

# The Arlington Report

**July's Recycling Dates: July 9th & 23rd 8:00 am -11:00 am**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Rich Nagel -- Mayor  
Michelle Battcher -- 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 Shottliff -- 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)

**2016 – 2017 LEADING SIBLEY TOGETHER:**



Developing leadership by connecting people, businesses, and communities to create a stronger tomorrow.

This county-wide leadership program offers community members an opportunity to network, develop leadership skills, and gain an increased awareness and understanding of the assets of Sibley County. The results are more skilled individuals, increased networks, and stronger links between communities to address local issues.

Participants gather one day each month from September to May in communities throughout the county. Each day includes leadership learning activities, meeting with community leaders, and tours of businesses and organizations in that particular community. Participants tour together, learn together, and dine together. Each class is comprised of a maximum of 24 participants who either live or work in Sibley County. Participants can be either current or emerging leaders with an interest in the future of our county. Selected participants will be notified in mid-August.

Application Deadline: August 1  
More information and application at: [www.co.sibley.mn.us/](http://www.co.sibley.mn.us/) & [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com) or contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378. Facebook: Leading Sibley Together Organization

**REMINDER TO PROPERTY OWNERS ON LAWNS AND LANDSCAPED AREAS**



City Staff would like to remind property owners of City Ordinance 259: which states that lawns and landscaped areas are to be cut or trimmed so that grass areas do not exceed 6 inches or more in height. If they exceed these

limits, the property is considered a public nuisance and is prohibited. With the mowing season upon us, City Staff is receiving more and more complaints on lawns not being properly kept. Noxious weeds are to be controlled by physical removal or chemical treatment. Planted trees and bushes are to be properly trimmed so as to create a neat appearance and to avoid overlapping boundary lines. While the City does its best to identify these lawns, most properties that are in violation of Ordinance 259 are identified by public complaints. Property owners wishing to file a complaint against a property should do so by contacting the Police Department at (507) 964-5200.

**ARLINGTON NIGHT OUT**

Bike, walk, scoot, gallop or skip on over to Four Seasons Park on Tuesday, August 2nd from 5:30 –7:30 pm for the first annual Arlington Night Out. This event is hosted by the Arlington Police Department with the help of the Arlington Ambulance and Fire Department. The event is designed with a goal of crime & drug prevention awareness and to strengthen our neighborhoods through community partnerships. The evening will be full of family fun for everyone! Stay tuned for more exciting details!

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!**



It's the law! Before digging, contact Gopher State One Call at 811, (651) 454-0002, toll-free (800) 252-1166 or visit [www.Call811.com](http://www.Call811.com) at least two working days prior to digging in your yard. Gopher State will contact all utilities to mark underground lines for free. Be aware though that "private" lines exist on many properties, and these are the owner's responsibility to know their location and avoid when digging.

**PLEASE UPDATE ACCOUNTS**

City Staff would like to remind utility account holders that they should update their account information with the City when they change personal information (name, phone number, etc.) and/or move and/or change addresses. This includes the changing of a PO Box number or the conversion of a PO Box to/from a street address. The City is also encouraging utility account holders to provide the City with a phone number, including a cell phone, where they may be reached in the case of an expected outage or other emergency at their property. You can update your information by calling the City Office at 507-964-2378 or emailing [cityhall@arlingtonmn.com](mailto:cityhall@arlingtonmn.com).

**FARMER'S MARKET JULY ACTIVITIES**

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

- 4- Independence Day Holiday, No Market
- 11-Home-based Business Monday & Library Story Walk
- \* Sponsored by *Liberty Station*.
- 18- Comm. Ed/Rec "Yoga on the Lawn"
- 25- Fire Dept. "Pop up Splash Pad"
- \* Sponsored by *Good Samaritan Society*.



**City Office Closed Monday, July 4th for the Independence Day Holiday.**

## ARE THEY ALLOWED TO KNOCK ON MY DOOR?

### 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)



*A Beautiful City Growing in Unity*



It's that time of year again when residents get inundated with the sales tactics of peddlers, solicitors, professional fundraisers, and transient vendors. Basically, these are the technical terms for "door-to-door" salespersons. Arlington residents should be aware that the action of any person going in and upon private residences in the City of Arlington, without having received an advance request or invitation to do so by an owner or adult occupant of a private residence, for the purpose of direct sales or soliciting orders for the sale of goods, services, wares, produce or merchandise is a nuisance and is **prohibited**. Residents should be clear of the fact that the City does **NOT** allow "door-to-door" salespersons within city limits, *unless they have contacted the private property owner in advance and the private property owner has agreed to meet with them.*

There are a couple of exemptions to the City Ordinance (243). The ordinance does not prohibit the distribution of informational or advertising flyers/brochures on to the doorsteps or doors of private residents. However, when distributing informational or advertising flyers, an individual is **NOT** allowed to knock/ring the doorbell, or attempt to physically alert the property owner of such delivery of the brochure/flyer.

The ordinance also exempts individuals wishing to express their state or federal constitutional rights such as the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion and the like. This means that the City cannot prohibit individuals wishing to go door-to-door for religious or political purposes, including individuals going door-to-door for religious fundraising purposes.

Also, any person/company making deliveries of perishable food or dairy products (i.e. Schwan's) to the customers on their established routes are exempt. Property owners are encouraged to call the Arlington Police Department or City Office if you are confronted by a "door-to-door" salesperson. For additional information on who is or isn't allowed to go door-to-door, visit the city's website at [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com) (Ordinance 243) or contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378.



### CITY OF ARLINGTON SEAL COATING PROJECT

Each year, the Arlington City Council approves a bid for ~1/4 of the city streets to be seal coated. Seal coating is important in maintaining and extending the life of our city streets. The Council approved Allied Blacktop Company to complete this year's seal coating project. The project is scheduled to start with crack sealing on August 2nd & 3rd, and chip sealing to start on August 11th. These dates are weather dependent and may be changed.

#### Streets included in the project are as follows:

- Chestnut Dr.
- Shamrock Dr. from Chestnut Dr. to Sheila Dr.
- Mary Ln.
- Sheila Dr.
- Arlington Community Center parking lots
- W. Chandler St. from 7th Ave NW to Hwy 5
- W. Adams St. from Hwy 5 to 1st Ave S
- E. Adams St. from 1st Ave S to 4th Ave SE
- W. Baker St. from Hwy 5 to 3rd Ave SW
- 4th Ave NW/SW from W. Alden St. to W. Baker St.
- 3rd Ave NW/SW from W. Alden St. to W. Baker St.
- 2nd Ave NW/SW from W. Alden St. to W. Adams St.
- Alden St. from 2nd Ave NW east to Rail Road tracks
- 1st Ave N from Alden St. to Main St.