

ARDEN HILLS

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The Official City Newsletter of Arden Hills

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Partner with Arden Hills Parks and Recreation



Looking for new ways to reach new customers? The City of Arden Hills Parks and Recreation Department offers sponsorship opportunities that help businesses connect with the greater community while supporting local events and programs. Arden Hills offers a variety of seasonal programs and community activities throughout the year.

Partnerships are available year-round and can be tailored to fit your marketing goals and budget. As a sponsor, your business will gain visibility, build brand recognition and strengthen its connection with residents across Arden Hills and neighboring communities.

Be part of creating memorable community experiences and educational opportunities while showcasing your business to thousands of potential customers. Sponsorships are available for many programs and events, offering meaningful ways to support and connect the community every day. Learn more at cityofardenhills.org/Sponsorship.

Political candidates and political organizations may not sponsor or reserve vendor space at City of Arden Hills events.

Round Lake Remedial Action

Round Lake, the 120-acre lake located near the intersection of Hwy 96 and Hwy 10, was contaminated by stormwater runoff from the former Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP) site. The contaminants, such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and heavy metals, are contained within the lake's sediment. The U.S. Army has an approved action plan to remediate the contamination, which includes dredging several areas of the lake.

Dredged material will be controlled on the north end of Round Lake and transported to Ramsey County property at Rice Creek Commons via pipelines routed inside the storm sewer system for proper handling and treatment.

Last year, the pre-design investigation indicated a greater amount of sediment in the targeted removal areas than anticipated. Because no additional funding or contract time is available, the Army will proceed with the originally scoped volume and address the remaining material in a future contract.

Remediation work will take place over two construction seasons, beginning in mid-2026 and continuing through 2027.

A celebratory poster for Arden Hills' 75th Anniversary. The background is a dark green color with yellow and white fireworks scattered across it. At the top, the text reads 'ARDEN HILLS' in white, followed by '75th' in a large white font, and 'ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION' in yellow. Below this, it says 'FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026' in white. The bottom half of the poster features a silhouette illustration of a town square with a clock tower, people celebrating with balloons and musical notes, a classic car, a tree, and a picnic table. At the bottom, the text 'Join us for food, music, games & fun!' is written in white.

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75th
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
FRIDAY,
JULY 17, 2026

Join us for food,
music, games & fun!



Service Directory

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Resident Resources

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 for information about archived meeting playbacks.

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Holiday Lights in Arden Hills & Surrounding Area

2025 NORTH SUBURBAN

HOLIDAY LIGHT MAP



The holiday season is here, and neighborhoods across Arden Hills and nearby cities are glowing with festive displays! From now until January 1, take a driving tour using the Holiday Light Map to explore some of the beautifully decorated homes in New Brighton, Mounds View, Little Canada, Arden Hills, Roseville and Columbia Heights.

Participate by visiting cityofardenhills.org/1034 and:

- **View the map:** The Holiday Light Map can be accessed on the City's website.
- **Vote for your favorites:** Once you've seen the displays, cast your vote for the best decorated.
- **Win prizes:** By voting, you'll also be entered into a drawing for a chance to win exciting prizes!

Celebrate the season by enjoying the creativity and holiday cheer in our community!

Recycle Your Holiday Lights

Got a string of lights that won't turn on? Don't toss them—recycle them! The City of Arden Hills is once again collecting old or non-working holiday lights for recycling this season. A collection bin is available in the lobby of City Hall through the end of January.

Lights can be dropped off during regular business hours, Monday–Friday from 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

(Note: Lights will not be accepted when City Hall is closed.)

Reminder: Only holiday lights should be placed in the bin—please remove and keep any bags, boxes or other storage materials.

For more information about recycling hazardous materials and other items, visit ramseyrecycles.com/hhw.

Residential Water Efficiency Rebates

Arden Hills residents are encouraged to take advantage of the Residential Water Efficiency Rebate Program, available through June 30, 2026.

The program offers up to \$200 in rebates for qualifying water-saving upgrades, including high-efficiency toilets, washing machines, irrigation controllers and sprinkler heads. If you haven't applied yet, now is a great time to consider these improvements—they can help you conserve water and reduce utility costs.

For full program details and application instructions, visit cityofardenhills.org/WaterGrant.



Nov. 10, 2025 City Council Meeting
All votes 5-0 unless otherwise noted.

- Acknowledged the Application of Catholic United Financial for an Exempt Permit to Conduct a Raffle with the Event being March 12, 2026, with No Waiting Period
- Acknowledged the Application of Ducks Unlimited North Suburban Chapter 239 for an Exempt Permit to Conduct a Raffle with the Event being January 1, 2026, with No Waiting Period
- Approved Resolution 2025-070 Relating to 2026 Curbside and Non-Curbside Recycling Fees
- Approved Resolution 2025-071 Approving the Application for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) 2026 Private Property Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Grant Program

Nov. 24, 2025 City Council Meeting
All votes 5-0 unless otherwise noted.

