

# ARDEN HILLS

## notes

The Official City Newsletter for Arden Hills Residents

March 2025

### Trident Development

On January 13, 2025, the City Council approved a new development project from Trident Development LLC to construct a 119 unit, age restricted (55+), senior independent living apartment. The property to be developed is located within the North Heights Lutheran Church property

boundaries near the intersection of County Highway 96 and Highway 10. The development project includes the subdivision of 10.74 acres of land in the northwest corner of the North Heights property for the apartment development.

Amenities planned for the apartment building include a community room for resident parties, group functions, and family gatherings, an outdoor patio and grill area, and a rooftop lounge with outdoor fireplace and game room.



Developer rendering submitted by Trident Development

### Event Center

On July 22, 2024, the City Council approved a redevelopment project from Rose Kukwa for the property located at 3776 Connelly Avenue, the former Northern Lights Bingo Hall. The property will be updated to be used as an event center and a restaurant with a 450-guest event space capacity and 34-guest

restaurant space. The space is being designed to host a range of events such as weddings, cultural celebrations, and corporate functions. The redevelopment will include improvements to the exterior finishes, the parking lot, and the site's landscaping.

The developer states that this project will create a vibrant social hub and support local businesses as well as promote cultural exchange and understanding within the community. Construction is anticipated to begin later in 2025.



Developer rendering submitted by Rose Kukwa



## Service Directory

### City Hall

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### Resident Resources

[cityofardenhills.org/resident-resources](http://cityofardenhills.org/resident-resources)

Council meetings are held at City Hall on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. Council meetings, Work Sessions, and Planning Commission meetings are televised live on Cable Channel 16. Please visit [cityofardenhills.org](http://cityofardenhills.org) for information about archived meeting playbacks.

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## City News

### Garden Plots Available to Rent

Would you like to be able to grow your own flowers, herbs, and produce but just don't have adequate conditions for a garden? The City offers residents the opportunity to rent a garden plot at the City's shared site located on Old Highway 10.



To reserve a plot, please complete the Garden Plot Sublease form online or print and mail it to City Hall. There is a \$59.61/plot fee (\$55+tax) for the cost of garden preparation. April 30th is the final day to apply for a plot before other applicants can request a second. There is a \$25 fee for the rental of a second plot. For more information, call 651-792-7848 or visit [cityofardenhills.org/210/Garden-Plot-Rental](http://cityofardenhills.org/210/Garden-Plot-Rental)

### Spring Egg Hunt!

Calling all kids! Join in on the Spring fun and hunt for filled colored eggs on Saturday, April 12! The Spring Bunny will bring plenty of eggs, surprise gifts, and a hopping good time! The event will be held at Cummings Park regardless of the weather, is for ages 1-12 and the cost is \$8 per child. Egg hunt start times vary by age beginning at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 1-4, 10:40 a.m. for ages 5-8, and 10:50 a.m. for ages 9-12. Pre-registration is required. The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 26. Visit [cityofardenhills.org/180/Parks-Recreation](http://cityofardenhills.org/180/Parks-Recreation) to register.



### Touch-a-Truck

Do you have kids who are crazy about getting up close to big rigs? Celebrate National Public Works Week in Arden Hills on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Perry Park (3700 New Brighton Road). There will be a fire engine, squad car, boat, snowplow, and more! The annual Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) meeting will also coincide with this event. Arden Hills Public Works is hosting the event with the generous assistance of the Lake Johanna Fire Department, Ramsey County Sheriff's Department, Allina Health, and the National Guard. Event will feature Relish Brothers hotdog stand and Brain Freeze ice cream!

### Hiring Seasonal Staff

The City of Arden Hills is accepting applications for seasonal Recreation and Public Works positions. Playground leaders, youth soccer officials, evening sports instructors, tennis instructors, and Public Works seasonal maintenance workers are all needed. For more information on these positions, please visit the City's Job Opportunities page at [cityofardenhills.org/425/Job-Opportunities](http://cityofardenhills.org/425/Job-Opportunities).



## February 10, 2025 City Council Meeting

All votes 5-0 unless otherwise noted.

