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Speak Up, Edina!

City Hosts Monthly Online Discussion

The City's next discussion is now ready to take feedback on www.SpeakUpEdina.org. The discussion, which focuses on residential bee keeping, is available until April 30.

In the discussion, the City will ask whether or not residents support bee keeping. In addition, the City may ask where on a property residents think hives should be kept, whether or not permitting should be required, how to handle complaints and how to address potential health hazards, such as bee-related allergies.

In March, the City gathered feedback on organized garbage hauling. Questions posed ranged from whether or not individuals support organized garbage hauling, what concerns residents would have if such a system were adopted, what the benefits are, and how much residents think is a fair cost. Feedback from the March discussion will be presented to the City Council later in April.

To weigh in on this month's discussion, visit www.SpeakUpEdina.org.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.

Community Health Commission meeting, Edina City Hall

Tuesday, April 1, 7 p.m.

City Council meeting, Edina City Hall

Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m.

Days of Remembrance, Edina Senior Center

Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m.

Heritage Preservation Board meeting, Edina City Hall

Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m.

Park Board meeting, Edina City Hall

Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission meeting, Edina City Hall

Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Genocide Awareness – The 20th Anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide, Edina City Hall

Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Energy & Environment Commission meeting, Edina City Hall

Sunday, April 13, 2 p.m.

Yom Hashoah – Holocaust Remembrance, Edina City Hall

Thursday, April 17, 6 p.m.

Transportation Commission meeting, Edina City Hall

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.

Planting for Pollinators
Terrace Room of Arneson Acres Park, 4711 W. 70th St.

In order to increase awareness about colony collapse disorder (CCD), the City of Edina Energy & Environment Commission (EEC), in partnership with the Edina Parks & Recreation Department and the EEC's Local Food Task Force, will hold "Planting for Pollinators" at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19.

Elaine Evans, a Ph.D. candidate in the University of Minnesota Bee Lab and the U's foremost expert on planting for pollinators, will speak about what kinds of flowers residents can plant to attract pollinators. The talk will also discuss which common non-native plants to avoid and how to design your yard to attract native bees by providing nesting areas.

Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m.

City Council meeting, Edina City Hall

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Human Rights & Relations Commission meeting, Edina City Hall

Wednesday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission meeting, Edina City Hall

Thursday, April 24, 4:30 p.m.

Arts & Culture Commission meeting, Edina City Hall

Edina's New City Building Official is Ready for the Challenge



Photo by Michael Braun

David Fisher started this month as the new Chief Building Official for the City of Edina. He comes to Edina after working in several cities around the metro, including Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Brooklyn Center and Maplewood. Even after a career of working in such varied cities, Fisher isn't expecting his new role to be a walk in the park.

"It's the bigger homes that are very unique. I look forward to the challenge ... big homes on not-so-big lots," said Fisher.

City Manager Scott Neal agrees that Edina could offer new challenges, but is more than confident that Fisher is the man for the job.

"Being the Chief Building Official in Edina is a challenging job for a lot of reasons," said Neal. "There is a lot of development going on. Most development here is coordinated professionally with architects and that brings some complexity. One of the things we really liked about Dave is that he's not just a code enforcer. He's a problem solver."

Fisher received associate degrees from Anoka Ramsey Community College and North Hennepin Community College in Building Inspection Technology. He later went on to pursue a four-year organizational behavior and communications degree from Concordia University. He quickly climbed the ranks and has served as Building Official for a total of 26 years in Brooklyn Center and Maplewood.

Fisher's leadership in the industry has been noted by the awards he's received and the positions he's held. He was appointed by the governor to serve as a public member on the Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design. In addition, he and the Maplewood Building Department were given an award by the Association of Minnesota Building Officials (AMBO) for their dedication to code development and education of building inspectors.

"Dave has been heavily involved in nearly every facet of promoting building safety, including serving as chair of AMBO and now chairing its Code Development Committee," said Doug Determan, Chair of AMBO. "Through his commitment to this industry, Dave has helped to foster a culture of active and engaged code professionals amongst his peers. We're excited to see him in this next chapter at the City of Edina."

