

# The Arlington Report

**April's Recycling Dates: April 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. Asst.  
Kirby Weckworth -- Maint. Supervisor  
Michael Willmsen -- Maint. Worker  
John Petterson -- Police Chief  
Sara Jancoski -- Police Officer  
James Noxon -- Police Officer  
Bailey Holasek -- 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)

## ARLINGTON LOGO CONTEST



Attention designers, artists and creative souls. What do you think best depicts life in the City of Arlington? This is your chance to design, draw and create an Arlington logo to be considered as the new official City logo. The deadline for submittals is May 15, 2019. Following this date, City officials and staff will review the designs and may select a winner to receive \$50 in Arlington Chamber Dollars (and bragging rights!). Let your creative juices flow and feel free to submit multiple designs. Please submit designs to, Arlington City Office 204 Shamrock Drive Arlington or by email [cityhall@arlingtonmn.com](mailto:cityhall@arlingtonmn.com). The City reserves the right to modify and utilize the designs in any way it sees fit and once submitted the designs become the property of the City of Arlington.

## CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Attention Arlington residents and business owners. Due to the time of the year, garbage companies have been notified to not use gravel alleyways until further notice. The gravel alleys are soft and cannot handle the large garbage trucks driving on them. Due to this condition, the City is asking all residents and affected businesses to place their garbage cans and recycling containers curbside until further notice.



## ARLINGTON CHILD CARE LOAN PROGRAM



As many know, the City of Arlington has been identified as the community within Sibley County with the highest child care need in the county. Have you heard about the Arlington Child Care Loan Program? This program provides an incentive to new child care providers to establish services in the City of Arlington.

The program provides a matching forgivable loan for actual expenses relating to the cost of opening a child care business in the City of Arlington, up to \$1,000 per child care provider. Qualifying expenses must be approved by the Sibley County Child Care Licensor and the Arlington EDA Director. Approved requests will be funded on a first-come, first-serve basis until all dedicated funds are expended. In addition, the opportunity exists that the Arlington Economic Development Authority's revolving loan programs could be available to assist with the costs of opening a child care business also. For more information contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378.



## APRIL COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

**Fri. April 12**– RSMC Foundation Spring Benefit featuring “Duelly Noted” dueling pianos— Social hour 5:30–7:00 pm, Dinner 7:00-7:45 pm, live auction and entertainment to follow. Tickets cost \$25 and are available at all Ridgeview Sibley locations or online at [www.sibleymedical.org](http://www.sibleymedical.org).

**Mon. April 15**– Farmers Market Vendor Meeting— 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm. Are you interested in being a vendor for this year's Arlington Farmers Market? Come learn all about the market at one of our two meetings. If you need to get Cottage Food certified, you can do that on-site, during the training as well!

**Tues. April 16**– Senior Expo— “The Magic of Aging” 9:00 am-2:15 pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance at the SE High school, Morreim Drug Store, or pay \$12 at the door. For more information, contact Sibley County Extension at (507) 237-4100.

## SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK



This year, Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota is April 8th-12th. Severe Weather Awareness Week is a good opportunity for residents of Arlington to make sure they are prepared for severe weather when it strikes. Using the Department of Public Safety website (<https://dps.mn.gov/>) as a guide, you can build a family plan, build an emergency kit, and practice proper procedures. Having the right information can be a lifesaver. Severe Weather Awareness Week is a good time to learn what you should do in a lightening storm, heat wave, tornado, or flash floods. In conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, Thursday, April 11th is Tornado Drill day. The first statewide drill is at 1:45 pm, while the second statewide drill is at 6:45 pm. All communities will activate their warning systems and emergency sirens will sound. For more information on severe weather, be sure to visit the Department of Public Safety website.

## REMINDER TO GET YOUR 2019 PET TAG



Pet owners have until April 30th to get their new pet tags for just \$5.00/ animal. After that date, there will be a \$10.00 late fee added. Get your 2019 pet tags today!

## NEW POLICE OFFICER

The City would like to wish a warm welcome to new Police Officer Bailey Holasek who starts her duties with the City on April 1st.

