



# The Arlington Report



**December's Recycling Dates: December 14th & 28th 8:00 am -11:00 am**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Rich Nagel -- Mayor  
 Michelle Battcher -- Council Member  
 Adam Cowell -- Council Member  
 Laura Gilman -- Council Member  
 Tom Hatlestad -- Council Member  
 Joe Morgan -- Council Member

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Pat Melvin -- City Administrator  
 Lisa Tesch -- Deputy Clerk  
 Amy Newsom--Comm. Development  
 Laura Dykhoff - Admin. Asst.  
 Kirby Weckworth -- Maint. Supervisor  
 Michael Willmsen -- Maint. Worker  
 John Petterson -- Police Chief  
 Sara Daily -- Police Officer  
 James Noxon -- Police Officer  
 Bailey Holasek -- Police Officer  
 Vicki Pomplun -- PD Admin. Asst..

**CONTRACTED SERVICES**

Ross Arneson -- City Attorney  
 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)

Dear Residents of Arlington,

As the Holiday Season approaches, it should cause all of us to reflect on the blessings that affect our respective lives. Whether it be a loving family, good health, gainful employment, or the good fortune to live in a safe community located in the best country in the world; we certainly have an opportunity to give thanks for all we have. As Christmas approaches, my hope is that you spend this precious time with family and friends, recognizing the "reason for the season."

On behalf of my fellow Council Members, and the entire City Staff, I Wish You a Safe and Happy Holiday Season, and a Great 2020!

Rich Nagel

**SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR CITY BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS**

The Mayor and City Council of Arlington are seeking interested individuals to fill open positions on the following boards/committees/commissions:

- Cemetery Committee (2-year term)
- Planning & Zoning Commission (3-year term)

If you are interested in serving please contact the City Offices at 507-964-2378 for an application form, or find it on the website at [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com). All applications must be turned into the City Offices by December 31.

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED**

**The City Offices will be CLOSED at noon on December 24th and all day December 25th for Christmas.**



**The City Offices will also be CLOSED all day on January 1st, for the New Year's holiday.**

**OVERLOAD OUTLETS CAUSE FIRES**

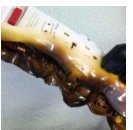
Overloaded outlets cause a whopping **5,300** fires annually in American households, almost 2,000 of which occur during the holidays.

- Never plug more than two appliances into an outlet at once or "piggyback" extra appliances on extension cords or wall outlets. Use only outlets designed to handle multiple plugs.
- Know the amount of power you're placing on an outlet or circuit.
- Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, etc.) should be plugged directly into their own wall outlet since they are heavy power users.
- As pretty as those lights will look, rethink your decorations and power needs when you're close to overloading your outlets. Prioritize and unplug.

You'll also want to watch for these warning signs of electrical system overload. If you have any of these present, you should have your home inspected by a professional:

- Lights often flicker, blink or dim momentarily
- Circuit breakers trip or fuses blow often
- Cords or wall plates are warm to the touch or discolored
- Crackling, sizzling or buzzing is heard from outlets

Also, never plug a space heater into a power strip!



**RESIDENT WATCH PROGRAM**

Are you going away for the holidays or leaving for warmer climates this winter? Now you can take the stress out of leaving your home with the help of the Arlington Police Department. The Arlington Police Department can watch over your house while you are away. Contact the Arlington Police Department at 507-964-5200 or go to the City's website to print out the application form and return it to the Police Department at 108 4th Ave NW.

**SNOW NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

The City of Arlington will be plowing and hauling snow anytime there is 2 inches or more of snowfall. We ask that all residents park vehicles off the streets and avenues until they are plowed curb to curb or they will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.



## City of Arlington, Sibley County

Contact us at:  
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The Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce proudly presents:

### 11th ANNUAL ARLI-DAZZLE

Arli-Dazzle will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Events are planned all day with the parade starting at 5:30 pm (snow date Sunday, December 8th). A wide variety of activities are planned throughout the day. Listing of events and full details are available on the Arli-Dazzle Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/arlidazzle.mn> or Arlington Chamber's website at: [www.arlingtonmnchamber.org](http://www.arlingtonmnchamber.org).

#### Arli-Dazzle Raffle:

Raffle Tickets are now on sale for \$10 from any Chamber Member/Business and the City Office. An Arli-Dazzle Button is included with the Raffle Ticket, or can be purchased separately for \$2. Raffle winners will be announced after the parade. Your local businesses & Arli-Dazzle appreciate your support! Over 30 prizes with a retail value exceeding \$5,500! Prizes include: **GRAND PRIZE:** \$1,000 CASH **2nd Prize:** Thomes Bros. \$1,000 Shopping Spree **3rd Prize:** Pellet Smoker donated by Haggemiller Lumber (\$800 value) **4th & 5th Prize:** \$250 Gift Certificate to Jerry's Home Quality Foods **6th & 7th Prize:** \$250 in Arlington Dollars.

#### Arli-Dazzle Event Schedule:

##### Friday, December 6th

**6:30 pm Designer Purse Bingo** at the Arlington Community Center (**new location this year**). Bingo cards will be sold beginning at 5:00 pm.

##### Saturday, December 7th

**9:00 am Quilt Show** at the Arlington Public Library, open until 7:00 pm.

**9:00 am Arlington Museum Open House** sponsored by the Arlington Historical Society open until 3:00 pm.

**9:00 am Santa Day** at the Sibley East High School (**new location this year**) from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come meet Santa & Mrs. Claus! There will be games, cookie decorating, and prizes.

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm Holiday movies** will also be shown in the Sibley East High School auditorium.

**11:30 am Bethlehem Express** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, runs until 2:30 pm.

**1:00 pm Pre-Parade Festivities** start on Main Street.

- Ice Sculpturists, "Sakatah Carvers" of Waterville, MN - Marvel at the festive ice sculpture these talented artists will create throughout the afternoon.
- Fish Camp - Tour our lighted display of area Fish Houses and warm up around the one-of-a-kind Bonfire.
- Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides - Take in the magic of Arli-Dazzle while touring Main Street on a Sleigh Ride.
- Vintage Snowmobile Show - Come check out an array of unique vintage snowmobiles.
- Santa's Reindeer - Have your photo taken with Santa's Reindeer.
- Petting Zoo by Animals of Walton's Hollow
- Meet & Greet with Disney's Frozen characters
- Fire Dance Performance by Insphyre Performance

**Food Vendors start at 1:00 pm:** Come hungry & dine from one of our main food vendors — 12+ food vendors serving all day/evening

1:00-5:00 pm Professional Caroling Group "Decantus" - Traditionally Dressed Christmas Carolers spreading Holiday Joy.

2:00 pm Sled Dogs- interact with a real live sled dog team!

2:00 pm Old-time Snowball Baseball Game featuring the Arlington Greys vs. the Mankato Baltics at Frenzel Park, 607 West Baker Street.

2:00-5:00 pm Schell's Hobo Christmas Quartet— Listen to some Christmas classics from this one-of-a-kind quartet.

**5:30 pm Arli-Dazzle Parade** on Main St.- goes from west to east, starting at Hwy. 5 moving east through downtown and continues all the way to Cty. Rd. 17.

##### Sunday, December 8th

**5:00 pm A NORTH COUNTRY CHRISTMAS - featuring KAT PERKINS (New Event this year)** at the Sibley East High School auditorium. Doors open at 4:00 pm, with local entertainment beginning at 4:30 pm. Tickets are now available. For more information contact Tammy Diehn at: 507-964-5334 or [diehn61@gmail.com](mailto:diehn61@gmail.com).



**Saturday, December 7th 8 pm—midnight.** Choose Arlington, a local nonprofit group marketing the City of Arlington will be holding a fundraiser at The Dugout following the Arli-Dazzle parade. Come see Jimi O'Brien and his bandmates for a pre-Christmas show. Doors open immediately following the parade and fireworks. \$5 donation with proceeds going to Choose Arlington.

#### DECEMBER COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

**Monday, December 2nd**—City of Arlington Truth-In-Taxation Hearing at 6 pm

**Friday, December 6th**—Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce Designer Purse Bingo at 6:30 pm