The City of Edina Building Inspections Division of the Fire-Rescue & Inspections Department manages a heavy workload. In 2013, the division completed more than 18,400 inspections and was responsible for nearly \$3.512 million in revenue. As Chief Building Official, Fisher will manage a staff of eight inspectors and two staff, work with design professionals, oversee commercial planning and inspections and meet with local businesses.

"It's a win-win for me, for both [myself and the City of Edina]," said Fisher. "I can bring some new ideas and give a positive influence to the department and for the future."

Police 'Focus In' on Failure to Display Headlights During April



As a part of the 2014 "Focus In" campaign, Edina patrol officers will focus police efforts on failure to display headlights during the month of April.

"April marks the beginning of spring rain and road spray that often masks vehicles," said Sgt. Scott Kuyper, who oversees the "Focus In" campaign. "State law requires all vehicles to display their headlights anytime visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions that may render people or vehicles indiscernible on the roads."

Education will include a warning to those who violate the statutes or codes. In extenuating circumstances, a citation may be issued. Last April, 68 verbal or written warnings were given out for failure to display headlights.

Each month, patrol officers will focus police efforts on a specific statutory violation in order to educate the public and gain compliance. The violations the Police Department will "Focus In" on this year have seasonal relevance, affect the quality of life in Edina or pose safety risks to residents.

This year, Police have already focused on obstructed vision, failure to signal and unsafe equipment. For the following months, police will "Focus In" on bike safety, use of phone/texting while driving, curfew violations, pedestrian safety, child and seatbelt safety, distracted driving, speed in school zones, night and snow parking, and the "move over" law.

All statutes will be enforced year-round, but additional attention is paid to the focus of the month.

For more information, contact the Edina Police Department at 952-826-1610.

FAA Will Not Implement RNAV Departure Routes At MSP At This Time

City, NOC Request FAA to Study RNAV Implementation at Similar Airports

The City of Edina is celebrating a February decision by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to not implement Area Navigation (RNAV) departure routes at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) at this time, but recognizes there is still work to be done in addressing aviation noise.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) received a letter in late February from the FAA indicating that they will not, at this time, implement certain departure routes at MSP that were of concern to many Edina residents.

RNAV technology is being implemented across the country, enabling aircraft to consistently fly specific routes, enhancing safety and efficiency while reducing fuel burn and emissions. RNAV is a key part of the federal NextGen program for addressing congestion and improving safety and efficiency in the national airspace.

In September 2012, the FAA proposed a plan to implement RNAV procedures on all runways at MSP. MAC board members heard from many area residents concerned about potential noise impacts under the proposed departure routes. Based on those concerns, the board voted to support only partial implementation of the FAA plan, withholding support for RNAV departures off runways 30L and 30R, over the heavily populated areas north and west of MSP, such as Edina.

The letter received by the MAC indicates the FAA is concerned that implementing RNAV departures on some runways and not others could create "unacceptable safety risks." Therefore, the FAA will not implement RNAV departures from any runways at MSP right now.

The FAA will, however, move forward with the approved RNAV arrival procedures on a timeline still to be determined. Currently, arriving aircraft perform a stepped descent, reducing altitude and plateauing a number of times before landing. Under RNAV arrival procedures, aircraft remain at a higher altitude longer and, once they begin descending, continue to do so with the engines in an idle configuration until landing. Staying higher longer with the engines at an idle setting reduces noise impacts and emissions. Arriving aircraft have to line up with runway headings whether or not they use RNAV, so flight paths will not change under an RNAV approach process.

The FAA letter provides no timeline for revisiting the issue of RNAV departures at MSP.

MAC has recommended to the FAA that any future effort by the FAA to implement RNAV departures at MSP involve a robust FAA outreach program to affected communities, early coordination with community leaders, investment of adequate resources to address local expectations, and authorization for local air traffic control representatives to lead resource allocation and community outreach efforts.

