

ARDEN HILLS

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The Official City Newsletter for Arden Hills Residents

November 2022

November 8 General Election Results



Mayor
David Grant



4 Year Council Seat
Tena Monson

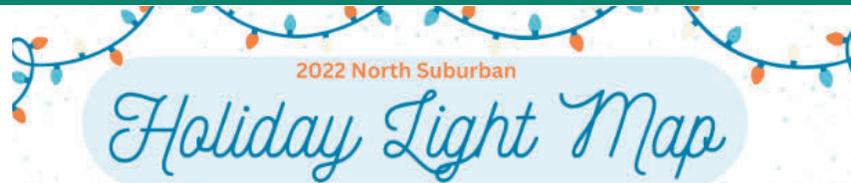


4 Year Council Seat
Emily Rousseau



2 Year Council Seat
Thomas Fabel

In the November 8 General Election, Arden Hills' residents re-elected David Grant as Mayor and elected three new faces to the City Council: Emily Rousseau, Tena Monson, and Thomas Fabel. Grant received 2,168 votes, while his opponent, Gregg Larson, received 2,015. Rousseau received 2,241 votes and Monson received 1,924 votes, challenging Councilmember incumbents Fran Holmes and Steve Scott, who received 1,548 votes and 1,558 votes. Fabel received 2,238 votes, challenging incumbent David Radziej, who had 1,456 votes. Grant, Rousseau, and Monson will serve four-year terms beginning January 2023; Fabel will serve a special two-year term. For all election results visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us



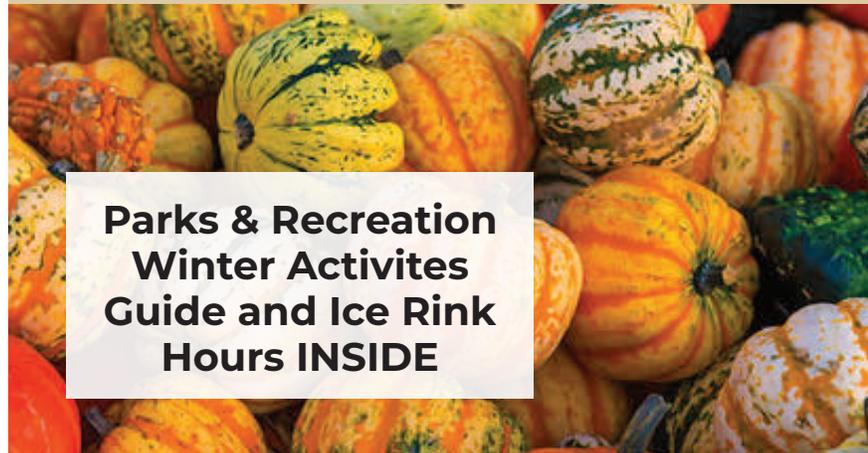
Roseville | St. Anthony | New Brighton | Columbia Heights | Arden Hills | Mounds View

Looking for a fun family activity this holiday season? Participate in the annual Holiday Lights Competition! Sign up by December 5 at the following link and finish decorating by December 7: <https://forms.gle/d3LxAeyjzdZrdU7v7>. This event is a collaboration among the cities of Arden Hills, Mounds View, New Brighton, Roseville, St. Anthony and Columbia Heights.

Don't want to compete? Take a drive around the neighborhood displays! A downloadable map will become available on the city website in mid-December. Take the tour and vote on your favorite displays by December 30th—prizes will be awarded to the top contenders. For more information, visit www.cityofardenhills.org/1034.

Holiday Season City Hall Closures

City Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. City Hall will also be closed on Monday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday. We wish you and yours a happy holiday season!



**Parks & Recreation
Winter Activities
Guide and Ice Rink
Hours INSIDE**



Service Directory

Arden Hills City Hall
1245 West Highway 96
Arden Hills, MN 55112

cityofardenhills.org
651-792-7800

Office Hours

Monday–Friday: 8:00 am–4:30 pm

Sheriff and Fire

911 - Emergency & Non-Emergency

Water and Sewer Problems
(During non-business hours)
651-767-0640

Mayor

David Grant • 651-538-0747
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sscott@cityofardenhills.org

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Communications Coordinator

Grace Arel • 651-792-7817
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City Council Liasons

Fran Holmes and David Radziej

Resident Resources

cityofardenhills.org/resident-resources

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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City News

Truth in Taxation Hearing Scheduled for December 12

The city will hold a Truth-in-Taxation Hearing on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The 2023 General Fund expenditure budget is proposed at \$5,527,770. The preliminary tax levy increase is set at 7.0%, which equates to a tax levy of \$4,785,770.

