

The Arlington Report

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Rich Nagel -- Mayor
Michelle Batter -- 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 Ameson -- 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)

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING

Ever wonder exactly what your tax dollars pay for? Want to know what your City spends its money on? Is there wasted spending? To answer these questions, and many others, the City Council will be conducting its annual Truth-in-Taxation Hearing on Monday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Community Center. City Staff will review next year's proposed revenues and expenses. It is the Council's goal to bring down the proposed levy by the final levy date in December. City Staff will explain the reason behind any proposed increase and will touch on how the 2016 budget will affect the City and its property owners. The public is invited to attend the hearing to ask questions regarding next year's budget and property tax levy. Can't attend the meeting and have questions on next year's budget? Contact Liza Donabauer, the City Administrator at 964-2378.

LIBRARY EVENTS

- ◇ The library is still hosting their used book sale throughout November. The book sale started October 1st and will run through the end of November. They have a variety of books, movies, and audio books for sale.
 - ◇ They will be having their third and final 2015 MN Fall Author Series on Sunday, November 8th from 1:00 pm– 3:00 pm. This month they will be hosting Allen Eskens, who wrote "The Life We Bury". He was a successful criminal defense attorney, who turned his talents and attention to writing highly evocative and engaging fiction.
 - ◇ A Quilt Show will be held on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm; which is also the day of Arli-Dazzle. The library is accepting any quilted item to be put on display.
- Contact Kathy at the Arlington Public Library (507) 964-2490, for more information on these events.

CITY OFFICE CLOSED

The City Office will be closed Wednesday, November 11 for Veterans' Day and Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



PAINT THE TOWN



On Thursday, October 15th, Lana Beck of LKB, etc., along with about 15 children and adult volunteers through Community Education, painted a "Garden Scope" mural on the wall of the Arlington Community Center. This project was made possible by a Southern MN Initiative Foundation grant for the paint.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Saturday, Nov. 7th— Women of Today Scrapbooking Event
Monday, Nov. 9th— AARP Refresher course
Thursday, Nov. 12th— Sibley County Care Event
Friday, Nov. 13th— Lions Wine & Beer Tasting

ARLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In April 1999, the Arlington City Council unanimously approved a motion to develop a five-year plan for the City of Arlington. The City invited its citizens to participate in a forum to look at the various aspects of the community, and in May 1999, approximately 25 people attended that first meeting. From that initial meeting, a planning committee was formed to do a self-study, in which every aspect of the city was considered. That group met over the next several months and developed a Long-Range Plan for the city listing various goals or objectives for the next several years. Each of those goals were then assigned to the appropriate committee or organization. The Historic Task Force Committee was created and given the directive to preserve the history of Arlington by restoring or preserving buildings which reflect the City's history. The committee met for the first time on October 25, 1999 and evolved into the Arlington Historical Society, Inc. when it was incorporated in 2000.

The Arlington Historical Society now meets monthly in the Council Chambers at the Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday of each month, except when that Monday is a holiday; in that case the monthly meeting is the following Monday. All meetings are open to the public. For more information on the Arlington Historical Society please visit their page on the City's website:

<http://www.arlingtonmn.com/about-us/history/arlington-historical-society>

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SNOW EMERGENCY NOTICE -- VEHICLES & TRAILERS

Although we probably don't want to admit it, the Minnesota snow season is right around the corner. Residents and business owners should remember that the City of Arlington will be plowing and hauling snow anytime there is a snowfall of two (2) inches or more. The City asks that all residents park all vehicles and trailers off the streets and avenues until they are plowed from curb to curb or they will be ticketed and towed. Vehicles that interfere with City maintenance activity, such as snow removal, may be towed to a designated area at the expense of the owner. The vehicle may be impounded until all parking fines, towing and storage charges have been paid. Unclaimed vehicles will be sold and the proceeds applied first against such fines and charges. Repeat violators will be towed without additional notice.

