

# The Arlington Report

**May's Recycling Dates: May 14th & 28th 8:00 am -11:00 am**

## ADMIN NOW AT POLICE STATION



The Arlington City Council Employee Relations Committee met several times throughout 2015, to discuss ways the City's Administration Staff could better meet the needs of Arlington Residents. Throughout the first part of this year, the City of Arlington Administration Staff has done a little reorganizing. There are now three full-time Administration personnel on staff, as the City Council has moved to hire Annie Shottliff for full-time employment as Community Center Coordinator/ Office Assistant. Her duties will continue to include maintaining all aspects of the Community Center along with various Administrative Assistant duties. What most residents don't know is she is in charge of fire and ambulance billing, maintaining all aspects of the City's internet correspondence (website, e-newsletters, and social media accounts), writing the City's newsletter and assisting residents with their various needs at the front counter. Her new duties will include facilitating the building permit process, assisting Deputy Clerk Lisa Tesch by taking some of the work load off of her, including payroll and accounts payable, and representing the City on various committees (Farmer's Market, Arli-Dazzle, Leading Sibley, etc.).

It had repeatedly been brought to City Staff's attention, that residents have a difficult time reaching the Police Department when in need, so with that in mind, Administrative Assistant Vicki Pomplun is now a full-time admin staff member located in the Arlington Police Station. She will be there to assist in answering phone calls, assisting with police administration duties and being a liaison between the public and the Police Department. She will also continue with several of her admin duties including meeting minutes and managing elections, along with other varying administrative duties for the City Office. Please feel free to stop in or call the Police Department, Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm, with any questions or concerns.

## BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile will be at the Arlington Community Center on Tuesday, May 24 from 1-7pm. Please give!



**The City Office will be closed Monday, May 30th for the Memorial Day holiday.**

## 2ND ANNUAL CITY CLEAN-UP DAY



**Thursday, June 23, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sibley County Fairgrounds:**

In partnership with Tri-County Solid Waste, the City of Arlington would like to promote a clean and healthy community by designating Thursday, June 23, 2016 as ARLINGTON CLEAN-UP DAY. Property owners within city limits may bring items to the Sibley County Fairgrounds between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Be prepared to show proof you reside within the city limits of Arlington. More information in the coming month.

## ADOPT-A-PARK

Thank you to everyone who signed up to volunteer to take care of our parks and trail last year! Here is a full list of last year's Adopt A Park adopters:



**Four Seasons Park**- Warzecha Family (Jill, Todd, Jaden & Adrian) in memory of Mr. Tom Noack.  
**Sportsman's Park**- Arlington Sportsmen's Club.  
**Frenzel Park**- St. Paul's Lutheran School.  
**Fairview Park**- Good Samaritan Society.  
**Memorial Park**- Tom & Diane Hatlestad.  
**Prairie Line Walking Trail**- Buzz Matz.

For 2016, almost all have agreed to adopt their same park, except Sportsman's Park, which is now available to be adopted. If you would like to adopt Sportsman's Park or to be an alternate on the list for any potential parks/trail openings, contact the City Office (507) 964-2378.

## CEMETERY NOTICE

The City of Arlington would like to remind everyone that decorations in the Public Cemetery must be affixed to the headstones or part of the wash area so as not to interfere with the path of the mowers. Special decorations are allowed one week prior to Memorial Day, but must be removed from the grass area within two weeks following the holiday. Please be aware that non-conforming decorations will be removed by City Staff.

## ADOPT-A-PLANTER ON MAIN STREET

Would you or your business like to sponsor a city planter in the downtown business district? The City has seven (7) large round City Planters and we are looking for volunteers and green thumbs that would be interested in planting and caring for a planter on Main Street this summer. The planter would be located adjacent to your business or nearest corner. For any inquires please call the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

## 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 Shottliff -- 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)

## ARE YOU PLANNING SUMMER PROJECTS?

Here are ten things that will help you get your fencing or accessory structure project off to a good start:



### 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)



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1. You will need a building and/or land use permit from the City Office before starting your project. Processing time is normally one to two weeks, so please schedule accordingly.
2. Fences must have finished sides facing outward, this means you look at the posts when you are inside the fence.
3. Fences must have posts buried at least 30" deep and encased in cement.
4. Fences can be located in side or rear yards, but fencing is not allowed in front yards.
5. Fences can be no more than six feet in height and must be of conventional fencing material. No agricultural fencing is allowed.
6. You are responsible for finding and marking your own property lines. You may check out a metal detector from the City Shop or contact a surveyor to locate your property pins.
7. You are responsible for keeping accessory structures out of the easements.
8. Sheds and detached garages need to 'blend in' with your house in terms of size, shape and color.
9. Canvas covered sheds, car ports, and 'hoop shed' designs are not allowed.
10. Sheds and detached garages are subject to setback, height, and size standards.

For additional information on zoning and building codes contact Cynthia Smith-Strack (Zoning Administrator) (612) 232-7399 or Darin Haslip (Building Inspector) (320) 226-5189.



### THE MAYOR'S MINUTE

Spring is here and things have been happening that create a very positive spin on activity in the community such as:

Houses are selling at an increased pace, as per a listing from the Sibley County Assessor's Office, 17 houses have changed hands in the past 5 months.

**Change of location:** Last fall, TM Wellness Revolution moved from its revamped gas station location on Hwy. 5, to a cozy space at 420 West Main Street. Good luck Amanda!

**Change of ownership:** Quast Service has been bought by Peter and Lahtasha Tuma and changed its name to Maverick Automotive. Sincere appreciation to the Quast family for all their years of service and dedication to our community. Warm wishes for great success to the young Tuma family in the business community, and in all other aspects of their upcoming involvement in our fine City.

Jim and Chris Heiland sold their property on the east side of Hwy. 5 to Arlington residents Pat and Jennifer Otto. The Ottos have recently opened their new auto service business which goes by the clever name of Ottomotive Tire & Repair. Nothing but best wishes for a successful business venture to Pat and Jennifer. Welcome to the Arlington Business Community!

**Sale of downtown storefronts:** The former Arlington Meat Market building was recently purchased by Arlington residents Steve and Elia Peterson. Elia will be operating a before and after school Latchkey program. Her services would provide homework help, healthy snacks, and a safe place for kids that are too young to be at home alone. Best of luck to the Petersons!

The former Dry Cleaners building near Main Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, was recently purchased by Sondra & Jason Foster. The Foster's family business, Country Style Accents, specializes in refinishing, repurposing and reselling antiques and other items of home décor. They also offer wedding décor rental. Their sales will be periodic as inventory dictates. The Fosters also recently acquired the old bank building along Hwy. 25 in the City of Green Isle. The business community wishes a warm welcome to the Fosters!

**Something New:** A new Dollar General store is in the final stages of planning, and will be constructed this summer in the NW quadrant of the intersection of Hwy. 5, and 401<sup>st</sup> Avenue. This new store will definitely enhance the retail options for the consumers in the area.

As part of the school renovation project, new solar panels will be installed on the south-facing wall of the building housing the swimming pool at Sibley East High School along 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NW. This will not only be an educational tool for Sibley East students, but will lower the electrical cost for the school district. This 5kW solar panel installation is made possible by a grant from the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA).

Thank you to all that came to a "Coffee with the Mayor" event, I look forward to seeing you again in the Fall (September 8th, 1:30pm at the Library).

-Mayor Rich Nagel

