

# ARDEN HILLS

## notes

The Official City Newsletter for Arden Hills Residents

August/September 2016

### Construction begins on Tavern Grill Restaurant and Bar

by Susan Cathey

A building permit was issued in June, construction has begun, and Arden Hills is on its way to having a new restaurant. Hemisphere Restaurant Partners is building a Tavern Grill Restaurant and Bar along Lexington Avenue in the Arden Plaza development. This will be the fourth Tavern Grill in the Twin Cities metro area, with others in Edina, Woodbury, and Blaine. The Arden Hills restaurant will be similar to the others, providing a relaxed, up-scale atmosphere. The company website describes it as “a celebration of food, beer, and great people.”



The building, at 9,500 square feet, will seat 256 patrons, and an attached 3,050 square-foot outdoor patio will seat another 106 in nice weather. A variety of shade and ornamental trees, shrubs, and perennial plantings are included in the building’s design, created by the Minneapolis architec-

ture firm Nelson. The restaurant will face in toward the other buildings in the complex, and will connect via walkways to the public sidewalk on Lexington Avenue and the internal sidewalks within the retail center.

Tim Cary, project manager, estimates a late fall opening, weather permitting. He says the company loves the market, loves the City of Arden Hills, and is excited to be opening here.

### Hazelnut Park: It’s a winner!

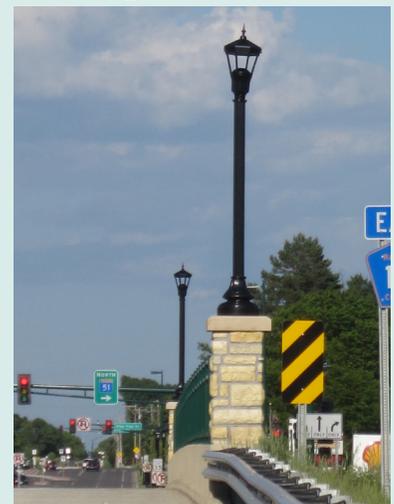
Each year, the *New Brighton-Mounds View Bulletin* (part of the Lillie Suburban Newspapers) runs a Readers’ Choice contest where readers can select their favorite businesses, services, and civic organizations. Categories include community, products and services, health and beauty, and food and beverages.

This year, Arden Hills’ Hazelnut Park earned honors as the “favorite park” in the community section of the contest.

The *New Brighton-Mounds View Bulletin* serves communities like New Brighton, Mounds View, Arden Hills, Shoreview, North Oaks and others.



### The lights are on!



New lights on the County Road E bridge over Snelling Avenue look attractive and increase safety.

## Arden Hills Service Directory

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Monday through Thursday  
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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(During non-business hours)  
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City offices return to regular hours on Tuesday, September 6. Regular hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Back-to-school recycling tips

from Ramsey Recycles

It's time to start preparing to head back to school. Make sure your planning involves reducing the amount of waste you make. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency says that Minnesota K-12 public schools generate an estimated 483,520 pounds of waste a day. Every effort helps reduce that amount, so plan now to limit your environmental impact and start the school year in the greenest way possible.

### Save money, save the environment

There are lots of ways to make sure you do your part to reduce, reuse, and recycle when heading back to school.

- **Reduce-** Before hitting the stores, take a look at what is left over from last year that you can still use or donate. Resist the urge to "stock up." Buying large quantities only saves money if you actually use what you buy.
- **Reuse-** Can you purchase used supplies? Can you make supplies out of recyclables you may already have around the house? How about shopping at thrift stores and encouraging your kids to take good care of supplies so they last longer?
- **Recycle-** Buy supplies made from recycled materials. Most major stores have recycled-content options.



### Greener schools

Many schools are taking initiatives to improve their recycling programs and reduce the amount of waste generated. Nearly 80 percent of school waste is recyclable or compostable, and a good recycling program saves schools money and educates students. Check with your school to see what kind of recycling program is offered and encourage environmentally friendly initiatives. Recycle More Minnesota and Hennepin County have tips and resources to help schools reach their greenest potential.

### Off to college

College students can make their back-to-school preparations green, too.

- **Reduce-** Don't bring more than you will need. Find out what items are provided in dorms and other facilities, so you don't end up cluttering your dorm with unneeded items. Buy dorm room supplies after you move in so you know what you need.
- **Reuse-** Moving into the dorms? Buy used items to stock up your new home. Seek out used book options or rent textbooks for much cheaper. Donate unneeded items at the end of the year instead of throwing them out.
- **Recycle-** Look for recycling options in the dorm and in academic buildings. Schools like the University of Minnesota and Macalester College offer programs to ensure that materials students don't need don't end up in landfills. During move-in and move-out they collect items from students and either donate them to local charities or give them away in a free store. Check with your school's office of sustainability to see if other recycling or reuse programs exist. If they don't, ask if you can help get such a program started!

## Candidate filing is open

Three City Council seats are up for election this fall—two are four-year terms and one is a two-year term. Anyone interested in filing an Affidavit of Candidacy may do so. Candidate filing packets will be available at City Hall or at the Ramsey County Elections Office (90 W. Plato Blvd. St. Paul). The filing period began August 2 and runs through August 16, at 5 p.m. The cost to file is \$2 and must be paid with cash or check.

