

# ARDEN HILLS

## notes

The Official City Newsletter for Arden Hills Residents

November 2021

### City Council Recognizes Senator Isaacson and Representative Moller

The City Council recognized Senator Jason Isaacson (District 42) and State Representative Kelly Moller (District 42A) at its October 25, 2021 City Council meeting.

Senator Isaacson and Representative Moller were instrumental in the City obtaining \$500,000 of legislative funding for the watermain replacement along Lexington Avenue. This project coincides with the County's reconstruction of Lexington Avenue in 2022, since the City owns the utilities under the road

it is responsible for that portion of the cost.

In recognition of their diligent service to the City, Certificates of Appreciation were presented by the City Council to both Isaacson and Moller who attended the meeting remotely.



*Senator Isaacson and Representative Moller*

#### State of the City

The annual State of the City will be a pre-recorded video, not in person as previously announced. Watch the City website for updates.

### Truth in Taxation

A Truth-in-Taxation Hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The 2022 General Fund expenditure budget is proposed at \$5,279,450. The preliminary tax levy increase is set at 4.5%, which equates to a tax levy of \$4,472,680. Based on preliminary values, the city's share of property taxes would increase by \$46 annually on a median valued home, which is projected to value \$384,600 in 2022. The proposed levy increase goes to support increases in Public Safety contracts, increases in property insurance, and a decrease in building permit revenue.

### New Perspectives Senior Living Breaks Ground



The New Perspective Senior Living facility, located at 3565 Pine Tree Drive, had their ground breaking ceremony on October 13. Elected officials in attendance included Mayor David Grant, Councilmember Fran Holmes and

State Representative Kelly Moller. Sitework is underway on the 140+ unit senior living facility, which will have amenities such as three dining venues, a warm-water pool, dance hall, café/pub, and many more! Welcome to Arden Hills!

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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. Planning Commission meetings are also televised. Please visit [cityofardenhills.org](http://cityofardenhills.org) for information about archived meeting playbacks.

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## City News



### Follow the Snow Plow Policy

The City's Public Works Department works to provide safe driving conditions for residents while balancing costs of snow and ice control. Street plowing typically begins when 2 inches of snow have accumulated. Plows will get as close as possible to mailboxes, but the cleaning for access to the mailboxes and fire hydrants is up to residents. Place trash and recycle cans behind the curb as this lets operators plow the entire roadway. Do not park vehicles on the street after the accumulation of two or more inches of snow until after plowing has been completed. And as a reminder, parking is not allowed on any city street between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. year-round.

### City Ice Rink and Warming House Hours

Get your skates sharpened! Public Works will soon be hard at work getting the city's ice rinks ready for skaters. Rink opening is planned for December 6, pending weather conditions.

#### Freeway, Hazelnut and Perry Park's ice rink and warming house hours:

Monday – Friday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A temporary structure warming house will be placed at Hazelnut Park.

#### Cummings Park warming house hours:

Monday – Thursday (Warming house will not be open.)

Friday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(A push button light will be available to light the rink.)



### Parks & Recreation Holiday Events

**Gingerbread House Making** will be held Saturday, December 11, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, followed by **Holiday Gift Making** from Noon - 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 for each class. Parents can drop off their children for both classes with a bag lunch and enjoy some free time!

Register online at [cityofardenhills.org/recregistration](http://cityofardenhills.org/recregistration). Call City Hall with any questions at 651-792-7800.

## Benchmarks - A Review of Recent Council Action

### October 11, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting

*All items were approved unanimously by a 4-0 vote unless otherwise noted (Councilmember McClung excused absence).*

- Held a public hearing and denied a Preliminary and Final Plat, Master Planned Unit Development and a Site Plan Review for 3737 Lexington Ave N and 1133 Grey Fox Rd, for demolition of the existing building, a lot reconfiguration, and construction of a 19,480 sq. ft. ALDI's grocery store and a 5,300 sq. ft. building with two proposed tenants (3-1, Scott opposed).

### October 25, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting

*All items were approved unanimously by a 4-0 vote unless otherwise noted. (Councilmember McClung excused absence).*

- Recognized State Senator Jason Isaacson and State Representative Kelly Moller for their assistance

with the Lexington Avenue Watermain Project.

- Approved appointment of Jessica Jagoe to the position of City Planner; Ms Jagoe had been the Senior Planner. Authorized staff to begin the recruitment process for a Senior Planner.
- Approved appointment of Grace Arel to the position of Communications Coordinator.
- Amended the Hotel/Lodging Tax Ordinance to update language due to an agreement with the Twin Cities Gateway Visitor Bureau to implement a hotel/lodging tax on hotel rooms beginning in 2022.
- Held a public hearing and approved an amendment to the language of the Arden Hills City Code to amend and strike language in the B-2, General Business District and B-3, Service Business District regarding design standards for building façade and setback

requirements relative to front yard and parking areas.

- Held a public hearing and approved an application for a minor subdivision between the properties located at 3300 New Brighton Road and 1893 Beckman Avenue.
- Ordered a nuisance abatement at 1465 Floral Drive W. for excessive vegetation growth not in compliance with City regulations.

*For a complete listing of recent City Council action, visit [cityofardenhills.org](http://cityofardenhills.org) and click on View Agendas & Minutes.*



**Jessica Jagoe Promoted to City Planner**

Jessica Jagoe has been employed by the City of Arden Hills since May, 2021. Originally hired as Senior Planner, Jagoe was promoted to City Planner at the October 25 City Council Meeting. Jagoe graduated from MN State University, Mankato with a planning degree in Urban and Regional Studies. She previously worked for the City of Little Canada and Chisago County. She is married with two children and resides in White Bear Lake.

## Best Wood Burning Practices

Time to light the fireplace? Seasoned wood (wood that has been aged for at least six months) burns hotter, cuts fuel consumption and reduces the amount of smoke produced from your fireplace.

Remember to buy and burn locally cut firewood to decrease the risk of transporting invasive forest pests to your property. Get more tips on best wood-burning practices from the Environmental Protection Agency:

[epa.gov/burnwise/best-wood-burning-practices](http://epa.gov/burnwise/best-wood-burning-practices)



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### **Dong Hae Korean Grill & Sushi 2 Opens In Arden Hills**

Dong Hae Korean Grill & Sushi 2, located in Lexington Station at 3845 Lexington Avenue N. is the newest restaurant to open in Arden Hills. Dong Hae proudly serves traditional Korean food, along with tableside Korean BBQ and a full sushi bar.

Dong Hae Korean Grill and Sushi 2 is owned by the Tae Kang family. The original location in downtown Minneapolis has been in business since 2014. The family also owns a Korean grocery store, Dong Yang Oriental Market, located in the Hilltop area, that features Asian groceries and a counter offering prepared Korean dishes.

#### **Three Things To Know:**

1. Dong Hae has a tableside Korean BBQ section where diners are able to cook and grill their own meat at the table. This allows diners to cook and eat at their own pace while enjoying hot and fresh Korean BBQ.
2. The Kang family has lived in Minneapolis for 40+ years and has been an integral part of the Korean food scene with the original restaurant downtown and the Oriental Market in Hilltop.
3. With every entree order, diners receive free side dishes! They range from Korean style potato salad, stir fried fish cake, and the side dish that Korea is most famous for, kimchi!

Indulge in fresh cut sushi and savory Korean dishes in a friendly environment at Dong Hae Korean Grill & Sushi!

Business hours: Sunday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Phone: (651) 797 – 3911 or visit their website at [donghaeres.wixsite.com/mpls/menu](http://donghaeres.wixsite.com/mpls/menu).

