

# ARDEN HILLS

## notes

The Official City Newsletter for Arden Hills Residents

May 2019

### City Council Raises Age to Buy Tobacco to 21 and Bans Sale of all Flavored Tobacco Products

In March, the Arden Hills City Council voted to change the way that tobacco is sold in the city. The ordinance related to tobacco was amended to prohibit the sale of tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21 and to prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and products flavored with mint and wintergreen.



This restriction applies to all forms of tobacco (cigarettes, e-cigarette liquid, e-cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, blunt and hemp wraps, shisha and smokeless tobacco, including chewing and snuff). In other words, any tobacco product that has a taste or smell other than plain tobacco cannot be sold in Arden Hills. These changes take effect on July 1.

For more information about this ordinance amendment, please review Chapter 3 of the City Code by visiting the city's website at [cityofardenhills.org](http://cityofardenhills.org). You may also call the City Clerk at 651-792-7811 if you have questions.

### County Votes to Explore Legal Options to Advance TCAAP/Rice Creek Commons

On April 2, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorized Ramsey County staff to explore legal options to move the TCAAP/Rice Creek Commons project forward. The county also previously asked the city to agree to terminate the Joint Powers Agreement and to agree to dissolve the Joint Development Authority.

The county and city had been negotiating to create a master development agreement for the 427-acre project that would be developed over phases on the former Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant property, but the county halted negotiations last fall, citing the lack of a shared vision with the city.

### Yard Waste Site Hours of Operation and Accepted Items

After a long winter, it's time for spring yard cleanup. You can bring your yard waste to the Arden Hills yard waste collection site at 3530 Hudson Ave., Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A photo ID is required.

Ramsey County operates seven yard waste collection sites. All sites are free and open to all county residents. For locations visit [ramseycounty.us/yardwaste](http://ramseycounty.us/yardwaste).

The following items are accepted at the site:

- Leaves, grass and garden waste (dead plants leftover from last season)
- Branches, trees and shrubs (no stumps with roots)
- Organics recycling (food scraps and non-recyclable paper, including tissues, paper towels, etc) in the required recycling bag

Organics recycling starter kits are available at the yard waste site, along with recycling bags. You can also pick up compost and wood mulch for your lawn and garden.

RAMSEY COUNTY  
**YARD WASTE SITE HOURS**

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11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

SAT SUN  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

[ramseyrecycles.com/yardwaste](http://ramseyrecycles.com/yardwaste)

**Arden Hills Service Directory**  
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Arden Hills, MN 55112-5734

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Council meetings are held at City Hall on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are televised live on Cable Channel 16. Meetings of the Planning Commission are televised as well. Please visit [cityofardenhills.org](http://cityofardenhills.org) for information about archived meeting playbacks.

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## City News Updates

### Buckthorn Pickup and Collection Options

If you have buckthorn in your yard, the public works staff will pick it up from your curb, starting at the end of May and continuing through the end of October, or you can take it to the Ramsey County Yard Waste Collection site.

Buckthorn is an invasive species that negatively impacts local plant life diversity.



To schedule a pick up, please fill out a form at [visit cityofardenhills.org/buckthornrequest](http://visit.cityofardenhills.org/buckthornrequest). The Public Works Department will pick up buckthorn from residential curbs on Friday mornings. Residents are required to place the buckthorn in neat, manageable piles along the street curb. Please note that only buckthorn will be accepted. If the pile contains other shrubbery, it will not be picked up. Pick up procedures must be followed.

For information on what buckthorn is and why it is a problem, please visit [dnr.state.mn.us](http://dnr.state.mn.us) and search for buckthorn. The city also has buckthorn pullers for rent. Please call City Hall at 651-792-7800 for details.

Please remove any roots from the buckthorn plants that you want picked up or that you bring to the yard waste site. The Ramsey County yard waste collection sites do not accept buckthorn plants with roots attached. You should place the roots in a yard waste container provided by your garbage hauler. Call your hauler for more information.

### City Hall Hours of Operation will Change for the Summer

Summer staffing hours at City Hall begin Tuesday, May 28 and end Friday, August 30.

City Hall will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.



