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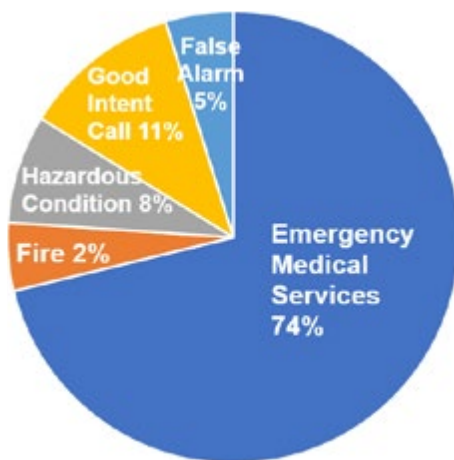
Public Safety Annual Reports for 2021

Lake Johanna Fire Department Annual Report

The Lake Johanna Fire Department (LJFD) has issued their annual report for 2021. The LJFD serves three cities: Arden Hills, Shoreview, and North Oaks. The report outlines the department's activities and provides reporting metrics for the past year.

In 2021, the LJFD responded to 1178 calls for service in Arden Hills, which was 134 calls more than the previous year. They assisted neighboring Fire Departments 32 times and received aid 14 times.

Lake Johanna Fire Department Calls for Service by Incident Type



In Arden Hills, LJFD had an average call response time of 5 minutes and 51 seconds compared to last year's 6:00 minutes. Calls for service were spread evenly

throughout the day, with noon-5pm leading as the busiest time for calls.

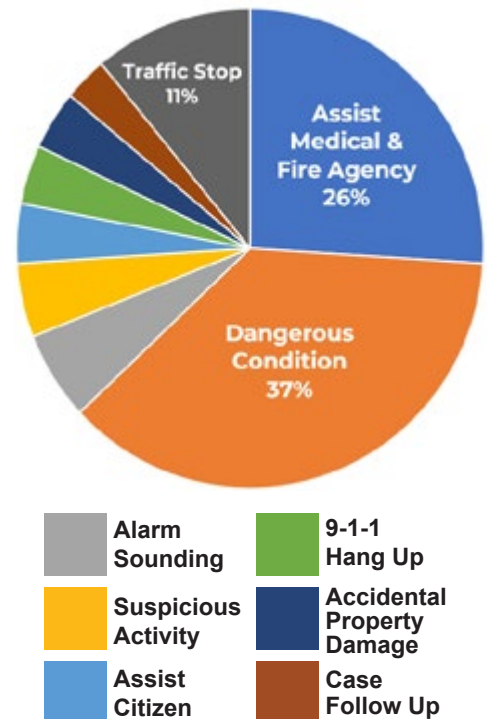
Of the many reasons for calling the LJFD, emergency medical services were the most common, making up nearly 75% of calls. Less than 2% of incidents required actual fire responses.

Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Annual Report

The City of Arden Hills contracts with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office (RCS) for police protection services. In addition to Arden Hills, six other cities also contract public safety services from RCS, including Falcon Heights, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township.

In 2021, there were 1,063 calls for service, compared to the 1,034 calls in 2020. Calls for Service are incidents responded to by deputies. Calls are often initiated by citizens via 9-1-1 or deputy initiation while on patrol. Most calls for sheriff patrols fall within the Dangerous Condition category, referring to conditions within a roadway that create hazards. This includes a number of conditions, from reckless driving to wildlife in a roadway and more. Assist Medical and Fire Agency is the second most common call with Traffic Stops

Ramsey County Sheriff Calls for Service by Incident Type



following as the third. See the "Ramsey County Sheriff Calls for Service by Incident Type" pie chart above for reference.

To view the annual safety reports for the LJFD and RCS, please visit cityofardenhills.org/211/Emergency-Fire-Police. PDF versions of both reports as well as an additional RCS Report focused solely on Arden Hills' metrics can be found at that link.

The Arden Hills City Council extends their gratitude to the LJFD and RCS for keeping Arden Hills a safe place for residents.

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City Council Liasons

Fran Holmes and David Radziej

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 for information about archived meeting playbacks.

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Through the Hills: City News



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Local Business Co-owner Wins Prestigious Award

George's Shoes & Repair is a long-time Arden Hills business on Lexington Avenue. Spanning the past 100 years and four generations, George's Shoes and Repairs has perfected the George family's craft. Recently, Luke George, one of three co-owners, entered an international competition and was pleasantly surprised when he was awarded second place. The industry recognition encourages him to keep the profession alive, even as he and other small businesses face the challenges of COVID-19 and resulting economic changes.

For more information about the store, follow them on Facebook or stop by the store located at 3673 Lexington Ave North.



The Spring Egg Hunt is Back on April 16th!

Calling all kids! Join us in a hunt for candy-filled, colored eggs this April. The Spring Bunny will be bringing plenty of eggs, surprise gifts, and a hopping good time! The event will be held at Cummings Park regardless of the weather.

Ages 1-12 \$8 per child

Pre-registration is required. The Registration Deadline is Wednesday, April 13th.

