

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)

ARLI-DAZZLE



It is hard to think about snow and winter, but now's the time to get your business or organization signed up for the 7th Annual Arli-Dazzle Parade. The Arli-Dazzle Parade, probably the LARGEST lighted Christmas parade in Minnesota, will be held on Saturday, December 5th. Enter your parade unit now by calling Kim Schneider at After Burner Auto Body (507) 964-2809 or email: afterburnerautobody@frontiernet.net. It is FREE to enter your parade unit. This year they again have the Arli-Dazzle Button Raffle for \$10. You have a chance to win all sorts of prizes with the Grand Prize being \$1,000.00 in cash!

AFTER HOURS PHONE NUMBER

The City would like to remind its residents to use the "After-Hours" phone number to contact City Staff when the City Offices are not open and an emergency arises. The City has assigned specific personnel to assist its customers when there is a power outage and/or water or sewer problem during non-operating hours. The designated individual should be contacted on the "After-Hours" phone at 507-327-6601. In the event of a mass power outage, the "After-Hours" phone may be busy due to the amount of phone calls coming in. Customers are encouraged to leave a detailed message during this time and City Staff will call you back when they can.

PAINT THE TOWN



Have you ever wanted to learn some techniques in creating a painted mural or decorative art paintings, but don't know where to start? Do you have a creative side that is itching to come out? Or perhaps you just want to work with others to create something your neighbors and friends can enjoy for years to come! Join artist and muralist, Lana Beck of LKB, etc. as she guides two groups of adult and youth students on how to paint an original mural on the walls of the Arlington Community Center. No experience necessary.

Aged "Baseball" Mural

This group will work together to paint a baseball mural with a texture technique on an interior curved wall.

Garden Scape & Arlington Arch

This group will paint a beautiful tree-lined garden scape, trail, arch and water tower.

Location: Arlington Community Center, 204 Shamrock Drive
Cost: No Cost, but you must reserve your spot!

Date & Time: Thursday, October 15th (during MEA) 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact the City Office (507) 964-2378 for more information.

The City Office will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

3RD ANNUAL PRO AUTO N.Y.A.—BULL RIDING

Pro Auto NYA and the Sibley County Fair Board are hosting the 3rd Annual Bull Riding weekend for Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors. This year is a two-day competition, September 11th & 12th, with some of the best bulls and riders from across the country. On Friday night, the bull riding starts at 7 p.m. On Saturday night, there is a tail gate event from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. with the bull riding starting at 6 p.m. There will be a raffle, silent auction and mutton bustin' for the kids both nights. The band Rusted Revolver will play after the conclusion of Saturday's bull riding. Adult tickets are \$15 (every Adult ticket is also a raffle ticket), Kids age 4-12 are \$5 (Kids tickets are not raffle tickets), ages 3 and under are Free, \$2 from every Adult ticket goes to the charity. If you need more information or would like to find out how you can donate to Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors, contact Matt Scharping at (507) 317-2641 or visit their new website www.arlingtonbullriding.com.



23rd ANNUAL HARVEST EVENT



The Arlington Area Ambulance Association invites you to attend their 23rd Annual Harvest Event fundraiser. The Event will take place on Friday, September 18th, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Arlington Community Center. The Harvest Event consists of a hog roast dinner with all of the trimmings. Refreshments will also be available. Music will be furnished by Henry and the Trailblazers band for your dancing and/or listening enjoyment. Most residents should have received a dinner ticket and a raffle chance in the mail. The cost is \$20.00 for a Family Dinner ticket and \$10.00 for an Individual ticket. Please return your donation and raffle chances at the Arlington State Bank, Y-Not Plumbing & Heating, Quast Oil, Thomes Brothers, Arlington City Office, or give it to any of the Arlington Ambulance members. The money raised from this year's event will be put towards the purchase of new medical equipment. The Arlington and Green Isle Lions' Clubs will be sponsoring a free diabetes screening in conjunction with the Arlington Ambulance Harvest Event. Arlington Cub Scout Pack 140 & Girl Scout Troop 34324 will be helping clear the tables and selling desserts during the event. The Arlington Area Ambulance Association wants to thank you in advance and looks forward to seeing you at the event on the 18th! Take-outs will also be available.