## City Welcomes New Employees to Engineering and Recreation Positions

### David Swearingen, Senior Engineering Technician

As a senior engineering technician, I assist in planning, preparing and reviewing plans for infrastructure projects including street reconstruction, trails, stormwater, sanitary sewer and watermain. I review right-of-way and erosion control permits and complete field inspections. I also coordinate with neighboring cities and Ramsey County to execute projects in an efficient manner.

I obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering at Minnesota State University, Mankato. My career background includes working in public works for the City of Little Canada and the City of St. Paul. I also worked as a construction laborer on heavy highway projects. Before I came to Arden Hills I was employed at Stantec Engineering Consulting, where I was involved with designing and inspecting a variety of municipal developments and reconstruct projects.



### Joe Vaughan, Recreation Programmer

As the recreation programmer for the City of Arden Hills, I oversee the youth programming for the city, such as the summer Playground Program, dance program, before-and-after school activities and more! I organize youth special events for the city, for example, the Spring Egg Hunt, Penny Carnival and Breakfast with Santa. I am excited to work for the city and to give kids the opportunity to have fun and make memories!

I was born and raised in Minnesota. I have lived in the Twin Cities for the past five years and absolutely love it! I graduated from the University of Northwestern – St. Paul in the spring of 2018. During my time at Northwestern, I met my beautiful wife. We love going on walks with our puppy, Huron, watching the Minnesota Twins and enjoying the different forms of Minnesota weather.



## Get Your Garage Sale Permit



If you are planning a garage sale, you are required to get a cost-free permit from City Hall. You can apply for a permit through the city website or in person.

Your sale cannot last longer than three days and you may not hold more than two sales per year.

Sign requirements will be listed on your permit. Visit [cityofardenhills.org/garagesalepermit](http://cityofardenhills.org/garagesalepermit) to apply online.

# Steps We All Can Take To Protect City Stormwater Ponds

With all of the snow and rain, city stormwater ponds and wetlands are working especially hard to take care of the extra water. Stormwater that's not properly managed can contaminate streams, rivers and lakes and destroy aquatic habitats, plants, fish and animals. Below is information about these systems and what you can do to help protect them.



## Stormwater Ponds vs. Wetlands

Both stormwater ponds and wetlands capture and treat stormwater runoff. Stormwater ponds are man-made and designed to collect and catch water runoff in developed areas. Wetlands are distinct ecosystems that are permanently or seasonally full of water.

Algae blooms or aquatic plants in ponds and lakes need nutrients to grow. Pollutants or nutrients that enter a pond through stormwater runoff can lead to large algae blooms, excess plant growth or even hurt wildlife.

An overabundance of plant and algae growth may inhibit a stormwater pond's function and degrade the pond's water quality. More importantly, however, the degradation of a stormwater pond results in polluting the watershed, or drainage area around a lake, stream, wetland or pond. This negatively affects water quality,

which has an adverse effect on plant and animal life, and decreases the recreational potential for these bodies of water.

Common pollutants that are washed into stormwater ponds and wetlands include:

- Fertilizers and pesticides from lawn care
- Animal waste and debris
- Lawn clippings or leaves
- Oil or grease from vehicles
- Road salt

## What You Can Do

1. Seal your trash bags and keep litter out of the street.
2. Use pesticides and herbicides sparingly.
3. Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste.

4. Wash your vehicle on your lawn instead of on the driveway so that the water infiltrates into the ground.
5. Keep your car maintained so it does not leak fluids onto the streets.
6. Maintain healthy sod and grass to limit erosion. Reseed or re-sod all bare areas to keep stormwater from washing soil particles, which also contain phosphorus, into a storm sewer or pond.
7. Be aware of where your stormdrain is and keep it free of debris.

## City Responsibility

The city does not treat stormwater ponds or wetlands for algae, weeds, odors or other aesthetic problems; however, the city is responsible for the following tasks:

1. Maintenance of the "hydraulic and treatment function" of water resources that are located within city-owned property, drainage or utility easements.
2. Removal of sediment accumulation, obstructions and debris that impede the flow of water and clearing clogged stormwater pipes.
3. For drainage concerns, or pollution and water quality concerns, contact City Hall staff at 651-792-7800.

## Keep Signs Out of the Way and Out of the Shoulder

If you have a yard sign that encourages drivers to slow down, please place the sign in your yard and out of the right of way.

