

# ARDEN HILLS

## notes

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### Single sort recycling--an update

by Susan Cathey

It's been a few months since Arden Hills began single sort recycling with Republic Services so it seems like a good time to check in and see how the process works. Republic defines single sort as "the method of collecting all commercial recyclables (office paper, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, junk mail and other fibers, plastics, glass, tin and aluminum) together in a single compactor and processing them as one stream of material."

#### The advantages to single sort recycling

There are advantages to this method for both the consumer and the collector. No sorting is required by either one, which leads to greater participation by residents, and there is a significant reduction in truck time on the streets, as they can compact the recycled material and carry four times the amount. No separate compartments are required, so cheaper trucks can be used and can do double duty as garbage haulers.

#### About the process

What happens to your recycling once that truck takes it away? It is taken to Republic's facility in North Minneapolis for sorting. There are several steps in this process. The pre-sort phase separates out bulky items such as pallets and tires, cardboard (screened both manually and by machine) and trash, which is baled and compacted. Next, there is a screening which separates newspaper, mixed fiber, and containers. In this step, minor contaminants and broken glass are weeded out. Containers are sorted using magnets for iron, a machine called an eddy current separator for aluminum, and optical sorting for plastics. When all the sorting is finished, your recycled materials have been divided into many categories:

- Clean newspaper
- Mixed fiber
- Residential cardboard
- Plastics
- Tin
- Aluminum
- Glass (three colors and mixed broken)
- Trash/residue

#### Products from recyclables

Where will all this recycled material show up next? Of the tin, steel cans, and other metals, nearly all the material can be reused for future products such as new cookware, construction materials, electronics, or even a new bicycle. The aluminum can be recycled indefinitely into new cans and foil. Recycled paper can become new books, egg cartons, building insulation, boxes, kitty litter, sheetrock, and even kitchen countertops. Cardboard is processed in Republic's facilities, then turned back into new boxes and other cardstock products. New glass objects, including bottles and fiberglass, are actually easier



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### Lindley's getting by during County Road E construction

by Emma Theis

Even a bridge out due to construction can't keep Twin Cities metro steak lovers from their favorite steakhouse destination. And thanks to those dedicated carnivores, Lindley's Prime Steak House, located at the corner of Snelling Avenue North and County Road E in Arden Hills, has been getting by during the construction on County Road E that has made travel difficult and business slow for the surrounding area.

Also known as "the place for steak," Lindley's hasn't changed much since it opened in 1958. But, that's what keeps



people coming back, according to owner Mark Lindemer, "We do one thing and we do it well, so people know what they're gonna get when they come."

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## Arden Hills Service Directory

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## City Park Profiles--a series

### Arden Oaks Park

by Tina Kulzer

1413 Arden Oaks Drive

As the County Road E bridge construction project comes to a close this month, regular through-traffic will return to the residential neighborhood west of the bridge. This will make it much easier for residents to get to one of the City's best neighborhood parks, Arden Oaks Park.



Accessible from Arden Oaks Drive at County Road E (just west of Highway 51) and Old Highway 10 (just north of County Road E), Arden Oaks Park is a 1.5 acre park acquired in 1981 through dedication by Arden Oaks. The park land was re-graded to a lower elevation in 1984 and development began.

#### Developed with neighborhood input

A wood and steel play structure was erected in 1985. Over the years, area residents reported splintering, rusting, and need for constant repair. A neighborhood meeting was held in May 1999 to review and provide feedback on bids for a new play structure, which was installed later that year. The City's Capital Improvement Plan for 2015-2019 indicates that the playground equipment at Arden Oaks Park is on a 20-year replacement schedule and is slated for replacement in 2019.



Neighborhood input also played a role in park development in 1987. City staff conducted an informal survey of residents regarding the installation of a baseball backstop and shelter building. A majority of the responses did not support installing these structures in the small neighborhood park. The City did not proceed with these developments.