*You're invited...*

## State of the City meeting set

The City Council has scheduled a State of the City meeting for residents and businesses. **The event will be on Thursday, September 29, at 7:30 a.m. at Flaherty's Arden Bowl, 1273 West County Road E.** The event will feature presentations by the master developer team for TCAAP, MnDOT, and local business representatives. Final details on the event will be posted on the City's website.



## Ralph Reeder Food Shelf provides a variety of services

The Ralph Reeder Food Shelf provides emergency and supplemental food assistance to low income individuals and families and connects them to other resources and services.

**Who we serve:** Low income children, adults, and seniors who live in the Mounds View Public School District attendance area - New Brighton, Mounds View, Shoreview, Arden Hills, North Oaks, Roseville, Vadnais Heights and also the Ramsey County portion of St. Anthony.

**Services offered:** Food Assistance, Good Neighbor Back to School Project (school supplies), Operation Joy (holiday toys, food and gifts), Snackpack Program (weekend food program for students), on-site application assistance, short-term case management.

**Contact us:** Call 651-621-7451 to set up an appointment to receive food.

**Location:** Pike Lake Education Center, 2101 Fourteenth St. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112 (Door 13).

**Community Support:** The Ralph Reeder Food Shelf relies primarily on community donations, small grants, and volunteer support. Important donations of dollars and food help us meet the increasing demands and allow us to continue to be able to provide important services to our neighbors in need.

**Donations:** Can be made online at [www.ralphreederfoodshelf.org](http://www.ralphreederfoodshelf.org) or through the mail at:

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf  
2101-14th St. NW  
New Brighton MN 55112



## Tips for caring for your lawn and yard

*from the Rice Creek Watershed District*

Caring for Minnesota's lakes and streams starts at home with you and your family. We at the Rice Creek Watershed District would like to share the following tips for maintaining your lawn and yard while protecting our waterways.

**Don't leave leaves behind.** Always bag or compost leaves to ensure they are not washing into nearby lakes and streams. This will help prevent algae blooms caused by too many nutrients (from decomposing leaves) in our lakes and streams.

**To fertilize or not to fertilize: that is the question.** Find out how much fertilizer your yard needs and when to apply it by having your soil tested at the University of Minnesota's Soil Testing Laboratory. You will save money and keep excess fertilizer from washing into the nearest waterway. Fertilize in late summer through early fall,

and never before the ground is completely thawed.

**Mow less** for a greener, healthier yard. Let your grass grow at least three inches tall this year. The extra length will allow it to absorb more sunshine, making a healthier and more weed-resistant lawn.

**Be water wise.** Use native plants when landscaping. They are more tolerant of Minnesota weather and therefore need less water and overall maintenance. Water gardens and grass in the mornings when temperatures are cool and apply water as close to the ground as possible.

**Scoop the poop!** Always be sure to pick up after your pet. Animal waste left on the ground is not only smelly and unsightly, it poses risks to human health and negatively impacts water quality.

## Coming events at Reeder

**Free farmer's markets:** Farm fresh produce available for free to anyone needing help with food on August 9 and 23 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Pike Lake office.

**School supplies:** If you are in need of school supplies for your children, call the food shelf for more information on how to receive help at 651-621-7451.

## Benchmarks—

A look at City Council actions

### June 13, 2016

- Appointed Julie Hanson as the City Clerk effective June 13, 2016 (5-0).

### June 27, 2016

- Approved Resolution 2016-022, a resolution establishing City Council Norms of Behavior (5-0).
- Approved Resolution 2016-019, appointing Evan Cordes to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) for a term expiring December 31, 2018 (5-0).
- Approved Planning Case 16-013 for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Amendment and Variance in order to install a new scoreboard, press box, and storage building at the Mounds View High School Athletic complex (5-0).

### July 11, 2016

- Accepted a proposal from Century Fence to modify fencing at Perry Park No. 4 field for use as a dog park (5-0).
- Approved Resolution 2016-023 ordering accelerated nuisance abatement at 3736 Brighton Way South for accumulation of debris not in compliance with City regulations (5-0).

**Note:** Other agenda items were approved. See online minutes from meeting for details.



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## Postal Customer

### News from City Hall

**A**lthough we are starting to work on budgets for the coming year, we still have some celebrating to do for past performance. At the June 27 City Council meeting, a representative from the Minnesota Government Finance Officers Association (MnGFOA) presented the City with three awards from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) which represents public finance officials in 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.



Sue Iverson

The GFOA has established 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 the City of Arden Hills has again received all three awards.

Receiving these awards demonstrates that outside agencies regard our budgeting as effective and the publishing of the information as transparent to those who want to understand how our funds are spent. Winning these awards also helps the City to maintain its AA+ bond rating which is "one step" from the highest rating of a AAA and not generally given to a city of our size. The three awards the City won are:

**Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR Program)** The GFOA initiated this awards 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. This is the ninth consecutive year the City has received this award (2006 – 2014).

**Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award Program (PAFR Program)** The GFOA established this awards program to encourage and assist state and local governments to extract information from their

comprehensive annual financial reports to produce high quality popular annual financial reports 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. This is the ninth consecutive year the City has received this award (2006 – 2014).

**Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program (Budget Award Program)** The GFOA established this program to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the highest quality 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. This is the seventh consecutive year the City has received this award (2009 – 2015).

Only four cities in Minnesota have received all three of these awards; we can all be proud.

Regards,

Sue Iverson  
Interim City Administrator

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