

# The Update



October 2021

## Message from Mayor Barb

I was so happy to engage with our Arlington Community at our summer events. We experienced high levels of participation at the farmers markets, outdoor concerts, the Arlington Street Fair, and SkyFest. It was a pleasure to be able to be part of offering a fun outdoor event, SkyFest, to Arlington. I am grateful for the volunteers and staff who were able to pivot to safely present and support the events.

We are now planning for the holiday season, and we have some fun things in store, a brighter holiday lighting of Legion Park and some fun Hometown Holiday activities.

With the recent rise of COVID-19, we are reminded that the pandemic is not over. Our City staff is committed to providing our community the best services possible while protecting the health and safety of the public and our employees.

At the start of the pandemic we implemented tools for you to take care of City business not in person, while still maintaining quality customer service. We have now had to roll back into Zoom meetings for City Council, Planning Commission and other city committees, and we encourage public participation in these online meetings. You can keep up to date on City business by watching live and recorded meetings on the City's YouTube channel.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Mayor Barb

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Tolbert".

## CIC, A Center for Excellence and Greentech

The last few months have been very exciting at Arlington's Cascade Industrial Center (CIC). The CIC is approximately 4,000 acres spanning Arlington and Marysville and includes the Arlington Airport. Our goal is to have clusters of greentech companies thrive in the CIC.

Snohomish County's Hub for Manufacturing Innovation, the CIC currently supports a wide range of mechanized and technology-driven industries. This is due to the abundantly qualified advanced manufacturing workforce, smart manufacturing practices, and access to a concentration of mechanical engineering, instrumentation and fabrication experts.

Vashon Aircraft company has located the manufacturing of the Ranger R7 aircraft in the Arlington CIC. The company said strong support from the Arlington Municipal Airport, the City of Arlington, and a vibrant pilot and aviation community were key considerations for their move to the Arlington CIC.

Eviation, an electric commercial aircraft company, hosted Governor Jay Inslee and Mayor Barb Tolbert at the Arlington facility for an intimate look at the Alice aircraft. The pioneering company prepares for their first flight later this year. The growing company is working to make electric aviation a reality!

Mayor Barbara Tolbert, Marysville Mayor Jon Nehring, and Snohomish County Executive Dave Sommers signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Korea SMEs and Startups Agency (KOSME). They introduced the KOSME delegates to CIC products from Bad Dog Distillery and Hometown Candle Company and toured the CIC. New foreign businesses are invited to expand their innovative manufacturing into the CIC and network with our businesses to forward the growth of Arlington businesses in the international market.

We expect to add 20,000 more family-wage jobs in the CIC over the next decade, helping residents work close to home and continue to boost our local economy.



*Eviation hosts Governor and Mayor*

## Park and Recreation Master Plan Update

The City of Arlington has hired Beckwith Consulting to update the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. One of the first steps is to receive input from city residents. A postcard was mailed in the beginning of October to city residents with a link to take the online survey. This is an opportunity for you to provide input on what is important to you and your family for park and recreation facilities and programs. If you are a city resident and would like to take the survey, email [recreation@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:recreation@arlingtonwa.gov).

The need for an update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and a Park Impact Fee study was discussed at the 2021 City Council Retreat. The plan will help the City understand where and if we are lacking in park space, what the community desires, and how to fund maintenance of existing and future park facilities.

A parks master plan allows the City to assess the current and future recreation needs, evaluate feasible options, and develop a strategic action plan and budget. The process will update our demographic projections, program and facility inventory, and demand and need projections. We will also study park impact fees for new residential and commercial construction and a fiscal program with 6-year and 20-year projection and implementation plans.

For more information visit: [www.arlingtonwa.gov/743/Master-Plan-Update](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/743/Master-Plan-Update)

## Evans Park Renovation

Waldo E. Evans Park was built in 1977 and was overdue for renovation.

Snohomish County and the City partnered in a joint project to improve the park this year, with a \$40,000 grant from the County and \$100,000 of city funds. Community partners also embraced the project.

S&S Roofing donated the roof replacement on the restroom building, and Venom Baseball washed and painted the exterior of the restroom building and the announcing booth.

The original wood poles and backstop fencing was replaced. The spectator area was improved with concrete slabs and new bleachers. Sidewalks were installed throughout the park. The playground surfacing was replaced with ADA approved wood chips. A few trees were removed to prepare for the concrete sidewalk improvements, and other trees were limbed. The existing dugouts were removed and replaced with easier to maintain dugouts.