These signs cannot be placed in the shoulder of the road, because they may obstruct the ability for vehicles to use the turn lane or for people to walk or run on the side of the road.

Drivers: Please slow down on streets where these signs are posted!



## Mark Your Calendar

Do you need a fun, safe place for your children to go this summer while you work or get things done?

Check out the city's Summer Playground Program.

For more information and to register, visit the city website at [cityofardenhills.org/recregistration](http://cityofardenhills.org/recregistration)

## New CTV Executive Director Focuses on Growing Community Networks

How can local cable television grow when cable television subscriptions shrink? That's the challenge facing local cable organizations around the country. Dana Healy, executive director of CTV North Suburbs, is hoping a paradigm shift in the way cable access stations operate may be the answer.

Healy joined CTV North Suburbs nearly a year ago, replacing long-time executive director Coralie Wilson. Her arrival coincided with a turning point: Streaming companies like Hulu and Prime had more subscribers in 2018 than cable companies. Locally, Xfinity/Comcast and CenturyLink are feeling the squeeze as more residents are choosing to ditch their cable.

Those choices lead to fewer franchise fees going to local cities like Arden Hills to offset costs for cable production, including taping and airing city council meetings and events. "The franchise fees, based on the number of cable subscriptions, are falling," said Healy. "Less franchise fees mean less money for community media production."

### Building Community Value

As a result, Healy has spent the past several months transforming operations at CTV by focusing on finding and building value by serving as another communications partner with cities like Arden Hills.

"We want to deliver value for our city



partners, by amplifying their messages, bolstering their communications," Healy said.

CTV has launched a new website with city-specific landing pages and injected life into its social media channels by creating content in-house and also sharing content from city social media channels.

"We are creating video content that showcases our communities, the 'warm and fuzzy' events that make our community a great place to live," she said.

### Redefining the Mission

CTV has shifted its focus from the community coming in to produce their

own shows to CTV staff doing all of the production in-house to support the communities.

The new mission, "We produce community focused digital media to educate and engage our citizens," provides volunteer opportunities and career learning in new media technologies.

Healy said she also is focusing on partnering with companies and businesses on local video productions. "Through cost-sharing and production-for-hire services we can help develop content about their community for their community," Healy said.

Healy and her family moved to the area from Boston, where she served as executive director of Danvers Community Access Television (DCAT). "People are very nice here, very warm," she said. "We are enjoying being a part of the community."

### Tune In

City Council and Planning Commission meetings are aired on Xfinity/Comcast Cable Channel 16. You can also view them on high-definition (HD) channel 859 on Xfinity/Comcast and 8014 on CenturyLink. CTV also has its sports channel in HD on Xfinity/Comcast 799 and CenturyLink 8514.

Visit CTV's website at [ctvnorthsuburbs.org](http://ctvnorthsuburbs.org).

## Take Pride in our Community by Maintaining your Property

Having pride in the community and pride in your home is the foundation of a great city. It helps keep neighboring property values high and neighborhood integrity intact.

Whether you're a homeowner, tenant or landlord, spring can be a great time to make home repairs after the long winter.

Common exterior repairs include but are not limited to: peeling/flaking paint, damaged roofing/siding and damaged decks, fences and windows. Visit the



city's website to determine if you need a permit at [cityofardenhills.org/permits](http://cityofardenhills.org/permits).

In addition, it's time to clean up items in the yard that may have been covered by

the snow, like pet waste and other debris. All waste material, debris, refuse, yard waste, or garbage shall be properly contained.

Sooner or later the lawn will need to be cut and maintained. Lawns must not exceed eight inches in height and noxious weeds must be removed. Well-maintained properties protect property values, livability and the overall quality of life for the neighborhood and the community.



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### City Welcomes Planning Commission Members

Welcome and congratulations to the following people, who were recently appointed or reappointed to the city's Planning Commission.

Pictured (left to right) are:

Clayton Zimmerman (reappointed)

Planning Commission Chair Nick Gehrig (reappointed)

Subbaya Subramanian (appointed)

Jonathan Wicklund (appointed)

Not photographed James Lambeth (reappointed)





## Current and Upcoming City Development, Park and Road Construction Improvement Projects

### Development Projects

**Mounds View Public Schools** has submitted an application for a Master and Final Planned Unit Development (PUD) at Mounds View High School. They are seeking to construct 27,300 square feet of additional classroom space and a 49,000-square-foot gymnasium addition.

