



THE UPDATE

November 2017

Council Highlights

Elected officials have been working on the following:

May:

Presented Mayor's Volunteer Award to Mark Everett
Proclaimed May 14-20 as Police Week
Proclaimed May 21-27 as Public Works Week and EMS Week
Approved Agreement with Snohomish County for Purchasing
Authorized hiring of Police Officer using COPS grant
Accepted Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant
Appointed Zoe Undercuffler as the student representative to PARC

June:

Presented Mayor's Volunteer Award to Jim Barron
Approved Agreement with Arlington Schools for School Resource Officer
Approved Agreement establishing the Snohomish County Inter-agency Child Abduction Team
Contracted with CivicPlus to redesign City's website
Amended City's Financial Policies
Approved Agreement with Marysville and Fire District 12 for RFA Facilitator cost sharing
Accepted grant for Taxiway Charlie Lighting and Signage Improvement Project
Awarded bid for Taxiway Charlie Lighting and Signage Improvement Project
Recognized retiring Deputy Chief Tom Cooper
Proclaimed June General Aviation Appreciation Month
Approved City Council regional meeting reimbursement protocol
Awarded contract for financial management software
Adopted Resolution approving Social Services Fund policy

July:

Presented Mayor's Volunteer Award to Mike and Terri Schur
Administered oath of office to Police Officers Donchez, Fekkes, and Hamel
Administered oath of office to Deputy Fire Chief Kraski, Captain Normand, Firefighter/EMT Johnston
Approved Villas at Arlington rezone
Denied Stewart Rezone
Amended AMC 10.54 regarding parking
Replaced International Plumbing Code with Uniform Plumbing Code
Denied Riar Family Rezone
Approved annual six-year Transportation Improvement Plan
Accepted Haller and Quake Field project completion
Approved public art proposal

August:

Recognized retiring Sergeant Mike Keating
Denied an urban center tax exemption
Adopted Stay Out of Designated Area (SODA)

September:

Administered oath of office to Sergeant Mike Gilbert
Approved amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan
Adopted Amendment #1 to Snohomish County Drug & Gang Task Force Agreement
Approved Astound Broadband franchise transfer

October:

Presented Mayor's Volunteer Award to Vikki McMurray
Approved amendments to City's Comprehensive Water System Plan
Approved amendments to City's Comprehensive Wastewater Plan
Appointed Jennifer Egger to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
Awarded contract for asset management software
Adopted resolution to surplus airport property
Proclaimed October 15-21 as Friends of the Libraries Week
Approved appointments to Arlington Youth Council
Adopted Amendment #1 to Police Regional In-Service Training Sessions Agreement
Amended City's Right of Way Procurement Procedure
Approved amendments to City's Transportation 2035 Plan

Message from the Mayor

I am pleased to report that halfway through our biennial budget for 2017 and 2018 that our finances are healthy. With the adoption of the two year budget, the City will only be amending the current year's budget and making modifications to the 2018 budget, saving staff time and resources building an entire new budget each year. Our reserve funds are continuing to meet our expected targets and departments are managing their funds conservatively. To get to this point has taken a high level of commitment to budgetary outcomes from our City Council and City Administrator and our department directors working in tandem to keep focused on our strategic goals.



The growth in sales tax revenue and new businesses will allow the City to make some additional investments, especially in the area of public safety. The 2018 budget modification aligns with the Council's priority on public safety and address issues of opioid related crimes, homeless camp growth in Smokey Point, and code compliance. Two new positions added in the 2018 budget will be focused on providing additional personnel to our Police Department in the form of an officer and a shared embedded social worker. The embedded social worker will be paired with one of our more experienced officers to connect with the most vulnerable in our community to build relationships and connect them to the services they most desperately need. The social worker will be shared between the cities of Arlington and Marysville and the County to focus on our local area. The inclusion of this team in the budget is in part because of the recently completed social services study that was presented to the City Council in September. A summary of the study is included inside this edition of the Arlington Update. The third position will be the hiring of a full time Code Enforcement officer. This position will work across departments to augment our ability to address issues related to public health, neighborhood safety and enhancing our curb appeal.

The City remains focused on providing opportunities for our residents to live and work in the local area. I hope you will take a few minutes to read the update on our efforts to attain the regional manufacturing center designation for the Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center (AMMIC). This critical work will help bring family wage jobs to our local area, reducing traffic congestion and improving our local quality of life.

As we enter into the holiday season, I ask you to remember those in our community who could use a hand up, not a hand out. Arlington has many generous people who want to help others. Please consider keeping your wallet closed when approached by panhandlers. Because you care, Arlington has several free resources for people who need hot meals, groceries, and clothing. The list of resources is available on our website at www.arlingtonwa.gov. When you want to donate, please consider giving to one of our many local charities that can provide direct resources to those in need.

