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Marley Blaise-Woods, 3, watches a monarch butterfly at Centennial Lakes Park in Edina. The park's usage was up in the 12 months prior to the city's 2021 Quality of Life survey, compared to the 2019 survey.

## Edina still a desirable place to live, 2021 Quality of Life survey finds

Survey is given every 2 years

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Edina has continued to receive high scores on its

quality of life, according to a 2021 survey of its residents.

Results of the city of Edina's 2021 Quality of Life Survey, which is distributed every two years to measure whether residents are satisfied with the city,

were presented to the Edina City Council last month. In addition to indicating Edina is a highly desirable place to live, survey results also showed that residents value the city's diversity and inclusion efforts, and that overdevelopment is

considered among the most serious issues facing the community.

The Quality of Life Survey, administered by National Research Center

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## Vernon Avenue bridge project team engages city on changes

Bridge spans Canadian Pacific Railway tracks in Edina

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The team tasked with leading the replacement of the Vernon Avenue bridge provided an update to the Edina City Council last month.

The project, led by Hennepin County, is meant to replace a nearly century-old bridge in the Grandview area of Edina. The Vernon Avenue bridge spans the Canadian Pacific Railway line that runs through the city. Edina City Councilmembers were able to ask questions of the project team, which consists of Jason Staebell, the project manager with Hen-

nepin County, and Matt Christensen, project manager with engineering firm TKDA.

The bridge was constructed in 1927, widened in 1965 and repaired in 1985, according to a presentation given to the council at its June 15 meeting.

The new bridge is meant to reflect the future of the Grandview area, such that it should last for the next 60 years while still complementing existing designs, Staebell said.

The project's start date is expected in the spring of 2023.

A main goal of the bridge's replacement is to provide safer turning and merging for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and others.

"It's seen better days," Staebell said.

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