



Summer 2011

Arlington Update

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Mayor Larson says thank you

Mayor Margaret Larson



Thank you....This little phrase is probably one of the most important that we teach our children. And yet, as adults we often forget how meaningful this seemingly simple little phrase can be. As a leader in the greater Arlington community, I believe we have much to be thankful for. It is not very often that we take the time to recognize those that make a difference in our community. It is with this in mind that I would like to express my gratitude to a number of these people, programs, and organizations

April 10th marked the start of National Volunteer Recognition Week. The City honored its countless volunteers with a special proclamation adopted by the City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 4th. In the past year, hundreds of volunteers from all walks of life have given thousands of hours to the City and other local and regional organizations. I wish to publicly thank our volunteers for the time and energy they devote to the City of Arlington. Volunteers with an incredible passion and dedication to their community can be hard to come by. It is one thing for people to give money, but to give so selflessly of time and talents speaks volumes. In the days of tight budgets and staffing levels, we simply could not provide all we do in the City without each and every one of our volunteers. I am truly honored to lead such an incredibly involved community.

In late April, the City kicked off its Adopt-a-Park program. The program is designed to help make sure our parks are safe and beautiful for all our community members to enjoy. On the first day, three City parks were adopted: Legion Park, adopted by the Arlington Kiwanis Club, Terrace Park, adopted by the Arlington Lions Club, and Centennial Park, adopted by Windermere Realty. For more information on the program or to adopt a City park, please contact Paul Ellis at pellis@arlingtonwa.gov or 360-403-3441.

In May, we took time to thank the hard working men and women of our City, State and Federal government, the unsung heroes who do the work that keeps our city and our nation working. Many of our public servants, firefighters, police officers, and public works professionals, risk their lives each day in service to the people. Day in and day out our City, State and Federal employees provide the diverse services demanded by the citizens of Arlington with efficiency and integrity. Without these public servants at every level of government, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials. I thank them for their dedication to the greater Arlington community, our state, and our nation.

I also want to thank the 82 volunteers who helped get the word out about our Emergency Medical Services program and the importance of the EMS levy to our voters. These volunteers knocked on doors, called residents, made presentations to community groups and neighborhood associations, made and delivered yard signs, all in the name of ensuring the health of our community and our residents. These volunteers were your neighbors, your friends, your business owners who all saw the devastating impact it would have on our community if this program was lost.



Photo courtesy of Deborah Nelson,
Photographic Journeys

Finally, I wish to thank you, the citizens and voters of this community, who understood the importance of having a top notch Emergency Medical Services program and voted overwhelmingly to sustain this program for the many years to come. By your vote, you have made a significant investment into the health and welfare of our community. Thank you!

Margaret Larson
Margaret Larson, Mayor

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OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Arlington Public Library 435-3033
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Arlington-Smokey Pt Chamber 659-5453
Ball field Scheduling 403-3448
Cascade District Court 435-7700
Community Room Scheduling 403-3448
Lakewood School District 652-4500
Marysville Municipal Court 363-8050
N. County Transfer Station 425-388-3429

CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION ACTIONS

JANUARY 3

Resolution 2011-001 Permanent EMS Levy to the Ballot

FEBRUARY 7

Ordinance 2011-001 Adopting 2008 Comp Plan Amendments
Ordinance 2011-002 Adopting LUC Amendments on Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
Ordinance 2011-003 Adopting 2010 Comp Plan Amendment for West Arlington Sub-Area Plan
Resolution 2011-002 Replaced Resolution 709 & Adopted Revised Financial Policies for the City

FEBRUARY 22

Resolution 2011-003 Replaced Resolutions 2010-002 & 2010-006 and Adopted Revised Fee Schedule
Ordinance 2011-004 Adopted new AMC 3.86 re Court Cost Recovery
Ordinance 2011-005 Amended AMC 5.12 Vehicles for Hire
Ordinance 2011-006 Amended AMC 5.16 Cabarets
Ordinance 2011-007 Adopted a new section in AMC 5.14 requiring film permits under certain circumstances

MARCH 7

Ordinance 2011-008 Adopted AMC 13.36 wastewater pretreatment
Resolution 2011-004 Adopted the 2011 Comp Plan Docket
Resolution 2011-005 Adopted the 2011 Goals of the City
Resolution 2011-006 Authorized the acceptance of ammunition donations from Walmart on an ongoing basis.

MARCH 21

Ordinance 2011-009 Annexed right of way on SR 531
Ordinance 2011-010 Annexed right of way on SR 9
Resolution 2011-007 Declaring VHF radios & pagers as surplus and authorized sale

APRIL 4

Resolution 2011-008 In support of the EMS Levy

APRIL 18

Ordinance 2011-011 Star Comp Plan Amendment & Concurrent Rezone
Ordinance 2011-012 Amending the City's Comprehensive Plan to include the Arlington School District Capital Facilities Plan
Ordinance 2011-013 Amending the City's Comprehensive Plan to include the Lakewood School District Capital Facilities Plan
Resolution 2011-009 Amending the City's Comprehensive Plan to include the Lakewood School District Capital Facilities Plan

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CITY CALENDAR

City Council

1st and 3rd Mondays - 7 PM Council Chambers, 110 E. Third Street. Contact 360-403-3441.

Airport Commission

2nd Tuesdays - 7 PM Airport Office, 18204 59th Drive NE. Contact 403-3470.

Cemetery Board

Meets quarterly. Contact 360-403-3428.

Civil Service Commission

1st Mondays - 9 AM City Council Library, 110 E. Third Street - 360-403-3439.

