

New year, more exciting stuff!

2023 is going to be another transformative year for us as a city. What we have on deck this year; completing our work on updating our comprehensive plan. This plan is being developed in coordination with community members that will set the direction of the city for the next 25 years.

From there we plan on updating our zoning ordinances. We recently wrapped up some public forums where we gathered invaluable information from our residents and businesses which provided us as a council direction on how to address the challenges we have faced in recent years.

The city EDA is looking into creative ways of partnering with the county EDAs and the private sector on how we can boost economic development which in turn will bring jobs, housing opportunities, expansions to existing business or the creation of new lines of business.

And finally with the addition of a new full time Police Officer we are now fully staffed, which will help us keep our commitment to public safety.

Right now, I couldn't be more excited about what this year is going to bring!

Mayor Brent

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN **We need your feedback!**

The City of Eden Valley has been working with Mid-Minnesota Development Commission to update our Comprehensive Plan. This plan will be used to guide City decision making for the coming 10-20 years.

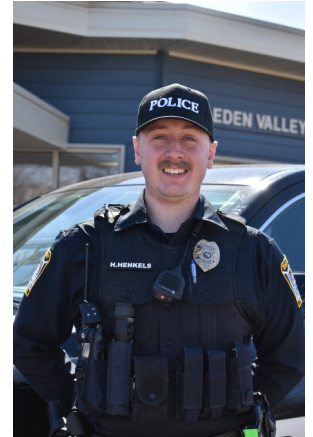
All Eden Valley residents are encouraged to review the latest plan draft and to offer comments and suggestions. The latest draft of the plan can be found at the website at ci.edenvalley.mn.us. Scroll down to Comprehensive plan 2023

Paper copies can also be accessed at the City Hall.

Please send all comments to MMDC Planner Ben Dolan at Ben.Dolan@mmrdc.org, or (320) 235-8504.

Eden Valley Police Department's newest Officer Hunter Henkels

I grew up in the City of Coon Rapids, MN, where I spent most of my time playing hockey. Upon graduation from Blaine High School, I attended Alexandria Technical and Community College where I earned an associate degree in law enforcement. It was in Alexandria that I met my fiancée Tori, who was born and raised in Eden Valley.



As soon as I graduated from college, I began working as a Security Officer and later as a Security Sergeant for Allina Health. After working in healthcare security for a couple of years, I decided to volunteer my time as a Reserve Officer with the Centennial Lakes Police Department. I developed a deep passion for the profession there, which led me to become a licensed peace officer.

After a lot of sacrifice and dedication I became a Police Officer for the Deerwood Police Department, serving the cities of Deerwood and Ironton. After a few months in Deerwood, I quickly found out that there is not another job in this world that I'd rather be doing.

It's easy to say that the last two years have been filled with accomplishments and life changes. However, the biggest accomplishment I've made during those years was becoming a father to our beautiful daughter Ellie.

I am grateful and honored to serve this community as well as be a part of it.



HYDRANT FLUSHING



The city will be flushing the hydrants the week of **May 22** (weather permitting).

During flushing your water may be discolored. If this happens run your cold water for 3 or 4 minutes, wait and if still discolored run again. It is recommended to not wash clothes during this time, as it may discolor your clothes.

COMPOST SITE

Will open April (weather permitted)

- ◆ Only yard and garden waste allowed
- ◆ Brush no larger than 4 inches in diameter
- ◆ Absolutely no garbage!
- ◆ Take your bags with you

TO THE CAT OWNERS:

Please do not let your cat roam free



This city has a real problem with feral cats, and we do not need yours adding to the problem.

TO THE DOG OWNERS:

- * 2 dogs allowed per household
- * Keep your dog under your control (put on leash)
- * Dogs Should not be loose in neighborhood
- * Clean up after them, carry bags with you!!!!
- * Do not let dogs bark for longer than a few minutes
- * Get a tag at City hall to help if you loose your dog

HOUSE NUMBERS

Make sure your home address is clearing visible from the street. Emergency response vehicles need to be able to see your address.



Keep bushes and trees trimmed if blocking your numbers.

KEEP YARDS MOWED & TREES TRIMMED

City ordinance requires homeowners to keep their yards mowed and free of weeds. Your lawn should be no longer than 6 inches.

Trees and bushes should not block the view at an intersection. Remember to keep them trimmed. Be aware of wires!

