



# THE UPDATE

April 2018

## Council Highlights

Elected officials have been working on the following:

### November

- Received Clean Audit from Washington State Auditor's Office
- Adopted Changes to Land Use Code for Horizontal Mixed Use implementation
- Accepted \$ Grant from Department of Ecology for Stormwater
- Accepted \$50,000 grant from Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) for planning for the Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center
- Declared property as surplus and authorized its sale
- Approved 2018 Property Tax and EMS Levies
- Approved the 2017 Budget Amendments and 2018 Budget Modifications
- Authorized purchase of the Howell property
- Adopted Agreement with Snohomish Health District for a per capita contribution
- Adopted Professional Services Agreement with SAFEbuilt for building inspection
- Accepted All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) from Vine Street Group
- Adopted Amendments to Arlington Municipal Code (AMC) Title 2
- Extended Agreements for Emergency Medical services with Arlington Rural, Darrington, and Oso Fire Departments
- Adopted Resolution Committing to Develop a Complete Streets Plan
- Consented to SNOCOM/SNOPAC merger

### December

- Adopted Amendments to Arlington Municipal Code regarding utility rate adjustments for multi-family and commercial accounts
- Approved Lodging Tax distributions for 2018
- Appointed Councilmember Jan Schuette to Community Transit Board
- Appointed Mayor Dan Rankin to Snohomish Health District
- Authorized bidding of Arlington Valley Road construction project
- Approved contract with Feldman & Lee for Indigent Defense Services for 2017-18
- Approved contract with Zachor and Thomas for Prosecution Services 2018-20
- Approved contract with Snohomish County for First Responders Flex Fund
- Declared vehicles as surplus and authorized disposal
- Renewed contract with Strategies 360 for lobbying efforts
- Approved Agreement with Snohomish County for Embedded Social Worker program

### January

- Held swearing in ceremony for Councilmembers Debora Nelson, Joshua Roundy, Jan Schuette, and Jesica Stickle
- Completed Open Government Act Training as required by state law
- Held swearing in ceremony for Police Officer Mike McQuoid
- Accepted All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) from Cascade Valley Health Foundation
- Approved agreement for cooperative purchasing with PEPPM
- Authorized spending of \$16,667 match for CERB grant for planning for the Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center
- Submitted application for Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT) Medicaid reimbursement program
- Selected Councilmember Marilyn Oertle as Mayor Pro Tem for 2018-19

### February

- Appointed Chris Raezer to the Airport Commission
- Assumed the rights, powers and duties of the Arlington Transportation Benefit District

## Message from the Mayor

For the last month, I have been sharing the successes we achieved in 2017 and our goals for 2018 through a series of State of the City addresses. I am excited to share with you our achievements in 2017 and the work we have planned for 2018.

In 2017, our primary focal points have been on public safety, economic vitality, and fiscal sustainability. Our efforts in these areas have not been restricted to our public safety, economic development or finance departments. The accomplishments we have achieved are the direct result of the combined efforts of our entire city staff and our forward thinking City Council.

On the public safety front, our team has been focused on increasing our community outreach, partnering with local businesses and social service organizations, and implementing new legislation to address illicit drug activity. In 2018, we will be focusing on developing and adopting a sustainable financial plan for public safety, police, fire and EMS, implementing the embedded social worker pilot program with the City of Marysville and Snohomish County, and expanding staffing to provide more officers and code enforcement professionals on the street.

Our efforts in economic vitality have resulted in a 10.6% growth in sales tax over 2016 collections, a job growth of 23% since 2011, and the addition of 55 new businesses. Our Planning Commission and City Council updated our Comprehensive Plan and adopted Horizontal Mixed Use regulations to creatively absorb the increase in population Arlington is expected to experience by 2025. In 2018, we will continue our Arlington Awaits branding and marketing campaign to share what Arlington has to offer to retail businesses. We will also be investing in infrastructure in 2018, including the construction of the highly anticipated Haller Splash Pad and Arlington Valley Road.

Our focus for fiscal sustainability is always stewardship of public funds and transparency in our process. We received a clean audit from the State Auditor's Office for 2016. We also garnered \$941,148 in grants in 2017, bringing our total grant receipts to \$54.3 million in the last six years.

I look forward to sharing the achievements we have already reached in 2018 in future Arlington Update editions. I invite you to review the 2017 annual report on our website at [www.arlingtonwa.gov/annualreport](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/annualreport).

