

The Arlington Report

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Rich Nagel -- Mayor
Michelle Batter -- 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 -- Main Supervisor
Kirby Weckworth -- Main Worker
Cory Danner -- Police Chief
Bruce Rovinsky -- Police Officer
Jordan Voigt -- 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)
Gaylord Sanitation (507-237-2274)

CENTERPOINT ENERGY

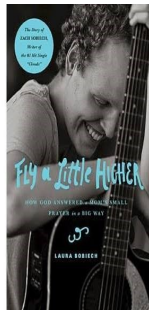
CenterPoint Energy will be performing work on a natural gas main near the intersection of Adams Street West and First Avenue South. The project will occur in late summer and take one to three days. Some excavation within the roadway will be involved, however, two-way traffic is expected to be maintained. The City has details on the construction contractor and on-site supervisor should questions arise during the construction project.

CEMETERY NOTICE

The City of Arlington would like to remind everyone that decorations in the Public Cemetery must be affixed to the headstones or part of the wash area so as not to interfere with the path of the mowers. Special decorations are allowed one week prior to Memorial Day, but must be removed from the grass area within two weeks following the holiday. Please be aware that non-conforming decorations will be removed by City staff.



SOBEICH'S CLOUDS



"Okay, Lord, you can have him. But if he must die, I want it to be for something big. I want someone's life to be changed forever." This is what Laura Sobiech prayed when she found out her 17 year-old son had only one year to live. With this desperate prayer, she released her son to God's will.

Source from <http://www.flyalittlehigher.com/>

Come join the APLL & Arlington Public Library for an evening with Laura Sobiech at the Zion Lutheran Church Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 pm. Laura Sobiech, was the mother of Zach Sobiech, who wrote the #1 hit single "Clouds". Laura has written a book "Fly a Little Higher, How God Answered a Mom's Small Prayer in a Big Way," capturing the life of her amazing son. This is a free event and open to the public. A limited number of copies of Laura's book will be for sale/signing that night. The cost of her book is \$20 by cash or check.

SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY

In a short amount of time, the kids will be out of school and out enjoying the summer weather. The Arlington Public Library will be hosting the Summer Reading Program again this year. Information will be coming out shortly. Watch for updates and keep your children reading throughout the summer months.

RECREATIONAL FIRES



City residents should remember that recreational (outdoor) fires are permitted within City limits as long as they are contained in an outdoor fireplace, barbecue equipment, or a concrete-lined fire pit, sufficient to provide physical limitation to the spread of the fire. *Recreational purposes* shall include only the cooking of food, or the providing of heat and light for outdoor social gatherings. Only propane, charcoal bricks, or wood products may be used to fuel fires (**absolutely no garbage!**). Outdoor fires must be supervised at all times by at least one adult person or extinguished if unsupervised. Outdoor fires shall be created or maintained at a distance of at least 15 feet from all structures and property lines.

DO YOU NEED A LAWN METER?

With the summer months upon us and potential dryer weather, watering of lawns and gardens become more of a priority for residents. Residents should remember that your sewer charge is based on your water usage. To avoid having to pay high sewer costs for summer water usage, residents should inquire with City staff on purchasing a lawn meter. Residents save money with a lawn meter, because the water that runs through the lawn meter is not charged the sewer rate.

DON'T FORGET WHEN MOWING GRASS

Residents should remember that the discharging of lawn clippings/debris onto City streets is not allowed. Clippings/debris 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 City staff to clean and unclog. The City is asking all residents to take their grass clippings/debris to the compost site. The compost site is open seven days a week during daylight hours.



BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile will be at the Arlington Community Center on Tuesday, May 26 from 1-7pm. Please give!

City Office will be closed Monday, May 25 for the Memorial Day holiday.

CITY OF ARLINGTON

CLEAN UP DAY

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SIBLEY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

In partnership with Tri-County Solid Waste, the City of Arlington would like to promote a clean and healthy community by designating Thursday, June 25, 2015 as ARLINGTON CLEAN-UP DAY. Property owners within city limits may bring items to the Sibley County Fairgrounds between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Be prepared to show proof you reside within the city limits of Arlington.



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (Tri-County)

(Vendors will be on hand to accept items for payment)

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| Tires -- \$2-20.00/ea. | Appliances -- \$10.00/ea. |
| Computer Hard Drives -- \$5.00/each | Mattresses/Box Spring -- \$10.00/ea. |
| Keyboards, Mouse and Cell Phones -- \$1.00/each | Large Appliances -- \$TBD |
| Monitor, Printers, Stereos, VCRs, TVs 19" and smaller -- \$5.00/each | |
| TVs larger than 19" and larger units -- \$10.00/each | |
| Complete Computer Set: Tower, Monitor, Mouse & Keyboard -- \$10.00/set | |
| Baleable Metal, Scrap Metal, Lawn Mowers and Steel -- \$FREE | Kids Car Seats -- \$FREE |

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (City of Arlington residents only*)

(Dumpsters will be available at no charge. Proof of residency required.)

*Items must originate from within City of Arlington limits. General "junk", furniture items, windows, doors, old plastic sand boxes or trikes, etc.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Demolition debris (shingles, sheetrock, lumber, decking), hazardous waste (used motor oil, paints, liquids, chemicals), watch/flashlight batteries, motor oil filters, antifreeze, fluorescent light bulbs, cement or asphalt, petroleum products or containers which contained petroleum products. Absolutely no household/kitchen garbage.

GRASS CLIPPINGS/SMALL BRUSH/COMPOST

Yard and garden wastes, leaves, lawn cuttings, weeds, shrub and tree waste and prunings are accepted at the COMPOST SITE ONLY at 670 Freedom Drive. Brush chipping is available for large quantities for a fee. Contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

City of Nicollet (Nicollet Co. Hwy Dept. Shop), Thursday, May 21st 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

City of Cleveland (Le Sueur Co. Hwy Dept. Shop), Thursday, September 17th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Any questions contact the Tri-County Solid Waste Office at (507) 934-7078.

ARLINGTON 2015 COMMUNITY INTEREST SURVEY RESULTS

Introduction

In 2014, the City of Arlington learned it has funding available to start some long-term, healthy-living initiatives. Therefore, they decided to do a survey of their residents to seek their input and opinion on how to best meet the current and future needs of the City. Questions on the survey touched on healthy living, safety, community education/recreation and parks and included opportunities to provide open ended or more specific feedback. Residents were given the opportunity to complete the survey online or on paper.

Respondents

There were 135 survey respondents. The typical survey respondent was a white female, with some college education, a household income between \$50,000 and \$74,999 and has been an Arlington resident for 26.5 years. The survey population had a higher percent female population than the general population of Arlington, and similarly had an overall higher level of education and household income.

Result Highlights

Programs, activities and actions that showed the most interest/support overall include:

- Classes on cooking healthy on a budget and weight management.
- Attending a weekly farmers' market, an 81% majority.
- Improve maintenance of existing trails and sidewalks.
- Replace/improve existing boardwalk & nature trails.
- Adult walking program.
- More bike and walk friendly schools.
- Creating tobacco free grounds at city buildings.
- Strengthening the City's tobacco free parks policy to cover all park property, not just youth areas and events.

Obesity, for both adults and children, was identified as the most serious issue of all the 38 topics listed in the survey.

To review the entire survey results go to the City's website www.arlingtonmn.com under the "News" page; or contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity

