

# The Arlington Report

## 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 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 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)

## FIRE HYDRANTS & STORM DRAINS

The City of Arlington and the Arlington Fire Department want to remind everyone that if there is a fire hydrant on or near your property, please take a few moments to shovel the snow away. Clearing the snow away from a hydrant increases its visibility and can save precious time when fire fighters need to hook up to the hydrant in an emergency. The City is also asking residents to help prevent street flooding and icing by clearing snow away from storm sewer catch basins. When the weather turns warmer and snow begins to melt, it's important that the runoff water is able to get into the storm sewer. If the catch basin is covered by a build-up of snow and ice, street flooding can occur.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH METERS

Winter isn't over yet, so to help the meter readers during this season, the City of Arlington is asking residents to assist by clearing a path to water and electric meters. Residents that have a fenced-in yard can also assist the City by making sure snow is removed from the gate to make access to the meters easier. This will help meter readers avoid walking on snow-covered landscaping and allow them to do their job more efficiently.

## PROTECT YOUR PIPES

It has been brought to our attention, that materials such as diapers, rags, mop heads, and personal cleansing wipes are being flushed down the toilet, causing wastewater equipment to clog up. These materials should not be flushed down the toilet as they don't break down properly. **THE ONLY ITEMS YOU SHOULD FLUSH DOWN THE TOILET ARE: bodily wastes & toilet paper.** Everything else goes in the trash. If you're already following this routine, thank you!



## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN 2014

There were 135 building permits recorded in 2014, slightly up from the 120 permits issued in 2013. However, the value of the work being done increased by a significant amount. The 135 permits issued in 2014 were valued at approximately \$2.96 million, which was about 29% higher than the value of the permits in 2013. Most of the permits issued (47) were for residential Roofing/Siding/Window projects, but with the majority of the value coming from the (22) Addition/Remodel permits accounting for more than \$2.4 million.

## WATER METER REPLACEMENT IS STILL UNDERWAY

The City and PeopleService personnel are continuing the process of changing out old water meters to the newer radio-read technology meters. The City is approximately two-thirds of the way to our goal of having our entire customer base switched over. The new meters are fitted with a radio device that allow utility workers to get meter readings using a walk-by or drive-by reading technology, and allow for a speedier and more accurate way to measure consumption.

If your house still has an old water meter, please contact the City Office to schedule an appointment to have it changed out. In most cases, the meter replacement should only take 30-45 minutes and there is no cost to replace the meters. Please contact the City Office at 507-964-2378 with any questions and to schedule an appointment. Thank you for your cooperation in this process!

## WARMING HOUSE

Due to recent warmer temperatures, the warming house at Four Seasons Park is temporarily closed. Residents may still use the rink at their own risk, but there currently is no skating rink attendant on-site. The weather hasn't been cold enough to keep good ice down. If the weather cools down for a sustained period and City Staff can get ice down, the warming house may be re-opened.

## 2015 ELECTRIC REBATES

Are you adding/replacing appliances or lighting to your home or business? 2015 Residential and Commercial energy efficient rebates are available. Contact the City Office for more information and to get rebate application form(s). Forms are also available on the City website: [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com).

## ALLEY NOTICES

Dependent on weather conditions, its possible that gravel alleys may be starting to thaw sooner, rather than later. As it warms up, watch the paper for notices about curbside garbage collection.

## CITY OFFICE CLOSED



The City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 17th.

**Coming Soon: Mayor Nagel's  
2015 Mayoral Goals!**

# Thank You!

## City of Arlington, Sibley County

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### 2014 CITY DONATIONS

The City would like to take a minute to thank all of last year's donors. Whether it was for new improvements at Dan "Buck" Thomes Field at Sportsman's Park, for the Fire or Ambulance Departments, or anything else we appreciate all of your donations! Thank you!

- \$1,000 Donation from Rosine Bortnem to the Arlington Ambulance and Arlington Fire Departments.
- \$2,000 Donation from the Arlington Lions Club and designating its use toward the purchase and planting of trees in the Safe Routes To School areas.
- \$1,000 Donation from the Arlington A's Baseball Association and designating its use toward field improvements at Sportsman's Park.
- \$1,324 Donation from the Sportsman's Club and designating its use for the purchase of a dedication plaque for Dan "Buck" Thomes Field at Sportsman's Park.
- \$625 Donation from Seneca Foods Foundation and designating its use for fire equipment purchases in 2014.
- \$1,000 Donation from V.F.W. Post 6031 and designating its use for field improvements at Sportsman's Park.
- \$1,000 Donation from Locher Bros. Inc. and designating its use for field improvements at Sportsman's Park in memory of Dan "Buck" Thomes.
- Donation of tables from the Arlington Conquerors 4-H for use at the Senior Building.
- \$2,500 Donation from Locher Bros. Inc. and designating its use to the Arlington Fire Department.

### FEBRUARY 2015 COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

- ♥ **PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET-** Pheasants Forever will be hosting their 26th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, February 14th at the Arlington Community Center. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Tickets are available from Jon Harbarth (507) 237-5679, or Jim Farber (507) 964-5253.
- ♥ **SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT-** The Rock'n 80's Relay for Life team will be hosting their annual scrapbooking retreat on Saturday, February 21st at the Arlington Community Center. There will be make and takes, door prizes, great food, and various vendors. For more information on this event, contact Jeri Odenthal (612) 418-6880 or email her at [jerodenthal@gmail.com](mailto:jerodenthal@gmail.com).
- ♥ **FISH FRY-** The Arlington Lions will be hosting their annual Fish Fry at the Arlington Community Center on Friday, February 27th, from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm, or until the fish is gone.

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

### 2015 PET LICENSES ARE HERE!

All pet licenses issued in 2014 will expire on March 31, 2015. According to City Ordinance 283, all domesticated pets (dogs and cats) must be licensed. Residents are encouraged to stop by the City Office before April 1st to obtain a 2015 pet license. The cost for the license before April 1st is just \$5 per pet. Residents must also provide a health certificate showing that the pet is current on its rabies vaccination. Due to the spring vaccination schedule, your pet may not be due for vaccinations until after April 1st. You should still license your pet in March to avoid the late fees. You will be permitted to bring an updated health certificate in at a later date. Licensing your pet assures that it will be taken care of and returned safely if it gets loose and is picked up by the Police Department. Residents should also be aware that a total of only 3 adult (includes spayed or neutered) pets are allowed per household. Also, if you have lost (ran away, gave away or died) pets within the last year, please notify the City Office so we can remove that pet from our current listing. The City will be following up on our listing of pets again this year.

**Residents should also remember that pets are not permitted to run at large within City limits. Pets must either be leashed or cabled/chained, kenneled or in a fenced yard and are not allowed to roam freely.**

### CENTERPOINT ENERGY WINTER TIPS

- \* Make the most of your energy dollars. Get a Home Energy Audit and discover no-cost, low-cost, and long-term energy saving opportunities for your home. A Home Energy Audit helps pinpoint where your home is losing energy and money. Up to \$25 of free weatherization materials are provided to help you make improvements immediately. [www.CenterPointEnergy.com/EnergyAudit](http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/EnergyAudit)
- \* Bring fresh, outdoor air into your home without opening a window and improve your indoor air quality, without heat loss with an energy recovery ventilator.
- \* Save 5-10% on your heating costs when you lower your thermostat five degrees for four or more hours a day. The recommended setting in the winter is 68° F while at home; 58° F while asleep or away from the home.

Find more energy-saving tips at: [www.CenterPointEnergy.com/SaveEnergy](http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/SaveEnergy)