MAC's Noise Oversight Commission (NOC) supports the FAA actions, but has requested that its parent body support additional provisions and communicate those to the FAA. The City of Edina approved a resolution supporting NOC's provisions, which include:

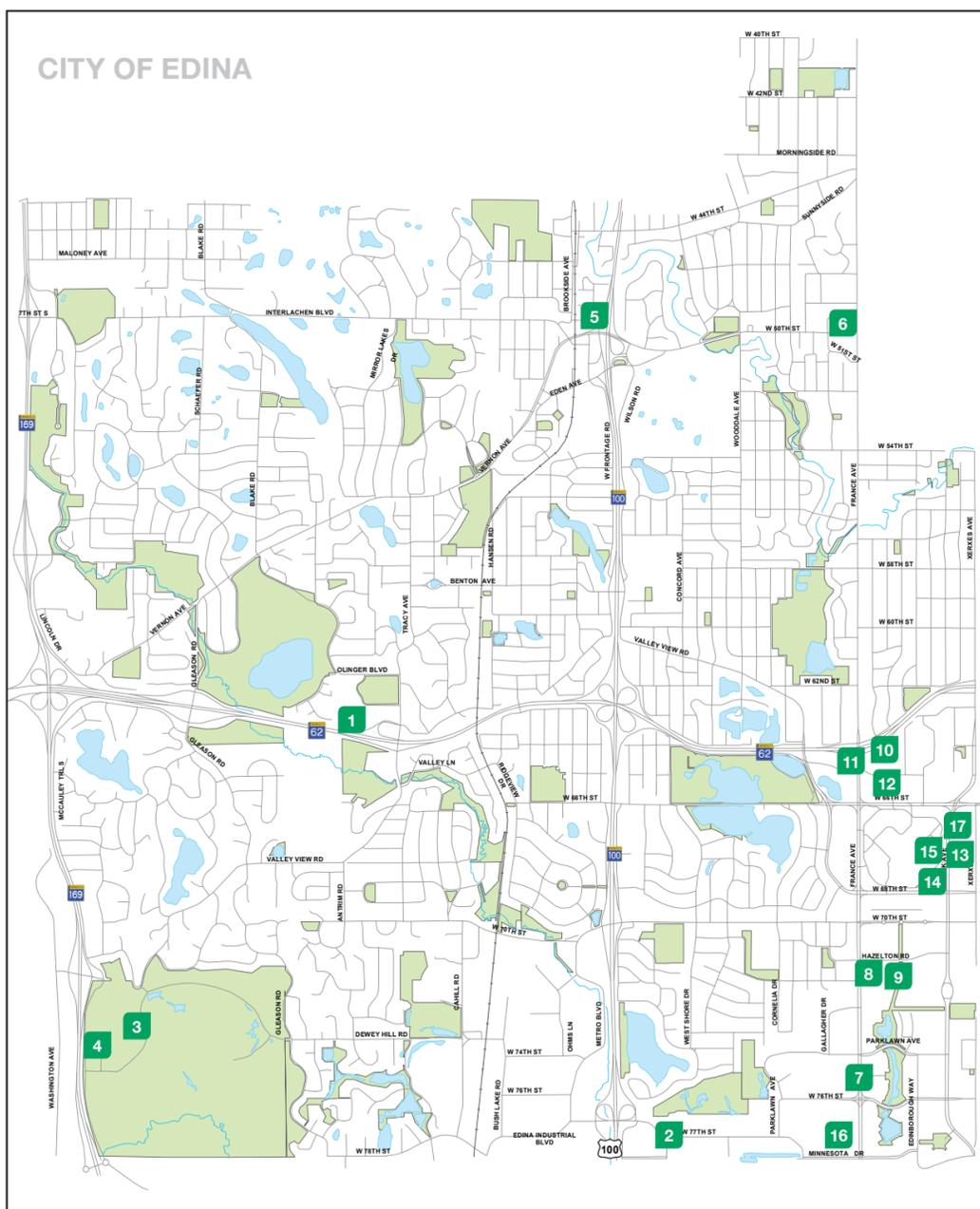
- The FAA RNAV Standard Terminal Automation Replacement (STAR) procedures should incorporate Optimized Profile Descents for all runways at MSP.
- Prior to the commencement of any future RNAV Standard Instrument Departure (SID) design and implementation efforts at MSP, the FAA must present to the NOC and the MAC a case study of the successful implementation of RNAV at an airport with similar challenges to those existing at MSP, which includes the airport's location adjacent to densely populated residential areas. The case study should detail how the FAA's proposed design and implementation plan for MSP builds on the proven successes at the other similarly-situated airport.
- Any future FAA RNAV SID design and implementation plans must, in addition to the above, be structured in a way that incorporates the provisions communicated in [a letter to the FAA from MAC Executive Director and CEO Jeff Hamiel] regarding future FAA community outreach efforts related to RNAV implementation at MSP.
- The NOC acknowledges the FAA will need adequate time to prepare the requested case study and community outreach plan, and as such, the FAA's future implementation of RNAV SID could be delayed until said study and outreach plan are finalized.

