

# The Arlington Report

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Jim Kreft -- Mayor  
Ben Jaszewski -- Council Member  
Jennifer Nuesse -- Council Member  
Curt Reetz -- Council Member  
Jason Ruehling -- Council Member  
Galen Wills -- Council Member

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Liza Donabauer -- Administrator  
Lisa Tesch -- Deputy Clerk  
Vicki Pomplun -- Admin. Asst.  
Annie Shottliff-- Community Center Coordinator

Tony Voigt -- Maintenance Supervisor

Vacant ó Maintenance Worker  
Cory Danner ó Chief of Police  
Bruce Rovinsky -- Police Officer

## CONTRACTED SERVICES

Ross Ameson -- City Attorney  
Cynthia Smith-Strack -- EDA, 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/Phone/Internet Services*  
Mediacom (800-332-0245)  
*Internet/Phone Service*  
Frontier (800-435-1504)  
*Garbage Services*  
Waste Management (800-422-5785)  
Renville-Sibley Sanitation (866-800-6244)  
Gaylord Sanitation (888-613-2274)

## COMMUNITY CENTER FACELIFT



Through the end of June and throughout July, the Community Center is undergoing an all over paint job. Last summer, Lana Beck, from LKB etc. came up with a redesign proposal for the Community Center. At the May 19 City Council meeting, two bids for the repainting were reviewed. The Council unanimously approved the low bid for painting to Spletzer Home Repair & Improvement. Lana Beck proposed the new color scheme to be more inviting and gives the Community Center a homier feel.

## COMING SOON: CITY'S NEW WEBSITE

The City Staff is very excited to announce that we are rolling out a new website in early July. The web address will remain the same: <http://www.arlingtonmn.com>

The site will have an all new look and will be more user friendly. A red scroll bar will appear at the top of the home page to provide emergency related information. It will also feature a community calendar featuring park, community and Community Center events. Residents and Business owners are encouraged to sign up for email alerts and notifications from the City. Also, there will be a new comments section where you can forward your comments or concerns to the City.

## JETTING THE SEWERS

Residents should be aware that PeopleService will be jetting sewers throughout the summer. During this time, residents may notice a little sewer smell coming out of your drains. If you do, pour about a cup of vegetable oil down the drain. Vegetable oil cleans out the drain and removes the smell; it's also environmentally safe.



**City Offices will be closed July 4th, 2014. Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!**

## REMINDER TO UPDATE ACCOUNTS

City Staff would like to remind utility account holders that they should update their account information with the City when they change personal information (name, phone number, etc.) and/or move and/or change addresses. 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 they may be reached in the case of an expected outage or other emergency at their property. You can update your information by calling the City Office at 507-964-2378 or emailing [cityhall@arlingtonmn.com](mailto:cityhall@arlingtonmn.com).

## THE CITY THANKS YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

The City would like to extend our thanks to all of our residents, for being patient during the difficult time we've had the last few weeks with staffing shortages, the wind storm, and the massive amounts of rain received. We'd again like to thank all of the volunteers for helping where you could. This is why we all love living in a small town: being able to help your neighbor out when or where you can!

## PROPERTY UPKEEP

The City and Police Department are working through the process to enforce long grass properties. We ask for your assistance by keeping your grass cut and the weeds off your sidewalks and around your businesses.

## MONTHLY CITY OF ARLINGTON

### TRIVIA QUESTION

Congratulations to the winners of June's trivia question. **ANSWER:** There are 173 fire hydrants in the City of Arlington.

This month's ó Police Department's trivia question:

Who was the longest serving lawman in Arlington history?

Submit your answers to the City Office with your utility payment. Include your name, phone number and guess and drop off in the City Office or outside drop box.

There will be a prize awarded to the top 5 closest responses on Tuesday, July 29, 2014.



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## OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

Residents should become more aware of how to protect their families from deadly natural disasters. Awareness of warning sirens and what they mean is a critical piece to gaining knowledge of an emergency incident. So what do the outdoor warning sirens mean? There are a couple of misconceptions when it comes to outdoor sirens.



