

ARDEN HILLS

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The Official City Newsletter for Arden Hills Residents

March 2021

New Senior Living Facility Coming to Arden Hills

Arden Hills City Council gave the go-ahead for a senior living facility at 2 Pine Tree Drive, on the western lot of the recently subdivided land at Bethel University's Anderson Center.

The proposed facility will be owned and managed by New Perspective Senior Living, which manages 24 senior living communities throughout the Midwest. The project entails construction of a 192,390-square-foot, 4-story, 146-unit senior living facility with underground parking.

The complex will offer independent care, assisted living, and memory care. The independent or assisted living units will range from studios to two bedrooms.

The development project also includes such amenities as a pool, library, movie theater, dog play area, playground for young visitors, lawn bowling, salon and spa, bistro/bar, and onsite physical therapy and wellness services.

Trail and Tree Replacement

The project will have a trail along the eastern and southern sides of the subject property that will connect to the existing trails at the Anderson Center and Crepeau

Nature Preserve. Sidewalks will provide for looping around the principle structure.

The Bethel Anderson Center property has numerous existing

property to replace the required number of trees, by making a payment in lieu of plantings to the City's forestry fund for trees to be planted in other parts of the City.

Please see the map below for more detail.

Timeline

Construction is anticipated to begin in early summer of 2021, with a target for completion in 2022.



Concept rendering of the proposed New Perspective senior living facility.

trails throughout the property. The existing trails are private; however, Bethel has committed in writing, as part of its development approval process, to continue to share these trails with the community and that agreement will not be modified as a part of this proposal. As part of this development application, the developer will agree in writing to the same arrangement as Bethel and will make its private trail available for use by the public.

In addition, under the terms of the City's tree preservation ordinance, the developer is required to replace the trees cut down on the subject property. The developer is complying with the ordinance by planting new trees on the property and, to the extent there is not enough room on the subject



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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 for information about archived meeting playbacks.

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City News

Pavement Management Program Update: Hazelnut Park Neighborhood

Arden Hills City Council has ordered preparation for street and utility improvements within the Hazelnut Park neighborhood. The proposed project includes replacement of portions of water main, repair of sanitary sewer, expansion of storm sewer, installation of curbs, and replacement of bituminous street and trail pavement along segments of Glenpaul Avenue, Edgewater Avenue, Jerrold Avenue, and Prior Avenue located between New Brighton Road and Cleveland Avenue. The project is scheduled to start construction in April/May 2021.

Snelling Ave. Improvements Slated for 2022

Street, trail, and utility improvements along Snelling Avenue North from County Road E to Highway 51, along with street improvements to Cummings Lane, are currently scheduled for construction during the 2022 construction season. Potential improvements to the intersection of County Road E and Snelling Avenue North have been rescheduled to 2023 and 2024 to allow additional time to evaluate traffic volumes, crash data, and design options.

For more detailed information on road improvement projects, visit the City's [Road Construction Projects page](#).

Utility Insurance Not Recommended/Endorsed by the City

Residents may have noticed a recent news story regarding private insurance for utilities such as water and sewer. The City of Arden Hills does not endorse or recommend these services. Furthermore, if a resident signs up for this type of insurance coverage, the City of Arden Hills does NOT receive a financial benefit from either the insurance company or the resident.

Residents are responsible for water utility from the curb stop to their home (including inside the home); residents are responsible for sewer service from the sewer main line to the home. If residents have questions about their utilities, they are welcome to contact City Hall for more information; however, City Staff cannot advise residents about the purchase of utility insurance. It is a resident's choice whether or not to purchase private insurance to cover utilities.

Arden Hills Spring Egg Hunt for 2021 Is Cancelled

The City regrets that due to COVID restrictions, the Spring Egg Hunt, which would have taken place at the end of March, will not be held this year. This event has a large attendance of children, their parents, and grandparents with limited indoor space at the Cummings Park picnic shelter for registration, distribution of prizes, and refreshments. The City does plan to bring back many of its recreation programs this summer: watch for the Recreation Guide coming soon. See you in 2022 for the Spring Egg Hunt!

