

The Arlington Report

June's Recycling Dates: June 9th & 23rd 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
Sara Jancoski -- Police Officer
James Noxon -- 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)

LIVING IN ARLINGTON SURVEY

The City has partnered with Streetar Consulting to perform a Housing Study. The goals of the study are to identify the potential for new residential development & recommend action steps the City of Arlington can take to improve its effectiveness in facilitating residential development. The study will be broken down into two parts. The first being the assessment of the area & builder perceptions, and the second being a housing assessment. Three University of MN students are working with Streetar Consulting to complete this study. The students are looking for input from our residents. Enclosed with your utility billing this month is an optional survey. If you're interested in helping, please fill out the anonymous survey and return to the City Office by July 2nd.

COMMUNITY ED ACTIVITIES



Sibley East Community Education has lots of activities for both adults and children over the summer. Many of the activities have participation minimums and limits, so please be aware of the deadlines and get your registrations in early.

For further information contact Jennifer Strack, Community Education Coordinator (507) 237-3322. The summer brochure can be picked up at the Sibley East schools or the City Office. All Community Ed information is also available on the school's website: www.sibleyeast.org.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

In order to reach more of the community and quickly provide updates, look for "City of Arlington, Minnesota" and click the "like" button to stay up to date on what is going on within the City.



MRS. KREFT'S STORY HOUR & CREATIVE DRAMATICS

Story Hour is a five week program held in Arlington at the Lions Center at Four Seasons Park, starting Monday, June 18th at 10:00 am and will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00-11:00 am. Story Hour is an informal gathering for storytelling, reading, costumes, puppets and more! Area children are also invited to participate in the Story Hour parade, starting at the Arlington Public Library at 10:00 am, Friday, July 20th.



"Creative Dramatics" where students who have completed 5th-9th grades are invited to learn the principals of acting, character development and the joy of using their creative minds, all while performing skits and short plays. This five week program is held in Arlington at the Lions Center at Four Seasons Park, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am, starting Tuesday, June 19th. Community groups wishing to schedule a performance should contact Marie Kreft for more information at (507) 964-2401. Please contact Community Ed or Marie Kreft to register.

KEEP THAT GRASS LOOKING GREAT



City Staff would like to remind property owners that City Code, Chapter 6.09, states that any noxious weed or excessive growth of weeds and grasses, measuring 6 inches or more in height, is considered a public nuisance and is prohibited. With the mowing season upon us, City Staff is already receiving complaints on unkept lawns. While the City does its best to identify these unkept lawns, most properties that are in violation of the ordinance are identified by the public. Residents wishing to file a complaint are encouraged to call the Police Department at (507) 964-5200 to start the process. **Reminder: The discharging of lawn clippings/debris onto City streets is NOT allowed.**

GRASS CLIPPINGS/SMALL BRUSH/COMPOST

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

3rd ANNUAL ARLINGTON NIGHT OUT

The 3rd Annual Arlington Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th from 5:00-7:30 pm at Four Seasons Park. Please see enclosed slip for more information or to volunteer. More information will be available in the coming month.



FARMER'S MARKET JUNE ACTIVITIES



ARLINGTON
FARMERS
MARKET

Sponsored by Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce

Every Monday evening (starting June 18th)
4:00-6:30 pm @ Comm. Ctr parking lot

- ◆ 18—Market Kick-off, Home-Based Business, HOP
- ◆ 25— Kids Day, games, BINGO, face painting and more!
Home-based business, HOP & Tastebuds.

CURFEW REMINDER

Just a reminder to residents as school is getting out for the summer. Any minor under the age of sixteen years is not allowed unsupervised in public between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. (12:00 a.m.—5:00 a.m. for sixteen & seventeen year olds).



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A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



Library Hours:

Monday 9:00 – 12:00 & 12:30 – 7:30
Tuesday 9:00 – 12:00 & 12:30 – 5:30
Wednesday 9:00 – 12:00 & 12:30 – 6:30
Thursday CLOSED
Friday 9:00 – 12:00 & 12:30 – 5:30
Saturday 9:00 – 12:00
Visit their website at arlingtonmnlibrary.org or like them on Facebook to keep up with all the activities and any updates.



Summer Reading Rocks.... Let words dance in your mind with a great book!

June 11 – July 27, 2018

Join us for our annual Summer Reading Program. Grab your reading record and rock your way through the stacks at the Library! Free books, fun prizes and ice cream! Best way to spend your summer!

Monday, June 11th @ 10:00 am Summer Reading Kickoff with special guests: 2018 Sibley County Dairy Princesses Olivia Gronholz and Madison Krueger.

