Windsor Offers Clean Renewable Energy Option
Residents Can Take Part Each Month for Less Than the Cost of a Latte

Residents, business owners and the City of Edina are taking advantage of renewable resources to power the community with carbon-free energy.

One of the low-cost, easy ways to take advantage of renewable energy is to subscribe to Windsource through Xcel Energy. Residents and business owners can pay a little extra every month to get some or all of their energy from wind.

“The Energy & Environment Commissioners and other residents have been working hard to get the message out to their neighbors,” said City of Edina Sustainability Coordinator Tara Brown. “We’ve been talking about renewable energy.

“You don’t have to be a homeowner or invest in expensive equipment to be carbon free,” said Brown. “Anyone with an electricity bill — renters and business owners — and we’ll sign up to source their electricity through renewable energy subscriptions such as Windsource.”

There are currently close to 900 Windsource subscribers in Edina. With resident and business contributions, the community goal is to have 675 additional subscribers by March 2018.

For more information, visit edinamn.gov/Windsource or call Brown at 952-826-1621.

Gotcha!

Children enjoy the view from behind bars on an early August evening at the annual “Night to Unite.” Edina neighborhoods gathered homes with community members statewide for the crime prevention event. Neighbors were encouraged to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors. The goal of Night to Unite is to get to know one another in your neighborhood, build neighborhood involvement with police and bring awareness to crime prevention.

Home Energy Fair to Be Held Oct. 7
Commission, Xcel Energy are Event Sponsors

The Edina Energy & Environment Commission (EEC) and Xcel Energy will host a Home Energy Fair 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Braemar Golf Course Clubhouse, 6364 John Harris Drive. With door prizes, interactive activities and snacks, the day is meant to be fun and informative.

The free event will focus on bringing together home and energy experts to help residents care for their homes and learn about new technologies that will allow them to reduce energy use and save money. At the same time, the fair will be a family-friendly event with interactive exhibits, food and prizes.

“This event will be really accessible to residents who are interested in learning about ways to take care of their homes going into the fall and winter season,” said Lauren Satterlie, Energy & Environment Commissioner. “It’ll be a fun environment to swing by.”

Exhibitors include Home Energy Squad teams, building contractors and solar farm vendors, as well as tables with information about renewable energy such as Windsource.

“We want residents to feel more empowered and knowledgeable on how they can save money on their energy bill and keep up their houses,” said the City’s Sustainability Coordinator, Tara Brown.

The ultimate goal of the event is to help the City reach its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent by 2025. The fair is the first step in empowering residents to help with this goal.

“We want to continue to support residents,” said Brown. “We’ve heard that people want to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and Edina has the opportunity to do that. This is a great way for people to learn how they can take action themselves and save money.”

Over the fair will be a great opportunity to get informed and empowered on reducing energy use.

“It will also just be a great time,” said Brown.

For more information on the Home Energy Fair, contact Brown at dbrown@edinamn.gov or 952-826-1027.

City Developing New Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan
Study to Identify New Ways to Support Walking and Biking

Every 10 years, the City of Edina updates its Comprehensive Plan to provide an outline for future development. Coinciding with this year’s update, the Engineering Department’s Transportation Division is completing a Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan.

“We want to be a healthy community. We want to provide the infrastructure and amenities to give our residents every opportunity to be healthy,” said Transportation Planner Mark Nolan. “We want people to be able to live, work and play here for their whole lives, so that’s why we’re talking to kids, seniors and people of all ages.”

To complete the Pedestrian & Bike Master Plan, the City of Edina and its consultants, Community Design Group and SEH, Inc., have been holding meetings and reaching out to community members online. In-person meetings are being held for specific user groups, such as seniors, low-income residents and minority groups, and feedback was collected through an online survey and interactive map.

“The big questions are about what community members want to see as the future of walkability and bikeability in Edina. ‘We want to know what’s going to make it safer for them as they live, work or visit Edina,’” said Community Design Group Director Antonio Rosell. “Edina has made tremendous strides over the years. The City has added almost 14 miles of new biking lanes and 8 miles of sidewalks since the last master plan was completed in 2007. “We want to have as many people participate as we can,” said Rosell. “We want all of the different cultures, socioeconomic groups, homeowners, multi-family housing residents, and high- and low-income residents to get involved. We don’t want a plan that has fantastic recommendations, but doesn’t take into account the needs of seniors, multi-family housing residents or people who don’t own a car.”

After the study has been compiled in November, Community Design Group will develop a summary document and provide a vision and set of principles that will guide the City as new developments and improvements are proposed. Several more meetings will be held throughout the process so residents can continue to provide feedback.

“The report will also offer recommendations on where to put bikeways, sidewalks and crosswalks, as well as suggestions to increase engagement and support for the biking and walking culture in Edina,” Nolan explained.

To learn more about upcoming meetings or offer your feedback, visit edinamn.gov/EdinaBikeway or contact Nolan at 952-826-0322 or mnolan@edinamn.gov.
**Developer:** Twin Cities Orthopedics  
**Location:** 6868 France Ave.  
**Status:** Approved  
**Business/Project:** The Avenue on France

- Includes a 42,000-square-foot fitness center that will be the company’s flagship fitness center.
- The project will include eight new restaurants and retail.
- A new hotel will be built.
- An indoor parking garage will accommodate 273 stalls.
- The Avenue on France will include a 280,000-square-foot expansion with additional levels or parking added to the parking deck.

**Developer:** The Oaks Apartments  
**Location:** 3925 W. Market St.  
**Status:** Approved  
**Business/Project:** Gateway Pointe

- 309 apartment units will be completed in the first phase.
- The 5,000-square-foot restaurant with exterior patio will be finished in September 2018.
- The 5,000-square-foot restaurant will include 8,000 square feet of a drive-thru.

**Developer:** Upscale Development  
**Location:** 4700 John raises Drive  
**Status:** In progress  
**Business/Project:** Edina High School addition

- The 15,000-square-foot addition to Edina High School includes a new grade nine that previously had at 23-year-old high school.

**Developer:** Beacon Interfaith Housing  
**Location:** 6600 France Ave.  
**Status:** Under construction  
**Business/Project:** Hawthorne Place

- The project includes 210 new responsive housing units.
- The 270-unit community will provide one-, two-, and three-bedroom units.

**Developer:** Buhl Investors, Saturday Properties  
**Location:** 6754 Valley View Road  
**Status:** Approved  
**Business/Project:** The Oaks Apartments

- The four-story, 146-room hotel is being built in the northeast corner of the Southdale Center property.
- The showroom will be completed by the end of 2019.

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