

# The Arlington Report

**February's Recycling Dates: February 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  
Laura Dykhoff -- Admin. Asst.  
Kirby Weckworth -- Maint. Supervisor  
Michael Willmsen -- Maint. Worker  
John Petterson -- Police Chief  
Sara Jancoski -- Police Officer  
James Noxon -- Police Officer  
Vicki Pomplun -- PD Admin Asst.

## 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  
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)

## CITY PHONE NUMBERS



The City of Arlington has switched from Frontier to Mediacom for our telephone services, and due to that, the City's phone numbers are no longer listed in the local Frontier phone book. Please see the below listing of City phone numbers and street addresses, which are all still the same.

City Office: 204 Shamrock Drive  
Phone: 507-964-2378 Mon-Fri 8:00 am-5:00 pm  
After Hours on-call: 507-327-6601  
Arlington Police Department: 108 4th Ave. NW  
Non-emergency Phone: 507-964-5200  
Emergency Phone: 911  
Public Library: 321 West Main Street  
Phone: 507-964-2490

## 2019 PET LICENSES ARE HERE!



All pet licenses issued in 2018 will expire on March 31, 2019. According to City Code, Chapter 11 Animal Control, all domesticated pets (dogs and cats) must be licensed. Residents are encouraged to stop by the City Office before April 1st to obtain a 2019 pet license. The cost for the license before April 1st is just \$5 per pet. Residents must also provide a health certificate showing that the pet is current on its rabies vaccination. Due to the spring vaccination schedule, your pet may not be due for vaccinations until after April 1st. You should still license your pet in February or March to avoid the late fees. You will be permitted to bring an updated health certificate in at a later date. Licensing your pet assures that it will be taken care of and returned safely if it gets loose and is picked up by the Police Department or a neighbor. Residents should also be aware that a total of only three (3) adult (includes spayed or neutered) pets are allowed per household. Also, if you have lost (ran away, given away or passed away) pets within the last year, please notify the City Office so we can remove that pet from our current listing.

**Residents should also remember that pets are not permitted to run at large within City limits. Pets must either be leashed or cabled/chained, kenneled or in a fenced yard, and are not allowed to roam freely. Please remember when walking your pet in town, to pick up after them.**

## CHICKEN/DUCK KEEPING



Ordinance 324 was recently passed amending the City Code Chapter 11.02, allowing the keeping of up to six chickens or ducks, or any combination thereof, within the City. There are a few guidelines one must follow before being allowed to house them legally.

Residents must submit an application, \$10 permit fee and have the City inspect your property prior to obtaining chickens/ducks. Roosters and/or drakes are not permitted. Chicken keeping structures are only permitted in the back yard (no structures in front or side yards). Structures must be setback a minimum of ten (10) feet from any property line and fifty (50) feet from any neighboring home. Coops must have a solid roof and their construction must be done in a workmanlike manner utilizing durable materials that offer adequate insulation, ventilation and protection from all natural weather elements, predators, rodents and other pests. Structures shall be maintained in a reasonably clean and sanitary condition. Noise and odor associated with the fowl are not permitted outside of the boundaries of the premises, and animals may not be slaughtered on the premises. For any questions or to obtain a permit, please contact the City Office.

## WARMING HOUSE



As long as temperatures stay cold enough for ice, the warming house will be open and available for ice skaters to use at Four Seasons Park. The warming house hours are Monday-Friday 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday, Sunday & non-school days 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Skating is allowed at anytime, but lights and supervision are only during the posted hours.

## 2019 ELECTRIC REBATES



Are you adding/replacing appliances or lighting to your home or business? 2019 Residential and Commercial energy efficient rebates are available. Contact the City Office for more information and to get rebate application form(s). Forms are also available on the City website: [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com).

## CITY OFFICE CLOSED

The City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.



