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July 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Key:  3-7 p.m., Farmers Market, Centennial Lakes Park.			1 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 11 a.m., Community Carnival, Kuhlman Field.	2 4 p.m., Public Art Edina working group, Edina City Hall. Sunset, Movie in the Park, "McFarland," Centennial Lakes Park. 	3 Edina City Hall and Edina Community Center closed for Independence Day. 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.	4 10 a.m., Parade, Edina City Hall to West 50th Street and Halifax Avenue. Dusk, fireworks following First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Rosland Park
5 2 p.m., Shakespeare in the Park, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Hubcap: Jazz, Funk, Fusion, Centennial Lakes Park.	6 Edina Community Center closed. 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., Bend in the River Big Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	7 Noon, Mrs. Catherine & Friends, Centennial Lakes Park. 6:30 p.m., Community Health Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., City Council, Edina City Hall.	8 7 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Eden Prairie Community Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	9 7 p.m., Energy & Environment Commission, Edina City Hall. 	10 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.	11
12 5-8 p.m., Music in Edina Jazz Festival featuring Dan Ristrom, Midnight in Moscow and Patty Peterson, Centennial Lakes Park.	13 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., Northern Winds Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	14 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.	15 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., Amy & Adams, Centennial Lakes Park.	16 Noon, Kid Power: Music and Animal Show, Centennial Lakes Park. 6 p.m., Transportation Commission, Edina City Hall. 	17 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.	18 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Defensive Driving Class, Edina Senior Center. (Pre-registration required.) 9 a.m., Walk with the Mayor at 50th & France. Meet at Edina Cinema.
19 7 p.m., First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	20 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., Flute Cocktail, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., School Board meeting, Edina Community Center.	21 7 p.m., City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Sidewalk Cafe Duo, Centennial Lakes Park.	22 7 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Medalist Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	23 4:30 p.m., Arts & Culture Commission, Edina City Hall. Sunset, Movie in the Park, "The Lego Movie," Centennial Lakes Park. 	24 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.	25
26 2 p.m., Continental Ballet, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Minneapolis Police Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	27 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., The Execs Big Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	28 7 p.m., Human Rights & Relations Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Vintage Piano with Jim Shannon, Centennial Lakes Park.	29 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., Prior Lake Windjammers, Centennial Lakes Park.	30 7 p.m., Mary Hall's Show for Pipsqueeks, Centennial Lakes Park. Sunset, Movie in the Park, "Big Hero 6," Centennial Lakes Park. 	31 Community Education Walk-a-thon 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 6:30 p.m., Music in Edina featuring Alex Rossi, Rosland Park.	

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August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Key:  3-7 p.m., Farmers Market, Centennial Lakes Park.						1
2 7 p.m., Honeywell Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	3 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 6:30 p.m., Community Health Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Harmonic Relief, Centennial Lakes Park.	4 Noon, Storytelling with Carol McCormick, Centennial Lakes Park. Night to Unite	5 9-4:30 p.m., Battle of the Badges blood drive, Edina City Hall. 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., City Council, Edina City Hall.	6 Noon, Wendy's Wiggle Jiggle Jam, Centennial Lakes Park. 4 p.m., Public Art Edina working group, Edina City Hall. 	7 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.	8
9 6 p.m., Torchlight Concert in conjunction with Lighthouse Night, Centennial Lakes Park.	10 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., Wild Honey, Centennial Lakes Park.	11 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.	12 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.	13 Noon, The Bazillions, Centennial Lakes Park. Sunset, Movie in the Park, Cinderella, Centennial Lakes Park. 	14 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.	15 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Defensive Driving Class, Edina Senior Center. (Pre-registration required.)
16 7 p.m., Medicine Show Music Company, Centennial Lakes Park.	17 Registration begins for fall Parks & Recreation programs. 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., Lee Engele, Centennial Lakes Park.	18 Noon, The Alphabits, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Sidewalk Cafe Duo, Centennial Lakes Park.	19 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., Moonlight Serenaders, Centennial Lakes Park.	20 Noon, Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade, Centennial Lakes Park. 6 p.m., Transportation Commission, Edina City Hall. 	21 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.	22
23 7 p.m., Celebration Brass, Centennial Lakes Park.	24 7 p.m., Zuhrah Shrine Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	25 Noon, Jack Pearson Music and Storytelling, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Human Rights & Relations Commission, Edina City Hall.	26 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park. 7 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.	27 3:30-5:30 p.m., Open House, Edina Family Center. 4:30 p.m., Arts & Culture Commission, Edina City Hall. 	28 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.	29
30	31					

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September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Key:</p>  <p>3-7 p.m., <i>Farmers Market, Centennial Lakes Park.</i></p>		<p>1</p> <p>ECFE and pre-school classes begin at the Edina Family Center.</p> <p>6:30 p.m., Community Health Commission, Edina City Hall.</p> <p>7 p.m., City Council, Edina City Hall.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4 p.m., Public Art working group, Edina City Hall.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Labor Day. City Hall closed.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall.</p> <p>7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.</p> <p>7 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 p.m., Energy & Environment Commission, Edina City Hall.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fall into the Arts Festival, Centennial Lakes Park.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fall into the Arts Festival, Centennial Lakes Park.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5-9 p.m., Part I of Defensive Driving Class, Edina Senior Center. (Pre-registration required.)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.</p> <p>7 p.m., City Council, Edina City Hall.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5-9 p.m., Part II of Defensive Driving Class, Edina Senior Center. (Pre-registration required.)</p> <p>6 p.m., Transportation Commission, Edina City Hall.</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>4 p.m., Edina High School Homecoming Parade, Wooddale Avenue at Edina Country Club to West 58th Street to Concord Avenue to South View Lane.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 a.m., Walk with the Mayor, Pamela Park. Meet at the park shelter.</p> <p>10 a.m.-noon, Barnyard Boogie, Rosland Park.</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.</p> <p>7 p.m., School Board meeting, Edina Community Center.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:30 p.m., Arts & Culture Commission, Edina City Hall.</p> <p>5-9 p.m., Defensive Driving Class, Edina Senior Center. (Pre-registration required.)</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>1-5 p.m., Edina Open Streets, West 50th Street between Brownndale and Beard avenues.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3-4:30 p.m., Flu Shot Clinic, Edina Senior Center.</p> <p>7 p.m., Human Rights & Relations Commission, Edina City Hall.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.</p> <p>7 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.</p>			

More Upcoming Events

Other Dates To Remember

- July 1** 7 p.m., Zuhrah Flames Band, Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 2** Noon, Rusty's Rockin' Jamboree, Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 7** 7 p.m., Sidewalk Café Duo, Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 8** 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.
- July 9** Noon, The Magic Maniac Kids Show, Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 9** Sunset, Movie in the Park, "Into the Woods," Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 14** Noon, Comedic Juggling & Dangerous Stunts, Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 14** 7 p.m., Vintage Piano with Jim Shannon, Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 16** Sunset, Movie in the Park, "The Hobbit, Part 3," Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 21** Noon, Paul Spring Family Show, Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 22** 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.
- July 23** Noon, Big, Fun Show, Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 20-31** Community Education Book Drive, Concord Elementary.
- July 28** Noon, Sticks and Tones, Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 3** Registration begins for Edina Community Education Youth and Adult fall enrichment programming.
- Aug. 4** 7 p.m., Tara Brueske, Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 5** 7 p.m., Jim Berner, Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 6** 5-8 p.m., Opening reception for Crosstown Camera Club Photography exhibit, Edina Art Center.
- Aug. 6** Sunset, Movie in the Park, "Million Dollar Arm," Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 11** Noon, Bob the Beachcomber, Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 11** 7 p.m., Vintage Piano with Jim Shannon, Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 12** 7 p.m., Bavarian Musikmeisters, Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 13** 5 p.m., Four-Hour Defensive Driving Course, Edina Senior Center. Pre-registration required.
- Aug. 13** 7 p.m., Energy & Environment Commission, Edina City Hall.
- Aug. 17** 7 p.m., School Board meeting, Edina Community Center.
- Aug. 20** 6:30 p.m., Walk with the Mayor at Yorktown Park. Meet at Community Garden.
- Aug. 20** 7 p.m., John Howe: The Pencil in Frank Lloyd Wright's Hand, South View Middle School.
- Aug. 20** Sunset, Movie in the Park, "Guardians of the Galaxy," Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 24** 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.
- Aug. 26** 7 p.m., Armenian Dance Ensemble, Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 27** Noon, Wonderful World of Woody, Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 27** Sunset, Movie in the Park, "The Hundred Foot Journey," Centennial Lakes Park."
- Aug. 30** 7 p.m., Inver Hills Community Band, Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 31** Classes begin at Edina Public Schools.
- Aug. 31** 7 p.m., Minnesota Mandolin Orchestra, Centennial Lakes Park.
- Sept. 1** Part-time child care begins at the Edina Family Center.
- Sept. 17** 5-8 p.m., Opening reception for 31st -annual Members' Juried Show, Edina Art Center.
- Sept. 18** 9-11 a.m., Pickleball, Garden Park.

A Word From The Mayor



VISION EDINA

After more than a year of thoughtful work and community-wide engagement, the City of Edina recently adopted

Vision Edina, a long-term strategic framework that helps our community understand and guide important decision making that will impact our community's future.

I am pleased to share with you Edina's new vision statement:

Edina holds a well-earned reputation as a city of choice. It is the model of a successful, mature and progressive urban community that strives to lead in a modern and evolving world. We maintain our heritage and attractiveness, and afford our residents the highest quality of life, while actively embracing the future.

The features that define our future community include:

Inclusive and Connected

- Our community embraces diversity and cherishes the contributions of all residents and stakeholders.
- Our community offers an enticing mix of residential development that retains and builds upon our strong foundation of single-family housing, but also includes a dimension of higher density multi-family options, especially for the young and the old.
- We strive to promote a healthy demographic mix that builds on the tradition of multi-generational families, and also provides entry opportunities for new people

seeking to raise families, start businesses and join our quality community.

- Our residents enjoy a wide range of transportation options that foster mobility and interconnectedness.
- Our cohesive neighborhoods are able to retain their unique individual character, while being linked seamlessly together into the broader fabric of our city.
- Our residents benefit from close access to parks and other gathering spaces where they can regenerate, connect with community members and enjoy nature.

Built-to-Scale Development

- Our community has worked hard to create an innovative and long-term comprehensive development policy that strikes the right balance between renewal and progress, and protection and preservation.
- Our development policy promotes partnerships between developers and community members and encourages innovative ideas.
- Our community's commercial and retail base has been significantly enhanced through the creation of more mixed-use locations, carefully woven throughout our neighborhoods.
- We have proactively developed planning procedures and policies that allow the character of our neighborhoods to be preserved and enhanced. Local development reflects the aspirations of both neighborhood residents and the community as a whole.

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Sustainable Environment

- Edina has focused and invested in world-class citywide resource management systems, built around the leading principles of environmental sustainability.
- We have substantially reduced our overall environmental impact and significantly increased our resource use efficiency.
- Our planning has integrated the best-proven standards of sustainable building and environmental stewardship into all aspects of our city planning and building codes.
- Our community continues to treasure and protect our public spaces and parks. We have enhanced our biodiversity and natural ecosystems, which in turn support and purify our natural environment.

