

# 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 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)



## PRAIRIE LINE TRAIL ETIQUETTE

The new Prairie Line Trail has been very popular this summer, however it has been brought to City Staff attention that not everyone is following the same set of rules. City Staff has compiled a set of trail etiquette guidelines. If everyone follows the same guidelines, the trail will be safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

- ◆ The trail is multi-purpose— the trail can be used as a walking, running, biking, or rollerblading trail.
- ◆ Be courteous— all trail users should be respectful of other trail users, in spite of their speed or skill level.
- ◆ Be predictable— travel in a consistent and predictable manner, always check your surroundings when changing direction on the trail.
- ◆ Do not block the trail— use no more than half of the trail so as not to block the path of others around you.
- ◆ Keep right— stay as close to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when passing another user.
- ◆ Pass on the left— pass others, going your direction, on their left. Yield to slower and on-coming traffic and shout “on your left” when passing others. Check your surroundings to make sure the lane is clear to pass.
- ◆ Obey all traffic signs— use caution where trail crosses streets and stop at all stop signs, intersections, and driveways.
- ◆ Be respectful of private property— trails are open to the public, but parts of the trail pass through private property. Please be respectful of others property!
- ◆ Clean up your trash— please clean-up after yourself, your children and your pets.
- ◆ Use lights at night— if you are using the trail at any time from dusk to dawn please be equipped with the correct lighting, for your safety and the safety of others.
- ◆ Do NOT use the trail under the influence of drugs or alcohol— you may need your reflexes quickly, don’t have them impaired!

Source: <http://www.ibike.org/education/trail-sharing.htm>

## NEW LAWS EFFECTIVE IN JULY

*More bingo in nursing homes*— this new law updates the definition of gambling to include gambling software that supports electronic bar bingo and electronic pull tab games. The law also allows nursing homes, senior homes, and senior citizen organizations to conduct bingo more than two times each week.



*Read all about foreclosures in the local newspaper*— by law, official public notice regarding mortgage foreclosure sales need to be published for record. The new law clarifies that, if a qualifying newspaper is not located in the county where the foreclosure is to be held, a newspaper in an adjacent county will meet the requirements. *Public defenders bulked up*— this law includes an additional \$6.48 million for the Board of Public Defense, which should create 36 new Public Defender positions to help reduce the number of caseloads.

*Tuition relief at public colleges and universities*— All students at public colleges and universities in Minnesota will feel some tuition relief over the next two years. The law will increase state funding by \$166 million. The biggest part of the increase, \$101 million, will be used for a tuition freeze for students attending two-year MnSCU colleges.

*New dollars for existing pre-K programs*— the law adds more than \$95 million in funding for several existing pre-kindergarten and early learning programs that target children from low-income families.

For a complete summary of all laws passed during the 2015 legislative session, go to:  
<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/leginfo/0715nrel ease.pdf> or  
<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2015/06/30/new-laws>.

## SPRINKLER WATER READINGS



A reminder to residents that have lawn meters: remember to turn in your readings monthly during the season while using it. Your sewer usage will be credited on the following month’s bill for the usage that was used through the lawn meter. If you do not have a meter and would like to purchase one, contact the City Office.

## MAYOR'S CORNER: ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

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*A Beautiful City Growing in Unity*

Recently I have become aware of three Good Deeds that I would like to share with you:

1. One evening recently, I personally witnessed an Arlington couple, mowing and cleaning up weeds by the electric sub-station near the railroad tracks. This area is blocks away from their residence, "but Arlington is their home community and they wanted to make it look better."



2. After recent rain, Buzz Matz, who recently "adopted" the new segment of the Prairie Line Trail, was not pleased with the dirt that had washed onto the 1.5 mile trail. He approached the owners of Haggemiller Lumber regarding the broom attachment on their Bobcat. They agreed to let Buzz use their Bobcat and broom free of charge. This wonderful new trail is a county trail not a city trail, "but to these people involved, Arlington is their home community and they wanted to make it look better."

3. Resident Dennis VanMoorlehem, after doing tree or shrub trimming or cleaning up after strong summer winds, will load up the debris on his pickup and check the curbs of others in the neighborhood for any downed limbs. It seems that he can always find some room for more brush on the way out to the City Compost Site. To Dennis, it doesn't matter who's yard the branches come from because "the Arlington community is his home and he wants to make it look better."

What are you or your neighbor doing to "tidy up" your community? Please let me know, so I can spread the word of your efforts.

Thanks!

Rich Nagel  
Mayor, City of Arlington



### OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Off-Highway Motorcycles and Off-Road Vehicles are permitted within City limits. City Staff wanted to remind residents of Ordinance 179, an ordinance regulating the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles within the City of Arlington.

**It is unlawful to operate an off-highway vehicle as follows:**

- On a public sidewalk or walkway provided or used for pedestrian travel.
- On private property of another without lawful authority or permission of the owner or occupant.
- On any land owned or occupied by a public body or on frozen waters, including school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas, private roads, platted but unimproved roads, utility easements and public trails.
- While the operator is under the influence of liquor or narcotics.
- At a rate of speed greater than 15 miles per hour.
- While towing a person or thing on a public street or highway except through the use of a rigid tow bar attached to the rear of an automobile.
- In a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary or unusual noise, which disturbs, annoys, or interferes with the peace and quiet of other people.
- While chasing, running over, or killing any animal, wild or domestic.
- Without a headlight and taillight when required for safety.
- Between the hours of 12:00 am (Midnight) and 6:00 am.



### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Monday, August 3– City Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- Monday, August 17– City Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, August 19– RSMC Ice Cream Social 4 pm—7:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 25– Bloodmobile 1 pm—7 pm
- Monday, August 31– Lions Pillow Fluff 7 am—4 pm

### RIDGEVIEW SIBLEY MEDICAL FOUNDATION

#### 8TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Ridgeview Sibley Medical Foundation will be holding their 8th Annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. It will be held at Memorial Park (in front of the hospital), from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Join them for great food and entertainment. Bring the whole family! *Free will donations accepted.*

\* In case of inclement weather, it will be moved to the Sibley County Fairgrounds' new Heritage Building.



### BACK TO SCHOOL

Sibley East students will be back to school before we know it. Students grades 7-12 will start school on Tuesday, September 8th and students in grades K-6 will start Thursday, September 10. Please stay alert while driving around the school, there are many camps and practices running throughout August.



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