We look forward to having both parking lots paved this fall in coordination with the 59th Avenue Complete Streets project. The historical ballpark is looking fresh and is hosting Stilly Valley Little League and Venom baseball teams this fall.



*TEAM MOM LINDSEY GUTENKAUF, ZACHARY GUTENKAUF, AND AUSTIN SCHLOCK*



*STILLY VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE, JUNIOR TEAM "THE GLADIATORS" ZACHARY GUTENKAUF, COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER NATE NEHRING, MAYOR BARB TOLBERT, COACH JOHNNY ERICKSON, AND AUSTIN SCHLOCK*

# Arlington Road Projects Address Congestion Relief and Preservation

The City and surrounding communities have experienced growth beyond our projections. We will be heavily focused on infrastructure development and congestion relief in 2022 and moving forward.

The Transportation Benefit District (TBD) was created in 2013 as an independent taxing district for the purpose of constructing and improving transportation projects within the city limits. Since then we have improved many of the city's roads, but there is more work to be done. Funding is always the critical piece of transportation projects, and Arlington has been successful at acquiring grants for large projects. As traditional funding from the gas tax declines with more efficient cars on the roads, the TBD funds will be vital to maintain our roads.

## New Road: 173rd Street NE

The City of Arlington is constructing the first phase of a new two-lane road, 173rd Street NE. While the planned 173rd Street alignment will eventually extend between Smokey Point Blvd and Airport Blvd, this first phase will extend from Smokey Point Blvd to 40th Avenue. This new road will be an alternative route for travelers to parallel 172nd Street.

## WSDOT Brief on SR 531 Project

On September 13, 2021, WA Department of Transportation (WSDOT) representative, Chris Damitio, briefed City Council on the State Route 531 (172nd Street) 43rd Avenue NE to 67th Avenue NE widening project.

The presentation is available on the City's YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/cityofarlingtonwashington](http://www.youtube.com/cityofarlingtonwashington).

The two-year WSDOT corridor improvement project was scheduled to start construction in 2023, however, the COVID-19 pandemic affected the project schedule. When construction begins, WSDOT will improve and widen the two-mile stretch of highway between 43rd Avenue NE and 67th Avenue NE, and build roundabouts to manage congestion and improve safety.

For more information on the project, please visit: [wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr531/43rd-ave-67th-ave/home](http://wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr531/43rd-ave-67th-ave/home) [arlingtonwa.gov/739/SR-531-Widening-Project](http://arlingtonwa.gov/739/SR-531-Widening-Project)

## 2021/2022 Transportation Projects

The City of Arlington is continually working to update and improve its roadways and utilities each year. Transportation and utility projects go through three phases, planning, design, and construction. Each phase is a detailed process that can take time and is necessary for a project to move forward. The planning phase consists of identifying the project and locating funding. Once funding is secure, the project moves to the design phase where the City works with an engineering firm to design the project and acquire right-of-way if needed. Once fully designed and approved the project moves to the construction phase. Our Public Works Department is always working to get the projects completed for the community on time and within budget. This past year, the City started and completed many projects. Below is a list of projects for 2021 and 2022 and the stages they are in. To find out more information on current projects, please visit the city website at [arlingtonwa.gov/PWprojects](http://arlingtonwa.gov/PWprojects).

- 2021 Utility Improvement and Pavement Preservation Project: Completed 2021
- SR 530 / Smokey Point Blvd Temporary Signal: Completed 2021
- 204th /74th Roundabout: Completed 2021
- Smokey Point Overlay: In Construction
- 173rd St Phase 1: In Construction
- Smokey Point Blvd /Pilot Paving: In Construction
- 172nd / 40th Ave intersection Improvement: In Construction
- 177th PI NE Stormwater Improvements: In Construction
- 2022 Utility Improvement & Pavement Preservation Project: Construction 2022
- 204th / 74th Ave Intersection Improvements: Construction 2022
- SR 530 / 59th Roundabout (WSDOT): Design 2021 / Construction 2022
- SR 530 / 211th Roundabout (WSDOT): Design 2021 / Construction 2022
- 74th Ave Trail: Design
- Island Crossing Roundabout: Design
- SR 531 Widening (WSDOT): Design
- Smokey Point Corridor: Design 2022
- 188th / Smokey Point Blvd Roundabout: Planning 2021 / Design 2022
- 169th Ave Extension: Planning 2021 / Design 2022
- Broadway / Division Improvements: Planning
- SR 9-SR 530-Division-Burke: Planning
- 211th Corridor Improvements: Planning
- Burn Road Rehabilitation: Planning

### RESOURCES:

**PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**  
[arlingtonwa.gov/pwprojects](http://arlingtonwa.gov/pwprojects)

**DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**  
[arlingtonwa.gov/activitymap](http://arlingtonwa.gov/activitymap)

**HOW A ROAD GETS BUILT**  
[arlingtonwa.gov/buildroad](http://arlingtonwa.gov/buildroad)

**HOW GROWTH HAPPENS**  
[arlingtonwa.gov/growthinfo](http://arlingtonwa.gov/growthinfo)

## Traffic Calming Measures

The City has identified ways to address speeding and other traffic violations in the City, referred to as “traffic calming planning.”