Mayor Barb Tolbert



City Meetings

Check our website calendar for the latest information

City Council Meeting 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m. Council Chambers 110 E Third St. 360-403-3441
City Council Workshop 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7 p.m. Council Chambers 110 E Third St. 360-403-3441
Transportation Benefit District Board 1st Monday after Council Meeting, workshop 4th Monday 360-403-3441
Airport Commission 2nd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Airport Office 18204 59th Dr NE 360-403-3470
Cemetery Board the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at the Cemetery Office 360-403-3428
Civil Service Commission 1st Mondays at 9 a.m. Council Library 110 E Third St. 360-403-3439
Library Board Meets quarterly at 5:30 p.m. Council Library 110 E Third St. 360-403-3441
Parks Arts & Recreation Commission 4th Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Council Chambers 110 E Third St. 360-403-3448
Planning Commission 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Council Chambers 110 E Third St. 360-403-3435

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Arlington - Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center (AMMIC) Update

Arlington and Marysville continue to make great strides in realizing their goal of a full regional manufacturing center designation for the Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center (AMMIC). The last step in this long process is the designation from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The final decision from PSRC is anticipated in the coming months. This key designation will open up additional doors to federal grant programs to fully develop the AMMIC.

While we await this decision, staff from Arlington and Marysville have continued their work to design and install infrastructure and transportation improvements in the AMMIC. Both cities were recently awarded \$50,000 each from the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) to design the infrastructure to attract, retain, and grow businesses and jobs in north Snohomish County. With the combined \$100,000, the cities will be able to jointly plan so that roadways and infrastructure align when constructed.

To add to the infrastructure, Comcast Business announced in September a \$1.5 million investment to build a major fiber optic network in the AMMIC. This investment sets the foundation for the growth of business and economic development in the AMMIC. Comcast's expansion will provide symmetrical speeds up to 10 gigabits per second allowing companies to build more competitive systems. Since technology businesses and manufacturers are now using ever more computer power to design, engineer, and build, this investment will allow them to better take advantage of opportunities.

With encouragement and support from Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, Comcast has been building infrastructure throughout the region and is scheduled to invest in multiple projects in Snohomish County, including the Arlington's proposed Manufacturing Industrial Center. With its headquarters in Snohomish County, Comcast has made a long-term commitment to ensuring its local and national business customers have the best possible communication solutions.

"Our partnership with Comcast is of great value for the economic development of our county. By targeting the Arlington and Marysville area with this significant investment, we expect to see additional jobs and greater opportunities," said County Executive Dave Somers.

Most recently, Arlington and Marysville teamed together to submit the AMMIC to Amazon as one location for the company's second headquarters. In September 2017, Amazon announced that it would build a second, completely equal headquarters somewhere in North America. The headquarters is expected to bring tens of thousands of well-paying tech jobs to wherever it is sited. Arlington and Marysville's proposal is one of 238 submitted worldwide. Amazon is expected to award the headquarters sometime in spring 2018.

Arlington and Marysville's unified goal is long-term economic development to better support local companies and help employers start and grow businesses. Local and Regional leaders are working together to market AMMIC domestically and internationally, and to recruit businesses, both large and small. Having family wage jobs close to home helps alleviate traffic congestion and adds to our families' quality of life.

Needle Clean Up Kits Now Available

Used needles left are both a nuisance and potential safety concern. Whether they're used to inject medicines like insulin or for illegal drugs, used needles can spread diseases like Hepatitis C through accidental needle pokes. While the risk of contracting a disease from a needle-stick injury is very low, you can further reduce that risk with proper needle disposal. It is also important to teach children to never pick up needles and to report them to a trusted adult.

If you are cleaning up used needles, please make sure to have proper equipment to keep you safe. For your convenience, free needle clean-up kits are currently available at the Arlington Police Station, 110 E. Third Street, during normal business hours. These kits, assembled by the Snohomish Health District, contain a sharps container, puncture-resistant gloves, tongs, safety glasses and hand sanitizer. We have a limited supply of these kits, so please call ahead at 360-403-3400.

City Continues to Address Homelessness and Addiction

The top concern of our community continues to be homelessness and addiction.

Social Services Study

The Arlington City Council recently received the results of a study of social services availability in Arlington that was completed with a \$25,000 grant from United Way Snohomish County. The study, developed by Julie Frauenholtz, identifies local resources available for people who are addicted and/or homeless. The study also identifies gaps in social services, and suggests a number of next steps. Results from the study include that homeless people in Arlington need a clear point of entry to access all services, regional coordination of service provision, and flexible, collaborative approaches to the two vastly different homeless populations in Arlington.

