

The Arlington Report

August's Recycling Dates: August 12th & 26th 8:00 am -11:00 am

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

Laura Elvebak -- Interim Administrator
Lisa Tesch -- Deputy Clerk
Annie Shotliff -- Asst. Deputy Clerk
Kirby Weckworth -- Maint. Supervisor
Trevor Latzke -- Maint. Worker
Pat Nienaber -- Interim Police Chief
Jordan Voigt -- Police Officer
Vacant -- Police Officer
Vicki Pomplun -- Admin Coord.

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Ross Ameson -- 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)

SIBLEY COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 2-6



The 148th annual Sibley County Fair will be held August 2-6 at the Sibley County Fairgrounds in Arlington. *The Best Little Fair in Minnesota.*

\$5,000 of script money will be given away throughout the fair, with nightly drawings Wednesday-Saturday at 10:30 pm and Sunday at 6:00 pm. There will be musical entertainment every day, events in the grandstands and a BBQ cook-off contest on Saturday. For more information head to their website <http://www.sibleycountyfair.com/> or check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SibleyCountyFair/>.

COLUMBARIUM SALES START

AUGUST 1st!

The Arlington Public Cemetery Columbarium was finally installed in mid-July. Niches will be available for purchase starting August 1st. The price of the niches vary depending on placement, but range from \$525.00-\$750.00. Please contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378 for more information.



FARMER'S MARKET AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Every Monday evening 4-6:30 pm @ Comm. Ctr. parking lot
20 Day Veggie Challenge Begins



- ◆ 7- Kids Day- Petting Zoo, HOP, HBB
- ◆ 14- Show your Ride- Classic cars & Motorcycles welcome!
- ◆ 21- HOP, HBB

- ◆ 28- Senior Day- Saxophone Quartet 6:00-7:00 pm, HOP (extra week) & \$4 Meal Deal- Hotdogs/Chips/Water

New this year, Hands on Produce (HOP)! Youth ages 3-16 can register to get FREE \$2 tokens to spend at the market. HOP is every other Monday, along with Home-Based Businesses (HBB).

2017 SEAL COATING

The 2017 seal coating project should be completed in early August. The City Council has approved Pearson Bros' Inc. to complete seal coating in selected areas. Please be advised they will be back to sweep up the extra rock after a few weeks, so please drive carefully in those areas.

MEETING DATE CHANGES

Due to scheduling conflicts, a few of the regularly scheduled meetings in August have been changed.



- Thursday, August 3rd— 5:30 p.m. Rescheduled Regular City Council Meeting (to be complete before 7:00 p.m.).
- Thursday, August 3rd —7:15 p.m. Joint City Council/ Planning & Zoning Meeting.
- Monday, August 7th— No Regular City Council.
- Monday, August 7th— 5:30 p.m. EDA meeting, one week early.

NEW LAWS EFFECTIVE JULY 1st

Sunday Liquor Sales— Minnesotans are now able to purchase off-sale liquor on Sundays between the hours of 11:00 am– 6:00 pm.



Outdoor Fee Increase— Higher fees for hunting and fishing licenses are included in a new omnibus environment and natural resources law. This new law will increase the cost of a resident fishing license from \$22 to \$25 and a deer license from \$30 to \$34.

Education Increases— A new law increases overall education funding and shifts pre-kindergarten education investments into early learning scholarships and school readiness programs.

State Park Fees Increase— Permit for annual use of state parks increases from \$25 to \$35, and state park day passes increase from \$5 to \$7.

Sources: <http://www.twincities.com/2017/07/01/autism-israel-dwi-and-more-new-laws-in-minnesota/>

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/leginfo/0717nrelease.pdf>
<https://patch.com/minnesota/applevally-rosemount/heads-mimnesota-new-laws-effective-july-1-2017>

SPRINKLER WATER READINGS

A reminder to residents that have lawn meters to turn in your monthly readings. Your sewer usage will be credited the next month 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.



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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



Council can recognize someone from the public to comment on a specific action item. The City Council does provide at their regular meetings, a "Citizens Addressing the Council" portion of the agenda for residents to comment on non-agenda items. Citizens looking for a specific action from the Council should ask to be placed on the agenda prior to the meeting. Please contact the City Office several days in advance to request time on the next agenda.

Closed Meetings— Under certain circumstances, some meetings (or a portion of a meeting) of the City Council may or must be closed to the public. Meetings that *may* be closed revolve around labor negotiations, performance evaluations, and attorney-client privileges. Meetings that *must* be closed are meetings that deal with discussion on data that is considered private under state law, and for preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to the public body's authority. In the case that the City is dealing with an allegation or charge against an individual; the individual in question may ask, and the City must grant, that the closed meeting be made open to the public for *viewing* purposes.

Public Hearings— A public hearing is a meeting that is held where members of the public get to express their options on a particular item. The Council is there to regulate the hearing and make sure that people who want to speak on the issue get the opportunity. The council does not deliberate or discuss matters at the public hearing, but instead listen in order to formulate an opinion on the matter at hand. Certain issues like special assessments and zoning/ordinance amendments require, by law, a public hearing. From time to time, the City Council will hold a public hearing even if they are not required to do so by law, for the purpose of allowing the public to comment on a specific issue.



COMMUNITY SIGNS

Does your business or organization have an event going on that you would like to promote?

You can advertise on the City's LED sign for as little as \$50/week. You can have as many slides as you would like, add digital photos and it runs 24/7!

Want to catch the downtown traffic on Main Street? You can also advertise on the Main Street sign for as little as \$12.50/week for one side! Contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378 for all inquiries.



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), or any of the shelters at Four Seasons Park, Sportsman's Park, Frenzel Park, or Fairview Park, please contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378 for inquiries or to book a date.

MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

In the past there has been some confusion on the types of meetings a City Council can hold. The Arlington City Council, and its committees and boards, are governed by the Minnesota Open Meeting Law. One might also hear the word quorum, which means the minimum number of members of an assembly or society that must be present at any of its meetings to make the proceedings of that meeting valid. The Open Meeting Law serves three purposes:



- 1) The law prohibits actions being taken at a secret meeting where it is impossible for the interested public to become fully informed about a public board's decision or to detect improper influences.
- 2) It assures the public's right to be informed.
- 3) The law affords the public an opportunity to present its views to the public body.

In general, there are three types of meetings that a City Council conducts: open meetings, closed meetings, and public hearings.

Open Meetings— Most meetings of the Arlington City Council are open to the public. There are two different types of open meetings, regular and special. The Arlington City Council conducts two regular open meetings a month; the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:30 pm. These regular meetings are used to discuss, decide or receive information on matters over which the council has authority. Simply, the day to day policy decisions of the City are decided at the semi-monthly regular meetings. Special meetings are meetings held at times or places that are different from the regular scheduled meetings. These are often scheduled to deal with specific items that need to be addressed before the next regular meeting. Any person may observe a regular or special meeting of the Council. However, while anyone can attend an open meeting, they are not guaranteed the opportunity to speak or otherwise participate in any discussion at the meeting. Generally, open meetings provide the opportunity for the public to witness the actions of the City Council. On certain occasions, the Mayor or City

COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

- *Date Change*** Thursday, August 3— City Council Meeting 5:30 pm
Monday, August 21— City Council Meeting 6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 22— Bloodmobile 12:30 pm—6:30 pm
Thursday, August 24— KMC Dance Registration 4:00 pm—7:00 pm
Monday, August 28— Lions Pillow Fluff 7:00 am—4:00 pm

ARLINGTON'S PARKS