The proposed levy increase goes to support the following:

- General inflation
- Increases in Public Safety contracts
- Increase in health insurance

Based on the preliminary values, the city's share of property taxes would increase by \$72 annually on a median valued home, which is projected to value \$443,600 in 2023.

Recycle Old Holiday Lights

Do you have strings of holiday lights that no longer work? Perhaps you're switching to energy efficient LED lights this year. Recycle holiday lights by dropping them off at our collection bin located by the main entrance at Arden Hills City Hall, 1245 Highway 96 W in Arden Hills from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Holiday lights will be accepted from December 5 to January 27. Lights will not be accepted when City Hall is closed for holidays. For more information about recycling other hazardous materials and objects, visit RamseyRecycles.com/hhw.

City Snow Plow Policy

The city's Public Works Department strives to provide safe driving conditions for residents through Minnesota's changing seasons. In colder months, street plowing typically begins when 2 inches of snow has been accumulated. Plows will get as close to mailboxes as possible, but residents must clean in front of and around the mailboxes and fire hydrant for access. Ensure trash and recycle cans are placed behind the curb, as this allows 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 am and 6 am year-round.



Parks & Recreation Winter Activities



WINTER 2022-2023 EDITION

 **WEBSITE**
cityofardenhills.org/recreation

 **EMAIL**
recreation@cityofardenhills.org

 **PHONE**
651-792-7800

 **FACEBOOK**
@CityofArdenHillsMN

 **CITY HALL**
1245 West Highway 96
M-F, 8:00am-4:30pm

Register for Programming

To register for classes and activities, visit our website at www.cityofardenhills.org/recreation, scan the QR code above with your smartphone camera, stop by City Hall, or give us a call at 651-792-7800.

Scholarship Opportunities

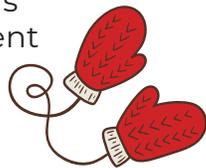
Interested in signing up for an Arden Hills Parks and Recreation Program but limited by finances? The City of Arden Hills and the Arden Hills Foundation have developed a scholarship program for families who may need financial assistance to participate in our programs. To learn more about the scholarships we offer, please reach out to recreation staff members at the contact information on the left of this page.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Recreation activities and classes are subject to change due to guidelines set forth by the Minnesota Department of Health.

Please Note:

Programming availability is dependent upon enrollment minimums and instructor availability.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Minnesota Fencing Camp

Fencing is a competitive sport of finesse, skill, strategy, and endurance. Fencers age 6+ focus on basic techniques. All equipment is provided. Participants must wear long pants to class & bring a water bottle.

Register by Friday, February 10

SESSION	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	FEE	AGE
23WYFC00 Session 1	Friday 02/17-03/24	6:30-7:30PM	Arden Hills City Hall	\$85 Resident \$95 Non-Resident	6 Years old and Up
23PYFC00 Session 2	Friday 04/07-05/12	6:30-7:30PM	Arden Hills City Hall	\$85 Resident \$95 Non-Resident	6 Years old and Up



Dance Programs

All dance programs will end with a spring dance recital on April 25, 2023. Dance costumes are an additional fee (\$60, including tights) and need to be purchased at the first class. Measurements will be taken the same day as payment is submitted. Classes will not be held on 1/24/2023 and 3/14/2023.

Hop n’ Tots Creative Dance with Tap

This class is for kids with energy to spare! Students will be introduced to beginner tap & ballet techniques. Tap & ballet shoes are required and will be available for purchase at the first class (tap \$30, ballet \$20).

Register by Tuesday, December 27

SESSION	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	FEE	AGE
23WYDA00	Tuesday 01/10-04/18	5:30-6:15PM	Arden Hills City Hall Community Room	\$115 Resident \$125 Non-Resident	3-4 Year Olds

Creative Dance with Tap

This isn’t your ordinary dance class! We use scarves, pom-poms, and rhythm instruments to explore and experience dance. Beginning tap will be introduced throughout the session. Tap & ballet shoes are required and will be available for purchase at the first class (tap \$30, ballet \$20).