- Approved Residential Recycling Services Contract with Walters Recycling and Refuse, Inc.
- Approved City Newsletter Policy
- Approved 2025-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement Amendment – IUOE 49
- Authorized Recruitment of Parks and Recreation Manager Position
- Authorized Recruitment of Public Works Parks Lead and Utilities Lead Positions
- Approved Resolution 2025-011 Supporting Lake Johanna Fire Department New Headquarters Station Construction and Funding and Resolution 2025-021 for MN Department of Public Safety Grant Funding Assistance for Lake Johanna Fire Department
- Approved Resolution 2025-012 Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract to BRZ Coatings, Inc. (\$347,000) and Approved Badger State Inspection Proposal (\$30,300) – South Tower Improvements Project
- Approved Payment to Ramsey County for Lexington Avenue Reconstruction Project City Right-of-Way Costs (\$167,900)

- Approved Resolution 2025-013 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Solicitation of Quotes – 2025 Park Improvement Project (Freeway Park and Arden Oaks Park)
- Approved Resolution 2025-014 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids – Lift Station No. 5 Rehabilitation Project
- Approved 2025 Purchase of Bobcat Toolcat (\$45,572.50)
- Approved Order of 2026 Tanker Truck Replacement (\$239,827.40)
- Approved 2025 Purchase of Two Toro Zero Turn Mowers (\$31,382.94)
- Accepted City Administrator Contract
- Approved Resolution 2025-015 Appointing Dan Dietz as Chair and Liz Johnson as Vice Chair to the PTRC
- Accepted Resignation of Rob Williams from the Economic Development Commission (EDC)
- Approved Resolution 2025-016 Approving Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment and Site Plan Review – 4200 Round Lake Road - Planning Case 24-020
- Approved Professional Services Agreement Extension with Rainbow Tree Care

- Approved Resolution 2025-017 Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract to Hydro-Klean – 2025 CIPP Lining Project (\$297,359.15)
- Approved Resolution 2025-018 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds
- Approved Hiring Permit Technician/Office Support Specialist
- Approved Resolution 2025-019 Appointing Kyle Sorenson to the Economic Development Commission (EDC)
- Approved Resolution 2025-020 Renaming the Section of Old Highway 8 Between County Road I West and County Road H as Rice Creek Parkway

## February 18, 2025 Special City Council Meeting

All votes 4-0 unless otherwise noted (Grant excused absence)

- Approved Resolution 2025-022 appointing Kristine Poelzer to the Economic Development Commission (EDC)
- Approved Lake Johanna Fire Department Headquarters Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement

For a complete listing of recent City Council actions, visit [cityofardenhills.org](http://cityofardenhills.org) and click on “Agendas and Minutes.”

## New Recycling Hauler Beginning May 5

Beginning May 5, 2025, the City will be transitioning to a new recycling hauler, Walters Recycling and Refuse, located in Blaine. Following a comprehensive Request For Proposals (RFP) process, the City is pleased to be partnering with Walters for a 5-year contract for the collection of residential recyclable materials. This transition will be seamless for residents as you will continue to use the cart you already have and recycling collection days will remain the same (properties on the South side of I-694 are collected on Tuesdays and properties on the North side of I-694 are collected on Wednesdays).

Stay tuned! You can expect to receive an informational mailer from Walters at the beginning of April that includes a 2025 holiday and recycling calendar, a recycling guide, information about their free app where you can sign up for pickup reminders, and company customer service contact information. We are excited for this new partnership and look forward to working with Walters Recycling and Refuse.





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## New environmental service center opening in April

### New Ramsey County Environmental Center Opening April 1

Ramsey County's Environmental Center will be opening on April 1! This new facility will make it easier for Arden Hills residents to reduce, reuse, repair and recycle. It will be a one-stop shop for waste reduction and recycling services.

The Environmental Center is centrally located at 1700 Kent Street in Roseville to increase accessibility for all Ramsey County residents. It will be open year-round, Tuesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed on county holidays.

Features of the Environmental Center include:

- Household hazardous waste drop off
- Electronics recycling drop off
- A free product reuse room
- Space for Fix-It Clinics and other environmental education and activities
- Household recycling drop off
- Food Scraps drop off

The center is part of a multi-year County initiative called Enhancing Environmental Health Services. This initiative is intended to redesign and add recycling and waste disposal services to better meet residents' needs. The Environmental Center will be a community space. It will be a place to learn together and work toward our shared goal reducing waste in Ramsey County.



The County has celebrations planned during Earth Week and residents are invited to join! The first 200 participants dropping off household hazardous waste or electronics on Tuesday, April 22 will receive free giveaways. On Thursday, April 24, there will be an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. And on Saturday, April 26, the County will host a Fix-It Clinic at the facility from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To learn more, please visit their website at [www.RamseyRecycles.com/EC](http://www.RamseyRecycles.com/EC).