



## Biennial Quality of Life Survey is Underway

1,500 Households Asked to Weigh in on City Issues

The City of Edina's 2019 Quality of Life Survey is underway.

The City contracted with National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) to develop a six-page survey. The survey includes questions about quality of life in Edina, local policies and amenities, rating of local government services and resident use of government services and facilities. This year's survey also asks a number of questions related to race and equity and sustainability.

A random and scientific sample of 1,500 households received the survey in late February. A second copy of the survey was mailed around March 1 with a reminder to residents to complete the survey if they have not already done so. Surveys must be completed by early April.

"Residents who participate in the survey will help shape the future of Edina," said City Manager Scott Neal. "The feedback we receive through the survey will help the City of Edina make decisions that affect our community."

NRC is the leader in the field of public sector research and evaluation, with clients across the country and around the globe. The firm is comprised of a skilled team of social scientists who support cities, counties, foundations and non-profit organizations in using research to help communities thrive. By using a national firm, the City of Edina has access to national benchmarks to compare findings. This year's results will also be compared to those received in 2017 and 2015.

For more information about the 2019 Quality of Life Survey in Edina, contact the Communications & Technology Services Department, 952-826-0359.

## Upcoming Events

### Recurring Events:

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

Family Night at Braemar Field  
**6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturdays**

### Friday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Family Movie Night, "Trolls," Edinborough Park

### Saturday, March 9, 10-11 a.m.

The Author's Studio: *German Awakening: Tales from an American Life* with Amy Hallberg, Edina Art Center

### Thursday, March 14, 7:30-9 a.m.

Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting, Edina City Hall

### Saturday, March 16, 9-10 a.m.

Walk With the Mayor, Southdale Center

### Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting, Edina City Hall

### Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m.

Public Hearing on 50th & France Small Area Plan at Planning Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

### Thursday, March 28, 7:30-9 a.m.

Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting, Edina City Hall

### Sunday, March 31, 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).



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## 'Claytopia' Comes to the Edina Art Center

Clay Instructor Grace Pass throws a pot on the wheel at the Edina Art Center, which will host two gallery exhibitions and two featured clay artists during The National Council of Education for the Ceramic Arts' annual conference, "Claytopia." The conference comes to Minneapolis this year March 27-30. The gallery exhibitions at the Art Center will be open from March 20 to April 5. The opening event for the exhibitions will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at the Edina Art Center, 4701 W. 64th St.



## Open House on Comp Plan Set

30-Day Review Period Ends April 8

An open house for the City to share the draft Comprehensive Plan and explain how residents can give feedback will be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 11, at the Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility, 7450 Metro Blvd.

"We're nearing the finish line for the updated Comprehensive Plan," said Assistant City Planner Kris Aaker about the process that started in 2017. "The committees' and Planning Commission's work on the small area plans (part of the Comprehensive Plan) and the Comp Plan in general has been impressive."

A 30-day review period of the entire Comprehensive Plan kicks off March 7. The draft Plan will be available for review online at [www.BetterTogetherEdina.org](http://www.BetterTogetherEdina.org), where feedback is encouraged. The Plan can also be viewed on [EdinaMN.gov/CompPlan](http://EdinaMN.gov/CompPlan). Feedback can also be shared by mail by writing to City of Edina; Re: Draft Comp Plan; 4801 W. 50th St.; Edina, MN 55424.

The Plan includes chapters on land use and community design; housing; transportation; parks, open space and natural resources; water resources; energy and environment; economic competitiveness and economic development; human rights and relations; community health; heritage preservation; and arts and culture. It also includes a plan for implementation and appendixes on the small area plans.

The current Comprehensive Plan draft is an update to the 2008 Plan. Work started with Vision Edina and included several small area plans and work by all of Edina's advisory boards and commissions. The Metropolitan Council requires every city in the seven-county metro area to have such a plan, and State law requires that it be updated every 10 years.

Once the 30-day review period is over April 8, the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at its April 24 meeting, and the City Council will hold a Public Hearing about the Plan at its May 7 meeting, with hopes to approve the draft. The six-month municipal review process will take place from May through October, where neighboring cities will have a chance to review the Plan. Come November and December, the Planning Commission and City Council will give the Plan final approval in time for it to be sent to the Metropolitan Council by Dec. 31.

For more information, visit [EdinaMN.gov/CompPlan](http://EdinaMN.gov/CompPlan) or call 952-826-0369.



## Workforce Housing Planned for Waldorf-Nevens Site

Amundson Flats Would Include 62 Units

MWF Properties is working to build workforce housing on the site of the former Waldorf-Nevens Cleaners at 7079 Amundson Ave.

The City Council got its first glimpse at the possible project during a voluntary sketch plan review Feb. 20. Under the plan, the existing building would be razed and a new building with a mix of 62 one-, two- and three-bedroom units would be constructed. All would be affordable units. Amenities of "Amundson Flats" might include on-site management, a fitness center and community room, outdoor gathering area and free underground parking.

MWF Properties' initial plans meet the requirements of the 70th & Cahill Small Area Plan recently approved by the City.

Council Members gave the developer non-binding feedback. Should MWF Properties decide to move forward with the project, the company would file a formal application and go through an approval process involving the Planning Commission and City Council.

In other business last month, the Council:

- Approved revised development plans for Pentagon Village. Under the revisions, one of the planned hotels will increase in size from a four-story, 193-room hotel to a five-story, 235-room hotel and one parking ramp will be built instead of two. A two-story office and retail building will be built during the first phase of development instead of the second.
- Agreed to provide \$12 million in tax-increment financing to address some of the extraordinary costs associated with the redevelopment of 7200 and 7250 France Ave. In December, the developer secured preliminary approval for the mixed-use project, which would include approximately 301 apartments, underground parking and extensive public realm improvements, including a new shared street, public plaza and improvements to West 72nd Street.

The Edina City Council will next meet 7 p.m. March 19 and April 2. For more information, visit [EdinaMN.gov](http://EdinaMN.gov).

