

# The Arlington Report

**July's Recycling Dates: July 14th & 28th 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  
 Shannon Nix-- Admin Assistant  
 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)



**ARLINGTON NIGHT OUT**

The Arlington Police Department will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arlington Night Out on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm-7:30 pm at Four Seasons Park. This event is designed to strengthen our neighborhoods through community partnerships. This is the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors, local police officers, fire department and ambulance volunteers. Come out and celebrate your community in this fun, family-friendly outing:  
 Food • Splash Pad • K9 Kash • Prizes • Root Beer Floats • Dunk an Officer • Music!  
 We are still looking for Block party hosts, please contact the City Office if you're interested.

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!**

It's the law! Before digging, contact Gopher State One Call at 811, (651) 454-0002, toll-free (800) 252-1166 or visit [www.Call811.com](http://www.Call811.com) at least two working days prior to digging in your yard. Gopher State will contact all utilities to mark underground lines for free. Be aware though that "private" lines exist on many properties, and these are the owner's responsibility to know their location and avoid when digging.



**FARMER'S MARKET JULY ACTIVITIES**



Every Monday evening  
**4:00-6:30 pm @ Comm. Ctr parking lot**

- ◆ 2- No Market, due to 4th of July Holiday
- ◆ 9- Home-based business, HOP & Tastebuds.
- ◆ 16-Women's Day- Music, Meal Deal & More!
- ◆ 23- Splash Pad by AFD, HOP & Home-based business.
- ◆ 30- Tour of Gardens (sponsored by the Arlington Garden Club), check in at the market.

**NEW EMPLOYEES**

The City would like to welcome James Noxon as our new Police Officer. James started with the City in mid-May. Shannon Nix was recently hired as the new Administrative Assistant. Shannon will be starting with the City in the early part of July, and will provide general administrative support for the City Offices.



**The City Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th for the Independence Day Holiday.**

**2018 – 2019 LEADING SIBLEY TOGETHER:**



Developing leadership by connecting people, businesses, and communities to create a stronger tomorrow.

This county-wide leadership program offers community members an opportunity to network, develop leadership skills, and gain an increased awareness and understanding of the assets of Sibley County. The results are more skilled individuals, increased networks, and stronger links between communities to address local issues.

Participants gather one day each month from September to May in communities throughout the county. Each day includes leadership learning activities, meeting with community leaders, and tours of businesses and organizations in that particular community. Participants tour together, learn together, and dine together. Each class is comprised of a maximum of 24 participants who either live or work in Sibley County. Participants can be either current or emerging leaders with an interest in the future of our county.

**Application Deadline: August 1**

For more information or an application, contact the Arlington City Office at (507) 964-2378, or Leading Sibley Together (c/o Roxy Traxler, Program Coordinator) at (507) 237-7805. Facebook: Leading Sibley Together Organization. Selected participants will be notified in mid-August.

**DID YOU MOVE OR GET MARRIED**

**THIS YEAR?**



City Staff would like to remind all utility account holders to update their account information. When you change your personal information (name, phone number etc.) and/or move/change addresses, the City needs to be notified. This includes the changing of a PO Box number or the conversion of a PO Box to/from a street address. The City is also encouraging utility account holders to provide the City with a phone number, including a cell phone, where you may be reached in the case of a planned outage or any other emergency at your property. You can update your information by calling the City Office at (507) 964-2378 or by emailing [cityhall@arlingtonmn.com](mailto:cityhall@arlingtonmn.com).

## City of Arlington, Sibley County

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### WHAT ABOUT THOSE BOULEVARD TREES?



A boulevard is the portion of a public street right-of-way between the curb and a property owner's front yard line. With this definition in place, it should be noted that any tree within a boulevard area is public property.

Tree limbs within the right-of-way will be pruned by the City if they create a potential threat to public safety. As a general guideline, limbs will be trimmed to provide 10 feet clearance above sidewalks and 14 feet clearance over the street. These requirements provide clearance for pedestrians as well as snow and garbage removal, and street maintenance equipment.

From time to time, decisions are made to remove specific boulevard trees. Attempts are made to notify property owners on the adjoining lot in advance of this action.

Removal of a tree within a boulevard by a resident, is not permitted without first obtaining the express written permission of the City. Also, if a resident plans to plant a tree in the boulevard, please contact the City Office to help streamline this process. The City will assist in choosing an appropriate variety and staking out the location for the tree planting.

