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Parade Planning Committee Seeks Veterans

*"Duty, honor, and love of country span many generations of
Americans; causes and outcomes may differ, but sacrifice and hardship
are shared equally. I was touched, I was moved, and I came away from
the parade feeling better about my sacrifice that was so many years
removed from the present. Thanks to you and ... the Edina community
for making this July 4th the best one that I've ever experienced."*

That's what one veteran wrote to the July 4 Parade Planning
Committee after participating in last year's Independence Day
parade. As plans are finalized for the 2006 parade, scheduled for

10 a.m. July 4, the Committee seeks more veterans to be part of
the special community event.

"During the parade, we pay special tribute to the heroic efforts
of our honored veterans," said Recreation Supervisor Susie
Miller, who serves as staff liaison to the Committee. "It is
important that they be part of Edina's July 4 celebration."

**U.S. veterans interested in participating in the parade should
contact Miller by calling 952-826-0433 or sending an e-mail
to edinamail@ci.edina.mn.us.**

About Town Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9 and 9:30 a.m., Easter Egg Scramble, Edinborough Park.
2 7 p.m., St. Louis Park Community Band, Edinborough Park.	3	4 7 p.m., HRA & City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., River City Jazz Orchestra, Edinborough Park.	5	6 5:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Northeast Edina Transportation Study Advisory Committee.	7	8
9	10	11 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Minnesota Orchestra Mandolin, Edinborough Park.	12	13 Noon, Music that Tickles by J. Shawn Sweeney, Edinborough Park.	14	15
Easter. 16	17 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals & Equalization, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Edina High School Jazz, Edinborough Park.	18 7 p.m., HRA & City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Wayne Hamilton Folk Blues, Pop & Originals, Edinborough Park.	19 7 a.m., Recycling and Solid Waste Commission, Edina City Hall.	20 5:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall. 6 p.m., Transportation Commission, Edina City Hall.	21	22 8 a.m., Junior Golf Registration, Braemar Golf Course.
23 7 p.m., Minneapolis Police Band, Edinborough Park.	24 5 p.m., Volunteer Recognition Reception, Edinborough Park.	25 9 a.m.-Noon, Edina Senior Health & Resource Expo, Colonial Church. 6:30 p.m., Community Health Committee, Edina City Hall.	26 7 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.	27 4 p.m., Edina Art Center Board, Edina Art Center. 5-9 p.m., Open House for Batik Artist Rebecca Hopper, Edina Art Center.	28 6:30 p.m., "Hot Dance, Cool Ice" Ice Show, Braemar Arena.	29 6:30 p.m., "Hot Dance, Cool Ice" Ice Show, Braemar Arena.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7 p.m., HRA & City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Calhoun Isles Community Band, Edinborough Park.	3	4 Noon, Dakota Wild Animals Reptile & Mammal Show, Edinborough Park. 5:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	5	6
7 7 p.m., South of the River Big Band, Edinborough Park.	8	9 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall.	10	11	12 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Edina Garden Council Plant Sale, Arneson Acres Park.	13 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Edina Garden Council Plant Sale, Arneson Acres Park.
14 7 p.m., Northern Winds Concert Band, Edinborough Park.	15	16 7 p.m., HRA & City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Calhoun Brass, Edinborough Park. 7 p.m., Community Health Committee, Edina City Hall.	17 7 a.m., Recycling & Solid Waste Commission, Edina City Hall.	18 5:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall. 6 p.m., Transportation Commission, Edina City Hall.	19	20
21 7 p.m., First John Phillip Sousa Memorial Band, Edinborough Park.	22	23 7 p.m., Human Rights & Relations Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Music that Tickles by J. Shawn Sweeney, Edinborough Park.	24	25 Edina Art Center Student Exhibition begins. 4 p.m., Edina Art Center Board, Edina Art Center.	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day observed. Most City offices closed.	30	31 7 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.			

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June 2006

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Northeast Edina Transportation Study Advisory Committee.	2 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Edina Art Fair, 50th & France.	3 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Edina Art Fair, 50th & France.
4 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Edina Art Fair, 50th & France. 7 p.m., Symphonic Winds, Centennial Lakes Park	5	6 7 p.m., HRA and City Council, Edina City Hall.	7 7 p.m., Good News Big Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	8	9	10 10 a.m., Edina Aquatic Center opens for the season.
11 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Parade of Boats, Centennial Lakes Park 7 p.m., First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Centennial Lakes Park	12 7 p.m., Brio Brass, Centennial Lakes Park.	13 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.	14 7 p.m., Star of the North Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	15 5:30 p.m., Zoning Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall. 6 p.m., Transportation Commission, Edina City Hall.	16	17
18	19 7 p.m., Hopkins Westwind Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	20 7 p.m., HRA & City Council, Edina City Hall.	21 7 a.m., Recycling and Solid Waste Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., St. Louis Park Community Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	22 4 p.m., Edina Art Center Board, Edina Art Center.	23	24
25 7 p.m., Just Friends Big Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	26	27 7 p.m., Human Rights & Relations Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Southside Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	28 7 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Bend in the River Big Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	29	30	

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Spring Calendar Highlights

Other Dates To Remember

April 27 7 p.m., Affordable Housing Task Force Open House, St. Patrick's Church

Easter Egg Scramble

What: The Edina Chamber of Commerce and Edinborough Park will host the 2006 Easter Egg Scramble for toddlers and preschoolers at the indoor park. Children ages 2 to 5 will line up around the basketball court in the Great Hall of Edinborough Park. When the Easter Bunny blows the whistle, the children will race to collect the colorful candy-filled eggs laid out on the floor of the basketball court.

When: 9 and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 1

Where: Edinborough Park, 7700 York Ave. S.

Info: 952-806-9060

Edina Garden Council Plant Sale

What: The Garden Council raises many of the plants to be included in the sale. Plants from commercial growers are carefully selected to ensure high-quality choices. Also offered will be a wide variety of perennials, annuals and bulbs grown in the gardens of Garden Council members. This year, the Garden Council plans to feature sale plants that deer, rabbits and slugs don't eat.

When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 12 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13

Where: Arneson Acres Park Greenhouse, 4711 W. 70th St.

Info: 612-866-1116

Edina Art Fair

What: The 50th & France Business & Professional Association will host the 40th-annual Edina Art Fair. One of Edina's premier summer events, the event draws tens of thousands to downtown Edina each year. Featured art will include drawing, painting, ceramics, pottery, glass, jewelry, photography, sculpture and wood. The event will also feature live entertainment and food.

When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 2, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 3 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 4

Where: Downtown Edina, 50th Street and France Avenue

Info: 952-922-1524 or www.50thandFrance.com

Parade of Boats

What: More than 150 radio-controlled model boats will be on exhibit at the Edina Model Yacht Club's 14th annual Parade of Boats. The annual event draws large crowds of spectators and model boat builders each year. The Parade of Boats showcases a variety of radio-controlled electric and model boats, including tugboats, sailboats, police boats, submarines, steamboats and high-speed electric racers. At the event, club members sail and race their model boats for everyone to view. Additional boats will also be displayed inside of the nearby Centrum Building, where club members will demonstrate how model boats are built.

When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11

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

Info: www.emyc.org or 952-832-6788

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A Word From The Mayor

I wasn't personally notified about this proposal under consideration by the City Council. Why not?

Every once in awhile, someone asks me or a fellow Council member that very question.

All members of our community should know that our City's existing practices and requirements for providing public notice for development projects exceed the minimums prescribed by State law. In fact, State law does not require the City to mail any notices to residents for variance or subdivision requests or for final development plans. As a practice, however, we go above and beyond those minimal state requirements to make certain adequate notice of a proposal is given to the public.

When a variance is sought, property owners within 200 feet of the property in question are notified by mail before the meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

When a rezoning request is made or a request for a Conditional Use Permit is under consideration, we require a sign be erected on the subject property at least 10 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting. Notices are also mailed to property owners within 1,000 feet of the subject property before a hearing by the City Council. A general public notice is also published in the Edina *Sun-Current* regarding the proposal and the hearing date.

For subdivisions, i.e., a request for division of real property that results in one or more new lots, the process is as follows: a sign is erected on the subject property at least 10 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting; notices are required to be mailed by the applicant to property owners within 500 feet of the subject property before the Planning Commission meeting. Notices are also mailed by the City to property owners within 500 feet of the subject property before a hearing by the City Council and a general notice is published in the Edina *Sun-Current*.

Final development plan approval is required for the development of a vacant, zoned parcel of property or for an existing building or development that is being enlarged by 10 percent in floor area or by the addition of dwelling units. Before consideration of a final

development plan, the City mails a notice to all property owners within 1,000 feet of the subject property at least 10 days before the Council hearing and a general notice is published in the local newspaper.

Most recently, we also determined to require a sign posting with respect to property potentially subject to modification of an overall final development plan so as to be able to provide notice to people who might live near a proposed project but not within 1,000 feet of the subject property and for all others who may have interest.

In addition to all the above notice techniques, the City's website, www.CityofEdina.com, provides the agenda for upcoming Planning Commission and City Council meetings, copies of legal notices as they appear in the newspaper, approved meeting minutes and a calendar that lists meeting times and locations of all City bodies. Edina Community cable Channel 16 also lists upcoming meetings of City bodies, provides an abbreviated City Council agenda and has multiple rebroadcasts of each Planning Commission and City Council meeting. Finally, the City's quarterly magazine, *About Town*, includes a three-month calendar showing times and locations for meetings of City bodies.

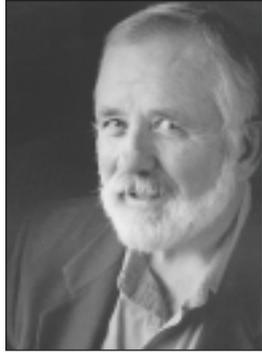
More information is available today to our citizenry and on a more timely basis than ever before. With literally a click of the mouse, information on nearly every topic imaginable – including public notices – is available 24 hours a day. No longer does a person have to write or telephone a request for information and wait patiently for a response in the mail. We are appropriately communication light years ahead of the time when a tree in the town center was the only posting place for important community information and notices.

We are proud of Edina's informed citizenry and its active level of participation in local government. To be as well informed as possible, I encourage everyone interested in the receipt of information about City-related matters to make certain, at a minimum, to read the "legals" in the *Sun-Current*, bookmark the City's website for easy reference and tune in to Edina Community Channel 16 to keep abreast of activities before the City Council.


James B. Hovland
Mayor

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Quality Time With Children More Critical Now Than In 'The Old Days'



By Joe Sullivan
Contributing Writer

Reading about our community's "Edina Unplugged" initiative in the last issue of *About Town* stirred some recollections for me. Some came from my own childhood and others were about relationships with our own five children when they were growing up here in Edina in "the old days" of the 1960s and '70s.

We thought our lives were hectic then, but the pressure of kids' extra-curricular activities seems to have grown exponentially over the last 40-plus years. Had we known then how over-scheduled the lives of today's families with children would become, we would have thanked our lucky stars that our situation wasn't a lot worse.

Family Get-Togethers In The 1930s And '40s

Even earlier, in the 1930s and '40s, I grew up in a family with six children, including me. When I was a kid, life was pretty simple. We had some great "quality time" with our parents when we took summer vacation trips to rented cabins in northern Minnesota. (We even got as far as the Rocky Mountains one year—with all eight of us in a six-passenger Desoto with a huge luggage rack on the roof.) To keep us entertained, Mom would teach us old campfire songs, which we memorized, sang over and over and later passed along to our own children. (My daughter Terri can still remember the words to every one of those songs.)

I asked our neighbor Patti Wales how she and her brother managed to find "quality time" with their parents. She recalled leisurely drives on Sunday afternoons with the family. Sometimes they would tour the Minneapolis lakes and occasionally take a longer drive into the countryside. (This beloved tradition was interrupted during World War II because of gas rationing, but the Sunday drives resumed after the war ended.)

My wife, Monica, often gathered with her family in their living room to watch 8-millimeter home movies of vacation trips, birthdays, holidays, neighborhood parades, barbecue suppers and kids playing in their big yard.

After Monica and I married and had kids of our own, we started scheduling "Family Craft Night" on winter Sunday evenings to provide a little family time of our own. After dinner, the whole family would gather in the family room with a fire in the fireplace and work on simple crafts that could be done by even the youngest of us—like carving figures out of bars of hand soap. (Ivory soap worked best.) Monica even sewed and stuffed huge bean bag chairs for the kids so they would be cozy and comfortable while they worked on the evening's project.

In the summer, we built bonfires in a backyard fire ring. Our family, and sometimes a neighbor or two, sat on blankets around the fire to sing old songs and gab. If someone played an instrument, they were encouraged to bring it along. The kids loved it because they knew the songs and I'm sure it didn't hurt that they were able to stay out after dark an hour or two after their usual bedtime.

Edinan Joan Lonsbury remembers as a young girl growing up in Iowa, her entire family gathered in the living room on Sundays to listen to weekly radio programs like "Jack, Doc and Reggie" or "The Shadow." As she explained: "That was before TV, which didn't arrive in most homes until the 1950s."

Catherine (Snead) Mulholland is another longtime Edina resident. When Catherine was a kid growing up in south Minneapolis, her family spent summers at their cabin near Hackensack, Minn., where they enjoyed plenty of togetherness. The cabin was built in 1935, and for the first few years they didn't have a washing machine because there was no electricity or running water.

"When washday came around, the whole family pitched in," Catherine said. "Father carried buckets of water from the lake and the older kids scrubbed and rinsed the clothes by hand in large washtubs. The smaller kids wrung them out on a hand-powered, roller wringer and hung them on a clothesline to dry." The Sneads also taught their kids old songs that they all sang in the car during the long trips to and from the lake.

In the winter, her father built and flooded a backyard ice skating rink used by the family and many of the neighbors. In the fall, they got the whole family outdoors to rake leaves together.

Catherine also remembers her father playing games like "Kick the Can" and "Hide and Seek" with his children and the neighborhood kids after dinner. And the entire family attended outdoor summer band concerts at



Snead family photo

The Snead family on a picnic in 1931 (from left): Catherine (Snead) Mulholland (standing), her mother Edna (with hat, seated), her father Cannon (kneeling), her brother William and sister Mildred. Not pictured is sister Thelma, who was taking the photo.

Powderhorn Park and swam together at Lake Nokomis in Minneapolis.

Family Time On The Iron Range

Recently, I had a nice talk with Angie Lindgren, my neighbor Percy Barott's mother. She's a feisty octogenarian from Duluth. Originally from Two Harbors, Minn., on the north shore of Lake Superior, Angie was the eldest of seven siblings. Her mother died when she was only 16, and she had to leave school to keep house and care for her father and siblings.

Angie met and married Carl (Cully) Lindgren in the depth of the Great Depression of the 1930s. Cully, who

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The Catherine (Snead) Mulholland's family enjoying "family time" together on a 1958 vacation trip to Mackinac Island, Mich. Cars are not permitted on the island and all transportation is by horse and buggy. (From right): Catherine's husband William, daughter Beth, Catherine and daughters Linda, Gayle and Anne.

worked for the Duluth, Mesabi and Iron Range railroad, often had to be away from home for days, sometimes weeks, at a time. When he got a day off, he loved to take his daughters on a daytrip in the family car along a route between Two Harbors and Duluth that he called the "Clover Valley Loop."

They also loved to take their two daughters, Percy and Ginnie, down to the ore-loading docks on the Lake Superior shore where huge lake freighter vessels were being filled with iron ore from railroad cars that hauled

it to Two Harbors from the iron mines. "The girls never seemed to get tired of watching that," Angie said.

At their home, the whole family often played board games like "Monopoly" and an even older one called "Uncle Wiggly" that Angie had saved from her childhood. Angie remembers that the family always ate dinner together and especially looked forward to the evenings when their father could be with them.

"My father came to America from Italy in 1939," Angie recalled. "Of course, with a maiden name like Stocco, I had to learn to cook Italian." She's a great cook, and I've been lucky enough to partake of her handmade ravioli. I can imagine that those home-cooked, Italian dinners were very special.

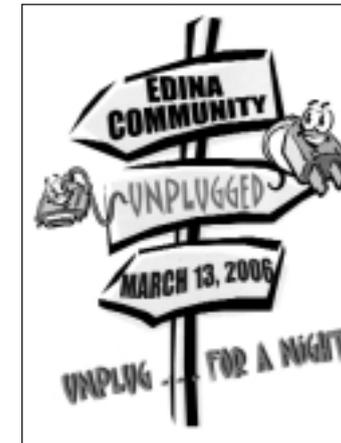
Cully's mother lived next door to their house and Percy and Ginnie visited their grandma often for some intergenerational quality time. She taught them how to knit and they taught her how to play the card game "Old Maid."

Mealtime Traditions

At the Sullivan house, dinner was always served at 6 o'clock. And everybody was there—including the family dog. She usually beat the kids home when we rang the dinner bell for the kids to come in for supper.

Holiday dinners were great traditions, too. On Thanksgiving Day it was always turkey, of course, but also rutabagas, Waldorf salad and cranberries, with pumpkin pie for dessert. The Christmas feast was

usually beef brisket, with potatoes and gravy, topped off with a green bean casserole smothered in french fried onions.



'Edina Unplugged'—Designed To Resist Today's Over-Scheduling

Times have clearly changed. Today, kids have more homework and a torrent of extra-curricular activities crowding family calendars. The battle to squeeze-in family-oriented time has become almost impossible to win. Many families with kids rarely sit down together to share a meal.

A 2000 study by President Bush's Council of Economic Advisors found among young people a strong correlation between regular family meals at home and academic success, good psychological adjustment, decreased drug use, lower alcohol use, early sexual behavior and risk of suicide. ("Regular family meals" were defined as five or more meals per week, with at least one parent.)

It was with that growing realization in mind that Edina Public Schools, along with the City Council, City departments and many community and business organizations, joined forces to inaugurate the community-wide initiative designated "Edina Unplugged."

According to Doug Johnson, Director of Community Services for Edina Public Schools and a member of the "Edina Unplugged" steering committee, the plan was to eliminate all activities outside the home for just one night—including sports practices, homework, music lessons and outside meetings. "Our March 13 'Unplugged Night' was an attempt to help counter the effects of over-scheduling of kids, and parents as well," he added.

The "Edina Unplugged" steering committee began to plan the March 13 event last July. In the meantime, they were contacting teachers, coaches, and faith-based community and business organizations about keeping the night of March 13 free from all scheduled meetings and activities other than those at home by individual families.

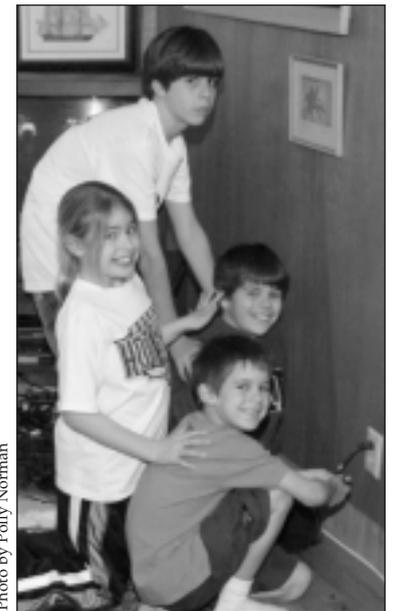


Photo by Polly Norman

"Edina Unplugged" meant refraining from television, computers, electronic games, movies and other entertainment for one night. Six-year-old Walter Albitz was more than happy to unplug the family TV set for the night with encouragement from his siblings (from top) Paul (12), Annabelle (8) and Ben (11).