In late 2018, **Boston Scientific** announced that the Minnetonka Boston Scientific campus will be shutting down and transferring all product, processes and employees to the Arden Hills Campus. There will be approximately 400 employees transferring to the Arden Hills campus by 2020. In preparation for this move, campus site improvements will take place.

### Park and Playground Improvements

Designs are being developed for a new parking lot and warming house replacement for **Hazelnut Park**. The basketball and tennis courts will be reconstructed later this year.

The **Cummings Park** playground is under construction and anticipated for completion by the first week in June.

**Royal Hills Park** tennis and basketball courts will be reconstructed later this year.

### Road Construction and Repair

**Several streets** will be sealcoated this summer. See map below. A contract was awarded and a schedule is being set.

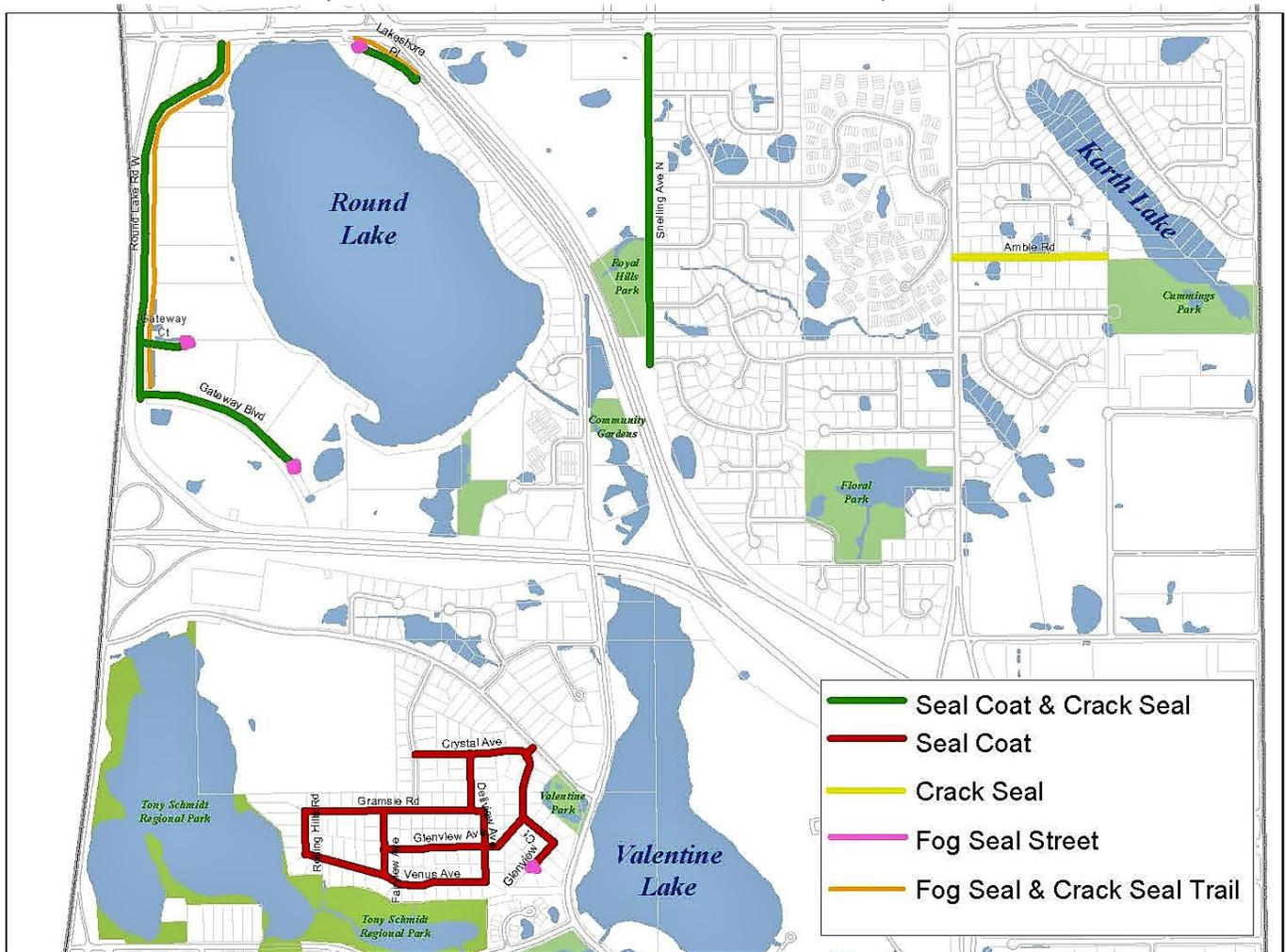
The **I-35W North MnPass** project will include the following closures (early May through November):