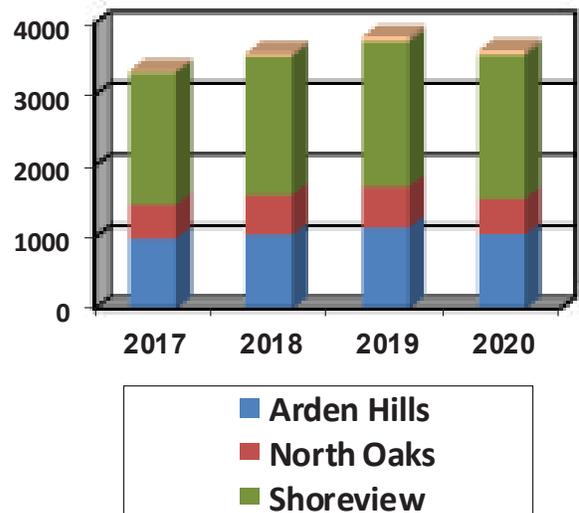
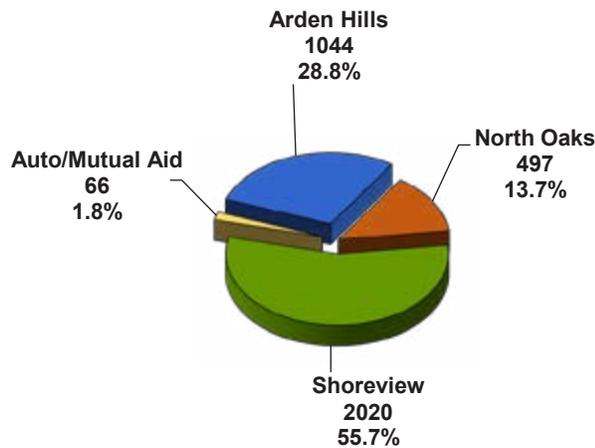
Lake Johanna Fire Departement Update

2020 Annual Report Details Lake Johanna Fire Department Activity



The Lake Johanna Fire Department has issued their annual report for 2020. The report outlines the department's activities and provides interesting reporting metrics. A few highlights are:

Arden Hills had a total of 1,044 calls, with Shoreview and North Oaks at 2,020 and 497, respectively. The total calls are down from 2019 (3,627 versus 3,820) primarily due to COVID-19 resulting in fewer calls in the second quarter as people worked from home. The City of Arden Hills accounted for 28.8% of the calls, down by 94 calls over last year.



- Arden Hills had an average response time of 6 minutes, which was virtually identical to last year's response time of 6:01.
- Rescue and Emergency Medical Services made up a majority of the department's calls at 75%; less than 2% was for actual fire responses.

Find the annual report in its entirety on the City website's [Emergency, Fire & Police page](#).

It's That Time of Year...Dig out Fire Hydrants
Snowplows may inadvertently cover and hide hydrants during their passes, putting emergency crews at a disadvantage when responding to a call. Clearing snow from around fire hydrants saves firefighters precious time in the event of an emergency. A three-foot clearance is needed on all sides of the hydrant, and be sure to keep weeds and grass cut back during the rest of the year.



Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Update

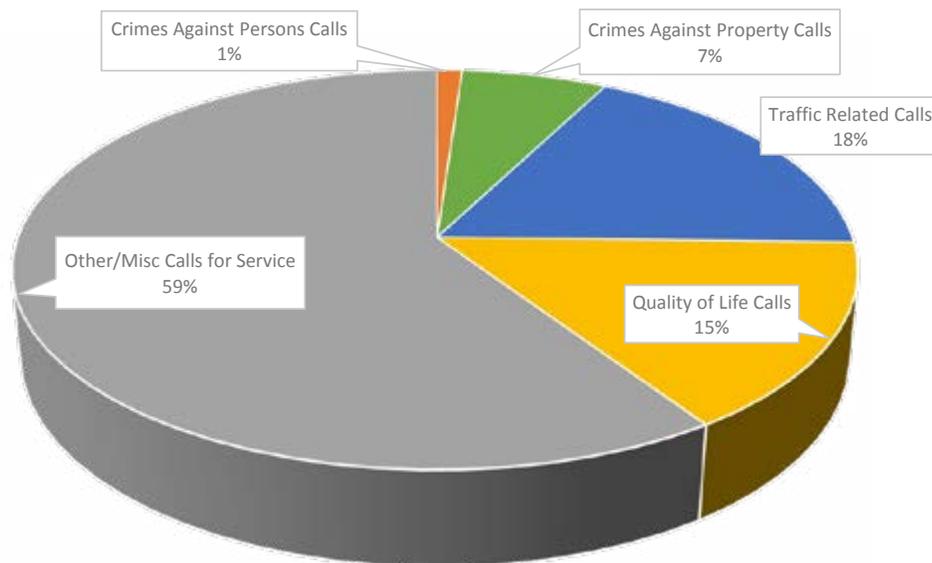
Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Releases 2020 Statistics



In 2020, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office responded to 30,470 calls for service in the seven contract cities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township, which is a decrease of 16.25 percent in calls from 2019.