Mayor Barb Tolbert



## City Launches New Website

The City's new website launched on Thursday, February 22, 2018. Our prior website has been in use since 2011, and the operating platform was no longer supported. The biggest change is the most obvious: the look and feel of the page. In addition, the site is mobile friendly, so you can easily find what you need from your smartphone or tablet.

Notice subscriptions were transferred from the old website to the new site. You can add the option to have the information you subscribe to texted to you. If you wish to do this, click on the Notify Me button and follow the directions.

Any bookmarks you have to pages on our old website may not take you to the correct page on the new website. Have no fear, the information is on our new site, it's just your bookmark that needs to be updated. If you land on the wrong page, or you get an error message, please go back to the main page and enter the item you are searching for in the Search Box.

We are excited to bring this updated tool to our community and look forward to introducing some new features to you in the coming months.

## 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
- 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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# What Does the 2017-2018 Budget Include

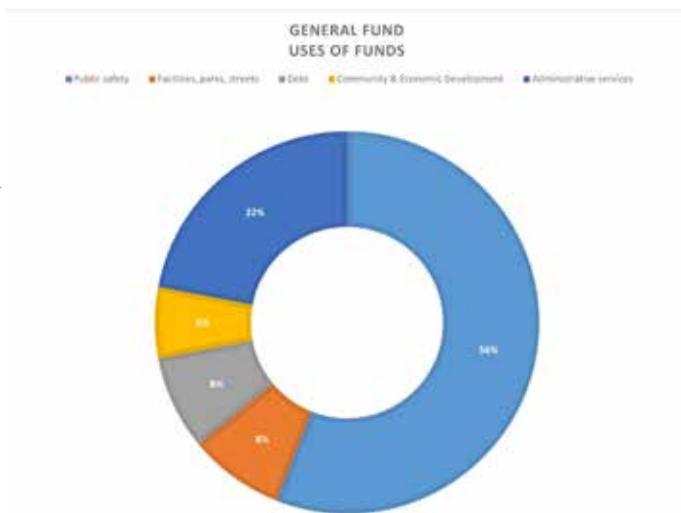
In 2016, the Arlington City Council approved a biennial budget process which authorizes spending on a two year basis. The advantage of moving to a two year budget is that we have more time for long term planning to focus on sustainability. This new process provided another opportunity for the City to streamline its processes and create efficiencies. The budget process was a collaborative effort of the Mayor, Council, and City staff that exhibited a high level of teamwork and resulted in a balanced budget for 2017 and 2018. The budget was built upon three primary goals: enhancing public safety, increasing economic development, and maintaining financial stability.

At the end of 2017, we are pleased to report strong revenue results. The City's sales tax collections were 10.6% over collections in 2016. This increase in sales tax revenue is from new business activity, primarily in the retail and construction industry.

The 2018 budget assumes \$46 million in revenues from property tax, sales tax, usage fees, and reserves. The City's general fund revenues are projected at \$15.6 million of this \$46 million in 2018.

Highlights of our 2018 budget include our continued focus on public safety with the addition of three newly budgeted positions in the police department and an embedded social worker in partnership with Snohomish County and the City of Marysville. Our economic development initiatives include the Arlington Awaits branding campaign and \$7 million in infrastructure improvements, including the Haller Splash Pad, Arlington Valley Road, utility improvements, and road repaving. The majority of our funds are spent on public safety, services from facilities, parks, and streets, community and economic development activities, debt obligations, and administrative functions such as human resources, legal, finance, and Information Technology.

The budget process is a team effort involving the City Council, City staff and citizens of this community. The final product is reflective of teamwork, transparency and being good stewards of public money. The biennial budget demonstrates our vision for the future while maintaining a conservative side to adapt to unforeseen economic changes. For more information on the budget, please visit [www.arlingtonwa.gov/budget](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/budget).



# Human Services and Community Outreach Team Update

## Community Outreach Team Now Fully Staffed; Embedded Social Worker Joins Team March 26

With the hiring of an embedded social worker, the north Snohomish County Community Outreach Team is now fully staffed. The complete team will begin meeting with clients in the field starting March 26. The two year embedded social worker demonstration project is a partnership with Snohomish County and the City of Marysville.

Arlington Police Officer Ken Thomas hit the ground running in December, making connections with the Snohomish County Office of Neighborhoods and Snohomish County Sheriff Sergeant Huri to get acquainted with the established team in south Snohomish County. He was able to join them on a number of homeless camp checks and transported clients for services. Officer Thomas also spent a significant amount of time meeting with local human service providers to gain a clear understanding of the services they provide and how clients can gain access.