Join us for Dairy Story Time and Sundaes – Sponsored by the Midwest Dairy Assn., Sibley County ADA & the Library. Meet Olivia and Madison and their ambassadors! Come enjoy a few stories, stay for an ice cream sundae and register for our summer reading program! All ages welcome. Free event – no registration required.

Wednesday, June 20 @ 1:00 pm Funk Junk Drumming

Making music with junk; plastic buckets, garbage cans, water jugs and assorted metal objects. All materials have all the power of making music like traditional instruments, while shining a light on the possibility, the necessity and inclusivity. Free event is open to the public. No registration required. All ages & adults welcome.

Wednesday, June 27th @ 1:00 pm Cupcake Art

Come make a “Rocking and Rolling” plate of cupcake art! Learn new skills and have fun with your friends! \$5.00 per participant – REGISTRATION REQUIRED – limited space is available. Ages 6 and up.

Wednesday, July 11th @ 1:00 pm Anjee Mai Creations

Anjee will show how to create unique polymer clay creations. It is going to be something special that ties to our theme Libraries Rock! Each participant will then make their own creation. Free event – REGISTRATION REQUIRED – limited space is available. Ages 8 and up.



Wednesday, July 18th @ 1:00 pm Peter Johnson & the Science of Sound

All kinds of interesting sound stuff to explore!!! The silence of a vacuum, making sound bend a laser beam, waves making interesting patterns with different frequencies and smaller hands-on activities. Free event – REGISTRATION REQUIRED – limited space is available. Ages 6 and up.

Friday, July 20th @ 10:00 am Mrs. Kreft's Story Time and Parade on Main

Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy ROCKIN' good stories and then walk two blocks along Main Street collecting treats from local businesses! Free and all ages welcome.

Saturday, August 4th - 10:00 am Funk Junk Drumming on the Heritage Stage, Fairgrounds

Join us for an encore performance of Funk Junk Drumming at the 148th annual Sibley County FREE Fair! Making music with junk; plastic buckets, garbage cans, water jugs and assorted metal objects. All materials have all the power of making music like traditional instruments, while shining a light on the possibility, the necessity and inclusivity. Free event is open to the public. No registration required. All ages & adults welcome.



DO YOUR PETS NEED A LEASH?



With the warmer weather, more residents have been out walking their pets around the City. Residents should be aware of the City Code, Chapter 11, regarding Animal Control. All animals kept or held within city limits must be physically controlled by a person or entity keeping or holding the animal. If your pet is allowed outside, they must be caged, fenced in, or on a leash. Any cage, building, or leash must be of sufficient composition to reasonably prevent the animal from injuring any person or property. You may take your animal(s) on walks along the public streets, sidewalks and alleyways, as long as the animal is held by a leash to restrain the animal. No animal shall be allowed to trespass onto private property. If the animal conducts a bowel movement during its walk, the person controlling the dog must immediately pick up, remove and dispose of it in a garbage container located at your home.

PREPARE FOR MOSQUITO SEASON!



With the mosquito season right around the corner, residents can take measures now to prevent the spread of mosquitoes. Residents should try to get rid of all standing water and other places where mosquitoes breed. Make sure rain gutters are not plugged, empty out bird baths frequently, turn over wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use. Keep swimming pools properly chlorinated and remove standing water from pool covers. Tires are a common place for mosquitoes to breed and should be removed. Spraying lawns may help, but please remember that spraying lawns is relatively ineffective and may be harmful to your health. Use a mosquito repellent, containing between 10%-30% DEET. Wearing light colored, loose fitting clothing can be helpful. When practical, wear long sleeves and pants. If possible, avoid outdoor activity at peak mosquito feeding times (dawn and dusk).

NEED TO KNOW ABOUT POOLS IN TOWN



- A building permit is required when the pool exceeds both 5,000 gallons in capacity and 24 inches in depth.
- For obvious safety purposes, pools and spas can't be constructed beneath overhead utility lines or above underground utility lines.
- Swimming pools have to be more than four feet from any lot line. This helps keep users and water on your property versus your neighbor's property and keeps drainage easements clear.
- Permanent in-ground or surface swimming pools have to be enclosed in a fence. This helps to keep children out of unattended pools. Mechanically controlled covers can be used in lieu of fencing requirements.
- Pools that you put up and take down each year have to be equipped with a ladder that is removed when the pool is not attended by a responsible person.
- You as a property owner are responsible for installing and maintaining your pool according to manufacturer's specifications, for maintaining all pool and accessories in good working condition, for using pool covers/closing gates, for removing/retracting ladder access to the pool, and for keeping the pool free from overhead or underground utility lines.