

The Arlington Report

October's Recycling Dates: October 12th & 26th 8:00 am -11:00 am

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Pat Melvin -- City Administrator
Lisa Tesch -- Deputy Clerk
(Open) -- 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
Bailey Holasek - Police Officer
Vicki Pomplun --Admin Coord.

CONTRACTED SERVICES

Ross Armeson -- 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 Sanit. (507- 834-6168)
Gaylord Sanitation (507-237-2274)

9TH ANNUAL FRIGHT NIGHT



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Join Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce for their Halloween Fright Night on Thursday, October 31st from 5:30-7:00 p.m. along Main Street, from 1st Avenue to Highway 5. This year above the Dugout will be a Haunted House, free food, and games. Maverick Automotive will have a Photo Booth from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please contact pamelarhea@outlook.com or (507) 351-8466 for more information or to volunteer.

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!

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.

PLANNED POWER OUTAGE

There will be two brief electrical outages the week of September 30th, to do some maintenance at the substation. The planned dates for this are **Monday, September 30 AND Friday, October 4, 2019.** These are planned to be short power outages, between 8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. both days, necessary only to do the required maintenance. Please mark this on your calendars and plan accordingly for those mornings.



MED DISPOSAL BOX

A medication disposal box is now located in the entrance of the Arlington Police Dept. at 108 4th Ave NW. It is available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week and is under camera surveillance at all times. Acceptable items: prescription, OTC, and pet medications in the form of pills, liquids or lotions. *Non-acceptable items: IV bags, liquid chemotherapy drugs, medical equipment, and Schedule I controlled substances.*

ADDITIONALLY there is now also a "sharps container" for empty, used syringes/needles. These may only be dropped off when Police personnel are present, generally during business hours - Mon. thru Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Instructions are posted at the PD main entrance. All items must be in a safe container, with no needles exposed.



ARLI-DAZZLE REGISTRATIONS

Remember to sign your business or organization up now for the 11th Annual Arli-Dazzle Parade. The Arli-Dazzle Parade, probably the LARGEST lighted Christmas parade in Minnesota, will be held on Saturday, December 7th. Enter your parade unit now by applying online at www.arlingtonmnchamber.org/arli-dazzle. It is FREE to enter your parade unit. This year again they are selling the Arli-Dazzle Raffle for \$10/ticket. You have a chance to win all sorts of prizes with the Grand Prize being \$1,000.00 in cash! The Arli-Dazzle committee is also looking for vendors for their 3rd 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. Anyone looking for more information on the market is encouraged to contact market coordinator Julianne Shaw at (507) 380-1047.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 6-12

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
Website: www.arlingtonmn.com



A Beautiful City Growing in Unity



This year's Fire Prevention Week will be held from October 6th-12th. 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. On Tuesday, October 8th, 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. Wednesday, October 9th, the AFD will be delivering takeout orders from local businesses from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Participating businesses include the Arlington Haus, Cenex, and Godfather's. 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 4th 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. Starting at 8:00 p.m. the band "Hitfaced" 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 at Haggemiller Lumber, Ottomotive Tire & Repair, Y-Not Plumbing & Heating, Maverick Automotive, Steve's Copy Shop or from any active firefighter.

EVENTS AT THE ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book Club: Members wanted! Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Library - FREE

Used Book Sale: October 7th—November 22nd - During Library hours

Literary Pumpkin Decorating Contest: October 21st-October 30 - During Library hours - FREE

Participants must provide their own pumpkin and drawing materials. Artificial pumpkins are perfect! NO CARVING! Use paper, glue, paint, markers, pipe cleaners, fabrics, or any other craft items to decorate a pumpkin as your favorite book character. Participants must display the matching library books with their entry. Drop off decorated pumpkins Oct. 21st - 26th at the library. Judging will be done on Monday, Oct. 28th, and then pumpkins can be picked up Oct. 30th. Prizes will be given in categories of child, tween, teen, and adult based on entries.



CITY PAYMENT OPTIONS



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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.

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

Saturday, October 5- Fall Craft & Gift Expo from 9 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 6- HoHo Area Shriners Breakfast from 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16- RSMC Flu Shot Clinic from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.



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.