Library Board

Meets quarterly. Contact 403-3441.

Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission

4th Tuesdays - 7 PM Council Chambers, 110 E. Third Street Contact 360-403-3448.

Planning Commission

1st and 3rd Tuesdays - 7 PM Council Chambers, 110 E. Third Street. Contact 360-403-3435.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

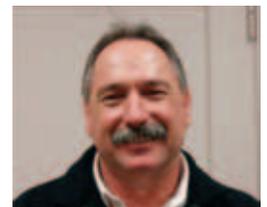
Over the past several months there has been a great amount of discussion and concern about the future of the Emergency Medical Services program in the Stillaguamish Valley. The current EMS levy was set to expire at the end of 2011 and the City had gone to the voters in November 2010 for a renewal of the levy. The measure lost at the polls by 41 votes and there was no guarantee that the Arlington Fire Department would be able to continue to provide the excellent EMS service that it currently provides to our community without a renewal of the levy. We believed this was a local health care crisis with significant impacts and consequences.

After the November election, we went back to you, our voters, to understand where we went wrong. From that we developed and deployed a well constructed plan to get Proposition 1 passed to continue providing the highest level of emergency care when you need it most. Our plan was very simple: get the facts to the community and let you do the rest! Through the efforts of 82 volunteers who spent countless hours of their free time, the following activities took place to get the message to you. Our volunteers of community members, off-duty firefighters, and their families, spent their evenings and weekends knocking on doors to explain the importance of the EMS program and the facts about the levy. They knocked on the doors of over 7,700 voters in the course of two months. Over 2,400 voters were contacted by our cadre of volunteers by phone, and over 6,800 postcards and brochures were distributed and mailed. Over 20 presentations were made to our local elected officials, local community service clubs, and neighborhood organizations. Over 150 people formally endorsed the EMS levy, including Mayor Margaret Larson and entire Arlington City Council.

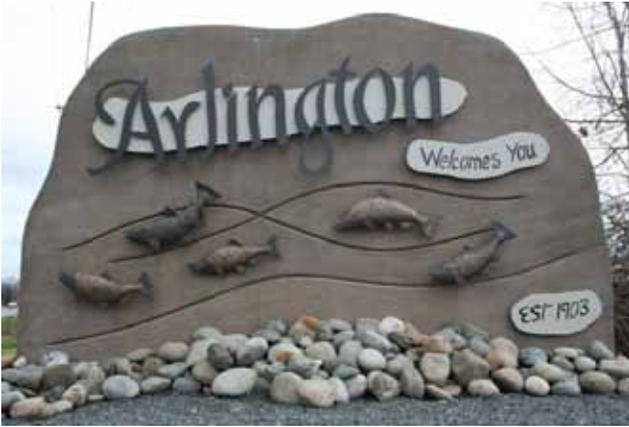
On April 26, 2011, you made your voice loud and clear: WE SUPPORT OUR EMS SYSTEM! Our election approval rating has never been so high - 84.69%.

On behalf of the men and women of the Arlington Fire Department, Mayor Margaret Larson, the Arlington City Council, and the employees of the City of Arlington we wish to thank you for your votes. We are truly honored and humbled by your overwhelming support.

~Your Fire Chief, Bruce Stedman



ARLINGTON VIEWS



Entry signs are one of 70 goals in the City of Arlington's economic development plan. To get the ball rolling, and to ensure aesthetically pleasing signs, the Arlington Arts Council stepped up last year and offered to design the sign, with help from local artist Marguerite Goff, based on concepts presented at the 2009 Fall into Art Auction. The Arts Council raised funds through the AAC Auction and through a golf tournament held last August. The sign has been installed in Island Crossing on Highway 530.

In this community effort, the City of Arlington and the Arlington Arts Council are partners in the desire to have grand welcomes on the major highways entering Arlington. AAC has set aside \$3,000 for an art element for the next sign.

GOLF SCRAMBLE

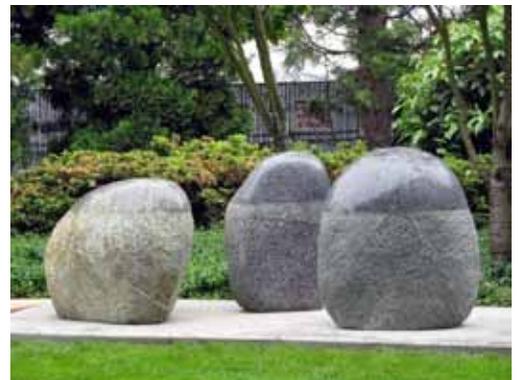
City Councilmember Marilyn Oertle is working with City staff members Jeff Pitman, Sonya Blacker, Chris Young, and Jim Chase, as well as community volunteers Jean Olsen, Barb Pitman, and Sarah Arney to plan a golf tournament to raise funds for the second sign. The goal is to have a yearly "Arlington Open" golf tournament until all five major entries into Arlington are marked with a welcome sign. To sponsor a hole, or to sign up a team for the tournament, call 360-403-3551. The tournament is Friday August 26th at 1 PM.

MORE ART FOR ARLINGTON

Arlington is pleased to include two more new works of art into the public art collection. "Waterline" by Verena Schwippert will be installed near the labyrinth on the Centennial Trail in downtown Arlington. Thanks to the Arlington Arts Council for acquiring these beautiful etched stones.



