

# The Arlington Report

**March's Recycling Dates: March 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)

## READY TO BUILD TOWNHOMES



Are you looking to buy a condo or townhome within the City of Arlington? There is a developer ready to build brand new units on Lynch Street. The cost will be \$227,900 for a 1,400 square foot two bedroom and two bathroom home. For more information please call Witt Construction (763) 576-8286.

## REMEMBER TO CLEAR THAT FIRE HYDRANT



Winter Fire Safety:  
Adopt A Hydrant

The Arlington Fire Department wants 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. Residents are also encouraged to help their elderly neighbors with this endeavor.

## BOOK CLUB

Are you interested in joining a book club? The club would meet once a month at the Arlington Public Library. The date and time will be determined once the group has been established. Please call Kathy at the library for more information or to join the club (507) 964-2490.



## PET LICENSE

Don't forget to renew your pet license(s) this month! All 2018 pet licenses will expire on March 31st. The cost for a license is just \$5. Please remember to bring your animals' current rabies health certificate as well.

## MOWING HELP WANTED

*Mowing/Weed Trimming Positions*— The season will start tentatively May 1st and run approximately 24 weeks, subject to growing season (dryness, wetness, early/late frost). The hours for lawn mowing/trimming are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Areas to be mowed/trimmed include all



City parks, the public cemetery, and around City buildings. No weekend or evening mowing/trimming will be permitted. Approximately 32 hours per week will be spent mowing/trimming and maintaining equipment (oil changes, clean out decks, etc.). The seasonal part-time wage is \$11.00 per hour and applicants must be 18 years or older to apply and have a valid drivers license. The City is preferably looking for individuals to mow/trim for the entire season, but applications will be accepted for backup mowers to help throughout the season, as needed.

**DEADLINE:** All applications must be returned by **12:00 pm Friday, March 22, 2019.**

## CITY RECYCLING



The City wants to remind everyone about the City recycling site at Main Street and 4th Ave SW (municipal parking lot). The second and fourth Saturdays of each month, from 8:00 am—11:00 am, residents may drop off their recycling. Recyclables that are accepted: newspaper, mixed paper, glass bottles, #1 & #2 plastic bottles, aluminum and tin cans, and cardboard.

**Other options:** The City of Gaylord holds their recycling day on the opposite Saturdays (first and third) of the month. The recycling location in Gaylord is south of Main Street on 5th Street.

The Waste Management Recycling Center (located 4 miles south of Le Sueur) is open year round. They accept for a fee: car batteries, appliances, electronic equipment, and tires. Call (800) 777-8408 for more details.

## CURBSIDE GARBAGE COLLECTION

Spring is just around the corner (we hope)! With sustained warmer temperatures the gravel alleys will get soft and cannot handle the large garbage trucks driving on them. The City anticipates that sometime in March, we will be asking all residents and business owners to place their garbage cans and recycling containers curbside. Please keep watching the Arlington Enterprise, the City LED sign & website for notice of when this change will actually take place.

## BUILDING PERMITS

With Spring right around the corner, homeowners may be thinking of home improvement projects. Many of those projects do require a permit. Contact the City Office to see if you need a permit, and to obtain the appropriate permit application form(s) for your next project. All permit applications are available online, go to [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com) under City Departments/Planning and Zoning, to find all building permit forms.



## SPRING FORWARD

Get ready to set clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2:00 am. Daylight Saving is observed in only 48 states (Hawaii and Arizona are exceptions) and 78 countries around the world. Benjamin Franklin came up with the idea for Daylight Saving in 1784 as a joke for saving candles. It is actually "Daylight Saving Time" (singular), not "Daylight Savings Time" (plural).



**ASSESSMENT & CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY**

**City of Arlington, Sibley County**

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*A Beautiful City Growing in Unity*



Notice is hereby given that the Open Book Meeting of the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Arlington City, Gaylord City, Gibbon City, Green Isle City, Winthrop City, Arlington Township, Kelso Township, Moltke Township, and Severance Township shall meet on Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Sibley County Assessor's Office. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made. Please make an appointment by calling the Sibley County Assessor's Office at (507) 237-4078 or e-mail [Assessor1@co.sibley.mn.us](mailto:Assessor1@co.sibley.mn.us).

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact the Assessor's Office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with the assessor, you may appear before the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct as needed.



**IT'S A TOILET NOT A TRASH!**

What you flush matters. Even if they're small, everyday items can cause expensive problems for the sewage treatment facilities, not to mention messy and costly problems for you or your neighbors. Products may seem safe to flush down the toilet, but do not break down quickly in water. If just one undissolved piece gets caught on a bump or bend in the pipe, it can start a growth of buildup that can cause a sewer backup in your home or neighborhood.

Unacceptable items in the collection system cause damage to seals and bearings, as well as excessive wear on pumps and meters, which in turn shortens the life of the equipment. Once these products reach the sewage treatment facility, they must be removed from the inflow stream and hauled away. Here is a short list of what NOT to flush down the toilet or put down the garbage disposal or drains; Baby Wipes, Bandages & Wrappers, Feminine Hygiene products, Paper Towels, Cotton Balls & Swabs, Cat Litter, Dental Floss, Diapers, Mop & Duster heads, Stickers, Cigarette Butts, & Condoms & Wrappers.



**WHAT ABOUT THAT CONVENIENCE FEE?**

In 2016, the Arlington City Council implemented a convenience fee for payments made using credit or debit cards. After analyzing the processing costs since accepting card payments, it was felt that it's unfair to the overall customer base to continue absorbing these costs, when other 'no-cost' options are available.

The convenience fee, as set by our credit card processing vendor, is 2.5% of the payment amount (with a \$2.00 minimum), which is paid with the transaction and retained by our card processing vendor.

The City still accepts cash or checks by mail/in-person/payment box with no additional costs. However, if you choose to use your credit/debit card over the phone/on-line/in-person, there is an added convenience fee to your transaction.

A feature also available to our customers, is the ability to make a payment by electronic check. This option is processed similar to a debit card, except customers would use their bank routing and account numbers versus their card number. The biggest difference is the convenience fee, which is just a flat rate of \$1.50 per electronic check transaction. If you have any questions please call the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

 **March**

**MARCH COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS**

**Saturday, March 2**— Spring Craft & Gift Expo 9:00 am– 2:00 pm. Something for everyone!

**Tuesday, March 5**— Arlington Bloodmobile from 12:30 - 6:30 pm. Please Give!

**Saturday, March 16**— Relay for Life Quilting Retreat, contact Jeri Odenthal (612) 418-6880.

**Sunday, March 17**— Arlington A's Wooden Bat Breakfast & Silent Auction from 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

**Thursday, March 21**— Community Ed AARP Driver's Safety Refresher Course. Contact Jennifer Strack (507) 964-8235.

POWERING **100%** OF YOUR HOME WITH **RENEWABLE ENERGY**



Program Fee	Percentage of Renewable Energy	Clean Energy Choice Adder \$ / Month
	100%	\$3.00
	75%	\$2.00
	50%	\$1.00

For more information or to sign up, please call City of Arlington (507-964-2378) or visit [www.cleanenergychoice.com/arlington](http://www.cleanenergychoice.com/arlington). Program is available to Arlington Electric Utility customers only.

