

The Arlington Report

ARLINGTON TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS IS JUNE 14- 16

Town and Country Days will kick off on Friday, June 14 this year with *Breakfast on the Farm* from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Ron & Pam Krueger and Scott & Stephanie Krueger Farm, 20494 435th Lane, Arlington.

Friday, June 14

17th Annual Sibley County Relay for Life Event -- 6 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Sibley East Track and Field.

Performing Band -- Blurred Vision 8 p.m. -- Four Seasons's Park

Saturday, June 15

All events at Four Seasons Park

Move Strong Run/Walk -- Registration is at 7:15 a.m. and the walk starts at 8:30 a.m.

Kickball Tournament -- Registration starts at 9 a.m. with the first game at 10 a.m. Call Katie Rickert at 310-510-2390 to sign up. Deadline is June 13th.

Bike Run -- 10 a.m. registration at the Dugout, leaving at 11 a.m. \$25 registration fee for driver and \$15 for passenger. Includes a free hamburger or brat on Saturday and a pork chop dinner on Sunday.

Family fun for all ages -- starting at noon

Barbi Cox "Sonflower Puppet Show" 12:00 p.m.- 12:45 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. -2:15 p.m.

Bungee Challenge, Animal Land, Carousel Bounce House, and Obstacle Course

Bingo -- 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Newlywed Game -- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bob "Eubanks" Thomes, Emcee.

Performing Band -- Uncle Chuck 8:00 p.m.

Eating Contest -- Sponsored by Seneca at 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, June 16

Polka & Pork Chops -- From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Arlington Lions. Kids meals are available.

The Wendinger Band from New Ulm will be providing polka music during the meal.

Classic Car, Tractor, and Bike Roll In -- 11 a.m. registration.

Miss Arlington Coronation -- 2:30 p.m. at the Four Seasons Park.

Town & Country Days Raffle Drawing -- to be held following coronation.

Bean Bag Tournament & Music -- Sponsored by the Dugout and it begins at 3:30 p.m. To register call 507-964-2211.

REMINDER WHEN MOWING GRASS

Residents should remember that the discharging of lawn clippings onto city streets is not allowed. Clippings that are discharged onto city streets eventually wash into the storm sewers and cause them to clog. Along with being an inconvenience to residents, clogged sewers are costly and time consuming for the City to clean and unclog.

The City is asking all residents to take their grass clippings to the compost site. The compost site is open 7 days a week during daylight hours for residents in city limits. Located near the wastewater treatment facility on Freedom Drive (SE corner of town). *Allowable Compost*: lawn clippings - garden compost - leaves (no plastic bags). *Small Brush Pile Area* - No stumps or logs. Chipping on location for large quantities at a cost is available through the City.

EDA VACANCY

The Arlington Economic Development Authority (EDA) is a seven member board, appointed by the City Council. The EDA promotes economic development and redevelopment. The Board meets monthly and works on several different projects. The projects may include business expansion/retention and marketing. We currently have an opening on the EDA Board for an individual that lives within the City of Arlington. Volunteers with a background in business finance or commercial banking are encouraged to apply.

REMINDER ON SUMMER RECREATION

Summer recreation begins on Wednesday morning, June 5th. Time is still available to register for the programs. The Summer Recreation staff for this year will include Director Matt Pichelmann, Baseball Coach Edward Reichenbach, and Softball Coach Jordan Thomes. Due to lack of interest, there will not be a 8th or 9th grade team this year. All games will be played at the Four Seasons Park. Any cancellations will be posted to the City's Facebook page. Registration forms can be picked up at City Hall. The registration cost is \$15 per child.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

In order to reach more of the community and quickly provide updates, the City has a "Facebook" account. Look for "City of Arlington, Minnesota" and click the "like" button to stay up to date on what is going on within the City.

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)

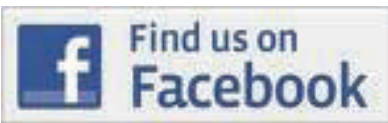
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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



SWIMMING POOLS ARE ALLOWED IN ALL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, BUT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:

- * A building permit is required when the pool exceeds both 5,000 gallons in capacity and 24 inches in depth.
- * For obvious safety purposes pools and spas can't be constructed beneath overhead utility lines or above underground utility lines.
- * Swimming pools have to be more than four feet from any lot line. This helps keep users and water on your property versus your neighbors property and keeps drainage easements clear.
- * Permanent in-ground or surface swimming pools have to be enclosed in a fence. This helps to keep children out of unattended pools. Mechanically controlled covers can be used in lieu of fencing requirements.
- * Pools that you put up and take down each year have to be equipped with a ladder that is removed when the pool is not attended by a responsible person.
- * You as a property owner are responsible for installing and maintaining your pool according to manufacturer's specifications, for maintaining all pool and accessories in good working condition, for using pool covers/closing gates, for removing/retracting ladder access to the pool, and for keeping the pool free from overhead or underground utility lines.

PREPARE FOR MOSQUITO SEASON!

With the mosquito season right around the corner, residents can take measures now to prevent the spread of mosquitoes. Residents should try to get rid of all standing water and other places where mosquitoes breed. Make sure rain gutters are not plugged, empty out bird baths frequently, turn over wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use. Keep swimming pools properly chlorinated and remove standing water from pool covers. Tires are a common place for mosquitoes to breed and should be removed. Spraying lawns may help, but please remember that spraying lawns is relatively ineffective and may be harmful to your health. Use a mosquito repellent, containing up to 30% DEET for adults or 10% DEET for children. Wearing light colored, loose fitting clothing can be helpful. When practical, wear long sleeves and pants. Avoid outdoor activity at peak mosquito feeding times (dawn and dusk).

TIPS FOR REDUCING SUMMER ELECTRIC COSTS

The heat of the summer produces increased electrical costs with the need to run the air conditioner. Here are a few things you can do to conserve electricity that have minimal to no out-of-pocket costs:

- Set your thermostat several degrees higher. Fans can be used to circulate cooler air.
- Enable your computer's power saving settings.
- Make sure that your air conditioner filter is not clogged. Significantly more electricity is required to push air through a dirty filter.
- Unplug appliances such as computers and monitors, coffee makers, toasters, etc. when not in use. Believe it or not, appliances continue to draw a small amount of power when they are switched off. (According to the Department of Energy, 75% of the electricity used in the average home to power home electronics is consumed while the products are turned off!)
- Turn off fans and lights in unoccupied rooms.
- Seal off any unused sections of your house and properly insulate your home to reduce air conditioning usage.
- Close drapes and blinds during the day, to reduce heating from sunlight.
- Plug electrical devices such as televisions and computers into a power strip that can be turned off when the devices are not in use.
- Use motion-detectors or solar-powered outdoor lights.
- Use a clothesline to dry your clothes when possible.
- When it is time to replace your incandescent light bulb, switch to energy saving compact fluorescent bulbs. CFL's use only one-fourth the energy and last up to 10 times longer.
- Run the dishwasher, washing machine and dryer with full loads and you'll use less electricity and less hot water. Water heating can account for 14-25% of home energy use.