

The Arlington Report

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 2.96%

TAX LEVY INCREASE

At the December 21st City Council meeting, the City Council adopted its 2015 tax levy, which reflects an increase of 2.96%. Following approval of the levy, the City Council moved to adopt the municipal budget for 2016:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$1,429,305	\$1,429,305
SPECIAL FUNDS		
Tax Abatement	\$2,407	\$2,533
Fire Department	\$99,397	\$111,438
Ambulance Dept.	\$240,693	\$253,759
Comm. Center	\$93,291	\$109,304
EDA Loan Fund	\$19,707	\$31,305
Rev. Loan Fund	\$16,357	\$0
Cemetery Fund	\$3,070	\$7,030
Cem. Perp. Fund	\$1,000	\$0
Park Ded. Fund	\$430	\$0
Med. Ctr. Fund	\$374,988	\$367,849
Capital Equip Fund	\$316,000	\$501,542
EDA Fund	\$205	\$0
ENTERPRISE FUNDS		
Water Fund	\$460,195	\$601,261
Arl. Sewer Fund	\$89,410	\$175,566
A-GI Sewer Fund	\$562,045	\$537,844
Electric Fund	\$1,660,166	\$1,869,423
Storm Fund	\$83,666	\$46,720
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		
2015 G.O. Bond	\$123,184	\$36,824
2009 G.O. Bond	\$68,754	\$64,580
2012 G.O. Bond	\$31,458	\$32,329
GO Equip. Cert.	\$73,791	\$81,535
2015 Fire Cert.	\$62,860	\$59,483
2004 Pub. Proj.	\$54,040	\$60,718
2016 Amb.	\$192,579	\$181,185

Contact City Hall or visit the City website for a copy of the full 2016 budget.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP



City Staff will be picking up Christmas trees at no cost starting Monday, December 28 through Friday, January 8. Residents are asked to place their trees in the front boulevard next to the curb. For more information please contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

City Office will be closed on Friday, January 1st for the New Year's Holiday and Monday, January 18th for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

CITY RECYCLING MOVING TO SATURDAY



The City of Arlington has been hosting a Recycling Day program for a number of years by contracting with a solid waste collection company to place recycling containers in the Municipal parking lot on West Main Street, so residents may dispose of their recyclables. In the past, this was done every Tuesday (all day) and unsupervised. Due to the significant rise in cost of this service and the increasing amount of unacceptable materials being disposed of in recent years, the City has researched other options.

Beginning January 2016, the City is changing this to two mornings a month, on the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Saturdays from 8 am to 11 am, and will now be supervised by a staff member from the contracted waste collection company.

The City Council would like to encourage residents to fully utilize the curbside recycling services available through their individual garbage hauler.

SKATING RINK OPENING DELAYED

Due to the unseasonably warm weather, the skating rink is not yet ready for use and the immediate future of the skating rink and warming house is unknown. Keep an eye on the Arlington Enterprise, the City's Facebook page or future newsletters for opening dates and information.



JANUARY COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

◆ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH BOIL

The Knights of Columbus, St. Arthur's Council #10172, will be holding their 21st Annual 'all you can eat' Fish Boil at the Arlington Community Center on Friday, January 15th from 4:30 pm—8:00 pm. Tickets are available at Brau Motors, Lensing Insurance, Thomes Brothers Hardware, and Y-Not Plumbing and Heating. A donation of \$12 (in advance) \$13 (at door) for adults, children 7 and older are \$6, and 6 and under are free.

◆ ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT DANCE

The Arlington Fire Department will be hosting their annual dance on Saturday, January 30th at the Arlington Community Center. The dance will feature the Pour Me Band on stage from 7 pm—11 pm. Dance tickets are \$5.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Rich Nagel -- Mayor
Michelle Batcher -- Council Member
Jim Heiland -- Council Member
Ben Jaszewski -- Council Member
Jennifer Nuesse -- Council Member
Galen Wills -- Council Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Liza Donabauer -- Administrator
Lisa Tesch -- Deputy Clerk
Vicki Pomplun -- Admin. Asst.
Annie Shottliff -- Community Center Coordinator

Tony Voigt -- Maint. Supervisor
Kirby Weckworth -- Maint. Worker
Cory Danner -- Police Chief
Bruce Rovinsky -- Police Officer
Jordan Voigt -- Police Officer

