

The Arlington Report

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Rich Nagel -- Mayor
Michelle Battcher -- Council Member
Adam Cowell -- Council Member
Tom Hatlestad -- Council Member
Vacant -- 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 Sanit. (507- 834-6168)
Gaylord Sanitation (507-237-2274)

PLANNED POWER OUTAGE



There will be a couple of 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 am & 9:00 am both days, necessary only to do the required maintenance. Please mark this down on your calendars and plan accordingly for those mornings.

7TH ANNUAL PRO AUTO N.Y.A.—BULL RIDING



Pro Auto N.Y.A. and the Sibley County Fair Board are hosting the 7th Annual Bull Riding weekend for Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors. This is a two-day competition, September 6th & 7th, with some of the best bulls and riders from across the country. There will be a live auction, mutton bustin' for the kids and live music both nights. Friday night "The Full Throttle Band" will perform and on Saturday night the live music will be by "Ben Johnson". On Friday night, the bull riding starts at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, there is a tail gate party from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and the bull riding starts at 6:00 p.m. Adult tickets for the bull riding are \$15 (every Adult ticket is also a raffle ticket for misc. prizes, and \$2 from every Adult ticket goes to the charity), Kids age 4-12 are \$5 (Kids tickets are not raffle tickets), ages 3 and under are Free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.arlingtonbullriding.com or in person at Arlington NAPA or Haggemiller Lumber. New this year is a Gun Raffle! Raffle tickets for the chance at three different new guns are \$20.00 each.

2020 CENSUS



It's not too late to apply to work for the 2020 Census. They are hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. Head to 2020census.gov/en/jobs to apply!

LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED



The City Offices will be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

CHOOSE ARLINGTON SURVEY



Please take a few minutes to complete the included survey from our citizen marketing group called Choose Arlington. Please use the survey monkey link below, or complete the paper survey and return it to the City Office, by September 16th. Choose Arlington began as a group called Marketing Hometown America. Marketing Hometown America is a program offered by the University of Minnesota Extension. A collaboration between the City of Arlington, the Chamber of Commerce, the Arlington Economic Development Authority (EDA), and Arlington Industries helped create Choose Arlington. There are four separate committees working on different efforts to promote the City of Arlington. Those areas include: creating signs and promotions for Arlington, attracting builders and developers to Arlington, creating a culture of support for businesses, and a welcome committee for new residents. Choose Arlington was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant from Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and this survey will help guide the group's efforts. If you have any questions please contact EDA Director Amy Newsom at (507) 237-4117 or AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChooseArlingtonSurvey>

ARLI-DAZZLE



It is hard to think about snow and winter, but now's the time to get your business or organization signed up 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 they again have 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!

BACK TO SCHOOL



Area students will be back to school before we know it. Students in Sibley East grades 6-12 and St. Paul's Lutheran School students will start school on Tuesday, September 3rd and students in Sibley East grades K-5 will start Thursday, September 5th. Please stay alert while driving around the school, and be aware of parking regulations on City streets around the school.

FARMERS MARKET SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Every Monday evening 4-6:30 pm @ Comm. Ctr. parking lot



—ARLINGTON—
**FARMERS
MARKET**

Sponsored by Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce

- 2- Closed for the Labor Day Holiday
- 9- HOP, Home Based Business
- 16- Bring a friend to the Market!
- 23- HOP, Taste Buds, Home Based Business
- 30- Last Market Day!

AFTER HOURS PHONE NUMBER



Residents are reminded to use the “After-Hours” phone number to contact City Staff when the City Offices are not open and an emergency arises. The City has assigned specific personnel to assist our residents when there is a power outage and/or water or sewer problem during non-operating hours. The designated individual should be contacted on the “After-Hours” phone at **507-327-6601**. In the event of a mass power outage, the “After-Hours” phone may be busy due to the amount of phone calls coming in. Customers are encouraged to leave a detailed message during this time and City Staff will call you back when they can.

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



WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LIBRARY?

Book Club– Book Club is looking for a few more members for their Tuesday group. Book Club is held the 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:00 am – 11:00 am at the library and is free to join. They provide all the books, you bring the discussion. Call the library for more information at (507) 964-2490.

Literary Pumpkin Decorating Contest– October 21 – October 30, during library hours. Participants must provide their own pumpkin and decorating materials. Artificial pumpkins are perfect, non-perishable and easy to decorate. Use paper, glue, paint, markers, pipe cleaners, fabrics or any other craft items to decorate a pumpkin as your favorite book character. **NO CARVING!** Participants must display the matching library book with their entry. Decorated pumpkins can be dropped off October 21 – 26 at the library. Judging will be done Monday, October 28th. Pumpkins can be picked up October 30th. Prizes will be given in categories of child, tween, teen and adult based on entries.



DRIVER'S SAFETY CLASS



Senior Driver Improvement Classes are for those individuals looking to renew and improve their driving skills and/or qualify for a discount on their auto insurance premium (according to Minnesota law) if you are 55 and older. If you have already taken the initial class, a renewal class is needed every three years. Classes have been scheduled at the Arlington Community Center this fall. The four hour refresher class is being offered on Thursday, September 26th, and the initial eight hour class will be split into two evenings on Monday, September 9th and Wednesday, September 11th. Please contact Community Education at (507) 964-8235 to sign up or if you have any questions.

HYDRANT FLUSHING TO TAKE PLACE



PeopleService Staff plan to flush hydrants in middle to late September. 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.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED

The Mayor and City Council are seeking an interested individual (residents) to fill an open position on the Planning & Zoning Committee (3 yr. term). For individuals who are interested in the Committee, please contact the City Office, 204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington or call (507) 964-2378.

ARLINGTON NIGHT OUT

Our fourth annual Arlington Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 6th at Four Seasons Park! The event was hosted by the Arlington Police Department in collaboration with Arlington Fire and Arlington Ambulance. Approximately 400 people came out for the fun-filled evening, and was enjoyed by adults and kids alike.

We would like to extend a heart-felt “Thank You” to all of the businesses and citizens of this community that either contributed an item(s) or provided a monetary donation for this event. Because of you, we were able to continue to host this annual event within our community and provide our guests with a free meal, fun activities and prizes! Thank you for your continued support in helping us reach our goal in making this event successful. We look forward to planning this event for 2020!



-HEIDI JO FISHER

ARLINGTON NIGHT OUT COMMITTEE