“Radar speed signs on Cemetery Road and 211th Street were tested, and have worked effectively to slow traffic,” said City Administrator Paul Ellis. Additional traffic calming devices will be used in other areas, as well. “The City is purchasing a new radar trailer that can be deployed for longer periods of time. These educational tools help drivers pay attention to speed.”

Areas of concern are addressed through several city departments. Public Works has received funding to reconstruct the roundabouts on Division Street to improve the way drivers navigate around the traffic circle. City staff completed Complete Streets training through Smart Growth America, and discovered ways traffic can be calmed through use of street striping, narrowing, and design. Last summer, the Community Development and Maintenance Departments demonstrated a traffic calming temporary project on Smokey Point Boulevard.

All of these measures are aimed to increase safety for all citizens who use our roads, sidewalks, and crosswalks in neighborhoods, business areas, and connectors.

## PD Adds Hybrids to Fleet to Reduce Carbon Footprint

The Police Department received its first of three hybrid police vehicles in August. Not only will these vehicles reduce the cost/amount of fuel, they emit lower amounts of greenhouse gases.

The 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid is the first ever pursuit rated hybrid police vehicle made. The lithium-ion battery utilized to power the electric motor has an advanced integrated heating and cooling system that allows it to store enough electricity to run onboard equipment such as emergency lights, radios, and computers while the engine is not running.

The ability to not idle an engine is a great feature that saves on fuel as well as wear and tear on the power train of the vehicle. For every hour of engine idle, studies show it equals roughly 30 miles of driving. Police vehicles at end of service can accumulate 3,000 to 5,000 idle hours on top of the 100,000 to 125,000 miles on the odometer. Ford claims the Hybrid Explorer will only burn 0.2 gallons of fuel per idle hour saving on average \$3500 a year just in fuel.

If the hybrid Explorer lives up to expectations, the Arlington Police Department will look to increase the number of hybrids as we retire older police vehicles.



## Police Department Update

In October, Arlington Police Chief Jonathan Ventura and City Administrator Paul Ellis presented City Council a 5-year outlook of the Arlington Police Department. They discussed the overall goals of the Police Department, which are to improve quality of life, strengthen community partnerships, improve public perception, and provide exceptional law enforcement.

The 2021 Legislative Police Reform has brought challenges for the Police Department. With the new laws, new trainings, equipment, reporting and management are required. The City will be purchasing body cameras as a response to meet House Bill 1223, the recording of interview requirements. The City is investing in training and alternatives ways of working to address the changes, and we want you to know that the Police Department is working hard and will continue to respond to our community's needs. City Council discussed ways to finance the needs of the police department and staffing, while balancing the City's general fund expenses.

Arlington has integrated multiple social services programs to help address systemic social issues and assist police officers with community problems. The City contracted with a Domestic Violence Coordinator, who provides direct service and advocacy for victims of domestic abuse. The City also has a grant to provide a social worker who works with defense attorneys to help defendants receive services for issues that may have contributed to their crimes, including substance abuse, homelessness, joblessness, and housing; thus reducing relapse into criminal behavior.

The City's Outreach team, social worker and police officer, focusing on homelessness and opioid addiction, has proven to be a successful program over the last several years. We are excited to present the new Mobile Integrated Health Program, with social workers focusing on behavioral health.

[www.arlingtonwa.gov/police](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/police)

### Heather Logan Appointed to City Council

Since Councilmember Jesica Stickle resigned September 1, 2021, before her December 31, 2021 term ended, this left Council Position #1 vacant.

Heather Logan is running unopposed for that seat. Because an appointee to the vacant seat will only serve until the election, and Ms. Logan is running unopposed, she has been appointed to fill the seat now until the November 2, 2021 General Election.

Logan has served the City in many capacities, as a former employee working as a Director of Administrative Services, as a contractor for communication for the RFA merger, and has served on the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission.