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Suggested “UNPLUGGED NIGHT” Family Activity Ideas

Steering committee members have been looking at various activities that parents can do with their kids in pre-school to grade 12—the target age groups:

For Pre-School and Young Children In Grades K-6:

- Snuggle under large blankets and read stories to each other.
- Sort family photos or go through old albums.
- Make up a story together, letting everyone contribute.
- Make a fort with blankets over a card table. Crawl under it and read to each other, or play simple board games or cards.
- Use safe kitchen utensils to mold Play Dough into sculptures.
- Give everyone an old magazine, cut out pictures and make a family collage.
- Bake a batch of cookies together.
- Put small items in a big bag and take turns feeling inside the bag to guess what it contains.
- Get a big carton from an appliance store to decorate and play in.

- Make paper plate puppets and put on a show for each other.
- Use a paint roller and washable latex paint to make family handprints.
- Use household items (like pots, pans and spoons) to create a family band.

For Adolescents in Grades 7-12:

- Play board games or cards.
- Wash the family dog.
- Tell scary stories (with the lights out).
- Learn how to make ice cream in a plastic bag.
- Play broomball outdoors.
- Have everyone write a letter to a friend.
- Work together to repair something.
- Go through closets and gather unneeded items for donation to charity.
- If it’s still light outside, go on a hike.
- Put a puzzle together.
- Go bowling.
- Visit the library.

Source: Excerpted and edited from www.familytime.com

Connecting With Kids

The “Unplugged” concept operates under the umbrella of “Connecting with Kids,” the highly-regarded, asset-building program initiated in Edina in 2000. It helps Edina parents, kids and youths cultivate a wide variety of “assets” that point young people toward future success.



This “Connecting With Kids” logo represents Edina’s community-wide commitment to provide the City’s children and adolescents with a range of selected “assets” needed for healthy development.

The City of Edina actively supports the “Connecting With Kids” initiative, as a way to create a more supportive and caring school and community environment for Edina’s youth. “One of the primary findings that has emerged from that program’s research is that kids want more time to spend with their families,” Doug Johnson said. “‘Edina Unplugged’ is part of Edina’s response to that request.”

Other Cities Have Had Success With Similar Programs

Edina isn’t the first community to launch this type of initiative. Cities across the country have been organizing similar plans. “Edina is building on the experience and initiatives of other communities,” Doug Johnson said. One excellent example is a highly successful “Family Night Out” program launched in March 2006 by a grassroots organization in Wayzata,

Minn., dedicated to finding balance in over-scheduled lives.

And a recent issue of the Minneapolis *Star-Tribune* reported that nearly 5,500 Carver County residents participated in “Eat, Talk, Connect,” one of Minnesota’s first countywide programs aimed at strengthening families by getting them to eat three meals together each week for three months.

Studies Show Fewer Problems In Families That Dine Together

The Carver County program is also based on studies that show that the more meals a family shares together, the less likely their children are to abuse alcohol or drugs, smoke or be depressed. The research indicates the kids are also more likely to get good grades and possess a healthier sense of well-being.

Participation numbers suggest that they have succeeded. Nearly 4,000 elementary and middle-school families took part in the first phase of the Carver program, which ended Jan. 31. County workplaces and faith communities are still drawing thousands more participants.

A similar effort in our neighboring suburb of Eden Prairie is called “Family Time First.” Participants were asked to pledge to four or five family meals per week. The guidelines are simple—turn off the TV, eat together, talk together. Keep conversations light; don’t focus on problems or dole out discipline.

“We don’t want to put more stress on parents that are already stressed,” said Marie Wixon, coordinator of the

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Daniel and Betty Albitz's family played the popular board game "Clue" on "Edina Unplugged" night. Pictured as they played are (from left): Annabelle (age 8), father Daniel, Paul (age 12), Ben (age 11), Walter (age 6) and mother Betty.

Carver County program. "It's not about making fancy meals. It's about the connection."

"The message is that it's okay not to have something scheduled every night," said Jill Anderson, Parent Involvement Coordinator at Jonathan Elementary School in Chaska. "In fact, it's a good idea not to. The program reminds family members of their importance to one another," said Wixon. "We're losing our connections," she added. "[And] this is a way to prevent that."

Reap the Rewards

"Edina Unplugged" demonstrated that a regularly scheduled weekly or monthly "family night" is not only possible, it's an excellent way to ensure some quality time with your kids—and time for kids with their parents as well. Also, your future "family nights" are sure to be remembered as your kids grow up and, perhaps, even pass the concept along to their own offspring.

For more information on "Edina Unplugged," e-mail Doug Johnson at doujohnson@edina.k12.mn.us or log on to one of the following websites: www.puttingfamilyfirst.org or www.familynightamonth.org.

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City To Say Thanks At Annual Reception

Good deeds are performed in the community for the benefit of all of Edina. Nearly 70 community organizations add to the beauty, culture and recreational opportunities that bring many new residents and visitors to the City.

Each year, the City sets aside an evening to focus on the efforts of its service clubs and recognize individuals who have devoted time and energy to better the community. As part of Edina's Annual Volunteer Recognition Reception, many volunteers will be recognized 5 p.m. Monday, April 24, at Edinborough Park.

At the reception, organizations will be given the opportunity to recognize their own exemplary volunteers in a public setting. More than 25 community organizations are expected to participate in this year's event. In addition, Mayor James B. Hovland will announce this year's recipients of six Mayor's Commendation Awards. The categories are:

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.

The Edina-Morningside Rotary Club and Rotary Club of Edina were last year's recipients. The clubs received the honor for raising money and helping to renovate the Edina Senior Center kitchen.

Mayor's Outstanding Senior Commendation

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

The 2005 award was given to Jean Hedberg for her involvement in volunteer activities including the Edina Federated Women's Club, Southdale YMCA and Braemar Golf Association.

Mayor's Youth Commendation

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

Catherine Elliott received the distinguished award in 2005. As a middle school student, Catherine was an active member of the Student Leadership Council, Girl Scouts and Builders Club, among other things. As a ninth-grader, she logged more than 100 hours of community service.

Mayor's Connecting With Kids Commendation

Awarded to an individual or organization making a positive impact in the lives of youth.

Mark Peterson, the first recipient of the commendation, focuses his efforts principally on issues involving youth and families. Peterson became involved in youth asset-building initiatives after seeing enough of the "aftermath" of underage alcohol use. He now serves as a member of Edina Chemical Health Partners, Alcohol Action Group of Tri-City Partners and the Connecting With Kids positional leaders group. In addition, he has collaborated on forums for the parents of Edina athletes focusing on Minnesota State High School League rules relating to substance use.

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.

Communications Director Jennifer Bennerotte received the 2005 award for her service to the Edina Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Edina and Minnesota Association of Government Communicators.

The community is invited to attend the 2006 Volunteer Recognition Reception and applaud the extraordinary efforts of Edina's volunteers. For more information or to make a reservation, call Human Services Coordinator Susan Heiberg, 952-826-0403.



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Odd Shop Photos, Other Donations Add To Morningside Exhibit



Mildred Carlson, far left, and her staff knew exactly where everything was in Carlson's Odd Shop, despite the seeming disarray. (1950s photo)

Almost anyone who lived in Edina a few decades ago remembers Carlson's Odd Shop at France Avenue and Sunnyside Road, a virtual wonderland of toys, glassware, gifts, buttons and ribbons stacked in every nook and cranny from floor to ceiling. Customers were awed by the selection as well as Mrs. Carlson's uncanny ability to find everything, despite the seeming disarray.

While the Edina Historical Society had photos of the much-beloved shop's exterior, it didn't have any of that amazing interior – until recently when the owner's

daughter Marjorie Carlson donated several photos for the Edina History Museum's current exhibit on the Morningside neighborhood.

"Morningside: A Century of Good Neighbors" has attracted visitors from more than nine states to the Edina History Museum, 4711 W. 70th St. The exhibit grand opening in September brought back 143 people to a Morningside reunion and several more visit every day the museum is open.

The expanded exhibit will soon include other donated items, including a 1914 map of Morningside and surrounding areas, a 1930s Girl Scout uniform, a Morningside mayor's badge, many personal photos of families and Morningside homes and more.

Calling All Neighborhoods...

What makes your neighborhood special? Do you always have a block party in the summer? Do neighbors compete to see who has the best Christmas light display?

Although your area may not be as old as the 100-year-old Morningside, it still has a history all its own. If you have photos or other memorabilia that tell your story, the Edina Historical Society would love to preserve them for future generations.



Mildred Carlson, center, went on buying trips to New York and Chicago to find the treasures she sold at Carlson's Odd Shop on France Avenue near Sunnyside Road. She is flanked by her husband, Edward, and one of her clerks, Mrs. Allen, in this circa 1950s photo.

The museum, located in Arneson Acres Park, is open 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, or by appointment. The Edina History Museum is continuing to accept donations that tell the story of the Edina neighborhood. As a result of visitors requesting a second chance to re-connect with their old friends and neighborhood, a party is planned for Friday, May 19, to bring together Morningside residents past and present. For more information on the museum, exhibit or party or to make a donation, call the museum at 612-928-4577.

"The Odd Shop was an amazing place – tiny, but offering almost everything classified as notions and more. Needles and thread, socks and mittens, jigsaw puzzles, games, china dogs, cranberry colored glassware, Crayolas and coloring books, handkerchiefs, buttons, ribbons and glue were just some of the items crammed in every space from floor to ceiling. The two aisles were just barely wide enough for one person to stand, but we kids could squeeze around to the back and sit on the floor, out of the way, to study the paper dolls or comic valentines kept there. If the shop was crowded or we weren't behaving, Mrs. Carlson or her husband would shoo us out." – Barbara Peterson Price, in her memoir *"Hopscotch: A Morningside Childhood"*

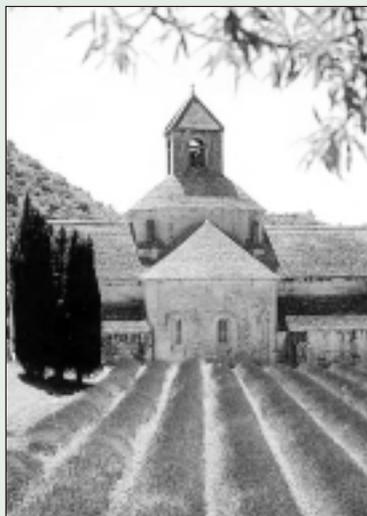
Travel With The Edina Art Center To Provence To Celebrate The Year of Cézanne

By Kathleen Sovell
and Babette Wheeler
Contributing Writers

Traveling gives people an opportunity to meet new people, enjoy different food, experience a culture with its own nuances and relax. It motivates people to read and learn.

Sometimes, an opportunity to travel presents itself in a way that will never come again. For artists and art enthusiasts, this is one of those times.

This year, France, in partnership with the Washington National Gallery of Art, is celebrating the centenary of the death of Paul Cézanne. Cézanne, a French painter who exhibited seldom in his lifetime and pursued his interests increasingly in artistic isolation, is regarded today as one of the great forerunners of modern painting, both for his way of putting down on canvas exactly what his eye saw in nature and for the qualities of pictorial form that he achieved through a unique treatment of space, mass and color. Cézanne was a contemporary of the impressionists, but he went beyond their interests in the individual brushstroke and the fall of light onto objects, to create, in his words, "something more solid



Provence field of lavender



Mont Sainte Victoire

In 2006, there are plans to honor Cézanne in his birthplace of Aix-en-Provence with such things as street shows, illuminations, presentations by contemporary artists, drawing and watercolor festivals, animation around Sainte Victoire and exhibits in other museums of Aix-en-Provence.



Provence on the
Cézanne Route

The Granet Museum is the center for much of the festivities. Cézanne's home, not usually open

and durable, like the art of the museums."

Said Cézanne, in a letter to his son, speaking of the mountain Sainte Victoire and the land around it, "I spend every day in this landscape, with its beautiful shapes. Indeed, I cannot imagine a

more pleasant way or place to pass my time."

to the public, will be open for this celebration, and that is just one of the many places included on this tour. Museums with works of Matisse, Chagall and Picasso also are included. Late summer is a perfect time to inhale the essence of Provence; vineyards are beautiful, their ruddy leaves accented by heavy bunches of ripe grapes, olives are ready to be harvested, and lavender might already be in sachets!

For more information or to sign up for this trip, contact the Edina Art Center, 612-915-6600. Visit the Art Center's website, www.EdinaArtCenter.com for a complete class and event 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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Edina Volunteers Bring The Store To Residents' Doors

By Cheryl Anderson

Sometimes, staying in familiar surroundings and living as independently as possible means more to the elderly and disabled than words can express. The volunteers and staff at Store To Door understand this very well – an inspiration leading them into their 22nd year of providing a very uncommon service in Edina and beyond.

There are 10,541 seniors over 65 years of age living in Edina, according to the 2000 Profile of General Demographic Characteristics for the City of Edina. Of those, 3,087 have a disability, and 1,584 are over 85 years of age. For many of these Edina residents, their greatest desire is to continue living in their homes, despite their many challenges.

But who is available to help them with their basic needs?

Store To Door, a nonprofit, volunteer-supported grocery shopping and prescription delivery service, brings such necessities from the store to these special customers' doors. Since beginning its operations in 1984, the mission of this unique organization has been to help frail elders and disabled residents maintain an independent lifestyle.

"Without [their] help, I would not be able to live on my own. I can't tell you how very important that is to every person [they] help," expressed Anne Y., an Edina customer.

Anyone who is physically unable to shop for his or her own groceries qualifies for this service, and the average client is 82 years old, female and living alone. Store To Door's youngest client is 22; its oldest, 106.



Photo by Polly Norman

Store To Door volunteers delivered groceries and prescription drugs to 55 Edina homes in 2005.

Gail B., the granddaughter of a former customer (who died in July 2005), gave credit to Store To Door for allowing her grandmother to "remain living independently and with dignity." Three years ago, her grandmother

"[fell] and compressed her lower spine...her limited mobility precluded a bi-monthly bus trip to Cub Foods." Gail expressed her family's gratitude for "the wonderful service [Store To Door] provided her the last few years."

With more than 350 volunteers – 10 of whom live in Edina – there were 55 Edina households served with their grocery shopping and prescription delivery service between October 2003 and 2004 (45 had originally been projected). This equated to 5 percent of Store To Door's total clients served. Kris Zierman-Linnell, Development and Communications Associate at Store To Door, reported 56 clients from Edina were served in 2005. And Edina clientele are expected to increase, with 70 clients projected for fiscal year 2006.

These members of the special population of Edina are typically over the age of 60 and include the mentally and psychologically disabled, the deaf and hard-of-hearing, those who are blind or have low vision, veterans, and the physically disabled. All clients pay for their own groceries and prescriptions, using an income-based sliding fee scale to determine a delivery contribution.

In support of these vital services, the Edina Human Rights and Relations Commission approved \$2,660 in first-time funding for Store To Door in 2005. The group also approved \$3,150 for 2006.

Store To Door acknowledges that its success comes from its volunteers, many of whom carry out the actual task of shopping for groceries. Typically, they carry out their mission

from five different Cub Foods stores across the Twin Cities. In 2005, these hard workers donated 35,262 hours of service, providing their elderly and disabled clients hope and companionship as well as groceries and prescriptions.

"We have a very kind and caring group of staff and volunteers who provide that extra TLC (tender loving care) to people who are frail and vulnerable," said Zierman-Linnell. "That extra attention means so much to them."

Jane N., a volunteer order-taker, has assisted Store To Door for 10 years. "I've ... seen how the many volunteers and staff make it work for all our great customers ... [and] heard many thankful remarks from customers," she said. "They need the service and appreciate the work that goes into it." She has also spoken to families of the clients and said they are very appreciative for Store To Door's role in keeping their parents at home.

"We really are more than just grocery shopping and picking up prescriptions," Zierman-Linnell said. "It's quite an amazing organization, and without it, [the clients'] lives would have to change dramatically."

She also acknowledged that the existence of similar organizations providing such help could be hard to find. "We are very unusual; this is a rare service to find in other parts of the state and even more so throughout the nation."

Store To Door celebrated its 21st anniversary last year along with other highlights, including the delivery of 17,928 grocery orders at a dollar value of more than

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The mission of Store To Door is to help elders and disabled residents maintain an independent lifestyle. Volunteers often go as far as helping clients put away their groceries.

\$1 million, and their expansion into counties beyond Hennepin and Ramsey. Store To Door served approximately 1,300 elderly and disabled people and expect to serve 1,500 this year.

Because of this growth, Zierman-Linnell said, "we are always in need of both funds and volunteers" – the two

most essential things that enable the much-needed assistance to continue.

Helen P., a volunteer shopper and coupon organizer, said the rewards are great in this vital – and meaningful – work. "Rest assured that we probably gain more than we give as volunteers for Store To Door," she said.

For more information about Store To Door visit www.storetodoor.org or call 651-642-1892.

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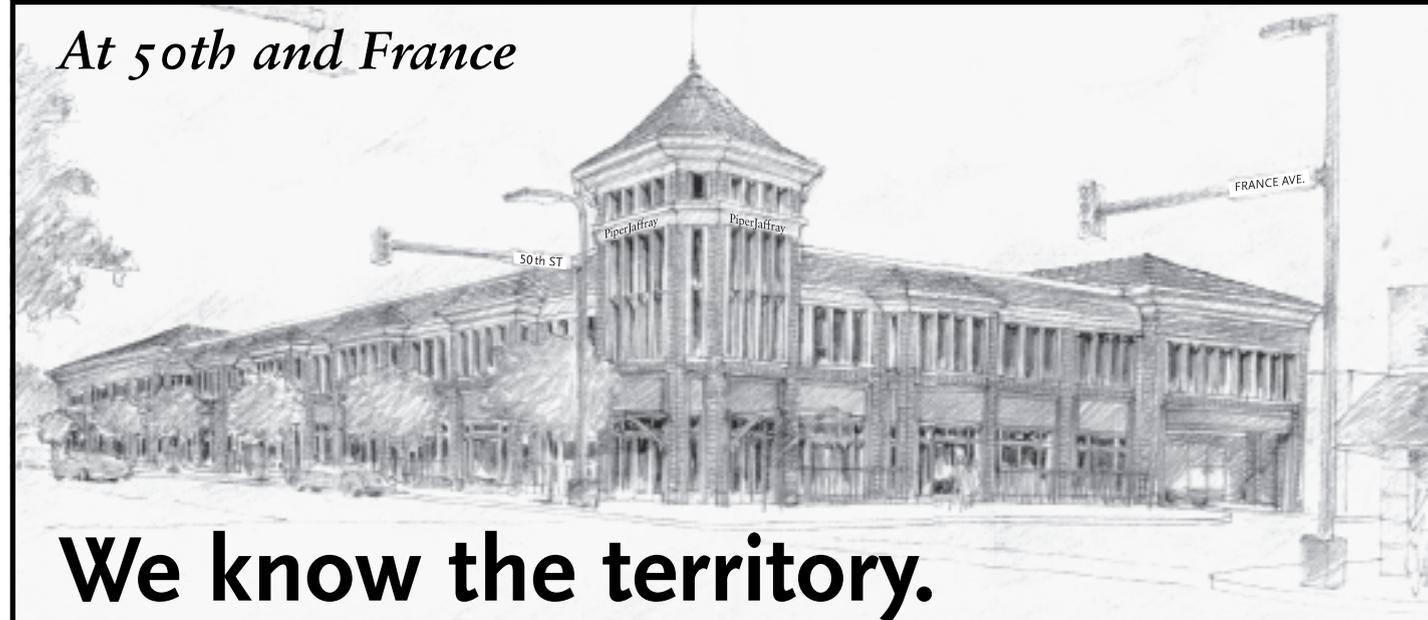


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Edina Theatre Sign Named Heritage Landmark

Long an icon of downtown Edina, the Edina Theatre sign has been named an Edina Heritage Landmark.