Chainsaw artist, Debbie Anderson, donated a 10 foot tall wood carved eagle at the chainsaw carving show held during the Eagle Festival in February. This sculpture will soon be installed in the Division Street median. Debbie is coordinating a carving show for August 12 & 13 adjacent to Legion Park in the City parking lot. For more information go to www.arlingtonwa.gov or you can call 360-403-3448.



Downtown Arlington Business Association (DABA) presents Annual Street Fair July 8-10

100 vendors, fair food, bouncy house, old fashioned fun!

Friday: Arlington Idol Contest 7pm

Saturday: 10am Zumba Party & 10:30 Belly Dancing Show

2pm Dunk Tank with Fire & Police Chiefs!

Live Bands 3pm & 6pm

Sunday: 11:30-2pm "Sauer Krawt" 60s Band

More information to come...please visit www.arlingtonwa.org for details.

WE CARE ABOUT YOU! FIREWORKS AND BBQ SAFETY

Summer brings both warmer weather and a greater chance for children's injuries. Nationally children sustain approximately 116,600 injuries related to fire/burns each year. Of that in 2006, there were 2,304 fireworks-related injuries among children fewer than 15 years of age. Among the different types of fireworks in 2006, firecrackers were associated with the greatest number of estimated injuries at 1,300. There were over 1,000 injuries associated with sparklers and 800 associated with rockets. Sparklers accounted for one-third of the injuries to children less than 5 years of age. Burns account for more than half of all fireworks-related injuries and primarily occur to the hands, eyes, and head. Fireworks-related injuries peak during the month surrounding July 4th, when 60 percent of them occur. Don't let fireworks ruin your holiday, follow local rules and have parental supervision over fireworks at ALL times.



Your Arlington Fire Department encourages everyone to attend a public display of fireworks rather than purchasing or using consumer fireworks. But if you purchase, please note these safety precautions:

- Purchase fireworks that are not illegal. (NOTE: most fireworks sold on reservations are illegal. Illegal fireworks are often unpackaged and wrapped in plain brown paper.)
- DO NOT purchase any fireworks that are not in the original package or is in an opened or damaged package.
- Purchase fireworks from a licensed fireworks vendor.
- NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH OR IGNITE FIREWORKS.
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
- Make certain other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from any buildings, dry grass or vegetation, or other flammable materials.
- NEVER try to relight fireworks that have fully functioned or have not ignited completely.

BBQ SAFETY TIPS from National Fire Protection Agency & Arlington Fire Department

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons. Here are a few helpful tips:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Charcoal grills

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use.

- Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a **metal** container.

Propane grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and **call the Fire Department**. Do not move the grill.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME ~ AUGUST 2, 1011

An annual event since 1984, this is always celebrated the first Tuesday of August. Initially communities held lights-on vigils, now these including Arlington hold block parties, safety fairs, and other events to help bring neighbors together.



National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and community partnerships
- send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back and watching out for each other.

The City of Arlington will be hosting a public event for National Night Out on August 2nd in the parking lot of Food Pavilion in Smokey Point from 5-8 PM and invite area residents to stop by and talk to public safety personnel from various local agencies including Fire and Police, meet local civic groups, chat with neighbors and enjoy a BBQ hotdog. Arlington Police and Fire Department will have equipment on display along with a visit from McGruff the crime dog.

All citizens are encouraged to display outdoor lights and celebrate National Night Out on August 2nd with events held right in their neighborhood. Some suggestions are to organize cook outs, block parties, and/or flashlight walks.

For more information on how to organize an event in your neighborhood or if your neighborhood will be hosting an event for National Night Out on August 2nd and would like a visit from the Police and/or Fire Department please contact Chris Badger @ 360-403-3618 or Paul Ellis @ 360-403-4603 to schedule a time.

NEIGHBORHOOD CORPS SLOGAN CONTEST:

The City of Arlington Neighborhood Corps has been meeting to promoting sustainable neighborhood networks to increase safety, awareness and civility with the Community of Arlington. Working together, neighbors have a powerful opportunity to improve their quality of life and make their neighborhood a great place to live, work and play.

Neighborhood Corps is hosting a Citywide contest to find just the right "Slogan or Catchphrase" to help increase the awareness of The Neighborhood Corps program. Can you come up with a Slogan or Catchphrase that will highlight the small town neighborhood feel of Arlington? If so, send it in to the City of Arlington Neighborhood Slogan Contest – 238 Olympic Avenue, Arlington WA 98223 or email it to neighborhoodcorp@arlingtonwa.gov The winner will be given the opportunity to **have lunch with Mayor Margaret Larson** as well as receive a City of Arlington prize pack. Deadline for submission of Slogans is July 15, 2011. The winning Slogan will be announced at the National Night Out Event on Tuesday August 2nd.

THANK YOU ARLINGTON GARDEN CLUB!

Special thanks to the Arlington Garden Club for helping to sponsor the hanging baskets similar to these that you will see throughout our community this summer!



ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 2011 Update



New Online Academy ~ Fall 2011

Arlington families looking for an online school environment with local support have a new option available in the 2011-2012 school year. The school district has created the Arlington Online Academy, and the program will continue to be developed based on student participation and interest.

The district began development of the academy in response to students who need flexibility in their learning environment. After researching successful online programs, the district found that students are more successful in achieving their goals when they have a strong connection with teachers. Including an Online Academy within the district allows students to stay connected with local teachers and have the option to be involved in school district activities.

The Online Academy can be a great option for:
Students who want to earn credit in a course the high school isn't able to offer in a classroom setting due to low enrollment (i.e., AP Psychology).
Students who need to make up class credit or are behind in credits.
Students who have a desire to take more than the six credits the regular high school day provides.
Students who want to learn from home and still have the support of a local teacher.

Arlington Online Academy features outstanding, engaging, rich, and rigorous classes. Arlington School District curriculum experts developed several of our customized courses. Apex Learning can provide opportunities to students for credit retrieval and additional courses. We leverage the resources from the state Digital Learning Department to provide a larger variety of courses from multiple state-approved vendors. Students meet with a school counselor to design the option(s) that will work best for their needs.

Students can earn high school credits to catch up or get ahead of their target graduation rate. Online classes can also give students flexibility in schedules.

Arlington Online Academy, meets the needs of students who, for a variety of reasons, learn better outside of the traditional classroom, but who can still benefit from the resources a public school provides like a high-quality curriculum, textbooks and lesson plans. Students learn at home under the direction of state-certified teachers from the Arlington School District. Learning Coaches (typically a parent or guardian) assist the students by monitoring their progress.

If you are interested in more information on enrollment options, please contact Andrea Conley, Public Information Officer/Administrative Assistant in Teaching & Learning at (360) 618-6217 or email aconley@asd.wednet.edu.

June 2011 Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
6/1	6:00 pm	Fashion Show	Arlington High
6/2	7:00 pm	Haller Middle School Band Concert	Byrnes Performing Arts Center
6/6	7:00 pm	Stillaguamish Valley School Spring Band Concert	Byrnes Performing Arts Center
6/7	7:00 pm	Arlington High School Finale Chorale Concert	Byrnes Performing Arts Center
6/9	7:00 pm	Post Middle School Band Concert	Byrnes Performing Arts Center
6/14	7:30 pm	Arlington High School Graduation Ceremony	Arlington High Stadium
6/15	7:30 pm	Weston High School Graduation Ceremony	Byrnes Performing Arts Center
6/17	6:30 pm	Stillaguamish Valley School Graduation Ceremony	Byrnes Performing Arts Center
6/22	6:30 pm	Haller Middle School 8th Grade Recognition	Haller Middle School
6/22	6:30 pm	Post Middle School 8th Grade Recognition	Post Middle School
6/23		Last Day of School (2-hour early release)	

2011-2012 Calendar

The school district calendar was Board approved at the April 25 meeting. The first day of the 2011-2012 year will be Wednesday, September 7 for Kindergarten through 9th grade. Grades 10 through 12 begin on Thursday, September 8. The last day of school is scheduled for Friday, June 15th, with snow make up days June 15-22. You can access the new calendar online through our website at <http://www2.asd.wednet.edu/calendar/calendar.html>.

PESTICIDES? NO WAY!

If recent news reports about pesticides affecting children in utero and lowering children's IQs have caught your attention, then you'll want to know that since the monitoring of public water supplies has been required, the City of Arlington has never exceeded a maximum contaminant level or other action level for numerous pesticides and herbicides. In fact, with very few exceptions, these compounds have not even been detected in any of our water sources.

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, drinking water standards are established and enforced for more than 100 potential contaminants, including microorganisms; materials from mineral sources; man-made organic chemicals; radioactive elements; and compounds used or created in water treatment processes. If a contaminant is detected in a water supply at levels that endanger human health, stringent response measures, including public notification, increased monitoring, and corrective actions, are required. The City's monitoring and reporting of these potential contaminants on regular schedules is enforced by the Department of Health (DOH).



Many contaminants are associated with turbidity (small and microscopic particles) in water. The DOH established a program in 2001 to recognize facilities that optimize the filtration and disinfection processes of their treatment facilities. Arlington water department, your water department, has again met the stringent requirements in 2010, and is one of only 4 facilities in the State of Washington to receive the Gold Award for meeting the requirements for 10 consecutive years.

OLD TOWN WETLAND CONSTRUCTION BEGINS



City Staff, Reese Trucking and Excavation, and Department of Ecology meet on-site for the Old Town Wetland construction kick-off meeting

A project that has its roots dating back to 2000 when the City acquired a 25-acre property adjacent to the Stillaguamish River, commonly referred to the "Round House", is finally under construction. This project is the creation of the Old Town Wetland, a combination park and wetland that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities for the public while naturally treating stormwater runoff from old town Arlington before discharging it into the Stillaguamish River.

Design, permitting and construction of this project is largely funded by \$715,000 in grants from the Department of Ecology. The wetland is designed with four cells that will provide various stormwater treatment ranging from nutrient uptake to temperature cooling. As the wetland vegetation grows and matures, it will begin to provide an urban habitat for birds and other wetland wildlife. A 4,200-foot trail network, that includes three pedestrian bridges, will provide a relaxing area for hikers to walk while also learning about the environmental benefits an urban stormwater wetland offers

from wayside exhibits and viewing areas.

The construction contract was awarded to Reese Trucking and Excavation, Inc. out of Marysville in the amount of \$768,470.83. The City will be looking for volunteers to assist with wetland vegetation planting and for others to team with the City under the "Adopt a Park" program to maintain the wetland — please call Bill Blake for more information (360) 403-3440.

HOW DO I READ MY WATER METER?

We frequently have citizens call the water department wanting to know how to read their water meter, to ask if they have a leak, and see if there is anything they can do.

All of our meters can be read manually if so desired, just open the meter box and uncover the meter dial. Then starting from the left hand side read the numbers to the right. This is the number that we collect at meter reading time and will appear on your monthly bill. Some bills are read in cubic feet (one cubic foot would be equal to 7.48 gallons of water) while others are read and billed in gallons.