She has an interest in Human Services. She volunteered at the Mass Vaccination site in Arlington, is a member of leadership Snohomish County Education Committee, and was a board member of Housing Hope. She was also a board member of Cascade Valley Hospital Foundation, and a former employee of Cascade Valley Hospital.

Heather Logan can be emailed at [heatherl@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:heatherl@arlingtonwa.gov).

# City Launches Mobile Integrated Health Program

The Mobile Integrated Health Program is a 2-year pilot program funded 100% with a grant from the Washington State Health Care Authority, and operated by the City of Arlington.

This program will provide support for individuals experiencing behavioral health distress. A community based mobile crisis team is an important and needed link in the behavioral health care continuum, for its ability to address the emotional and symptomatic concerns of individuals experiencing behavioral health crises, while remaining in their own environment. Mobile crisis services are intended to support and stabilize an individual that has experienced a mental health event that does not rise to the level of inpatient hospitalization and to provide an alternative to arrest or incarceration.

Under supervision of Kaitlyn Goubeau, Licensed Social Worker, the program will utilize interns who are obtaining their Master's Degrees in social work, to assist individuals experiencing behavioral health distress. Under the direction and supervision of the mental health professional, the interns will receive requests from Arlington police officers and North County Regional Fire Authority emergency medical staff. The interns will identify the individuals' behavioral health needs, and make referrals to address their needs by professional services. They will provide brief therapeutic intervention, biopsychosocial assessment and referral, and community care coordination.

This is an effort to decrease unnecessary emergency department visits and repeat hospitalizations, to reduce unnecessary calls to 911 for police or emergency medical response, and to provide mobile integrated health services for residents who cannot navigate resources through typical means, thereby preventing homelessness and premature death.

The program is also in response to the increased need to respond to mental health issues. We are taking what we have learned from the success of the police and embedded social worker team dealing with homelessness and addiction, and creating a new resource to help in the response to mental health needs.

Mobile crisis services are intended to stabilize the person in crisis, prevent further deterioration and provide immediate treatment and intervention in a location best suited to meet the of the individual and in the least restrictive environment available.

## Arlington Community Resource Center Reports

"2021 has been a year of adapting and adjusting, overcoming obstacles and finding creative solutions while we navigate the pandemic. Our staff of 4 are serving more clients than ever and we are offering both phone appointments and in office appointments for those clients who need additional assistance," said Site Director Caroline Neal. The Arlington Community Resource Center offers our vulnerable community members assistance with emergent needs such as rental and utility assistance, as well as assistance with childcare, food security, job search, resume building, access to government programs, and more. Their focus is building resiliency within our community, advocating for the clients and finding creative solutions to barriers clients may face on their path to stability and sustainability.

The City of Arlington has contributed funding to the Resource Center and will be extending funding from the ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) funding to further support the Center. The Resource Center staff works closely with City staff to direct people to service. [www.voaww.org/acrc](http://www.voaww.org/acrc)



# Fire Station 48 Opens

We are pleased to announce the construction of Fire Station 48 is complete. This milestone began 13 years ago when the Arlington Fire Department moved into a leased temporary facility north of Smokey Point, establishing Fire Station 48. At the end of September, the new permanent facility located at 4228 Airport Boulevard station was fully operational.

Fire Station 47 on the east side of the airport will be vacated and consolidated into the new fire station 48. When all is settled in the new station, it will house a daily staff of 5 personnel and some administrative staff. Responding units will include Ladder 48, Engine 48, Medic 48 and A48, providing a depth of resources to serve our community.

On September 28, Acting Captain Al Chamberlin, Firefighter Paramedic Nich Sacha, and Firefighter Driver/Operator Craig Monson spent the first night in the new facility. Firefighter Sam Johnston raised the flag for the first time.

The northwest modern facility design is energy efficient with green design principles incorporated. It has a high efficiency mechanical system for heating and cooling and features maintenance free materials including concrete masonry, metal wall and roof panels. The new facility has a fitness center, and sleeping and living quarters for the fully staffed station. There is also space for a satellite police office.

The Arlington Fire Department officially annexed into North County Regional Fire Authority in August of 2021. The station is managed by North County Regional Fire Authority. [www.northcountyfireems.com](http://www.northcountyfireems.com)



Fire Station 48

# Smokey Point Corridor Project Design

To plan for growth in Arlington, the City of Arlington is designing improvements to Smokey Point Boulevard from 174th Place NE to 200th Street NE. These improvements will support future growth and help to create a community corridor for small businesses and residents.

