

The Arlington Report

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
 Tony Voigt -- Maintenance Supervisor
 Lee Zwart -- Maintenance Worker
 Marv Doeden -- Interim Chief of Police

Bruce Rovinsky -- 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)

REMINDER ON SUMMER WATER USE

With the summer months nearing and the potential of drier weather, watering of lawns and gardens become more of a priority for residents. Residents should remember that your sewer charge is based on your water usage. To avoid having



to pay higher sewer costs for summer watering usage, residents should inquire with City Staff on purchasing a lawn meter. Residents save money with a lawn meter, because water that runs through the lawn meter is not charged the sewer rate. For residents that already have a lawn meter, please double check that it is working properly when you begin using it for the season.

COMPOST SITE OPEN

The compost site is now open 7 days a week during daylight hours for residents in City limits. It is located on the Southeast corner of town, close to the waste water treatment facility, on Freedom Drive. Allowable compost: Lawn clippings, leaves (no plastic bags), garden compost. Small brush area—No stumps or logs. Chipping is available on location for large amounts of brush for a cost. Contact the office for more information.

ALLEY GARBAGE COLLECTION



The City of Arlington has notified the refuse companies, that do garbage collection in town, that the alleys are now dry enough to resume alley pickup - effective immediately.

HAVE SUMMER PROJECTS?

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

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 get to 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 checkout 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) 952-758-7399 or Darin Haslip (Building Inspector) 320-226-5189.

CEMETERY NOTICE

All items decorating gravestones in the Arlington Public Cemetery are permitted 1 week prior to Memorial Day and need to be removed from the grass area within 2 weeks after the holiday to allow for the orderly mowing and maintenance of the cemetery.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

The City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

MONTHLY CITY OF ARLINGTON

TRIVIA QUESTION

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

ANSWER: Peter Esser was the first fire chief of Arlington. At the time of his death, he was the oldest fire chief in the state and completed 34 years of service for Arlington Fire Department.

How many gallons of water does the water tower hold?

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 Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

NEW & EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE NEAR FUTURE!

Arlington Community Center

The Arlington Community Center is scheduled to receive some small renovations in the near future. The Council approved the need of drywall repairs and interior painting for the building. The exterior of the building will be receiving a new LED community sign which will be delivered and installed, in the same structure as the old one, by the end of May.

City Website

The City has contracted with Vivid Image, Hutchinson, MN, and will be launching a new and more user friendly website. The City is looking for residents that have pictures of Arlington that they would like to have featured on the new website. If you have unaltered photos of community events, parks, buildings, or anything Arlington related that you would like to share, please call the City Office (507) 964-2378.

Community Education/Recreation Program Expansion

The Sibley East School District has hired a director for the newly expanded Community Education and Recreation Program. The director will begin expanding programming to meet the diverse needs of the residents in the Sibley East communities. If you have any suggestions/recommendations for the program, please contact the City Administrator, Liza Donabauer at (507) 964-2378. The City of Arlington will have a very active role in the building of this program.

**Summer Rec information will be sent home with students in early May.

New Employee

The City of Arlington welcomes Tony Voigt to our staff. Tony, who is a resident of Arlington, will begin his duties as the Maintenance Supervisor on May 12th. Welcome!

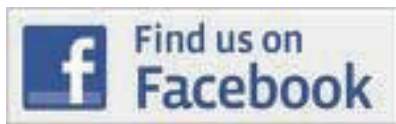
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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



CONCERT TO BE HELD MAY 15TH

The Piatigorsky Foundation of New York City will be hosting a concert at The United Methodist Church in Arlington on Thursday, May 15, 7:00 pm. Performers include Igor Begelman on clarinet and Reiko Aizawa on piano. The concert is free and open to the general public. This event is sponsored by the Arlington Library. Come and be inspired by this live concert.

BASKET AUCTION AT THE LIBRARY

A basket auction is underway at the Arlington Public Library. Visit the library often and bid on the wonderful baskets they have on display. Final day to place your bid is Friday, May 16. Proceeds from the basket auction will help in funding the summer reading program.

SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY



In a short amount of time, the kids will be out of school and enjoying the summer weather. The Arlington Public Library will be hosting summer programming again this year. Information will be coming out shortly. Watch for this information and keep your children reading and involved throughout the summer months.

BLOODMOBILE

The bloodmobile will be at the Community Center on Tuesday, May 27 from 1-7pm.

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.



SCHEDULED INTERRUPTION TO ELECTRIC SERVICE

Xcel Energy has again CANCELLED their maintenance work on the transmission lines that serve the City of Arlington's electrical substations for Wednesday, April 30th due to recent weather events.

The new scheduled date for Xcel's maintenance work is set for Wednesday, May 14th. Between the hours of 6:00-6:30 AM and again between 4:00-4:30 PM, two (2) ten minute outages will occur as line crews transfer electrical service from one substation to another. This will allow Xcel Energy crews to conduct their maintenance work throughout the day. In case of inclement weather, the maintenance will be rescheduled for Thurs, May 15.