

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
Jason Lovaas -- Maintenance Supervisor
Bruce Rovinsky -- Chief of Police
Scott Bennett -- Police Officer

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Ross Ameson -- 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)

STREET SWEEPING

There has been a delay in fall street sweeping, but City staff hopes to finish the sweeping by mid-November. Residents are reminded not to discharge leaves or lawn clippings/debris onto city streets. Leaves, lawn clippings and/or debris that are discharged onto city streets eventually wash into the storm sewers and cause them to clog. The cleaning of storm sewers can be time consuming and costly for the City. Residents are encouraged to take their leaves, grass clippings or debris to the City's compost site.

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING

Ever wonder exactly what your tax dollars went to pay for? Want to know what your City spends its money on? Is there wasted spending? To answer these questions, and many others, the City Council will be conducting its annual Truth-in-Taxation Hearing on Monday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Community Center. City staff will go through a detailed report on next year's proposed revenues and expenses. The preliminary proposed levy for 2014 was adopted in August at a 4.84% increase. It is the Council's goal to bring the percentage down by the final levy date in December. City staff will explain the reason behind any proposed increase and will touch on how the 2014 budget will affect the City and its property owners. The public is invited to attend the hearing to speak and to ask questions regarding next year's budget and property tax levy. Can't attend the meeting and have questions on next year's budget? Contact the City Administrator at 964-2378. Written comments may also be sent to the City Administrator at City Hall.

ARLI-DAZZLE PARADE

The Arli-Dazzle parade will be held on Saturday, December 7th, 2013 at 5:30 pm. This is a wonderful way to take part in a community event by entering a parade unit or volunteering your time. Christmas is a magical time, and Arli-Dazzle is a magical event in our community. To register for the parade or event questions, call Kim at After Burner Auto Body, (507) 964-2809. Deadline for parade registrations is November 29, 2013. Along with the parade, there is a "Dash Through the Snow"- 5K run & walk. All these events and more are posted on the Arli-Dazzle Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/arlidazzle.mn>.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

The City Office will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2013 in observance of Veterans' Day. The City Offices will also be closed on November 28 & 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

CITY SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR CITY BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

Have a passion for a certain area of local government? Interested in volunteering for your community? The Mayor and City Council are seeking interested residents to fill open positions on the following commissions/boards/committees, which become effective in January: Cemetery Committee; Economic Development Authority; Library Committee; Parks Committee and Planning & Zoning Committee. Committees usually meet on a monthly or quarterly basis, and some committees meet more often than others. For anyone interested in one or more of the above committees, please contact the City Office for an "Application for Appointment to Advisory Commissions/Committees/Boards" form. Forms are also available on the City's website at www.arlingtonmn.com. Applicants must be a City resident and all applications must be turned into the City Office by Monday, December 2, 2013, by 4:00 p.m.

LIBRARY EVENTS

The library is hosting a used book sale in November. It will start November 1st and run throughout the month. They have a variety of books, movies, and audio books. A Quilt Show will also be held on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm; which is also the day of the Arli-Dazzle parade. The library is accepting any quilted item to be put on display. Contact Kathy at the Arlington Library at (507) 964-2490.

WARMING HOUSE/ SKATING RINK ATTENDANT

The City of Arlington is accepting applications for a part-time position of Warming House/Skating Rink Attendant for the 2013-2014 skating season. The hours are after school, evenings, and weekends during the months of December through February (weather permitting) at a rate of \$8.75/hour. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older to apply. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm, Monday, November 25, 2013.

MONTHLY CITY OF ARLINGTON TRIVIA QUESTION

What year was the very first Arli-Dazzle Parade? AND How many units were in that first Arli-Dazzle Parade?

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 Wednesday, November 22, 2013.

City of Arlington, Sibley County

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SNOW EMERGENCY NOTICE -- VEHICLES & TRAILERS

Although we probably don't want to admit it, the Minnesota snow season is right around the corner. Residents and business owners should remember that the City of Arlington will be plowing and hauling snow anytime there is a snowfall of two (2) inches or more. The City asks that all residents park all vehicles and trailers off the streets and avenues until they are plowed from curb to curb or they will be ticketed and towed. Vehicles that interfere with City maintenance activity, such as snow removal, may be towed to a designated area at the expense of the owner. The vehicle may be impounded until all parking fines, towing and storage charges have been paid. Unclaimed vehicles will be sold and the proceeds applied first against such fines and charges. Repeat violators will be towed without additional notice.

SNOW EMERGENCY NOTICE -- SIDEWALKS

Property owners should also remember that city ordinances require that all ice and snow must be removed from all public sidewalks within 12 hours after such snow or ice has ceased to be deposited upon such sidewalk. Failure to remove the snow or ice within 24 hours may be a cause for the City to do so itself. If the City, or an agent assigned by the City, has to remove the snow, the City will bill the property owner accordingly. Unpaid bills for snow removal will be a cause for a special assessment against the property.

SNOW EMERGENCY NOTICE -- BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING

In the event of snow accumulation, vehicles are to park parallel to the street in the business district (Main Street and side streets) until such time that the entire street (curb to curb) has been cleared of snow.

SNOWMOBILE & ATV OPERATORS NOTICE

Snowmobile and ATV operators should be aware that city ordinance requires you to use public roadways/streets or alleys by the most direct route when entering or leaving town. Snowmobiles and ATVs are not allowed to be operated on sidewalks or boulevards, nor are they to be operated on private property without prior consent of the owner. Also, city ordinance prohibits the use of snowmobiles and ATVs on any cemetery land or city park/recreation area. Speed is not to exceed 15 miles per hour within city limits. Also, please be aware that the TC&W Railroad, Minnesota Prairie Line, and Minnesota Valley Rail Authority prohibit snowmobiles and ATVs to operate on or traverse its property.

OTHER REMINDERS ON SNOW REMOVAL

The City would also like to remind residents that it is illegal to remove snow/ice from private property and deposit it upon a public street in such a manner as to cause a hazard to travel, without proper arrangements for the immediate removal thereof. Also, no garbage dumpster shall be placed in the public right-of-way during the winter snow season (November 1 - April 1).



HOME OCCUPATION ORDINANCE

On November 7, the Planning and Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on an Ordinance proposed to regulate home occupations. Under the proposed Ordinance, all existing home occupations will be 'grandfathered in' so to speak - but any enlargement of the home occupation will require approval.

Home occupations are businesses or professions people operate from their home. The proposed Ordinance attempts to mitigate any potential impact of home occupations on adjacent dwellings. The intent of the Ordinance is to limit disruption in residential areas and maintain the integrity of our neighborhoods as true neighborhoods.

There will be three classes of home occupations: those that are prohibited, those that are classified as 'special' home occupations, and those that are permitted home occupations. Prohibited home occupations are not allowed. Special home occupations will be allowed following a public hearing and issuance of an interim use permit. Permitted home occupations are those which are classified as neither prohibited nor special. Permitted home occupations will need administrative approval.

The proposed Ordinance, in its entirety, is available for review at City Hall.