#### Highly ranked in park evaluation

In their 2014 Park Tour evaluation results, the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee ranked Arden Oaks Park highest in "Overall Appearance" and second in "Park Upkeep." Arden Oaks Park is a quiet, tidy park that integrates unobtrusively into the neighborhood. Unlike most park spaces located at road intersections or along straight thoroughfares, Arden Oaks Park boasts a visually pleasing and unique circular shape, created by the curve of Arden Oaks Drive as it winds from County Road E to Old Highway 10. Newer bituminous surfacing of the street and concrete curbing contribute to the park's orderly appearance and visual appeal. Arden Oaks Park seems like a natural extension of the residences that encircle it, and it serves as a unifying focal point for the neighborhood.

The park offers two play areas for children – playground equipment with toddler toys in one; the park's original swing set in the other – both mulched and contained by squared railroad ties. The full-court basketball area was resurfaced in 2009.

Two park benches and one picnic table are thoughtfully placed near the park's older shade tree areas near the center of the park. Newer tree plantings dot the park's perimeter. Arden Oaks Park also features an open space of manicured green lawn along Arden Oaks Court that can be used for larger group games and activities.

# Benchmarks: a review of recent City Council action

## June 29, 2015

- Approved a minor subdivision of 3517 Siems Court that would transfer 450 square feet to the adjacent property located at 3535 Siems Court. (5-0)
  - Approved a Planned Unit Development Amendment agreement for Presbyterian Homes. This amendment is required for Phase II of the development and relates to escrow requirements for landscaping and a Letter of Credit for the project. (5-0)
  - Approved a Conditional Use Permit amendment agreement for Bethel University. This amendment is required due to last month's approval for construction of a soccer facility building on the Ona Orth Athletic Field. (5-0)
  - Provided final approval for the issuance and sale of conduit debt financing for Presbyterian Homes.
- Preliminary approval of the conduit debt financing was given on June 8, 2015. (5-0)
  - Approved a City Code amendment for parking regulations. This amendment will provide the City additional flexibility in managing State Fair parking situations. (5-0)
  - Accepted the 2014 Audit Report. (5-0)
  - Hired a Public Works Maintenance Worker. This position was vacant due to a retirement. (5-0)
  - Adopted the list of quarterly special assessments for delinquent utilities. (5-0)
  - Approved an updated compensation and benefits structure for non-union City employees. (5-0)
  - Approved the hiring of a Deputy Clerk due to an existing vacancy. (5-0)

## July 13, 2015

- Approved payment number three for the County Road E-Pine Tree Drive improvements. (5-0)
- Approved payment number eight for the Round Lake Road Area Improvement. (5-0)
- Approved payment number two for the 2015 Pavement Management Program. (5-0)
- Approved four items regarding TCAAP including: TCAAP Comprehensive Plan Amendment; rezoning of TCAAP based on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment; adding the TCAAP Redevelopment Code (TRC) to the current City Code as Section 1380; publishing a summary ordinance regarding the rezoning of TCAAP and inclusion of the TRC as Section 1380 in the City Code (vote for all four items was 4-1, McClung)
- Accepted the City Administrator's retirement letter and set his last day as October 2, 2015. (5-0)

## Lindey's *continued from page 1*

The Lindey's website advertises "steak, steak and more steak," but delectable sides include pickled watermelon rind, salad, garlic bread, and more, not to mention desserts such as their Muddy Paws Cheesecake and a full bar.

The steakhouse, nestled up on a hill in the woods, is simple, but classy. The rustic cedar paneling, large stone fireplace and warm atmosphere contribute to the unique northern Minnesota cabin ambience that fools guests into thinking they are out of the city.

Lindey's has been getting its meat from the same local distributor for more than 40 years. The steakhouse staff cuts all the meat in-house before aging, marinating, and broiling it, and then serving the steaks to-order. According to Mark, what sets Lindey's apart from other steakhouses is their unique meat-cutting method, an exclusive marinade and a special tenderizing process that together produce mouth-watering steaks found nowhere else.

Mark's father, Lewis Walter Lindemer, opened shop in 1958 on the corner of Snelling and University in St. Paul in the basement of a bar called the Coronado Cafe. After an article about Lindey's appeared in the Minneapolis Sunday paper, the restaurant immediately gained popularity. Lewis moved Lindey's to its current Arden Hills location, formerly the Wagon Wheel Supper Club in 1961.