**Misconception #1:** Sirens are meant to notify residents both in their homes and outside of their homes. The truth is that outdoor warning sirens are only meant to alert persons outside of potential danger where people may not have access to media outlets such as TV, radio and NOAA weather radios. Sirens can penetrate buildings close to the siren units, but this is not the goal. **DO NOT** rely on the outdoor warning sirens while inside your home. Newer structures are insulated better and are more likely to keep sound out. The sirens cannot be made louder to penetrate buildings because doing so would pose a danger to the hearing of people who are outdoors. Upon hearing the siren, citizens should immediately seek shelter and tune in to a local radio or television station for information concerning the siren activation. The City's outdoor warning system is not intended to be the only means of emergency warning. For a well balanced system, the use of indoor systems are also necessary. Weather radios are the best warning system for residents indoors and for storms occurring late at night when most people are in their homes sleeping. NOAA weather radios can be purchased at most electronics stores. For more information on weather radios go to: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/nwrrcvr.htm>.

**Misconception #2:** The outdoor warning sirens are meant to notify residents of severe storms only. Residents should not assume that sirens are only for weather events. They may be sounded for hazardous material or chemical spills and other non-weather incidents (like a nuclear power plant incident) where the public needs rapid notification. Listen to local radio and television stations for more details.

**Misconception #3:** The sirens are sounded for an "All Clear" signal. Arlington does not sound an "All Clear" signal. This announcement is made only over radio or TV. If you hear a siren sound again, it means that it is not safe and you should not leave your home.

**Misconception #4:** The City of Arlington sets off the sirens in Arlington. The Sibley County Sheriff's Department has the responsibility to sound all sirens in the City of Arlington, with the Arlington Fire Department being a back up to set the sirens off. In Arlington, sirens are not sounded for all severe weather warnings that are issued. Sirens are generally sounded for storms that have rotation, tornadoes, or straight line winds that may have a history of producing damage. Testing of these sirens are done the first Wednesday of the month. The City has three emergency warning sirens within the City located at 7th Ave. NW & Main St., behind the Fire Department, and Baker Street & 4th Ave. SE. When it comes to warning systems, residents should remember that outdoor warning sirens are a one way medium; they can only tell you something is wrong, not what is wrong or what action you need to take; you must obtain that information from other sources.

### JULY EVENTS @ PUBLIC LIBRARY

**July 2, 9 & 16:** Craft Classes. Pre-Registration required, classes on Wednesdays at either 1:00pm or 2:00pm. All classes are Free!

**July 14th & 21st:** Gaming in the Library.

A variety of games will be set up to play:

Giant Jenga, Bean Bag Toss, Bottle Ring Toss or Ring of Fire. Face Painting, Tattoos and more will be available!

**July 18th:** Stuffed animal sleep over. Drop your stuffed animals off at the Library July 14-18 for a fun filled sleepover.

**July 25th:** Mrs. Kreft joins the circus with Story Hour & Parade on Main Street through the business district.

**July 28th:** Smokey the Bear turns 70! Celebrate with Story time @ 1 pm & special surprise.

**August 8th:** Tori's Precious Pets at 10 am.

Events all month long, check out "Under the Big Top" at the Arlington Library! Phone: 507-964-2490



### FUN FACTS ABOUT THE CITY'S NEW STAFF

**Cory Danner- Police Chief:** Cory has been a police officer since 1999. Starting as Arlington's Chief of Police is just Cory's second full-time police officer position!

**Tony Voigt- Maintenance Supervisor:** Tony has a passion for all types of classic cars. When he was in high school he rebuilt a 1967 Chevrolet Camaro.

**Annie Shotliff- Community Center Coordinator:** Annie is also a hair stylist at Main Street Stylist and Tan in Arlington, and works during the roll-ins at the Henderson Roadhaus. Annie represented Sibley County as the First Princess and Miss Congeniality for the 2008-2009 year.