

PeopleFest!

Guide to Culture, History & Cuisine



Explore the
people of Eden
Prairie's past and
present through
food and history.

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WHAT IS PEOPLEFEST?

Eden Prairie's PeopleFest! is a community celebration of culture and a series of educational events that reflect the range of traditions, backgrounds, abilities and expressions of our community through literature, music, dance, visual art, food and education offerings. The purpose of PeopleFest! is to bring residents together in celebration and awareness of the many cultures that make Eden Prairie great.

DESIGN YOUR OWN PEOPLEFEST! TOUR

Explore the richness of the Eden Prairie community – on your own schedule. Go on a history hunt or experience a taste of cultural traditions by creating your own ethnic food tour. Participants have the opportunity to partake in the PeopleFest! Challenge. The PeopleFest! committee will present prizes in the following categories:

Best Attendance: attends the most PF! events.

Luckiest Person: random drawing of those who visited 3 or more of the sites or businesses listed in this guide and completed the corresponding challenges.

Best Selfie: submits the most creative selfie as part of the challenge.

History Buff: visits the most historical sites and submits to most correct responses online.

Foodie: visits the most restaurants & submits photos of their order or shares what they ordered.

Submissions accepted July 30th-August 14th, 2021. Visit www.edenpr.org/peoplefest or scan the QR code to complete a submission.



Share your experience online using the hashtag
#PeopleFestChallenge

July
30TH

When: 6:00PM
Faces of Nations
Art Activity & Native
Pride Dancers
Where: Staring Lake
Amphitheater

July
31ST

When: 1:00-3:00PM
What: Cummins-Phipps-Grill Open House &
PeopleFest! 2021 Guidebook Pick-Up
Where: Cummins-Phipps-Grill House

August
1ST

When: 4:00PM
What: Art Activities &
Performances by Kalakriti
School of Arts and Snoti
Where: Staring Lake
Amphitheater

August
2ND

When: 6:30-8:00PM
What: Women in Islam Class
Where: Online
Registration Required

**TO VIEW FULL
EVENT DETAILS &
REGISTER, VISIT:**

www.edenpr.org/peoplefest

August
4TH

When: 10:00-11:00AM
What: Hooray for You!
Children's Story & Song Time
Where: Little Eagles
Playground
8100 School Rd

August
5TH

When: 7:00PM
What: Ring of Kerry
Performance
Where: Staring Lake
Amphitheater

August
6TH

When: 5:30PM
What: Stryker Exhibition
Cricket Match
Where: Nesbitt Park

August
6TH

When: 7:30PM
What: DJ Kool Akiem |
Trolls World Tour Movie
Where: Staring Lake
Amphitheater

August
7TH

When: 11:00AM
What: Hindu Temple Tour
Where: 10530 Troy Lane N
Maple Grove, MN
Registration Required

August
8TH

When: 4:30PM
What: Art Activities and First
Person Plural Unveiling
with Cadex Herrera
Where: Purgatory Creek Park

August
10TH

When: 6:00-8:00PM
What: Indian
Cooking Class
Where: Eden Prairie
High School
Registration Required

August
14TH

When: 10:40AM-3:30 PM
What: IndiaFest Field Trip
Where: Meet at Southwest
Station for bus to State Capitol
Registration Required

August
8TH-12TH

When: Anytime
What: The Big Umbrella
Story Stroll
Where: Eden Prairie
Library (outdoors)



RESTAURANT LIST

01

TEQUE AREPA
7733 Flying Cloud Dr
Cuisine: *Venezuelan*
Recommended: Venezuelan Empanadas and Penquenos

02

LOTUS LEAF
7922 Mitchell Rd
Cuisine: *Thai*
Recommended: Chicken Fried Rice, Crispy Chicken Egg Rolls and Yellow Curry

03

MIRROR OF KOREA
962 Prairie Center Dr
Cuisine: *Korean*
Recommended: Bimbop or Bulgogi

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EL BURRITO MEXICAN GRILL
8251 Flying Cloud Dr
Cuisine: *Mexican*
Recommended: Fiesta Burrito, Shrimp Tacos

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GREEK GRILL AND FRY CO
8795 Columbine Rd
Cuisine: *Greek*
Recommended: Lamb Kabob Platter and Lamb Gyro

04

DEG DEG HALAL
8755 Columbine Rd
Cuisine: *East African*
Recommended: Rice and Goat Meat

05

SMOKIN HOTTDISH
8080 Mitchell Rd
Cuisine: *Southern Food*
Recommended: Chicken or Steak Philly, Turkey Burger or any of the daily specials

06

BOMBAY PIZZA KITCHEN
16518 W 78th St
Cuisine: *Indian Pizzeria*
Recommended: Bombay Chaat Fries and Bombay Butter Masala Pizza

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OSAKA
11528 Leona Rd
Cuisine: *Japanese*
Recommended: #9 Roll, Hibachi: Chicken & Steak

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INDIA SPICE HOUSE
8445 Joiner Way
Cuisine: *Indian*
Recommended: Palak Paneer

07

GODAVARI
566 Prairie Center Dr
Cuisine: *South Indian*
Recommended: Butter Chicken, Bahubali Thali, Indian Curries and Naan

08

BAY LEAF INDIAN CUISINE
6403 City West Pkwy Ste A-1
Cuisine: *South Indian*
Recommended: Chicken 65 Briyani

09

EDEN VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT
7130 Shady Oak Rd
Cuisine: *Vietnamese*
Recommended: Hot & Spicy Chicken w/Ginger; Shrimp specialties (Friday's)

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DETELLO'S
6207 Dell Rd
Cuisine: *Italian Food*
Recommended: House Special Pizza & Spaghetti and Meatballs

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BAKER'S RIBS
8019 Glen Lane
Cuisine: *Texas BBQ*
Recommended: Rib plate: 6 House Special: Chopped Brisket Sandwich & 2 sides

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GREAT MANDARIN
8251 Flying Cloud Dr
Cuisine: *Chinese*
Recommended: Sesame Chicken & Triple Delight/ Lemon Chicken - Sauce Flambe

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AURELIA'S AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD
16388 Wagner Way
Cuisine: *Mexican*
Recommended: Enchiladas

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PIZZA KARMA
8451 Joiner Way
Cuisine: *Tandoor Fired Pizza*
Recommended: Coconut Shrimp Pizza

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KYOTO SUSHI
8242 Commonwealth Dr
Cuisine: *Sushi*
Recommended: Chicken Fried Rice, Sexy Girl Roll, Spider Roll

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MI PUEBLO
7942 Mitchell Rd
Cuisine: *Mexican*
Recommended: Enchiladas Verde, Steak Fajitas

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RED SAVOY PIZZA
582 Prairie Center Dr
Cuisine: *Pizzeria*
Recommended: Red's House Special Pizza

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INDIA PALACE
936 Prairie Center Dr
Cuisine: *North Indian*
Recommended: Chicken Tikki Masala & Tandoori, Vegetable Samosas, Palak Paneer, Chicken Shahi Korma

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RED MOON
582 Prairie Center Dr
Cuisine: *Chinese/ SE Asian*
Recommended: Egg Rolls, Shiitake Mushroom Stir Fry With Beef, Orange Blossom Chicken

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EDEN PRAIRIE HALAL
13997 Anderson Lakes Pkwy
Cuisine: *East African*
Recommended: Sambusa and Tea

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HOUSE OF KAI
7406 Mitchell Rd
Cuisine: *Chinese*
Recommended: Chicken Chow Mein

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CAMPIELLO
6411 City West Pkwy
Cuisine: *Italian*
Recommended: Balsamic-Glazed Short Ribs

RESTAURANT LIST

HISTORY TOUR

CUMMINS-PHIPPS GRILL HOUSE

13600 PIONEER TRAIL

This historic home was built in 1879-1880 by John (JR) and Mattie Cummins. The original property was purchased in 1856 and spanned 280 acres from the Minnesota River to Staring Lake. JR kept a horticultural journal throughout the 60 years that they lived here and his horticultural influence was highly respected as he experimented with apple trees, nuts, flowers and fruits.

