

# The Arlington Report

**October's Recycling Dates: October 13th & 27th 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 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)

## 8TH ANNUAL FRIGHT NIGHT



Join Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce for their Halloween Fright Night on Wednesday, October 31st from 5:30-7:00 p.m. along Main Street, from 1st Avenue to Highway 5. Come dressed for Trick or Treating and get a free hot dog and a sampling of Witch's Brew. Please contact Pam Maiers at pamelarhea@outlook.com or (507) 351-8466 for more information or to volunteer.

## GET THOSE LAWN METER READINGS IN!

City Staff is reminding residents with lawn meters to turn in their final readings for the year so their sewer charges can be credited. Staff would also like to remind lawn meter owners to bring their meters inside and store them in a non-freezing location to prevent damage to the meter. Damaged meters will be replaced at the owner's expense.

## CITY ASKS FOR HELP WHEN PLACING GARBAGE CANS FOR PICKUP

October is a busy month for street maintenance, in particular, the sweeping up of leaves. Because of this, City Staff would like to encourage residents not to place their garbage cans in the street. Garbage cans collected at the street, should, if at all possible, be placed in your driveway or within the boulevard area. This assists the City in street sweeping, snow plowing, and other maintenance efforts. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort!

## ARLI-DAZZLE REGISTRATIONS



Reminder to register your parade unit now! There is no fee for entering your unit. This year the Arli-Dazzle committee is encouraging people to register via their website: [www.arlidazzle.com](http://www.arlidazzle.com). Any questions please contact Scott Sorenson at (507) 381-6113 or email [sbsorenson@hotmail.com](mailto:sbsorenson@hotmail.com). The Arli-Dazzle committee is also looking for vendors for their 2nd annual Christmas Market. The vendor applications may be filled out on Arli-Dazzle's website. There is a fee of \$50 to become a vendor for the Christmas Market. Any one looking for more information on the market is encouraged to contact market coordinator Julianne Shaw at (507) 380-1047.



## CITY PAYMENT OPTIONS

City Office Staff would like to remind residents that the City offers several different options when it comes to paying your city bill.

Online— Residents can pay their city bill on the City's website, using their credit/debit card (2.5% convenience fee) or by electronic check (\$1.50 flat fee).

Automatic payment— The City offers automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account (no additional fee). Automatic payments are set up to take place on the 4th day of every month.

Over the phone— City Staff will take a payment over the phone by using your credit/debit card (2.5% convenience fee) or by electronic check (\$1.50 flat fee).

Drop-Off— Payments can be made in person at the City Office, or dropped off in the payment box located in the parking lot (any time of day) next to the City's mailbox. There is also a payment box inside the Arlington State Bank during their business hours.

Mail— Residents can always mail their payments to the City of Arlington, 204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington, MN 55307.

## NO BURNING OF FALL LEAVES



With the fall season upon us, ideas for getting rid of leaves begin to surface. Residents should remember that burning leaves within city limits is prohibited. Fires are only permitted within city limits as long as they are for recreational purposes. *Recreational purposes* shall include only the cooking of food or providing heat and light for outdoor social gatherings. Only propane, charcoal bricks, or wood products may be used to fuel outdoor fires and shall be contained in an outdoor fire place, barbecue equipment, or a concrete-lined fire pit, sufficient to provide physical limitation to the spread of the fire.

## COMPOST SITE IS STILL OPEN

Want to get rid of those fall leaves? The City's compost site is open 7 days a week for residents in city limits. The site is located near the wastewater treatment plant on Freedom Drive (SE corner of town). *Allowable Compost*: lawn clippings, garden compost, and leaves (no plastic bags). **No garbage or construction material is allowed at the compost site.** *Small brush pile*: No stumps or logs. For larger quantities of brush, the City will do chipping on location, for a cost. Call the City Office to get the cost and to schedule for the chipping service.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 7-13

### 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)



This year's Fire Prevention Week will be held from October 7th-13th. Fire Prevention Week is a good reminder to everyone to check and replace the batteries in their smoke detectors. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire injuries and deaths. During the week, the Arlington Fire Dept. will join the Gaylord Fire Dept. for a joint fire safety presentation with the students at the Sibley East Elementary School in Gaylord. On Wednesday, October 10th the AFD will be delivering takeout orders from local businesses from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Participating businesses include Arlington Haus, Cenex, Double Tap Bowling Alley & Sports Bar, Godfather's and Quick Shop-Subway. When they deliver your order to your home, they will also change the batteries in your smoke detectors, with a limit of two per household.

