

# 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.  
Annie Shotliff -- Community Center Coordinator  
Tony Voigt -- Maintenance Supervisor  
Kirby Weckworth -- Maintenance Worker

Cory Danner -- Police Chief  
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/Phone/Internet Services*  
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 (888-613-2274)

## CITY COMPOST SITE

Reminder to everyone: the City Compost Site is **ONLY** for the disposal of brush, garden vegetation, grass clippings, leaves, and shrubbery. Our permit from the MN DNR **PROHIBITS** other items such as construction/lumber materials, furniture, and ordinary garbage from being collected on this site. This year has seen a significant increase in the volume of violating material being left at the composite site. If this abuse continues, the DNR *will* revoke our permit and then the compost site would need to be shut down completely. If you see or know of anyone violating the rules, please contact the Arlington Police Department at 964-5200. We need the public's assistance to help ensure that this site stays available to our residents for its intended purpose.



## PRIMARY ELECTION IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 12th

Primary Elections for State and Federal offices will be held at the Arlington Community Center, 204 Shamrock Drive, on Tuesday August 12th.

The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm for the purpose of nominating candidates for some of the offices which are to be voted for at the General Election. While there will be voting in Arlington, no local races will be on the Primary ballot. The Primary is an "election" that reduces the field of candidates within a major political party. Those nominated by the Primary will represent their major political party in the General Election. Although candidates of all three major parties will be on the Primary ballot, you may only vote for candidates within one major party at the Primary. Some non partisan offices (judges, county and local offices) will also be on the Primary ballot. Write-in votes are not allowed on the Primary ballot. The difference between the Primary Election and the General Election are in the purposes for the two events. The Primary serves to allow the major political parties the opportunity to narrow the number of their candidates for a particular office to just one, who then will face the competition from the other political parties in the General Election. For non partisan positions like judgeships and some local elected positions, the Primary allows voters to narrow the field for the General Election. By contrast, the purpose of the General Election is to choose public officials who actually will hold particular offices. For additional information on elections, visit the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

## RIDGEVIEW SIBLEY MEDICAL FOUNDATION 7TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center Foundation will be holding their 7th Annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 20, 2014. It will be held at Memorial Park (in front of the hospital) from 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Join them for food and entertainment. Bring the whole family! *Free will donations accepted.*

## NEW LAWS EFFECTIVE IN JULY/AUGUST

New laws passed by the 2014 Legislature have taken effect starting July 1st, or will be on August 1st. A sampling of some of those laws and how they may affect you are as follows:

**Minimum wage increased for the first time in 10 years**— A new law will increase the state's minimum hourly wage to \$8 from \$6.15, phasing it up to \$9.50 by 2016.

**Tasting at farmers markets addressed**— State food inspection law has been changed to specifically address whether a food handler license is required to perform product sampling and demonstration at farmers' markets and community events.

**E-cigarette law part of new health policy**— A ban on the use of electronic cigarettes will apply to daycares, hospitals, clinics and other health care facilities, some facilities licensed by the Health and Human Services Departments, as well as buildings owned or operated by the following: state, county, city, township, charter, school district, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the University of Minnesota.

**Youth tanning bed law**— Youth under the age of 18 will no longer be allowed to use tanning beds that use ultraviolet light, they are still permitted to use tanning equipment that does not involve ultraviolet light, such as spray tanning equipment.

**Law aims to reduce heroin overdose deaths**— More people will have access to a medication that counteracts an opiate overdose and a new law will also protect those who call for help during a drug overdose incident. The legislation, named "Steve's Law" after a man who died of a heroin overdose in 2011, will give police officers, emergency responders, social service workers and others permission to use an opiate antagonist called naloxone hydrochloride.

## MONTHLY CITY OF ARLINGTON

### TRIVIA QUESTION

July Answer: Hugh McGovern; he was a lawman starting in April 1886. He held that position until they switched over to a police chief position. He remained a member of the Arlington Police Department till his death in January 1944.

This month's "Cemetery" trivia question:

What year did the City of Arlington take over the duties for the Arlington Public Cemetery, from the Arlington Cemetery Association?

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.

