

The Arlington Report

May's Recycling Dates: May 13th & 27th 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

Liza Donabauer -- Administrator
 Liza Tesch -- Deputy Clerk
 Annie Shotliff -- Asst. Deputy Clerk
 Vacant -- Maint. Supervisor
 Kirby Weckworth -- Maint. Worker
 Vacant -- Police Chief
 Tony Padilla -- Interim Police Chief
 Jordan Voigt -- 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)



MEMORIAL DAY

The City Office will be closed Monday, May 29th for the Memorial Day holiday.

CEMETERY NOTICE

The City of Arlington would like to remind everyone that decorations in the Public Cemetery must be affixed to the headstones or part of the wash area, so as not to interfere with the path of the mowers. Special decorations are allowed one week prior to Memorial Day, but must be removed from the grass area within two weeks following the holiday. Please be aware that non-conforming decorations will be removed by City Staff.

RECREATIONAL FIRES

City residents should remember that recreational (outdoor) fires are permitted within City limits as long as they are contained in an outdoor fireplace, barbecue equipment, or a concrete-lined fire pit, sufficient to provide physical limitation to the spread of the fire. *Recreational purposes* shall include only the cooking of food, or the providing of heat and light for outdoor social gatherings. Only propane, charcoal bricks, or wood products may be used to fuel fires (**absolutely no garbage!**). Outdoor fires must be supervised at all times by at least one adult person or extinguished if unsupervised. Outdoor fires shall be created or maintained at a distance of at least 15 feet from all structures and property lines.



DO YOU NEED A LAWN METER?

With the summer months almost upon us and potential dryer weather, watering of lawns and gardens become more of a priority for some residents. Residents should remember that your sewer charge is based on your water usage. To avoid having to pay higher sewer costs for summer water usage, residents should inquire with City staff on purchasing a lawn meter. Residents save money with a lawn meter, because the water that runs through the lawn meter is not charged the sewer rate.

BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile will be at the Arlington Community Center on Tuesday, May 16 from 12:30-6:30pm. Please give!



SUMMER READING & MARTY BERGLAND AT THE LIBRARY



In a short amount of time, the kids will be out of school and out enjoying the summer weather. The Arlington Public Library will be hosting the Summer Reading Program again, and this year's theme is "Build a Better World". More information will be coming out shortly. Watch for updates and keep your children reading throughout the summer months!

Back by popular request, Marty Bergland will be at the library on Saturday, May 6th at 1:00 pm. Marty will share seed saving techniques, plus give you insight on which plants to buy and which ones to leave at the store. Marty will also teach how to avoid cross pollination and other great gardening tips and secrets.

SANITARY SEWER "HOW TO" VIDEOS

We need your help in protecting our Sanitary Sewer System! Inflow of unnecessary storm water and groundwater to our sanitary sewer system can overwhelm the capacity of sewers and is the main cause of system overflow. PeopleService regularly sees an influx of unnecessary water flow through the Treatment Plant after rains and believes it is largely due to residents having their gutters and sump pumps hooked in to their sanitary sewer lines. Over the next several weeks, the City will be posting 5 videos to it's Facebook page and website which showcase why illegal connecting to our sanitary sewer lines is not good for our system. Please view our website <http://www.arlingtonmn.com/citydepartments/electricitywater-wastewater/> or to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cityofarlingtonmn/> to view these videos.

Source: Water Environment Federation

DON'T FORGET WHEN MOWING GRASS

Residents should remember that the discharging of lawn clippings/debris onto City streets is not allowed. Clippings/debris that are discharged onto City streets eventually wash into the storm sewers and cause them to clog. Along with being an inconvenience to residents, clogged sewers are costly and time consuming for City Staff to clean and unclog. The City is asking all residents to take their grass clippings/debris to the compost site. The compost site is open seven days a week during daylight hours.



CITY OF ARLINGTON CLEAN UP DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SIBLEY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



City of Arlington, Sibley County

Contact us at:

204 Shamrock Drive
Arlington, MN 55307

Phone: 507-964-2378

Fax: 507-964-5973

E-mail: cityhall@arlingtonmn.com

Website: www.arlingtonmn.com



In partnership with Tri-County Solid Waste, the City of Arlington would like to promote a clean and healthy community by designating Wednesday, May 24, 2017 as ARLINGTON CLEAN-UP DAY. Property owners within city limits may bring items to the Sibley County Fairgrounds between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Be prepared to show proof you reside within the city limits of Arlington.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (Tri-County)

(Vendors will be on hand to accept items for payment)

Tires -- \$2-20.00/ea.

Appliances -- \$10.00/ea.

Computer Hard Drives -- \$5.00/each

Mattresses/Box Spring -- \$10.00/ea.

Keyboards, Mouse and Cell Phones -- \$1.00/each

Large Appliances -- \$TBD

Monitors, Printers, Stereos, VCRs, TVs 19" and smaller -- \$5.00/each

TVs larger than 19" and larger units -- \$10.00/each

Complete Computer Set: Tower, Monitor, Mouse & Keyboard -- \$10.00/set

Baleable Metal, Scrap Metal, Lawn Mowers and Steel -- \$FREE Kids Car Seats -- \$FREE

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (City of Arlington residents only*)

(Dumpsters will be available at no charge. Proof of residency required.)

*Items must originate from within City of Arlington limits. General "junk", furniture items, windows, doors, old plastic sand boxes or trikes, etc.



UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Demolition debris (shingles, sheetrock, lumber, decking), hazardous waste (used motor oil, paints, liquids, chemicals), watch/flashlight batteries, motor oil filters, antifreeze, fluorescent light bulbs, cement or asphalt, petroleum products or containers which contained petroleum products. Absolutely no household/kitchen garbage.

GRASS CLIPPINGS/SMALL BRUSH/COMPOST

Yard and garden wastes, leaves, lawn cuttings, weeds, shrub and tree waste and prunings are accepted at the COMPOST SITE ONLY at 670 Freedom Drive. Brush chipping is available for large quantities for a fee. Contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

Household hazardous waste will be collected on Thursday, May 4th, in the City of LeSueur and Thursday, September 21st, in the City of Klossner. On both collection dates, the sites will be open from 10:00 am– 4:00 pm. Any questions contact the Tri-County Solid Waste Office at (507) 934-7078.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP INVENTORY THE TREES IN TOWN?



Trees benefit our city by providing clean air, managing storm water, increasing safety, and creating an overall beauty that is special to our community. Arlington, Minnesota is looking for volunteers to help care for the boulevard and park trees and the first step in this process is to understand the types of trees in Arlington and how healthy they are. By collecting this information, Arlington can make better management decisions to account for an increase in pests and diseases moving throughout the state and in response to trees experiencing other issues that negatively affect the health or structure of the tree.

In the Tree Inventory Training, you will learn how to identify a range of tree species unique to Arlington. You will also learn how to measure, assess health, and track the information that our community will use for many years. At the end of the inventory, Arlington will better understand the species diversity and relative canopy spread which will be used to calculate overall benefits and savings that Arlington receives thanks to the help of mature trees.

If you are interested in learning how you can help to inventory trees in Arlington, visit <http://www.mntreesource.com/arlington-mn.html> to find training date information and to access registration for the training.

Cost: Free

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2017

Time: 10:00-4:30 p.m.

Location: Arlington Community Center 204 Shamrock Drive (Bring a bagged lunch)

You may also reserve your spot by calling 507-964-2378 or emailing cityhall@arlingtonmn.com. You will receive an e-mail reminder one week before training.

