

# The Arlington Report

**August's Recycling Dates: August 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  
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)

## SIBLEY COUNTY FREE FAIR AUGUST 1-5



The 149th annual Sibley County Fair will be held August 1-5 at the Sibley County Fairgrounds in Arlington. *The Best Little Fair in Minnesota*. \$5,000 of script money will be given away throughout the fair, with nightly drawings Wednesday-Saturday at 10:30 pm and Sunday at 6:00 pm. There will be musical entertainment every day, events in the grandstands and a BBQ cook-off contest on Saturday. For more information head to their website <http://www.sibleycountyfair.com/> or check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SibleyCountyFair/>.

## RS FIBER BOOTH



RS Fiber and the City of Arlington are looking for input from Arlington residents. They are looking to gauge the interest level of residents, to see if there is a driving force to bring RS Fiber to Arlington. Please head to the RS Fiber booth at the Sibley County Fair to fill out an interest card or to get more information on fiber to your home or business.

## FARMERS MARKET AUGUST ACTIVITIES



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

- ◆ 6-- Home-based business, HOP & Taste Buds.
- ◆ 13-- Canning Pickles Demo, please RSVP to Market Coordinator Julianne Shaw at 507-380-1047.
- ◆ 20-- Home-based business, HOP.
- ◆ 27-- Senior Day-- Senior HOP, Music, Meal-Deal, Blood Pressure Checks and more!

## SPRINKLER WATER READINGS



A reminder to residents that have lawn meters to turn in your monthly readings. Your sewer usage will be credited the next month for the usage that was used through the lawn meter. If you do not have a meter and would like to purchase one, please contact the City Office.

## JETTING THE SEWERS

Residents should be aware that PeopleService will be jetting sanitary sewers throughout August. During this time, residents may notice a sewer smell coming out of your drains. If you do, just run a little tap water down your drain, to refill the trap.

## WOULD YOU LIKE A BOULEVARD TREE?

Would you like a tree planted in the front boulevard of your home? Thanks in part to a DNR Tree Grant, the City of Arlington will provide and plant one tree in your boulevard at no cost. There will be one City-wide tree planting day held in October to plant these trees. If you choose to have a new tree planted, it will need to be watered and maintained by the homeowner. Tree options are: Red Oak, Kentucky Coffee, Catalpa, American Linden, Red Maple, River Birch, or Hackberry.

If you would like to be put on the tree planting list or have any questions, please contact Shannon at the City Office at 507-964-2378 or [snix@arlingtonmn.com](mailto:snix@arlingtonmn.com).



## ARLI-DAZZLE MARKET

It's hard to think about the cold and winter this time of the year, but vendor slots are filling fast for the 2nd Annual Arli-Dazzle Christmas Market. Interested vendors are encouraged to sign up now at [www.arlingtonmnchamber.com/arli-dazzle](http://www.arlingtonmnchamber.com/arli-dazzle). If any one has any questions, please contact Market Coordinator Julianne Shaw: 507-380-1047 or Arli-Dazzle Chair: Leah Prael: [leah@premierchoicerealtymn.com](mailto:leah@premierchoicerealtymn.com).



## WANT TO HELP MAKE A CHANGE WITHIN OUR CITY?

Now is your chance. This year there will be three open City Council positions in Arlington. Filing for the open positions begins at 8:00 am Tuesday, July 31st and closes at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 14th. The terms for Councilmembers Michelle 'Shelly' Battcher, Jim Heiland and Mayor Richard Nagel expire at the end of December. All three positions are four-year terms. The filing fee is \$2 and you must be a qualified voter of the City of Arlington to run for an elected position. Councilmembers and the Mayor direct the City's conduct of daily affairs, plan for the future development of the City and act as a liaison between the residents and the City. This year's general election is Tuesday, November 6th. Please feel free to contact the City Administrator, Mayor or any Councilmember for additional information if you are interested in running for office.



## ARLINGTON MUSEUM

The Arlington Historical Society would like to remind all residents that the Arlington History Museum at 322 West Main Street is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 9:00 am until noon. The museum is free and open to the public.

