

ARDEN HILLS

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The Official City Newsletter for Arden Hills Residents

August/September 2021

Planning Under Way for State of the City Address

Arden Hills City Council and staff are currently planning its annual State of the City address. The event is an opportunity for the Mayor and Council to present goals and accomplishments related to development projects, road and construction improvements, plans for parks and trails, public works responsibilities, and the City's financial outlook, among other important topics.

The meeting is currently scheduled to be in-person on October 7, 2021 but this may change based on COVID health recommendations. The format and details of this event will be forthcoming on the City's website and social media channels: stay tuned!

Lake Johanna Trail Study - Save the Date!

Ramsey County is beginning a study to identify trail design concepts for Lake Johanna Blvd between Snelling Ave N and County Rd D. Join us Tuesday, October 5 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Tony Schmidt Park, 3500 Lake Johanna Blvd, for the first public open house to learn more about the project and provide input on this study. Your input will help the project team identify feasible options to construct the best possible trail facility along this stretch of Lake Johanna Blvd. Watch the City website for more information.

Questions? Contact:

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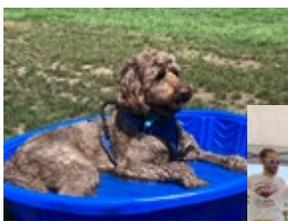
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Around the Town—Summer 2021 in Arden Hills



Hot Dog with a Deputy, Arden Manor, July 10



Bark & Rec, Perry Park, July 24



Penny Carnival, Perry Park, July 30



Night to Unite, August 3



Arden Hills Service Directory

Arden Hills City Hall
1245 West Highway 96
Arden Hills, MN 55112-5734
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651-792-7800

Regular Office Hours (Resumes 9/7)
Monday–Friday: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Sheriff and Fire 911

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(During non-business hours)
651-767-0640

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Communications Committee

Council Liaison

Fran Holmes

Council meetings are held at City Hall on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 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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Annual Committees & Commissions Appreciation Picnic Recognized Volunteers

On Tuesday, August 17, dozens of committee and commission members and their families enjoyed a picnic dinner at Cummings Park hosted by the Arden Hills City Council and staff. This event is to say “thank you” to the many volunteers who devote their time and expertise to help guide the City’s policies and procedures. If you’d like to get involved and be of service to your community by joining a City commission or committee, please apply at ardenhills.org/CommissionCommitteeApplicationForm or contact City Clerk Julie Hanson for more information at jhanson@cityofardenhills.org or 651-792-7811.



Regular Office Hours Resume at City Hall

Summer hours are coming to an end, and regular office hours resume at City Hall on Tuesday, September 7. Beginning after Labor Day, City Hall will be open to the public Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For water or sewer problems during non-business hours, please call 651-767-0640.

Chicken Ordinance Update

The Planning Commission met on September 8th to discuss a proposed ordinance changing setback requirements to allow chicken coops for housing egg-laying hens on residential properties in Arden Hills.

The Arden Hills’ City Code currently does not prohibit the keeping of chickens; however, the majority of residential lots do not meet the current setback requirements for chicken coops. City Code states that the location for buildings that house chickens shall be located a distance of 200 feet from any lot line.

Watch for more information regarding an upcoming meeting with the City Council.

2020 Census Results Are In

Data is now available from the 2020 Census. Stay tuned to a future newsletter for information about how Arden Hills was represented in the count, or visit census.gov.

Benchmarks: A Review of Recent City Council Action

July 12, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting

All items were approved unanimously by a 5-0 vote unless otherwise noted.

