

# The Arlington Report

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Jim Kreft -- Mayor  
 Ben Jaszewski -- Council Member  
 Jennifer Nuesse -- Council Member  
 Curt Reetz -- Council Member  
 Jason Ruehling -- Council Member  
 Galen Wills -- Council Member

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Liza Donabauer -- Administrator  
 Lisa Tesch -- Deputy Clerk  
 Vicki Pomplun -- Admin. Asst.  
 Jennifer Strack -- Community Center Coordinator  
 Jason Lovaas -- Maintenance Supervisor  
 Lee Zwart -- Maintenance Worker  
 Marv Doeden -- Interim Chief of Police  
 Bruce Rovinsky -- 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)



## CURBSIDE COLLECTION

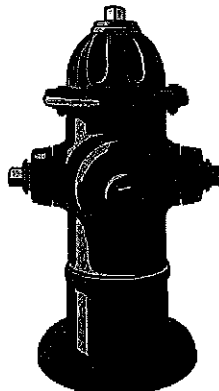
Arlington residents and business owners, due to the time of the year, garbage companies have been notified to not use gravel alleyways until further notice. The gravel alleys are getting soft and cannot handle the large garbage trucks driving on them. Due to this condition, the City is asking all residents and affected businesses to place their garbage cans and recycling containers curbside.

## SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota is April 21st—April 25th. 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](http://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 lightning storm, heat wave, tornado, or flash floods. In conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, Thursday, April 24th is Tornado Drill Day. The first statewide drill is at 1:45pm, while the second statewide drill is at 6:55pm. All communities will activate their warning systems and emergency sirens will sound. For more information on severe weather, be sure to visit the Minnesota Department of Public Safety website.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING TO TAKE PLACE

Residents of Arlington should be aware that People Service staff plan to flush hydrants the weeks of April 14 through May 2. 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.

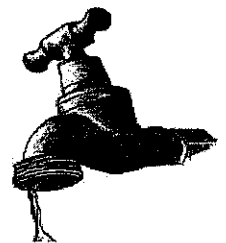


**Senior Expo will be held from 9am-2:15pm on Tuesday, April 22nd, at the Arlington Community Center.**

## "LET IT RUN"

### REDUCE THE RISK OF FROZEN PIPES

In early March, some residents started to experience frozen water pipes to their homes. The City staff, along with People Service, started to get the word out to residents and businesses for all to begin checking the temperature of their water. If the temperature was below 40 degrees, from the first available faucet, they were encouraged to leave a steady stream of water running from that faucet to prevent the water pipes from freezing. To aide those users that are recording below normal water temperatures and letting a steady stream of water run, the City Council has granted a credit on the water/sewer charges they are incurring due to the larger amount of water being used. Despite the more Spring-like weather, the risk of frozen pipes still remains. Residents are encouraged to continue testing their water temperature. If your water temperature drops below 40 degrees, notify the City Office immediately and "Let it Run". If you have questions on the "Let it Run" program, call the City Office at 507-964-2378.



## MONTHLY CITY OF ARLINGTON

### TRIVIA QUESTION

Congratulations to the winners of last month's trivia question.

**ANSWER:** The Arlington Historical Society was incorporated and officially named in Spring of 2000. However, the preceding committee was formed in 1999, as a result of the City's five year strategic plan.

This month's "Arlington Fire Department" trivia question:

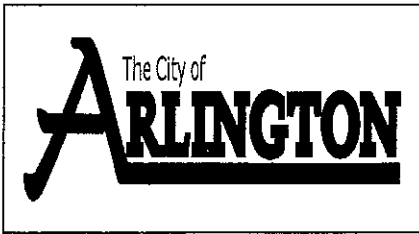
"Who was Arlington's first Fire Chief?"