With our Automated Meter Reading (AMR) system we are able to read some of the meters without looking into the meter box. On the AMR meters, a hole is drilled on the top of the meter box lid and a touch read pad is installed and connected to the water meter by a wire. Once installed, meter readers simply touch a hand held reader to the pad and the meter readings are automatically uploaded! With these AMR meters we don't even open the meter box, there is no chance of human error, and time is saved because we do not have to remove dirt or bale out water to see the meter. Some other meters in Arlington are still manually read by opening up the lid and recording the usage from the meter dial.

If you have any questions about reading your meter please feel free to call us at 360-403-3526 and we will put you in touch with a Water Service Specialist.

GRAND OPENING!!

The City of Arlington's Wastewater Treatment Plant project has come to completion. The final grading, along with final paving, was completed in May to finish the largest project to date that the City of Arlington has undertaken.

IMCO General Construction Inc. out of Ferndale was the contractor who helped the City of Arlington complete this project on-time and with less than 0.5% (one half of one percent) in change orders. The City would like to thank IMCO Construction for the professionalism they showed in dealing with issues such as the small working site, limited staging areas, and for the quality of their work.

IMCO Construction takes great pride in their safety record, this was evident in the way their crew handled themselves and the work site, which made it very safe for City employees coming and going each day. We are proud to announce that there were no accidents during the entire construction period!

Kennedy/Jenks Engineering Consultants was the design engineer of record and provided construction management services. An experienced construction engineer was on hand daily to help with any issues that came up during the project which allowed necessary design changes and alterations to be implemented as smoothly as possible saving time and money.



The City of Arlington will be hosting an Open House on August 24th, tours of the plant and explanation of technology will be provided. We will notify the public of the Open House through the media and local businesses, so keep your eyes open for your invitation because **All are Welcome!!**

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PUBLIC WORKS – BITS & PIECES

NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY

Arlington Municipal Cemetery's new irrigation system was officially turned on in time for the Memorial Day celebrations. Installation of the new irrigation began in 2010 and Phase 1, which encompasses approximately 65% of the cemetery, was completed by Memorial Day. Arlington Parks Department began the design and planning for the new irrigation system last year with construction beginning in late summer 2010. The new irrigation system replaces an old manual hose irrigation system that was extremely inefficient at watering the cemetery grounds. The new irrigation system is connected to the cemetery well and will ensure that the grounds and landscaping remain lush and green throughout the summer. If you have time this summer, take a stroll through Arlington Municipal Cemetery to see many of the new improvements and reflect on the cemetery as crucial cornerstone of Arlington's history.



PLAY BALL.....ON A NEW INFIELD

This spring, teams playing on the Waldo E. Evans baseball field were enjoying a new infield that was installed last fall as a joint effort between the Arlington Parks Department and the Stillaguamish Valley Little League. City crews removed all of the infield grass, regraded the playing surface, reseeded the infield, and cut new baselines. AgriTurf, Inc., a sod farm located in Arlington, assisted with this project by roto-tilling the grass infield area and providing technical support on proper grass germination. The new infield will provide many years of service to Arlington's aspiring ball players.



PARK VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE

The City's "Adopt-A-Park" program still has many opportunities for you to participate in helping to keep Arlington's parks beautiful. The program is open individuals, volunteer groups, neighborhood associations, and businesses and allows you to take an active role in the maintenance and improvement of local parks, trails and green spaces. This is a fun program for which City personnel will train you in the general care, supervision and maintenance of neighborhood parks and greenways. If you have questions, or to volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (360) 403-4673 or email volunteer@arlingtonwa.gov.



A healthier life for you and your family.

Fresh air. Open spaces. Less traffic. A sense of community. Family connections. Life is just better here in the Stillaguamish Valley. Did you know you also have excellent medical care choices, right here, close to home? It's true. You don't need to drive to Everett or Seattle to get the expert care you need.

At Cascade Valley Hospital and Clinics, you'll find friendly, top-trained medical professionals who truly care about you, your family and your community. These compassionate caregivers are backed by clinics, labs and a new hospital with all the latest advancements in diagnostics and equipment. Plus, the hospital café offers delicious food and a convenient gathering spot for you and your friends.

Whether you need a primary care doctor, a specialist, an MRI or just a new place for lunch, come to Cascade Valley Hospital for heartfelt care—right here in your own community.

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- WWW.CASCADEVALLEY.ORG

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Close to Home
Close to Heart

RED ROOSTER ROUTE PLANS MANY FUN FESTIVALS



The Red Rooster Route is an association of small, family-friendly farms in the Arlington area. The Red Rooster Route was developed to offer visitors an opportunity to experience a rich blend of family owned farms, learn about agriculture, and support farming by purchasing products directly from farmers. These farms are open to the public during their business hours. Special activities are planned for the Red Rooster Days Event (July 16-17) as well as the several festivals during the farms' unique harvest times. The Red Rooster Route includes Garden Treasures, Fosters Produce & Corn Maze, Biringer Farms, and Bryant Blueberry Farm.

Biringer Farms, a strawberry lover's delight, has recently located their strawberry and raspberry fields in Arlington off of State Route 530 at 21412 59th Avenue NE. Mike and Diana Biringer, second generation farmers, invite folks to the Strawberry Festival June 18 & 19. Take the Jolly Trolley to the lush raspberry vines, enjoy shortcake and a special Str/Raz Blend! Pony rides, inflatables, barnyard croquet, story time, and much more!