The study identified 21 programs that currently address homelessness, mental illness, and addiction in Arlington. Thirty additional programs serve Arlington residents but are located outside of the city. To get this information directly into the hands of those in need and to our residents, Arlington, jointly with Marysville, developed a Community Resources flier to list the name, location and hours of these available local resources. Titled "This Community Cares", the flier provides a list of resources for those in need, and also for those who want to give in meaningful ways. Copies of the flier are available at City Hall or on our website at www.arlingtonwa.gov/communityresources.

Law Enforcement Embedded Social Workers

The study revealed the need to add outreach workers to meet people who are homeless "where they are at" to offer them services that address their basic, medical, and behavior health needs, and to access housing resources via Snohomish County's coordinated entry system. Outreach workers, such as embedded social workers, have had great success in Everett and Lynnwood in getting individuals to discuss and accept services that can help them. In the embedded social worker program, trained social workers are teamed up with law enforcement officers to offer access to services when an arrest or enforcement of the law is not an appropriate course of action. The cities of Arlington, Marysville, and Snohomish County are joining together to expand the embedded social worker program to North Snohomish County that could begin as soon as January 2018, if funding is approved.

Social Services Fund

To provide another tool to our first responders, the City Council recently approved use of a grant-funded social services fund. The fund gives members of the Police and Fire departments resources to provide for immediate basic needs to individuals who are in need and ready to take the next step of treatment. Use of the fund is specifically designed to fill the gap of time, typically 2-3 days, between when an individual makes the decision to stop their substance use to when the individual can be connected to services. Specific uses of this fund are limited to the following:

- * ground or air transportation to rehabilitation facility
- * hotel stay for the individual awaiting housing, detox or other services
- * a meal or groceries
- * to help clean clothes at the laundromat
- * hygiene such as a haircut and/or shower
- * to provide incidentals while in transition to treatment such as shoes, clothes, bedding, toiletries

SODA

The City of Arlington has also added its first "Stay Out of Designated Area" (SODA) area to help address illegal drug activities in Arlington. The area is generally defined as the commercial area of Smokey Point, which has been identified as the area with the highest concentration of drug activity (e.g. illegal drug usage, illegal drug sales, medical calls for possible overdose, etc.) as tracked by our 911 system. A SODA order can be imposed by a municipal court judge during the course of a drug related criminal case that occurs in the designated area. A SODA order provides us with another tool to address repeat drug offenders in the Smokey Point area.

The Arlington Police Department will be closely monitoring any violations of SODA orders put in place by our municipal judges to determine if the area needs to be expanded, contracted, or established in additional areas within city limits. More information can be found on our website at www.arlingtonwa.gov/police.

The City's multi-faceted work to address homelessness and addiction in our community is just beginning. Our challenge is to fill the gaps in our current social services system, which can only be accomplished by partnering with agencies, surrounding cities, Snohomish County, the State, and the federal government. We will continue to do our part to close gaps and find solutions to this ever present social problem.

Community Revitalization Program Work Continues

In the interest of continuing initiatives and the progress made during the America's Best Communities (ABC) Economic Revitalization Competition, the City has dedicated an employee, Sarah Lopez, to continue the work as the Community Revitalization Manager.

Work that was completed in 2016-2017 during the ABC competition proved to be beneficial. The focus on main street curb appeal encouraged businesses to collaborate and the result was increased revenue.

Programs currently underway include beautification projects including a pocket park, tree lightings, crosswalk art, street median design, and a downtown sound system. Mayor Tolbert has initiated a Smokey Point Business Committee and Main Street Committee. The city teamed up DABA (Downtown Arlington Business Association) and the Chamber to coordinate a Holiday celebration that includes a Small Business Saturday event. The City also purchased professional grade garland to refurbish the holiday decorations and pole banners for Smokey Point. Future work will include prioritizing projects in the North Stillaguamish Economic Revitalization Plan.



Mayor's Volunteer Award

Mayor Tolbert's Volunteer Recognition Program celebrates citizens' volunteer work and commitment to community service. Mayor Tolbert's Volunteer Award was presented posthumously to Jim Barron at the June 5 City Council meeting, Mike and Terri Schur at the July 24 City Council Meeting, and Vikki McMurray at the October 16 City Council Meeting.

Mr. Barron was well known in Arlington for coordinating the annual Memorial and Veteran's Day parades through the American Legion. He also worked with our local Boy Scout troops to install the U.S. flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day and coordinated official flag retirement ceremonies.

The Schurs run the concessions for Stilly Valley Little League, despite the fact that they do not have a child in the program. During baseball season, they are at the concession stand 40 hours per week, raising money for the league kids to make their little league experience better.

Ms. McMurray has been on a one-woman mission to clean up Arlington; one street, one fence, one building at a time. She and her volunteers of the WIPEOUT Graffiti group have removed countless spots of tagging in and around Arlington since April 2016.