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Ross Arneson -- City Attorney
Cynthia Smith-Strack -- EDA, Planning & Zoning Consultant
Darin Haslip -- Building Inspector
PeopleService -- Water/Wastewater
Jason Femrite (Bolton & Menk) -- City Engineer

PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall: 964-2378
Fax Line: 964-5973
After-Hours On-Call: 507-327-6601
Fire Garage: 964-2279
Police Dept.: 964-5200
Library: 964-2490
Hospital: 964-2271
S.E. School: 964-2292
Post Office: 964-5503

OTHER SERVICES

Water/Sewer/Electric Services
City of Arlington (964-2378)
Gas Service
CenterPoint Energy (800-245-2377)
Cable Service
Mediacom (800-332-0245)
Internet/Phone Service
Frontier (800-435-1504)
Garbage Services
Waste Management (800-422-5785)
Renville-Sibley Sanitation (866-800-6244)
Gaylord Sanitation (507-237-2274)



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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



THE MAYOR'S MINUTE

What a wonderful community celebration Arli-Dazzle has become! We focus primarily on the huge, enormously successful parade and fireworks, which involved so much coordination by a fantastic group of volunteers. But let's not forget all the planning and execution that goes into all the events leading up to the big parade -- the Breakfast with Santa and all the other Santa Day events held at the Community Center throughout the day; those who provided food during the day along Main Street; the wonderful Bethlehem Express; the Dog Sled; Santa's Reindeer; the Quilt Show; the Fish Camp; the Vintage Snowmobile Show; and Veterans' Tribute. Also we can't forget, all the behind-the-scenes work by the City Police Department, Sheriff Deputy staff, Ham Radio operators, City maintenance personnel and others I may have inadvertently omitted. (My apologies)

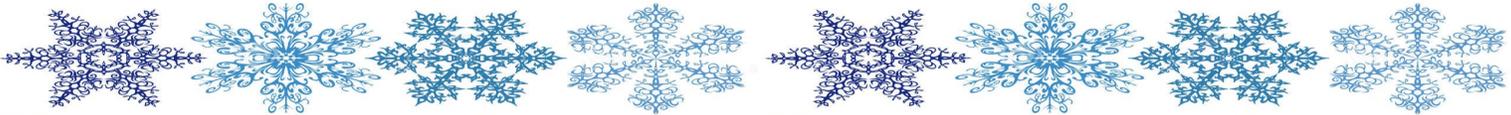
A special "shout out" to the persons on the 100, 200 & 300 blocks of East Main Street for their efforts in lighting up the extended portion of the parade route from the railroad tracks on to the end of the parade route. I think that the big lit candy cane idea has truly gone viral. One of my fellow City Council members has dubbed this end of Main Street "Candy Cane Lane." Sort of catchy, don't you think?

The Chamber of Commerce has continued to host the Breakfast on the Farm event each summer, which has a long-running track record of success. Now, the Chamber has no doubt hit on an extremely successful winter event in Arli-Dazzle. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for solidifying Arlington's place on the map! Your hard work is truly appreciated.

I am very proud to be Mayor of Arlington.

May you have a Happy & Prosperous 2016!

-Richard Nagel



ARLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

The Arlington Community Center still has availability for 2016 and is the perfect venue for **ALL** types of events– wedding receptions, baby showers, graduations, quinceaneras, meetings, seminars, benefits, or family reunions. To take a tour or to book a date, call the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Be Able to See and Be Seen—Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors, lights and reflectors. Equip your car with good wiper blades and keep an ample supply of windshield washer fluid.

Get a Feel for the Road—When you first start out, accelerate carefully to test wheel-spin and brake gently to test skidding.

Be Gentle—Use the brakes slowly to maintain control of your vehicle. Fast acceleration can make wheels spin on ice and snow. Brake with a gentle pumping action. Stepping too hard on the pedal will lock the brakes and cause loss of steering control.

Increase Your Following Distance—Ice or snow can multiply your stopping distance up to ten times.

MAKING A WINTER DRIVING SURVIVAL KIT

Use an empty three-pound coffee can or any similar container with a plastic cover to store the following items:

- *Small candles and matches
- *Small, sharp knife and plastic spoons
- *Red bandana or cloth
- *Large, plastic garbage bag
- *Plastic flashlight and batteries
- *Pencil and paper
- *Safety pins
- *Whistle
- *Snacks
- *Cell phone charger

Reverse batteries in the flashlight to avoid accidental switching and burnout. Warm batteries before using them. Store safety items in the passenger compartment when severe weather threatens, in case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut. *Information from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.*