## NEW MINNESOTA LAWS EFFECTIVE 2018

### 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](mailto:cityhall@arlingtonmn.com)  
Website: [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com)



*A Beautiful City Growing in Unity*



• *Uniform Election Dates:* As of January 1, all special election dates must now be held on either the second Tuesday in February, the second Tuesday in April, the second Tuesday in May, the second Tuesday in August (state primary date) or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (general election date).

• *Insurance to cover eye drop refills:* Health plans that cover prescription eye drops will now need to cover eye drop refills, which they were not required to do in the past.

• *Athletic trainers license:* Athletic trainers now need a license to train athletes. This new law will shift athletic trainers from a registration system to a licensure system. This will better protect the public because potential trainers are now required to complete a background check in order to receive a license.

• *\$230,000 to former prisoners:* Each year a House-Senate committee on claims decides what claims should be paid. This year calls for payments to three men who were wrongly imprisoned. \$130,000 to Ronnie Patterson who spent almost 2 years in prison for wrongful imprisonment. \$82,000 to Hollis Larson who spent over a year and a half in prison for wrongful imprisonment, and \$20,000 to Sammy Jackson who spend almost 6 months in prison for wrongful imprisonment.

Source: <https://www.leg.state.mn.us/>

### PRAIRIE LINE TRAIL ETIQUETTE



The Prairie Line Trail is very popular over the summer, however it has been brought to City Staff's attention that not everyone is following the same set of rules. City Staff has compiled a set of trail etiquette guidelines. If everyone follows the same guidelines, the trail will be safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

- ◆ The trail is multi-purpose— the trail can be used as a walking, running, biking, or rollerblading trail.
- ◆ Be courteous— all trail users should be respectful of other trail users, in spite of their speed or skill level.
- ◆ Be predictable— travel in a consistent and predictable manner, always check your surroundings when changing direction on the trail.
- ◆ Do not block the trail— use no more than half of the trail so as not to block the path of others around you.
- ◆ Keep right— stay as close to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when passing another user.
- ◆ Pass on the left— pass others, going your direction, on their left. Yield to slower and on-coming traffic and shout “on your left” when passing others. Check your surroundings to make sure the lane is clear to pass.
- ◆ Obey all traffic signs— use caution where the trail crosses streets and stop at all stop signs, intersections, and driveways.
- ◆ Be respectful of private property— trails are open to the public, but parts of the trail pass through private property. Please be respectful of other's property!
- ◆ Clean up your trash— please clean-up after yourself, your children and your pets.
- ◆ Use lights at night— if you are using the trail at any time from dusk to dawn please be equipped with the correct lighting, for your safety and the safety of others.
- ◆ Do NOT use the trail under the influence of drugs or alcohol— you may need your reflexes quickly, don't have them impaired!



Source: <http://www.ibike.org/education/trail-sharing.htm>



### COMMUNITY SIGNS

Does your business or organization have an event going on that you would like to promote?

You can advertise on the City's LED sign for as little as \$25/week. You can have as many slides as you would like, add digital photos and it runs 24/7!

Want to catch the downtown traffic on Main Street? You can also advertise on the Main Street sign for as little as \$12.50/week for one side! Contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378 for all inquires.

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



In order to reach more of the community and quickly provide updates, look for “City of Arlington” and click the “like” button to stay up to date on what is going on within the City. Or go to our website: <https://www.facebook.com/cityofarlingtonmn/>.



### AUGUST COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

- Mon. August 6— City Council meeting at 6:30 pm
- Tues. August 14— Primary Election from 7:00 am—8:00 pm
- Mon. August 20— City Council meeting at 6:30 pm
- Tues. August 21— Bloodmobile from 12:30 pm—6:30 pm
- Thurs. August 23— KMC Dance Registration from 5:00 pm—7:30 pm
- Mon. August 27— Lion's Club Pillow Fluff from 7:00 am—3:00 pm

### 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, Fairview Park, or the soon to be rebuilt Gazebo at Memorial Park, please contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378 for inquiries or to book a date.