

The Arlington Report

April's Recycling Dates: April 8th & 22nd 8:00 am -11:00 am

SPRING INTO ARLINGTON



Join the Arlington Chamber of Commerce's "Spring into Arlington", an evening to explore Arlington while visiting with friends & participating local establishments at their places of business. Enjoy special offers, refreshments, giveaways, and demonstrations, all while welcoming warmer weather! On Thursday, **April 27th from 5-8 pm**, visit 15 or more participating businesses to be entered to win \$600.00 in Arlington Dollars! Stamp cards will be provided at the participating businesses the day of event, for entry into the drawing. Participating businesses are: Arlington Auto and Farm Supply (NAPA), Arlington Enterprise/Sibley Shopper, Arlington Haus, Arlington Historical Society, Arlington Liquors, Brau Motors, Country Style Accents, Double Tap Bowling & Sports Bar, Gustafson Family Dentistry, Jerry's Home Quality Foods, Liberty Station, Maverick Automotive, Mayer Law Office, LLC, Premier Choice Realty, Ottomotive Tire & Repair, Reflections / Stu's, Snap Fitness, This Old House, Thomes Bros, TM Wellness Revolution, Inc, and Two Old Goats. The following businesses will be setup at the Emergency Services Building: Good Samaritan Society, Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center and the Arlington Farmer's Market. The City of Arlington will also be setup at the former TSE Admin building on Highway 5. Be Local. Support Local!



APRIL COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Sat. April 8- Tree Steward Class—Come to the free Tree Steward class to learn about all aspects of tree care so you can lend a hand in YOUR community. Contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378 for more information or to register.

Tues. April 18- Senior Expo— "The Good Ole' Days" 9:00 am-2:15 pm. Tickets are \$8 in advance at Morreim Drug Store, or \$10 at the door. For more information, contact Sibley County Extension at (507) 237-4100.

Thurs. April 20- Coffee with the Mayor— Cenex at 1:30 pm.

Thurs. April 20- Sibley County Community & Business Expo— 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, at the Arlington Comm. Center. For more information contact Amy Newsom at (507) 237-4117 or AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us.

Fri. April 28- Ridgeview Sibley Medical Foundation Spring Benefit presents "Song Blast Dueling Guitars"— Social hour 6:00-7:00 pm, Dinner 7:00-7:45 pm, Live auction 7:45-8:15 pm, performance from 8:15-9:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance at all Ridgeview Sibley locations, local businesses, or from any Foundation member: Gail Estenson, Mary Seeman, Deb Brinkman, Alex Fredin, Jan Giesen, Jim Pederson, Mary Jazewski, or Donna Schiro.

CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY PLANNED WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th

The City Council again approved partnering with Sibley County's Clean-up Day. The past few years, this day has been in June, but this year's date is on Wednesday, May 24th at the Sibley County Fairgrounds, from 9:00 am-4:00 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 (Driver's license/ID required), for the disposal of non-hazardous items and large furniture. More information will be available in the coming month.

There will also be three county wide household hazardous waste collections throughout the area. The dates are Thursday, April 13th, in the City of Gibbon; Thursday, May 4th, in the City of LeSueur; and Thursday, September 21st, in the City of Klossner. On all three collection dates, the sites will be open from 10:00 am- 4:00 pm. The household hazardous waste collections are free for residents of LeSueur, Nicollet & Sibley Counties.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Rich Nagel -- Mayor
Michelle Battcher -- Council Member
Adam Cowell -- Council Member
Tom Hatlestad -- Council Member
Jim Heiland -- Council Member
Ben Jaszewski -- Council Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Liza Donabauer -- Administrator
Lisa Tesch -- Deputy Clerk
Annie Shottliff -- Asst. Deputy Clerk
Vacant -- Maint. Supervisor
Kirby Weckworth -- Maint. Worker
Vacant -- Police Chief
Jordan Voigt -- Interim Police Chief
Vacant -- Police Officer
Vicki Pomplun -- Admin Coord.