A Community of Learning

- Edina has continued to evolve as a highly engaged community, where residents share the responsibility for decision making and working collectively toward the common vision.
- We recognize and appreciate the significant value of our education system, and we continue to work and invest to strengthen and grow this key community asset.
- As technology and society have evolved, so has our prized education system. We have a high quality, future-oriented education system, which undeniably prepares our students to thrive in an increasingly competitive and globalized world.

- As residents, we never tire in our pursuit of knowledge and understanding. We collectively promote the value of engagement and education, and we ensure that we have the capacity as a community to understand and remain agile in a fast changing and complex world.

Future-Oriented

- As a community, we continually look forward and are always working to remain competitive, relevant and innovative. We stand on the foundation of our traditions, but are not afraid to adapt and change as the city evolves.
- Our city leaders and organizations are actively engaged in regional leadership and in ensuring the interests of Edina are represented at the level of the Twin Cities metropolis, but also beyond.
- Edina is willing to use its resources and expertise to apply new ideas and technology, and we actively invest ourselves in finding and creating innovative solutions to the emerging challenges of living in a major city.

I hope you will join me in embracing and working toward this shared vision in the years to come.



James B. Hovland
Mayor

Accept No Substitutions (when planning for your remodel)

Remember the old V8 commercial,

"You could have had a V8"? Settling for a substitute when you could have had the real thing is disappointing. The bad taste typically hits you after the lesser priced/poorer quality product is now yours.

I have never met a homeowner who had a goal of designing and building a poor to mediocre end product. But the temptation to "shop around" until you find someone who tells you what everyone wants to hear (great work at a low price) can be powerful. But we all know that you get what you pay for with anything you purchase.

I love the quote by William Morris: *"Have nothing in your home that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful."* You spend too much of your time in your home to be annoyed with cut corners, poor performance, compromised design, etc. So how do you know that a lower price/product/service is being substituted for the real thing – before you realize that you could have had a V8?

How to recognize substitutions:

1. "Lower price" statements

In order to obtain a substantially lower price, elements of your project, service, warranty, and your risk must be substituted or compromised. Often you are unaware of the lesser priced substitution until the work is in process or is completed.

2. Open book Transparency

If you are making a decision to use a company based upon an enticingly (low) contractor's fee percentage and open book pricing - **beware**. Focus on the right design and value proposition, not a low fee.

3. Numbers of years in business

There are many new companies that have entered the marketplace since 2008, and the statistics do not bode well for these new companies to be in business 5 years from now. If a problem arises, a company's years of experience and reputation is your best friend and you want that company to be around for you, for the long term.

4. "We build to code"

If you hear this statement, be careful. "Code" is defined by the industry as meeting the minimum building standards. Building properly is not only meeting "code" but applying the proper building techniques for your home's particular situation. Designing and building properly takes years of experience, training, and wisdom.

5. Start low – end high

Complete specifications, material allowances, and plans should equate to accurate pricing. Again, a company's reputation, years in business, and complete planning is your best defense against costly surprises during and after construction.

“Have nothing in your home that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful.”

William Morris

So how do you avoid "substitutions" on your project when you could have had a V8? The suggestions above will help, but I think that the following quote by Warren Buffet sums it up best: *"It is far better to buy a wonderful company at a fair price, than a fair company at a wonderful price."*

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Buried History: Cemeteries Reveal Edina's Past

By **Marci Matson**
Contributing Writer

Walk through a typical town cemetery, and you will discover the names of community founders. Familiar pioneer names are etched in stone, with epitaphs and symbols that reveal as much about a city as they do the person buried underneath.

Except in Edina

Few of Edina's early residents found their final resting place in the city's two cemeteries – Grand View Park and Adath Yeshurun – even though both predate Edina's incorporation as a village in 1888.

Why are there so few Edina pioneers in Edina cemeteries? Where are the early settlers buried? Why is there a Jewish cemetery here when there wasn't a Jewish community or synagogue nearby?

The answers to those questions tell us as much about Edina's history as markers in a cemetery.

Early Burials

Despite Edina youngsters' legends of discovering arrowheads or other Native American artifacts, Edina does not have any Indian burial mounds, according to State Archeologist Scott Anfinson. Tribes usually settled by large bodies of water; early narratives record the Dakota traveling through Edina on their way from Mystic Lake in Shakopee to Lake Calhoun, but they did not live or create burial grounds here.

The first non-native people to settle in what was then western Richfield Township in the 1850s were young

parents, almost all under the age of 40, with small children. They almost immediately established schools and churches, but not cemeteries.

Death, however, was inevitable, even among the very young. Diseases practically eliminated by the year 2000 – diphtheria, pertussis and measles – killed thousands of children each year before 1900. Death was much more common among the young in 1900: 165 deaths per 1,000 births in 1900 compared to 7 per 1,000 in 1997.

Some pioneer landowners buried their loved ones in graves marked by a simple pile of stones or a homemade wooden cross. Family plots were common throughout the country during the mid-1850s when no one envisioned suburban homes and



Edina Historical Society Collection

Ernie Davis owned this farmhouse on land where his ancestors' graves were found during excavation of Valley View Middle School.

modern schools being built on empty land as far as the eye could see.

A century after the first pioneers came to Edina, excavation of Valley View Middle School in 1964 uncovered bones of young children.

“I was out staking the property and Danens (Excavation) was out grading when we hear from the neighbor that children were buried there, so everything stopped,” recalled Frank Cardarelle, a second-generation Edina surveyor.

The land where Valley View Middle School now sits once belonged to Ernie Davis, whose ancestors owned the land at least as far back as 1898. Cardarelle remembers that the grave sites were on the western edge of the property near Valley View Road. Construction halted while authorities located and moved the graves. Unmarked graves from the Delaney homestead remained in place when discovered during another project; the undeveloped land became Cornelia School Park.

Even if pioneers wanted to buy a family plot in an official cemetery, few existed within easy traveling distance from Edina; none of Edina’s earliest churches established graveyards. Although cemeteries were commonly placed next to churches in the previous century, new knowledge about disease and germs made people wary about burying their dead next to the living.

Growing cities like Minneapolis placed their cemeteries at a distance from their population in what became known as “rural cemeteries.” The earliest of these, Pioneer and Soldier’s Cemetery, was established in 1853 at the outskirts



Photo by Marc Matson

Most of Edina’s early settlers are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in what is now Minneapolis.

of the city – now the Phillips Neighborhood – miles down a dirt road from the central part of the city and an even longer distance from the growing farming communities like Richfield Township.

Oak Hill Cemetery

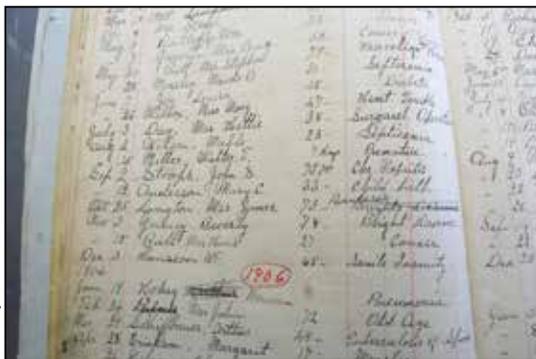
Oak Hill Cemetery began as a family burial ground in 1849 near 60th Street and Portland Avenue. Ten years later, the Richfield Cemetery Association incorporated and moved the rural cemetery to donated land at its present site at 60th and Lyndale Avenue.

Although the cemetery now lies within Minneapolis borders, it was originally part of Richfield Township, which split into the two communities of Richfield and Edina in 1888. Wander through the shady cemetery that

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now faces a bustling Lyndale Avenue to the west and an industrial area to the east, and you'll find the names of many Edina founders.

Photo by Marci Matson



Beverly Yancey's name appears in Oak Hill Cemetery's handwritten ledger for 1903, showing his age at death (73), as well as cause of death (Bright's Disease or kidney failure).

"I would describe Oak Hill as a working man's cemetery that definitely became more tied to the Village of Richfield as time went on," said Alton "Butch" Goodspeed, the fourth generation of his family to sit on the Association's board. Early burials at Oak Hill include his ancestors Andrew Craik, owner of the Edina Mill, and the Goodspeeds of Richfield, as well as other prominent settlers of Richfield Township, like the Coopers, Bulls and Yanceys.

Cemetery founders foresaw problems with burying their dead on private land, said Goodspeed, and wanted to create a cemetery open to all, regardless of their religion, and apparently, race. Beverly Yancey, an African American leader in the Edina Mill community, and his family are buried here alongside their former neighbors in a lot purchased by his fellow members of the Minnehaha Grange.

While Oak Hill embraced all religions, you won't find the names of Edina's Irish Catholics who settled the Cahill District in southwestern Edina. As in life, people often are divided in death by religion and ethnicity. Edina's Irish Catholics did not seek burial in the graveyard next to the German Assumption Catholic Church (1874) in Richfield Township or the Czech community of St. Margaret's in Hopkins. Instead, they buried their loved ones at St. Anthony's Catholic (1857) in Minneapolis more than 16 miles away, a day's journey by buggy, or St. Mary's Cemetery (1873) at what is now 44th Street and Chicago Avenue.

When the city's elite opened Lakewood Cemetery in 1871, prominent Edina citizens like Sarah and George Baird chose the tranquil park-like setting on Lake Calhoun for their burial site.

Grand View Park Cemetery

Lakewood's founders modeled the grounds after "garden cemeteries" that were growing in popularity along the East Coast. Lakewood's success prompted other cemeteries to follow suit.

Grand View Park Cemetery, located at 6901 Maloney Ave. near the Hopkins border, was established in 1886 as simply "Mealey's Cemetery," after its owner, Johnston Mealey. But in 1903, under the leadership of Hopkins businessmen, the cemetery more formally organized as the Grand View Park Cemetery Association.

By including "park" as part of its name, founders emphasized the cemetery's beautiful views and park-like setting and adopted the same rules for headstones and plantings as Philadelphia's Laurel Park Cemetery, among the first of the garden cemeteries in the United States.

“The officers of the Grand View Park Cemetery Association wish to announce to the general public that they have procured a most beautiful tract of 50 acres of land in a convenient location for a cemetery. It embraces a very fine view of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Shakopee, Shingle Creek, and other adjoining towns, and is well accommodated with railroads and streetcars, as it is close to Hopkins, the great railroad center. This Association has contracted with Mr. Johnston Mealey to act as the secretary, manager and superintendent ...” stated the 1903 Cemetery Association’s brochure.

Burials cost \$6 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12.

Twin City Rapid Transit (TCRT) extended its electric streetcar service through Hopkins to Excelsior in 1905. Railroads not only transported mourners, but also coffins, according to cemetery manager Fred Mecklenburg,

who cited records that listed “method of conveyance” as streetcar.

While TCRT did not offer a funeral car like some transit companies in other cities, a freight streetcar theoretically could have transported a coffin, said historian Aaron Isaacs, author of several books on Minnesota streetcars. The black windowless car typically transported freight from downtown Minneapolis shops to resorts in Minnetonka. Mourners most likely would have travelled separately in a regular streetcar.

An Irish immigrant, Mealey owned his Edina acreage for decades, but lived and farmed in Howard Lake until he moved to Edina in 1903 and built a fourplex on what is now Washington Avenue. Owner of several patents on horse collar improvements, Mealey opened a horse collar factory on the first floor and managed the neighboring cemetery.

Around the same time, Mealey appeared before the Edina Village Council to win improvements to Maloney Avenue and in 1904, he successfully argued that the cemetery, under new Minnesota law, was exempt from taxes. In 1977, the courts ruled in favor of the City for taxing land used for a commercial gravel operation; Van Valkenburg Park was created from land sacrificed for back taxes.

Although Grand View was located within Edina’s borders, the cemetery was associated more closely with Hopkins. Association board members included prominent Hopkins businessmen, W.B. Anderson and Hilmer Olson. Anderson was postmaster for 14 years and owned a dry goods store downtown, as well as an opera house. A successful contractor and builder, Olson built much of downtown Hopkins’ brick buildings, owned a saloon

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Edina Historical Society Collection

Harry Lindbery (right), the third generation to manage Grandview Park Cemetery, stands in front of the distinctive statue on the grounds.

and was instrumental in incorporating Hopkins (then called West Minneapolis) in 1893. He also helped establish the first Hennepin County Fair in 1854.

Hopkins veterans gathered at the cemetery for Decoration Day/Memorial Day ceremonies. The grounds included a gazebo and a greenhouse to sell flower urns to mourners, recalled family member Pat Binkley.

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This photo appeared in the *Hennepin County Review* with Olson's obituary.

Grand View Park

Cemetery's occupants include such notables as Paul Swenson, owner of the largest business in town, Minneapolis Threshing Company, Swenson's employees and Hopkins farmers. Anderson, Olson and Mealey, along with their families, are also buried there.

The cemetery has been managed by four generations: John and Ann Mealey; daughter Maggie and her husband, John Lindberg; grandson Harry and his wife, Lois; and currently great-granddaughter Jill and her husband, Fred Mecklenburg.

Adath Yeshurun Cemetery

The second oldest Jewish cemetery in Minneapolis was established in 1887 at what is now 55th Street and France Avenue in Edina, miles away from the Eastern European Jewish community it served.

The 15 members who started the Adath Yeshurun Synagogue in 1884 were all merchants with businesses on Washington Avenue South, according to Etta Fay Orkin, author of a synagogue history written in 2009. Recent immigrants from Lithuania, Romania and Russia, they sought strict orthodox practices compared to the earlier Reform Jews of Temple Israel in Minneapolis.

Even before finding a permanent synagogue building, the congregation sought burial grounds. Traditional Jewish practice placed cemeteries beyond town limits, so on Oct. 24, 1887, synagogue members Nathan and Estella Gumbiner purchased the two-acre cemetery site in what was then Richfield Township on a hill overlooking Minnehaha Creek. The Adath Yeshurun (sic) Cemetery Association incorporation was filed with Hennepin County on Nov. 10, 1887.

Neighbor Charles Russell delayed the cemetery's opening for almost a year by claiming that buried corpses would pollute underground springs and Minnehaha Creek, where his livestock drank. Based on expert testimony that concluded no danger to groundwater, the courts ruled in favor of Adath Yeshurun Cemetery Association on Aug. 1, 1888.

The Jewish community saw the lawsuit as "merely a ruse to force them from the land," reported the *Minneapolis Journal* (Dec. 18, 1887). Orthodox Jewish burial practices have little environmental impact and were the "original green burials," with no chemical embalming and simple pine caskets enclosed in metal vaults to prevent shifting, said Cemetery Manager Dan Kantar.

Eventually the Adath Synagogue and the cemetery legally separated, but continued to have a close association,

according to Peter Sussman, an Edina resident and historian who will lead a free tour of the cemetery 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. Synagogue families like Kantar, among several others, have served on the cemetery board for generations, even though the congregation is now associated with another cemetery, Adath Chesed Shel Emes in Crystal.

In 1893, Isaac Atwater described the cemetery as having “gently rolling ground, nicely fenced in with grassy lawns and well laid-out roads, shaded by native trees.” Expanded to Minnehaha Creek, the newer section has a park-like quality, with benches placed creekside for quiet contemplation.

A 1934 letter by Association Actuary J.H. Woolpy recounted accomplishments during his term of more than 18 years, including “two outstanding contributions; one

by Libbie Mark, which is the erection and construction of the chapel in 1919, and the other by members of the Rose brothers family, which is the erection and construction of the caretaker’s house. This house, however, did not include the construction of a chicken house and a garage, which was paid for out of our funds.”

Although the chicken house is gone, a caretaker still lives on the property and maintains the grounds.

The north one-acre parcel of the present Adath Yeshurun Cemetery has a separate history starting in 1915, when the South Side Hebrew Burial Association was incorporated in January 1915. The two cemeteries joined on July 12, 1994.

Famous people buried in Adath include Max Winter, owner of the Lakers and Vikings; Isadore Blumenfeld, more notoriously known as gangster Kid Cann; and millionaire Edina resident Percy Ross.

Although created for the dead, both Grandview Park and Adath Cemetery welcome the living to enjoy their park-like surroundings. Once in the middle of nowhere, the cemeteries remain a quiet oasis in the midst of a growing suburb and tell stories of the community’s past.

Information in this story came from research material found at Edina and Hopkins historical societies and from Peter Sussman, as well as interviews with cemetery representatives.

Marci Matson is Executive Director of the Edina Historical Society.



Photo by Marci Matson

Adath Yeshurun, a Minneapolis Jewish community, purchased property in what is now Edina for its cemetery in 1887.

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

Chickens

The Law: *Edina City Code Chapter 8, Article V, Div. 1, Sections 8-210 & 8-212*

No person shall keep any rabbits, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs or other rodents, ferrets or any bird, excluding female *Gallus gallus domesticus* ... a maximum of four female *Gallus gallus domesticus*. Up to 18 immature *Gallus gallus domesticus* fowl may be used in educational or instructional activity

What It Means: Furthering its commitment to facilitating more options for local food, the City Council recently voted to allow residents to keep up to four hens per household. Because there is little injury, health or safety risk in raising chickens, no license, registration or permit is required. Residents can keep up to four domesticated chicken hens on their property; roosters are not allowed due to noise concerns. Up to 18 hen chicks may be raised for educational purposes.

Beekeeping/Apiaries

The Law: *Edina City Code Chapter 8, Article VII*

No beekeeper shall keep honeybees in the city without a current registration from the City of Edina Police Department. ... Honeybee colonies shall be kept in hives with removable frames ... Each colony on the apiary site shall be provided with a convenient source of water ... Materials from a hive or colony which might encourage the presence of honeybees, such as wax comb, shall be promptly disposed of in a sealed container or placed

within a building or other bee-proof enclosure. ... Beekeeping equipment shall be maintained and in good condition.

What It Means: Residents are allowed to keep bees on their property, but must abide by local laws and complete the City's beekeeping registration form.

Hives cannot be placed in front yards or within 10 feet of any lot line or within 20 feet of any dwelling unit on adjacent property or a public sidewalk. The number of colonies is based on the size of the beekeeper's lot. Two colonies are allowed on lots a half-acre or smaller in size. Four colonies are allowed on lots measuring 0.5 to 0.75 acre. Six colonies are allowed on lots measuring 0.75 to 1 acre. Eight colonies are allowed on lots larger than one acre.

Animal Control Officer Tim Hunter will conduct inspections and enforce apiary-related ordinances.

For administrative and registration issues, contact Deputy City Clerk Jane Timm at 952-826-0409 or jtimm@EdinaMN.gov, or City Clerk Deb Mangen at 952-826-0408 or dmangen@EdinaMN.gov.

For technical issues relating to bees, hives, apiaries and inspections, etc., contact Hunter at 952-826-0494 or thunter@EdinaMN.gov. Full ordinances on chickens and bees can be found at www.EdinaMN.gov.

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Fourth of July Parade Is An Edina Tradition



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Veterans march in the Fourth of July parade every year to a standing ovation.

By Hannah Watkins

Several World War II veterans will be honored as grand marshals in the 2015 July 4th parade.

Because 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of World War II, the parade planning committee built its annual theme around it. Some of the veterans who will lead the parade are Ralph MacHolda, Army-Navy-Marine Merchant; Lloyd Flynn, U.S. Marine Corps; Tom Richards; U.S. Army Infantry; Richard Kaminski; U.S. Air Force; Donald Dick, U.S. Navy; Robert Harvey, U.S. Navy Air; and Dick Peterson, U.S. Air Force.

Other veterans will also be featured in the parade, some of whom will ride in vintage military vehicles. Others will march.

“With opening the Veterans Memorial [at Utley Park] this year, it just makes sense to take advantage of this big

opportunity and honor them,” said John Swon, chair of the parade planning committee.

Horses, marching bands, clowns and performers on mobile stages are a few of the many units in the parade, which is organized by the Edina Community Foundation with the help of some loyal businesses. Many of the same businesses provide annual sponsorships to make the parade happen. This year’s presenting sponsors are U.S. Bank and Lunds & Byerlys.

The parade will step off at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 4, behind Edina City Hall at the intersection of Eden Avenue and Normandale Road. The parade will head east on Eden Avenue to West 50th Street, where it will continue to its end in downtown Edina at Halifax Avenue.

Fireworks Bring Thousands of People Together

Known as one of the biggest Fourth of July celebrations in the metro, the Edina’s Fourth of July Parade and fireworks show brings out an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people each year.

“People come from everywhere to be a part of the festivities. I’ve had people come up to me and say that the fireworks display is the best they have ever seen,” said Deputy Police Chief Jeff Elasky.

Fairview Southdale Hospital sponsors the fireworks each year and is recognized in the parade for its sponsorship. This year’s fireworks will be held at Rosland Park, 4300 West 66th St. The First John Phillip Sousa Memorial Band will play to kick off the evening festivities at 8:45 p.m.

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‘Community’ is Andrea Bernhardt’s Middle Name



Photo by Michael Braun

Andrea Bernhardt began work as Community Resource and Involvement Coordinator at the Edina Resource Center Nov. 3.

By Lauryn Grimes

Andrea Bernhardt has been a community-minded individual from the time she began babysitting as a young adult. She strives to bring inclusiveness and opportunity to every community she’s been a part of and now brings her expertise to Edina.

Named Community Resource and Involvement Coordinator of the Edina Resource Center late last year, Bernhardt is eager to apply her 10-plus years of experience in community and education to direct the organization, a collaborative effort between Edina Public Schools, the City of Edina and the local community which provides support to residents and helps them navigate the wide range of available resources.

Bernhardt holds a bachelor’s degree in Parks and Recreation from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities with an emphasis in Outdoor Recreation and Education. Her philosophy on recreation and community education is about making connections and determining how to match someone to the best resource. She is motivated by different generations and cultures coming together and benefitting the community at large.

Bernhardt began her career working as a Playground Leader for Chanhassen Parks & Recreation in high school. During college, she worked with young children and went on to work for Three Rivers Park District as a Recreation Programmer and with infants at KinderCare Learning Center. She also completed an internship with the City of Shakopee Parks & Recreation Department, working with youth programming including soccer, T-ball and other miscellaneous programs.

Bernhardt found a position with Eastern Carver County Schools in Chaska in community education where she was able to experience working with adult programming. “I loved it,” she said. “I loved the variety of job duties I had, but wanted to focus more on adult programming.”

When a position opened up with Edina Community Education Services as Adult Program Supervisor, she couldn’t turn it down and ended up in the position for three years where she oversaw “ReReRe” (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) – a program through which local businesses donate office supplies for schools to use.

Most recently, Bernhardt served as a Coordinator with Osseo Area Schools in Community Education for

four years where she worked on out-of-school-time programming – programming that occurs outside of the school day that may include academic support, enrichment, arts, health, recreation, life skills, youth leadership and more. She used State and federal funding for students at risk. During her time there, her department received a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, making free out-of-school-time programming possible for junior high students in arts, recreation, academics and more.

Bernhardt said the chance to blend many of her passions together drew her to her current position with the Edina Resource Center.

“When an opening occurred back with Edina Community Education, I jumped on it,” said Bernhardt. “I was really excited about the opportunity to work with youth, adults, volunteers and the Edina Resource Center. I love helping people and giving families more opportunities to learn new things and experience something they may not try otherwise.”

Community Resources and Volunteer Program Manager Carynn Roehrick said that even though Bernhardt is new to this position, she has a great mix of experiences that will suit Edina well.

“[Andrea] brings with her a wealth of knowledge and skills, as well as a deep compassion for the individuals and communities she serves. She’s dedicated to her work and takes measures to ensure we continue to offer high-quality, accessible services,” she said.

Bernhardt plans to focus her efforts on making Edina a dementia-friendly community, connecting volunteers to opportunities around the City, revamping the Edina Community Council and continuing to provide more opportunities to families in the area. Bernhardt noted that demographics in Edina are changing, and intends for the opportunities the community has to grow with it.

Another aspect Bernhardt would like to see expand is the way the Resource Center delivers its services to the community. One example she gave was “pop-up classes,” or spontaneous recreation classes.

“[Andrea’s] experiences, along with her strong organizational and administrative skills, are a wonderful fit for us as we look to grow not only the reach of the Edina Resource Center, but the work of our volunteer programs along with adult and youth learning opportunities,” said Director of Community Education Services Valerie Burke. “We believe strongly that youth and families that are connected to their communities keep Edina, Edina.”

“I’m excited to work alongside Andrea and the dynamic team she’s assembled; to continue to bring Edina Community Education into the lives of our community,” noted Roehrick.

When Bernhardt isn’t working, she spends time with her husband, Troy, and two young boys, playing tennis and golf, participating in Zumba classes and traveling.

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“To see the success that is possible when students and individuals have new opportunities is amazing,” said Bernhardt. “I am excited about the possibilities moving forward and excited to work in the Edina community again.”

To learn more about the Edina Resource Center, its offerings or affiliate organizations, visit www.edinaresourcecenter.com or call 952-848-3936.



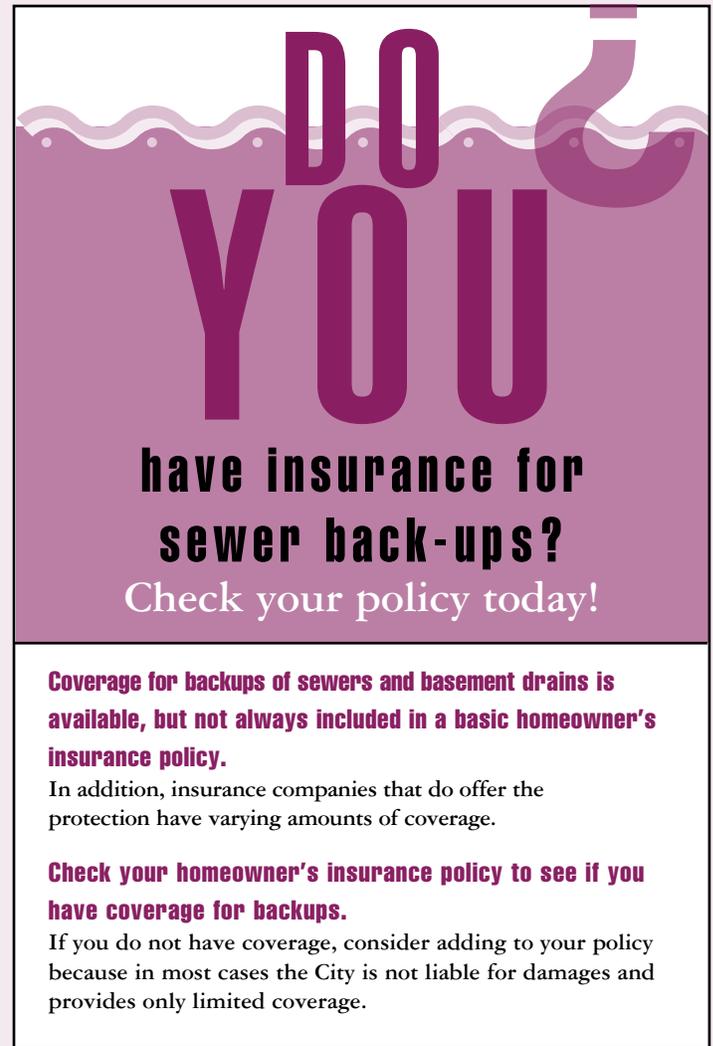
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Cohen Named General Manager of Edina Galleria

By Hannah Watkins

No stranger to Edina or shopping mall management, Jerry Cohen began work as Edina Galleria's newest General Manager late last year.

His 25-year career started when he accepted the position as General Manager of Oak Brook Mall in Chicago. In 2003, he became the General Manager of Southdale Center. He spent seven years here before he decided to move back to Chicago for a brief four-year stint, only to realize that Edina was the place for him.

"The local tenants and managers are the best of the best, not to mention the center as a whole is of high caliber," said Cohen of his desire to work at Edina Galleria.

As General Manager, Cohen has a lot of goals, beginning with getting to know the tenants and learning something new about their businesses and services every day. As a long-term goal, he hopes to broaden the customer base to see young, fresh faces who may not realize the variety of shops the Galleria has to offer.

"I want to make sure I put my mark on the center and continuously look for new opportunities," said Cohen. "Maintaining its uniqueness and high standards is of high priority to me."

Cohen's wife didn't miss a beat in her job as a college consultant when they got back to Edina because she was able to continue her work during their time in Chicago.



Photo by Michael Braun

Edina Galleria's new General Manager, Jerry Cohen, began work late last year.

His daughter attends the University of Saint Catherine, so he enjoys being closer to her as well.

"It is nice to be back in Minnesota because I can just hop on my bicycle at the end of the work day and ... ride the trails," said Cohen.

Edina Galleria Retail Leasing Manager Jennifer Smith says she could not have picked a better person to fill the role of General Manager.

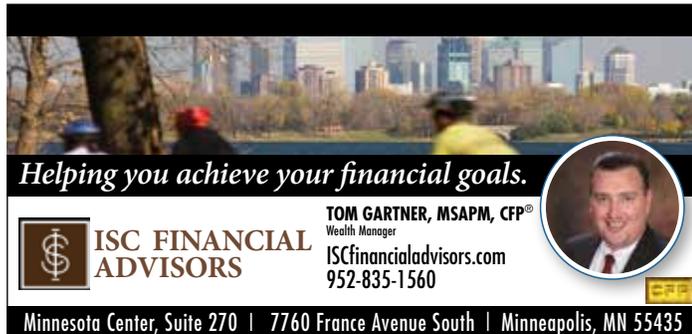
"He is highly regarded in the shopping center industry and has very strong knowledge and experience with various shopping centers around the country. He has worked with retailers and operators of high caliber and we are so privileged to have him at the Galleria. Jerry is both a strong leader and team player. The Galleria staff

and tenants alike are all very lucky to have him leading this wonderful center," she said.

Cohen plans to stay in his role as General Manager for many years to come. He loves the shoppers, tenants and store owners alike and realizes that as a team they make the Galleria as successful as it is.

"The Edina Galleria is a special, unique center with rich history and personality that you can't find anywhere else," said Cohen.

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Crime Prevention Fund Names Officer Of The Year

By Kaylin Eidsness

Edina Police Officer Jake Heckert has been named the 2014 Mike Siitari Officer of the Year by the Edina Crime Prevention Fund. He accepted the award at the June 2 City Council meeting, surrounded by his family and friends.

"I am honored ... especially since I've only been here for a little over two years," said Heckert. "I don't have enough good words to say about the Department – about how well they treat employees, whether you've worked there 40 years or are brand new."

While Heckert may not have worked for the Edina Police Department for long, he's been an Officer for a little over a decade. Heckert began his career with the Minnetrista Police Department in 2005 after receiving his bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement from Minnesota State University, Mankato. A couple of years into his police career, he responded to a fatal accident that forever changed the way he looked at his job.

In 2007, a couple was riding home on their moped after gathering with friends when a teenage boy, who was driving under the influence, rear-ended them, ejecting the woman into a telephone pole. She died instantly. Heckert was the first to respond to the scene and had to tell the woman's friends and family that she had died.

"I'm going to do everything I can to stop this from happening again," he said, "before I have to tell another family that their loved one is dead."



Photo by Michael Braun

Edina Police Officer Jake Heckert has been named the 2014 Mike Siitari Officer of the Year by the Edina Crime Prevention Fund.

Ever since, Heckert, who joined the Edina Police Department as a Patrol Officer in 2013, has made it a priority to keep the roads as safe as possible. Last year, Heckert made 56 DWI arrests last year, more than any other officer in the Department. He was recently recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his DWI patrol efforts, earning him a Silver Pin Top Enforcer Award.

Heckert's arrests were also one of the reasons the State Patrol Division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety recently awarded the Edina Police Department a four-year DWI enforcement grant to reduce drunk and impaired driving on Edina roadways. For 2015, the Department will be reimbursed up to \$198,500 for

the purchase of a new vehicle, equipment, training, officer salary and other expenses incurred as part of the program.

Heckert will fill the first two years of the position, which completely focuses on DWI enforcement. He predicts that without the additional patrol work, which includes responding to 9-1-1 calls, he'll double or even triple his number of DWI arrests in the coming years.

"Officer Heckert's passion for his job, coupled with his proactive personality and the fact that he's a very hard worker is impressive," said Police Chief Dave Nelson.

These are just a few of the qualities that helped Heckert recently become a Training Officer, working to train officers new to the Department.

"Having him around is refreshing," said Nelson. "He's a great example for all of our new officers."

In a letter nominating Heckert for the award, Sgt. Nate Mendel wrote, "Officer Heckert's dedication to the safety of the residents of Edina is what our organization strives for. It is my hope that his high drive and work ethic will be imparted upon our newest recruits."