For more information about Edina's position on aviation noise, contact Council Member Joni Bennett at 952-927-0661 or visit www.EdinaMN.gov/Aviation-Noise. To file an aviation noise complaint, visit www.macnoise.com.

Commercial Development Tracker

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

- 1 Business/Project:** The Waters of Edina
Location: 6300 Colonial Way
Developer: Shelter Corporation
Status: Complete
The project includes a three-story, 139-unit senior housing facility with 18 care suites.
- 2 Business/Project:** Pentagon Park
Location: 4901, 4815, 4820, 4600, 4660, 4510, 4530, 4550 W. 77th St. and 7600 Parklawn Ave.
Developer: Pentagon Revival
Status: Pending Final Approvals
The developer is proposing to redevelop the 43-acre site in southeast Edina. The proposed plan includes 1.4 million square feet of office space, 40,000 square feet of retail space and a 400-room hotel.
- 3 Business/Project:** Braemar Golf Dome
Location: 7420 Braemar Blvd.
Developer: City of Edina
Status: Complete
This project is complete. Following a fire that damaged the old golf dome beyond repair, a new dome was constructed and includes a state-of-the-art fire suppression system, a detached clubhouse and 46 tee areas on two levels.
- 4 Business/Project:** Sports Dome
Location: 7501 Ikola Way
Developer: City of Edina
Status: Pending
The project includes a sports dome, outdoor refrigerated ice rink and upgrades to Pamela Park.
- 5 Business/Project:** Grandview Townhomes
Location: 5109-5125 W. 49th St.
Developer: Hunt Associates
Status: On hold
The developer plans to raze the existing buildings and construct a new, 17-unit attached housing development on the 1.43-acre site.
- 6 Business/Project:** 50th & France Ramps
Location: 50th & France
Developer: City of Edina
Status: Planned
The parking ramps at 50th & France will be improved this summer and next. The improvements include updates to the ramps, wayfinding signage, incorporation of paint and public art and the addition of an elevator in the south ramp.
- 7 Business/Project:** Starbucks
Location: 7501 France Ave. S.
Developer: Bruce Carlson/Starbucks
Status: Complete
This project is complete. The site includes a new 1,750-square-foot Starbucks coffee shop with a drive-thru.
- 8 Business/Project:** 71 France/Byerly's Phase 1
Location: 7171 France Ave. S.
Developer: Lund Food Holdings
Status: In progress
Construction is currently on-going for a new 47,000-square-foot Byerly's store. The new store is expected to open in the fall of 2014. A six- or seven-story, 109-unit apartment building with 10,450 square feet of retail and two levels of underground parking are also planned.
- 8 Business/Project:** 71 France Phase 2
Location: 7171 France Ave. S.
Developer: Lund Food Holdings
Status: Planned
Construction on Phase 2 will begin after the completion of Phase 1. This phase includes a six- or seven-story, 77-unit apartment building with 10,711 square feet of retail, and a second six story, 48-unit apartment building with 11,162 square feet of retail space. Both buildings include two levels of underground parking.



