

# The Arlington Report

**November's Recycling Dates: November 11th & 25th 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**

Pat Melvin -- City Administrator  
 Lisa Tesch -- Deputy Clerk  
 Annie Willmsen -- Asst. Deputy Clerk  
 Kirby Weckworth -- Maint. Supervisor  
 Michael Willmsen -- Maint. Worker  
 John Petterson -- Police Chief  
 Scott Sandquist -- Police Officer  
 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)

**2017 HOLIDAY LIGHTING REBATE**



When you save energy, it not only helps you save money on your utility bills, but it also helps protect the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This holiday season, when you purchase energy efficient LED holiday light strings for your home, you can do your part to save energy and earn a rebate of \$3 per string. What type of holiday lighting qualifies? Plug-in style LED mini, C7 and C9 decorative light strings. How do you claim your rebate? Purchase qualifying LED holiday plug-in (not battery operated) light strings by December 31st and install them at your home. Then submit the 2017 Special Holiday LED Lighting application between November 15, 2017 and January 31, 2018. Please attach a copy of the dated sales receipt, the UPC code and the LED logo from each package. For additional information on this rebate, to pick up an application, or for commercial customers interested in LED holiday lighting, please contact the City of Arlington at (507) 964-2378.

**TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING**

Ever wonder what your tax dollars pay for? Besides taxes, where does the City get their revenue? To answer these questions, and many others, the City Council will be conducting its annual Truth-in-Taxation Hearing on Monday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Community Center. City Staff will review next year's proposed revenues and expenses. The preliminary tax levy is an expected 5.98% increase. City Staff will explain the reason behind any proposed increase and will review how the 2018 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 Pat Melvin, new City Administrator at (507) 964-2378.

**NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS**

Saturday, Nov. 4th- Relay for Life Fall Scrapbooking Event  
 Tuesday, Nov. 14th- Sibley County Care Event  
 Thursday, Nov. 16th- Sibley County Town Hall Meeting  
 Monday, Nov. 20th- Sibley East American Ed. Banquet  
 Saturday, Nov. 25th- Fall Craft & Gift Expo



**The City Office will be closed Friday, November 10 for Veterans' Day and Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

**SIBLEY COUNTY TOWN HALL MEETING**

Sibley County has a shortage of approximately 379 full-time licensed child care slots. The City of Arlington has been identified as the community with the most severe shortage in Sibley County! Representatives from Sibley County communities have come together to lead the process of solving the shortage of child care in the area. The Town Hall meeting is the collective opportunity to develop solutions to address the child care challenges which were identified. The public is invited to participate in the Sibley County Town Hall meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Arlington Community Center. Dinner is provided and begins at 6:00 pm, and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Please register in advance at [www.sibleytownhall.eventbrite.com](http://www.sibleytownhall.eventbrite.com).



**CITY WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES**

The City of Arlington welcomes three new employees. John Petterson started as Police Chief on October 9th. Pat Melvin will be taking over duties as City Administrator on November 8th. Michael Willmsen will be starting November 13th as our maintenance worker. The City wishes to extend a warm welcome to these new employees!



**STREET SWEEPING**

Due to staffing shortages there has been a delay in fall street sweeping, but City Staff hopes to finish the sweeping by mid-November. Residents are reminded not to place leaves or lawn clippings/debris onto city streets. Leaves, lawn clippings and/or debris that are discharged onto city streets eventually wash into the storm sewers and cause them to clog. The cleaning of storm sewers can be time consuming and costly for the City. Residents are encouraged to take their leaves, grass clippings or debris to the City compost site.



**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

Are you or anyone you know looking to be more involved in City decisions? Members are needed for multiple City committees. Please contact the City Office for more information at (507) 964-2378.

