

# The Arlington Report

**August's Recycling Dates: August 13th & 27th 8:00 am -11:00 am**

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Rich Nagel -- Mayor  
Michelle Battecher -- 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  
Annie Shotliff -- Community Center Coordinator/ Office Assistant  
Tony Voigt -- Maint. Supervisor  
Kirby Weckworth -- Maint. Worker  
Cory Danner -- Police Chief  
Bruce Rovinsky -- Police Officer  
Jordan Voigt -- Police Officer  
Vicki Pomplun -- Police Admin

## 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)

## ELECTRIC LINE TREE CLEARING

At the July 18th meeting, the City Council approved the low bid of \$26,475 from Midwest Tree Experts MN, Inc. to provide tree trimming services around the City's electrical lines throughout town. Sufficient trimming is intended to be done to provide enough clearance for several years. Residents will see them working around town mostly, Fridays and Saturdays throughout August. Their projected dates to be in town are July 29, 30, August 5, 6, 12, 13 & 19, 20.

## FARMER'S MARKET AUGUST ACTIVITIES



Every Monday evening 4-7 pm @  
Comm. Ctr. parking lot

- ◆ 1 – Open Market!
- ◆ 8– High Island Clovers 4-H Petting Zoo & Library Story Walk
- ◆ 15– Community Ed Yoga on the Lawn  
*Sponsored by After Burner Auto Body*
- ◆ 22– Dance Diva in the Arl. Comm. Center  
*Sponsored by Sibley East Community Ed/Rec*
- ◆ 29 – “Be an Ambulance EMT for the Day!”  
RSMC Free Blood Pressure Check and Pizza for sale by *4th Street Pizza & Pub.*

## SIBLEY COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 3-7



The 147th annual Sibley County Fair will be held August 3-7 at the Sibley County Fairgrounds here in Arlington. For the second year in a row it is a FREE fair. \$5,000 of script money will be given away throughout the fair, with nightly drawings Wednesday-Saturday at 10:30 pm and Sunday at 6:00 pm. There will be musical entertainment every day, events in the grandstands and even a rib cook-off contest on Sunday. For more information head to their website <http://www.sibleycountyfair.com/> or check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SibleyCountyFair/>.

## WANT TO HELP MAKE A CHANGE

### WITHIN OUR CITY?

Now is your chance. This year there will be three open City Council positions in Arlington. Filing for the open positions begins at 8:00 am Tuesday, August 2nd and closes at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 16th. The terms for Council Members Galen Wills, James “Ben” Jaszewski and Jennifer Nuesse expire at the end of December. All three positions are four-year terms. The filing fee is \$2 and you must be a qualified voter of the City of Arlington to run for an elected position. Council Members direct the City's conduct of daily affairs, plan for the future development of the City and act as a liaison between the residents and the City. This year's general election is Tuesday, November 8th. Please feel free to contact the City Administrator or any Council Member for additional information if you are interested in running for office.

## RSMC FOUNDATION ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Ridgeview Sibley Medical Foundation will be holding their 9th Annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. It will be held at Memorial Park (in front of the hospital), from 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Join them for great food and entertainment. Bring the whole family! *Free will donations accepted.* \* In case of inclement weather, it will be moved to the Sibley County Fairgrounds' Heritage Building.



## SPRINKLER WATER READINGS

A reminder to residents that have lawn meters to remember to turn in your monthly readings. Your sewer usage will be credited the next month for the usage that was used through the lawn meter. If you do not have a meter and would like to purchase one, contact the City Office.

## AUGUST COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Tues. 9– Primary Election  
Thurs. 18– Community Ed. Vehicle Fair  
Thurs. 18– KMC Dance Registration  
Mon. 22– Community Ed. Dance Diva  
Tues. 23– Bloodmobile  
Mon. 29– Lion's Club Pillow Fluff



### PRAIRIE LINE TRAIL ETIQUETTE

The Prairie Line Trail has been very popular this summer, however it has been brought to City Staff's attention that not everyone is following the same set of rules. City Staff has compiled a set of trail etiquette guidelines. If everyone follows the same guidelines, the trail will be safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

- ◆ The trail is multi-purpose– the trail can be used as a walking, running, biking, or rollerblading trail.
- ◆ Be courteous– all trail users should be respectful of other trail users, in spite of their speed or skill level.
- ◆ Be predictable– travel in a consistent and predictable manner, always check your surroundings when changing direction on the trail.
- ◆ Do not block the trail– use no more than half of the trail so as not to block the path of others around you.
- ◆ Keep right– stay as close to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when passing another user.
- ◆ Pass on the left– pass others, going your direction, on their left. Yield to slower and on-coming traffic and shout “on your left” when passing others. Check your surroundings to make sure the lane is clear to pass.
- ◆ Obey all traffic signs– use caution where the trail crosses streets and stop at all stop signs, intersections, and driveways.
- ◆ Be respectful of private property– trails are open to the public, but parts of the trail pass through private property. Please be respectful of other's property!
- ◆ Clean up your trash– please clean-up after yourself, your children and your pets.
- ◆ Use lights at night– if you are using the trail at any time from dusk to dawn please be equipped with the correct lighting, for your safety and the safety of others.
- ◆ Do NOT use the trail under the influence of drugs or alcohol– you may need your reflexes quickly, don't have them impaired!

Source: <http://www.ibike.org/education/trail-sharing.htm>

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### NEW LAWS IN EFFECT AUGUST 1ST



- **Pharmacies authorized to collect controlled substances for disposal-** It allows pharmacies to collect controlled substances and prescription drugs from the user or from a long-term care facility on behalf of the user and dispose of the drugs as pharmaceutical waste.
- **Medical facilities' television closed captioning requirement–** This law requires televisions in health care facilities to have the closed captioning feature activated at all times if the television includes a captioning feature. A health care facility must make reasonable efforts to prevent deactivating a captioning feature.
- **Identity theft statute of limitations extended-** It extends the criminal statute of limitations from three to five years for identity theft crimes involving eight or more direct victims or a combined loss to all victims of more than \$35,000.
- **The intentional throwing or transferring of bodily fluids or feces at an on-duty peace officer–** Is now considered a three-year felony under Minnesota's fourth-degree assault, regardless of the extent of injury to the peace officer.

A full list of the 2016 law summaries is available at:  
<http://lmc.org/media/document/1/prelimlawsummaries2016.pdf?inline=true>

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



In order to reach more of the community and quickly provide updates, look for “City of Arlington” and click the “like” button to stay up to date on what is going on within the City. Or go to this website:

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofarlingtonmn/>.

### COMMUNITY SIGNS

Does your business or organization have an event going on that you would like to promote?

You can advertise on the City's LED sign for as little as \$50/week. You can have as many slides as you would like, add digital photos and it runs 24/7!

Want to catch the downtown traffic on Main Street? You can also advertise on the Main Street sign for as little as \$12.50/week for one side! Contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378 for all inquires.

### ARLINGTON'S PARKS

The Arlington park shelters and the Senior Building at Four Seasons Park are available for private events, but are starting to book up for the summer. If you are interested in hosting an event at the Senior Building (for a rental fee), or any of the shelters at Four Seasons Park, Sportsman's Park, Frenzel Park, Fairview Park, or the Gazebo at Memorial Park, please contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378 for inquiries or to book a date.