The Mike Siitari Officer of the Year award is given to one Edina Police Officer each year who goes above and beyond the call of duty. Nominations from the public and City employees are accepted and winners are selected by the Edina Crime Prevention Fund. The Edina Crime Prevention Fund has been a community partner for more

than 40 years, helping fund Police Department services and recognize exceptional officers.

Past recipients of the award include Detective Mike Lutz, Officer Dave Lindman and Officer Joel Moore.

Having worked the fatal incident from the scene of the crime, to the hospital, to the court house, Heckert said the teenager who killed the woman pled guilty to Criminal Vehicular Operation.

"You never forget these kinds of things," said Heckert. "You learn to live and deal with these memories – but for me, eventually they become just that – memories – instead of traumatic experiences. But for the families of the victims, they are traumatic forever."

For more information about the Officer of the Year Award, contact the Edina Police Department at 952-826-1610.

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Mow High, Sweep Clean: Keep Edina's Water Clean

By Lauryn Grimes

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), landscape irrigation is estimated to account for nearly one-third of all residential water use, totaling nearly nine billion gallons per day. In an effort to conserve water and protect the City's many bodies of water, residents are encouraged to "mow high and sweep clean."

"The lawn is healthier, it holds more moisture and has deeper roots, so you need to water less, which saves water and energy," said LouAnn Waddick, Master Water Steward and Energy & Environment Commissioner about mowing high and sweeping clean.

"Mow high, sweep clean is a water-quality effort," said Environmental Engineer Ross Bintner, who said there are two major benefits for adopting this practice. "By keeping grass clippings out of the street and storm sewer – which goes straight to our lakes – we decrease the amount of phosphorus that makes algae and other plants grow in our lakes and streams. When you mow higher, your grass is more resilient to dry spells. It also has deeper roots and helps water infiltrate more."

"Mowing high" means keeping grass at a minimum of three inches tall, a setting easily available on most lawn mowers, and keeping grass clippings in the yard. "Sweeping clean" means sweeping grass clippings and other natural foliage out of nearby storm drains and any hard surface that leads to the street to avoid the organics getting swept in the lakes and streams by cars or rain.



Both Waddick and Master Water Steward Katharine Winston encourage residents to start mowing more frequently, too. Winston said that when residents mow more often, the nutritious part of the grass is left in the lawn. If you wait until stems have formed – when grass begins to look more like dry prairie grass – the edges become rigid and contribute to thatch accumulation.

Fresh grass clippings contain about 4 percent nitrogen, a healthy fertilizer for lawns, but not a nutrient anyone

wants in local lakes and streams. Grass clippings left in the in the yard also help the lawn retain water, potentially decreasing the need to irrigate.

According to Bintner, phosphorus is the “nutrient of concern” – it has even been banned in fertilizers. Water filtered into the City’s storm sewer drains route directly to lakes and streams. When high volumes of phosphorus are deposited into Edina’s water system, algae and other unwanted plant life thrive, polluting these bodies of water.

“The Watershed Districts’ master water stewards are working hard to educate residents about water quality issues and about keeping water on site. Mowing high and sweeping clean is an easy way to make a wide impact,” Binter noted.

“Many small efforts make a big difference,” added Waddick.

Residents can pick up a kit containing information about mowing high and sweeping clean at the Edina Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility, 7450 Metro Blvd.

For more information, contact Bintner at 952-903-5713 or rbintner@EdinaMN.gov.

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Fire Department Welcomes New Medical Director

By Lauryn Grimes

The Edina Fire-Rescue & Inspections Department recently welcomed Dr. Paul Nystrom as its new Medical Director. Nystrom previously served as the Department's Associate Medical Director, an unofficial, learning position. He assumed responsibilities as Medical Director on April 7 after Dr. Jeff Ho resigned after more than 15 years with the Department.

Each ambulance service is mandated by the State to have a medical director who provides control and direction. Nystrom will guide training and must approve anything the Department does in a pre-hospital setting. He will also be involved with interviews for new hires as well as working cooperatively with the Chiefs on potential changes or promotions. Most importantly, all paramedics now work under Nystrom's medical license.

In 2014, Ho took on more responsibility and the role as Medical Director for Hennepin County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), resulting in less time for his position with the Fire Department. Nystrom currently serves as a faculty member at Hennepin EMS in addition to his new role as Medical Director for the Fire Department.

"Paul brings a very thorough and diverse background in emergency medicine by working as an emergency room doctor at a Level I Trauma Center along with working as a physician in the military," said Assistant Fire Chief Craig Essig. "He understands the challenges paramedics



Dr. Nystrom assumed his duties as Medical Director for the Fire Department on April 7.

face and the environments we work in every day. His dedication to leading-edge technologies, extensive training and commitment to delivering superior medical care, makes him the perfect fit for Edina."

Nystrom completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities and attended medical school at the University of Iowa. He served four years in the Navy, most of that time as a Dive Medical Officer stationed with the Navy SEALs. Nystrom did his residency in Emergency Medicine at Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) from 2009 to 2012 and completed his fellowship in Emergency Medical Services in 2014 during his two years as Associate Medical Director.

"It's a good group of guys to work with," Nystrom said. "They are motivated and experienced, so it makes me much more comfortable; they know what they're doing."

Nystrom is confident that with the cooperation of the Chief and other Fire personnel that any problem they face will end positively.

"Dr. Nystrom has also been working with our paramedics for the past couple of years side-by-side with Dr. Ho, so he understands our service, knows our paramedics by name and knows the expectations of our clients," said Essig. "He will bring a continued effort in leading-edge technology, provide care that is above and beyond the standards, and a thoughtful and well-researched plan for improvements in how we can serve our residents. He also has a very approachable demeanor that provides the ability for our Paramedics to learn more and improve processes."

In addition to overseeing the medical practices of the Fire Department, Nystrom also serves as the liaison for case follow-up with the hospital and represents the Department at the EMS Council.

Dr. Nick Simpson will take Nystrom's place as Associate Medical Director. Simpson is currently an EMS Fellow at HCMC and works in the Emergency Department.

"Ho has done an outstanding job serving as the Department's Medical Director for so many years," said

Essig, who looks forward to the new opportunities that will come with Nystrom joining their team.

For more information, contact the Fire Department at 952-826-0330.

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Tour To Spotlight Noted Architect

Most people have heard of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright, but few recognize the name of his chief draftsman, John H. Howe, who became a noted architect in his own right.

Howe may have worked in Wright's shadow, but his time in the spotlight has come. Not only is he the subject of a new book and exhibit at the University of Minnesota, but his homes will be featured on the 2015 Edina Historical Society's Historic House Tour on Sunday, Sept. 13.

A charter member of Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin Fellowship, Howe was known as "the pencil in Frank Lloyd Wright's hand." Howe worked for the Taliesin Fellowship for 32 years before striking out on his own to design more than 80 prairie school houses in Minnesota.

Howe designed the three homes on the tour, two for Edina clients and one for himself and his wife, Lu, in Burnsville. "Edina has only two homes designed by John Howe, and we are fortunate to have both on tour," said event chair Dianne Plunkett Latham.

The Edina homes are the Weston House completed in 1980 and the Jerpak House completed in 1969. Both are excellent examples of mid-century modern architecture. Howe dubbed his own home "Sankaku," the Japanese term for triangle, the form upon which the design is

based. It sits on a 2.3-acre lot on Horseshoe Lake and like all of his designs, was built to blend seamlessly with its surroundings. The original finishes and furnishings have been faithfully maintained by new owners.

Cost is \$20 at the door or \$15 in advance at the Edina History Museum, Edina City Hall and the Edina Senior Center as well as online. Look for more details at www.edinahistoricalociety.org.

Author Talk

The Sept. 13 house tour coincides with the release of the illustrated biography of John Howe entitled, *John H. Howe, Architect: From Taliesin Apprentice to Master of Organic Design*, by Jane King Hession and Tim Quigley. Hession is an Edina resident, architectural historian and curator specializing in modernism. Her co-author is principal of Quigley Architects in Minneapolis and taught architectural studio and history courses for 20 years at the University of Minnesota and Ball State University.

The Edina Historical Society will sponsor a lecture and book signing by the authors 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, in the South View Middle School auditorium, 4725 South View Lane. Tickets are \$10; register now through Edina Community Ed in person at the Edina Community Center or online.

Proceeds from the tour and the author talk will benefit Edina Historical Society programs. The 2013 house tour raised more than \$10,000, which supported hiring a part-time contract archivist and preservation of the Society's extensive collections.

Historic House Tour

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Author talk on John H. Howe

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New K-9 Joins Edina Police Department

By Kaylin Eidsness

Since his first day on the job as a Police Officer, Sean Young has wanted a K-9 partner.

“As soon as I joined the Edina Police Department, I got involved with the K-9s and their officers, helping with training and acting as a practice decoy,” said Young, who was selected as the newest K-9 Officer after a lengthy interview process. Young was matched in early February with his new K-9 partner, Blitz.

Blitz, a 17-month-old black German Shepherd dog from Slovakia, is the Department’s fifth K-9. Officer Jason Behr and K-9 Blade round out the K-9 unit in the Department’s Patrol Division. Former K-9s were Jet, who died in 1974 while with the Minneapolis Police Department after leaving Edina, and Kodiak and Diesel, who both died in 2014 after retiring.

“Sean has not only the common sense, but the desire and dedication to make it work,” said Sgt. Dan Conboy, who oversees the K-9 Unit.

Young joined the Department in 2011 and holds an associate degree in Law Enforcement from Inver Hills Community College. He started his career with the Edina Police Department as a Reserve Officer from 2002 to 2005 while at the same time serving as a Community Service Officer for the Richfield Police Department, before beginning as a Patrol Officer with the South Lake Police Department in Excelsior, Minnesota.



Officer Sean Young and his new K-9 partner, Blitz, started their patrol shift in June.

Young and Blitz graduated from their 12-week intensive training program in St. Paul May 21, which certified Blitz in obedience, agility, tracking, article search and apprehension. Young and Blitz now patrol the city during the night shift from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. In the coming year, the two will complete training to become certified in narcotics detection.

"I was excited, but a little nervous for the K-9 school," said Young. "What I looked forward to most, though, was bonding with the dog and seeing what he could actually do, because they are pretty amazing animals." Conboy said police dogs are not typical German Shepherd dogs.

"Slovakia is one of the few places in the world where the German shepherds are bred for their working character rather than their coats," he said.

The Edina Crime Prevention Fund pays for the food, kennel and all other expenses tied to the K-9 program. Blitz was purchased with a donation from Edina resident and Police Department Citizens' Academy graduate Rosemary Moneta Rosengren, who made the donation in honor of her late husband, C. John Rosengren, and late brother-in-law Ted Beberg, a dog trainer for many decades.

"My husband had a strong passion for dogs and so did my brother-in-law," she said. "While my husband had a history of illness, he was fortunate to benefit from therapy dog visits during his many hospitalizations. It is a pleasure and honor to donate the money in

memory of both my husband and brother-in-law in acknowledgement of the dog's important role in our community's future."

Officer Mike Seeger, Diesel's handler, knows just how rewarding it is to serve as a K-9 handler, but also the challenges that come along with it.

"The K-9 training was one of the hardest trainings I've ever done," Seeger recalled. "I knew Sean would succeed, though, because of his passion. It will be fun to watch their personalities develop as they learn and grow from each other, too."

"Blitz is an energetic and exciting dog," said Young. "I've really enjoyed my time with him so far."

For more information about the new K-9, contact Conboy at 952-826-1610.

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Mosquito Control Makes Summers More Enjoyable

By Jordan Gilgenbach

Minnesotans love to hate mosquitos. The insect serves as a good source of food for wildlife such as bats, birds, frogs and other insects. However, no matter how long you've lived in Minnesota, they are always considered a nuisance. The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) is at the helm of controlling nuisance mosquitoes and helping curb the spread of disease.

The MMCD covers the entire seven-county metro – more than 2,900 square miles – and provides a variety of services to more than 2.7 million people. The most recognized service is mosquito control, but the MMCD also specializes in mosquito-borne disease, biting gnat control, tick-borne disease and public education.

“Mosquitos are a quality-of-life issue,” said Mike McLean of the MMCD. “Naturally, mosquitos in this area would be horrendous. With treatment, we generally get a 75 percent reduction in mosquito levels.”

According to Mosquito Zone International, there are more than 160 species of mosquitoes in North America, one-third of which have a presence in Minnesota. Control can prove to be difficult given that each species has different behaviors and preferences. For example, some feed around the clock while others just before nightfall or even only when a host is around.

“About 15 or so of Minnesota’s 51 species are of concern to the MMDC that we monitor and control,” McLean said. “There is a misconception that just because there is a pond, the mosquitos are coming from it, but it might not



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The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District contracts with a local company to apply larval mosquito control to areas in Edina and the greater area.

produce any mosquitos at all. We pay the most attention to areas that are mostly dry, but after a rain, it stays wet for a while and doesn't drain well – places like a ditch, low spot in backyard. [Mosquitos] tend to like stagnant water.”

The mosquito population usually becomes apparent in mid-May of each year and peaks around July 4 in terms of annoyance. McLean said that while populations drop off thereafter, people let their guard down and disease ramps up. The MMCD works throughout the spring, summer and fall to control these populations.

Mosquito life-cycles begin when adult mosquitos lay eggs on the damp ground. Rainfall submerges the eggs and larvae hatch. Some species lay their eggs directly on the water surface. They develop in the water and emerge

when they are fully developed. The larval stage proves to be the most effective time to control mosquito population.

To control the mosquito population, a larval treatment called Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis*) is used. The Bti, delivered in a natural bacterium granule the size of a grape nut, is applied via spreaders and helicopter.

“The larval method of control is the most effective type,” McLean said. “The granule goes into the water and the larva eat that and that’s what controls them. It is very specific to mosquitos and, since it is a natural bacteria, doesn’t affect any other wildlife. But the larvae do need to be present.”

Edina’s new beekeepers need not worry about the larval treatment. The Bti granules are specific to mosquitos and have no effect on bees. However, adult control can. The MMCD requests that anyone who has bees notify them so they can better plan treatments.

“We do work with beekeepers,” McLean said. “When treating adult mosquitos, a few different modes of action can be taken. We don’t spray flowers and we give a treatment buffer to any hive we come across or are notified of.”

In Edina, the MMCD’s total larval mosquito treatment is 1,472 acres, or 2.3 square miles, and 1,234 acres or 1.9 square miles for adult treatment. The treatment areas include lakes, ponds and streams and low-lying areas that could be mosquito breeding grounds. The MMCD treats both public and private land for mosquito control.

An interactive map of treatment areas and treatment history is available at maps.mmcd.org.

“With the [Bti] granules, we treat three or four times during the summer, but it depends on the site and how much water is on the site,” McLean said. “This spring has been a 180 of last year, though. 2014 was very wet, and this year has been pretty dry, but it can change quickly.”

While the MMCD makes a considerable dent in mosquito control, warm weather following heavy, widespread rains can quickly undo the work done by MMCD crews. With such a large area needing treatment, it can be difficult to treat all areas for larval control during the seven- to 10-day period before larvae become adult mosquitos.

However, mosquito control doesn’t end with the MMCD. Residents can do their part to help curb mosquito populations. Mosquitos don’t need bodies of water to breed – any standing water, even in as little as a bottle cap can be enough. Gutters, plant container saucers, poorly drained yards and discarded tires are commonly overlooked as mosquito breeding grounds.

“Residents should look around their yards and neighborhoods for anything that holds water for more than a week; those are potential breeding sites,” McLean said. “Birdbaths, cans, buckets, woodpiles, tarps, old tires – they could all be mosquito havens. ‘When in doubt, dump it out’ [is what] we always say.”

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Between April and October, the MMCD can treat a single area once or multiple times. “We have the metro area in zones. The core is based on population,” McLean said. “We treat from the inside out. We have limited time to treat, so we treat the most densely populated area first and work our way out.”

Residents can report high mosquito annoyance to the MMCD, which may result in additional treatment by contacting the MMCD directly.

The MMCD is a special taxing district and funded by property taxes collected in its service area. For a property assessed at \$400,000, about \$20 of its annual property taxes help fund the MMCD.

For more information, visit www.mmcd.org.



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Edina Community Foundation: Life Reimagined-Edina

By Dick Crockett
Executive Director

*Life is full of change. We graduate, get married, have children, get a job, a promotion, a transfer, a pink slip. A loved one becomes ill or dies. Our children leave the nest, our parents age, we retire. Some changes we expect, some we don't. Some changes are delightful, some are painful. Changes can be exciting, challenging, confusing. We can allow changes to overwhelm us, or we can see them as an opportunity for...
Life Reimagined!*

That's the introduction to the website for Life Reimagined – Edina (LRE), a new community program intended to help people of all generations prepare for and engage in such transitions. Participants to date have identified a need for such support as they deal with changes in their careers, financial situations, health and relationships, along with a common interest in learning how to become more engaged in volunteering.

LRE is inspired by the writings of Richard Leider, an Edina author of nine books, including:

- *The Power of Purpose: Find Meaning, Live Longer, Better;*
- *Repacking Your Bags: Lighten Your Load for the Rest of Your Life;* and
- *Life Reimagined: Discovering Your New Life Possibilities.*

Leider's teachings and initiative have formed the basis for a national Life Reimagined Institute established by AARP in Washington, D.C. The Institute's mission is to

develop programming for dissemination through a network of state offices, including one in St. Paul. LRE is a unique pilot project arranged for by Leider to test the potential for supplementing the Washington and St. Paul programs by providing connections to community organizations and resources.



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Jan Schubert

The Edina Chamber of Commerce has served as the lead in inviting other organizations to join the pilot project, including the Edina Community Foundation and Edina Community Education Services. Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors are the founding sponsors of LRE, and Fairview Southdale Hospital is an additional funding sponsor and participant. Representatives of these organizations and the St. Paul office constitute the LRE Leadership Committee, and they hired Jan Schubert in March to administer the pilot project and organize its programs.

Schubert was an ideal selection for the Coordinator's position, having used Leider's Life Reimagined book as the guide for her own career transition by following the six steps he identifies: reflect, connect, explore, choose,

repack and act. One of her first tasks as Coordinator was to craft the website introduction quoted above.

She has also worked on some of the LRE early programs recommended by Kathleen Asgrimson and Michelle Luger, two Program Development Consultants hired by the Leadership Committee to get an early start on its 2015 programs:

- **A Reimagine Your Health** workshop hosted by Fairview Southdale Hospital on March 25;
- *A Power of Purpose* presentation by Leider on April 23;
- **A Transition Roundtable** hosted by Waddell & Reed on April 28;
- **A Reimagining Work** presentation by Dr. Richard Feller on The New Work Reality on May 5; and
- **A Social! Social!** At Mozza Mia Restaurant on May 28, as a means of providing an enjoyable evening of social connections and networking.

These programs have been supplemented by monthly “checkup” sessions hosted by the national Institute and administered by the St. Paul office, which also hosts periodic “Movies for Grownups” at the Edina Cinema and other venues.

Participants in these programs have expressed great enthusiasm for the Life Reimagined initiative and generally ask, “What’s next?” Life Reimagined – Edina, its collaborating organizations, Leadership Committee

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and Coordinator are all committed to providing answers to that question. They also are working to continue this 2015 pilot project as a long-term program in the Edina community.

We invite you to take advantage of the substantial expertise and community resources made available through this interesting initiative. LRE programs after July 1 and registration information will be listed online at www.LifeReimagined-Edina.org. Schubert may be reached at jschubert@edinacommunityfoundation.org or 877-926-8300.

Questions about current or planned gifts to the Foundation for Life Reimagined - Edina or any of its other programs may be addressed to Crockett at 952-833-9573 or edfoundation@EdinaMN.gov. Additional information about the Foundation and links to other articles about the Foundation may be found at its website, www.edinacommunityfoundation.org.

Murphy Receives Individual Service Commendation

Husband. Father. Mechanic. Business owner. World traveler. Philanthropist.

This month, Edina businessman Tim Murphy will add another title to his name: District Governor. Murphy began a one-year term as head of Rotary International District 5950 July 1. District 5950 is a group of more than 60 Rotary clubs in central and southwestern Minnesota. The clubs represent more than 40 communities ranging in size from Springfield to Minneapolis.

Murphy has belonged to the Rotary Club of Edina for 20 years, and served as its president for one year before getting involved at the District level. He was the recipient of Rotary International's "Service Above Self Award" and has represented Rotary on several international mission trips, include Honduras, Chile, El Salvador, Dominican Republic and East Africa.

Though Murphy has focused his energy on Rotary for the past several years, his commitment to Edina has not wavered. He is the founder and President of Murphy Automotive and owns three businesses in Edina: Grandview Tire & Auto (Vernon), Grandview Tire & Auto (Cahill) and Edina Service Center. The company received the Minnesota Business Ethics Award in 2012 for demonstrating high ethical standards. Grandview Tire & Auto (Cahill) was the first business to participate in the City's Emerald Energy Program.

He has served on a number of local Boards of Directors, including those for the Edina Chamber of Commerce, Edina Community Foundation, Explore Edina, Minnesota ABC (A Better Chance) Foundation and Southdale YMCA.

For his work in the community, Mayor Jim Hovland presented Murphy with one of the City's top awards for a volunteer in the community: the Mayor's Community Involvement Commendation, awarded to an individual for outstanding and exceptional volunteer service to the community at large. The prestigious award was presented at the City's Volunteer Recognition Reception in April.

Mayor's Service Club Commendation Rotary Club of Edina

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

The Rotary Club of Edina donates hundreds of hours of time and thousands of dollars to the community. The club donated an heirloom clock to the City in honor of its 125th anniversary and was a major donor to the Veterans Memorial at Utley Park. Rotarians also pack meals for Feed My Starving Children and Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People, prepare quarterly meals at Jeremiah House, prepare Thanksgiving meals and gather gifts for low-income families in the community, ring bells for the Salvation Army, clean Wooddale and Utley parks, among other things.