## City of Arlington, Sibley County

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**RESIDENTIAL HOME SALES**  
Sibley County assessor, Laura Hacker, recently presented information to the City Council regarding sales of residential properties over the last year. According to Hacker, forty-eight houses were sold in Arlington between October 2, 2017 and September 30, 2018. That is up approximately 25% from the previous year in terms of number of sales. 2019 is anticipated to see a 13% increase in residential market values in the City of Arlington, as a result of last years' sales.

### WHY DOES MY PROPERTY VALUE CHANGE?

Why does the value on my property taxes change every year? According to the County Assessor Laura Hacker there are three main reasons why property values change:

**Appreciation or depreciation in the real estate market:** The assessor's office collects information on the local real estate market and adjusts property values annually in order to reflect the market. The requirement that the assessor actually view properties once every five years, does not limit the assessor to revaluing properties only once every five years. The assessor is required to review property values and classifications each year.

**Physical changes to the property:** Improvements such as building a deck or finishing the basement increases the value of the property, and the assessor would adjust the value to reflect these improvements. Similarly, the assessor should adjust the value for any structures or improvements that may be removed.

**Equalization process:** The Commissioner of Revenue, acting as the State Board of Equalization, has the authority to increase or decrease values to bring about equalization. The orders are usually on a County, City or Township-wide basis for a particular classification of property. All State Board orders must be implemented by the County for the current assessment year.

**The Open Book Meeting of the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Arlington is Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Sibley County Assessor's Office.**

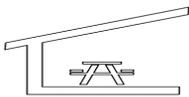


WHITE:	Proposed Excavation
PINK:	Temp. Survey Markings
RED:	Electric lines
YELLOW:	Gas lines
ORANGE:	Communication (Cable, Telephone)
BLUE:	Potable Water
PURPLE:	Reclaimed Water, irrigation
GREEN:	Sewer & Drain Lines

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

Contacting Gopher State One Call is easy! Before digging, contact Gopher State One Call at 811, (651) 454-0002, toll-free (800) 252-1166 or visit <http://www.gopherstateonecall.com> at least two working days prior to digging in your yard. Gopher State will contact all utilities to mark underground lines for free. Be aware though that "private" lines exist on many properties, and these are the owner's responsibility to know their location and avoid when digging.

### ARLINGTON'S PARKS



The Arlington park shelters, gazebo at Memorial Park 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), the gazebo at Memorial Park or any of the shelters at Four Seasons Park, Sportsman's Park, Frenzel Park, or Fairview Park, please contact the City Office at (507) 964-2378 for inquiries or to book a date.

### SUNDAY COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

The Arlington Community Center is now offering a reduced rental rate for Sundays. Anyone can now rent one room (plus the kitchen) of the Community Center on a Sunday for only \$150.00. If anyone is looking to host a graduation, anniversary, bridal or baby shower, or birthday celebration, one room in the Community Center would be perfect for any event!

### COMPOST SITE IS NOW OPEN

The compost site is now open seven days a week during daylight hours for residents in city limits. It is located in the southeast corner of town, close to the Wastewater Treatment Facility on Freedom Drive. *Allowable Compost:* lawn clippings, garden compost, leaves (no plastic bags). *Small brush pile area- NO stumps or logs.* Chipping on location is available for large quantities of brush, for a fee. Call the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

### HYDRANT FLUSHING TO TAKE PLACE

Residents of Arlington should be aware that PeopleService staff plan to flush hydrants throughout April. 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.



### 2019 WE SAVE HOME REBATE INFORMATION

The City of Arlington offers a variety of rebates to its residential customers for the purchase and installation of energy efficient products through its We Save Home program. The We Save Home program helps residential customers save energy and money. From rebates for the purchase of qualifying appliances and lighting fixtures to air source heat pumps, there are many ways residential customers can save.

#### WE SAVE HOME REBATES OFFERED IN 2019

- ENERGY STAR LED Bulbs and Fixtures
- ENERGY STAR Appliances— Refrigerators, Dishwashers, Clothes Washers, Freezers or Dehumidifiers
- Recycling Rebate— Recycling of an old refrigerator or freezer
- Q.I. Central Air Conditioner or Air Source Heat Pump
- Furnace w/ Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM)

\*Various Commercial Rebates are also available. Contact the City Office for details and forms.