## City of Arlington, Sibley County

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*A Beautiful City Growing in Unity*



## The Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce proudly presents: 9th ANNUAL ARLI-DAZZLE



Arli-Dazzle will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017, events planned all day with the parade starting at 5:30 pm (snow date Sunday, December 3rd). Parade registrations can be submitted at: [www.ArliDazzle.com](http://www.ArliDazzle.com), or by contacting Scott Sorenson at (507) 381-6113 or [sbsorenson@hotmail.com](mailto:sbsorenson@hotmail.com). **Deadline for parade registration is Friday, November 24, 2017.** A wide variety of activities are planned throughout the day. Listing of 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](http://www.ArliDazzle.com).

### Arli-Dazzle Raffle:

Raffle Tickets are now on sale and available for \$10 from any Chamber Member/Business and the City Office. 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!

Over 30 prizes with a retail value exceeding \$6,000! Prizes include:

**GRAND PRIZE:** \$1,000 CASH **2nd Prize:** i9200 Generator donated by Hagenmiller Lumber (\$825 value) **3rd Prize:** Thomes Bros \$750 Shopping Spree **4th & 5th Prize:** \$250 Gift Certificate to Jerry's Home Quality Foods **6th & 7th Prize:** \$250 in Arlington Dollars.

### Arli-Dazzle Event Schedule:

**9:00 am Breakfast with Santa (\$2.00 entry fee)** at the Arlington Community Center, reservations are required by November 24th, contact the Arlington Public Library 964-2490.

**9:00 am Quilt Show** at the Arlington Public Library, open until 7:00 pm. The public can bring a quilt or quilted item to display anytime during the week of Thanksgiving through December 1st.

**9:00 am Arlington Museum open house** sponsored by the Arlington Historical Society open until 3:00 pm.

**10:00 am Santa Day** at the Arlington Community Center until 1:00 pm. Come meet Santa & Mrs. Claus!

**11:30 am Bethlehem Express** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church runs until 2:30 pm.

**12:00 pm (NEW EVENT) Outdoor Christmas Market** in the Methodist Church Parking Lot until 5:30 pm.

This outdoor event will feature handmade/hand-crafted items from local vendors! If you are interested in selling your homemade/hand crafted items, please register at [www.ArliDazzle.com](http://www.ArliDazzle.com). No direct sale businesses allowed.

**12:30 pm "Dash Through the Snow" 5K Run & Walk**, on Main St., register online at [www.ArliDazzle.com](http://www.ArliDazzle.com). Winter souvenir with every entry!

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

- 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 one of a kind Bonfire.
- Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides - Take in the magic of Arli-Dazzle while touring Main Street on a Sleigh Ride.
- Vintage Snowmobile Show - Come check out an array of unique vintage snowmobiles.
- Santa's Reindeer - Have your photo taken with Santa's Reindeer.

**Food Vendors (start at 1:00 pm):** Come hungry & dine from one of our main food vendors including: Tollefson Family Pork, Green Isle Lion's, Sugar Stone Creations, Taqueria Del Buen Pastor & Knights of Columbus.

**1:00-2:00 pm Live Broadcast of Sibley Talk**— Featuring Bob Thomes & Matt Nelson in front of Thomes Bros, corner of 4th Ave SW & W. Main St.

**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** featuring the Arlington Greys vs. the Mankato Baltics at Frenzel Park, 607 West Baker Street.

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

**4:00 pm Schell's Hobo Christmas Quartet**— Listen to some Christmas classics from this one of a kind quartet.

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

**If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring any of the Arli-Dazzle events or activities, please contact Lyle Rud 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!**

### 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 are reminded 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 remove all vehicles and trailers from the streets and avenues until they are plowed from curb to curb. Vehicles and trailers parked on the street that interfere with City maintenance activity, such as snow removal, may be ticketed and 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 vehicles 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

City ordinances require property owners to remove all ice and snow from public sidewalks within 12 hours after such snow or ice has ceased to fall. Failure to remove the snow or ice within 24 hours may cause the City to do the removal. If the City, or an agent assigned by the City, has to remove the snow or ice, the City will bill the property owner accordingly. Unpaid bills for snow/ice removal will be a cause for a special assessment against the property.

### OTHER REMINDERS ON SNOW REMOVAL

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).