Garden Treasures,

located at 3328 State Route 530, is a six acre u-pick garden and organic farm, as well as a nursery and garden center with gift shop. Over 100 varieties of crops are open for u-pick March through December. Enjoy fresh greenhouse grown heirloom tomatoes, specialty cucumbers, basil, and winter mix greens. Garden Treasures presents a Corn Festival (September 2-5) and Fall Festival (October 15-16) along with other farms on the Red Rooster Route.

Just up the road at 5818 State Route 530 you will find **Foster Produce & Corn Maze**. This produce market is also an antique and gift barn, and nursery. The market offers many types of berries, veggies, peaches, pears, cherries, other produce, and flowers. Enjoy their waffle cones or an espresso while shopping for home and garden décor. Kids and adults will enjoy the farm animals and hay maze. Foster's participates in the Corn Festival and Fall Festival with a fall pumpkin patch, corn maze, and hay rides!



Bryant Blueberry Farm & Nursery at 95628 Grandview Road is a family owned and child friendly farm that uses environmental and sustainable agricultural methods to grow their varieties of blueberry plants. Blueberries are available mid-July through August, u-pick and ready-picked. Children love the playground, goats, and ducks. The Blueberry Festival is July 30. Enjoy a barbecue for a great price, pony rides, hayrides, face painting, and lots more fun!

Each farm participates in Red Rooster Days, Saturday and Sunday July 16-17 with special fun activities. For more information about the events and farms, go to www.redroosterroute.com or stop by City Hall for a brochure.

Red Rooster Route Events:

June 18-19	Biringer Farms Strawberry Festival
July 16-17	Red Rooster Days Event
July 30	Blueberry Festival
Sept 3-4	Corn Festival
October 1-31	Fall Festival



FACEBOOK FOR PARENTS: PRIVACY AND YOUR KIDS

On the internet, the line between private and public information can get a little blurry, especially for kids and teens. While they interact on a regular basis with web sites and programs that encourage them to share information about their lives, their parents aren't always familiar with the technology. Knowing the pros and cons of using social networks can help you manage your family's use of this type of site.



Facebook and other online social networks are web sites that allow people to create profiles describing themselves and to connect with other users by exchanging public or private messages. While some parents think sites like Facebook are a waste of time, the networks can provide teens with benefits like chances to engage with their communities, opportunities to meet new people who share their interests, and the development of their individual identities.

Of course, as with everything in life, there are some risks associated with using social networking sites. Cyberbullying – the use of cell phones, instant messaging, e-mail, chat rooms or social networking sites such as Facebook to harass, threaten or intimidate someone – can happen to anyone online and can lead to real psychological consequences. Another risk concerns their privacy. Many teens aren't aware of the possible repercussions of publicly posting inappropriate messages, photos and videos. They often don't fully grasp the concept that what goes online stays online and that, as a result, college acceptance and future jobs could be jeopardized.

Fortunately, by talking to your children about these issues, you can make them aware of the risks and help them have a safe and positive experience. You can also create your own profile to learn more about social networking first-hand. Here are a few tips to help you both become smart, responsible Facebook citizens:

- Think twice about who you share your information with. You can ignore friend requests from anyone you don't know or don't feel comfortable with in person.
- Avoid the overshare. Some things are better off written in your diary than posted on your Facebook wall. There IS such a thing as Too Much Information, so think before you post.
- Don't put up with cyberbullying. If one of your friends makes mean or offensive comments towards you or anyone else, it's okay to take them off your list and talk to someone you trust about it.
- Check your photo settings. Make sure they're friends only. This goes for pictures that your friends tag of you, too.
- Do you love your friend, but maybe not their constant Justin Bieber posts? Don't hit unfriend - just use the Hide button. They'll never know and you can still check their profile whenever you want.
- Preview your profile. Facebook has a feature under Privacy Settings that lets you see exactly how other people see you.

~Jocelyn Redel and Lesla Ojeda, Arlington Library

FIREHOUSE 46 RENOVATIONS ARE WELL UNDERWAY!



Located at 137 North Macleod in the historical downtown area, the building was originally constructed in 1961 as an all volunteer station. Deteriorating conditions of the building and the need for a larger facility to service the area sparked a complete renovation.

Plans developed last year called for the removal of the living space on the south end of the building to make room for the construction of a new 4000 square foot, two story building that will provide living space and offices. The old administration office will be removed in June and the area will become the parking lot.

Work on the project is being completed in phases to allow the station to continue to provide service to the community during construction. An open house is being planned for July 23, 2011. Watch the City website at www.arlingtonwa.gov for upcoming details regarding the open house.

A PEEK INTO CITY BUDGETING FOR 2012



The City's mission is to provide for the basic safety, health and welfare of our citizens by providing a variety of social, health, environmental, public safety, and other services to the public. This wide variety of services makes it a challenge for the City to keep its citizens informed and involved in the "business" of government.

By law the City is required by law to adopt an annual budget. This is a formal statement of the financial policy and plan for the year. The document presents in detail the financial plan, including its various sources of expected revenues and the allocation of those dollars to various expenditures.

During the summer months, departments will begin preparation of the budget request for 2012. Throughout this process, meetings will be held with appropriate staff, the City Administrator and the Mayor to review budget requests and determine if sufficient revenues and funds balances are expected to be in place to accommodate them. In the fall the "Proposed" or "Preliminary" Budget is prepared and made available to the public by November 1st on the City's website at www.arlingtonwa.gov, or by calling our office at 360-403-3421.

