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 politics 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 improve the lives of the people they serve by helping 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 Braemer Field
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturdays

Friday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.
- Family Movie Night: “Storks!” Edinborough Park

Saturday, March 9, 10-11 a.m.
- The Author’s Studio: German Awakening: Tales from an American Life with Amy Hallberg, Eden Arts Center

Sunday, March 10, 2-3 p.m.
- Educational and Leadership Symposium, Edina City Hall

Monday, March 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Citizens’ Committee on the Comprehensive Plan, Edina City Hall

Tuesday, March 12, 7-9 p.m.
- Westside Kolarik Park Annual Meeting, Eden Prairie Center

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.
- The Edina Singers, Braemer Field

Thursday, March 14, 6-7 p.m.
- Music: A Decade of Jazz Tunes, Mill Pond Park

Saturday, March 16, 6-9 p.m.
- Walk With the Mayor, Southdale Center

Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Edina City Hall

Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m.
- Public Hearing on 50th & France Small Area Plan and Planning Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall

Monday, March 25, 7 p.m.
- Kids’ Night at Braemer Field

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Children’s Entertainment at Edinborough Park
- Thursday, March 28, 7:30-9 a.m.
- City Commission Meeting, Edina City Hall
- Saturday, March 30, 6-7 p.m.
- First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Edinborough Park

For a complete list of meetings and events, visit EdinaMN.gov

Citywide Event

‘Claytopia’ Comes to the Edina Art Center

Clay Instructor Grace Pas 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 May 23-27. 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, 4010 50th St. E., 612-944-5377.

“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, where feedback is encouraged. The Plan can also be viewed on EdinaMN.gov/CompPlan. Feedback can also be shared by mail to City of Edina, Rev: 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 appendices 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 11:45 a.m., 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 or call 952-826-0359.

Workforce Housing Planned for Waldorf-Nevens Site

Amundson Flats Would Include 62 Units

MNV 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 of 62 one- and two-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.

MNV 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 MNV 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 four to 242 rooms, 150-room hotel to a 238-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 $2 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 310 apartments, underground parking and extensive public rights 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.
In this development tracker, the City of Edina includes reconstruction projects or new constructions that have been completed in the last six months, are currently under construction, have filed a formal application to the City of Edina for substantially approved. For more information, visit EdinaMN.gov/Planning or contact the Community Development Department Planning Division at 952-926-0389.

**Development Tracker**

**Business/Project:** Caribou Coffee &Bagels
**Location:** 15900 60th Ave. S.
**Developer:** Ted Carlson, Carlson Investments Edina III, LLC
**Status:** Under Construction
The former 88 Cafe building has been demolished and is being replaced with a 2,000-square-foot building for the Caribou Coffee & Bagels store with a drive-thru lane. An eat outside the newly renovated from the exterior line. It is scheduled to open soon this spring.

**Business/Project:** Hawthorne Place
**Location:** 5100 W. 46th St.
**Developer:** Great Oak Development and TE Miller Development
**Status:** Under Construction
Two apartment buildings and one house were torn down and are being replaced with a 1.025-acre condominium development for seniors. Twelve condominiums will be in a three-story building, while the other five will be three-story villas.

**Business/Project:** Arbor Place
**Location:** 1250 E. 63rd Ave.
**Developer:** Trammell Crow Co.
**Status:** Under Construction
A four-story, 102-apartment building for adults 55 and older is nearly complete on the 1.64-acre former bus garage site. It will have underground parking and is right across the street from the Arbor Place Senior Center.

**Business/Project:** 4552 France office building
**Location:** 4552 France Ave.
**Developer:** FALAC, LLC
**Status:** Approved
A six-story, 100-apartment building for adults 55 and older is being constructed on the corner of France and 45th Street. The project includes 25,000 square feet of commercial space and 150 luxury apartments centered around a new outdoor plaza and pedestrian space, with underground parking. Construction is expected to be completed Fall 2019.

**Business/Project:** Millenium at Southdale
**Location:** 6500 France Ave. and 3250 W. 66th St.
**Developer:** Lone Residential
**Status:** Approved
The developer is redeveloping the 22-acre site at 6600 France Ave. with a six-story medical building, six-story hotel, eight-story apartment building and one level of underground parking. The construction will have underground and indoor parking.

**Business/Project:** Private
**Location:** 3411 W. 56th St.
**Developer:** Harken Development
**Status:** Approved
This 13-story, 102-unit apartment building is being built in two stages. The first stage of construction will be a six-story building, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2019. In a future phase of development, the office building at 6200 France Ave. will be razed and a five-story, 110-room apartment building will be built. The project includes underground and indoor parking.

**Business/Project:** Aliso
**Location:** 2701 W. 66th St. and 6612 Xerxes Ave.
**Developer:** Geodesics Construction
**Status:** Under Construction
A fourteen-story, 165-apartment building is being built on the site, along with two existing office buildings. The Bank of America and Tavern on France will remain on the site, along with two existing office buildings. The project will include 25,000 square feet of retail on the first level of each building.

**Business/Project:** Great Oaks Development and TE Miller
**Location:** 5000 Vernon Ave.
**Developer:** Ted Carlson, Orion Investments Edina III, LLC
**Status:** Under Construction
A six-story, 165-apartment building for adults 55 and older is being built on the site. The previous office building at 3250 W. 66th St. is being torn down and replaced with a new, three-story, 307-unit apartment building. The vacant 12-acre parcel will be redeveloped in two phases. The first phase of development will have underground parking. The developer will build a shared street and designate a tree conservation area, both of which will be part of public use amenities.

**Business/Project:** Landscape Place
**Location:** 6700 France Ave.
**Developer:** Edina Landscape Place
**Status:** Approved
The project includes 25,000 square feet of commercial space, a 235-room Marriott hotel, a 153-room WaterWalk hotel, 150,000 square feet of offices and a rooftop restaurant.

**Business/Project:** Lifetime Fitness
**Location:** 3301 W. 66th St.
**Developer:** Lifetime Fitness/Simon Properties
**Status:** Approved
The project includes 25,000 square feet of commercial space and group fitness spaces, swimming pools, a salon and a restaurant.

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