

The Arlington Report

September's Recycling Dates: Sept. 8th & 22nd 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
Vacant -- 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)

ADMIN STAFFING UPDATE



As many residents may have heard or noticed, City admin staff member Annie Willmsen is expecting a child in early October. While Annie is out on maternity leave, some City admin duties may fall a little short due to staffing shortages. The City asks that residents please be patient and we should be back to full staff by the start of the new year. With that being said, the City newsletters may not be included with your utility bills this fall, but will certainly resume after the new year. Thank you all for your patience during this time.

THREE FILE FOR TWO OPEN COUNCIL SEATS

The filing period for City Council closed August 14th, with three candidates filing for Arlington's two open City Council seats. Incumbent Councilmembers Michelle 'Shelly' Battcher and Jim Heiland, as well as past City Councilmember Jennifer Nuesse, will vie for the two open seats. Current Arlington Mayor Richard Nagel was the only one to file for Mayor. Voters will decide their Councilmembers & Mayor at the November 6th General Election.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Arlington students will be back to school before we know it. Students in Sibley East grades 6-12 and St. Paul's Lutheran School students will start school on Tuesday, September 4th and students in Sibley East grades K-5 will start Thursday, September 6th. Please stay alert while driving around the school, and be aware of new parking regulations on City streets around the school.

AFTER HOURS PHONE NUMBER

Residents are reminded to use the "After-Hours" phone number to contact City Staff when the City Offices are not open and an emergency arises. The City has assigned specific personnel to assist our residents when there is a power outage and/or water or sewer problem during non-operating hours. The designated individual should be contacted on the "After-Hours" phone at 507-327-6601. In the event of a mass power outage, the "After-Hours" phone may be busy due to the amount of phone calls coming in. Customers are encouraged to leave a detailed message during this time and City Staff will call you back when they can.



6TH ANNUAL PRO AUTO N.Y.A.—BULL RIDING

Pro Auto N.Y.A. and the Sibley County Fair Board are hosting the 6th Annual Bull Riding weekend for Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors. This is a two-day competition, September 7th & 8th, with some of the best bulls and riders from across the country. There will be a live auction, mutton bustin' for the kids and live music both nights. Friday night the band "Scarlett Sky" will perform. Saturday night will be the raffle drawing of a Polaris Ranger 570 and live music by "Drop Tailgate". On Friday night, the bull riding starts at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, there is a tail gate party from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and the bull riding starts at 6:00 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15 (every Adult ticket is also a raffle ticket and \$2 from every Adult ticket goes to the charity), Kids age 4-12 are \$5 (Kids tickets are not raffle tickets), ages 3 and under are Free. Raffle tickets for the Polaris Ranger 570 are just \$10.00 each. Tickets can be purchased online at www.arlingtonbullriding.com or in person at Arlington NAPA or Haggemiller Lumber.



ARLI-DAZZLE



It is hard to think about snow and winter, but now's the time to get your business or organization signed up for the 10th Annual Arli-Dazzle Parade. The Arli-Dazzle Parade, probably the LARGEST lighted Christmas parade in Minnesota, will be held on Saturday, December 1st. Enter your parade unit now by applying online at www.arlingtonmnchamber.org/arli-dazzle. It is FREE to enter your parade unit. This year they again have the Arli-Dazzle Raffle for \$10/ticket. You have a chance to win all sorts of prizes with the Grand Prize being \$1,000.00 in cash!

FARMER'S MARKET SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES



- Every Monday evening 4-6:30 pm @ Comm. Ctr. parking lot
- ◆ 3- Market Closed for Labor Day Holiday
 - ◆ 10- HOP, Home Based Business, Taste Buds
 - ◆ 17- Fall Décor Class, register with Julianne (507) 380-1047
 - ◆ 24- Last Market! HOP, Home Based Business

The City Offices will be closed Monday, September 3rd in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

AMBULANCE LOOKING FOR MORE MEMBERS

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

The City of
ARLINGTON
A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



If you have thought about joining the Arlington Area Ambulance Service in the past, **now might be the time.** Classes are forming and will begin September 11th for certification as an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician). The classes are generally held two nights a week with the course completion date set for early February. The City of Arlington will pay your tuition for the course, provided that you pass the class and become an active member, in good standing, of the Arlington Area Ambulance Service for a minimum of one year.