Officer Thomas had intensive contact with ten individuals in Arlington in January, placing three of them into treatment. The successes continued in February with outreach to at least 30 individuals in the Arlington-Marysville area. A number of these individuals are now moving forward into chemical dependency evaluation and treatment.

With the addition of the embedded social worker to the north County Outreach Team, more intensive work will begin in our area to contact those in need. For more information about the team and the program, Office Thomas can be reached at [kthomas@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:kthomas@arlingtonwa.gov).

## Arlington Community Resource Center Reports Successes

Since September, the Arlington Community Resource Center has obtained housing for 44 families, 121 individuals in all. In January and February alone, the Center was able to obtain housing for 26 families: 29 adults and 41 children are no longer unsheltered.

The resource center served 204 families in the center in the first two months of 2018 and an additional 608 participants were provided services by phone. Some of the services provided include securing housing, eviction prevention, emergency food and clothing, utility assistance, job searches, applying for benefits, and support groups.

Beginning in March, the center will be offering budgeting classes two times a month. This is in addition to the regular programs provided for mental health treatment, grief support, AlaTeen, and tax preparation assistance.

For more information about the Arlington Community Resource Center, please call 360-386-7989 or visit [arlingtonresourcecenter.org](http://arlingtonresourcecenter.org).

## Triennial meetings for all human service providers

In early March, the City hosted a meeting for all human service providers in north Snohomish County. All parties that might be engaged in providing services were invited, including non-profits, churches, health care, mental health, county and state service providers. The purpose of the meeting was to learn from each other about what services are currently being provided and what gaps in services were the most pressing to address. Two additional meetings of these providers will be held later in 2018. The ultimate goal is to coordinate human service activities in north Snohomish County to reduce poverty and its related symptoms of homelessness and substance abuse.

## Smokey Point Business Committee

Under the leadership of Arlington Mayor Barb Tolbert and Marysville Mayor Jon Nehring, businesses in Smokey Point have gathered together to discuss public safety and crime reduction in the Smokey Point area. The committee has discussed a number of topics including preventative steps to reduce crime, the embedded social worker program, and the services available in the area.

Following the first committee meeting in November, the Arlington Walmart store instituted a number of changes that has made a dramatic difference in the amount of police resources needed at the store. The store manager arranged for the fence to be repaired, preventing access to a wooded area behind the store where transients took up residence. He also had all outdoor electrical plugs covered, discontinued overnight camping, and contracted with security to patrol the parking lot during the evening and overnight hours. After these changes were instituted, police response to Walmart in December 2017 was down by more than 33% over the same month in 2016. This trend has continued into January and February.

For more information about the Smokey Point Business Committee or to join the meetings, contact Sarah Lopez at [slopez@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:slopez@arlingtonwa.gov).

# PUD Planning a Microgrid and Clean Energy Technology Center Near Airport

Snohomish County PUD is designing and building a Microgrid and Clean Energy Technology Center, located east of the Arlington Airport on 59th Avenue NE. A microgrid is a group of interconnected components and energy resources which can be connected to the grid or operate independently. It's a system that can remain powered in the event of a large scale power outage and assist with disaster recovery.

This project will help the PUD and researchers assess multiple energy technologies, including energy storage paired with a solar energy system. It will also show how PUD electric fleet vehicles can be used to benefit the electric grid via a vehicle-to-grid integration system that allows both charging and discharging. The project is supported by a \$3.5 million Washington Clean Energy Fund grant.

In addition, the PUD is planning a Community Solar program at the site. Community Solar programs make it easier for all customers to benefit from solar energy by leasing or purchasing shares at a community site without needing a sunny roof or funding for their own solar panels.

The PUD is working closely with the City of Arlington and other community stakeholders to design, construct and operate a facility that best meets the needs of customers, the utility and the local community.

# Introducing School Resource Officer Justin Olson

In January 2018, Arlington Police Officer Justin Olson assumed the duties of School Resource Officer and liaison with the Arlington School District. This is a routine rotation of duties in the Arlington Police Department. Officer Stephanie Ambrose has returned to the road after four years and will be one of the department's two field training officers, teaching new officers the Arlington way of policing.

Justin started with the Arlington Police Department in November 2014. Prior to joining Arlington Police, Justin served in the United States Air Force for eight years as part of security forces (law enforcement). Justin continues to serve his country as a member of the United States Air Force Reserves and returned in December 2016 from an eight month deployment to the United Arab Emirates.

Justin is looking forward to building new relationships with the Arlington community and engaging with our youth. One of his first events of the new year was spending time with the students of Eagle Creek Elementary during their Great Kindness Challenge Spirit Week. He is looking forward to more opportunities like this to meet the students of the Arlington School District.

