

The Arlington Report

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 0% INCREASE-TAX LEVY TO REMAIN THE SAME

At the December 16th City Council meeting, the City Council moved to keep the tax levy at the same level as it has been for the past two years. The 0% increase was accomplished by an increase in this year's Local Government Aid, a new annual revenue source through the SMC/RMC affiliation agreement, cuts made to the capital equipment/improvement fund, and a new sales tax exemption. Following approval of the levy, the City Council moved to adopt the municipal budget for 2014:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$1,380,096	\$1,380,096
SPECIAL FUNDS		
Tax Abatement	\$2,805	\$2,800
Fire Department	\$113,266	\$113,266
Ambulance Dept.	\$245,592	\$245,592
Comm. Center	\$90,778	\$90,778
EDA Loan Fund	\$30,843	\$12,700
Rev. Loan Fund	\$17,630	\$0
Cemetery Fund	\$4,400	\$2,583
Cem. Perp. Fund	\$1,400	\$0
Park Ded. Fund	\$650	\$0
Med. Ctr. Fund	\$92,000	\$54,500
Capital Equip Fund	\$206,300	\$214,100
EDA Fund	\$550	\$0
ENTERPRISE FUNDS		
Water Fund	\$442,111	\$467,193
Arl. Sewer Fund	\$158,802	\$158,802
A-GI Sewer Fund	\$570,578	\$570,578
Electric Fund	\$1,806,650	\$1,890,303
Storm Fund	\$23,675	\$10,625
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		
2004 Imp. Bond	\$96,825	\$92,140
2009 G.O. Bond	\$62,307	\$67,458
2012 G.O. Bond	\$26,188	\$25,247
GO Equip. Cert.	\$83,113	\$83,113
2010 Fire Cert.	\$28,700	\$33,768
2015 Fire Cert.	\$168,813	\$93,213
2004 Pub. Proj.	\$70,165	\$65,167

Contact City Hall or visit the City website for a copy of the 2014 budget.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Are you interested in participating in public meetings, but are unsure of when and where they meet? If so, below is a list of the public meeting, day of the month, and time. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Community Center, unless otherwise noted. All meetings are subject to change, so please call the City Office to verify meeting day/time.

City Council:	1st & 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning:	1st Thursday at 7 pm
Historical Society:	1st Monday at 10 am
Park Board:	4th Monday at 7 pm
EDA:	4th Tuesday at 6 pm
Library Board:	3rd Wednesday, 5:30 pm
(Library meets quarterly at the Library)	

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

City Staff will be picking up Christmas trees at no cost starting Monday, December 30 through Friday, January 10. Residents are asked to place their trees on the front boulevard next to the curb. For further information, contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

SNOW REMINDER

Just a reminder when placing your garbage cans out at the curb. Please place them on the boulevard and not on or in the street. They are an obstacle for the snow plows and other City maintenance vehicles. Thank you.

CITY OFFICE CLOSED

The City Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

MONTHLY CITY OF ARLINGTON

TRIVIA QUESTION

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

ANSWER: Arlington was designated a Star City in 1990.

This month's trivia question:

"When was the Sibley County Library System originally created?"

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 Thursday, January 23, 2014.

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 Zwartó -- Maintenance Worker
Bruce Rovinsky -- Chief of Police

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

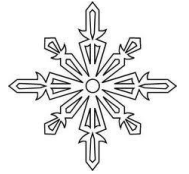
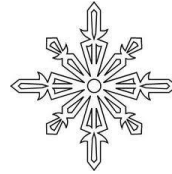
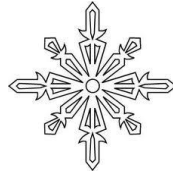
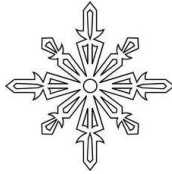
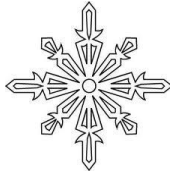
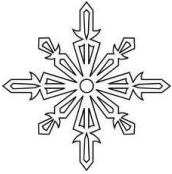
Water/Sewer/Electric Services
City of Arlington (964-2378)
Gas Service
CenterPoint Energy (800-245-2377)
Cable Service
Mediacom (800-332-0245)
Internet/Phone Service
Frontier (800-435-1504)
Garbage Services
Waste Management (800-422-5785)
Renville-Sibley Sanitation (866-800-6244)

