

## City Walks Away From Land Sale in Grandview District

### HRA to Consider Next Steps for Development of Former Public Works Site

The City has walked away from a partnership with Frauenshuh to redevelop the former Public Works site at 5146 Eden Ave.

After a competitive selection process, Frauenshuh was selected by the City as a development partner in 2014. In December 2017, a preliminary development agreement with Frauenshuh was executed to consider various development scenarios for the site.

Several ideas have been considered over the course of the year. Most recently, the idea was to sell Frauenshuh about half of the site for a private development and to develop the rest of the site with a public facility housing an art and active adult center. The Housing & Redevelopment Authority in late July asked staff to hire an independent third-party real estate appraiser to determine the estimated market value of 1.5 acres of the 3.3-acre site for such a project.

The land appraisal suggests the market value of the land is higher than the terms proposed by Frauenshuh. Members of the HRA came out of a Sept. 13 closed session to discuss the possible land sale and voted against moving forward with Frauenshuh. In the coming weeks, the HRA is expected to determine how to move forward with the site, which has been vacant since 2008.

*The HRA will next meet 7:30 a.m. Thursdays Oct. 11 and 25. For more information or agendas, visit [EdinaMN.gov](http://EdinaMN.gov). Meetings are shown live and rebroadcast 3 and 11 a.m. Mondays and Fridays and 7 p.m. Sundays and Thursdays on Comcast Channels 813 and 16.*

## Two City Council Seats Among Races on Nov. 6 Ballot

### Extended Absentee Voting Hours Available at City Hall

Two Edina City Council seats, both U.S. Senate seats in Minnesota, State Representatives, Governor, State Attorney General and Minnesota Supreme Court justices are on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot.

Current Council Members Bob Stewart and Kevin Staunton are running for re-election against challengers Ron Anderson, Stan Davis, Janet Kitui and Ray Meifert. Edina City Council members serve four-year terms.

City Council candidate filings and statements of economic interest can be found by visiting [EdinaMN.gov/vote](http://EdinaMN.gov/vote). The candidates also provided information about themselves and their key issues in the Autumn 2018 issue of *About Town* magazine.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 6, but there are many ways to vote early. Voters in Minnesota no longer need to provide a reason to vote absentee.

People can apply for an absentee ballot online or in person at Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St. In-person absentee voting is available 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays through Nov. 5. Extended voting hours, until 6 p.m., will be Oct. 18 and 25.

"We want to make sure people have the opportunity to vote," said Edina City Clerk Deb Mangan.

Direct balloting absentee begins Oct. 30 when voters are issued ballots and feed them directly into the ballot counter at City Hall during extended hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 3, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5. People voting absentee close to Nov. 6 should consider this option because mailed ballots must arrive at election offices by Election Day to count.



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## Halloween Party set for Oct. 26

Staff at Edinborough Park in Edina (shown above at last year's event) are ready to make Halloween special for kids of all ages!

The "Not-So-Scary Halloween Party" takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at Edinborough Park, 7700 York Ave. S. The party will feature magician Brodini performing in a family-friendly magic show for kids and parents. There will also be face painting, a craft station and, of course, trick-or-treating.

Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Cost is \$10/child (12 months to 12 years) if you sign up by Oct. 25, and \$11/child Oct. 26. Admission includes full access to Adventure Peak and the Great Hall play areas. Adult chaperones are required and admitted for free.

## Braemar Golf Course Adds New Mixed-Use Space Called 'The Courtyard'

### Lawn Games, Weddings and Events to be Held on Courtyard

You can now play lawn bowling, bocce ball and bean bags on the new multi-use space at Braemar Golf Course, 6364 John Harris Drive.

The 100-by-100-foot outdoor space features artificial turf surrounded by a concrete seating area with high-top tables, umbrellas and a fire pit. Patrons can enjoy food from Red River Kitchen while they play a game of lawn bowling, or just relax by the fire pit with a group of friends. Situated on the south side of the newly renovated clubhouse, they can also enjoy picturesque views of the Championship 18 Course, set to open next spring.

The Courtyard is available by the hour to Edina residents for \$20 or non-residents for \$25. It is also available to rent as a full- or half-court private rental for corporate meetings and events, as well as wedding ceremonies.

"We think this asset, in conjunction with a modern on-site restaurant, makes Braemar Golf Course a destination for everyone – not just golfers," said Mary Wooldridge, Assistant General Manager.

For more information, visit [BraemarGolf.com](http://BraemarGolf.com) or call 952-903-5750.



Photo by Jackie Adelmann

People enjoy lawn bowling on The Courtyard at Braemar Golf Course.

## Red River Kitchen at Braemar Opens

### Restaurant Serves American Dishes With a Modern Twist

Red River Kitchen at Braemar is now open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday in the Braemar Golf Course Clubhouse at 6364 John Harris Drive.

