

The Arlington Report

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Rich Nagel -- Mayor
Michelle Battcher -- 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
Annie Shotliff -- Asst. Deputy Clerk
Tony Voigt -- Maint. Supervisor
Kirby Weckworth -- Maint. Worker -- Police Chief
Bruce Rovinsky -- Police Officer
Jordan Voigt -- Police Officer
Vicki Pomplun -- Admin Coord.

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)

NOTICE TO CITY CREDIT/ DEBIT CARD USERS

As of Tuesday, October 25th, the City's change in credit/debit card processing vendor finally took effect. 'RevTrak' will no longer be used, and 'Point & Pay' is the City's new processing vendor.

As publicized at the beginning of 2016, with this vendor change comes the implementation of a convenience fee for all credit/debit card transactions. Due to contract specifics and setup functionality being finalized, this process took longer than anticipated.

Beginning Oct. 25, 2016 – whether paying on-line, by phone, or in person – a 2.5% convenience fee (\$2 minimum) will apply to all card transactions.

E-check payment option (customer initiated electronic withdrawal from a checking account) will also be available for a flat \$1.50 fee.

Returning on-line Webstore users will notice a new look and should be aware that their existing account/profile information will be lost, as customer information is unable to be transferred to the new vendor. The City will still be accepting cash or checks by mail/in-person/payment box with no additional costs.

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING

Ever wonder exactly what your tax dollars pay for? Want to know what the City spends its money on? Is there wasted spending? To answer these questions, and many others, the City Council will be conducting its annual Truth-in-Taxation Hearing on Monday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Community Center. City Staff will review next year's proposed revenues and expenses. It is the Council's goal to bring down the proposed levy by the final levy date in December. City Staff will explain the reason behind any proposed increase and will touch on how the 2017 budget will affect the City and its property owners. The public is invited to attend the hearing to ask questions regarding next year's budget and property tax levy. Can't attend the meeting and have questions on next year's budget? Contact Liza Donabauer, the City Administrator at 964-2378.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

The General Election is **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**. Residents of the City of Arlington and Arlington Township will be able to vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Arlington Community Center located at 204 Shamrock Drive.



SENIOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND DAMAGE/ CLEANING DEPOSIT CHANGES



City Staff was notified in late summer that the Arlington Lion's grant application, to remodel the Senior Citizen's Building at Four Seasons Park, was approved. Due to contractor availability, construction will start after the warming house closes for the season in late winter 2017. They anticipate construction to last 2-3 months, and per the grant, all construction work must be completed by July 2017. Unfortunately, during construction, the Senior Building will not be available for rental. If residents were intending on using the Senior Building during that time frame, we are asking that you please plan for another location. At this time, City Staff is unsure of the exact start and end dates, but has started a waiting list for late spring/early summer rentals.

Unfortunately over the summer, there has been several events at the Senior Building where the building's cleaning policies and rules were not followed. As a direct result of this, at the October 17th City Council meeting, the City Council opted to raise the damage/cleaning deposit for the building from \$25.00 to \$250.00, effective immediately to new rentals. This new amount is solely a damage/cleaning deposit. As long as the facility is returned to a clean and neat manor, when inspected by City Staff following every event, this amount will be fully refunded. If residents would like to get on the waiting list or have any questions or concerns please contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Saturday, Nov. 5th— WOT Scrapbooking Event
Tuesday, Nov. 8th— General Election
Friday, Nov. 11th— Lions Wine & Beer Tasting
Tuesday, Nov. 15th— Sibley County Care Event
Monday, Nov. 21st— Sibley East American Ed. Banquet
Saturday, Nov. 26th— Fall Craft & Gift Expo



The City Office will be closed Friday, November 11 for Veterans' Day and Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

City of Arlington, Sibley County

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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



SNOW EMERGENCY NOTICE— VEHICLES & TRAILERS



Although we probably don't want to admit it, the Minnesota snow season is right around the corner. Residents and business owners should remember that the City of Arlington will be plowing and hauling snow anytime there is a snowfall of two (2) inches or more. The City asks that all residents park all vehicles and trailers off the streets and avenues until they are plowed from curb to curb or they will be ticketed and towed. Vehicles that interfere with City maintenance activity, such as snow removal may be towed to a designated area at the expense of the owner. The vehicle may be impounded until all parking fines, towing and storage charges have been paid. Unclaimed vehicle will be sold and the proceeds applied first against such fines and charges. Repeat violators will be towed without additional notice.

SNOW EMERGENCY NOTICE— SIDEWALKS

Property owners should also remember that city ordinances require that all ice and snow must be removed from all public sidewalks within 12 hours after such snow and ice has ceased to be deposited upon such sidewalks. Failure to remove the snow or ice within 24 hours may be a cause for the City to do so itself. If the City, or an agent assigned by the City, has to remove the snow, the City will bill the property owner accordingly. Unpaid bills for snow removal will be a cause for a special assessment against the property.