During November the budget will be discussed in a workshop session with the City Council. Public hearings will be conducted at regular business meetings and will provide for further discussion. State law directs the budget to be formally adopted by December 31st. This usually happens at the second regular Council meeting, on the third Monday, in December. Also during November, the general property tax and EMS levy rates for 2012 are discussed and adopted.

Arlington adopts its annual operating budget at the Fund level. There are approximately 30 separate funds used by the City. This includes both Operating Funds and Capital Projects Funds. Each fund can be viewed as a separate checking account to be used for a specific purpose.

The General Fund is the largest operating fund and finances most services that the City provides. This includes law enforcement, fire protection, parks and recreation, community development and administrative activities. This Fund is designated for City operations that are not required to be accounted for in a separate fund. Property taxes from citizens within the City limits of Arlington all go into the General Fund except for the amount collected for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) which go into the EMS Fund.

The second largest operating fund of the City is the Water/Sewer Utility Fund, following by the Airport Fund, the EMS Fund, the Public Works Maintenance & Operation Fund and the Street Fund.

To learn more about City budgets you can visit the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/> and go to Chapter 35.33, and/or attend the workshop meetings and regular meetings in November and December. The public is welcome to comment during the public hearings.

THE SPRING CLEANUP EVENT IS BACK!! June 11, 2011 10 AM-3 PM

Location: Arlington Airport 188th Street entrance



Your City water/sewer billing statement will serve as your admittance to the event
remember you must have this at the gate to enter.

New This Year - Personal Document Shredding – Limited Quantities

WE CAN TAKE THESE ITEMS:

- *Refrigerators / freezers
- *Computers, televisions, monitors
- *Printers, copiers, microwaves, keyboards
- *Recyclable metals
- *Furniture / debris
- *Tires - 4 per household (must be removed from wheels)

WE CANNOT TAKE THESE ITEMS:

- *Household Hazardous Waste
- *Yard debris
- *Household garbage
- *Items from Commercial vendors & businesses

*For info call Marc @ 360-403-3457

COUNTRY CHARM RECREATION & CONSERVATION AREA IMPROVEMENTS

The Country Charm Conservation Area has been the benefactor of many hours by dedicated volunteers to help bring improvements to the parks that can be used by all. While vehicle access is not yet open, a walking trail has been completed and can be accessed just past the old Country Charm Barn.



Ben Larson and his sister/helper Anna.

William's Pipeline showed their strong support of Country Charm by awarding the City a \$20,000.00 grant for initial improvements to the area. Arlington High School senior Ben Larson took on the campground task for his culminating project. Ben assisted with the design, staking out the

individual campsites, and planting trees around the perimeter of the campsites. The City will utilize a portion of the William's grant to purchase picnic tables and fire pits for the campsites. The Rotary Club assisted with the planting of "Fruit Tree Boulevard" along the William's Pipeline easement. A long awaited amenity located directly at the bottom of the trail is the Off-Leash Pet Area. The project was an Eagle Scout project led by Mohonri Dorff, who organized and supervised the installation of the fencing

and ordering of signs. The project was funded by the Stilly/Snohomish Fisheries Enhancement Task Force (SSFETF) and City of Arlington Natural Resource's Budget.



*Mohonri Dorff and his helpers
Nicole and Lindsey Anderson*

The City continues to work with the SSFETF on completing native tree and shrub plantings along the river, streams and wetlands. At the April 9 Arbor Day event, 80 volunteers planted trees along the buffer and the campground perimeter. Stone Gossard of Pearl Jam surprised the City with an \$8,000 grant to assist with the purchase of native trees and shrubs to be planted at County Charm. Pearl Jam wanted to offset the carbon footprint created from their tour and give back to the community and environment. The grant will be used for plantings this fall.

INTRODUCING FORM BASED CODE & TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS TO WEST ARLINGTON

The City Council adopted the West Arlington Sub Area (WASA) Plan in February. The next step in the process is developing a Form-Based Code (FBC) and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program for the sub area. The FBC is a set of regulations to dictate placement, form and mass of buildings. The theory of FBC differs from traditional zoning practice in that it focuses on the form and pattern of development rather than land uses. The WASA is the first area of the City in which FBC will be implemented.

At the same time, the City will be implementing a new TDR program for the WASA. The area will be identified as a receiving area, in which development credits have the potential to be transferred from the agricultural and natural resource lands of the Stillaguamish River Valley to the WASA. Current market conditions will dictate the compensation level the sending area property owner receives, and the receiving area property owner in the sub area will be able to use the transferred development rights to achieve higher densities than would otherwise be permitted.

Citizens and stakeholders are encouraged to be involved throughout the process. Public workshops will be held, as well as presentations at Planning Commission and City Council meetings. The next workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th, 6:00 p.m., at the Stillaguamish Senior Center, 18308 Smokey Pt. Blvd. More information about the meeting will be provided on the City's webpage at www.arlingtonwa.gov, or call 360-403-3551.

SUMMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREVENTION FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY

Heat Related Illnesses

Those at greatest risk for heat-related illness include infants and children up to four years of age, people 65 years of age and older, people who are overweight, and people who are ill or on certain medications. The best defense against heat related illness is prevention. Staying cool and making simple changes in your fluid intake, activities and clothing during hot weather can help you remain safe and healthy. What you can do to protect yourself:

- Drink cool nonalcoholic beverages. Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink.
- Rest
- Take a cool shower, bath or sponge bath
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing
- Stay indoors and, if at all possible, seek an air-conditioned environment.
- Do not engage in strenuous activities
- NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle, including pets Check regularly on:
 - Infants and young children
 - People aged 65 or older
 - People who have a mental illness
 - Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure

People aged 65 years and older are more prone to heat related illnesses than younger people for several reasons:

They do not adjust as well as young people to sudden changes in temperature; they are more likely to have a chronic medical condition that changes normal body responses to heat.

