

The Arlington Report

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Jim Kreft -- Mayor
 Ben Jaszewski -- Council Member
 Jennifer Nuesse -- Council Member
 Curt Reetz -- Council Member
 Jason Ruchling -- Council Member
 Galen Wills -- Council Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Liza Donabauer -- Administrator
 Lisa Tesch -- Deputy Clerk
 Vicki Pomplun -- Admin. Asst.
 Vacant -- Community Ctr. 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 /Phone/Internet 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 (888-613-2274)

ELECTRIC UTILITY RATE INCREASE

At their May 19th Council Meeting, the Arlington City Council adopted an increase of approximately 6% to the electric user rate and base fees to be effective immediately. The increase came as a recommendation from the City's financial associate, David Drown Associates. During their review of the estimated debt service on the proposed bond issue and the financial history of the electric utility, it was concluded that the electric utility revenues (rates) will need to increase by 6% in order to meet the debt coverage requirements. This equates to an increase of \$4.76 per month for an average four-person household that presently pays \$77.51/month and a monthly increase of \$15.50 for a mid-sized business customer that presently pays \$253.00/month. The rate increase will enable the City to make the proposed debt service payments for the upcoming electrical improvement project and will generate some cash which should accumulate in the electric utility for future capital projects or emergency situations (i.e. catastrophic weather event). While the usage rate has seen periodic increases throughout the years, the base rate has remained unchanged since 1982.



TWINS FIELDS FOR KIDS

GRANT—\$10,000

The Parks Committee was recently awarded a 2014 Twins Fields for Kids matching grant of \$10,000. These grant funds are to be used specifically for field renovation at Sportsman's Park. The Parks Committee, in coordination with the Arlington Sportsman's Club, will secure the matching funds through private donations and pledges for donated labor/materials. The renovation project is phased over two years with a planned celebration to celebrate the donors, community efforts and project.

CEMETERY NOTICE

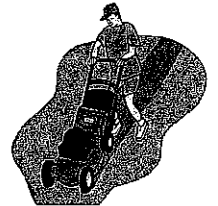
All items decorating gravestones in the Arlington Public Cemetery are permitted 1 week prior to Memorial Day and need to be removed from the grass area within two (2) weeks after the holiday to allow for the orderly mowing and maintenance of the cemetery. Non-compliant decorations will be removed by City staff after June 9th.

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 seven (7) days a week during daylight hours for residents in city limits and is located near the wastewater treatment facility on Freedom Drive (SE corner of town).

Allowable Compost: lawn clippings - garden compost - leaves (no plastic bags). No lumber, trash, or furniture!

Small Brush Pile Area - No stumps or logs. Chipping on location for large quantities at a cost is available through the City. No lumber or construction materials!



SUMMER RECREATION

PROGRAMMING IN FULL FORCE

Our very own Jen Strack (former Community Center Coordinator) is the new full-time Community Recreation/Education Coordinator for the SE School District. She has started planning the summer programming, including T-ball, Poppers, softball and baseball for Green Isle/Arlington/Gaylord youth. Additional programming to come. Stop by City Hall to pick up your summer programming calendar.

MONTHLY CITY OF ARLINGTON

TRIVIA QUESTION

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

ANSWER: The elevated portion of the water tower holds 300,000 gallons of water. (Extra Credit: There is an underground tank that holds an additional 100,000 gallons).

How many fire hydrants are within the City of Arlington city limits?

Submit your answers to the City Office with your utility payment. (Include your name, phone number and answer). There will be a prize awarded to the top 5 closest responses on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

NEW & EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE NEAR FUTURE!

Your Name in LIGHTS!

The Arlington Community Center finally received its new LED community sign which was delivered and installed on Thursday, May 8th. Use this opportunity to congratulate a new grad, announce a community event, wish a "Happy Birthday" to a loved one and stay in tune to what's happening in Arlington. Please contact City staff for more information.

We Need Your Photos!

Help us highlight the people/places/events we love about Arlington! We would love to feature your photos on the City's new website. Please email your pics to cityhall@arlingtonmn.com We will be sure to give your talent proper credit!

New Employee

The City of Arlington welcomes Cory Danner and family to our community. As the City's new Police Chief, Cory is excited to meet our community business owners and residents. Cory and his family hail from Estherville, Iowa, and look forward to playing summer ball and taking advantage of our parks. Welcome Cory!

City Planters

Thanks to the Sibley County University of Minnesota Extension Office for assisting in selecting and designing the plantings for the downtown City planters. Reetz Floral and Arlington Haus will also be designing and maintaining planters located outside their businesses. The Arlington Garden Club has planted the large stone planter under the Main Street Sign. We are so appreciative to these contributors for beautifying the downtown area.

City of Arlington, Sibley County

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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



NOTICE ON DUMPSTERS

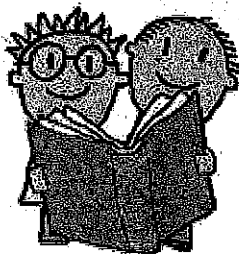
Please be advised there are **NO PUBLIC DUMPSTERS** available for the deposit of construction debris, garbage or rubbish.

Dumpsters located on private property or on streets adjacent to private property are not available for public use. Individuals are paying for this service and unauthorized dumping is against the law. Citations will be issued.

Unauthorized dumping in violation of MN Statute 609.68 is a misdemeanor, carrying a fine of \$750.00 and/or 90 days in jail.

Arlington Police Department
City of Arlington

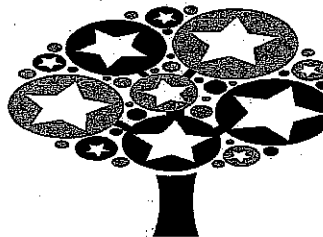
SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY



Kathy Homme, Library Director, announced this year's theme for the Summer Reading Program: Under the Big Top! This year includes carnival games, make-your-own books, Mrs. Kreft's Story Hour, and a special birthday party for the visiting Smokey the Bear (shhhh! He's turning 70!)

Watch for this information and keep your children reading and involved throughout the summer months.

Celebrate Tree City USA!



In honor of Mayor Jim Kreft's proclamation recognizing Arbor Day in the City of Arlington, we offer the following tips to draw attention to preventing the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer. According to the Minnesota

Department of Agriculture (MDA) website (www.mda.state.mn.us) there is something Minnesotans can do to ensure they are not helping spread emerald ash borer. **DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD.** Here is why:

- While emerald ash borer only lives in ash trees, once firewood is cut it is hard to tell if it is ash or some other wood. Therefore, you may not know if there is a potential to spread emerald ash borer.
- Even if a pile of firewood has been seasoned for a year, there is still a possibility it may be infested with emerald ash borer. The bug can live in cut firewood for up to two years.
- When going on vacation or heading to the cabin for the weekend, buy firewood near your destination, burn it there, and don't bring any back with you.
- Look for heat treated firewood. This method is certified by the MDA and is known to kill any pests that may be living in the wood.