- I-35W in both directions is reduced to two lanes between Co. Rd. C and Mounds View Blvd.
- I-35W in both directions is reduced to three lanes between Mounds View Blvd. and the northern Hwy 10 interchange

Ramp closures (late May through November):

- Co. Rd. C to SB I-35W in Roseville
- SB I-35W to Co. Rd. I in Arden Hills

## 2019 City of Arden Hills Street Maintenance Project Overview



## ARDEN HILLS & SHOREVIEW

# RESIDENTIAL SPRING CLEANUP DAY

**Saturday, May 18 7 am – Noon**

**1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive (Hamline Avenue and Highway 96)**



### Recyclable Items Accepted:

- Electronics (TVs, Computers, etc.)
  - Appliances
  - Tires
  - Water softeners
  - BBQ grills
  - Lawnmowers\*
  - Mattresses
  - Snow blowers\*
  - Scrap metal
- \* If an item has oil or gasoline, it must be drained or it will not be accepted. Used oil and gasoline can be disposed at the Ramsey County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) site.

### Non-Recyclable Items Accepted:

- Construction debris
- Carpeting
- Vacuum cleaners
- Furniture
- Household Hazardous Waste\*\*

### \*\*Household Hazardous Waste: You can avoid

**Cleanup Day traffic by bringing your HHW to any one of the other HHW drop-off locations hosted by Ramsey County, or by visiting the Arden Hills site on a different day in May.**

### Re-Use Items Accepted:

- Bicycles
- Tools for the St. Paul Tool Library

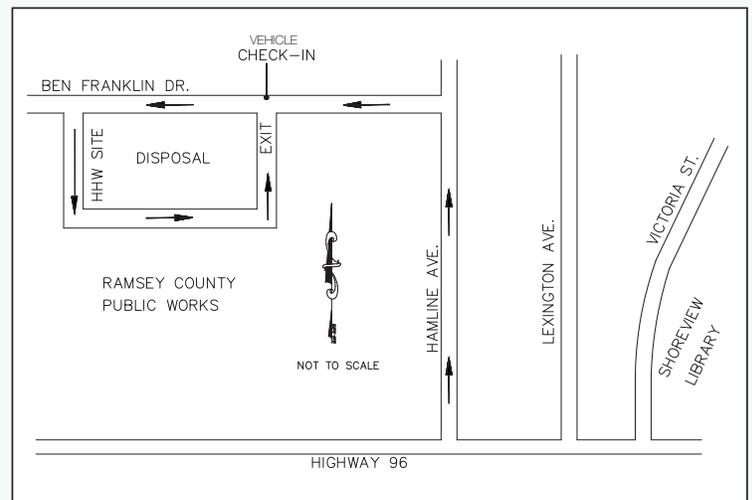
### Items Not Accepted:

- No brush/yard waste
- No railroad ties
- No oversized items such as hot tubs, boats, or sheds
- No engines containing gasoline or oil
- No donations other than the bicycles and tools listed above

### Charges by Vehicle Type/Load

Please remember, CASH or CHECK ONLY!

- Standard Vehicle (Cars, SUVs, Minivans): \$30
- Trailers: \$45
- Oversized Loads such as rented U-haul vehicles will be subject to extra charges. The minimum charge for an oversized vehicle will be \$75.



**For more information on Cleanup Day:**

**651.792.7800**

**[www.cityofardenhills.org/cleanupday](http://www.cityofardenhills.org/cleanupday)**

**For more information on other disposal options: [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com) • 651.633.EASY**

**Cleanup Day is a residential waste collection event.**

**Open to Arden Hills and Shoreview residents only.**

**Must bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.**