In 1980, the Lindemer family opened another Lindey's location in Seeley Lake, Montana. Mark's brother Mike runs the establishment, which is located on a lake between the Mission Mountains and the Bob Marshall Wilderness about 50 miles north of Missoula, Montana.

Although the restaurant business is unpredictable, Lindey's maintains over 35 part-time staff members, has over 12,000 likes on its Facebook page, and a four-out-of-five star rating on its Yelp restaurant review page. Utilizing only in-house promotions and Facebook, Lindey's



*Lewis Walter Lindemer opened Lindey's in 1958.*

business stays strong without the need for advertising. Lindey's Birthday Club is a long-time promotion where members who sign up receive a postcard prior to their birthdays that can be redeemed for \$25 off their dinner.

**TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LINDEY'S** or to view its menu, visit [www.theplaceforsteak.com](http://www.theplaceforsteak.com) or check out the Facebook page at Lindey's Prime Steak House Minnesota.

## Single sort recycling *continued from page 1*

to make from recycled bottles than from the raw materials. Plastic is one of the most versatile materials when it comes to recycling. The materials can be used for carpeting, backpacks, fleece jackets, play sets, plastic decking, containers, and more.

As a community, we recognize the ever growing need to manage the waste we produce. Nationwide, Republic Services recycled more than 3.5 million tons of material last year – equal to 23 pounds for every person in the United States. Here in Arden Hills, our recycling barrels make us an important part of that effort.



*photos Courtesy: republic Services*

## Wondering if your recycling efforts make a difference?

It's become so much a part of the daily routine that it's easy to trivialize the importance of everyday recycling efforts. Here's some food for thought from Rethink Recycling:

- Between paper, plastic, aluminum and scrap metal, Minnesotans recycle 2.3 million tons each year.
- Recycling reduces greenhouse gases equal to taking 1.3 million cars off the road
- Recycling creates jobs--more than 37,000 in Minnesota
- All that stuff you recycle finds its way into new products including bottles, cans, jars, furniture, clothing, floor tile, paper products, and more.



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, IS AMERICA RECYCLES DAY!** Take the pledge to recycle more.

## Recycling and back-to-school

It's back to school time again. For many, that means shopping for new supplies and clothes and setting new schedules. Here are a few ideas on how you can green-up your back to school routine.

**Clothes:** Shop at secondhand stores. You can find great clothes at low cost to you and the environment. Buy quality clothing that won't wear out and can be handed down.

**Supplies:** First, take inventory at your home and find leftovers from last year. We know that shopping for new school stuff is fun, but that pencil purchased last year

and never sharpened will work just as well this year. Buy notebooks made of recycled content, with paper that is processed without chlorine. Use both sides of every page before moving on to the next notebook.

**Lunch boxes:** Use a washable, reusable lunch box rather than a brown bag. Use reusable containers instead of baggies or plastic wraps for sandwiches and snacks. Generally, packing healthier lunches will produce less waste; an apple or orange is better for the kids, and the leftovers are compostable. Buying in bulk rather than individual packages will save you money and reduce waste; packaging makes up 50

percent of trash by volume.

**Recycling:** If you don't already have them, now is a great time to get a couple paper recycling bins in your home. Put one near where your child does his or her homework and where you pay your bills. Notebook paper, office documents, unwanted mail can all be recycled. Approximately 21 percent of household garbage in the Twin Cities metro area is recyclable paper.

To learn more about what you can do to green-up your back-to-school routine, visit [RamseyRecycles.com](http://RamseyRecycles.com) or call 651-633-EASY (3279) (answered 24/7).

## You're invited to attend a "State of the City" meeting

The City Council has scheduled two "State of the City" meetings for residents and businesses. The first one will be on Tuesday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1245 West Highway 96. The second one will be on Thursday, October 1, at 7:30 a.m. at Flaherty's Arden Bowl, 1273 West County Road E.



The Council and Economic Development Commission are in the process of determining details of the presentations, but likely topics will be TCAAP Redevelopment, transportation improvements, development projects, and a Business Retention and Expansion Program overview. Final details will be posted on the City's website.