Register by Tuesday, December 27

SESSION	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	FEE	AGE
23WYDA01	Tuesday 01/10-04/18	6:15-7:00PM	Arden Hills City Hall Community Room	\$115 Resident \$125 Non-Resident	5-7 Year Olds

Tap, Jazz, and Ballet

Learn the basics of tap, jazz, and ballet in a fun, relaxed environment. Tap and ballet shoes are required and will be available for purchase at the first class (tap \$30, ballet \$20).

Register by Tuesday, December 27

SESSION	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	FEE	AGE
23WYDA02	Tuesday 01/10-04/18	7:00-7:45PM	Arden Hills City Hall Community Room	\$115 Resident \$125 Non-Resident	5-7 Year Olds

Additional Youth Programming at Neighboring Cities

After School activities at Island Lake Elementary are available to browse and sign up for on the City of Shoreview website. Visit www.shoreviewmn.gov/parks-rec/recreation-programs/ to find more information about upcoming afterschool programming at Island Lake Elementary.

A Volleyball Skills & Drills class is available to Arden Hills residents who are in 4th-8th grade at the Mounds View Community Center beginning on January 3, 2023. Visit the City of Mounds View’s website for more information and to register: <https://secure.recl.com/MN/mounds-view-mn/catalog>.

 **Yoga Hot Dish: yoga for all levels!**



Join instructor Shaila Patterson Cunningham for an invigorating and uplifting fitness session! Straps, blocks, and limited mats are provided. Participants must be able to get up off the floor without assistance. Students and drop-ins are welcome on a space-available basis.

Register for Classes by Thursday, January 12

SESSION	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	FEE
23WAYC00 9 Weeks	Thursday 01/05-03/02	4:45-6:00PM	Arden Hills City Hall Community Room	\$108 Resident \$118 Non-Resident
23WAYC01 9 Weeks	Saturday 01/07-03/04	10:00-11:30AM	Arden Hills City Hall Community Room	\$108 Resident \$118 Non-Resident

Ice Rinks Hours and Locations

Four city parks have seasonal ice rinks and warming houses. Outdoor rinks are projected to be open from December 9 through February 20, dependent on weather conditions. Rinks will be closed if the temperature is -20 degrees Fahrenheit and/or the wind chill is -20 degrees Fahrenheit.

ICE RINK LOCATIONS

- Cummings Park***
1219 Cummings Park Dr
Pleasure Rink Only
- Hazelnut Park**
3301 New Brighton Rd
- Freeway Park**
1370 West County Rd E
- Perry Park**
3700 New Brighton Rd

WARMING HOUSE HOURS

- Monday-Friday 4:30-8:30PM
- Saturday 12:00-8:30PM
- Sunday 1:00-7:00PM

**Cummings Park will be open Friday-Sunday ONLY, in addition to the listed Holiday Hours. Use the push-light system to turn on the rink lights.*

Warming House hours are tentative and subject to staffing availability and weather conditions.

WARMING HOUSE HOLIDAY HOURS

- Dec 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 12:00-8:30PM
- Christmas Eve Closed
- Christmas Day Closed
- New Year's Eve 12:00-5:00PM
- New Year's Day 12:00-5:00PM
- Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan 16) 12:00-8:30PM
- President's Day (Feb 20) 12:00-8:30PM





Crime Prevention Presentations

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Department will present trends in fraudulent schemes, scams and home security. Learn valuable information about how to protect yourself and your family.



Registration deadline is one week prior to each class date

SESSION	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	FEE
23WAFO00 Fraud Prevention	Wednesday 01/18	2:00-3:30PM	Arden Hills City Hall Community Room	No cost; pre-registration REQUIRED
23WAFO01 Physical Safety	Thursday 02/23	1:00-2:30PM	Arden Hills City Hall Community Room	No cost; pre-registration REQUIRED

Foot Care Clinic

A licensed and insured healthcare nurse will conduct a foot care clinic by appointment only on a monthly basis. Basic foot care is provided by Footworks. The appointment includes a foot soak, removal of minor corns/calluses, nail trim, and massage for circulation.

Sign up for this activity in person at the City Hall front desk or by calling 651-782-7800.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	FEE
First Wednesday of the Month	Appointments between 9:00AM-3:30PM	Arden Hills City Hall	\$35

AARP Smart Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety Program is designed for motorist's age 55 and older. Insurance discounts are available for those who are 55+ and have completed the 8-hour introductory course. A 4-hour refresher course is required every three years. Participants should bring their current driver's license with them.