Justin's primary office will be at Arlington High School. He will be present at all Arlington school campuses throughout the school year.



## Grants Report

2017 was another successful year for the City of Arlington for grants. In 2017, the City of Arlington received \$941,148 in grants, bringing the total the City has received in the last five years to \$55.6 million.

Public Works received grants totaling \$206,172 in 2017. These grants include funding for the city's recycling program, a new street sweeper, storm-water education, and a trail on 204th Street NE between 67th Avenue NE and Highway 9.

Recreation received \$49,869 in grants for a wide variety of events and projects including the Arlington-Stillaguamish Eagle Festival, the summer outdoor entertainment series, the Olympic Avenue sound system, and the Ride to Remember Oso.

Police garnered \$54,363 in grants and equipment for the department. Local company Vine Street Group funded an All-Terrain Vehicle to aid our Community Outreach Team/Embedded Social Worker program. The department also received funding for ballistic vests, training, the K9 program, surplus equipment from the Department of Defense, and to provide assistance to those in the criminal justice system to connect with any needed social services.

Airport received \$580,744 to install the lighting and signing improvements on Taxiway C from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Community and Economic Development received \$50,000 from the Community Economic Revitalization Board to develop a master plan for the Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center. The City of Marysville also received a similar grant for the project.

Grants, whether they be federal, state, or regional, are essential to funding critical infrastructure and services to our citizens. Without these funds, many of the projects we have listed above would simply not happen. We are continuing to apply for grants and have already secured \$1.86 million in funding for projects in 2018.

# 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 to Chaplain Joel Johnson at the November 13, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Joel Johnson is the director of Support 46, a program providing respite to on-scene emergency responders from Arlington Fire Department and Arlington Police Department. Support 46 also renders assistance through bringing compassion and comfort to victims and families in times of crisis. The Support 46 chaplains and support crews are dispatched by 911 when there is a natural disaster, structural or brush fire, serious accident, need for a death notification, search and rescue, or other trauma. Their mission is to care for and comfort victims, families and first responders at critical incident scenes.

Support 46 volunteers often follow up with families and individuals for months following their crisis. Their role is to be an asset to responders and families, and not to promote a religious position.

### 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](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/volunteeraward).



## Haller Park Splash Pad Update

Arlington has received notification from Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) that the Haller Park Splash Pad Project has been approved for grant funding. RCO was awaiting the approval of last year's state capital budget by the Washington State Legislature, which was released on January 18, 2017.

The \$500,000 RCO grant is in addition to the \$500,000 that was donated by the Stillaguamish Tribe and \$150,000 contributed by Arlington Rotary through their Friends of the Splash Pad fundraising efforts, which includes a \$50,000 grant from the Stillaguamish Tribe in 2015.

The City started work on this project last year, anticipating the grant funding. The engineered drawings of the park improvements will be ready to bid for construction in March. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in May with the Haller Park Splash Pad grand opening scheduled for August 2018.

Construction will include installation of a 3,300 square foot spray deck with additional surface area for seating. The water spray deck is river themed with colored concrete representing river currents, and themed equipment, including river otters, salmon, cattails, and ducks. With varying water sprays, the pad is professionally designed with the latest interactive water features from Water Odyssey™.

Also included in the project are sidewalk connections from the restrooms and playground areas to the splash pad, and a building to house the circulation and filtration system for the splash pad.

Thank you for being patient during the construction phase of the project. The end result will be worth the wait! Information will be available on our website at [www.arlingtonwa.gov/splash](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/splash).

## City Receives Funding for Innovation Center

Arlington has received notification from the Washington State Legislature that its request for \$267,000 to develop an Innovation Center has been granted in the 2018 Supplemental Capital Budget. The funding will be used to renovate the Howell property, a 1940s service station in downtown Arlington into an innovation center and business incubator in the building, public restrooms, and a pocket park with bicycle parking. The 2017 State Capital Budget awarded \$45,000 for the pocket park. Creating an innovation center will provide co-working and incubator space for entrepreneurs of all industries and will provide access to services and education resources. These projects were included in the America's Best Communities/North Stillaguamish Valley Economic Redevelopment plan. This opportunity would not be possible without the supportive efforts of Representative Carolyn Eslick who knows firsthand through her time as a mayor and Executive Director of Grow Washington that our region has unique growth potential through entrepreneurs, inventors, and start-up businesses. We are appreciative of her leadership that will allow us to provide an innovation center in our community to support that growth. The City is working with Northwest Innovation Resource Center on the innovation space plan.