- Approved City Logo Use Policy
- Approved Contract with Aerial Illuminations for a Drone Light Show at the Arden Hills 2026 75th Anniversary Celebration
- Approved 2025-2027 IUOE Local 49 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Amendment for Street and Surface Water Lead Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Approved Interim Personnel Policies for Flexible Scheduling and Dress for Your Day
- Approved Authorize Recruitment of Street and Surface Water Lead Position
- Approved Arden Hills Strategic Plan Summary

- Approved Agreement for Professional Services for Electrical Inspection Services with Togle Inspections, Inc.
- Approved Right of Entry Acknowledgement and Limited Use Agreement with Rice Creek Watershed District for Floral Park
- Approved Resolution 2025-072 Approving a Minor Subdivision for 1578 Oak Avenue – Planning Case 25-010
- Tabled Resolution 2025-073 Lot Consolidation for 1622 Lake Johanna Blvd and 1624 Lake Johanna Blvd and Tabled Resolution 2025-074 Variances for the Subject Property – Planning Case 25-008
- Approved Resolution 2025-075 Approving a Site Plan Review and Sign Standard Adjustment for 1103 County Road E – Planning Case 25-012

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

Welcome Chris Audet, Building and Code Enforcement Inspector

Chris was born in New Jersey and spent his early childhood in Arizona before his family relocated to Shoreview when he was 10. He began his education at Century College and later transferred to Minneapolis Community and Technical College to study business. After starting a family, he entered the workforce full-time. In spring 2024, he completed the Building Inspections and Technology Certificate program at North Hennepin Community College, strengthening his qualifications in the inspection field.



Chris Audet
Building & Code Enforcement
Inspector

Chris has worked as an inspector since 2023, first serving as a housing inspector for the City of New Hope. He later accepted a combined housing and building inspector position with the City of Oakdale before joining the City of Arden Hills in June, where he found the building inspector role he had been pursuing.

“I appreciate working in public service because it allows me to contribute directly to the community I grew up in and continue to spend much of my life in,” Chris said.

Chris lives in Roseville with his wife, three daughters and two dogs. Outside of work, his family maintains a small-scale organic garden and practices regenerative agriculture at home.

Winter Activity Guide Now Available

Looking for something fun to do this winter and spring? The Winter Activity Guide is now available and features a wide variety of programs for all ages and interests! From yoga and adult sports leagues to Dash Sports camps, youth basketball development and several new offerings for the 2025–2026 season, there’s truly something for everyone to enjoy.



If you’re looking to stay active, find a new hobby or connect with others in the community, Parks & Rec has you covered. The City, in partnership with the Arden Hills Foundation, also offers a scholarship program to help ensure all families have the opportunity to participate in City recreation programs, regardless of financial circumstances.

Registration is now open. Questions? Contact Matt Johnson, Recreation Supervisor, at mjohnson@cityofardenhills.org or call 651-792-7848.



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Postal Customer

Digital Media Survey

The City of Arden Hills is always looking for ways to improve how we share news, updates and important information. From updates and alerts on construction, recreation programs, community events, public meetings and seasonal reminders, we want to ensure everyone receives information in the way that works best.

We're asking residents to take a moment to tell us how you currently receive City news and how you'd prefer to receive updates in the future. Do you rely on email or Nextdoor? Follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn or X? Visit the website? Prefer printed materials or text alerts? Your feedback will help shape how we communicate moving forward.

Please let us know which digital or social media platforms you use. Complete our short survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/AH-Media-Preference or scan the QR code below. You can also fill out the paper survey below and mail it or drop it off at the front desk at City Hall.

Your input is important and will help the City determine the best communication channels to serve the community.

Q1: Which social media channels do you use to get news and information relating to the City of Arden Hills? *check all that apply*

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website (cityofardenhills.org) | <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X (FKA Twitter) (X.com/ArdenHillsCity) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nextdoor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook (facebook.com/CityofArdenHillsMN) | <input type="checkbox"/> None |

Do you read the Arden Hills Notes newsletter?

check only one

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, cover to cover | <input type="checkbox"/> I skim it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Only the articles that interest me | <input type="checkbox"/> No, not usually |



Q2: Which social media channels do you use? *check all that apply*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X (FKA Twitter) | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (i.e. SnapChat, TikTok, Threads) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nextdoor | <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify below: |

Optional Demographic Questions:

Gender: _____

Age: _____

of years lived in Arden Hills: _____