Although it is one of the last remaining prewar movie houses in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, the Edina Theatre building has lost much of its historical significance as a result of alterations that have removed or obscured many of its Art Deco details. In the theater's 71-year history, alterations have included replacement of the original canopy and marquee; modifications to the entrance, lobby, lounge, box office and retail shop spaces; and a reconstruction of the auditorium. However, the sign has remained constant.

The Edina Theatre sign that exists today is a reconstruction of the original 1934 electric lighted sign that was destroyed by a tornado in 1981. The sign is made of steel and covered with sheet metal. "EDINA" is spelled out with fluorescent tubing, surrounded by flashing incandescent light bulbs that are illuminated in sequence to simulate movement. In combination with the bright fluorescent and blinking lights on the marquee and canopy, the purpose of the lighted sign was to draw attention to the signboards advertising the current features and capture the attention of passing motorists.

The Edina Heritage Preservation Board found that the reconstructed theater sign is the property's most historically significant architectural feature and determined that it was eligible for protection as an Edina Heritage Landmark designation as a historic object. The Edina City Council approved the designation earlier this year.

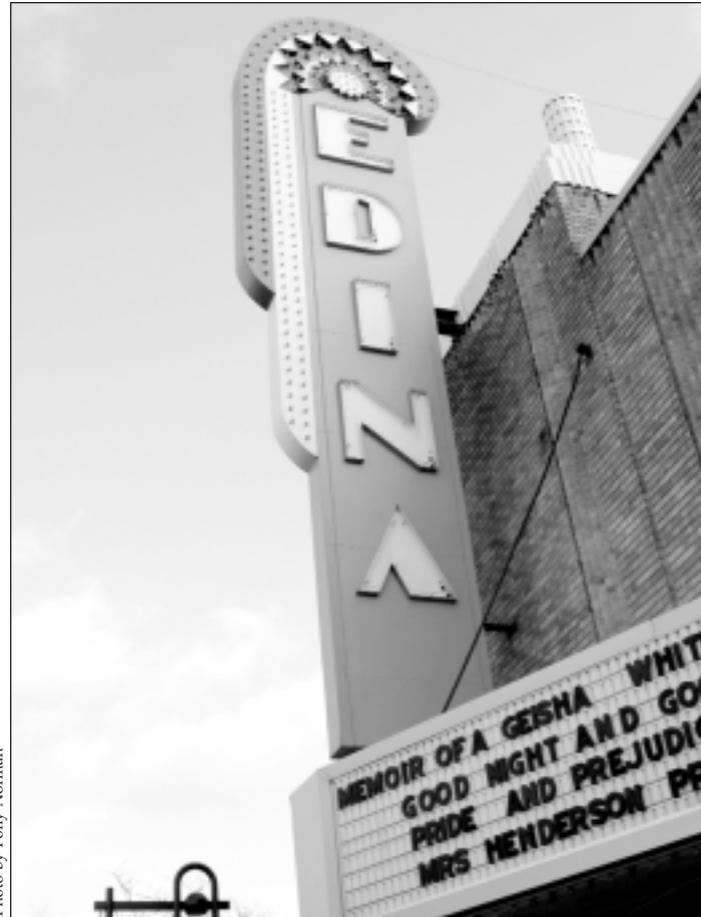


Photo by Polly Norman

The sign of the Edina Theatre, one of the last prewar movie houses in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, was recently named an Edina Heritage Landmark.

"More than 70 years after it was first illuminated, the sign continues to produce a dramatic transformation of the nighttime streetscape along 50th Street," said Associate Planner Joyce Repya, staff liaison to the Heritage Preservation Board. "An important example of public art in its own right, the sign defines the historic character of the 50th & France commercial district, where it evokes a strong sense of community identity as well as nostalgia."

The City's preservation code allows for the designation of historic objects as landmarks in cases where the historic resource is a significant example of public art related to a specific location. Although the physical relationship between the sign and the theater building is important in defining its historic identity, it is understood that the heritage value of the sign is not necessarily dependent upon preservation of the theater facade.

Because of the Heritage Landmark designation, the owner will be expected to sustain the existing form, integrity and material of the theater sign, including repair and stabilization work when necessary, as well as ongoing maintenance. Repair and replacement of deteriorated features should be based on accurate duplications of the original, based on historical, pictorial or physical evidence.

The theater sign is the City's seventh Heritage Landmark. The Country Club Neighborhood, George W. Baird house, Jonathan Grimes house, Paul Peterson house, Cahill School and Minnehaha Grange Hall are also Edina Heritage Landmarks.

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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 two weeks in April. 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 on the east side of Minnesota Highway 100 the week of April 10 and on the west side of the highway the week of April 17.

Due to the hydrant flushing, it is inevitable that some residents will receive rust-colored water that could stain laundry, but it is safe to drink. You should check for signs of discoloration prior to washing clothes. If the water is discolored when you turn on your tap, simply run the water until it is clear. Because the water system is a "single-pressure zone," it is possible that red water problems will occur in any area of the City while flushing is occurring.

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2004-05 Grants And Distributions

Our grants show us *Investing in Our Community* by focusing on four key areas of community life. Details are provided in the separate descriptions for each Program Area.

Program Area	Amount of Grants & Distributions
Helping Our Neighbors	\$15,146
Bringing People Together	33,662
Enhancing Our Safety	48,153
Beautifying Edina	67,278
TOTAL	\$164,239

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This Annual Report reflects the many ways in which our Foundation and our many constituencies invested in our community during this last year.

- We secured the commitment of four new **Board members** to join our seven other Directors in managing the Foundation. Pictures and short bios of all eleven Directors listed on this page are included in our web site at www.edinacommunityfoundation.org. In addition to devoting their time and talent to our mission, our Directors are all donors to the Foundation.
- With the aid of some 200 **volunteers** who worked at the City Hall convening site, supervised the homes on display or provided musical entertainment, we organized the First Annual **Holiday Home Tour** in December 2004, featuring three homes in the Country Club neighborhood.
- We convened representatives of the Southdale YMCA and VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People) to work with us in developing a **Community Partners** program that will secure support for vital human resource needs from major business enterprises.
- As highlighted later in this Annual Report, almost 600 **donors** gave us the financial resources to award over \$164,000 in grants (almost double the amount awarded the prior year) that advance Edina as a premier place for living, learning, raising families and nurturing leadership.
- We also increased the balance of our **Designated Funds** available for grants in the future by over \$125,000, to almost \$260,000 as of June 30. These Funds have been contributed by donors for specific programs or purposes consistent with the Foundation's mission, and typically are used to support a scholarship fund, one of its partner organizations, a City Department, or another Foundation activity.

We thank all of you who have invested in the future of our community by contributing your time or financial resources to support the Foundation and its programs. This is indeed a time for us to celebrate the commitments of so many people who have helped to make last year so successful for the Foundation, and we invite everyone else who lives or works in Edina to join us as we continue to develop programs and resources to fulfill our mission of **Strengthening Our Community**.

Sincerely,
James B. Hovland
President

Dick Crockett
Executive Director



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David and Ann Dickey, in memory of Pat Forrest
Robert Dickey, in memory of Art Dickey
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Edina Swingin' Singin' Seniors, in memory of Ella Terry Jeholich
Peggy Kelly Memorial Fund
Peter and Sheila Lind, in memory of Marge Bredesen
Doris Menozzi, in memory of William Menozzi
Catherine Mulholland, in memory of Margaret Nelson
Alice Prinzing, in memory of Peter Prinzing
David Runyan, in memory of Audrey M. Runyan
Robert Thorpe, in memory of Ester Williams

Foundation Grants—Helping Our Neighbors

The Foundation continued its tradition of awarding student scholarships and made several grants to programs that support neighbors in need:

\$2,678	for Edina Art Center, Ikola Hockey, and BFI Recycling scholarships
\$5,000	to the Southdale YMCA for Camp Kiciyapi youth scholarships
\$1,749	to the Edina Park & Recreation Department Adaptive Recreation program
\$2,500	to allow families in need to participate in Park & Recreation programs
\$1,219	to Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP) for equipment needs
\$2,000	to Common Bond Communities for computer equipment for senior residents

Foundation Grants—Bringing People Together

\$2,306	for Country Club and Edina Highlands Neighborhood Association and 4th of July activities
\$2,077	to the Edina Art Center for the Minnehaha Creek art show and other community projects
\$24,457	to the Edina Senior Center for furnishings and equipment to facilitate community gatherings
\$2,347	for the Holiday Home Tour and \$500 for an Edina Chorale concert
\$1,250	to the Edina Historical Society and Museum for its oral history project
\$725	to the Minnesota Council on Foundations

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Fred and C. Marie Friswold
Jerry and Ellen Gallagher
Timothy and Jenifer Garvey
Jerry and Patricia Gilligan
John Goetz
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Foundation Grants—Beautifying Edina

\$2,844	for City Hall art and park benches
\$3,434	to the Conservation League of Edina for water quality testing and tree planting
\$1,500	to the Edina Garden Council for buckthorn abatement
\$9,500	for a kiosk at Braemar Golf Course featuring its status as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary
\$50,000	for Grandview Square Park landscaping

Norman and Helen Groth
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Foundation Grants—Enhancing Our Safety

\$5,590	to the Edina Fire and Police Departments for automated external defibrillators
\$42,563	to the Edina Police Department for Emergency Response Team security equipment

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The Foundation raised funds necessary for the development of Grandview Square Park, dedicated in 2005.

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The Foundation also thanks another 295 donors of gifts from \$5 to \$95.

2004-2005 Financial Statements

We increased our net assets available for *Investing in Our Community* by 35%, to \$441,473, and increased our Program Services to the community by 122%, to \$185,344.

Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2005

ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$261,889
Promises to give	67,000
Donated Tangible Items	4,350
Interest receivable	<u>2,132</u>
Total current assets	\$335,371
Other Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents – endowment fund	28,498
Promises to give – endowment fund	15,000
Long-term promises to give – endowment fund	29,706
Long-term promises to give – other	83,840
Total other assets	<u>157,044</u>
Total assets	\$492,415
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$2,192
Grants payable	<u>48,750</u>
	50,942
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted:	
General	9,546
Designed as endowments	100,000
Temporarily restricted	258,723
Permanently restricted endowment fund	73,204
Total net assets	<u>441,473</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	\$492,415

Statements of Activities For Year Ended June 30, 2005

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	\$75,913	\$283,163	\$13,247	\$372,323
Net Investment income	4,731			4,731
Total support and revenue	80,644	283,163	13,247	377,054
Net assets released from donor restrictions	154,297	(154,297)		
	234,941	128,866	13,247	377,054
Decreased Net Assets (expenses)				
Program services	185,344			185,344
Fundraising	44,871			44,871
Management and general	32,513			32,513
	262,728			262,728
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(27,787)	128,866	13,247	114,326
Net assets, beginning of year	137,333	129,857	59,957	327,147
Net assets, end of year	\$109,546	\$258,723	\$73,204	\$441,473

AUDITORS: Ellingson and Ellingson, Ltd.
The complete audited statements for this and prior fiscal years, and a copy of our IRS Form 990 and Minnesota Charitable Organization Annual Report are available upon request.

More Than \$84,000 Donated To Park And Recreation Department In 2005

Parks and other such amenities greatly improve the quality of life in a community. The City of Edina is the fortunate recipient of many donations each year that improve its parks, adding to the quality of life enjoyed here. Edina Park and Recreation creates community through people, parks and programs. In the year 2005, \$84,714 in donations were received.

“The City of Edina wishes to extend thanks and appreciation to all those who made contributions to the Edina Park and Recreation Department in the year 2005,” said Park and Recreation Director John Keprios.

Those who made donations of \$300 or more to the Edina Park and Recreation Department in 2005 were:

Viktor Jegers
Rita Reese-Clark
Braemar Men’s Club
LeVoir Family Trust
Wes Smith & Dee Vosmik
Dan Moran
Robin A. Cohan
R. Patricia Sullivan
Christ Presbyterian Church
Patricia Lennes
Martha Murphy
Bloomington Daymakers

Given To/For
Park bench at Pamela Park
Park bench at Rosland Park
Braemar Golf Course
Braemar Golf Course
Braemar Golf Course
Braemar Golf Course
Edina Art Center
Edina Art Center
Edina Art Center
Edina Art Center (Decorative Fountain)
Edina Art Center (Art Materials)
The Perfect Show

In Memory Of
Edgar & Irene Jegers
Linda Reese

Babe & Mary LeVoir
Geneva Smith
Judie Moran

Those who made donations of \$500 or more to the Edina Park and Recreation Department in 2005 were:

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation
Ron & Michelle Veith
Fred & Jane Zuspan
Roger & Joyce Ekman
Thomas W. Osborn
Claire R. Schwanebeck

The Perfect Show
The Perfect Show
Edina Senior Center
Edina Senior Center
Edina Art Center
Edina Art Center

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Cindy Bingham, 2005 Volunteer of the Year, was recognized for her work on the Foundation’s first Holiday Home Tour.

For more information about the Foundation’s programs and charitable giving opportunities, contact its Executive Director, Dick Crockett at 952-833-9573, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina, MN 55436 or edinacommunityfoundation@ci.edina.mn.us, or review the Foundation’s website at www.edinacommunityfoundation.org.



	Given To/For
Betty & Woody Cater	Edina Art Center
Thomas W. Osborn	Edina Art Center
50th & France Business & Professional Assn.	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
Christensen & Laue	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
Edina Bike & Sport	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
Edina Cleaners	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
Ellingson & Ellingson	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
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Jerry's Foods	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
ReMax Results/Lakeland Mortgage	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben P.A. Attorneys at Law	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
Western Bank	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
Xcel Energy	4 th of July Parade Sponsor

Those who made donations of \$1,000 or more to the Edina Park and Recreation Department in 2005 were:

BZZ Line Dancing Group	Edina Senior Center
Edina Soccer Club	Braemar Park
Edina Community Foundation	<i>The Perfect Show</i>
Eden Prairie Foundation	<i>The Perfect Show</i>
Edina Rotary Club	<i>The Perfect Show</i>
Best Buy	<i>The Perfect Show</i>
Education Foundation of Bloomington	<i>The Perfect Show</i>
St. Edwards Tithing & Outreach Program	<i>The Perfect Show</i>
Matt McPherson	Bredesen Park
Gerald Rauenhurst	Edina Art Center
Michael F. Kelly	Edina Art Center
Ronald & Sandra Clark	Edina Art Center
Edina Car Wash	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
France Avenue Family Physicians	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
Key Cadillac	4 th of July Parade Sponsor

In Memory Of

Marion Nichols

	Given To/For
North American Banking Company	4 th of July Parade Sponsor
Edina Community Council	Playground Transportation
Golden K Kiwanis Club	Movie Program

Those who made donations of \$3,000 or more to the Edina Park and Recreation Department in 2005 were:

Minnesota Regional Arts Council	<i>The Perfect Show</i>
Transportation Resource to Aid Independent Living (TRAIL)	<i>The Perfect Show</i>
Wilbur Family	Braemar Park

Those who made donations of \$5,000 or more to the Edina Park and Recreation Department in 2005 were:

Toro Company	Braemar Golf Course Audubon Society Kiosk
Excel Bank	4 th of July Parade Sponsor

Those who made donations of \$10,000 or more to the Edina Park and Recreation Department in 2005 were:

Fairview Southdale Hospital	4 th of July Fireworks Display
Edina Lions Club	Shade Structure and Drinking Fountain for YMCA Tri-City Skate Park

For more information on donations made in 2005, or to make a donation to the Park and Recreation Department, contact John Keprios, 952-826-0430.

City Accepting Nominations For 2006 Edina Heritage Award

The City of Edina is calling for entries in its fourth-annual Edina Heritage Award contest.

The City established the award in 2003 to showcase local historic preservation activity. The Edina Heritage Award is given annually to an individual, family, company or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and use of Edina's heritage resources. Any individual, company or organization is eligible for the award, including non-residents, but in order to be considered, the historic property or resource must be located in Edina. Current members of the City's Heritage Preservation Board are not eligible for the award.

The Morningside Neighborhood, located in northeastern Edina, was presented the 2005 Edina Heritage Award in May to commemorate its 100th anniversary. Morningside was the first residential neighborhood in Edina, platted with the extension of the Twin City Rapid Transit line – the early streetcar line between Minneapolis and Lake Minnetonka.

The recipients of the 2004 award were the owners and tenants of Edina Theatre, 3911 W. 50th St., for their efforts to make the theater shine again. After purchasing the Edina Theatre, Haugland Company and tenant Landmark Theaters, Inc., refurbished the facility and the marquee. Eager to restore the sign and marquee to its former glory, the sign was repainted in June 2003 with colors such as "Peach Angora," "Primrose Pink," "Caroline Clay," "Shell Tint" and "Chantrelle" to replicate the paint used 70 years before.

The 2003 award winner was the Baird House, 4400 W. 50th St. The Heritage Preservation Board unanimously selected the Baird House for the award because of the homeowners' careful attention in building a modern addition to the historic home the year before.

The Heritage Preservation Board will select this year's winner. The Edina City Council will present the award during National Preservation Month in May. The winner will receive a commemorative plaque.

Since the National Trust created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts around the country, it has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns such as Edina and big cities, with events ranging from architectural and historic tours and award ceremonies, to fundraising events, educational programs and heritage travel opportunities. Due to its overwhelming popularity, the National Trust has extended the celebration to the entire month of May and declared it Preservation Month to provide an even longer opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states and enable more Americans to become involved in the growing preservation movement. Announcement of the Edina Heritage Award during May is just one way the City commemorates the month.

Award nominations are due 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 14. A nomination should include the address of the heritage resource; description of its preservation, rehabilitation and restoration; and name and address of owner. A photo should also be included.

Entries should be sent to: Edina Heritage Award, Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424. Entries can also be e-mailed to EdinaMail@ci.edina.mn.us or filled out online at www.CityofEdina.com.

For more information, call Associate Planner Joyce Repya, 952-826-0462.

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Peddlers and solicitors are allowed to sell their wares or services in Edina by going from door to door. Residents who do not want such entrepreneurs to knock on their doors must place a printed placard or sign reading "Peddlers and Solicitors Prohibited" on or near the usual entrance to their homes. No peddler or solicitor shall enter, ring the doorbell or knock on a door where a placard or sign is posted, unless he or she has been previously invited by the resident.

Under a new ordinance that went into effect Jan. 1, 2006, peddlers and solicitors must obtain a permit from the Edina Police Department. The permits are valid for 14 days. Peddlers must wear an identification card issued by the City and conduct their business between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. They must go to the front door of a residence and are not allowed in residents' side or rear yards. Peddlers and solicitors must promptly depart a property after completing business.

Non-profit organizations established for philanthropic, religious or educational purposes do not have to obtain a permit, but must register with the Police Department. Some people do not have to register or carry a permit to go door to door. Those people include:

- Those selling personal property at wholesale to dealers of such articles
- Newspersons
- Merchants delivering goods to established customers in the regular course of business
- Farmers or gardeners

- Students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 who are selling items to benefit programs or activities in which they are involved
- Bakery, dairy or grocery deliverers who make an uninvited initiatory visit in an effort to establish a regular route service for future delivery of perishables

Political and religious canvassing or campaigning is not prohibited.

Remember, you do not need to answer a knock at your door. If you are not sure who it is or are uncomfortable, don't open your door.

For more information, contact the Edina Police Department, 952-826-1610. Please report suspicious activity by calling 911.

Tree Brush

During spring's first storm, many tree branches and twigs fall to the ground. Such brush must be hauled away. However, the City does not pick up brush left at the curbside. Residents should contact a private contractor or refuse hauler for removal or dispose of the brush at a NRG Processing Solutions tree dump.

For more information, contact Park Maintenance Superintendent Vince Cockriel, 952-826-0305. For NRG Processing Solutions hours of operation and locations, call 952-946-6999.

Lawn Watering

Spring rainfall can be unpredictable. In order to ensure an

adequate water supply for late summer, Edina's odd-even sprinkling policy goes into effect May 1 and continues through August.

Homes with even-numbered addresses may water their lawns on even-numbered dates of the week. Homes with odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered dates. So, the family living at 4532 Parkside Lane could water their lawn on even-numbered dates – May 2, 4, 6 and so on.

If the weather becomes exceptionally dry for an extended period of time, additional water restrictions might be put into place. However, because residents have faithfully observed the odd-even sprinkling policy, the City has had very few water emergencies in the past.

For more information, contact Utilities Superintendent Roger Glanzer, 952-826-0311.



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Senior Health & Resource Expo Planned For Late April

Three local organizations with assistance from the City are reaching out to seniors, hoping to arm them with information to help them maintain active, independent lifestyles in the community.

The Edina Federated Women's Club, Edina Resource Center and Edina Community Foundation have organized a Senior Health & Resource Expo, scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 25. The event will be held at Colonial Church of Edina, 6200 Colonial Way.

The free expo, open to all seniors in the community as well as caregivers, will include exhibitions, presentations and refreshments. Presentations will cover the topics of diabetes education and the moving process, among other things.

A keynote presentation will be made at 9 a.m. by Debbie Hanka, a physical therapist and co-author of the book *Staying Strong: A Senior's Guide to Living a More Active and Independent Life*. Following her presentation, Hanka will sign copies of her book, which will be available at the expo for purchase.

"We want all Edina seniors to attend the expo, collect information regarding the resources available in the community and meet with the exhibitors so that they will have a better understanding of the services available in the community," said Jan Johnson of the Edina Federated Women's Club. "We hope this will lead to them living more healthy and enjoyable lifestyles."

For more information on the expo or to register for the event, call the Edina Senior Center, 952-833-9570. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. the day of the event.

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The Edina Community Foundation: Leaving A Legacy



By Dick Crockett
Executive Director

One of the basic choices we all make during our lives is the kind of legacies we wish to leave with our family, friends and community. For most of us, that will begin with a gift of love and time invested in our children and grandchildren, leading to the satisfaction that

comes from a growing family that carries our values forward in time.

Another kind of legacy can result from the gift of public service to our community. Edina has been blessed throughout its history with many individuals who have devoted their time and talent to making this a better place to live, learn, raise families and nurture leadership. Four of these people whom we have elected as our Mayor now serve on the Edina Community Foundation Board of Directors—James Van Valkenburg, Fred Richards, Dennis Maetzold and James Hovland.

Two other members of our current Board—George Klus and Geof Workinger—also serve on City boards or commissions, and Otto Bang served 20 years in the State Legislature. Grethe Langeland Dillon just finished a term as President of the 50th & France Business & Professional Association, and Kevin Ries, Carolyn Schroeder, Al Alexander and Brenda Radichel Quaye have commendable records of service club membership

and volunteer work in our community, including their current work on the Foundation Board.

For the rest of us, the Foundation offers another opportunity for leaving a legacy through the thoughtful gift of financial resources—our treasure—to build a better community now and in the future. During the last year, more than 500 of our friends and neighbors have done just that by making charitable contributions to the Foundation that help us in one or more of our four focus areas—*Bringing People Together, Helping Our Neighbors, Beautifying Edina and Enhancing Our Safety.*

Their cumulative gifts of over \$372,000 allowed us to make a record number of grants that are summarized in our most recent Annual Report, which is included with this issue of *About Town*. Many of these donors made multi-year pledges totaling either \$5,000 as Community Benefactors or \$25,000 as Founders Club members to reflect their extended commitment to the Foundation and our community.

As you think about your potential for leaving a legacy, we ask you to consider a planned gift (sometimes called a “deferred gift”) that will ensure the long-term success of the Foundation and its efforts to strengthen our community.

One common way of accomplishing this is to arrange a gift of assets not needed or intended to be used for your current living expenses. This could include a **gift of an IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or other retirement plan, or a gift of a commercial annuity or life insurance policy.** Another planned gift option is to transfer income-producing assets to a **charitable remainder trust** that names the

Foundation as the remainder beneficiary after a period of income payments to the donor. An even simpler alternative not involving the transfer of any current assets is **naming the Edina Community Foundation as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy or in your will.**

In addition to the valuable legacy that these gifts leave, they can also generate substantial charitable contribution deductions on your Federal and State income or estate tax returns, depending on whether the gift is of current or estate assets. The amount of your deduction and the other technical details of your planned gift should, of course, be discussed with your financial or estate planning professional, and the Foundation can assist with that process. In fact, we are in the process of meeting with accountants and attorneys in the Edina area to familiarize them with the Foundation so that they can be better prepared to advise you about such a planned gift.

Once we are notified that the arrangements for a planned gift have been finalized, we will acknowledge the donor or donors by name (or anonymously if that is preferred) at our Donors Receptions and in our Annual Reports.

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If you have raised your family in Edina, enjoyed business or career success as a resident of this community and enjoyed living in a safe and beautiful neighborhood, the Edina Community Foundation offers you a chance to “give back” to your community. Leaving a Legacy through a multi-year pledge or a planned gift to the Foundation will help ensure that your family and others who succeed you will have the same pride in your community that you have enjoyed.

Questions about current or planned gifts to the Foundation or about any of its programs may be addressed to Dick Crockett at 952-833-9573 or edinacommunityfoundation@ci.edina.mn.us. Additional information about the Foundation and links to other articles about the Foundation may be found at its website, www.edinacommunityfoundation.org.



Residents Reminded To Leave Refuse Containers At House Or Garage



On collection day, place your garbage container next to the garage or house. Taking it to the curb is against the law.

Photo by Polly Norman

You might think you are helping your garbage hauler by taking your trash to the curb on collection day, but doing so is against the law.

City Code prohibits placement of garbage containers at the curb. On collection day, garbage containers must be placed next to the garage or house. Containers should be stored out of view from the street after collection.

Earlier this year, the Edina City Council identified this issue as one of importance to the community. An extensive public education campaign began in January to notify residents of the local law. Later this spring, the Health Department will begin enforcing the ordinance.

“Edina residents are known for their volunteerism and willingness to help, but placing the garbage container at the curb isn’t the legal way to help,” said Recycling and Solid Waste Coordinator Solvei Wilmot. “So, place the container by the garage and abide by the City Code. Voluntary compliance will ensure clean neighborhoods and limited enforcement.”

Recycling is to be set out at the curb on collection day. Bagged yard waste may be set out by the curb no more than 12 hours before collection. No other refuse may be placed at the curb at any time.

For more information, contact the Health Department, 952-826-0370.



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Edina Public Schools Names New Superintendent



Frederick (Ric) Dressen has been named Edina Public Schools' next superintendent.

Dressen, the current superintendent of Alexandria, Minn., Public Schools will begin work July 1, when Kenneth A. Dragseth, who has held the position for 14 years, retires.

Dressen has been superintendent of Alexandria Public Schools since January of 2000. Prior to serving in Alexandria, he was superintendent of Waconia Public Schools

Ric Dressen will begin work July 1 as superintendent of Edina Public Schools, succeeding Ken Dragseth in the position.

from 1991 through 1999. His administrative career includes serving as principal of Southview Elementary School in Waconia, as associate principal of Earle Brown Elementary School in Brooklyn Center, and as principal of St. Joe Lab School in St. Joseph. Dressen was an adjunct professor at the College of St. John University, and began his teaching career in Annandale.

Dressen is a graduate of Bemidji State University, with master's and specialist degrees from St. Cloud State University, and a doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

In accepting the position, Dressen said, "I am excited to join the Edina Public Schools team—staff, community and students—to take education to the next level in the 21st century."

Dressen is currently the chairman of the Minnesota Association of School Administrators. In 2003-04, he led the Minnesota Education Finance Reform Task Force at the request of the Governor. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Alexandria and the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. He was named regional Administrator of Excellence by the Minnesota Association of School Administrators in 2003, and Superintendent of the Year for Carver-Scott Area Community Education Program in 1999. He was named Business Person of the Year by the Waconia Chamber of Commerce in 1995.

The Edina Board of Education sought candidates nationwide with the assistance of the national search firm of Hazard, Young and Attea, Ltd. Board Chairman Brian Hedberg said, "We were pleased with the caliber of candidates we were able to review. We found all the finalists to be excellent educators, and the Board of Education looks forward to working with Dr. Dressen."

The City of Edina has enjoyed a strong working relationship with the local school district and looks forward to working with Dressen. "The City and the school district have a long history of cooperation for the benefit of the entire community," said City Manager Gordon Hughes. "We look forward to

continuing this partnership with the Edina Public Schools under Ric's leadership."

For more information on Edina Public Schools or its new superintendent, call Edina Public Schools, 952-848-3900.

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City Calls For Entries In Community Photo Contest

Whether you prefer strolling around your favorite Edina park or driving through one of the City's scenic neighborhoods, you have probably had the opportunity to observe many picturesque scenes. The City of Edina would like you to share the images you have collected over the past year through the third-annual Images of Edina Photo Contest.

"Edina is a beautiful place to live and work," said Communications Director Jennifer Bennerotte. "Each year, countless photographs are taken in our community showing that Edina is the preeminent place for living, learning, raising families and doing business."

The City of Edina is asking you to share some of those photos by participating in its annual contest.

