Sept. 22-26** East of Minnesota Highway 100 and North of MN Highway 62
- Sept. 29-Oct. 3** West of Minnesota Highway 100 and North of Minnesota Highway 62
- Oct. 6-10** West of Minnesota Highway 100 and South of Minnesota Highway 62
- Oct. 13-17** East of Minnesota Highway 100 and South of Minnesota Highway 62

Due to hydrant flushing, it is inevitable that some residents will receive rust-colored water, which can stain laundry but is safe to drink. Residents may also receive rust-colored water when areas adjacent to theirs are being flushed. Residents should check that water coming into the house is clear before doing laundry during the flushing period.

*The flushing schedule is approximate. For an up-to-date flushing schedule, call the Public Works Hotline at 952-826-0375. For more information, contact Utilities Superintendent Roger Glanzer, 952-826-0311, or visit [www.cityofedina.com](http://www.cityofedina.com).*

**Home Rehab Funds  
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You may qualify for up to \$20,000 to make repairs or necessary improvements to your Edina home through the Hennepin County Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program. This program provides deferred repayment funds on a first-come-first-served basis to people who can show financial need. If you would like to receive information, income guidelines, qualification summaries, interest rates, and applications, please call Associate Planner Joyce Repya at the Edina Planning Department, (952) 826-0462. Dozens of Edina residents have protected the value of their homes by using this program. If your primary residence is located in Edina and needs repair or structural improvements, please give Joyce a call.



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# City To Host Two Summer Races

Runners will take flight this fall during Edina's Great Duck Chase.

Centennial Lakes Park, 7499 France Ave. S., will host the first-ever Great Duck Chase Sunday, Sept. 28. The event will feature a 10 a.m. 5K run/walk and 10:45 a.m. Fun Run. Starting at the Park Centrum, the 5K run will be held within the confines of the park on pavement. It is a flat two-loop run. The 1.5-mile Fun Run, for kids and adults, is one loop of the 5K run.



registered for the 5K race do not have to pay for the Fun Run if they want to participate in both events. There is an additional cost for in-person registration the day of the event.

The Great Duck Chase will be the second race in the community this summer. The City of Edina in August will host the IronKids Bread Triathlon for the third consecutive year. Children from all over the country ages 7 to 14 will swim, bike and run in and around Rosland Park Sunday, Aug. 17.

"Every day, I look out of my office window and see people walking and jogging in the park. A local race in the park seemed like a natural fit," said Centennial Lakes Park Special Events Coordinator Stacy Maas. "The Great Duck Chase will be an event for families that bolsters self-confidence, physical fitness and positive attitudes."

In addition to an 18-hole putting course, paddleboats, amphitheater and trails, Centennial Lakes Park is home to more than 200 Mallard ducks. The event name is a spoof on the birds in the park.

All participants will receive a Great Duck Chase T-shirt. Those competing in the 5K race will be given water at the halfway point of the race. Food and beverages will be served after the events.

Registration forms are available online, [www.centenniallakespark.com](http://www.centenniallakespark.com), or at Centennial Lakes Park. Cost is \$15 for the 5K race and \$5 for the Fun Run. Those

Children participating in the event will be broken into two groups: a junior division for boys and girls ages 7 to 10 and a senior division for those ages 11 to 14. Sanctioned by USA Triathlon, the junior IronKids Bread Triathlon includes a 100-meter swim, 3.1-mile bike ride and 0.6-mile run. The senior competition includes a 200-meter swim, 6.2-mile bike ride and 1.2-mile run. Children can participate as individuals or in relays. Relay teams can be all girls, all boys or co-ed.

All entries must be mailed with fee and proofs of purchase to IronKids Bread Triathlon, P.O. Box 241, Sylvester, Ga. 31791-0241 before Aug. 1. Applications will be accepted after the deadline for an additional fee. Cost for individuals is \$20 plus two proofs of purchase from IronKids Bread. Cost for relays is \$30 plus six proofs of purchase. Official entry forms are available through the City's Park and Recreation Department, 4801 W. 50th St., or the Edina Aquatic Center, 4300 W. 66th St.

# City Thanks Volunteers At 24th Annual Reception

Instead of giving acceptance speeches, Bob Reid encouraged the audience at Edina's annual Volunteer Recognition Reception to buy used books, visit the local museum and recycle.

Reid, who recently moved to Wausau, Wis., received recognition at the April 22 Volunteer Recognition Reception from the Edina Historical Society, Friends of the Edina Library, Recycling and Solid Waste Commission and Edina City Council.

For three years, Reid single-handedly managed the Historical Society's unique book sale at the Edina Historical Museum, 4711 W. 70th St. He also conducted approximately 45 oral interviews with citizens knowledgeable about the community's history. Reid also generously gave of his time to the Friends of the Edina Library's April and October book sales.

Reid, a recycling zealot, retired earlier this year from the Recycling and Solid Waste Commission after serving as a member since 1974. He was a constant volunteer at a recycling drop-off site in the 1970s and helped develop a pilot program in 1986 to collect household recyclables on a monthly basis.



*Edina Historical Society President Bob Kojetin presents Bob Reid with a framed print of an Edina scene during Edina's Volunteer Recognition Reception.*

For his tireless work in the community, Mayor Dennis Maetzold presented Reid with one of the most prestigious City awards – the Mayor's Individual Service Commendation, awarded to an individual for outstanding and exceptional volunteer service to the community at large. During the award presentation, Maetzold commented on Reid's extraordinary work for the Edina Historical Society, Friends of the Edina Library and

Recycling and Solid Waste Commission and pointed out his volunteer service to Edina Public Schools, St. Alban's Church and Edina Morningside Community Church.

