

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
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)

SNOW NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

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 owners expense.

Sidewalks— Accumulation of snow or ice on public sidewalks constitutes a public nuisance. It is unlawful for any person to remove snow or ice from private property and place on public property.

Business District Parking— In the event of snow accumulation, 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 is 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.

5TH ANNUAL ARLI-DAZZLE

Arlington's 5th annual Arli-Dazzle celebration is set for Saturday, December 7th. The day will be filled with many activities and attractions. Below are some of the day's events:

Visit with Santa—The event will be held at the Arlington Community Center from 10am-1pm. Lots of activities for the kids, book sale, bake sale, and lunch is available for purchase. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Sibley County Food Shelf.

Bethlehem Express—Noon to 3:30pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Dash Through the Snow 5K Run/Walk— Race time 12:30pm start

Vintage Snowmobile Show—1pm start, Main Street

AFD Blacktop Fishing Derby—1pm start, Main Street

Horse Drawn Sleigh—1pm

Vendor Fair—1-5 pm, Main Street Hall

Snowball Baseball Game—2:30pm

Arli-Dazzle Parade— The Arli-Dazzle Parade will take place at 5:30pm. The parade route will run along Main Street, starting at 1st Ave (near the railroad tracks) going west to 6th Ave (just past Brau Motors).

For additional information, contact the Arlington Chamber of Commerce or visit their website at www.arlingtonmnchamber.com.

MAINTENANCE WORKER

The City of Arlington welcomes Lee Zwart as the new maintenance worker. Lee is expected to start his employment on December 9th. He is an Arlington resident that enjoys being involved in the community.

ARLINGTON AREA AMBULANCE

The Arlington Area Ambulance is anxiously awaiting the arrival of their second power cot within the next few weeks. The power cot was able to be purchased with fund raising monies and general budget funds.

An EMT class for new members will hopefully be scheduled for January 2014. If you are interested in joining the Arlington Area Ambulance, you can contact any Ambulance member, the Ambulance Manager, Kevin Sullivan (ksullivan@arlingtonmn.com), or the City Office (507-964-2378).

SKATING/WARMING HOUSE

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 dependent.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

The City Office will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24th and closed for the day on Wednesday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday. The Office will also be closed on Wednesday, January 1st for the New Year holiday.

LIVING NATIVITY

The Drive-By Living Nativity will be held on Sunday, December 8th from 5:30-7:30pm at the Sibley County Fairgrounds. Cash donations and non-perishable food items will be collected at the entrance for the Sibley County Food Shelf. In the event that the Arli-Dazzle Parade is post-poned due to weather, the Living Nativity will begin at 7pm. This event is sponsored by The Christian Community Taskforce.

MONTHLY CITY OF ARLINGTON

TRIVIA QUESTION

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

ANSWER: The Arli-Dazzle Parade was born in 2009 and had 53 registered units that first year.

This months trivia question:

“What year was Arlington designated as a Minnesota Star City?”

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, December 24, 2013.

City of Arlington, Sibley County

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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



THE BASIC BLESSINGS

Did you know that there are over **10,000** homeless Minnesotans on any given night, **46%** of which are children and youth ages 21 and younger?

While we may not be able to give all 10,000 Minnesotans a roof over their heads, we can still help. Please join Sibley County Minnesota Valley Action Council and The Homeless Response Team in gathering personal care items that may help these families with essentials they are not able to access using food support or the food shelf.

Drop off locations include Sibley County Human Service Office, Area Churches, Libraries, City Halls, and MVAC. A listing of needed items is included with this month's utility billing. Collections will be accepted until December 22nd. For any additional questions contact Chelsea at MVAC at (507) 237-2981.

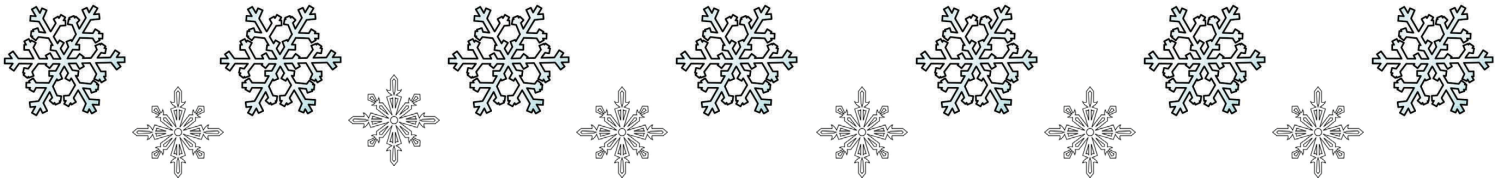
TOYS FOR TOTS



Christmas is a time of joy, happiness, and goodwill. It is a time of giving and helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves, especially impoverished children.

Good Samaritan Society, Arlington, is excited to have the opportunity to collect new unwrapped toys

for the **Toys For Tots Program!** The drop box is located in the main entrance of the Nursing Home at the Good Samaritan Society located at 411 7th Ave NW, Arlington. Deadline for toy donations is December 18th. Questions can be directed to Tiffany Brockoff at (507) 964-2251.



HOME OCCUPATION ORDINANCE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on an ordinance regulating home occupations earlier this month. The Planning Commission recommended the Council approve the measure. The City Council will consider approving the measure on December 2nd. If approved, the Ordinance will take affect (upon publication) on or before December 12, 2013.

Under the proposed ordinance, all existing home occupations will be 'grandfathered in' so to speak - but any enlargement of the home occupation will require approval.

Home occupations are businesses or professions people operate from their home. The proposed Ordinance attempts to mitigate any potential impact of home occupations on adjacent dwellings. The intent of the Ordinance is to limit disruption in residential areas and maintain the integrity of our neighborhoods as true neighborhoods.

There will be three classes of home occupations: those that are prohibited, those that are classified as 'special' home occupations, and those that are permitted home occupations. Prohibited home occupations are not allowed. Special home occupations will be allowed following a public hearing and issuance of an interim use permit. Permitted home occupations are those which are classified as neither prohibited nor special. Permitted home occupations will need administrative approval.

The proposed Ordinance in its entirety is available for review at City Hall.