To start the week, the Arlington Fire Department Relief Association invites you to their 3rd annual Fall Block Party. This year's event will be held at the Heritage Building, on the Sibley County Fairgrounds, with a Thick Cut Pork Chop Dinner running from 5:00-7:00 p.m. During the dinner the first band of the evening "The Two of Us" will be performing. Then starting at 8:00 p.m. the band "IV Play" will perform. Tickets, in advance, are \$20 for meal and entertainment, and children 12 & under are \$10. Tickets for the entertainment only (no meal) are \$10 at the gate. Dinner tickets will not be sold at the door, so please plan ahead and purchase your tickets in advance, from any active firefighter, Haggemiller Lumber, Ottomotive Tire & Repair, Y-Not Plumbing & Heating, Maverick Automotive and Steve's Copy Shop.



*A Beautiful City Growing in Unity*



### DO YOU NEED FLOOD INSURANCE?

The City of Arlington participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The National Flood Insurance Program aims to reduce the impact of flooding on private and public structures. It does so by providing affordable insurance to property owners and by encouraging communities to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations. These efforts help mitigate the effects of flooding on new and improved structures.



**FACT:** Floods are the nation's most common and costly natural disaster and cause millions of dollars in damage every year.

**FACT:** Homeowners and renters insurance does not typically cover flood damage.

**FACT:** The damage from just one inch of water can cost more than \$20,000.

**FACT:** Floods can happen anywhere--More than 20 percent of flood claims come from properties outside the high risk flood zone.

**FACT:** Flood insurance can pay regardless of whether or not there is a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

**FACT:** Most federal disaster assistance comes in the form of low-interest disaster loans from U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and you have to pay them back. FEMA offers disaster grants that don't need to be paid back, but this amount is often much less than what is needed to recover. A claim against your flood insurance policy could and often does, provide more funds for recovery than those you could qualify for from FEMA or the SBA--and you don't have to pay it back.

**FACT:** Congress has mandated federally regulated or insured lenders to require flood insurance on mortgaged properties that are located in areas at high risk of flooding. But even if your property is not in a high risk flood area, your mortgage lender may still require you to have flood insurance.

### COLD WEATHER RULE & HEAT SHARE

Please see enclosed flyers on the City of Arlington's Cold Weather Rule and the Salvation Army's Heat Share program. The City of Arlington's Cold Weather Rule goes into effect from October 15th through April 15th. The Cold Weather Rule does not prohibit winter shut off, so if you receive a disconnection notice, act promptly! Please contact the City of Arlington at 507-964-2378. If you are having trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance.

The City of Arlington recommends you call one of the following:

**Minnesota Valley Action Council** - Sibley County Office at 507-327-2981 or Mankato Regional Office at 800-767-7139, **Sibley County Human Services** at 507-237-4000 or **Heat Share (Salvation Army)** at 888-999-1568.

The Heat Share brochure is seeking donations to help our neighbors this heating season, if possible please donate!



### OCTOBER COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Sunday, October 7- HoHo Area Shriners Breakfast from 8:30 am- 12:30 pm.

Tuesday, October 9- RSMC Flu Shot Clinic from 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

Saturday, October 13- Fall Craft & Gift Expo from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm.

Friday, October 26- Zion Harvest Windsor Pork Chop Dinner from 4:00-7:00



### CITY WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE

The City of Arlington welcomes a new employee. Laura Dykhoff joined the City on September 17th as our new Admin Assistant. The City wishes to extend a warm welcome to Laura!