There were 3,924 calls in Arden Hills in 2020, which is 34 percent less than the number of calls in 2019. See calls by classification in the pie chart below.

Patrol Calls by Classification - Arden Hills 2020



Calls for Service are initiated by citizens via 9-1-1 or deputy initiation while on patrol. Calls for Service are not 'crimes' until so determined after investigation of the incident.

Quality of Life calls involve situations and acts of physical disorder, damage to property, or disruption of community life.

Other/Miscellaneous calls are those requests that do not meet the other descriptions, such as assisting medical calls, fire agencies, and alarm calls.

Arden Hills 2020 Traffic Violations

In 2020, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office conducted 161 traffic stops in Arden Hills, which resulted in 122 citations (58 were for speeding) and 39 verbal warnings.

The full 2020 report of patrol calls is located on the City website's [Emergency, Fire & Police page](#).

Benchmarks: A Review of Recent City Council Action

Except as indicated, all items were approved unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

January 25, 2021 City Council Meeting

- Approved plans and specifications and ordered advertisement for bids for the 2021 Pavement Management Program Street and Utility Improvement Project for the Hazelnut Park residential neighborhood.
- Accepted a donation from the Arden Hills Foundation in the amount of \$2,479.00 for installation of four park benches.
- Held a public hearing and approved an application to release an easement and Conditional Use Permit from Lot 2 of 2 Pine Tree North. Lake Johanna Fire Department has purchased Lot 2 for a future fire station.
- Held a public hearing and approved an application for a Conditional Use Permit, Site Plan, and Zoning Code Amendment for a multi-family senior living facility located at 2 Pine Tree Drive, Lot 1 adjacent to Minnesota State Highway 51. The property will be owned and managed by New Perspective Senior Living. The application for a Planned Unit Development was tabled to the Feb. 8, 2021 City Council Meeting.

February 8, 2021 City Council Meeting

- Accepted the resignation of the Public Works Director/City

Engineer Todd Blomstrom, as of Feb. 5, 2021. Appointed David Swearingen to the position of Interim Public Works Director; David will also continue in his current position as Assistant City Engineer.

- Approved professional services agreement with SRF Consulting for the design of the Mound View High School Trail Project, extending from County Road E2 to Mounds View High School. The proposed project would involve construction of two trail segments: segment 1 along the west side of Snelling Avenue North (CSAH 76) from the intersection of County Road E2 (CSAH 73) to Lake Valentine Road; and segment 2 along Lake Valentine Road from Snelling Avenue North (CSAH 76) to the south parking lot at Mounds View High School.
- Approved plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for the Hamline Avenue improvement for pedestrian crosswalk including installation of raised center medians along Hamline Avenue at Wyncrest Court and south of Indian Oaks Circle to provide safety improvements for pedestrians crossing. The project also includes an unrelated drainage improvement project along Shorewood Drive to address a local flooding issue that has persisted for several years.
- Approved Planned Unit Development at 2 Pine Tree Drive Lot 1 for 192,390 square

foot, four-story multi-family senior living facility on site, previously tabled from the Jan. 25, 2021 City Council meeting.

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

Thank You to Arden Hills Foundation

Thank you, Arden Hills Foundation, for the recent donation of four park benches that will enhance our City's trail system. The benches, with plaques acknowledging the donation from the Arden Hills Foundation, are proposed along the City's trail system at the following general locations: 1) Cummings Park north of athletic fields, 2) public trail northeast of Colleen Avenue, 3) Perry Park near the dog park, and 4) Hazelnut Park.

The Foundation accepts tax-deductible gifts to further its mission: to connect the generosity of people to the evolving needs of the community. To learn more or make a donation, visit the Foundation's Facebook page at [@ArdenHillsFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/ArdenHillsFoundation).





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Arden Hills Turns 70!

Arden Hills was incorporated as a city on February 14, 1951. To celebrate this milestone event, the Communications staff collaborated with NineNorth, our digital media production partner, to produce a slideshow of archival photographs documenting Arden Hills through the years. Here are just a few examples of the rich and interesting history of our community. To watch the full slideshow, visit our [website](#) and use the search term “Arden Hills Turns 70.”

Happy 70th birthday, Arden Hills!



Left: Sailboat, “Celebrating Arden Hills” fall festival, Sep. 15, 2012 (credit: City of Arden Hills).

Middle: FDR visits Twin Cities Ordnance Plant, Sep. 19, 1942 (credit: Twin Cities Ordnance News, courtesy of New Brighton Area Historical Society).

Right: Eagle Scout Larry Sawyer, 1975 (credit: New Brighton Area Historical Society).