If this is not done, the property owner will be notified in writing. If the issue is not resolved by the date given the City will take care of it at the owners expense of \$100.00 per hour for first time with an increase of \$100.00 per hour per additional nuisance.

RECREATIONAL CAMPFIRES:

are allowed in the city provided:

- ◆ 25 feet away from all buildings of combustible materials
- ◆ Fire must be constantly attended by an adult
- ◆ A 3 foot pit or ring for the fire or above ground fire pit no larger than 36 inches in diameter with a screen
- ◆ A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher or garden hose connected to water source must be available
- ◆ Materials To Burn: Tree Wood, dimensional lumber, small branches, brush or charcoal
- ◆ The fire must be immediately extinguished if the pose a fire safety risk or if they are not in compliance.



**BE SMART! Pay attention to the weather.
DO NOT BURN if windy!!!**



Water/Sewer Utility Bill Information:

- ♦ Meters are read on the 30th of the month
- ♦ Bills are mailed on/about the 3rd of the month
- ♦ Save paper – sign up for email billing
- ♦ Bills are due monthly, must be received by end of month to avoid 10% late fees.
- ♦ Sign up for Auto Pay –
No processing Fees.
Monthly amount is deducted on the 25th -
Use savings or checking account.



- ♦ Pay on our website 24/7
<https://ci.edenvalley.mn.us/pay>
Go to Departments then Water Sewer (Utility Billing)
Pay with savings, checking, credit/debit card.

Processing fees apply

- ♦ Notify the city with any address or phone number changes.

Contact Sara at 320.453.5251 or email her at sgarland@edenvalleymn.city to set anything up or make the changes!

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT 2022

The 2022 Eden Valley's Consumer Confidence Report for Drinking Water will not be published or mailed to individual addresses.

Copies Available at:

Eden Valley City Hall (171 Cossairt Ave W)

If you would like a copy of this report but are unable to stop in, please contact City Hall at 320.453.5251 or sgarland@edenvalleymn.city to arrange for a copy to be sent to you.



Visit the City Website <https://ci.edenvalley.mn.us/consumerconfidencereport>

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER VACANCY

The Eden Valley is looking for someone interested in serving on the Planning Commission. The Commission shall review applications, hold public hearings and make recommendations to the City Council on all zoning amendments, conditional use permits and site permits.

The Planning Commission meets the 4th Wednesday of every month (as needed).

For more information and application visit the city website or contact city hall at 320.453.5251.

FUNDING STILL AVAILABLE!



Eden Valley Small Cities Development Program!

Funding is provided at 0% interest and is totally forgiven after 10 years, provided property doesn't change ownership. Average grant is \$25,000.00 for repairs, such as windows, furnace, roof, siding, etc.

If you are unsure or to determine eligibility please contact Lleni at 1-507-537-1416 ext. 2134 or Cindy at city hall at 320.453.5251.

There are many homes in the city that need some improvements! Do not let this funding go unused!

Upcoming Events!

Father/Daughter

Mother/Son Dance -May 12

Contact evcitizens4progress@gmail.com

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

May 20th

SPLASH PAD

Will be open by Memorial Day

VALLEY DAZE

June 23-25

Crafter spots are still available.

Enter your Parade Float

Questions: evvalleydaze@gmail.com

Night to Unite - August 1

**Household Hazardous
Waste Cleanup**

August 23 1:00-3:00 PM

300 Smith St (public works building)

Acceptable items include:

Paints, Cleaners, Fuels, Sealers, Garden Chemicals, Adhesives, Aerosols, Pool Chemicals, Auto Chemicals, Fluorescent Bulbs



Music In the Park!



6:30 pm FRIEDERICHS PARK

June 8 Crystal Breeze

June 22 The Kingery Family

July 13 57 Chevy Band

July 27 Mike Madden

August 10 October Son

August 24 RJ Graff/Huberty/Theis

Check out the ice cream, and food trucks at the events!

THANK YOU! to this years sponsors!

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EV Hawks Baseball Club St. Croix Hospice

**Wealthcare

**William Dingmann Funeral Home

**Happy 1 year Anniversary to the
SAILS exercise program!**



**Stay Active & Independent for Life
(SAIL)**

This is a free strength, balance & fitness program for seniors in our area.

The class meets Monday and

Thursdays at 9:00 am.

Held at the Community Center

(145 Cossairt Ave W)

