Home Energy Squad Can Help Save Time, Energy and Money

The Home Energy Squad will help residents reduce their energy use and save money on their energy bills.

Your home is likely brimming with opportunity to help you save money on your energy bills. Find out how during a visit from the Home Energy Squad.

The City will continue to support the Home Energy Squad in 2018 by buying down the cost of visits to $50 – normally $100 – for the first 160 homes, condos or townhomes that sign up for a visit from the Squad.

The actual value of the visit is over $600. It’s highly subsidized, so it’s a really great deal for people,” said Stacy Boots Camp, Recruitment and Outreach Coordinator with the nonprofit organization Center for Energy and Environment (CEE). Home Energy Squad is provided by CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy and the energy visits are delivered by CEE, which has nearly 40 years of experience helping homeowners save energy and money on their utility bills.

During the typical 2.5-hour visit, the crew installs energy-saving materials, performs diagnostic tests and helps residents develop a customized plan for saving energy, which makes homes more comfortable and reduces utility bills. Materials installed during the visit for no additional cost may include a programmable thermostat, door and attic hatch weather stripping, high-efficiency water fixtures and LED light bulbs.

“I didn’t understand the range of the LED lighting options that are available now,” said Edina resident Julie Costin, who had an energy audit in May. “When the Home Energy Squad came out, they had a whole array of different types of LED bulbs that would be appropriate for different lamps and fixtures.”

The Home Energy Squad crew will also conduct a blower door test, infrared camera inspection, combustion safety test on the home’s heating system and water heater, and check attic and wall insulation levels.

“It’s easy to do,” said Costin. “Everything you learn is just another piece of the puzzle in terms of your own house and energy savings in general.”

At the end of the visit, residents receive a custom report with prioritized recommendations. If the home needs insulation or air sealing upgrades, residents will receive a quote with the estimated cost to complete the work. Residents have the option to schedule the work with the contractor that day.

“I am amazed how varied the recommendations and instant upgrades the Home Energy Squad team have made,” said Tara Brown, the City’s Sustainability Coordinator. “It’s truly a customized visit and well worth the $50.”

The Home Energy Squad conducts more than 5,000 energy audits every year. According to the CEE, in 2016, the average Edina household that had a Home Energy Squad visit saved $744 annually.

For more information on the Home Energy Squad or to schedule an appointment, call 866-222-4595.
Edinborough Park Welcomes in the New Year
Family Party to be Held Dec. 29

It’s time to put on your fanciest socks at Edinborough Park! From 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Edinborough Park will host its Pre-New Year’s Eve Party, an annual tradition for more than five years and an exciting and fun time for kids and adults.

“It’s a very fun time. We have great attendance,” said Edinborough Park General Manager Patty McGloth. “People really seem to enjoy it.”

Besides playing in Adventure Peak, guests will be able to get their groove on with music from a DJ and take silly family photos in a photo booth. Kids will receive a party hat and noisemaker for the countdown to “midnight,” which will happen at 7 p.m.

“It’s really a family event,” said Edinborough Park Assistant Manager Dawn Beitel. “It’s a super-popular event. Adventure Peak is open, but the Great Hall will be reserved for dancing.”

Guests who buy tickets for the event before Dec. 28 will save some money and pay $10.50 per child, whereas guests buying tickets on the day of the event will pay $11.50 per child.

Annual pass holders must also purchase tickets.

Tickets can be purchased in person at Edinborough Park, 7700 York Ave. S., or online at edinboroughpark.com.

Outdoor Rinks To Open Mid-December


Features at each park: warming house, general skating rink, hockey rink.

Hours: Vary. Check the posted schedule at each rink.

Important to know: The opening date and other operating dates are weather dependent. Rinks close when temperature is -10 or lower or wind chill of -15 or lower.

Conditions hotline: 952-832-0368 or Edinaparks.com.

BY THE NUMBERS

Braemar Arena

Braemar Arena is a multi-sport ice rink and sports facility located in southwest Edina at 7501 Hiola Way. The complex boasts a stadium-style arena home to the Edina Hornets High School Hockey teams, Da Beauty League summer pro league, state tournaments and elite-level figure skating competitions and shows.

March 11, 1966

Braemar Arena opened

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Types of year-round public skating:
• Developmental Ice
• Adult Open Hockey
• Open Skate

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Sheets of ice

Home to the local sports associations:
• Braemar-City of Lakes Figure Skating Club, Edina Hornets hockey teams and Edina Hockey Association

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, Dec. 7, noon

“Rolly Pong,” Edinborough Park

Saturday, Dec. 9, 8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon

Breakfast with Santa, Braemar Golf Course

Saturday, Dec. 9, 9-11 a.m.

70th & Cahill Small Area Plan Community Meeting, Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility

Saturday, Dec. 9, 9-11 a.m.

Family Night, Braemar Field

Sunday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.

St. Louis Park Community Band, Edinborough Park

Monday, Dec. 11, 9-11 a.m.

Tot Time, Braemar Field

Monday, Dec. 11, 9-11 a.m.

Community Health Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Open Soccer, Braemar Field

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 9-11 a.m.

Tot Time, Braemar Field

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Thursday, Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Open Soccer, Braemar Field

Thursday, Dec. 14, noon

Children’s Entertainment by Richardson Nature Center, Edinborough Park

Thursday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

Energy & Environment Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Saturday, Dec. 16, 6-8 p.m.

Family Night, Braemar Field

Sunday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.

Good News Big Band, Edinborough Park

Monday, Dec. 18, 9-11 a.m.

Adult Open Hockey, Braemar Field

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Open Soccer, Braemar Field

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

City Council and Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting, Edina City Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

Brio Bites, Edinborough Park

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 9-11 a.m.

Tot Time, Braemar Field

Thursday, Dec. 21, 9-11 a.m.

Open Soccer, Braemar Field

Thursday, Dec. 21, noon

Brodini, Magician, Edinborough Park

Thursday, Dec. 21, 4-7 p.m.

Arts & Culture Commission Meeting, Edina Art Center

Thursday, Dec. 21, 6 p.m.

Transportation Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Saturday, Dec. 23, 6:30-8 p.m.

Family Night, Braemar Field

Monday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day; City Hall Closed.

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Open Soccer, Braemar Field

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 9-11 a.m.

Tot Time, Braemar Field

Thursday, Dec. 28, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Open Soccer, Braemar Field

Friday, Dec. 29, 5-8 p.m.

Pre-New Year’s Eve Party, Edinborough Park

Saturday, Dec. 30, 6-8 p.m.

Family Night, Braemar Field

Monday, Jan. 1

New Year’s Day; City Hall Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Open Soccer, Braemar Field

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 7-9 p.m.

City Council Meeting, Edina City Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 9-11 a.m.

Tot Time, Braemar Field

Party-goers celebrate the holiday at Edinborough Park's New Years Eve party last year.