- Authorized the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Green Lights Recycling, Inc., to host a fall clean-up day.
- Accepted a donation from the Arden Hills Foundation for a new park bench to be placed at Hazelnut Park given by Kathy McCauley and her family.
- Authorized staff to begin the recruitment process for a Senior Engineering Technician to a fill a vacant position reporting to the Public Works Director/City Engineer.
- Held a public hearing and approved the vacation of sewer easement for proposed location of a building to be constructed by New Perspective Senior Living. Council also approved a new sewer line easement aligned within the development plans for this project.
- Denied a variance at 3493 Siems Court to construct an accessory structure within the Shore Impact Zone of Lake Johanna. (Motion carried 4-1, Scott opposed).

July 26, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting

All items were approved unanimously by a 5-0 vote unless otherwise noted.

- Approved 2021 2nd Quarter Financials for the City and approved a transfer of \$548,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement (PIR) Fund.
- Approved a Resolution in support of the City of Shoreview's Bonding Request submitted on behalf of Arden Hills, North Oaks, and Shoreview for \$6.675 million to assist in

the construction of a new fire station for the Lake Johanna Fire Department.

- Authorized staff to begin the recruitment process to fill a vacancy for a Community Development Director.

August 9, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting

All items were approved unanimously by a 4-0 vote (Holden excused absence).

- Approved amendment to Urban Requalification Joint Cooperation Agreement with Ramsey County; the City of Arden Hills participates in the countywide program for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Approved a new tobacco license at Cub Discount Liquor located at 3715 Lexington Avenue N, which restricts the sale of flavored tobacco or tobacco-related products.

August 23, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting

All items were approved unanimously by a 4-0 vote (Holden excused absence).

- Appointed Brandon Patterson to the position of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement to fill previously a budgeted vacant position.
- Accepted the resignation of the Communications Coordinator and authorized staff to begin the recruitment process for a replacement.
- Conducted a public hearing for the Arden Oaks Street Improvements project and ordered the improvements and preparation of plans and specifications.

- Conducted a public hearing for the proposed Lexington Avenue and Target Rd Traffic Signal System project and ordered the improvements and preparation of plans and specifications.
- Conducted a public hearing and approved a Planned Unit Development amendment and an extension of time for construction of road and safety improvements relating to the alignment of Lake Valentine Road at Mounds View High School.
- Conducted a public hearing and approved an application to amend the lake classification for Little Johanna from a Recreational Development Lake to a General Development Lake.
- Conducted a public hearing for a Site Plan Review and approved Bethel University's request to update the scoreboard and sound system for its football field and track area.

For a complete listing of recent City Council action, visit cityofardenhills.org and click on View Agendas & Minutes.

Register Now for Fall Parks & Recreation Programs

Registration is now open for the fall Parks & Recreation classes, sports, and activities. Details can be found at cityofardenhills.org/ParksandRecGuide.

Register online, or by mail or in person by completing the [registration form](#) and returning it to the City of Arden Hills City Hall at 1245 W. Highway 96, Arden Hills, MN 55112.

Ready to Recycle: Back to School

And just like that, it's back to school time again! For many, that means shopping for new supplies and clothes. Here are a few ideas to green up your preparation for the return to school.

- You can find great clothes at low prices at secondhand and consignment stores. High-quality used clothing can be found online as well as in brick-and-mortar thrift stores. Remember to bring in your kids' gently used clothing once they've outgrown it so the reuse cycle can continue.
- Take inventory of what you already have in your home for school supplies, including leftover folders, binders, and pens from previous years. Once you have a list of what you really need to buy, look for eco-friendly items, such as notebooks made from recycled content and paper processed without chlorine.
- Instead of relying on single-use disposable items in lunch boxes (such as plastic bags, utensils, and straws), invest in reusable, long-lasting containers that will save you money in the long run and also limit what ends up in landfills. Rather than purchasing individually pre-packaged goodies, buy in bulk and then use reusable pouches to portion out snacks.



To learn more about what you can do to lessen your environmental impact when returning to school, visit RamseyRecycles.com or call 651-633-EASY (3279), answered 24/7, with your recycling questions.