## City of Arlington, Sibley County

Contact us at:  
204 Shamrock Drive  
Arlington, MN 55307

Phone: 507-964-2378

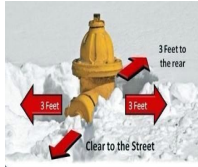
Fax: 507-964-5973

E-mail: [cityhall@arlingtonmn.com](mailto:cityhall@arlingtonmn.com)

Website: [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com)



### FIRE HYDRANTS & STORM DRAINS



The City of Arlington and the Arlington Fire Department want to remind everyone that if there is a fire hydrant on or near your property, please take a few moments to shovel the snow away. Clearing the snow away from a hydrant increases its visibility and can save precious time when firefighters need to hook up to the hydrant in an emergency. The City is also asking residents to help prevent street flooding and icing by clearing snow away from storm sewer catch basins. When the weather turns warmer and snow begins to melt, it's important that the runoff water is able to get into the storm sewer. If the catch basin is covered by a build-up of snow and ice, street flooding can occur. Be a good neighbor and adopt a hydrant and/or storm drain!

### PROTECT YOUR PIPES

It has been brought to our attention, that materials such as diapers, rags, mop heads, and personal cleaning wipes are being flushed down the toilet, causing wastewater equipment to clog up. These materials should not be flushed down the toilet as they don't break down properly. **THE ONLY ITEMS YOU SHOULD FLUSH DOWN THE TOILET ARE:** bodily wastes & toilet paper. Everything else should go in the trash.



### FEBRUARY COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

- ♥ **PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET**- Pheasants Forever will be hosting their 30th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, February 9th at the Arlington Community Center. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Tickets are available from Jon Harbarth (507) 237-5679.
- ♥ **SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT**- The Rock'n 80's Relay for Life Team will be hosting their annual scrapbooking retreat on Saturday, February 16th at the Arlington Community Center. There will be make and takes, door prizes, great food, and various vendors. For more information on this event, contact Jeri Odenthal (612) 418-6880 or email her at [jerodenthal@gmail.com](mailto:jerodenthal@gmail.com).
- ♥ **FISH FRY**- The Arlington Lions will be hosting their annual Fish Fry at the Arlington Community Center on Friday, February 22nd from 11:00 am to 7:30 pm or until the fish is gone. Please join City Council Member Jim Heiland and Nancy Mathwig, at 5:00 pm, in presenting the annual Darwin Mathwig Award.



### WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH METERS

Many households have radio-read water and electric meters, but if you know your house is still read manually, this message is for you! Please help the meter readers for the rest of the winter season. The City of Arlington is asking residents to assist by clearing a path to water and electric meters. Residents that have a fenced-in yard can also assist the City by making sure snow is removed from the gate to make access to the meters easier. This will help meter readers avoid walking on snow-covered landscaping and allow them to do their job more safely and efficiently. Thank You!

### WATER METER REPLACEMENT IS STILL UNDERWAY

The City and PeopleService personnel are continuing the process of changing out old water meters to the newer radio-read technology meters. The City is nearly 90% of the way to our goal of having our entire customer base switched over. The new meters are fitted with a radio device that allow utility workers to get meter readings using a walk-by or drive-by reading technology, and allow for a speedier and more accurate way to measure consumption. If your house still has an old water meter, contact the City Office to schedule an appointment to have it changed out, as soon as possible. In most cases, the meter replacement should only take 30-45 minutes and there is no cost to replace the meters. Please contact the City Office at 507-964-2378 with any questions and to schedule an appointment. Thank you for your cooperation in finally completing this process!

### DOES YOUR WATER BILL SEEM HIGH?

The average American uses about 90 gallons of water each day in their home and each household uses approximately 107,000 gallons of water each year.

- EPA estimates that the average U.S. citizen wastes 2 gallons daily on oral hygiene. That might amount to 600 million gallons daily! Don't run the faucet when you aren't using it.
- A silent leak in your toilet can waste several thousand gallons of water each year, so check toilets regularly. Replace old toilets with new models that use 1.6 gallons or less per flush.
- Fix leaky faucets immediately. A leaky faucet that drips at a rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.

### COMPARE COSTS

- One gallon of heating oil (natural gas) \$2.50
- One gallon of gasoline \$2.20
- One gallon soda pop \$3.60
- One gallon milk \$3.50
- One gallon orange juice \$6.00
- One gallon beer \$10.00



One gallon of water delivered to your home costs less than \$.01.

**It's important for each of us to save water, every day. Shutting off the faucet will help with water conservation. For more easy tips to save water in Minnesota, visit: [www.mrwa.com](http://www.mrwa.com).**