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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



SKATING RINK AT THE FOUR SEASON'S PARK SHELTER

The skating rink is up and ready for some winter fun! The weather has cooperated to make some great ice for skating or a friendly game of hockey. The rink is open and skating is allowed any time of the day. Supervised skating will only be during the warming house hours. The warming house will be open Monday through Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The skating rink attendants this year are Dan & Stacy Fahning. To reach the warming house, call (507) 964-9280. Happy skating!

WINTER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- Save five to ten percent on your heating costs when you lower your thermostat five degrees for four or more hours each day. The recommended setting for winter is 68°F while at home; 58°F while asleep or away from home.
- Set your home's heating and cooling system to work around your schedule with a programmable thermostat. This simple change can provide household comfort, real energy savings and lower energy bills.
- Remove excess snow from your roof and keep your roof cold to help prevent ice dams. Keeping roof vents open allows warm, moist air to escape to the outside.

For more tips on how to save energy this winter, visit www.CenterPointEnergy.com/SaveEnergy.

ANNUAL DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST FOR SCOUTING

The annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast is sponsored by the Arlington Lions. It will be held on January 12, at the Arlington Community Center, from 8:30am-11:00am. All proceeds will go to the local scouting programs. Supplemental funds from the event are also a financial for Lutherans. Adult tickets are \$7.00, Children 6-12 yrs. \$5.50.

ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT DINNER/DANCE JANUARY 25th

The Arlington Fire Department will be hosting their annual dinner and dance on Saturday, January 25 at the Arlington Community Center. The smoked pork chop meal begins at 5:30 pm and will be served until 7 pm. Meal tickets are \$15. The Deep Fried Tweeters will be on stage from 7 pm to 11 pm. Dance tickets are \$5.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH BOIL

The Knights of Columbus, St. Arthur's Council #10172, will be holding their 19th annual Fish Boil at the Arlington Community Center on Friday, January 17. Tickets are available at Brau Motors, Lensing Insurance, Thomes Brothers Hardware, and Y-Not Plumbing and Heating. A donation of \$10 for adults (all you care to eat), children over 6 are \$5, and under 6 are free

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

The Arlington Community Center is the perfect venue for **ALL** types of events such as wedding receptions, baby showers, graduations, meetings, seminars, benefits, or family reunions. To take a tour or to book a date, call the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- Be Able to See and Be Seen**—Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors, lights and reflectors. Equip your car with good wiper blades and keep an ample supply of windshield washer fluid.
- Get a Feel for the Road**—When you first start out, accelerate carefully to test wheel-spin and brake gently to test skidding.
- Be Gentle**—Use the brakes slowly to maintain control of your vehicle. Fast acceleration can make wheels spin on ice and snow. Brake with a gentle pumping action. Stepping too hard on the pedal will lock the brakes and cause loss of steering control.
- Increase Your Following Distance**—Ice or snow can multiply your stopping distance up to ten times.

MAKING A WINTER DRIVING SURVIVAL KIT

- Use an empty three-pound coffee can or any similar container with a plastic cover to store the following items:
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| Small candles and matches | Pencil and paper |
| Small, sharp knife and plastic spoons | Safety pins |
| Red bandana or cloth | Whistle |
| Large, plastic garbage bag | Snacks |
| Plastic flashlight and batteries | Cell phone charger |
- Reverse batteries in the flashlight to avoid accidental switching and burnout. Warm batteries before using them. Store safety items in the passenger compartment when severe weather threatens in case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut.

Above information from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.