OTHER REMINDERS ON SNOW REMOVAL

The City would also like to remind residents that it is illegal to remove snow/ice from private property and deposit it upon a public street in such a manner as to cause a hazard to travel, without proper arrangements for the immediate removal thereof. Also, no garbage dumpsters shall be placed in the public right-of-way during the winter snow season (November 1– April 1).

The Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce proudly presents: 8th ANNUAL ARLI-DAZZLE

The Arli-Dazzle parade will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 5:30 pm (snow date Sunday, December 4th). Parade registrations can be submitted at: www.ArliDazzle.com, or by contacting Scott Sorenson at (507) 381-6113 or sbsorenson@hotmail.com. **Deadline for parade registration is Friday, November 25, 2016.** A wide variety of activities are planned throughout the day. Events and full details are available on the Arli-Dazzle Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/arlidazzle.mn> or Arli-Dazzle's website at: www.ArliDazzle.com.

Arli-Dazzle Raffle:

Raffle Tickets are now on sale and available for \$10 from any Chamber Member/Business. An Arli-Dazzle Button is included with the Raffle Ticket, or can be purchased separately for \$2. Raffle winners will be announced after the parade. Your local businesses & Arli-Dazzle appreciate your support!

Prizes include:

Grand Prize: \$1000 CASH **2nd Prize:** Thomes Bros \$750 Shopping Spree **3rd Prize:** Gas Generator donated by Haggemiller Lumber (\$560 value) **4th & 5th Prize:** \$500 Gift Card to any casino in MN or Waterpark of America **6th & 7th Prize:** \$250 Certificate to Jerry's Home Quality Foods **8th, 9th, 10th Prize:** \$250 Arlington Dollars.

Arli-Dazzle Event Schedule:

9:00 am Breakfast with Santa at the Arlington Community Center, reservations needed, contact the Arlington Public Library 964-2490.

9:00 am Quilt Show at the Arlington Public Library, open until 7:00 pm.

9:00 am Arlington Museum open house, sponsored by the Arlington Historical Society open until 1:00 pm.

10:00 am Santa Day at the Arlington Community Center until 1:00 pm.

12:00 pm Bethlehem Express at St. Paul's Lutheran Church runs until 3:30 pm.

12:30 pm "Dash Through the Snow" 5K Run & Walk, starts & ends on Main St., must register online at www.ArliDazzle.com.

1:00 pm Pre-Parade Festivities start on Main Street.

- (NEW EVENT) Ice Sculpturists, "Sakatah Carvers" of Waterville, MN - Marvel at the festive ice sculpture these talented artists will create throughout the afternoon.
- Fish Camp - Tour our lighted display of area Fish Houses and warm up around the Bonfire
- Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides - Take in the magic of Arli-Dazzle while touring Main Street on a Sleigh Ride
- Vintage Snowmobile Show
- Santa's Reindeer - Have your photo taken with Santa's Reindeer

Food Vendors (start at 1:00 pm): Come Hungry & dine with one of our main food vendors including: Johnny Rocket BBQ, Ovey's Kettle Corn, Sugarstone Creations, Taco George, Arlington Lions, Green Isle Lions, Kicks Bakery, Chef Craig's, Tollefson Family Grill and more!

(NEW EVENT) **2:00-5:00 pm Professional Caroling Group "Decantus"** - Traditionally Dressed Christmas Carolers spreading Holiday Joy.

2:00 pm Sled Dogs- interact with a real live sled dog team!

2:30 pm Old-time Snowball Baseball Game (New Location) featuring the Arlington Greys vs. the Mankato Baltics at Frenzel Park, 607 West Baker Street.

3:00 pm Honoring our Veteran's Block- Walk down the first block of the parade route, and stop to thank a Veteran.

4:00 pm Amazing Hoopsters- of Hutchinson, MN, will provide a lighted "Hooping" performance on Main Street.

5:30 pm Arli-Dazzle Parade on Main St.- It will go from west to east, starting at Hwy. 5 moving east through downtown and continue all the way to Cty. Rd. 17.

After the Parade- Performance by Schell's Hobo Christmas Quartet, Arli-Dazzle Raffle Winners Announced, and Bonfire w/ S'mores!

Arlington A's Fundraiser in the Main Street Hall immediately after the parade. Music provided by "Lost Cause". Pulled pork sandwiches to be served all evening and your \$5.00 cover charge gets you 1 free drink.

If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring any of the Arli-Dazzle events or activities, please contact Lyle Rudd at 507-995-9314 or mail your contribution to: Arli-Dazzle Parade, c/o Arlington Chamber of Commerce PO Box 543, Arlington MN 55307. Your donations, large or small, are all welcomed in helping ensure our treasured event sustains for many years!

