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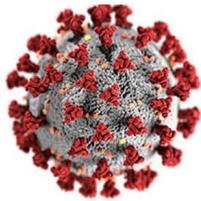
The Official City Newsletter for Arden Hills Residents

March 2020

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus, City Facilities Are Closed But City Services Continue

This is a rapidly changing situation. Check the city website for updates.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in an effort to



ensure the health and safety of our community members, staff and their families, the City Council has closed City Hall and its facilities to the general public for eight weeks, effective March 17. This time may be shortened or extended, pending future guidance.

All non-essential meetings, events and recreation programs are cancelled until further notice. City services will continue without interruption and staff will be available by phone or e-mail during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Contact City Staff

If you need assistance, please call 651-792-7800, or access the staff directory on the city website at cityofardenhills.org/ContactUs.

City Council, Committee and Commission Meetings

City Council meetings will continue as scheduled. City Hall will be open to the public for access

to these meetings. Committees and Commissions will be held on a case-by-case basis. Visit cityofardenhills.org for updated scheduling.

Permits and Inspections

If you need assistance applying for or processing a permit, please call 651-792-7800. Permit applications can be downloaded online and submitted by email to cd@cityofardenhills.org, or by fax to 651-634-5137. See our website for more information and updated procedures.

Special accommodations may be made for larger, more complex permits on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the front desk to make prior arrangements.

Parks and Recreation

All Parks and Recreation programs and classes, including before and after school programs, the city egg hunts, yoga classes, and dance are postponed or cancelled. Visit cityofardenhills.org for more information.

For questions, call 651-792-7800. Call the city hotline at 651-792-7841 to learn about recreation cancellations.

Alerts and Announcements

To receive COVID-19 email or text updates from the city, visit Cityofardenhills.org/NotifyMe and the Alert Center to sign up for the latest announcements. News announcements are posted to the city website, Facebook and Twitter.

Resources

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of Minnesota Department of Health and Ramsey County Public Health are the primary sources of information regarding COVID-19 for our residents. Visit their websites for the latest information.

Sanitary Sewer Alert

Alternatives to toilet paper will clog the city's sanitary sewer system. Only flush toilet paper!

The following products are not acceptable to flush down your toilet: paper towels, facial tissue, baby wipes, flushable wipes and other similar items.

For after hours sewer and water problems, call 651-767-0640.

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651-792-7800

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Monday through Friday
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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. Visit cityofardenhills.org for information about archived meeting playbacks.

Arden Hills Notes is the official newsletter of the City of Arden Hills, an equal-opportunity employer.

City News Updates

Welcome New Associate Planner Joe Hartmann

As the associate planner in the Community Development Department, Joe assists in a wide variety of planning, zoning, economic development and code enforcement duties for the city.

Each month, he presents land use development plans to the City Council and Planning Commission on behalf of the residents and local businesses that apply. In this position, he is especially looking forward to helping manage the city's recycling program.

Before coming to the City of Arden Hills, Joe was an interim planner and housing and code enforcement inspector for the City of Brooklyn Center.

Joe started his career with the City of Brooklyn Center as an intern, while he obtained a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Minnesota. His background also includes work in environmental studies and public health.



Joe Hartmann

Development Update

The Army National Guard Red Bull Infantry Division Headquarters is anticipated to open this summer. Construction is underway at Valentine Hills Elementary to build a classroom addition and expand the cafeteria. Marriott Springhill Suites hotel is anticipated to open this fall.

CTV Produces Snowplow Video

CTV North Suburbs worked with the City of Arden Hills Public Works Department to create an informative video about the city's snowplow equipment, snow clearing procedures, plow routes and helpful tips. View the video at cityofardenhills.org.

Seasonal Workers Wanted

The City of Arden Hills is hiring the following seasonal positions: Public Works Seasonal Maintenance (full-time) and the following part-time positions (hours vary); Sports Instructors; Park Attendants; Youth Soccer Official; Playground Leader and Special Event Chaperone. Visit cityofardenhills.org/jobs to learn more and to apply.

Annual Tree Sale Cancelled This Year

The Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County Annual Tree Sale is cancelled this year. Donations to Ramsey County and Arden Hills parks are still accepted and appreciated.