In 1908, JR Cummins sold his farm to Edwin & Harriet Phipps. Phipps purchased additional acreage bringing the total to 385 acres. Edwin Phipps was known as "The Asparagus King of Hennepin County."

Harriet Phipps purchased peony plants from the Minneapolis Farmers Market around 1920. Her large peony garden on the east side of the house is over 100 years old and still enjoyed today! It is an important feature of this site and is protected.

Mildred Phipps (daughter of Edwin & Harriet Phipps) married Martin "Pappy" Grill in 1934 and purchased the farm. Pappy Martin Grill was Mildred's schoolmate and was a hired man on the farm.

In 1943, Pappy Grill sold the land (and most of the farm) to the American Aviation Corp. naming it Flying Cloud Airport. It was later bought by the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) in 1948.

Pappy passed away in 1975. Mildred sold the farm to the City of Eden Prairie in 1976. The Cummins-Phipps-Grill House was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

PF! CHALLENGE:

Read the outdoor garden kiosk to find out how many peony plants Harriet Phipps had planted over 100 years ago!



Visit Eden Prairie Historical Society at
www.edenprairiehistory.org for additional
information & historical resources.

THE RILEY-JACQUES FARMSTEAD & DORENKEMPER HOUSE



9100 RILEY LAKE RD

The Riley-Jacques Farmstead was established by Frank Riley in 1855. The City of Eden Prairie purchased the land in 1990 to expand the park along the east side of Riley Lake.

The house, garage and barn are all part of the original farm. Today, the renovated barn is used for public events and is also available to rent for private functions.

PF! CHALLENGE:

Locate the "From Settlers to Suburbs" sign near the parking lot to learn what kind of farms settlers like the Warner family started establishing in the 1850s.



9090 RILEY LAKE RD

The Dorenkemper House is one of the last remaining log-built homes in Eden Prairie. Built in the 1860s and originally located along Pioneer Trail at Settler's Ridge, it was moved to the Riley-Jacque Farmstead in 2002 to save it from demolition. The hewn log construction makes the house unique and historically significant. The house has been restored and is used for educational and interpretive purposes. Be sure to check out the civil-war style fence between the house and the lake, which was an Eagle Scout project by one of our local Boy Scouts.

PF! CHALLENGE:

Read the sign in front of the house to determine the year Elizabeth Dorn Richard gave birth to daughter Irene in this home.

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

8100 SCHOOL RD

Built in the early 1920s, this Grand Mission-style building first opened its doors to students in March 1924, with the first senior class graduating in 1929. The school was also an important cultural hub and community building, providing space for movies, voting, weddings and clothes ironing - the school was one of the first buildings to have electricity in Eden Prairie.

Today it houses the Eden Prairie Schools ISD 272 administrative offices. The building is also home to the district's Historic Gym, which was a state of the art facility at the time it was built as there were no supportive pillars in the middle of the court! This gym is still enjoyed daily by Little Eagles Early Childhood & Preschool participants.

PF! CHALLENGE:

How many historical site markers are located on the south side of the building (near doors 4 & 5)?



PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY

12390 PIONEER TRL

Pleasant Hill Cemetery was formed in 1885 on Pioneer Trail. The Presbyterian Church of Eden Prairie once was right in front of the Cemetery; it is hard to imagine as Pioneer Trail has been widened. Early Presbyterians had taken their oxen carts all the way to the Bloomington Church on Penn and Old Shakopee road, and used the old cemetery for burial on Lyndale and 104th Street. Jacob Wolf purchased this beautiful location overlooking wide valley to the north with Mill Creek at the base of the hill, and Neill Lake in the distance. Loved ones were moved from the Bloomington Cemetery to Pleasant Hill.

The Anderson Clan (large Scotch-Irish family), arrived in Eden Prairie in the 1850's. Elizabeth brought five sons, and five daughters with her. Mary Jane Hill Anderson married Robert, Elizabeth's son. Mary Jane wrote in her Autobiography "Here in our cabin were our happiest days. We had a home of our very own; we were young and hopeful; and with our little family and life before us, and always work to do and the strength to do it, what more could we ask?"