Submit your answers to the City Office with your utility payment. Include your name, phone number and guess and drop off in the City Office or outside drop box. There will be a prize awarded to the top 5 closest responses on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

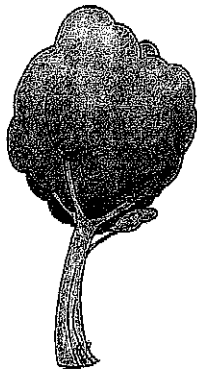
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*A Beautiful City Growing in Unity*

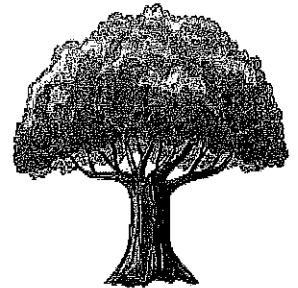


**ARLINGTON NAMED "TREE CITY USA" FOR THE SIXTH STRAIGHT YEAR**

For the sixth straight year, Arlington has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. Arlington has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor

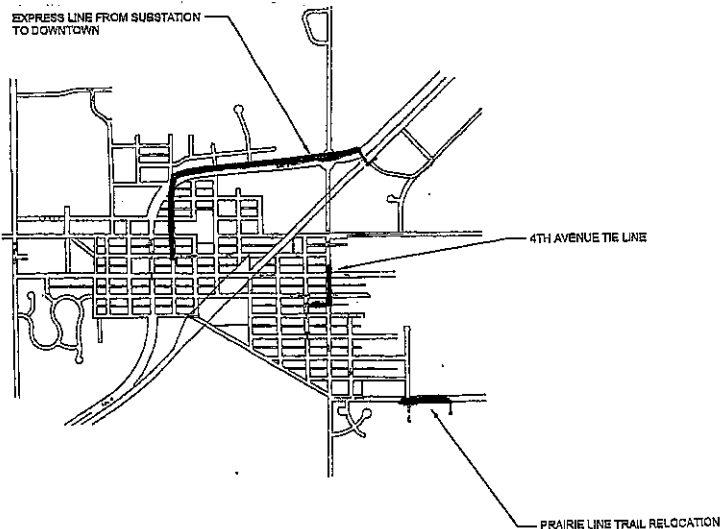
Day observance and proclamation. Communities that receive a Tree City USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet these four standards, they also recognize that:

- 1) Trees promote healthier communities by filtering the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles.
  - 2) Trees moderate climate, conserve water and provide habitat for wildlife.
  - 3) Trees reduce the "heat island effect" in urban areas caused by pavement and buildings.
  - 4) Trees can increase property values and reduce energy use and add beauty to our homes and neighborhoods.
- More information about Tree City USA can be found at [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OPEN HOUSE ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the Arlington City Council has scheduled an Open House on Monday, April 7th at 5:00pm. The purpose of this open house is to allow the City's Electrical Engineer to provide information to the residents whose property will be affected by the electrical improvement project planned for this spring. There will be more than three council members present at this meeting, which constitutes a quorum and therefore, it is being posted as a Special Council Meeting. The map below shows the areas that will be affected by the project.



**2014 WE SAVE HOME REBATE INFORMATION**

The City of Arlington offers a variety of rebates to its residential customers for the purchase and installation of energy efficient products through its We Save Home program.

The We Save Home program helps residential customers save energy and money. From rebates for the purchase of qualifying appliances and lighting fixtures to home energy audits, there are many ways residential customers can save.

**WE SAVE HOME REBATES OFFERED IN 2014**

- ENERGY STAR CFL Bulbs
- ENERGY STAR LED Bulbs and Fixtures
- ENERGY STAR Appliances— Refrigerators, Dishwashers, Clothes Washers, or Freezers
- Recycling Rebate— Recycling of an old refrigerator or freezer
- Central Air Conditioner Tune-Up
- Quality Installed Central Air Conditioner or Air Source Heat Pump
- Home Energy Audit

**REMINDER TO GET  
YOUR 2014 PET TAG!!**

Pet owners have until April 30, 2014 to get their new pet tags for \$5.00. After that date, there will be a late fee added. Get your 2014 pet tags today!