They are more likely to take prescription medicines that impair the body's ability to regulate its temperature or that inhibit perspiration.

Warning signs of trouble.

Heat Stroke is the most serious heat-related illness. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided. Call for immediate medical assistance while you begin cooling the victim.

Signs of heat stroke vary but may include the following:

- An extremely high body temperature (above 103°F, orally)
- Red, hot, and dry skin (no sweating)
- Rapid, strong pulse
- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Unconsciousness

Do the following: Get the victim to a shady area. Cool the victim rapidly using whatever methods you can. For example immerse the victim in a tub of cool water; place the person in a cool shower; spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose; sponge the person with cool water; or if the humidity is low, wrap the victim in a cool, wet sheet and fan him or her vigorously. Monitor body temperature, and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101-102°F. If emergency medical personnel are delayed, call the hospital emergency room for further instructions. Do not give the victim fluids to drink. Get medical assistance as soon as possible.

Water Related Accidents

Our biggest concern is having children in or around water. Often the rivers are still high in July from winter run off and can be very deceiving and dangerous. Any child near the water should wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Most river parks and lakes do not have life guards thus making adult supervision vital.

Keeping Children Safe In, On, and Around the Water

- Maintain constant supervision. Watch children around any water environment (pool, stream, lake, tub, toilet, bucket of water), no matter what skills your child has acquired and no matter how shallow the water. For younger children, practice "Reach Supervision" by staying within an arm's length reach.
- Don't rely on substitutes. The use of flotation devices and inflatable toys cannot replace parental supervision. Such devices could suddenly shift position, lose air, or slip out from underneath, leaving the child in a dangerous situation.
- Enroll children in a water safety course or swim classes. Your decision to provide your child with an early aquatic experience is a gift that will have infinite rewards. These courses encourage safe practices.
- Parents should take a CPR course. Knowing these skills can be important around the water and you will expand your capabilities in providing care for your child.

NEW FEATURES AND ATTRACTIONS AT ARLINGTON FLY-IN JULY 6-10

It's just around the corner, and you won't want to miss this year's Arlington Fly-In July 6 - 10. Family fun event with an aviation theme adds new attractions to delight both young and young at heart. The best of the fly-in will be returning with daily airshows, static aircraft displays, the runway theater, bi-plane, helicopter, warbird rides and the Saturday evening Hot Air Balloon Night Glow.



Appearing for the first time at Arlington 'Sentimental Journey' owned by the Commemorative Air Force is a World War II vintage B-17 bomber airplane where you can get an up-close and personal look at this unique piece of aviation history. The public is invited to tour this airplane—inside and out. There's even the opportunity for some lucky individuals to actually take a flight and experience this rare aircraft first-hand.

For those who've been missing the Arlington Carnival, we've added a full fledge carnival with thrilling rides and games of chance. Other new attractions include a radio controlled flight area where you can test your skills at unmanned flight. A model hobby expo area will feature radio controlled aircraft, helicopters, race cars and tanks.



Our Military History area is growing once again featuring the Northwest's largest gathering of Military Vehicles and Weapons display, a Medal of Honor display and visits by a host of WWII Veterans including several Tuskegee Airmen. New additions this year include a shooting gallery, jeep rides and WWII tank demonstrations featuring the newest acquisitions by Paul Allen and the Flying Heritage Collection. On Sunday our salute to Veterans Flight Line Parade just before the airshow will feature some of the unique vehicles.

Friday will be antique aircraft day with special one of a kind restored aircraft and a museum display from the Skagit Aero Museum in our Barnstormer area. Vintage autos will be on display with the vintage aircraft.

Check out the Fly-In web site to see all the activities scheduled as always kids under 16 enter free with an adult. www.arlingtonflyin.org or call the Fly-In office at 360-435-5857

The Arlington Buy Local campaign, an awareness program of the Arlington-Smokey Point Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Arlington Business Association, is designed to encourage residents to make their purchases at Arlington businesses. While promoting local shopping would seem to be an obvious marketing strategy for business organizations, the real winners of Buy Local are those of us who live in Arlington. As we all know, when purchases are made locally a portion of the sales tax comes back to help fund city services which all of us use, and need.

But there is another important reason why buying local in these difficult economic times is an excellent way to both support your community and benefit yourself. With gasoline prices now rising to \$4.00 per gallon, or more, every mile you can save when making your shopping trips is money in your pocket. While some items may not be available locally, giving some thought to what you can buy in Arlington will reduce your miles driven - and help your budget.

It's also important to remember that most successful businesses rely on repeat local customers who return again and again to buy products and services. How important are local customers to Arlington's businesses? Here's what two of our business owners had to say. "We absolutely depend on repeat Arlington customers buying our products for two reasons," said Sherie Rzczkowski, owner of Petite Sweet Bakery on Olympic Avenue. "First, we need them as customers, and, second, they let us know what products they want us to bake. This keeps us on track to being successful and meeting our customers' needs." The local manager of Jo-Ann Fabrics in Smokey Point, Cindy Slater, said, "We came to Arlington following lots of market research to serve this growing community, and our local customers are the foundation of our business. Also we understand the importance of our sales taxes in providing city services that we, and our customers, need."

So, for all of these reasons, buying local is a lot more than a slogan. And making purchases where you live offers significant benefits to you, and to the businesses where you shop.