RSMC Flu Shot Clinic: Thursday September 24th, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Arlington Community Center.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL AMBULANCE SERVICE

City of Arlington, Sibley County

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E-mail: cityhall@arlingtonmn.com
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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



There is a growing need across the rural areas of Minnesota for ambulance “volunteer” members. For years, small community based BLS (Basic Life Support) ambulances have thrived and survived thanks to the countless hours of time and effort given by its ambulance members. These individuals recognize the need to provide their community with patient care and patient transport in a timely manner. However, unless you’ve had to utilize the services of your local ambulance, the general public may not be aware of just how dedicated the EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) are, and the sacrifices they make to keep a community ambulance service running. I encourage you to read on and find out more about the people that respond when you call 911.

The ambulance service is comprised mostly of EMTs who have taken classes, passed both written and skills testing according to National standards, and put in nearly three to four months of two nights a week training and testing just to qualify to be on an ambulance service. Once on an ambulance service they become part of a crew, typically a three person team that takes on-call shifts for days, nights and weekends. Some services pay their members to be on-call, or to be available, some do not. In cases where the crews are paid to be on-call, they usually make between one and two dollars an hour to be available, in-town, ready to respond for the next 12, 24 or 72 hours depending if it is a single shift, double or an entire week-end.

While some might say that “two bucks an hour, for just being available” isn’t bad, please consider that these volunteers are required to stay in town and be able to respond to the station usually within five minutes from the pager going off for the duration of their shift. Think about the last time you had a bad day at work: something wasn’t going well and you couldn’t wait until five o’clock to just get home, relax, unwind and kick back. EMTs have those types of days too. For ambulance service members, if things didn’t go well at their “regular” job, they can go home, but if they’re on on-call for the next 12 hours, its rather hard to relax and unwind.

If you were to ask an ambulance member in your community why they decided to get into the ambulance business, I seriously doubt you would hear one say “for the money.” There are a variety of reasons, ranging from family heritage, to wanting to help, to “it looks cool on tv.” The bottom line is that they get into it to help people who are in need, to provide treatment, to aid when others are sick or injured and to help their community.

Being an EMT on an ambulance service is a “baptism by fire” type of job. None of the lectures, training and stories that an instructor can provide you with in an EMT class can possibly prepare you for what you might encounter when the pager goes off. In class, the patient you are treating is a simulation, but when the pager goes off and the address is given, you recognize the address as your neighbor’s house or your best friend’s house and reality sets in quickly.

The pagers are not pre-programmed to go silent from 10 pm to 5 am, so that the on-call crew can get a good night’s sleep. They go off at all hours of the day and night, and the crew responds without hesitation. Their dedication to providing care is mind-boggling. You might be asking yourself why anyone would put himself or herself in such a position? To be up half the night on a call, to stay in town on a July 4th weekend when everyone else has big plans for the holiday, to put every ounce of training and dedication into trying to resuscitate a family friend for the next hour only to find that they weren’t able to get them back—all of this for two dollars an hour for being on-call.

Some of the ambulance staff members have been on for 15 or 20 years. Some probably would like to retire from the service as they have undoubtedly given and sacrificed a sizeable portion of their lives to helping others. In some cases they stay on because they still want to help, they enjoy the comradery of working as a team, helping others. Unfortunately in some cases, they stay on because they realize their retirement could create a huge staffing problem for their team. This dedicated team could use some “new blood” to ease the staffing and give a break to those who have been doing it for years.

Rural ambulance services are seeing too few new members dedicated to stepping in and helping out. Economically, there are fewer jobs available in rural towns resulting in people having to commute out of town to their jobs. Everyone is busy, and everyone has a lot on his or her plate. However, someone reading this (or knows someone who) might be at a point in their lives where now is the right time to get involved, to give back to their community.

There is a lot more I could tell you about your local ambulance service. I urge you to pull aside one of the service members and find out more about what they do. Please consider if this is something you might be interested in. We are looking to hold an EMT class in Arlington beginning in late September. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Sullivan at ksullivan@arlingtonmn.com or call (612) 723-3166. If you determine what was described above is not for you, I ask that you at least share your appreciation for your local ambulance service and its members.

Kevin Sullivan is the manager for the Arlington Area Ambulance Service and has been a nationally registered paramedic for over 30 years.

BIKE LICENSE



Have you or your child ever lost a bike? Or has your bike been stolen? The Arlington Police Department has come up with a solution for finding it. You can now pick up a FREE bike license at the police station. The license will register your bike, so if a bike is found or turned in, they will be able to identify the owner. The license is not required, but it will help the police get the bike back to the rightful owner. If you have any questions please, contact the Arlington Police Department at 964-5200 or pick up a license at the Police Station, 108 4th Avenue NW.