

# The Arlington Report

**April's Recycling Dates: April 14th & 28th 8:00 am -11:00 am**



## APRIL COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

**Sun. April 8–** Please come for an open house Retirement Party for Dr. Mike Noack from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm. Contact Dr. Noack for more information at (507) 964-2779.

**Sat. April 14–** Ney Nature Center Spring Fling— Benefit dinner & fundraiser, featuring guest speaker Dr. Denise Young, Executive Director of the Bell Museum of Natural History. There will be a live & silent auction, door prizes & more. The cost is \$35/member or \$50/non-member, additional information available at [www.neycenter.org/spring-fling](http://www.neycenter.org/spring-fling).

**Tues. April 17–** Senior Expo— “It’s All Good” 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 19–** Sibley County Community & Business Expo— 4:00 pm-7:00 pm, at the Arlington Comm. Center. For more information contact Amy Newsom at (507) 237-4117 or [AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us](mailto:AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us).

**Thurs. April 26–** Marketing Hometown America— 7:00 pm-8:00 pm. The Arlington EDA, City of Arlington, Arlington Chamber, and Arlington Industries are partnering with the U of M Extension to bring together community members interested in exploring ways to attract and retain new residents to the community through a program called *Marketing Hometown America*. The public is invited to participate!

**Sat. April 28–** Spring Craft & Gift Expo— Come out to the Arlington Community Center from 9:00 am-3:00 pm for a vendor and craft fair. If you would like to rent a booth or need any additional information, contact Carol Bahr at (320) 583-8789.

## 2nd ANNUAL SPRING INTO ARLINGTON

Join the Arlington Chamber of Commerce’s 2nd Annual “Spring into Arlington”, an evening to explore Arlington while visiting with friends & local establishments at their places of business. Enjoy special offers, refreshments, giveaways, and demonstrations, all while welcoming warmer weather! On Tuesday, **May 1st from 5-8 pm**, visit 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.

## BOULEVARD TREE REMOVAL

When the City cuts down a boulevard tree, the wood is available on a first come first serve basis to anyone. After the tree is cut down, the wood is piled on the boulevard for the taking. If any wood remains after 3-5 days, the City will remove it. The City will grind out the stumps and reseed the area, as staff time permits.

## CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY PLANNED

### THURSDAY, MAY 24th

The City Council again approved partnering with Sibley County’s Clean-up Day. This year’s event is on Thursday, 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.

This year Arlington will also host a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Thursday, April 19th, in Arlington at the Sibley County Highway Department Shop. There will also be two other Household Hazardous Waste collections in the Tri-County area. Those dates are Saturday, May 19th in the City of St. Peter; and Thursday, September 13th in the City of Waterville. The sites will be open from 10:00 am– 4:00 pm in Arlington and Waterville but from 9:00 am– 2:00 pm in St. Peter. The Household Hazardous Waste collections are free for residents of LeSueur, Nicollet & Sibley Counties.

## SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

This year, Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota is April 9th-13th. 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 (<https://dps.mn.gov/>) 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 lightening storm, heat wave, tornado, or flash floods. In conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, Thursday, April 12th 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.

## REMINDER TO GET YOUR 2018 PET TAG

Pet owners have until April 30th to get their new pet tags for just \$5.00/ animal. After that date, there will be a \$10.00 late fee added. Get your 2018 pet tags today!



## 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  
Sara Jancoski -- Police Officer  
Vacant -- Police Officer  
Vicki Pomplun -- Admin Coord.

## CONTRACTED SERVICES

Ross Arneson -- City Attorney  
Amy Newsom -- 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 (507-834-6168)  
Gaylord Sanitation (507-237-2274)

### 2018 HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The City of Arlington is waiving the water and sewer access charges for three new single family or twin home constructions. This new program is available March 19, 2018-December 31, 2018. Only three new construction units will be eligible for the program in 2018. The program will be implemented on a first-come, first-serve basis. The current 2018 water and sewer access fees are \$4,825, and will be waived at the time the building permit is issued. Each new home must have a minimum value of \$195,000. Construction must begin within 365 days of receiving waiver. To be eligible for the program, you must sign an agreement between City and Developer, and all permits must be submitted by December 31, 2018.

### ARLINGTON CHILD CARE LOAN PROGRAM

As many know, the City of Arlington has been identified as the community within Sibley County with the highest child care need in the county. Have you heard about the new Arlington Child Care Loan Program? This new program provides an incentive to new child care providers to provide services in the City of Arlington. The program provides a matching forgivable loan for actual expenses relating to the cost of opening a child care business in the City of Arlington, up to \$1,000 per child care provider. Qualifying expenses must be approved by the Sibley County Child Care Licensor and the Arlington EDA Director. Approved requests will be funded on a first-come, first-serve basis until all dedicated funds are expended. In addition, the opportunity exists that the Arlington Economic Development Authority's revolving loan programs could be available to assist with the costs of opening a child care business. For more information contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378.



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### WHY DOES MY PROPERTY VALUE CHANGE?

Why does the value on my property taxes change every year? According to the County Assessor Laura Hacker there are three main reasons why property values change:

*Appreciation or depreciation in the real estate market:* The assessor's office collects information on the local real estate market and adjusts property values annually in order to reflect the market. The requirement that the assessor actually view properties once every five years does not limit the assessor to revaluing properties once every five years. The assessor is required to review property values and classifications each year.

*Physical changes to the property:* Improvements such as building a deck or finishing the basement increases the value of the property, and the assessor would adjust the value to reflect these improvements. Similarly, the assessor should adjust the value for any structures or improvements that may be removed.

*Equalization process:* The Commissioner of Revenue, acting as the State Board of Equalization, has the authority to increase or decrease values to bring about equalization. The orders are usually on a County, City or Township-wide basis for a particular classification of property. All State Board orders must be implemented by the County for the current assessment year.

### 2018 CITY OF ARLINGTON ELECTRIC REBATE PROGRAM UPDATE

Due to higher customer requests for rebates, our 2018 annual rebate funds have been depleted. The City of Arlington will continue to accept and process rebate applications in 2018; however, rebates will not be payable until 2019.

What's Next...

- Submit your rebate application as you would normally.
- City Staff will review submitted rebates throughout the year to determine their eligibility.
- Qualifying rebates will be paid after January 1, 2019.

Thank you for participating in the City of Arlington's energy rebate program and helping us meet our energy conservation goals. If you have questions, please call 507-964-2378.

### CURBSIDE COLLECTION



Attention Arlington residents and business owners. Due to the time of the year, garbage companies have been notified to not use **gravel** alleyways until further notice. The gravel alleys are soft and cannot handle the large garbage trucks driving on them. Due to this condition, the City is asking all residents and affected businesses to place their garbage cans and recycling containers curbside until further notice.

### ARLINGTON'S PARKS

The Arlington park shelters and the Lions Center 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 Lions Center (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.



### WHERE DO YOU SEE ARLINGTON IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS?

The Arlington City Council recently conducted a special workshop during which they reviewed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the City of Arlington. Based on this analysis, the Council would like to review with the public what they have identified as goals, and seek further input and suggestions from you. Your input is needed and much appreciated! Please join us!

### I WANT YOU



- Thursday, April 12, 2018
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Sibley East High School Commons

### HYDRANT FLUSHING TO TAKE PLACE

Residents of Arlington should be aware that PeopleService staff plan to flush hydrants throughout April. During this time, water pressure may fluctuate and residents may notice some discoloration and cloudiness in the water. The water is safe to drink and should clear up in a few days. Running tap water for a short time should alleviate these problems.

