

# 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 Shottliff -- 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 (507-237-2274)

## CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY PLANNED THURSDAY, JUNE 25th

As part of Mayor Nagel's goals for 2015, which included blight and nuisance enforcement, the City Council approved partnering with Sibley County's Clean-up Day on Thurs, June 25th at the Sibley County Fairgrounds, from 9 am-4:30 pm.

For a fee, the County will be accepting tires, appliances, mattresses and electronics (anything with a cord including computers, TVs & treadmills).

The City will be providing dumpsters to its residents only, for the disposal of non-hazardous items and large furniture. More information will be available in the coming months.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING TO TAKE PLACE

Residents of Arlington should be aware that PeopleService will be flushing fire hydrants throughout April. During this time, water pressure may fluctuate and residents may notice some discoloration and cloudiness in the water. The water is safe to drink and should clear up in a few days. Running tap water for a short time should alleviate the problem.

## ACCESSORY & TEMPORARY STRUCTURE CHECKS

In mid-April, Cynthia Smith-Strack, Arlington's Planning & Zoning Administrator, will be doing Accessory and Temporary Structure checks to make sure they are in compliance with Arlington City Ordinance numbers 262 and 296. Please call the City Office if you have any questions regarding your accessory or temporary structures at (507) 964-2378.

## CITY JOBS



*Mowing/Weed Trimming Positions*—The season will start tentatively May 1st and run approximately 24 weeks, subject to the growing season.

*Part-time Community Center Attendant*—The position is primarily responsible for monitoring a variety of activities at the Arlington Community Center including weddings, dances and other events. Please contact the City Office for all inquiries at (507) 964-2378.

## SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK



This year, Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota is April 13-17. Severe Weather Awareness Week is a good opportunity for residents of Arlington to make sure they are prepared for severe weather when it strikes. Using the Department of Public Safety website ([www.severeweather.state.mn.us](http://www.severeweather.state.mn.us)) as a guide, you can build a family plan, build an emergency kit, and practice proper procedures. Having the right information can be a lifesaver. Severe Weather Awareness Week is a good time to learn what you should do in a lightening storm, heat wave, tornado, or flash floods. In conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, Thursday, April 16th is Tornado Drill day. The first statewide drill is at 1:45 pm, while the second statewide drill is at 6:55 pm. All communities will activate their warning systems and emergency sirens will sound. For more information on severe weather, be sure to visit the Department of Public Safety website.

## COMPOST SITE IS NOW OPEN

The compost site is now open seven days a week during daylight hours for residents in city limits. It is located in the southeast corner of town, close to the Wastewater Treatment Facility on Freedom Dr. *Allowable Compost:* lawn clippings, garden compost, leaves (no plastic bags). *Small brush pile area*—NO stumps or logs. Chipping on location is available for large quantities of brush, at a cost. Call the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

## REMINDER TO GET YOUR 2015 PET TAG



Pet owners have until April 30th to get their new pet tags for \$5.00/animal. After that date, there will be a \$10.00 late fee added. Get your 2015 pet tags today!

## APRIL COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

**Sat. April 11**— Craft & Gift Expo—Come out for a vendor and craft fair from 9 am - 3 pm. If you would like to rent a booth or need any additional information, contact Carol Bahr at (320) 583-8789.

**Sat. April 18**— Good Samaritan Society Tour of Tables—Meal catered by Chef Craig and music by Dirt Roads. For more information contact Tiffany Brockhoff at (507) 964-1381.

**Tues. April 21**— Senior Expo— 9 am - 2:15 pm. “Laughter - The Best Medicine.” For more information, contact Sibley County Extension at (507) 237-4100.

**Sat. April 25**— RSMC Foundation Spring Bash—Ridgeview Sibley Medical Foundation is inviting the public to their Spring Bash, a night including dinner, a live auction, and comedy by Chad Filley and Marj Rowan. Tickets are \$25 available at the door or in advance at the hospital, from any Ridgeview Sibley clinic or from any Foundation member. For any questions, please contact Jeni Forcier (507) 964-8438 or Mary Seeman (507) 964-2813.

## ARLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

The Arlington Community Center is the perfect place for—weddings, anniversaries, graduation parties, baby showers, meetings, benefits, confirmations, birthdays, quinceaneras or family reunions. For inquiries, to take a tour or to book a date, call the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

## ARLINGTON'S PARKS

The Arlington park shelters and the Senior Building at Four Seasons Park are available for private events, but are starting to book up for the summer. If you are interested in hosting an event at the Senior Building (for a rental fee), any of the shelters at Four Seasons Park, Sportsman’s Park, Frenzel Park, Fairview Park, or the Gazebo at Memorial Park please contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378 for inquiries or to book a date.



## **City of Arlington, Sibley County**

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## ARLINGTON NAMED “TREE CITY USA” FOR THE SEVENTH STRAIGHT YEAR

For the seventh straight year, Arlington has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. Arlington has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: having a Tree Board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. Communities that receive the Tree City USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet these four standards, they also recognize that:

1) Trees promote healthier communities by filtering the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles. 2) Trees moderate climate, conserve water and provide habitat for wildlife. 3) Trees reduce the “heat island effect” in urban areas caused by pavement and buildings. 4) Trees can increase property values and reduce energy use and add beauty to our homes and neighborhoods.

More information about Tree City USA can be found at [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).



## ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR THE 2015 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the Arlington City Council will meet at City Hall, on April 20th, at 6:30 pm to consider objections to the proposed assessments for the 2015 Street & Utility Improvements ordered by the City Council. The proposed assessment roll is on file with the City Clerk and open to public inspection. The area proposed to be assessed by said improvement, will affect the following properties on: W. Chandler St. (from Hwy 5 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW), W. Douglas St. (from 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW), W. Elgin St. (west of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW), 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW (W. Chandler St. to Hwy 5), and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW (W. Chandler St. to W. Elgin St.).