Restaurateur Matty O'Reilly is the visionary behind the operation. He is also responsible for Republic at Seven Corners, Spring Cafe at Como Lake Pavilion and the increasingly popular Bar Brigade in St. Paul.

Red River Kitchen at Braemar focuses on classic American dishes with a modern twist. It has indoor and outdoor seating overlooking the picturesque Championship 18 Golf Course, set to open next spring. Things you can expect to see on the menu include everything from salads, burgers and tacos to kimchee rice bowls. They also boast an impressive list of craft beer and draft cocktails.

"We're excited to welcome Red River Kitchen into the City of Edina and know they will help us make Braemar Golf Course a destination for the area, as well as the region," said Braemar Golf Course General Manager Joe Abood.

Red River Kitchen also manages the banquet space at the golf course as the exclusive caterer, hosting weddings as well as corporate meetings and events.

For more information, visit [RedRiverKitchen.com/Braemar-Golf-Course](http://RedRiverKitchen.com/Braemar-Golf-Course) or call 651-342-0176.



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**GENERAL ELECTION**  
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Links to register to vote, apply for an absentee ballot, find your polling place and more election information are at [EdinaMN.gov/vote](http://EdinaMN.gov/vote) or [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).

Edina voters also can call the Elections Office at City Hall at 952-826-0363 for more information.

## Residents Encouraged to Seal Unused Wells

### City Protects Ground Water by Locating and Closing Wells in Edina

In a city as developed as Edina, private wells seem like a thing of the past, but unused wells are still a very big problem throughout the community.

“Our data suggests we have over 1,000 unsealed wells in Edina,” said Water Resource Coordinator Jessica Wilson. “Unsealed private wells are one of the highest risk vectors for contamination to our wellhead – the source of our drinking water. Many neighborhoods in Edina were developed before municipal water was available; now, however, the vast majority have access.”

Wells are a direct connection to ground water and, in Edina, ground water is also the drinking water source. In order to prevent contamination of the City’s drinking water supply, residents are encouraged to seal any unused wells on their properties. Over the years, residents and the City have made significant progress on sealing wellheads. To date, 1,751 wells have been sealed within Edina.

The process to locate and seal wells throughout the city is a multi-department effort, requiring assistance from the Engineering and Public Works departments, as well as the Building Inspections Division.

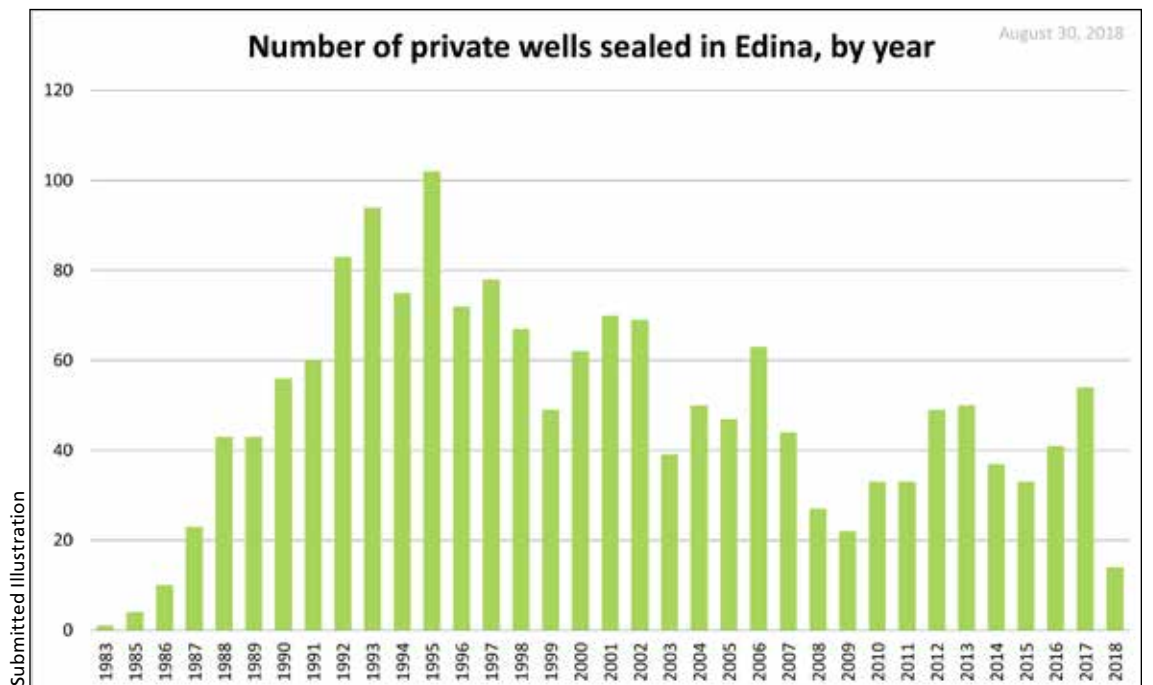
“Engineering helps to manage risk to our ground water supply while Public Works operates that water utility, so the wellhead protection is the responsibility of both departments,” said Wilson. “We found we needed to encourage people to seal private wells, so when someone comes to the Building Division for a demo permit, we ask them to seal their wells at that point.”