- 9 Business/Project:** Think Bank
Location: 3655 Hazelton Road
Developer: HTG Architects
Status: In progress
Construction is underway. The developer has razed the existing structure and plans to build a 8,441-square-foot, two-story bank with a drive-thru, community meeting/training room, employee lounge and a rooftop patio.
- 10 Business/Project:** Fairview Southdale Hospital
Location: 6401 France Ave. S.
Developer: Brian Lubben, Walker & Associates/Fairview Southdale Hospital
Status: In progress
Construction is currently underway for a 89,000-square-foot emergency department expansion.
- 11 Business/Project:** 6500 France Ave. S.
Location: 4005 W. 65th St. & 6500 France Ave. S.
Developer: Aurora Investments, LLC/Mount Development
Status: On hold
The developer is proposing a 223,842-square-foot, five-story, 198-unit senior care building. The plan includes one level of underground parking.
- 12 Business/Project:** Southdale Medical Center
Location: 6545 France Ave. S.
Developer: Oak Development
Status: In progress
The developer is proposing to expand the existing building and construct a four-story, 60,000-square-foot addition and to expand the parking ramp.
- 13 Business/Project:** New Residential/Mixed Use
Location: 6725 York Ave. S.
Developer: Lennar
Status: Application Filed
The developer is proposing to raze the existing commercial building and build a six-story, 296,617-square-foot building with 242 luxury apartments and first-floor retail.
- 14 Business/Project:** One Southdale Place
Location: One Southdale Place
Developer: Stuart Co.
Status: In progress
Construction is underway on three-story, five-story and 10-story apartment buildings, containing 232 luxury units.
- 15 Business/Project:** Southdale Transit Station
Location: 10 Southdale Center
Developer: Metro Transit
Status: Complete
This project is complete. The site includes 70 parking stalls, heated and covered shelters, electric vehicle charging stations, rain gardens and real-time departure information. The transit center serves eight Metro Transit lines.
- 16 Business/Project:** Restaurant
Location: 7700 France Ave. S.
Developer: Unknown
Status: Pending
The developer is proposing to construct a 7,500-square-foot fine dining restaurant.
- 17 Business/Project:** Taco Bell
Location: 3210 Southdale Circle
Developer: Border Foods
Status: Pending final approval
The owner plans to raze the existing building and construct a new, slightly smaller, more modern restaurant.

April Broadcast Schedule

Edina City Council
(shown until the next scheduled meeting – generally two weeks):

- Saturdays – 7 p.m.
- Sundays – 3 a.m., 11 a.m.
- Tuesdays – 7 p.m. (live broadcast on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month)
- Wednesdays – 3 a.m., 11 a.m.

Planning Commission
(shown until the next scheduled meeting – generally two weeks):

- Wednesdays – 7 p.m.

(live broadcast on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month)

- Thursdays – 3 a.m., 11 a.m.
- Fridays – 7 p.m.
- Saturdays – 3 a.m., 11 a.m.

Transportation Commission
(airs from April 17 to May 15)

- Sundays – 7 p.m.
- Mondays – 3 a.m., 11 a.m.
- Wednesdays – 10 p.m.
- Thursdays – 6 a.m., 2 p.m.

2011 Days of Remembrance Event
(airs the entire month of April)

- Sundays – 10 p.m.
- Mondays – 6 a.m., 2 p.m.
- Thursdays – 7 p.m.
- Fridays – 3 a.m., 11 a.m.

2014 Gene Vestvrest Interview
(airs the entire month of April)

- Sundays – 11 p.m.
- Mondays – 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- Thursdays – 8 p.m.
- Fridays – 4 a.m., noon

2014 Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Event
(airs from April 17 to April 30)

- Sundays – 11:30 p.m.
- Mondays – 7:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m.
- Thursdays – 8:30 p.m.
- Fridays – 4:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

"Days of Remembrance" Video Series
(airs the entire month of April)
Includes the following videos:

- "Stolen Youth"
- "I Was Given Life Twice"
- "In The Shadow Of The Acropolis"
- "Remaking a Life"
- "Windows & Mirrors – The Middle East"
- Mondays – 7 p.m.
- Tuesdays – 3 a.m., 11 a.m.
- Fridays – 10 p.m.
- Saturdays – 6 a.m., 2 p.m.

Agenda: Edina
(new episode on the 1st and 15th of each month):

- Every day – 2:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

Beyond the Badge
(new episode on the 1st of each month):

- Every day – 2 a.m., 10 a.m., 6 p.m.

Enterprise Edina
(new episode on the 1st of each month):

- Every day – 2:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 6:15 p.m.

Rotary Club of Edina Meetings
(new episode weekly):

- Every day – 1 a.m., 9 a.m., 5 p.m.

Programs can be watched on cable Channels 16 (standard definition) or 813 (high definition). All content is also streamed online at www.EdinaMN.gov and www.youtube.com/EdinaChannel16.