Each age group will start at a different time and location:

- Ages 1-4 begins at 10:30am at the grassy area by tennis courts
- Ages 5-8 begins at 10:40am at the outfield of the baseball field
- Ages 9-12 begins at 10:50am at the back of the large soccer field

Please visit www.cityofardenhills.org/180/Parks-Recreation to register.



New Speed Sign Installed on Highway 51 between Snelling Ave & Glenhill Rd

In response to requests by Arden Hills residents due to changes in traffic patterns, a new speed display sign was installed on Highway 51 going south between Snelling Avenue North and Glenhill Road.

The City of Arden Hills Joins Twin Cities Gateway Visitors Bureau

Twin Cities Gateway is a regional convention and visitors bureau. Arden Hills has joined the Twin Cities Gateway's nine other member cities: Anoka, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Fridley, Ham Lake, Lino Lakes, Mounds View, New Brighton, and Shoreview. The mission of Twin Cities Gateway is to promote the area to generate increased tourism-related economic impact for its member cities. The nonprofit organization is funded by the local option lodging tax collected by 25 lodging properties throughout its ten member cities. In adding the City of Arden Hills as a member city, the visitors bureau will be collecting lodging tax revenue from the city's two hotels, Springhill Suites Arden Hills, and Quality Inn & Suites Arden Hills. For more information about the organization, visit tcgateway.com.



Councilmember Holmes, Operator Alex Wilson, Councilmember Scott, and Councilmember Radziej

Chick-fil-A Grand Opening

On the morning of February 10th, a ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the grand opening of Arden Hills' new Chick-fil-A restaurant. City councilmembers and staff, friends and family of the owner, representatives from the Twin Cities North Chamber of Commerce, and others joined the celebration. The new franchise is located at 3855 Lexington Ave N at the location of the former Perkins.

NOW HIRING

Do you want to work on a team involved with essential City operations? Come work with us! The City of Arden Hills is currently accepting applications for seasonal recreation and public works positions. For more information on these positions, please visit the City's Employment Opportunities page at www.cityofardenhills.org/425/Employment-Opportunities.

Council Seeking Input about Food Trucks Ordinance

The City Council is considering revising the Food Truck Ordinance. An Open House will be held to facilitate resident feedback about the potential changes, with details forthcoming. Currently, among the requirements provided in the ordinance are the following:

- Residential properties may host food trucks for private, catered events (not events open for sales to the general public)
- Food trucks cannot be parked on the street; they must be parked on private property
- All food trucks must have a license with the City of Arden Hills

Keep an eye out for more information about the open house on the City website. We want your input!



February 14, 2022 City Council Meeting

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

- Appointed Marie Hinton as Chair of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee (PTRC) with the term as Chair expiring December 31, 2022.
- Appointed Amy LaMere to the position of Customer Service Representative, a job-share position, filling an opening due to retirement.
- Approved Ordinance 2022-001 eliminating two resident committees: The Communications Committee has been functioning for several years with assigned Councilmembers and Staff. The Financial Planning and Analyses Committee's focus has been project-based, and instead of continuing to exist as a formal committee, it has been changed to a working group and called when needed.
- Passed a Resolution to identify the City as the lead agency for the Mounds View High School Trail Improvements project as required for a federal Safe Routes to School grant application. This trail is planned to run north on Old Snelling from County Road E to Lake Valentine Road and then west on Lake Valentine Road (a trail already exists by the park) to Mounds View High School.

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



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City-wide Speed Limit Change Open House



A public hearing seeking resident input on the potential change of the city-wide speed limit is being planned; details are forthcoming.

The current Ordinance sets the speed limit at 30mph. The proposal reduces the speed limit to 25mph on city roads. Any changes to this Ordinance would not apply to county or state roads, such as Lake Johanna Blvd or New Brighton Road. Keep an eye out for more information about the public hearing on the City website.

Made in Arden Hills: Delkor Systems

Delkor Systems, located off of Highway 96 at 4300 Round Lake Rd W, is a local manufacturer that specializes in the design and manufacturing of advanced robotic packaging machines. Delkor's machines provide the robotic technology used by other companies to perform the packaging of their own food, beverage, and consumer products. With the addition of a second production facility located just down the road at 4200 Round Lake Road W, Delkor Systems will have a total operational footprint in Arden Hills of 250,000 square feet and more than 300 employees.

The company works closely with technical college students studying in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota. More than half of their employees have either a two-year degree in robotics automation or a four-year degree in engineering.

Three Notable Facts about Delkor

1. Delkor is one of the fastest growing manufacturing

companies in the Twin Cities, and is the largest US manufacturer of vision-based robotic case packers.

2. Delkor currently has many job opportunities and will be adding about 100 new employees this year to both their current location and new plant.
3. Delkor Systems, with the addition of the second production facility, will be one of the most advanced manufacturing plants in the U.S. for robotic packaging machinery - right here in Arden Hills!

To learn more about the company, visit www.delkorsystems.com.



Delkor's HR Vice President Patricia Andersen stands in front of a robotic packaging machine manufactured at their Arden Hills plant.