P.F! CHALLENGE: Notice the large number of Andersons buried in this cemetery. Locate Elizabeth Anderson's large tombstone (near the road on the south side of the cemetery), born in 1792. What year did she die?



EDEN PRAIRIE CEMETERY

8810 EDEN PRAIRIE RD

Monroe Barker was a child-aged Civil War soldier who lost an eye in the conflict. Conflicting census information says he was born in Tennessee, Louisiana or Kentucky around 1852.

He was one of the first black residents of Eden Prairie. Monroe, also known as "Mun," was listed as a farm laborer and lodger in Eden Prairie Census rolls and worked at Miller's General Store, a community cornerstone, until his death at 90 in 1942.

He's believed to have arrived in Eden Prairie around 1870 – the same time as emancipated slave Joseph Graham, who is also buried here. Neither man had children, but before Monroe died, he bought a granite tombstone and a plot in the Eden Prairie Cemetery. In a 2018 Star Tribune Article about Joseph Graham by Curt Brown, "Freed Slave Now Has a Place in Eden Prairie History," Eden Prairie Historical Society President Katherine Case is quoted as saying, "I think it's important to know that [Graham and Barker] were loved, appreciated and accepted here then...They were farmers, laborers. They did make Eden Prairie what it was at that time."

PF! CHALLENGE: Find Monroe Barker's tombstone near the bottom of the hill. He is located near a family he was close to. What is the name on the family tombstone just to the left of his?



SMITH-DOUGLAS- MORE HOUSE

8107 EDEN PRAIRIE RD

Lured by the rich farmlands, Sheldon and Mary Smith came from New York as a young married couple ages 21 and 23 years old.

They were among the early settlers in Eden Prairie. Their first home was a cabin close to Round Lake. In 1877 they built the Queen Ann-Style home in the center of town which included a railroad depot, creamery, grain elevator, pickle factory and Miller's General Store. Their young daughters Amie and Etta, helped with the boarders that lived upstairs, and took care of the farm and kitchen garden. Both Sheldon and daughter Amie worked at the Depot as telegraphers. Amie attended school in Minneapolis. Etta died at 16 from TB. Amie married David Frank Douglas and their son Sheldon Douglas carried on the farm until 1948. Sheldon attended college in Pennsylvania. He later served as Chair of the Eden Prairie school board.

The house was sold to Earl and Helen More in 1952. The More's added electricity and beautiful plants around the homestead. They were careful to respect the integrity of the home, changing only what needed to be done. Beautiful hostas, peonies, and lilacs were planted on the property. The home was purchased by the city

from the More's in 1982, and they had life time estate until Earl's death in 1999. In 2001 the city restored and added a kitchen to renovate the home for commercial use, and it has been operating as a coffee shop since 2002.

Eden Prairie resident Ann Schuster and her family opened an independent coffee shop in October 2006 in this historic home. They named it Smith Coffee & Cafe to honor Sheldon and Mary Smith. The Schuster family has lived in Eden Prairie since 1985 and is grateful to continue welcoming guests to this beautiful historic property.

PF! CHALLENGE: Find the "stained glass windows" in the parlor. Who created this beautiful work of art? Or take a photo in front of the gazebo with your favorite drink.



RICHARD T. ANDERSON CONSERVATION AREA

18700 FLYING CLOUD DR

Richard T. Anderson Conservation Area provides breathtaking views of the Minnesota River Valley. This site has been settled since time immemorial, where Dakota people have fished, hunted, and harvested food; built houses, made tools, and prepared meals; raised families and buried those who passed on. Artifacts demonstrate great age, recent history, and everything in between. The people who lived at this site were not alone. Networks of indigenous nations shared goods, languages, and beliefs as they traveled along the Minnesota River valley and far beyond. Objects found here demonstrate those interconnections and eras. This information was pulled from the Dakota on the Minnesota website and reviewed by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. Learn more by visiting at www.mnriverhistory.org.

PF! CHALLENGE:

Hike to the top of the bluff overlook and locate the River Valley History sign. How many people inhabited Tintonwan prior to 1853?



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