This is a great opportunity for you to give back to your community and receive useful medical training that not only benefits the community, but you, your family and friends.

Please take some time and give some serious thought to joining. If you have questions about becoming an EMT, or about the Ambulance Service, feel free to contact a member of the service or Manager Mark Anderson at (952) 212-2887 or mark.anderson@ridgeviewmedical.org.

TREE PLANTING EVENT- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

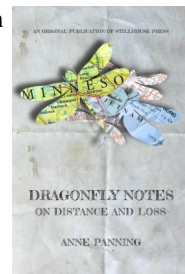
Thanks in part to the DNR Community Forestry Grant, funds were made available to purchase bare root trees to plant in our City boulevards. We need your help! Volunteers are needed to plant these trees in early to mid-October. The Tree Conservation Group and Tree Trust will mark out the locations and pre-dig the holes – all we need to do is plant and water! Please RSVP for this volunteer event to ensure we have ample planting and watering supplies. Contact City Office at 964-2378 or email cityhall@arlingtonmn.com.



DRAGONFLY NOTES: ON DISTANCE & LOSS



Anne Panning is the daughter of the late Lowell & Barb Panning. She grew up in Arlington and graduated from Arlington Green Isle School in 1984. Anne's new book "Dragonfly Notes: On Distance and Loss" will hit shelves on September 18th with a special release with Northern Virginia's annual 2018 Fall for the Book festival. Panning's first memoir draws on decades of memory and experience from her childhood home in rural Minnesota to the riverbanks of Vietnam's Mekong Delta, as she pieces together the hard truths about her own and her mother's pasts. A stark, poignant tale of two women deeply connected, yet somehow forever apart.



This memoir is a testament to the prevailing nature of love, whether in the form of a rediscovered note, a sudden moment of unexpected recall, or sometimes, simply the sight of a dragonfly flitting past. Originally from Minnesota, Panning now lives in upstate New York with her husband and two children.

Anne Panning will be coming back to Arlington to debut her new book "Dragonfly Notes: On Distance and Loss". Mark your calendars, she will be stopping at the Arlington Community Center on Sunday, September 30th at 2:00 pm.

HYDRANT FLUSHING TO TAKE PLACE



PeopleService staff plan to flush hydrants in middle to late September. 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.

DRIVER'S SAFETY CLASS

Senior Driver Improvement Classes are for those individuals looking to renew and improve their driving skills and/or qualify for a discount on their auto insurance premium (according to Minnesota law) if you are 55 and older. If you have already taken the initial class, a renewal class is needed every three years. Classes have been scheduled at the Arlington Community Center this fall. The four hour refresher class is being offered on Monday, October 29th, and the initial eight hour class will be split into two evenings on Wednesday and Thursday, November 28th and 29th. Please contact Community Education at (507) 964-8235 to sign up or if you have any questions.



ARLINGTON NIGHT OUT



Our third annual Arlington Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 7th at Four Seasons Park! The event was hosted by the Arlington Police Department in collaboration with Arlington Fire and Arlington Ambulance. Approximately 325 people came out for the fun-filled evening, and was enjoyed by adults and kids alike.

We would like to extend a heart-felt "Thank You" to all of the businesses and citizens of this community that either contributed an item(s) or provided a monetary donation for this event. Because of you, we were able to continue to host this annual event within our community and provide our guests with a free meal, fun activities and prizes! Thank you for your continued support in helping us reach our goal in making this event successful. We look forward to planning this event for 2019!

-HEIDI JO FISHER
ARLINGTON NIGHT OUT COMMITTEE