Downed limbs from boulevard trees should be called to the attention of the Public Works Department by calling the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

### ARE THEY ALLOWED TO KNOCK ON MY DOOR?

It's that time of year again when residents get inundated with the sales tactics of peddlers, solicitors, professional fundraisers, and transient vendors. Basically, these are the technical terms for "door-to-door" salespersons. Arlington residents should be aware that the action of any person going in and upon private residences in the City of Arlington, without having received an advance request or invitation to do so by an owner or adult occupant of a

private residence, for the purpose of direct sales or soliciting orders for the sale of goods, services, wares, produce or merchandise is a nuisance and is **prohibited**. Residents should be clear of the fact that the City does **NOT** allow "door-to-door" salespersons within residential city limits, *unless they have contacted the private property owner in advance and the private property owner has agreed to meet with them.*

There are a couple of exemptions to the City Code—Chapter 24. The chapter does not prohibit the distribution of informational or advertising flyers/brochures on to the doorsteps or doors of private residents. However, when distributing informational or advertising flyers, the individual is **NOT** allowed to knock/ring the doorbell, or attempt to physically alert the property owner of such delivery of the brochure/flyer.

The ordinance also exempts individuals wishing to express their state or federal constitutional rights such as the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion and the like. This means that the City cannot prohibit individuals wishing to go door-to-door for religious or political purposes, including individuals going door-to-door for religious fundraising purposes.

Also, any person/company making deliveries of perishable food or dairy products (i.e. Schwan's) to the customers on their established routes are exempt.

Residents are encouraged to call the Arlington Police Department or City Office if you are confronted by a "door-to-door" salesperson. For additional information on who is or isn't allowed to go door-to-door, visit the City's website at [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com) (City Code—Chapter 24) or contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

### LAWNS AND LANDSCAPED AREAS



City Staff would like to remind property owners of City Code 6.09: which states that lawns and landscaped areas are to be cut or trimmed so that grass areas do not exceed 6 inches or more in height. If they exceed these limits, the property is considered a public nuisance and is prohibited. With the mowing season upon us, City Staff is receiving more and more complaints on lawns not being properly kept. Noxious weeds are to be controlled by physical removal or chemical treatment. Planted trees and bushes are to be properly trimmed so as to create a neat appearance and to avoid overlapping boundary lines. While the City does its best to identify these lawns, most properties that are in violation of City Code 6.09 are identified by public complaints. Residents wishing to file a complaint against a property should do so by contacting the Police Department at (507) 964-5200.

### SUMMER HOMEOWNER TIPS

As its getting warmer outside, its easy to skip those extra house projects and head to the cabin or the lake, but here are a few quick tips to make your home more efficient.

- \* **Clean your dryer vent:** Without some maintenance, your dryer could cause a house fire. You can avoid any unnecessary dryer-caused danger with a few simple steps. First, you'll need a vent-cleaning brush kit, which can clean your dryer vent tubing more thoroughly than a vacuum cleaner can. Begin by cleaning the dryer's lint trap housing with a smaller brush to remove as much lint and dust as possible. Then disconnect the dryer duct from the dryer and the wall for a thorough cleaning. Also use a brush to clean the vent on the outside of the house to keep both ends clean and free of lint.
- \* **Clean your gutters:** Water and debris can accumulate in your gutters over the fall and winter, which can lead to water damage in your house and you don't want that. So get a ladder that can reach your gutters, but be sure not to overextend yourself. If the gutter is too high, you might want to call in an expert to do the job. If you're doing the work yourself, don't lean the ladder against the gutter or near electrical wires. Scoop out the gutter's wet leaves and debris, and wet down caked-on dirt so you can scoop out the mud with a towel.
- \* **Tune up the AC:** The number one priority for your summer home maintenance checklist is to have your air conditioning (AC) unit tuned up. As important as getting your car tuned, your AC needs to be tuned to inspect and prevent unwanted emergencies. The tune up is used to inspect refrigerant levels, which is important for your AC to keep running cool and keep your summer electric bills low, as well as to ensure your fan is functioning well, your coils are thoroughly cleaned and there are no potential fire hazards with faulty wiring. Check the filters often!

- \* **Fix those leaky faucets:** Indoors and outdoors. A small leak can waste thousands of gallons of water a year.

Sources:

[www.CenterPointEnergy.com/SaveEnergy](http://www.CenterPointEnergy.com/SaveEnergy) & <https://www.allstate.com/tools-and-resources/home-insurance/home-maintenance-for-summer.aspx>

