

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 Shotliff -- 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 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)

CITY TO CHANGE CREDIT CARD

PROCESSING COMPANY & IMPLEMENT FEE

The Arlington City Council has voted to implement a convenience fee for payments made using a credit or debit card. After analyzing the processing costs that the City has incurred since accepting card payments several years ago, it was felt that it's unfair to the overall customer base to continue absorbing these costs, when other 'no-cost' options are available.

As part of this change, the City is also switching our card processing vendor. Contract specifics and setup are being finalized. This change over is expected to occur in early March, and at that time the fee will be implemented. The new convenience fee, as set by our credit card processing vendor, will be 2.5% of the payment amount (with a \$2.00 minimum), which is paid with the transaction and retained by our card processing vendor.

What this means to you is the City will still be accepting cash or checks by mail/in-person/payment box with no additional costs. However, if you choose to use your credit/debit card over the phone/on-line/in-person, there will now be an added convenience fee to your transaction.

A new feature that will be available to our customers, is the ability to make a payment by electronic check. This option is processed similar to a debit card, except customers would use their bank routing and account numbers versus their card number. The biggest difference is the convenience fee, which is just a flat rate of \$1.50 per electronic check transaction. If you have any questions please call the City Office at (507) 964-2378.



MARCH COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Saturday, March 5— 2nd Annual Spring Craft and Gift Expo, contact Carol Bahr (320) 583-8789.

Tuesday, March 15— Arlington Blood Drive from 12:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19— Relay for Life Quilting Retreat, contact Jeri Odenthal (612) 418-6880.

Sunday, March 20— Palm Sunday Drama, contact Mary Seeman (507) 964-2813.



CURBSIDE GARBAGE COLLECTION

Spring is just around the corner! With sustained warmer temperatures, the gravel alleys are getting soft and cannot handle the large garbage trucks driving on them. Starting the week of February 29th, we are asking all residents and business owners to place their garbage cans and recycling containers curbside.

PET LICENSE

Don't forget to renew your pet license(s) on or before April 1, 2016. All 2015 pet licenses will expire on March 31st. The cost for a license is just \$5. Please remember to bring your animals' current rabies health certificate as well.

BUILDING PERMITS

With Spring right around the corner, homeowners may be thinking of home improvement projects. Many of those projects do require a permit. Contact the City Office to see if you need a permit, and to obtain the appropriate permit application form(s) for your next project. All permit applications are available online, go to www.arlingtonmn.com under City Departments/ Planning and Zoning, to find all building permit forms.

ICE RINK & WARMING HOUSE CLOSED

The ice rink and warming house at Four Seasons Park are officially closed for the season. Warmer weather has compromised the condition of the ice. The warmer weather this winter made maintaining good ice quite a challenge. Thank you for being so patient and understanding this year!

SPRING FORWARD

Get ready to set clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving is observed in only 48 states (Hawaii and Arizona are exceptions) and 78 countries around the world. Benjamin Franklin came up with the idea for Daylight Saving in 1784 as a joke for saving candles. It is actually "Daylight Saving Time" (singular), not "Daylight Savings Time" (plural).

Source: <http://www.acurite.com/daylight-saving-time-history-facts>
<http://www.cnn.com/2013/08/22/world/daylight-saving-time-fast-facts/>

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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



IT'S A TOILET NOT A TRASH!



What you flush matters. Even if they're small, everyday items can cause expensive problems for the sewage treatment facilities, not to mention messy and costly problems for you or your neighbors. Products may seem safe to flush down the toilet, but do not break down quickly in water. If just one undissolved piece gets caught on a bump or bend in the pipe, it can start a growth of buildup that can cause a sewer backup in your home or neighborhood.

Unacceptable items in the collection system cause damage to seals and bearings, as well as excessive wear on pumps and meters, which in turn shortens the life of the equipment. Once these products reach the sewage treatment facility, they must be removed from the inflow stream and hauled away. Here is a short list of what NOT to flush down the toilet or put down the garbage disposal or drains:

- *Baby Wipes
- *Bandages & Wrappers
- *Feminine Hygiene products
- *Paper Towels
- *Cotton Balls & Swabs
- *Cat Litter
- *Dental Floss
- *Diapers
- *Mop & Duster heads
- *Stickers
- *Cigarette Butts
- *Condoms & Wrappers

Arlington Farmer's Market



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<https://www.facebook.com/arlingtonmnfarmersmarket>

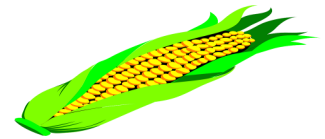
Every Monday Evening

4:00 pm– 7:00 pm

June 6, 2016– October

(end date to be determined)

Arlington Community Center Parking Lot



Interested in becoming a vendor??

Contact Arlington City Office

(507) 964-2378

MOWING HELP WANTED

Mowing/Weed Trimming Positions— The season will start tentatively May 1st and run approximately 24 weeks, subject to growing season (dryness, wetness, early/late frost). The hours for lawn mowing/trimming are Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm. Areas to be mowed/trimmed include all City parks, the public cemetery, and around City buildings. No weekend or evening mowing/trimming will be permitted. Approximately 32 hours per week will be spent mowing/trimming and maintaining equipment (oil changes, clean out decks, etc.). The seasonal part-time wage is \$9.50 per hour and applicants must be 18 years or older to apply and have a valid drivers license. The City is preferably looking for individuals to mow/trim for the entire season, but applications will be accepted for backup mowers to help with the first half (April-May) and second half (August-October) of the season, as needed. **DEADLINE:** All applications must be returned by **4:00 pm Friday, March 25, 2016.**

