

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 -- Maint. Supervisor
Kirby Weckworth -- Maint. Worker
Cory Danner -- Police Chief
Bruce Rovinsky -- Police Officer
Jordan Voigt -- 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)

COMMUNITY ED ACTIVITIES



Sibley East Community Education has lots of activities for both adults and children over the summer. Many of the activities have participation minimums and limits, so please be aware of the deadlines and get your registration in early. For further information contact Jen Strack, Community Education Coordinator (507) 237-3322. The summer brochure can be picked up at the Sibley East schools or the City Office. All Community Ed information is available on the school's website: www.sibleyeast.org.

KEEP THAT GRASS LOOKING GREAT

City Staff would like to remind property owners that City Ordinance 259 states that any noxious weed or excessive growth of weeds and grasses, measuring 6 inches or more in height, is considered a public nuisance and is prohibited. With the mowing season upon us, City Staff is already receiving complaints on unkept lawns. While the City does its best to identify these unkept lawns, most properties that are in violation of the ordinance are identified by the public. Residents wishing to file a complaint are encouraged to call the Police Department (507) 964-5200 to start the process.



CITY CLEAN UP DAY

Don't forget Arlington's Clean-Up Day is fast approaching! Thursday, June 25 from 9:00 am-4:30 pm. Property owners within the city limits may bring large items to the Sibley County Fairgrounds. Be prepared to show proof of residency. Residents are allowed to bring a reasonable amount of items to discard. For any questions contact the City Office (507) 964-2378.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



In order to reach more of the community and quickly provide updates, look for "City of Arlington" and click the "like" button to stay up to date on what is going on within the City.

ADOPT-A-PARK



The Parks Committee introduces "Adopt-A-Park"! Arlington residents, businesses and organizations have a unique opportunity to donate time to their community and enjoy the results of their hard work. The Parks Committee feels that volunteer efforts increase public awareness and pride in our parks and upcoming trail system. Volunteerism also demonstrates a commitment to one's community. The program is not designed to replace regular maintenance of the parks. Adopt-A-Park brings together volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to make the parks/trail a friendlier and more enjoyable place to visit. More information is available at the City's website: www.arlingtonmn.com by entering "Adopt A Park" in the magnifying glass on the home page.

DO YOUR PETS NEED A LEASH?

With the warmer weather, more residents have been out walking their pets around the City. Residents should be aware of ordinance 283, The Keeping of Animals Within the City limits. All animals kept or held within city limits must be physically controlled by a person or entity keeping or holding the animal. If your pet is allowed outside, they must be caged, fenced in, or on a leash. Any cage, building, or leash must be of sufficient composition to reasonably prevent the animal from injuring any person or property. You may take your animal(s) on walks along the public streets, sidewalks and alleyways, as long as the animal is held by a leash to restrain the animal. No animal shall be allowed to trespass onto private property. If the animal conducts a bowel movement during its walk, the person controlling the dog must immediately pick up, remove and dispose of it in a garbage container located at your home.



The City Office will be closed Friday, July 3rd for the Independence Day Holiday.

City of Arlington, Sibley County

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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



AT ISSUE: OUTDOOR STORAGE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Throughout 2014, the City received complaints regarding outdoor storage of cars, trucks, recreational vehicles, sport recreational vehicles, miscellaneous debris and the like. The complaints centered on the amount of items stored outside, the location of such storage, and the potential for accumulations of 'junk'. After receiving complaints, the City Council directed the Planning Commission to research and report back on methods to manage outdoor storage of items.

The Planning Commission created management standards and the City Council has placed them into effect. Following are FAQ's on outdoor storage:

Q: Why have outdoor storage standards?

A: Everyone has a different opinion of what is too much, what is neat/orderly, and what is junk or not worth saving. The standards provide a baseline for storage throughout the City and attempt to balance property owner rights with the public good.

Q: Where do the standards apply?

A: Private residential, commercial, and industrial property.

Q: Can businesses store items outdoors?

A: Yes, material/goods displays are exempt, as are temporary sidewalk sales and such. New permanent outdoor storage needs to be at least partially screened from public view.

Q: Can residents store items outdoors?

A: Yes, outdoor storage is allowed, but there are limits on the amount of your front yard that can be used for outdoor storage and the placement of outdoor storage. Items in the front yard have to be stored on an improved/hard surface. Items in the side or rear yards must be stored at least on a compacted surface (not grass).

Q: What types of outdoor storage is regulated?

A: Campers, sport recreation vehicles (already some standards in place), number of cars/trucks (already some standards in place), commercial equipment/vehicles, volume of front yard used for storage, and storage of miscellaneous items such as pallets, tires, vehicle/equipment and parts, piles of dirt, rock, etc.

Q: Where can items be parked/stored?

A: Some items can be stored in the front yard, as long as not too much of the front yard is used for storage. In the front yard, storage surfaces must be hard surfaced; and in the side/rear yard, items must be stored on surfaces other than grass. Outdoor storage must be set back from property lines and allow free lines of sight at intersections.

Q: Do I need a building permit or land use permit?

A: You will need a land use permit and zoning approval for any improved surfaces needed for your storage. You will need to abide by the new standards. Please contact City Hall for details on what you can and can't do.

Q: Where can I find more information?

A: Contact City Hall for a copy of the standards or log onto www.arlingtonmn.com to download the Ordinance.

SPORTSMAN'S PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Parks Committee has been working diligently to make improvements at Sportsman's Park. The field has been graded, enlarged and resurfaced, the picnic shelter has been retinned, and the fencing is scheduled to be replaced this summer. There has been a total of \$11,999 in various local donations for the improvements to the field. Thank you to the Arlington Lions, Arlington A's, Arlington Veterans, Sportsman's Club, MN Valley Electric Cooperative, Melsha Construction, McLoed Coop. Power, and Locher Bros. The park and shelter are open and ready to be used by the public, however the field will not be ready for use until later this summer.

SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY

Kathy Homme, Library Director, announced this year's theme for the Summer Reading Program: "Every Hero Has A Story"! June 8th – July 31st. Head to the library for more information!



Marty Bergland presents

"Monarch Butterflies"

June 6th, 10:00 a.m. at the library – great program for all ages.

Marty will be speaking on various aspects of butterflies: including their life cycle, their importance and ways to attract them.



A NOTE FROM MAYOR NAGEL



Roseann and I went for a walk on Wednesday, May 20, to Four Seasons Park. What a display of activity! There were two baseball/softball games being played with many participants and spectators. Basketball was being played west of the shelter. About a dozen young men

were playing volleyball and approximately 20 youngsters were taking advantage of the wonderful play area.

As we exited the park, we looked back and estimated that there were easily over 200 people of various ages and interests taking advantage of this fine community asset.

It warmed our hearts!

-Rich Nagel