Mayor's Connecting With Kids Commendation Jeff Northrup

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

Jeff Northrup is Vice President of the Edina Soccer Club and coaches two girls' teams. He served on the Facilities Task Force for Edina Public Schools and has been a

champion for private-public partnerships, specifically turf fields, Braemar Field and the new futsal court at Braemar Arena.

Mayor's Youth Commendation

Jessica Mixon, Yochana Kancherla and Pheretha Quevi

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

Jessica Mixon, Yochana Kancherla and Pheretaha Quevi served as tutors in the Edina Saturday School program. Sponsored by Edina Public Schools, this program invites first- through eighth-grade students with academic needs to attend help sessions on Saturday mornings October through April. The three girls helped elementary students who needed remediation in math, reading and writing.

Mayor's Outstanding Senior Commendation

Joe Sullivan

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

After retiring from a successful career in advertising and public relations, Joe Sullivan took on the role of historical columnist for the City's magazine, *About Town*. He wrote for *About Town* for more than 14 years, submitting more than 50 articles before retiring in 2014.

Mayor's Community Involvement Commendation

Police Officer Jim Rygg

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

For more than a decade, Police Officer Jim Rygg volunteered for the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association (LEMA), which honors police officers who have fallen in the line of duty by providing an Honor Guard for each funeral and assisting families in the months after. Before stepping down as Deputy Commander of the Honor Guard in December 2014, Rygg was part of 20 Line-of-Duty funerals.

Many service organizations also recognized their own exemplary volunteers at the reception. Awards were presented to: Paul Peterson, Edina Arts & Culture Commission; Giovanna Ingram, Edina Basketball Association; Leann Stessman, Edina Chamber of Commerce; Mamie Segall, Edina Community Foundation; Judy Cipolla, Edina Federated Women's Club; Dave Bush, Edina Football Association; Joan Scott, Edina Garden Council; Meg Rodriguez, Edina Give and Go; Dianne Plunkett Latham, Edina Historical Society; Jessi Kingston, Edina Human Rights & Relations Commission; Chaplains Kurt Kalland, Rich Phenow, Steve Wheeler, Dan Christopulos and Jon Good, Edina Police Department; Cole Wiley, Edina Public Schools; Jeff Northrup, Edina Soccer Club; Nancy Grimsby, Edina Woman's Club; Rich Ongna, Fairview Southdale Hospital; Nicki Williams, Morningside Woman's Club; Barbara La Valleur, Public Art Edina; Jean Morrison and Mary Younggren, Rotary Club of Edina.

For more information on the Volunteer Recognition Reception, contact Executive Assistant Heather Branigin, 952-826-0403.

Edina Give And Go Works To Close ‘Opportunity Gap’ During Break

By Mary Woitte, Edina Public Schools Communications Manager

To keep tabs on the needs of students, Lillian Ziff likes to talk to kids. A year ago, when she asked students what they did over winter or spring break, or on a day off of school, she immediately recognized a need that was not being met.

“Kids with resources have opportunities to go on trips or attend camps,” Ziff said, “but for students who don’t have those financial resources or transportation, opportunities like that are not available.”

Enter Edina Give and Go. Since its formation two years ago, the volunteer organization has worked to close the “opportunity gap” that organizers say exists in a community in which opportunities are abundant. According to the Give and Go website, 8 percent of Edina students struggle with basic needs, “and there are many more who are living on the edge,” said Ziff, Director of Edina Give and Go.

In May 2013, a group of Edina parents and educators united their energy and passion for students and the community to help ensure all who live and go to school here can enjoy the benefits that are inherent with being a part of the Edina community. In addition to Ziff, there are 19 people on the organization’s board of directors and in support positions for Edina Give and Go, all of whom are moved by the changing socioeconomics of the community and believe that Edina is and should be a place for everyone. As their marketing materials state, “We know that many of the very things that make our community so



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Non-profit Edina Give and Go was launched two years ago.

great are out of reach for a large and growing number of students. We think that’s unacceptable and that we, as a community, can do better.”

The group operates as a non-profit in collaboration with the Edina Education Fund. Its focus is on underserved Edina Public Schools students. Acting as the eyes and ears of the group, district and school staff help detect student needs, which are wide ranging. From eyeglasses to Internet connections, saxophones to activities fees, Ziff said they try to say “yes” to as many requests as they can. “Sometimes, we not only pay the registration fee for an activity, we also pay for the team sweatshirt,” Ziff said. “It is what makes kids feel like they belong. These seem like little things, but in the life of a student, they are huge.”

Give and Go pays special attention to summer break, a time when learning can stall for those who may lack certain resources. “We can’t support everyone for everything for

the whole summer break, but we can do a bit of it," Ziff said.

Last year, Summer is Go Time sponsored two week's worth of programming for students in need. This year they are expanding to three weeks. Ziff, a retired Dean of Students at Valley View Middle School, said summer activities go a long way in helping students retain what they've learned during the previous school year. But summer presents its own set of problems – most significantly, transportation. That issue was resolved last summer when the school district took the lead to coordinate busing for students in the Summer is Go Time program. "We couldn't do this without the support of the school district," Ziff said.

The group focuses on providing funding for registration in Community Education summer camps and other summer activities, such as Orchestra Camp, a science education trip to the Boundary Waters and driver education. Last year, a bicycle program provided 16 donated bikes to local youth, with Give and Go funding the purchase of helmets and bicycle locks to go with each one. This year, the organization will fund an additional week of summer programming and estimates the total cost will be at least \$42,000.

The financial support of individuals and community organizations has affirmed the mission and the work of Give and Go. "What has been so heartening is the generosity of the community," Ziff said. In addition to individual donations, the Edina Federated Women's Club has been a significant supporter of Summer is Go Time

with a generous grant. Another fundraiser also brings in a large portion of the summer program's funding needs.

Support for the program also comes in the form of volunteers. High school students were invaluable as helpers and mentors last year, Ziff said. And this year, a mother and her two daughters have offered to provide a morning snack for a week's worth of one of the summer camps.

For Ziff, the best part of the program is the reactions she sees and hears from the program participants. "I remember a second grader bounding off the bus," she said. "He told me 'I get to do woodworking today and next week I get to do soccer!' They are excited when they see the high school mentors and are so happy to be a part of this. We know it truly impacts students in a positive way."

For those interested in supporting Summer is Go Time or other needs identified by Edina Give and Go, Ziff encourages people to donate through the Give and Go's website, www.edinagiveandgo.org. She added that another way to support the group is to help spread the word. Because Give and Go is very careful to protect the privacy of the students and families they support, it can make it hard to get the word out about their work.

"We tell our stories generically, but there are real people behind each one," Ziff said. "People can help by telling others about our work."

To learn more about Summer is Go Time and Edina Give and Go, visit www.edinagiveandgo.org.

Support Youth In Need Through VEAP's Summer Programs

VEAP cares about kids. In fact, 58 percent of VEAP client households have children under the age of 18. During the summer months, the organization focuses on programs that benefit kids, especially the Summer Youth Food and Back to School programs.

Few will debate that healthy foods build healthy kids. Even so, it's not easy for kids in low-income families to get healthy, fresh foods over the summer. In Bloomington and Richfield public schools alone, 7,302 students are eligible for free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch programs – this equals 51 percent of public school enrollment for these districts. In Edina, 8 percent of public school students participate in the program.

What does it mean when a child comes to school hungry? Kids arrive at school exhausted and anxious. They are often disruptive in the classroom – interrupting lessons, acting out and making it difficult for anyone in the classroom to learn. When kids are overwhelmed by how hungry they are, the chance for them to excel in the classroom is drastically reduced. It's hard to imagine that for some kids in our community, the only meals they eat each day are the ones they receive in school. That makes the summer months particularly challenging.

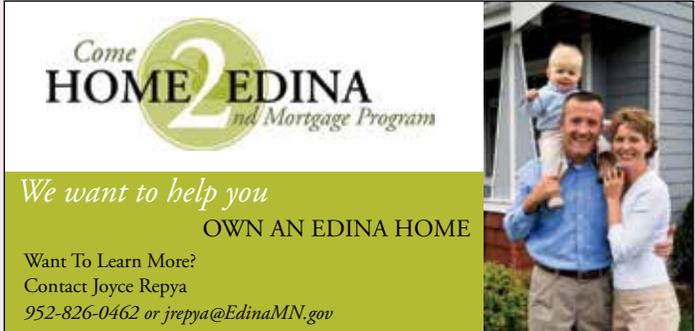
For a family with three school-aged children, summer means providing an additional 30 meals per week. This can be a significant financial burden for many low-income families. VEAP's Summer Youth Food Program provides kid-friendly, easy-to-prepare breakfast and lunch groceries for families. Bags are filled with items such as peanut butter, whole grain cereals, no-sugar-

added fruit cups, granola bars, 100 percent fruit juice and macaroni and cheese. In addition, thanks to the expanded processing area and larger coolers in its new building, VEAP is able to provide more fresh fruits and vegetables. VEAP's goal for the summer of 2015 is to provide groceries to 720 children on a weekly basis.

VEAP's Three Square Classic Golf Tournament supports the youth food programs. This full day of golf event tees off on Monday, July 13 with a 9-hole event in the morning and 18-hole event in the afternoon at Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington.

The Back to School Drive runs from July 15 to Aug. 11 and helps ensure that all children in our community have the supplies they need to succeed in school.