“It’s important to understand why we’re doing this. The practical reason for the homeowner to do this is to avoid the monetary and liability risk, but also because our water supply is precious and any hole in the earth that has access to the water supply allows contaminants and other things to enter the water supply,” said Graduate Engineer Charles Gerk. “We’re looking out for public safety and well-being and we’re looking out for the homeowners to get them out of a potential liability that could be extremely costly down the road.”

Many residents aren’t aware if there is a well on their property and often the City can’t be sure, either. However, it’s critical that the potential of a buried well is ruled out to prevent ground water contamination.

“Often, we don’t have the data to help us know for sure if there is a well. In that case, we have to put on our investigator hat and look through the information we have on the area. The hard thing is when we don’t know when the water main was installed or we don’t have records for the property,” said Gerk. “So, then when we demo the house, we look in typical places that we’d find a well, work with contractors who help locate wells and eventually, if we still can’t locate it, ask the Department of Health to help us locate a well using specialized tools.”

Residents are encouraged to call Engineering at 952-826-0371 to find out if the City suspects a well may be on their property. Grant money may be available to seal unused wellheads.



Edina has been committed to sealing unused private wells for several decades; to date 1,751 wells have been sealed.

## EDINA FIRE OPEN HOUSE

# LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

**Come check out what we do at Edina Fire:**  
Fire • EMS • Special Operations • SWAT • Inspections • Fire Prevention

### 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 6

Fire Station No. 1 • 6250 Tracy Ave. • Edina, MN 55436

### BY THE NUMBERS

## Dockless Bike-Sharing Program

Lime brought its dockless bikes to Edina in July. Lime is similar to other bicycle-sharing programs operating in Minneapolis and St. Paul, but with one major difference – no docking stations. They can be parked anywhere, as long as it’s a legal parking location for a bike.

To use the bikes, riders download the Lime app. All bikes and scooters are GPS and 3G-enabled, making it simple for riders to find, unlock and pick up a nearby bike using the iOS or Android smartphone app. When the ride is finished, riders simply follow instructions in the app to end the ride and responsibly park between the pedestrian-designated sidewalk and the street curb or at a bike rack.

Lime reported the following statistics for use in Edina from July through mid-September:

**1,015** rides

**617** riders

**1,564** miles

**0.8**  
Median distance/trip

**34,086**  
Minutes ridden

**21**  
minute median trip

– Compiled by Jennifer Bennerotte and Heidi Lillie

## Upcoming Events

### Recurring Events:

Children’s Entertainment at Edinborough Park  
**Noon Thursdays**

### Sunday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

Somewhat Dixieland Band, Edinborough Park

### Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.

Zuhrah Shrine Band, Edinborough Park

### Thursday, Oct. 11, 7:30 a.m.

Housing & Redevelopment Authority, Edina City Hall

### Thursday, Oct. 11, 7-9 p.m.

“Breaking the Stigma: A Look at Mental Health in Our Community,” Edina Senior Center

### Friday, Oct. 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

The Fall Ball (Ages 3-8), Braemar Golf Course

### Saturday, Oct. 13, 10-11 a.m.

The Author’s Studio: *The Bold Untold North – Nonfiction Poems by Scholars of John A. Johnson*, Edina Art Center

### Sunday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.

St. Paul Police Band, Edinborough Park

### Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting, Edina City Hall

### Wednesday, Oct. 17

Tom Oye Human Rights Award nominations due

### Thursday, Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Day 1 MEA Break Play & Clay (Ages 6-10), Edina Art Center

### Friday, Oct. 19, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Day 2 MEA Break Play & Clay (Ages 6-10), Edina Art Center

### Thursday, Oct. 18, 5-8 p.m.

34th-annual Members’ Juried Exhibition opening reception, Edina Art Center

### Saturday, Oct. 20, 9-10 a.m.

Walk With the Mayor, Grandview Square

### Sunday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.

Richfield Symphonic Band, Edinborough Park

### Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7-9 p.m.

50th & France Small Area Plan Community Meeting, Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility

### Thursday, Oct. 25, 7:30 a.m.

Housing & Redevelopment Authority, Edina City Hall

### Friday, Oct. 26, 6-8 p.m.

Not-So-Scary Halloween Party, Edinborough Park

### Sunday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.

First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Edinborough Park

For a complete listing of meetings and events, visit [EdinaMN.gov](http://EdinaMN.gov).