Benchmarks: A Review of Recent City Council Action

January 27, 2020

All items approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

- Approved a resolution appointing Micah Kiernan to the PTRC Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.
- Approved an ordinance amendment for chapter 12 of the city's sign code and authorized publication of a summary publication. Amending our current ordinance was to bring the city's non-commercial (including political signs) into compliance with county and state regulations.

February 10, 2020

Council Member Scott – excused.
All approved 4-0, except where noted.

- Approved a resolution authorizing Merrick Inc. to conduct an off-site gambling (bowling marathon and raffle) at Flaherty's Arden Bowl to benefit adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities on April 19, 2020.
- Approved a resolution enabling the city to accept State Transportation Grant Funding for a portion of the Snelling Bridge replacement project costs.

- Approved a resolution establishing a 25 mph speed limit on Lake Valentine Road (Mounds View HS) effective 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the evening coinciding with school start/end hours (approved 3-1, Holmes opposed).
- Approved a motion to cancel the public hearing for Summit Development vacation of easements – amended to clarify all easements had previously been vacated.

For a complete listing of recent City Council action, please review the meeting minutes on the city website at cityofardenhills.org and click on View Agendas & Minutes.

Report Potholes and Plow Damage; Spring Projects Underway

Damage to Boulevards

Areas of turf that sustained damage due to city snow plow blades will be repaired in the spring. Repairs will consist of topsoil and seed.

Mailbox Damage

Mailboxes that were damaged due to being hit directly by a snow plow will be repaired in the spring. In the meantime, a temporary mailbox may be delivered to the residence.

Potholes

Sites which need improvement will be addressed in the spring, after road restrictions are removed. Our goal is for hotpatch pothole filling to be completed by June 1.

Call 651-792-7850, or visit cityofardenhills.org/

report a concern and fill out a form to report damage, or send an email to jshull@cityofardenhills.org.

Street Sweeping

Spring street sweeping will begin as soon as the streets are free of snow and/or ice. The city will sweep areas throughout the season, as needed.

Residential Yard Projects

The city street right-of-way could extend up to 10 to 15 feet beyond the curb and is intended to provide space for sidewalks, snow storage, utilities and other public uses. Items such as basketball hoops, decorative gardens, fences, ornamental lighting, posts, retaining walls, rocks, shrubs, trees or wood chips in the right of way are not permitted.

Employee Recognition



Congratulations to Sara Knoll on 10 years of full-time employment as the City's Parks & Recreation Coordinator.

Sara actually began working as an intern in the Parks and Recreation Department 15 years ago and she was born and raised in Arden Hills!



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Postal Customer

Made in Arden Hills Features OrthoCor Medical

OrthoCor Medical, located at 1251 Red Fox Road, develops and manufactures drug-free, non-invasive, wearable medical devices to alleviate swelling, post-operative pain, chronic pain, strains, sprains and arthritis.

OrthoCor Medical, focused on human therapies, and its companion company, Animal OrthoCor, are both located in Arden Hills and owned by Arden Hills-based Caerus Corporation. Red Fox Innovations is the contracted company that manufactures the devices on site.

OrthoCor Medical offers nine different products for multiple pain points in the body, such as knees, shoulders, neck, wrists and more. The OrthoCor Active Systems were cleared by the FDA as Class III devices, which are available by prescription and use heat plus pulse electromagnetic field therapy (PEMF) to reduce pain and swelling.

Three things to know

1. The company offers products that can eliminate or reduce the need for opioid drugs. The products are marketed through orthopedic and pain management physicians and clinically proven to reduce pain and to keep pain levels reduced.
2. Each product kit comes with 90 disposable orthopods. The orthopods are single-use treatment packets that activate the PEMF therapy. With the push of a button patients receive pulses of radio frequency waves plus heat to the area of pain. This therapy interacts with the body to produce more of the body's natural pain killer—nitric oxide.
3. OrthoCor Medical has grown 350% in the last two years. The company has 20 employees and 40 to 50 people who are contracted to manufacture the products. The company has numerous patents for its products and currently no other competitors.

For more information, visit orthocormedical.com.