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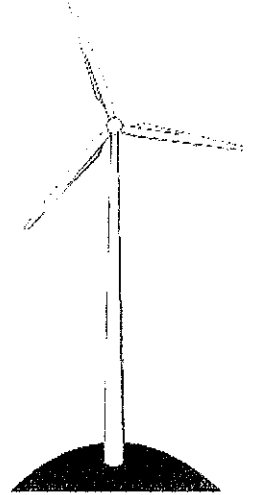
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### LIGHTING THE WAY— YESTERDAY, TODAY AND BEYOND

The City of Arlington is committed to lighting the way to a sustainable energy future. As a member of Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA), The City of Arlington, along with 10 other municipally owned utility providers, are demonstrating a tremendous promise for the future.

Currently, 15% of Arlington's electricity is generated from renewable energy. In 2007, the Minnesota legislature adopted The Next Generation Energy Act, known as "25 by 25," which requires that 25% of electricity be generated through renewable resources by the year 2025. A big part of meeting that goal is Arlington's involvement with wind and biogas technology.

In December 2011, MMPA's Oak Glen Wind Farm, the largest municipally owned wind farm in Minnesota, began operation on a 3,000 acre agricultural site in Blooming Prairie, MN. The 24 turbines at Oak Glen Wind Farm generate 44 megawatts of electricity annually. That's enough energy to power 14,000 homes each year.



MMPA's Hometown BioEnergy facility is an important component in the commitment toward local, sustainable energy production. In January 2014, the Hometown BioEnergy facility—an innovative, 8 megawatt biogas facility—located in LeSueur, MN, began producing electricity from farm and food processing waste. The facility, which uses anaerobic digester technology, is the largest of its type in the U.S. MMPA is next setting its sights on a Large Utility Solar project in Minnesota.

### CITY OF ARLINGTON SEAL COATING PROJECT

The Arlington City Council approved a bid from Pearson Bros, Inc., to complete the seal coating on various city streets. The project is scheduled to be done toward the end of August.

Streets included in the project are as follows:

- 7th Ave. NW from W. Douglas St. to W. Lynch St.
- W. Lynch St. from Chestnut Dr. to 7th Ave. NW
- Shamrock Dr. from Sheila Dr. to East terminus
- Marion Dr. from Hwy. 5 to cul-de-sac
- W. Chandler St. from 8th Ave. NW to 9th Ave. NW
- W. Brooks St. from 7th Ave. NW to 9th Ave. NW
- W. Alden St. from 7th Ave. NW to 7 1/2 Ave. NW
- 7th Ave. NW from W. Main St. to W. Brooks St.
- Frenzel Dr. from 8th Ave. SW to Soeffker Circle
- Pond View from Frenzel Dr.
- W. Adams St. from 4th Ave. SW to Frenzel Dr.
- Polar Circle from W. Baker St.
- 7 1/2 Ave. SW from W. Main St. to W. Baker St.
- 7th Ave. SW from W. Main St. to W. Baker St.
- 6th Ave. SW from W. Main St. to W. Baker St.
- W. Baker St. from State Hwy 5 to 7 1/2 Ave. SW
- Circle Ln. from Cty. Rd 17
- Horseshoe Dr. from Freedom Dr.

### ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES ARE A GREAT INVESTMENT

- ◆ ENERGY STAR appliances include energy efficient refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers, furnaces, air conditioners, ceiling fans, freezers, water coolers, dehumidifiers and air purifiers.
- ◆ ENERGY STAR appliances such as ENERGY STAR geothermal heat pumps, programmable thermostats and energy efficient furnaces and air conditioners can significantly lower utility bills. Plus, as of December 1, 2009, homeowners who install ENERGY STAR geothermal heat pumps are eligible for an unlimited 30% federal renewable energy tax credit.
- ◆ ENERGY STAR appliances deliver the same or BETTER performance as comparable appliance models while using LESS energy and saving MORE money.

**\*\*Due to flooding and construction, Sportsman's Park is closed until further notice.\*\***

**\*\*City Offices will be closed on September 1st for the Labor Day holiday.**

### CITY OF ARLINGTON SIBLEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

