

# The Arlington Report

**July's Recycling Dates: July 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 Weekworth -- 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 Sanit. (507- 834-6168)  
Gaylord Sanitation (507-237-2274)

## DID YOU MOVE OR GET MARRIED

### THIS YEAR?



City Staff would like to remind all utility account holders to update their account information. When you change your personal information (name, phone number etc.) and/or move/change addresses, the City needs to be notified. This includes the changing of a PO Box number or the conversion of a PO Box to/from a street address. The City is also encouraging utility account holders to provide the City with a phone number, including a cell phone, where you may be reached in the case of a planned outage or any other emergency at your property. You can update your information by calling the City Office at (507) 964-2378 or by emailing cityhall@arlingtonmn.com.

## FARMER'S MARKET JULY ACTIVITIES



- ◆ 1- No Market, due to 4th of July Holiday
- ◆ 8- HOP & Veggie Challenge Starts!
- ◆ 15- Senior Day- (\$2 HOP Tokens) Music, Meal Deal & More! Home-based business
- ◆ 22- Splash Pad by AFD, HOP, Tastebuds
- ◆ 29- Tour of Gardens (sponsored by the Arlington Garden Club), check in at the market & Home-based business

## ARLINGTON HISTORICAL MUESUM

Are you interested in the history of Arlington? Please visit the Arlington Historical Museum on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you need more information, please contact Arlington Historical Society member Dwight Grabitske at (507) 964-5878.



## ARLINGTON NIGHT OUT



The Arlington Police Department will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Arlington Night Out on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm-7:30 pm at Four Seasons Park. This event is designed to strengthen our neighborhoods through community partnerships. This is the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors, local police officers, fire department and ambulance volunteers. Come out and celebrate your community in this fun, family-friendly outing:

- Food • Splash Pad • K9 Kash • Root Beer Floats • Prizes • Dunk an Officer • Music!

## 2019 – 2020 LEADING SIBLEY TOGETHER:

Developing leadership by connecting people, businesses, and communities to create a stronger tomorrow.



This county-wide leadership program offers community members an opportunity to network, develop leadership skills, and gain an increased awareness and understanding of the assets of Sibley County. The results are more skilled individuals, increased networks, and stronger links between communities to address local issues.

Participants gather one day each month from September to May in communities throughout the county. Each day includes leadership learning activities, meeting with community leaders, and tours of businesses and organizations in that particular community. Participants tour together, learn together, and dine together. Each class is comprised of a maximum of 24 participants who either live or work in Sibley County. Participants can be either current or emerging leaders with an interest in the future of our county.

### Application Deadline: August 2

For more information or an application, contact the Arlington City Office at (507) 964-2378, or Leading Sibley Together (c/o Amy Newsom, Program Coordinator) at (507) 237-4117. Facebook: Leading Sibley Together Organization. Selected participants will be notified in mid-August.

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**City of Arlington, Sibley County**

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*A Beautiful City Growing in Unity*



**MOVING IN, MOVING OUT AND MOVING OVER**

**Benjamin Winchester, U of M Extension Educator Presentation**



There is a wave of change coming to rural America. On average, 30% of our homes are owned by people over the age of 70, and another 45% are owned by the Baby Boomers. This means that almost three-quarters of our owner-occupied housing supply will turn over in the next 20 years. The supply, and demand, of these homes will change the face of our rural communities. There are complexities involved here that require a broad examination of the trends related to people moving in, moving out and moving over that have far-reaching consequences. Aspects of change related to these trends—such as workforce housing, a tight labor market, and changing residential preferences—will be discussed. How can our communities work together to prepare for these changes coming in the near future. We would like to invite everyone to come and join in this discussion on **Wednesday, August 7th at 5:30 pm at the Arlington Community Center.**

**WHAT ABOUT THOSE BOULEVARD TREES?**

A boulevard is the portion of a public street right-of-way between the curb and a property owner’s front yard line. With this definition in place, it should be noted that any tree within a boulevard area is public property.

Tree limbs within the right-of-way will be pruned by the City if they create a potential threat to public safety. As a general guideline, limbs will be trimmed to provide 10 feet clearance above sidewalks and 14 feet clearance over the street. These requirements provide clearance for pedestrians as well as snow and garbage removal, and street maintenance equipment.

From time to time, decisions are made to remove specific boulevard trees. Attempts are made to notify property owners on the adjoining lot in advance of this action.

Removal of a tree within a boulevard by a resident is not permitted without first obtaining the express written permission of the City. Also, if a resident plans to plant a tree in the boulevard, please contact the City Office to help stream line this process. The City will assist in choosing an appropriate variety and staking out the location for the tree planting.

Downed limbs from boulevard trees should be called to the attention of the Public Works Department by calling the City Office at (507) 964-2378.

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!**

It’s the law! Before digging, contact Gopher State One Call at 811, (651) 454-0002, toll-free (800) 252-1166 or visit www.Call811.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.

**LAWNS AND LANDSCAPED AREAS**



City Staff would like to remind property owners of City Code 6.09: which states that lawns and landscaped areas are to be cut or trimmed so that grass areas do not exceed 6 inches or more in height. If they exceed these limits, the property is considered a public nuisance and is prohibited. With the mowing season upon us, City Staff are receiving more and more complaints on lawns not being properly kept. Noxious weeds are to be controlled by physical removal or chemical treatment. Planted trees and bushes are to be properly trimmed so as to create a neat appearance and to avoid overlapping boundary lines. While the City does its best to identify these lawns, most properties that are in violation of City Code 6.09 are identified by public complaints. Residents wishing to file a complaint against a property should do so by contacting the Police Department at (507) 964-5200.

**2019 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENT**

Work has began on the 2019 Street and Utility Improvement project. The construction consists of new sanitary sewer system and service lines, new water mains and service lines, new storm sewer system and street reconstruction. The project is expected to be substantially completed in November 2019, with final details being completed in the spring of 2020. Wm Mueller and Sons is the general contractor on the project. The project area encompasses Clinton Street as well as the 2nd Ave SE and 3rd Ave SE blocks adjacent to Clinton Street. If residents have any questions on the project please contact Alec Pietz, the Bolton & Menk construction representative at (507) 766-3283. Please be careful around the construction area this summer.

**CITY OF ARLINGTON**  
SIBLEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