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Ross Arneson -- City Attorney
Holly Kreft -- EDA Consultant
Cynthia Smith-Strack -- 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)

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK



This year, Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota is April 17th-21st. 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) 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 lightning storm, heat wave, tornado, or flash floods. In conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, Thursday, April 20th is Tornado Drill day. The first statewide drill is at 1:45 pm, while the second statewide drill is at 6:45 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.

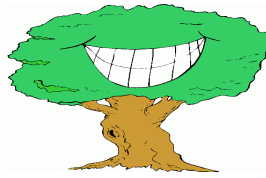
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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



TREES HELP MAKE A COMMUNITY

What defines our community? Certainly the people, shopping areas, schools and places of worship. Homes, parks, streets and sidewalks may conjure up memories of a simpler, greener childhood. Conversely, yours may be more open spaces typical of new subdivisions or painful reminders of what was lost when that catastrophic wind storm went through a year or two ago.

Trees help define communities in Minnesota. Historically, the eastern half of the state was dominated by forests of towering pines, tamaracks and oaks. Although the western half was more prairie, communities were built around the few wooded areas. Where wooded areas didn't exist, trees were planted to make community life more enjoyable. Trees have always been an integral part of Minnesota's communities.

Trees block winds, reducing heating costs in the winter and allowing your Frisbee to go in the direction you planned in the summer. They shade and cool us in the summer, provide housing for birds and other small creatures, and sometimes food for us as with apple trees. For many, they are simply pretty, and that is good enough: pretty flowers, exciting fall colors, beautiful red bark against winter's snow.

Your community was one of twelve communities selected to receive a grant through the **Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund**, assistance that will help your community retain and improve its character by enhancing and protecting its tree resource, involving its greatest resource in the process...you. For more information on getting involved as a steward of your community's trees this year, contact Liza Donabauer at ldonabauer@arlingtonmn.com.

-Gary Johnson, University of Minnesota, Community Engagement and Preparedness (CEP) program, will be writing nine tree related articles in the coming months. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact him at johns054@umn.edu or 612-625-3765.

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 Drive. *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, for a fee. Call the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

HOME SALES

Arlington's contracted assessor, Laura Hacker, recently presented information to the City Council regarding sales of residential properties over the last year. According to Hacker, thirty-three houses were sold in Arlington between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. Also in 2016, there were six commercial properties sold within the City of Arlington. As of March, according to Hacker, there has been one residential sale in 2017.



ASSESSMENT & CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Arlington will meet on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the Open Book meeting from 3:00- 8:00 pm at the Sibley County Assessor's Office, 400 Court Ave, Gaylord. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation of classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

EMT CLASSES

Ambulance EMT classes are starting May 9th, there is still room for additional people. If you're interested in joining or have any questions please contact Ambulance director Kevin Sullivan at (612) 723-3166 or email ksullivan@arlingtonmn.com.

KARE 11 BELINDA JENSEN COMING TO ARLINGTON

Belinda Jensen has been a meteorologist for 25 years and has been curious about the weather since she was an elementary school student! She is now the Chief Meteorologist for KARE 11 News, the NBC affiliate in Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Belinda will be visiting:

Friday, April 21, 2017

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

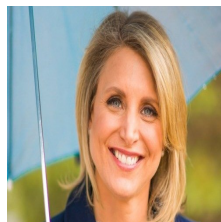
Arlington Public Library 321 West Main Street, Arlington

Library visit is free & open to the public!

Sponsored by APLL & the Arlington Public Library

Belinda's books are available for **pre-order** and will be autographed prior to her visit!

NO BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE THE DAY OF THE EVENT FOR PURCHASE!



REMINDER TO GET

YOUR 2017 PET TAG!!

Pet owners have until April 30, 2017 to get their new pet tags for just \$5.00 each. After that date, there will be a late fee added. Get your 2017 pet tags today!