SNOW EMERGENCY NOTICE -- SIDEWALKS

Property owners should also remember that city ordinances require that all ice and snow must be removed from all public sidewalks within 12 hours after such snow or ice has ceased to be deposited upon such sidewalk. Failure to remove the snow or ice within 24 hours may be a cause for the City to do so itself. If the City, or an agent assigned by the City, has to remove the snow, the City will bill the property owner accordingly. Unpaid bills for snow removal will be a cause for a special assessment against the property.

SNOW EMERGENCY NOTICE -- BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING

In the event of snow accumulation, vehicles are to park parallel to the street in the business district (Main Street and side streets) until such time that the entire street (curb to curb) has been cleared of snow.

SNOWMOBILE & ATV OPERATORS NOTICE

Snowmobile and ATV operators should be aware that city ordinance requires you to use public roadways/streets or alleys by the most direct route when entering or leaving town. Snowmobiles and ATVs are not allowed to be operated on sidewalks or boulevards, the Prairie Line Trail, nor are they to be operated on private property without prior consent of the owner. Also, city ordinance prohibits the use of snowmobiles and ATVs on any cemetery land or city park/recreation area. Speed is not to exceed 15 miles per hour within city limits. Also, please be aware that the TC&W Railroad, Minnesota Prairie Line, and Minnesota Valley Rail Authority prohibit snowmobiles and ATVs to operate on or traverse its property.

OTHER REMINDERS ON SNOW REMOVAL

The City would also like to remind residents that it is illegal to remove snow/ice from private property and deposit it upon a public street in such a manner as to cause a hazard to travel, without proper arrangements for the immediate removal thereof. Also, no garbage dumpsters shall be placed in the public right-of-way during the winter snow season (November 1 - April 1).

7th ANNUAL ARLI-DAZZLE PARADE

The Arli-Dazzle parade will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 5:30 pm. This is a wonderful way to take part in a community event by entering a parade unit or by volunteering your time. Christmas is a magical time, and Arli-Dazzle is a magical event in our community. To register for the parade or have event questions, call Kim at After Burner Auto Body, (507) 964-2809. Deadline for parade registration is November 27, 2015, and parade registrations can be handled online electronically by using the red icon on the upper right corner of www.arlidazzle.com. A wide variety of activities are planned throughout the day. All these events and more are posted on the Arli-Dazzle Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/arlidazzle.mn> or on the Arlington's Chamber page at <http://www.arlingtonmnchamber.com/events/arli-dazzle/>.

9:00 am Breakfast with Santa at the Arlington Community Center, reservations needed, contact the Arlington Public Library 964-2490.

9:00 am Quilt Show at the Arlington Public Library on Main St. open until 7:00 pm.

10:00 am Santa Day at the Arlington Community Center, contact the Arlington Public Library 964-2490 for more information.

12:00 pm Bethlehem Express at St. Paul's Lutheran Church runs until 3:30 pm.

12:30 pm "Dash Through the Snow" 5K run & walk through the streets of Arlington.

1:00 pm Pre-Parade Festivities start on Main St.

- Fish Camp - many lighted fish houses and an evening bonfire with s'mores
- Horse-drawn sleigh rides- through the streets of Arlington prior to the parade
- Honoring our Veteran's Block
- Vintage Snowmobile Show
- Old-time Snowball Baseball Game featuring the Arlington Greys vs. the Mankato Baltics
- Santa's Reindeer appear on Main St. prior to the parade
- Interactive Sled Dogs from Hastings, MN, on Main St. prior to the parade
- Hutchinson, MN's, own Amazing Hoopsters perform on Main St. prior to the parade
- Lots of music on Main St.- Schell's Hobo Christmas Quartet, Sibley East Carolers, KNUJ-AM



5:30 pm Arli-Dazzle Parade on Main St.- please note the parade route changes direction this year. It will go from west to east, starting at Hwy. 5 moving east through downtown and continue all the way to County Rd. 17. Also, new this year there will be a fireworks display visible from the parade route!