Protect Yourself and Your Home: Hire a Licensed Contractor

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) has initiated a statewide crackdown on unlicensed contractors. Although a state license may not ensure your contractor completes your project impeccably, licensure does mean the contractor passed a written exam and maintained continuing education in their field, and it guarantees the contractor is paying into worker's compensation, liability insurance, and the Contractor Recovery Fund. This fund allows consumer protection if a financial loss is suffered due to poor performance of a contractor. Homeowners can recover up to \$75,000, but only if the claim is against a licensed contractor.

Nearly all contractors doing work in Arden Hills must be licensed either through the State or the City. This is to ensure

the contractor carries adequate property damage insurance, general liability insurance, and worker's compensation. A state license is required for all residential building contractors, plumbers, and electrical contractors. Mechanical contractors will require a state bond and a city contractor license. All other contractors will require a City contractor's license, which they must obtain annually proving certificate of insurance and paying a yearly fee.



Unlicensed contractors face fines and penalties for doing work that requires a license, and violations can lead to criminal prosecution in some cases. The best way homeowners can protect themselves is to get thorough information when receiving bids for job—full name, business name, bond or license number, and any relating certification numbers—and verify these details on the MN DLI [License and Registration Lookup](#) page of their website.

Learn more about Minnesota's enforcement effort to uncover unlicensed contractor activity at dli.mn.gov/news/minnesota-part-national-enforcement-effort-uncover-unlicensed-contractor-activity.



Here's a coupon for two free items (value: up to \$50):



Please remember, **CASH or CHECK ONLY!**

Items Accepted:

- Electronics (TVs, computers, printers, etc.)
- Computer hard drives (for shredding)
- Appliances
- Tires
- Water softeners
- BBQ grills
- Batteries
- Fluorescent lamps
- Mattresses
- Lawnmowers*
- Snow blowers*
- Scrap metal
- Paper shredding
- Carpeting
- Vacuum cleaners
- Bicycles

*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 site at 5 Empire Drive in Saint Paul, Tuesdays–Fridays, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.



Items NOT Accepted:

- No brush/yard waste
- No railroad ties
- No plastic, cardboard, Styrofoam, or wood
- No oversized items such as hot tubs, boats, or sheds
- No engines containing gasoline or oil



Location: **GREEN LIGHTS RECYCLING, INC.**
1525 99th Lane NE
Blaine, MN 55449-4423

Cleanup Day is a residential recycling collection event open to Arden Hills residents only.

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

For more information on Cleanup Day: www.cityofardenhills.org/cleanupday • 651.792.7800
For more information on other disposal options: RamseyRecycles.com • 651.633.EASY



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Treat Yourself at Crumbl Cookie in Arden Hills

Arden Hills has gained a new business designed to satisfy your sweet tooth: Crumbl Cookies, a franchise gourmet cookie bakery with over 200 locations nationwide, has opened at 3833 Lexington Avenue N. next door to Starbucks, Pot Belly Sandwich Shop, and Pure Barre.

Sarah and Bryce Craig have relocated from Utah with their family to operate the Arden Hills location, which is open Mondays through Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to midnight. Catering is also available for special events.

If you're not familiar with the brand, Crumbl Cookies features a rotating weekly menu of five different creatively flavored cookies, in addition to their staple milk chocolate chip cookie. Most of the cookies are served warm, with the exception of the chilled sugar cookie. High end flavors,

such as Pineapple Whip and Hazelnut Sea Salt, and combined with high-quality ingredients mixed, baked, and served on premises. You can order your cookies online pick up curbside, or use Door Dash to get your Crumbl Cookie fix brought to your door: visit [crumblcookies.com](https://www.crumblcookies.com) or call 612-564-5940.



↑Sarah Craig, franchise owner of Crumbl Cookies in Arden Hills, displays a box of freshly baked cookies.



↓Councilmembers Fran Holmes and Steve Scott joined Mayor David Grant for the grand opening of Crumbl Cookies on Friday, August 6th.

