

The Arlington Report

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)

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK



This year, Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota is April 11-15. Severe Weather Awareness Week is a good opportunity for residents of Arlington to make sure they are prepared for severe weather when it strikes. Using the Department of Public Safety website (www.severeweather.state.mn.us) as a guide, you can build a family plan, build an emergency kit, and practice proper procedures. Having the right information can be a lifesaver. Severe Weather Awareness Week is a good time to learn what you should do in a lightening storm, heat wave, tornado, or flash floods. In conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, Thursday, April 14th is Tornado Drill day. The first statewide drill is at 1:45 pm, while the second statewide drill is at 6:55 pm. All communities will activate their warning systems and emergency sirens will sound. For more information on severe weather, be sure to visit the Department of Public Safety website.

HYDRANT FLUSHING TO TAKE PLACE



Residents of Arlington should be aware that PeopleService staff plan to flush hydrants the first part of April. During this time, water pressure may fluctuate and residents may notice some discoloration and cloudiness in the water. The water is safe to drink and should clear up in a few days. Running tap water for a short time should alleviate these problems.

COMPOST SITE IS NOW OPEN

The compost site is now open seven days a week during daylight hours for residents in city limits. It is located in the southeast corner of town, close to the Wastewater Treatment Facility on Freedom Drive.

Allowable Compost: lawn clippings, garden compost, leaves (no plastic bags).

Small brush pile area- NO stumps or logs. Chipping on location is available for large quantities of brush, for a fee. Call the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

CITY OF ARLINGTON NEWS TIDBITS

- The Arlington Planning and Zoning Committee has approved a site plan for a Dollar General store to be built along Highway 5 and 401st Avenue.
- The City is obtaining quotes to repaint the water tower this year.
- The City and Chamber are working together to replace the "Welcome to the City of Arlington" signs at the east and west entrances into the city along highway 5.
- New ambulance is to be delivered in May, partially funded by area townships and the City of Green Isle.



ASSESSMENT & CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the Open Book Meeting of the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Arlington City, Gaylord City, Gibbon City, Green Isle City, Winthrop City, Arlington Township, Kelso Township, Moltke Township, and Severance Township shall meet on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 3 pm to 8 pm at the Sibley County Assessor's Office. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made. Please make an appointment by calling the Sibley County Assessor's Office at (507) 237-4078 or e-mail Assessor1@co.sibley.mn.us.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact the Assessor's Office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with the assessor, you may appear before the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct as needed.

REMINDER TO GET YOUR 2016 PET TAG

Pet owners have until April 30th to get their new pet tags for just \$5.00/ animal. After that date, there will be a \$10.00 late fee added. Get your 2016 pet tags today!





APRIL COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

City of Arlington, Sibley County

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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



Sun. April 3– Arlington A’s Wooden Bat Brunch and Silent Auction— 8:30 am-12:30 pm, adults \$7.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. The A’s will also be selling softener salt, with free home delivery for orders of 10 or more bags.

Thurs. April 14— Coffee with the Mayor— 1:30 pm at the Arlington Haus.

Sat. April 16– Good Samaritan Society Tour of Tables—Meal catered by Chef Craig and music by Allen and Matt Carlson. They are still looking for table hosts and silent auction items, but if you would like to purchase a single ticket that is also welcomed. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Tiffany Brockhoff at (507) 964-1381.

Tues. April 19– Senior Expo— “It’s a Good Life” 9 am-2:15 pm. Tickets are \$8 in advance at Morriem Drug Store, or \$10 at the door. For more information, contact Sibley County Extension at (507) 237-4100.

Tues. April 19– Sibley East Special Election— 12:00 pm-8:00 pm, in the Arlington Community Center Council Chambers.

Fri. April 22—Ridgeview Sibley Medical Foundation Spring Benefit presents Chris Hawkey— Doors open at 5:30 pm, performances at 7:15-8:00 pm and 8:45-9:30 pm. Live auction 8:00-8:45 pm, silent auction 5:30-9:00 pm. Food and beverage will be for sale at the event. Tickets are \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance at all Ridgeview Sibley locations, local businesses, or from any Foundation member: Gail Estenson, Mary Seeman, Deb Brinkman, Alex Fredin, Jan Giesen, or Jim Pederson.

IMPROVING COMMUNITY FORESTS THROUGH CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

The City of Arlington is proud of its Tree City USA status and desired to expand its current practices while engaging the community in an ongoing forestry program. Inspired by Mayor Nagel’s 2016 goals to develop a tree replacement policy and foster “community”, staff sought and was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the DNR for a three year “Improving Community Forests Through Citizen Engagement” project. The grant funds will be used toward:

- 1) Developing an Emerald Ash Borer Preparedness Plan.
- 2) Building and maintaining a community gravel bed.
- 3) Enlisting additional volunteers to help plant and prune the new gravel bed trees.
- 4) Developing a digital tree inventory database (which has been recorded on paper by Sibley East students).



As part of the grant, the DNR will provide the following on-site training curriculum to citizen volunteers: Citizen Watering, Citizen Pruner Workshop, and a Tree Steward Workshop (how to ID tree species, diseases, insects and dysfunction). The desire would be to incorporate these trainings into the Community Education/Recreation program.

MMPA GRANT AWARDED TO SIBLEY EAST SCHOOL



The City of Arlington is a member of the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA) which provides electric power to our community, as well as 11 other member communities. The MMPA Board of Directors awarded four Hometown Solar grants for 5 kW solar projects in the member communities of Arlington, Brownton, Olivia and Winthrop. The awarded project in Arlington will be a solar panel built on the school grounds, during the renovations of the Sibley East Junior and Senior High School. The installation will serve as an educational component for students as well as provide energy savings to the school.

MMPA also offers Energy Education programs to its member communities. This year, MMPA expects approximately 2,500 students to participate in their Energy Education programs from 31 different schools within all twelve member communities. Students from St. Paul’s Lutheran School, in Arlington, will be attending a free Energy Education program at the Faribault Energy Plant. This program aligns with Minnesota’s fourth grade science standards and focuses on how energy is generated, transmitted and used.