Registration deadline is 3 days prior to each class date

SESSION	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	FEE
22WAAD03 8-hour introductory course split into two sessions	Tuesday 2/7 Wednesday 2/8	9:00AM-1:00PM each day	Arden Hills City Hall Community Room	\$25 AARP Member \$30 Non-Member
23WAAY01 4 hours	Tuesday 01/10	9:00AM-1:00PM	Arden Hills City Hall Community Room	\$25 AARP Member \$30 Non-Member
23WAAY02 4 hours	Tuesday 02/14	9:00AM-1:00PM	Arden Hills City Hall Community Room	\$25 AARP Member \$30 Non-Member
23PAAD01 4 hours	Tuesday 03/21	9:00AM-1:00PM	Arden Hills City Hall Community Room	\$25 AARP Member \$30 Non-Member

New City Employees in the Last Year



Katlyn Adair

Accounting Clerk, Utility Billing

Start Date: November 2022
Background: Business Administration with an Emphasis in Finance from Bemidji State University
Fun Fact: Katlyn used to compete in ballroom dance competitions in college.



Grace Arel

Communications Coordinator

Start Date: November 2021
Background: B.A. in Communications and B.A. in Graphic Design from Bethel University
Fun Fact: Grace has a cat named Freddie who likes to go on walks and play fetch.



Amy LaMere

Customer Service Specialist

Start Date: February 2022
Background: B.S. from Arizona State University
Fun Fact: Amy is from Grand Haven, Michigan – where you can find a beautiful beach, a picturesque light house, and the world's 2nd Largest Musical Fountain.



Lucas Miller

Assistant Public Works Director

Start Date: January 2022
Background: B.A. in Construction Management from University of Minnesota
Fun Fact: Lucas has been charged by a grizzly bear and lived to tell about it!



Steve Thorp

Building Official

Start Date: December 2021
Background: Minnesota licensed Building Official since 1995.
Fun Fact: Steve can hum and whistle at the same time.

City Council Benchmarks

October 10, 2022

City Council Meeting

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

- Approved Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with HR Green – Shorewood Drive Drainage Improvements
- Approved Professional Services Agreement with HR Green – Arden Hills Local Stormwater Plan
- Approved 2021 CIPP Lining Project Trail Repair Invoice – Bituminous Roadways, Inc.
- Approved Lift Station 10 Rehabilitation Project – Pumps and Control Panel Purchase
- Approved Invoice for 2022 Bulk Road Salt Purchase from Ramsey County

October 24, 2022

City Council Meeting

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

- Approved Resolution 2022-044 Designating Polling Places for the 2023 Elections
- Approved Resolution 2022-045 – 2023 Curbside and Non-Curbside Recycling Fees
- Approved Recycling Contract Extension with Republic Services
- Approved Resolution 2022-046 Authorizing Application for Recycling SCORE Grant Funds from Ramsey County for 2023
- Approved 2023 purchase of 2023 F450 Crane Truck
- Approved Resolution 2022-047 for Conditional Use Permit Amendment and Site Plan Review for security fence at 1411 Paul Kirkwold Drive Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Planning Case 22-018 (approved on a 3-2 vote, Grant and Holden opposed)
- Approved Resolution 2022-048 Accept Donation from Arden Hills Foundation
- Approved Professional Services Agreement Amendment – HR Green – Floral Park Improvements
- Approved Lift Station and Forcemain Operations and Maintenance Agreement – Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement – Mounds View High School
- Approved Resolution 2022-049 Adopting 25 MPH Speed Limit Sign Plan for City Roadways (approved on a 4-1 vote, Radziej opposed)

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



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Made in Arden Hills: **Venture Solutions**

Venture Solutions is a communications consulting firm located at 1170 Grey Fox Road. Venture Solutions offers digital communications solutions to a variety of companies worldwide. The company has been based in Arden Hills for 21 years and has been operating for 50 years at its four additional locations across the country. Employing 300 professionals locally, Venture Solutions hires staff with a diverse array of skills in manufacturing, technology, client services, marketing, and human resources. At Venture Solutions, 300 million pieces of critical and secured mail is produced annually for financial institutions, insurance providers, healthcare, and wealth management firms.

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Councilmembers Fran Holmes and Steve Scott, Mayor David Grant and City Staff visit Venture Solutions at 1170 Grey Fox Road.