"Bob Reid is an exemplary volunteer," Maetzold said. "His days are filled with volunteer work from dawn until dusk and beyond. He will be sorely missed."

Maetzold presented four other Mayor's Commendations during the evening Volunteer Recognition Reception, held in Edinborough Park's Great Hall.

## **Mayor's Service Club Commendation**

Awarded to a club or organization that has made outstanding contributions to the community through its regular activities or through special projects.

Edina Federated Women's Club was this year's recipient of the 2003 award. Since the club was founded in 1969, members have always let its motto, "Founded on Friendship ... Strengthened in Service," set the direction for activities. For 24 years, the club's largest philanthropic activity was Santa House, a non-commercial holiday experience that provided children, their parents and groups an opportunity to enjoy the traditions of the season in a festively decorated Braemar Golf Course Clubhouse. In 2000, the Feds began a new tradition – Feds' Fest. The evening cabaret includes silent and live auctions, dinner and entertainment and an opportunity for the community to gather to show their support for organizations benefiting from the event. Over the years, the club has donated nearly \$1 million to local organizations, including the Edina Art Center, Edina Senior Center, N.C. Little Memorial Hospice, Southdale YMCA and Edina Public Schools.

## **Mayor's Outstanding Senior Commendation**

Awarded to a senior citizen for outstanding volunteer service within the community.

Jack Barstow was presented the 2003 award. Touching the lives of hundreds of children, Barstow helped implement the school district's elementary science volunteer program and two science kits for the Community Resource Pool. He completes more than 10 classroom presentations each school year and has served as a judge for some history events in the schools. "Jack is passionate about his volunteer work and has continued to support the Community Resource Pool with enthusiasm," Maetzold said. "With the budget cuts affecting the schools, it is important for teachers to be able to rely on qualified, eager volunteers like Jack Barstow."

## **Mayor's Youth Commendation**

Awarded to an outstanding young person who has demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of life in the community.

This year's award was given to both Paige Backenstose and Lindsey Vance.

Paige was the first ninth-grader to letter in community service through Edina High School, which required completing 120 volunteer hours. She volunteered many of her hours at Fairview Southdale Hospital where she delivers flowers to patients, helps nurses, discharges patients and completes paperwork. Paige's other volunteer activities include leading a small children's group at her

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church, delivering Thanksgiving meals to families in need, participating in Meals on Wheels and other food-delivery programs and Samaritan Purse. She was an active member of the Student Leadership Council at South View Middle School in raising money for such organizations as Baby's Space: A Place to Grow, Children's Hospitals for the Teddy Bear Challenge and People Serving People.

Lindsey, A Better Chance student from Beloit, Wis., recently graduated from Edina High School. While a student, Lindsey was involved in Key Club, Multi-Cultural Club, Target Leadership and Improv, among other things. Lindsey served on the board of directors of Key Club, a student-led service club sponsored by the Edina Kiwanis Club. During her last year of high school, she served as president of the Multi-Cultural Club, leading the group as they presented the most successful all-school assembly to date to celebrate diversity. In Target Leadership, Lindsey took part in First Friends, a network of students who connect with new students to provide them with a comfortable transition to a new school environment. Since her sophomore year, Lindsey was involved in Improv, a group of students who address real teenage situations such as alcohol and drug abuse through improvisational acting.

#### Mayor's Community Involvement Commendation

Awarded to a City employee for outstanding volunteer service to the community, above and beyond his or her position with the City.

This year, Assistant City Manager Eric Anderson received the award. Anderson is an active member of the Edina

Morningside Rotary Club. He received the 1999-2000 Rookie of the Year award from the club in recognition of outstanding service. For the years 2001-2002, he was given the club's highest honor, Rotarian of the Year. Earlier this year, he received the Distinguished Service Award at the Rotary District Conference for his leadership and excellence in fund-raising for the local club.

Many service organizations also recognized their own exemplary volunteers at the reception. Awards were presented to: Amy Demarest, Edina Girls Athletic Association; Herb Telshaw and Dick Lund, Edina Golden K Kiwanis Club; Tom Oye, Edina Human Relations Commission; Jack Cracraft, Edina Lions Club; Marjorie Douville, Edina Police Department; Joyce Williams, Edina Senior Center; Florence Norback, Edina Woman's Club; Maria Frank, Mary Holman, Danette Kamrath, Jim Lincoln, Holly Schaefer, John Wagner, Muriel Wagner, Fairview Southdale Hospital; Emily Hite, July 4 Parade Planning Committee; Carol Frisch, League of Women Voters of Edina; Rich Meyer and Fritz Arnason, Southdale YMCA; Bill Sjolund, Southdale Y's Men's Club; Backenstose, Lizzie Nordquist and Deadria Harrington, South View Middle School Youth Development/Youth Service; Gene Andersen, Edina Art Center; Sally Lareau and Bert Ledder, Edina Chemical Health Partners; Karen Bohn, Chuck Mooty and Clint Schroeder, Edina Community Foundation; Maureen Menden, Edina Family Center; Linda Wauters, Edina Federated Women's Club and Janet Chandler, Edina Garden Council.

"Volunteerism is very important to the City of Edina," Maetzold said. "Thousands of hours given by volunteers help make our community the premier place for living, learning, raising families and doing business."

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