For more information about the, please contact Sarah Lopez at [slopez@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:slopez@arlingtonwa.gov).

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## 2018 Public Works Construction Projects

The City will be awarding the contract to construct Arlington Valley Road in April. Arlington Valley Road will extend 74th Avenue NE southward from 204th Street NE to connect with 191st Place NE, which connects to 67th Avenue NE, a major north-south arterial in and out of Arlington. When complete, the three-lane roadway, with curb, gutter, sidewalk, and trail, will provide an easier connection to SR 9.

Arlington Valley Road's completion will provide access to new industrial and manufacturing sites in the Arlington Marysville Manufacturing and Industrial Center (AMMIC), enabling high-tech jobs to be added in an area that is already a major contributor to the city's economic growth.

In April, work will begin in earnest to install 1.12 miles of new water and sewer pipes in the north end of Arlington. After these new pipes are installed, contractors will be repaving the impacted roadways. The impacted roadways are:

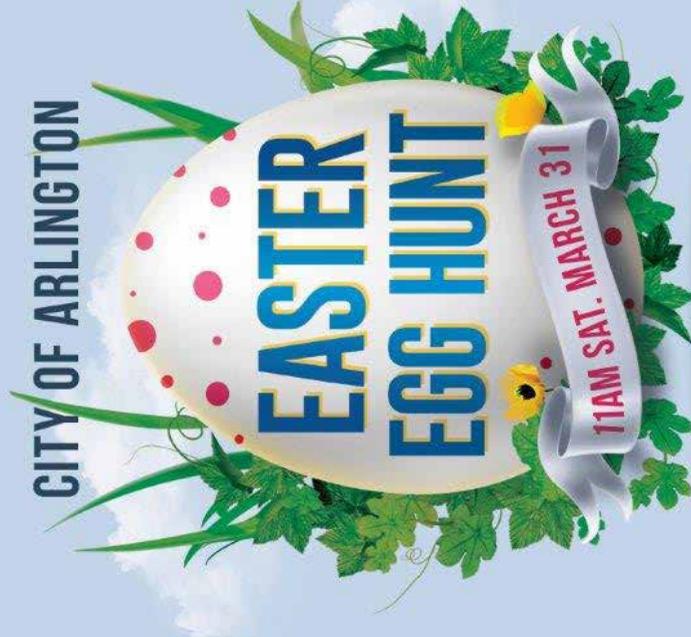
- E. Haller Avenue between N. West Avenue and Broadway Avenue
- N. Manhattan Avenue between E. Burke Street and E. Division Street
- E. Gilman Avenue from the Centennial Trail to Talcott Street
- N. West Avenue between West Haller Avenue and W. Burke Street
- W. Haller Avenue from the dead end to W. Burke Street
- N. West Avenue between W. Cox Street and W. Burke Street
- Broadway Street from the dead end to E. Burke Street
- N. Newberry Street between E. Gilman Avenue and E. Division Street
- N. Talcott Street between E. Gilman Avenue and E. Division Street
- E. Division Street (eastbound) from N. McLeod Avenue to N. Manhattan Avenue
- E. Division Street (westbound) from N. McLeod Avenue to N. Talcott Street.



The exception to this is Burke Avenue (SR 530). The utility work in the roadway is being completed this year in anticipation of the 2019 pavement preservation work on SR 530 from Arlington through Darrington. In 2019, Arlington and Darrington will have new pavement put down on SR 530 within city limits. Outside of city limits, SR 530 will be chip sealed.

WSDOT is planning to repave SR 530 from Interstate 5 to SR 9 this summer. Cadman Materials, Inc. plans to start the project in late spring and conclude in the fall. The repaving project also includes upgrading five sidewalk ramps at the SR 9 intersection to create better sidewalk connections for people of all abilities. SR 530 will be reduced to a single lane during overnight hours in order to avoid daytime traffic backups. More information is available on WSDOT's website at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR530/i5toSR9pave/default.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR530/i5toSR9pave/default.htm).

If you have questions about any of these upcoming projects, please contact James Kelly, Public Works Director, at [jkelly@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:jkelly@arlingtonwa.gov) or Ryan Morrison, City Engineer, at [rmorrison@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:rmorrison@arlingtonwa.gov).



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Community & Economic Dev.	360-403-3551
Permits and Licenses	
Finance Department	360-403-3421
Utility Billing	
Fire Business Line	360-403-3600
Human Resources	360-403-3443
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