

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
Jeff Paine -- Maintenance Worker
Bruce Rovinsky -- Chief of Police
Scott Bennett -- 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)

ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Just a reminder that the Police Department has completed their move to their new location in the Emergency Services Building. The new address is 108 4th Ave NW, Arlington, MN 55307. The phone number is still the same—(507) 964-5200. You can also find them on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/Arlingtonpd>.

144th ANNUAL SIBLEY COUNTY FAIR JULY 31st—AUGUST 4th

The Sibley County Fair will be July 31st—August 4th at the Sibley County Fairgrounds in Arlington. A daily pass is \$4 with children under 12 getting in for free, while season passes are \$12. \$5,000 in scrip money to be given away during the fair. Drawings held promptly at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 9 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, visit the Fair online at www.sibleycountyfair.com

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

August will be busy with construction projects.

The 2013 Safe Routes to School Sidewalk project will begin in August with completion in September 2013. The project improvements will be at the following locations: Second Ave—between W Adams and W Elgin Street, Chandler Street—between 2nd Ave NW and Second Ave NE, and 2nd Ave NE—along the Athletic Fields. If you have any questions related to this project, you can contact Liza Donabauer, City Administrator, at (507) 964-2378.

The next phase of the Hwy 5 project will start around August 5th. This phase will be on the east side of Arlington. The project will begin at Sheila Drive in Arlington and continue to 5th Street in Green Isle. Please be alert and drive carefully in all of the construction work areas. For current statewide road information, you can visit www.511-mn.org.

SIBLEY MEDICAL FOUNDATION 6TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Sibley Medical Center Foundation will be holding their 6th annual ice cream social on Wednesday, August 14, 2013. It will be held at the Arlington Community Center from 4:30pm—8:00pm. There will be a variety of musical entertainment, horse/wagon rides, and games for the children. Bring the whole family!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

City Council Meeting—August 5th
Ice Cream Social—August 14th 4:30-8pm
City Council Meeting—August 19th
Lion's Pillow Fluff—August 26th (West Entrance)
Bloodmobile—August 27th 1-7pm

ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED RADAR UNIT

The Arlington Police Department was recognized by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. The Arlington Police Department participated in and showed a considerable commitment to the “Toward Zero Deaths” effort in the State of Minnesota. “Arlington Police Department is a partner, with hundreds of other departments, that strives *TOWARD ZERO DEATHS* by focusing traffic efforts,” explains Scott McConkey, Law Enforcement Liaison for the Department of Public Safety, “we know state of the art equipment like this will change people’s driving behaviors— they will slow down and that will save lives and reduce injury!” The Police Department was awarded a Stalker DSR 2X Radar Unit. “Our officers will be better equipped to identify vehicles driving at illegal and unsafe speeds,” stated Chief Bruce Rovinsky, “the Stalker Radar is a tool that will keep our community safer.” Speed is one of the main contributing factors in crashes and in determining their severity. Higher speeds means greater force and less time to react. In Minnesota, it is law that you must travel at the appropriate speed to maintain control of your vehicle in any condition: snow, ice, rain, fog, ect.

SEWER REMINDER

- **DO NOT** pour grease or oils down drains. Grease such as cooking oils, tallow, bacon grease, ect. will harden in the lines and on the float switches causing the pump not to work.
- **DO NOT** flush non-biodegradable items down the drain. Items such as cigarette butts, dental floss, disposable diapers, Q-tips, ect.
- **DO NOT** flush rigid or gritty materials down the drains. Items such as cat litter, coffee grounds, chicken bones, egg shells, fish scales, ect. Limit the materials you put down the garbage disposal to edible food products only.
- **DO NOT** pour flammable or volatile liquids down the drains. Items such as gas, waste oil, and thinners. It is illegal to dispose of these items in the sewer system.
- **DO NOT** pour household chemicals down drains. Items such as paint, pesticides, herbicides, strong cleaning products, or other toxic chemicals.

These above items can cause major problems and these can result in very costly repairs.

SPRINKLER WATER READINGS

A reminder to residents that have lawn meters- 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 but would like to purchase one, contact the City Office.

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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING AN EMT?

Ever thought about volunteering in your community? Ever thought about becoming an EMT? Why you may ask? Volunteering can be an interesting, rewarding and fun way to meet new people and contribute to your community! Ambulance services like Arlington's are always looking for new members to enhance our ability to respond to emergencies. Arlington is specifically looking for individuals to cover daytime shifts during the week. Interested in joining? Here are some questions and answers to frequently asked questions that may influence your decision.

Question: What is required to become an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)?

Answer: A person wishing to be certified as an EMT needs to successfully complete a 110 hour course and pass the National Registry Written Exam.

Question: How often do the EMT classes meet?

Answer: Usually the EMT classes are held two nights a week for 4 hours each night. The class is usually completed in about three and one-half months.

Question: How much does the EMT class cost?

Answer: Although prices do vary slightly between training institutions, the current cost for an EMT course is between \$1,000 - \$2,000. Most tuitions include the cost of textbooks and workbooks.

Question: Will the City of Arlington pay for my tuition?

Answer: Yes, the City of Arlington will pay for your tuition provided that you pass the class and become an active member, in good standing, of the Arlington Area Ambulance Service for a minimum of one year.

Question: Does working for the volunteer ambulance mean I don't get paid?

Answer: Absolutely not. When a person "takes call" it means the person has signed up for a particular shift (either daytime or overnight), and the person will receive a nominal hourly fee for being on-call. The expectation for that person that is "on-call" is that they can respond to the ambulance base within five minutes once their pager goes off indicating they are needed for an ambulance call. Once the pager goes off, then the EMT will receive an hourly wage for the length of the call.

Question: Are there any additional training requirements once a person passes the EMT class?

Answer: Yes there are. The Arlington Area Ambulance Service meets the first Monday of each month to cover business, scheduling and training. These meetings generally take about two hours. An EMT refresher course is required every two years to maintain license.

If you have any other questions or are interested in joining the Arlington Area Ambulance Service, please feel free to contact a member of the Arlington Ambulance or email the Arlington Ambulance Manager Kevin Sullivan at ksullivan@arlingtonmn.com.

CITY OF ARLINGTON SEAL COATING PROJECT

The Arlington City Council approved a bid from Caldwell Asphalt Company Hawick, MN, to complete the seal coating on various city streets. The project is scheduled to be done toward the end of August.

Streets included in the project are as follows:

- Portions of West Main Street (west of Hwy 5) and East Main Street (East of 4th Ave)
- 7 1/2 Ave NW from West Brooks to West Main Street
- West Elgin from 6th Ave NW to Chestnut
- 2nd Ave NE from East Douglas to East Brooks
- East Baker Street from 1st Ave South to 3rd Ave SE
- East Adams Street from 4th Ave SE all the way east
- Douglas Street, Chandler Street, and Brooks Street from 2nd Ave NW to 2nd Ave NE
- 6th Ave NW from West Douglas to West Elgin
- Elmwood Street from 3rd Ave SE to 4th Ave SE
- Henderson Road from the RR tracks Southeast to 4th Ave SE
- 1st Ave from Adams Street to Henderson Road
- East Clinton Street from 1st Ave South to 4th Ave SE