## Guidelines for disposing of medications

from RamseyRecycles.com

Many of us have medicines that have expired or that we stop taking before we use them all up. Getting unused and unwanted medicines out of your house is important to prevent poisoning or abuse, and properly disposing of medicines is vital for protecting the environment. Flushing medicines down the drain can pollute lakes and rivers, harm wildlife and end up in drinking water supplies. Here are some tips for safely disposing of medicines.

### Do's and don'ts for medication disposal

- *Do use it up!* Use all antibiotics as prescribed by your doctor. Not taking all doses of an antibiotic can lead to development of antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria.
- *Don't buy more than you can use by the expiration date.* Think twice before buying the bottle of 500 aspirin just because it's cheaper.
- *Do keep medication in its original container.* The labels may contain

safety information and the caps are typically childproof.

- *Don't put needles or medical sharps in the trash.* Syringes, lancets, and other medical sharps should be managed separately. Find safety tips at <https://www.rethinkrecycling.com/residents/materials-name/needles-syringes>
- *Do bring unwanted medications to a collection site.* Like many police and sheriff's departments, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office at 1411 Paul Kirkwold Drive has dropboxes for unwanted medications. Learn about drop-off sites in other areas at <https://www.rethinkrecycling.com/residents/materials-name/medicine-prescription-drugs>. Programs typically accept prescription, over-the-counter, and pet medicines. Most pharmacies will also dispose of old medications.

1. *Modify the contents to discourage consumption.*
  - Solid medications: add vinegar to pills or capsules to partially dissolve them.
  - Liquid medications: add enough table salt or nontoxic powdered spice, such as mustard to make a smelly, unappealing mixture.
2. *Seal and conceal.* Tape the container shut with packing or duct tape and put it in a non-transparent container such as an empty yogurt or margarine tub.
3. *Discard the container in your garbage can*—not the curbside recycling bin.

Questions? Call 24/7 651-633-3279  
RamseyRecycles.com.

### Can't make it to a collection site?

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has these suggestions for minimizing risks when disposing of medications in the trash.

## Bark & Rec Day memories



Pooches and their people both had time to relax and hang out during Bark & Rec day at Hazelnut Park in late July.

photos courtesy Sara Grant,  
Parks and Recreation Coordinator



## Fall Clean-up Day:

Saturday, October 3.

Watch for details.





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## Postal Customer

### News from the Mayor

#### And the winner is...

It seems like only a few months ago the commercials were advertising the Oscars, Academy, Webby, Tony, and other awards. In city government, the finance awards are based on budget creation, accuracy, and transparency. These awards are judged and awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), which represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The GFOA's mission is to enhance and promote the professional management of governmental financial resources by identifying, developing, and advancing fiscal strategies, policies, and practices for the public benefit.

The GFOA has established several highly regarded professional recognition programs to encourage and assist state and local governments to improve the quality of their financial management and to recognize their achievement. I am pleased to announce that again this year the City of Arden Hills won all three awards. We are one of only three cities in the state to receive all three awards for 2014.

Receiving these awards is important because it demonstrates that an outside agency regards our budgeting as effective and publishing of the information as transparent to those who want to understand how our funds are spent. Also, winning these awards is a positive step in the city maintaining its AA+ bond rating. While there is such a thing as an AAA rating, it is not generally available to a city of our size.

The three awards that we won are:

**Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR Program)** The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR Program) to encourage and assist state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure, and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. The goal of the program is not to assess the financial health of participating governments, but rather to ensure that users of their financial statements have the information they need to do so themselves.

**Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award Program (PAFR Program)** The GFOA established the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Awards Program (PAFR Program) to encourage and assist state and local governments to extract information from their comprehensive annual financial report to produce high quality popular annual financial reports specifically designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to the general public and other interested parties without a background in public finance and then to recognize individual governments that are successful in achieving that goal.

**Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program (Budget Awards Program)** The GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting, and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. The criteria require that they be easily understandable to the general public and other interested parties without a background in public finance and clearly show the issues the government entity is dealing with, its policies, the budget process, opportunities for public input, and facts about the entity itself. It serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

Congratulations to the Arden Hills Finance Department.

Regards,

David Grant  
 Mayor