Last year's photo contest winner was "Street Dance" by Andrew Vick, who captured the annual Edina Art Fair at 50th & France. It won the "Doing Business" category and the overall contest. The judges selected a photo by John Hobday the best in the "Learning" category for his black-and-white of a snow-covered tree and Arlene Green won the "Living" category with "Bridges of Centennial Lakes." Patricia Willette won the "Raising Families" category for her photo, "Daddy Loves Lily."

The deadline to enter this year's contest is 4:30 p.m. June 16. Following are the basic rules of the contest:

- You must either work in Edina or be a resident to enter this contest.

- Photographs must be entered in one of four categories, representing the City's vision statement: Living, Learning, Raising Families or Doing Business.
- All photos must have been taken between June 1, 2005, and June 16, 2006.
- You may submit up to three color or black-and-white prints.
- All entries submitted must be your own work.
- Do not submit slides, photocopies, or prints that aren't on photo-quality paper.
- All photos must be trimmed to 8x10.
- Do not mat or frame photos.
- By entering the contest, you agree to let the City of Edina publish and display the photo(s) with proper credit.
- The City of Edina will not be responsible for lost entries.
- The contest organizers reserve the right to re-categorize or disqualify any entrant.
- If there are identifiable people in the photo and it was taken in a non-public space, it is the responsibility of the photographer to obtain written permission to use the photo.
- All decisions will be final, and judges reserve the right not to award in any category.
- All photo entries become the property of the City and are not returned.

Contest winners will receive plaques from the City Council and their artwork will be displayed for up to two years at Edina City Hall. Some photos might also appear in future publications of *About Town* and *AboutBusiness*.

Each entry should include the photographer's name, address, zip code, daytime telephone number, age (if under 18), category, title of photo and enhancement description if there was any digital manipulation of the image.

Entries will be judged on subject matter, composition, clarity, lighting, depth of field, artistry/drama, degree of difficulty, technical excellence and overall impact. Entries should be mailed to Photo Contest, City of Edina, 4801 W. 50th St., Edina, MN 55424.

For more information on the contest, call 952-833-9537 or contact Communications@ci.edina.mn.us.

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City of Edina Remembers David Byron



David Byron

Civic leaders and community members are remembering David Byron, a longtime member and chairman of the Edina Planning Commission. Byron died suddenly at home in February.

“The City of Edina has lost a wonderful volunteer and delightful man,” said City Manager Gordon Hughes. “Dave’s insight, intelligence and commitment to the City will be profoundly missed by all of us.”

Byron was a senior partner at the Minneapolis law firm of Rider Bennett, where he practiced business law for more than 30 years. His interest in the community led him to join the Edina Planning Commission in 1990. He was named chairman of the group in 2004. He also served as member and chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Many in the community have mourned his loss. “David Byron was a man of many qualities,” said Mayor Jim Hovland. “He was, amongst other things, blessed with a clear and active mind and possessed solid judgment and impeccable ethics. He was thoughtful, inquisitive, careful, always considerate, facilitative, prudent, kind-hearted and mirthful. His wisdom was relied upon by everyone on the Planning Commission and the City Council. On the evening of Feb. 13, 2006, Edina lost a sage and his

family lost a loving husband and father. He will be missed, but never forgotten, by all of us.”

Many others echoed those comments. “He was such a decent man. He would help out wherever he was needed,” said Planning Department Secretary Jackie Hoogenakker. “David also wasn’t afraid to change his mind. Many times, I heard him say, ‘I never thought of it that way.’ Dave was just plain wonderful.”

Byron is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughter and son-in-law, Therese and Eric Otten; son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Christina Byron; two grandchildren; and several sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews.

For more information on the Edina Planning Commission, call 952-826-0369. Memorials in Byron’s name can be made to the Edina Fire Department, 6250 Tracy Ave., Edina, MN 55436.

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Planning Commissioners Retire After 30 Years of Service



Photo by Polly Norman

Helen McClelland retired from the Planning Commission in January after 30 years of service.

By Cheryl Anderson

Taking three decades of interesting stories and vivid memories of proposals, developments and ordinances with them, Helen McClelland and David Runyan retired in January from the Edina Planning Commission.

Runyan joined the Planning Commission in 1970; McClelland in 1976. Both were dedicated to shaping the City into the community it is today.

"Dave and Helen have been fixtures here and will be missed," said Planning Department Secretary Jackie Hoogenakker. "It was difficult at times, but neither one of them was afraid to stand up for what they believed in. In particular, Dave Runyan was the voice of reason on the Commission and always treated residents, developers and staff with great respect."

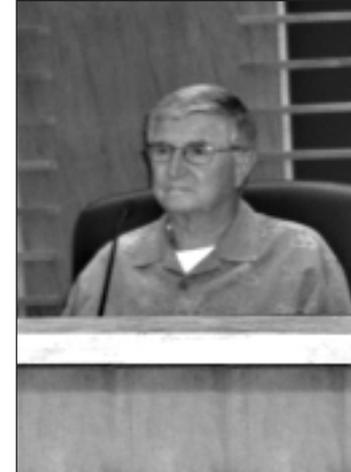
In their three decades on the Planning Commission, McClelland and Runyan approved some major developments in the community, including Edinborough, Centennial Lakes and Grandview Square. They also oversaw redevelopments and expansions at 50th & France, Southdale Center and Fairview Southdale Hospital.

Former Mayor Jim Van Valkenburg appointed McClelland to the Planning Commission in 1976, the beginning of her many years of community service. She had been motivated to form a homeowners' association – "a good way to start," she said – and get involved after she bought a house in western Edina in August 1971. Her house bordered Walnut Ridge Park, and she and her neighbors opposed a proposal to build a road through it. Her early work involved "research, research, research," she said, adding that she had "sneezed [her] way through old documents" to find the information she was looking for.

"I was extremely nervous to speak," she remembered of the first time she made a presentation before the City Council. "But it's easier to speak if you have knowledge." McClelland quickly conquered her fear. She knows most people who have made presentations before the Planning Commission in recent years would have a hard time believing she was ever nervous to speak her mind.

With large developments come challenges and controversies. However, all challenges of 30 years aside, McClelland said, "We have wonderful parks and wonderful planning [for] keeping amenities. ...I'm so proud of the community we have. You can travel two miles in any direction and hit a park. ... Edina has a very good history of working with its neighbors very well, and with taking care of the [Nine Mile and Minnehaha] creeks and water resources."

The City is grateful to McClelland and Runyan for their years of service and formally thanked them at the City Council's annual meeting with boards, commissions and



After more than a quarter-century, David Runyan stepped down from the Planning Commission earlier this year.

committees in March. "I've had the privilege of working with Dave and Helen for many years," said City Manager Gordon Hughes. "They've consistently provided wise guidance for the development and redevelopment of Edina. They are both examples of the wonderful volunteers who serve our community."

Mayor Jim Hovland echoed those comments. "Helen McClelland and David Runyan have spent essentially half their lives in service to our

community and we can't possibly begin to express the proper level of gratitude for all those years of civic dedication," he said. "They both deserve the highest form of commendation from the City of Edina and its citizenry for decades of conscientious and effective work on the Planning Commission."

For more information on the Edina Planning Commission, call the Planning Department, 952-826-0369.

Jennifer Bennerotte contributed to this story.



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City Receives Greater Southdale Area Study

The Edina City Council in February formally took receipt of the Greater Southdale Area Land Use & Transportation Study.

The study, a joint undertaking of the City of Edina and Hennepin County, presents a 20-year vision for the future of the Greater Southdale Area and describes the ways the City and County can influence making the vision become a reality. The study is not a "blueprint." It does not attempt to prescribe the specific location, size and use of structures. Instead, the study uses text and illustrations to guide private and public investments in a manner that creates and maintains the area desired by the community.

The study shows how the Greater Southdale Area might appear and function. It includes such concepts as incorporating mixed-use developments, establishing a pedestrian-oriented promenade, increasing density, improving transit and transportation, creating pedestrian and bikeway enhancements and increasing the capacity of the infrastructure.



The area was broken into six districts for land use: Health Care & Housing, Regional Retail, Promenade, Centennial Lakes, Edge West and Edge East.

Under the plan, the hospital and medical office area would remain largely "as is" in the Health Care & Housing district. Mixed-use developments would be encouraged at the Valley View Road interchange and along 66th Street. Increased density along Xerxes Avenue would be allowed. Finally, roadway aesthetics would be improved.

In the Regional Retail district, Southdale Center is shown as a mixed-use development. A new transit center abutting 66th Street is envisioned. Roadway aesthetics would be improved and a connection from the Promenade district would be encouraged through or around the shopping center.

The Promenade is the most likely location for future redevelopment efforts, creating a new internal focus on pedestrians. The area is planned for mostly mixed-use developments and multi-family housing. The public corridor within the Promenade will be limited to pedestrians and bicyclists, but no motor vehicles.

The former AMC Theater site in the Centennial Lakes district is suggested for mixed-use in the plan. Centennial Lakes retail is also designated as mixed use and the Centennial Lakes offices remain as is. A south end transit station to be located as close to Interstate Highway 494 as possible is also proposed.

The Edge West District abuts existing Edina neighborhoods. Land use in the district is meant to establish a definable edge between the Greater Southdale Area and the neighborhoods. The most intense land uses in the district would be along France Avenue. The existing office designations on the south end would remain in place.

The Edge East District abuts existing Richfield neighborhoods. Mixed-use with commercial ground floor uses is recommended in the northern portion of the area. Housing and mixed-use developments are suggested to the south.

To consider the types of projects proposed in the study, the Council amended Edina's zoning ordinance to allow for an increase in intensity and building height in the Planned Commercial District-3, which comprises most of the retail-oriented properties in the Greater Southdale Area. The Council also authorized the preparation of more detailed plans for the public spaces in the Promenade.

For more information on the Greater Southdale Area Land Use & Transportation Study, visit www.CityofEdina.com/southdalestudy or call the Edina Planning Department, 952-826-0369.

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