The project will have multiple benefits for the community, including:

- Improve mobility of the corridor for drivers, transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists
- Increase safety for all users, including pedestrians and bicyclists
- Improve transit facilities
- Foster the development of a commercial corridor to serve the surrounding neighborhood

Preliminary design work is under way. There will be an online open house for the public to comment on the design in November.

For more information about the project and to get involved, please visit the project webpage at:

[www.arlingtonwa.gov/663/Smokey-Point-Blvd-Corridor-Project](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/663/Smokey-Point-Blvd-Corridor-Project)

# Art to Enhance Our Place



Our community is enhanced by art and we hope that you will connect with the recent public art pieces that have been created.

At left is an airplane themed bench placed at the trail on Airport Boulevard, that was designed by Sarah Arney of Arlington Arts Council and Bob Hines of Newell Corp.

The Dancing Bears are located at the parking lot entrance downtown and were designed by Monica Bretherton of Arlington Arts Council.



# CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Heather Logan



Don Vanney



Debora Nelson



Michele Blythe



Marilyn Oertle



Mike Hopson



Jan Schuette

## June

- Approval of RFA Annexation Agreements
- Right of Way Dedications for 168th Street
- Public Hearing: State Auditor's Office IT Security Audit Results
- Purchase and Sale Agreement for 504 North Olympic Avenue
- Concession Agreement with Arlington Community Food Bank
- Public Right of Way Purchase for 40th Ave Intersection Project
- Appointment of Melissa Johnson to Planning Commission
- Public Right of Way Purchase for 168th Street and 51st Avenue Roadway Improvements
- Airport Land Use Waiver for Fly-In Event
- Sole Source Resolution for Procurement of Membranes for Water Reclamation Facility
- Budget Amendment for Network Assessment
- Budget Amendment for Access Control System
- Public Hearing for 60% Petition to Annex for the Lindsay Annexation
- Councilmembers voted no for a Budget Amendment for York House Demo (4-3)
- Budget Amendment for new Community and Economic Development Employee
- Appointment of new Airport Commissioner Eric Hansen
- Appointment of new Civil Service Commissioner Jonathan Reichert
- Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.82 of AMC Regarding the Arlington Arts Fund

## July

- Resolution to Surplus Assets
- Ordinance Repealing AMC Regarding the Library Board
- Ordinance Amending AMC Regarding the Civil Service Commission
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update and Impact Fee Schedule
- Bid Award for the Smokey Point Blvd Pavement Preservation Project
- Ordinance Amending AMC Regarding the Compensation for Elected Officials
- Resolution Adopting Benefit Plans and Rates for the Mayor and City Council

## August

- Public Hearing for Development Agreement for the Outpost at Smokey Point
- Public Hearing Development Agreement for Centennial Park PH I & PH II
- Memorandum of Understanding with Port of Everett
- Low Bid Award for Wastewater EQ Basin
- Low Bid Award for Lift Station #16
- Murraysmith Contract Amendment #3
- Low Bid Award for 59th Avenue Complete Streets Project

## September

- Appointment of Heather Logan to Fill Vacated Seat of Councilmember Jessica Stickle
- Contract update with Zachor, Stock and Krepps, Inc., P.S.
- Authorization to apply for 2022 Hotel-Motel Small Fund Tourism Grant
- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Budget
- Appointment of Airport Commissioner John Branthoover
- Acceptance of FAA Funds from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
- Transfer Management of Hadley Hall to the Boys & Girls Club
- Waterline Extension Agreement with Fire District 21
- Low Bid Award for 40th/172nd Intersection

## City Council Meetings

**Workshops:** 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

**Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Mondays of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

The City is conducting meetings virtually with Zoom and live streamed on the City's YouTube Channel

[YouTube.com/cityofarlingtonwashington](https://www.youtube.com/cityofarlingtonwashington)

For current information, go to:

[www.arlingtonwa.gov](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov) calendar or agenda center.

## Boards and Commissions

Airport Commission: 2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Cemetery Board: 3rd Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

Civil Service Commission: 1st Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Park, Arts, Rec. Commission: 4th Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Planning Commission: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Youth Council: 2nd Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

## City Phone Numbers

Airport	360-403-3470
Cemetery	360-403-3428
Community & Economic Dev.	360-403-3551
Finance Department	360-403-3421
Fire Business Line	360-403-3600
Human Resources	360-403-3443
Mayor's Office	360-403-3441
Parks & Recreation	360-403-3448
Public Works Utilities	360-403-3526
Street & Park Maintenance	360-403-3451
Utility Billing	360-403-3421



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