Nominate a Volunteer

Do you know a volunteer who should be recognized for their work and commitment to community service? To be eligible for this award, volunteer work must be uncompensated and not a part of any employment. Nominees must perform volunteer service within the 98223 zip code. Volunteers will be considered based on initiative and work contributed through volunteering. There is no minimum hours requirement. Volunteers may be nominated by an individual or a group, but they may not nominate themselves.

Nominations can come from anyone. To nominate a volunteer, please go to www.arlingtonwa.gov/volunteeraward.



Fire Department Staffing Update

Retirements and new employment opportunities have brought a number of personnel changes to the Arlington Fire Department in the last few months.

On June 29, Arlington Fire said goodbye to retiring Deputy Fire Chief Tom Cooper. Tom first started working for the City as a volunteer firefighter in 1985. He was hired as Arlington's second full time career firefighter in 1991. In 1999, he was promoted to Captain and in 2003 was promoted to Deputy Chief. Tom's retirement required the City to promote a new Deputy Chief. On July 3, 2017, Arlington Fire promoted Captain Dave Kraski to the position of Deputy Fire Chief. Also promoted on July 3 were Firefighter/EMT Kirk Normand to Captain and Sam Johnston to full time Firefighter/EMT. All three had to complete a competitive process to be promoted to their new positions.

On October 1, Fire Chief Bruce Stedman left the city to lead the recently formed South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue Regional Fire Authority. We are grateful for Bruce's service to the City of Arlington and wish him well on the next phase of his career.

With the Council's approval, Mayor Tolbert has appointed Dave Kraski to the position of Acting Fire Chief. Chief Kraski will continue the day-to-day management of the fire department as well as leading the department through the Regional Fire Authority discussions with the City of Marysville and Fire District 12.

More information on the RFA discussions can be found at www.arlingtonwa.gov/rfa.



Haller Park Splash Pad Update

The City of Arlington and Friends of the Splash Pad were hoping to break ground on the splash pad this fall, but it is delayed to await the outcome of a matching \$500,000 recreational grant from the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office. Until the legislature finalizes the capital budget, the grant funds will not be awarded or distributed.

Half a million dollars is certainly worth the wait!

The funding delay does not mean our staff has not been working on the project, however. We are meeting with equipment suppliers on proposals, so that we can select the best company to work on a final design. Our selected civil engineer is drafting the construction drawings for the project as we select the play equipment.

Once construction plans are complete, the City can apply for permits, hire a contractor to complete the work, and purchase the selected equipment. We plan to have the splash pad open in the summer of 2018 pending the RCO grant being awarded soon. The Rotary Club of Arlington is continuing to raise funds for the project to add equipment and improvements to Haller Park.

We'll update you as soon as there is more news to share.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
ON OLYMPIC AVENUE
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 25, 4PM-8PM
SHOPPING SPECIALS
FIREPITS, SMORES, MUSIC
AND FALLING SNOW!
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ARLINGTONHH



Santa Parade
December 2nd at Noon
Olympic Ave



JOIN US FOR MUSIC, HOT COCOA AND COOKIES, STARTING AT 11AM. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND PICTURES WITH SANTA AT 12:30.

Join the Parade!
 Entry fee: donations of non-perishable food.
 Please contact 360-435-3448 for more information.

For more info, visit www.arlingtonwa.gov/HH



a VERY Merry HOMETOWN Holiday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 (4PM-8PM)
 Hometown Holidays Open House on Olympic Avenue
 Holiday Shopping, Firepits, S'mores and Falling Snow
 Parents Night Out Child Care at United Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 (5:30PM-7:30PM)
 Pictures with Santa at President's Elementary with Moana
 Arlington Fire Department's Santa Run Food Drive Kickoff
 AHS Flight Choir Performances at the BPAC (Dec 1, 2, 8 and 9)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
 Santa Breakfast at Presidents Elementary
 Handmade Holiday Fair at Pioneer Hall (Sat & Sun)

SANTA PARADE AT NOON
 Holiday Vendor Fair at President's Elementary
 Tree Lighting, Santa Pictures, Music, Live Nativity and Movie

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
 Hot Cocoa Run- Sponsored by Arlington Runners Club
 Nativity Movie at Olympic Theater
 Ladies Night at the Mud Hut

WAGON RIDES ON OLYMPIC- DECEMBER 2ND, 9TH AND 16TH
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Cemetery	360-403-3428
Community & Economic Dev.	360-403-3551
Permits and Licenses	
Finance Department	360-403-3421
Utility Billing	
Fire Business Line	360-403-3600
Human Resources	360-403-3614
Mayor's Office	360-403-3441
Police Business Line	360-403-3400
Public Works Utilities	360-403-3526
Recreation	360-403-3448
Street & Park Maintenance	360-403-3459