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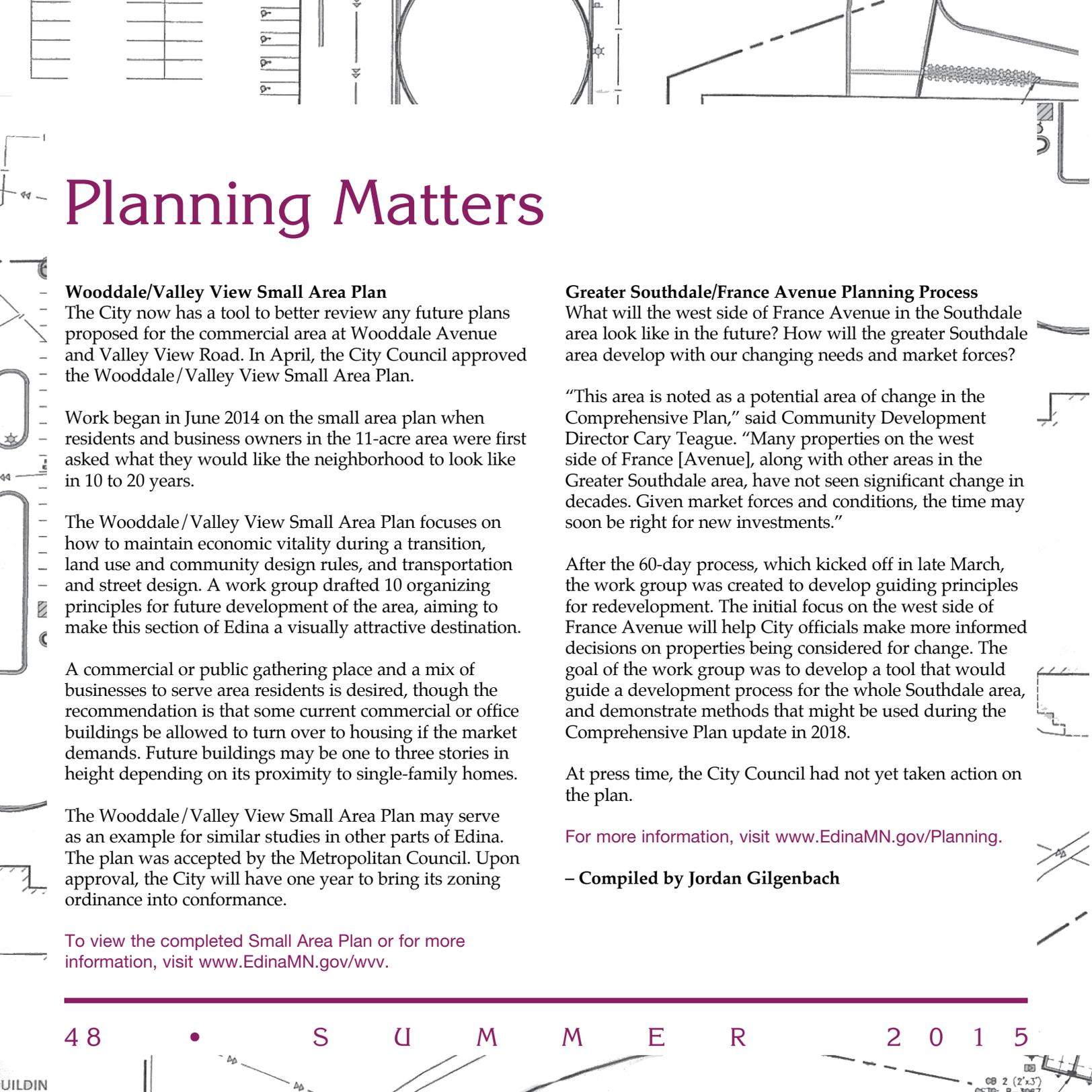
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Planning Matters

Wooddale/Valley View Small Area Plan

The City now has a tool to better review any future plans proposed for the commercial area at Wooddale Avenue and Valley View Road. In April, the City Council approved the Wooddale/Valley View Small Area Plan.

Work began in June 2014 on the small area plan when residents and business owners in the 11-acre area were first asked what they would like the neighborhood to look like in 10 to 20 years.

The Wooddale/Valley View Small Area Plan focuses on how to maintain economic vitality during a transition, land use and community design rules, and transportation and street design. A work group drafted 10 organizing principles for future development of the area, aiming to make this section of Edina a visually attractive destination.

A commercial or public gathering place and a mix of businesses to serve area residents is desired, though the recommendation is that some current commercial or office buildings be allowed to turn over to housing if the market demands. Future buildings may be one to three stories in height depending on its proximity to single-family homes.

The Wooddale/Valley View Small Area Plan may serve as an example for similar studies in other parts of Edina. The plan was accepted by the Metropolitan Council. Upon approval, the City will have one year to bring its zoning ordinance into conformance.

To view the completed Small Area Plan or for more information, visit www.EdinaMN.gov/wvv.

Greater Southdale/France Avenue Planning Process

What will the west side of France Avenue in the Southdale area look like in the future? How will the greater Southdale area develop with our changing needs and market forces?

“This area is noted as a potential area of change in the Comprehensive Plan,” said Community Development Director Cary Teague. “Many properties on the west side of France [Avenue], along with other areas in the Greater Southdale area, have not seen significant change in decades. Given market forces and conditions, the time may soon be right for new investments.”

After the 60-day process, which kicked off in late March, the work group was created to develop guiding principles for redevelopment. The initial focus on the west side of France Avenue will help City officials make more informed decisions on properties being considered for change. The goal of the work group was to develop a tool that would guide a development process for the whole Southdale area, and demonstrate methods that might be used during the Comprehensive Plan update in 2018.

At press time, the City Council had not yet taken action on the plan.

For more information, visit www.EdinaMN.gov/Planning.

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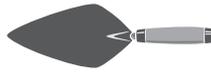
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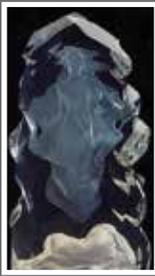
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Business Notes

Edina Chamber Of Commerce Welcomes New Members

The Edina Chamber of Commerce has welcomed 13 new members since January.

Joining the Chamber are Edina Realty - David K. Johnson; DD Innovations, Inc.; Anchor Insurance Agency; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota; Orthology; Groveland Confections; Brennan Companies; August Ash; Ispiri Design-Build; Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Lovejoy Realty; Neighborhood Ice Cream Shoppe; Room & Board; Sabrosos Salsas LLC and Brookdale Hospice.

“The growth of our membership is an indication of the strength of our business community,” said Lori Syverson, Edina Chamber of Commerce President. “We’re excited to welcome these new members and look forward to working in partnership to build an even stronger business environment.”

For more information about the Edina Chamber of Commerce, visit www.edinachamber.com or call 952-806-9060.

Lunds & Byerly's Rebrands Stores

Eighteen years ago, Lund Food Holdings bought the grocery retailer Byerly's and now the two stores are coming together as one.

Thirteen Lunds stores and 13 Byerly's stores were converted to Lunds & Byerlys. Edina's France Avenue location officially became Lunds & Byerlys on April 30 and the signage was completed by the end of May. All other locations were also completed by the end of May.

The new logo features the circular shape and font of the Byerly's logo with the green color of the Lunds logo.

According to a 2012 customer survey, 95 percent of Lunds and Byerly's shoppers viewed the two chains as a single entity.

“Each brand was incredibly strong individually, but they're stronger together,” said Tres Lund, CEO of Lund Food Holdings.

“Today, we really think of ourselves as Lunds & Byerlys. It really has been an evolution.”

Lunds & Byerlys stores are located in Edina at 3945 W. 50th St. and 7171 France Ave. S.



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Berkshire Hathaway Comes To Minnesota

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Berkshire Hathaway Home Services began operating in the Twin Cities last year. Lakeville-based Prudential Lovejoy Realty Inc. is now Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Lovejoy Realty as part of the name brand consolidation that has taken place around the country at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services franchisees.

The Edina location opened on Feb. 1, at 3926 W. 49 1/2 Street. A grand opening event was held in April.

“We are actively seeking local professionals who are interested in transitioning into a real estate career at a great location,” said Edina Branch Manager Tom Meckey.

Edina Realty is also an affiliate of Berkshire Hathaway, but it has no intentions of rebranding.

For more information about Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Lovejoy Realty, contact Meckey at 952-512-2450.

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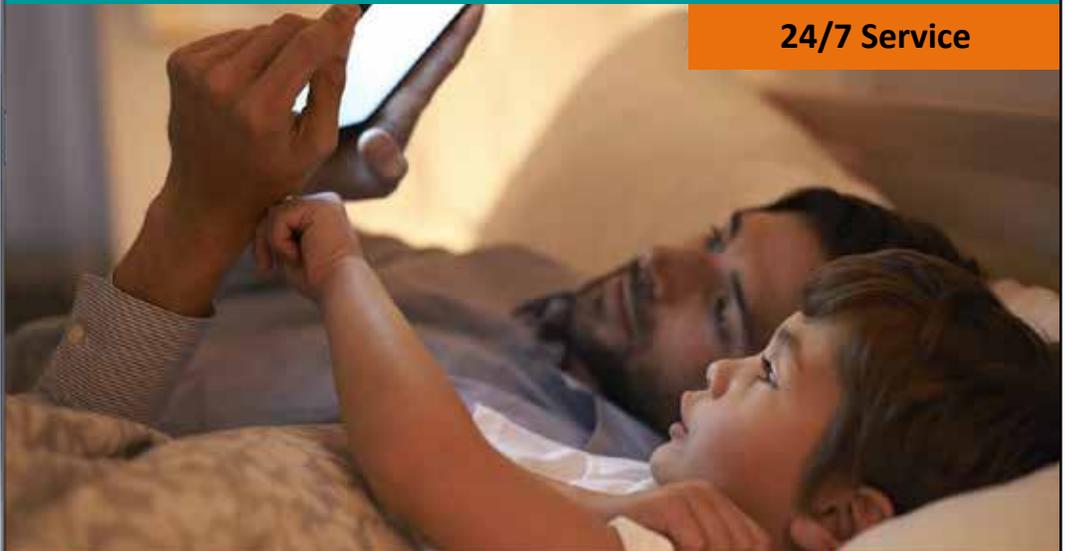
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The Last Word



When I was a graduate student, I did a research project on the early days of municipal electric utilities in Iowa. A number of them were established in the late 1890s and early 1900s as electrification made its way into small town American homes. If a small town wanted to be on the map, it needed to have electricity for business, industry and homes. If a city was going to be electrified, it had to provide its own generation, distribution, service and billing systems.

One of the more interesting bits of information I learned about the early municipal electric utilities was that they not only installed the electrical service into private homes, but they also installed the light bulbs as well. And if a light bulb burned out, the utilities encouraged homeowners to contact the city directly so that an employee from the electrical utility could be dispatched to the home to replace the bulb. Replacing light bulbs was much too complex and dangerous for the average homeowner to handle in 1905, apparently.

We all know what happened after that. People grew more comfortable around electricity. Technology made us better and more reliable light bulbs – and safer electrical equipment in general. All of this made electrical utilities grow more comfortable with their customers replacing their own light bulbs.

But it wasn't always an easy transition for the city's electric utility and its employees. If residents started replacing their own light bulbs, what would happen to the employees who had been providing that service? Would they simply be redeployed? Or would those jobs be eliminated and operating expenses reduced?

Different cities handled the transition differently, but they all transitioned. The days of city employees changing light bulbs for residents are no more. Those days are never coming back.

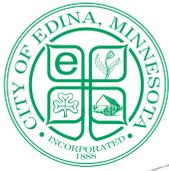
Yet the issue of what services city governments should provide and what tasks should be performed by residents is still very much with us today. A city government must be careful and deliberate about what services it decides to take on. Is the service necessary to preserve public health and safety? Is the service necessary to maintain quality of life? Can the service be provided more cost effectively if the city aggregates demand for the service and then provides the service? Can the city add value to the lives of its residents by providing a particular service?

In contemporary Edina, we have a number of policy questions that are in various stages of this discussion. Should the City take on snow removal of all sidewalks in Edina, or should residents be expected to handle some of the duties? Should the City assume maintenance of the street right-of-way between the sidewalk and back of curb, or should we continue to rely on property owners for the maintenance? Should the City play a more active role in coordination of clean up of lakes and ponds or should adjoining residents take care of it?

How these questions are resolved will impact everyone in Edina. Because of their wide impact, policy questions like these are best resolved by the elected representatives of the City – the City Council – with the support of its City staff and through meaningful consultation with property owners and residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott H. Neal".

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