

# 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 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)

## STORM WATER AND SEWER RATES EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN 2016

In order to meet debt obligations and to plan for future repairs of the City's aging storm water system, the Council will be adopting an increase in the storm water rate structure. Residential customers can expect to see a \$2.00/month increase in their storm water rate, which was previously \$4.00/month. All other accounts will be charged according to the size of their property, meaning that multi-family complexes and non-residential properties will be charged a higher monthly rate, based on an expanded tiered rate structure.

The sewer base rate will experience a \$.50/month increase, but the per-gallon user rate will not change.

Water and electric rates will not be changing.

These changes will become effective January 1, 2016 and customers can expect to see the new rates reflected on their February 1st utility bills.

## LIVING NATIVITY

The Drive-By Living Nativity will be held on Sunday December 13th from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Sibley County Fairgrounds. Cash donations and non-perishable food items will be collected at the entrance for the Sibley County Food Shelf. Listen to KNUJ or KDUZ for weather cancellation information.

## SKATING/WARMING HOUSE

Sibley East Community Education is seeking individuals for a skating rink attendant in Arlington. Hours are after school, evenings and weekends during the months of December through February (weather permitting). Applications can be picked up at either the Arlington or Gaylord School Office or call the Community Education Office at 507-237-3322.

Watch the local newspaper for information on the hours for the warming house. The making of ice and hours for the warming house are weather and staff dependent.

## COMPOST SITE

The City is concerned with the growing amount of trash and non-compost materials that are being dropped off at the compost site southeast of town. The City Council has recently discussed ways to manage the site without adding an additional financial burden to City taxpayers. For now, the City Council is asking that users please follow the signage located at the compost site and report any unauthorized dumping. Staff will be placing surveillance equipment on site in hopes to minimize the non-compliant waste that continues to occur. The site is only for grass clippings, garden vegetation, leaves, wood chips, tree and shrubby limbs.

## ARE YOUR PETS GOOD NEIGHBORS?



It's been brought to City Staff's attention that some people and their pets are not being respectful of their surrounding neighbors. Staff just wants to remind all residents of Ordinance 283, an Ordinance to regulate the keeping of animals within the city limits.

- It shall automatically be considered a violation of this ordinance if the person who owns the animal allows more than six separate bowel eliminations to remain on the premises for a period of more than 24 hours. Such manure must properly be disposed of in a garbage container, sealed sufficiently to avoid odors from escaping from the container, and to avoid the accumulation of flies and other insects.
- No animals shall be leashed or housed at a location which would allow the animal to trespass onto the property of any other owner or onto public street, sidewalk or alley and shall not be allowed to trespass onto private property without the permission of the property owner.
- If the animal disrupts the peace of the neighboring property owners by emitting barking or other noises during normal sleep hours, it shall be considered a public nuisance in violation of this ordinance. Normal sleep hours for this purpose shall be defined as any time after 11:00 pm and before 7:00 am.

## CITY OFFICE CLOSED

The City Offices will be closing at noon on Thursday, December 24th and will be closed all day on Friday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday. The Offices will also be closed on Friday, January 1st for the New Year's Day holiday.

**Arli-Dazzle is on December 5th! Family friendly activities throughout the day, with the parade starting at 5:30 pm on Main Street.**

## SNOW NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

### City of Arlington, Sibley County

Contact us at:  
204 Shamrock Drive  
Arlington, MN 55307

Phone: 507-964-2378  
Fax: 507-964-5973  
E-mail: [cityhall@arlingtonmn.com](mailto:cityhall@arlingtonmn.com)  
Website: [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com)



**Vehicles and Trailers**—The City of Arlington will be plowing and hauling snow anytime there is a snowfall of two (2) inches or more. We ask that all residents park all vehicle(s) and trailer(s) off the street and avenues until they are plowed curb to curb, or they will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

**Sidewalks**— Accumulation of snow or ice on public sidewalks constitutes a public nuisance. The owner or occupant of the abutting property has 12 hours to remove snow or ice that has been deposited upon the public sidewalk. Failure to remove the snow/ice accumulation within 24 hours, will be cause for the City to remove it, and bill the property owner accordingly. It is unlawful for any person to place snow or ice from private property onto public property.

**BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING**— **In the event of snow accumulation during the day, all vehicles are to park PARALLEL to the street until the street is plowed from curb to curb and is clear of all snow.**

**Dumpsters**— No dumpster or residential garbage cans are allowed in the public right-of-way during the winter season, which is defined as the period from November 1– April 1.

**Snowmobiles & ATVs**— City ordinance states that snowmobiles and ATVs must use public roadways, streets, or alleys by the most direct route when entering or leaving town. Speed is not to exceed 15 miles per hour within city limits.

Additional information is available at the City Office and on the City's website [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com)

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### GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Arlington Good Samaritan Society would like to welcome the public to their Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 15th from 5-7 pm. Punch and appetizers will be served! If you have any questions please call Tiffany Brockhoff at 507-964-2251.



### NOTICE SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR CITY BOARDS/ COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

The Mayor and City Council of Arlington are seeking interested individuals (residents) to fill open positions on the following Committees/Boards/Commissions, which become effective January 2016:

- Cemetery Committee (2 yr. term)
- Community Center Committee (2 yr. term)
- Economic Development Authority (EDA) (6 yr. term)
- Library Committee (2 yr. term)
- Parks Committee (2 yr. term)
- Planning & Zoning Committee (3 yr. term)
- Shade Tree Committee (1 yr. term)
- Election Judge

For individuals who are interested in one or more of the above Committees, please contact the City Office at 507-964-2378 for an application form or to find them on the website, go to [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com) under the news feed. All applications must be turned into the City Office by Friday, December 11th at 4:00 pm.

### WINTER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- \* **Take advantage of the sun-** Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.
- \* **Cover drafty windows-** Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames during the cold winter months. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame to help reduce infiltration.
- \* **Adjust the temperature-** When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. When you are asleep or out of the house, for eight hours or more, turn your thermostat down 10° to 15° and save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills.
- \* **Lower water heating costs-** Water heating can account for 14% to 25% of the energy consumed in your home. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F).
- \* **Lower holiday lighting costs-** Use light-emitting diode -- or "LED" -- holiday light strings to reduce the cost of decorating your home for the winter holidays.

Source by: <http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips>