



Arlington Update

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SAVORING A WONDERFUL SUMMER

Mayor Margaret Larson



As I sit and write this message, another fabulous summer packed with events is now concluding. I hope you and your family had the opportunity to join in the fun, as we had so much to offer.



Every year I thoroughly enjoy the 4th of July festivities and this year was no different. From the pancake breakfast and Pedal, Paddle, Puff events down at Haller Park, to the 4th of July Grand Parade, to the Rotary Duck Dash, and the evening sky filled with fireworks, it truly amazed me to see so many smiling faces, despite the cold. And on the heels of the 4th of July, the NWEAA Fly-In was once again an amazing spectacle of all that aviation has to offer.

In the midst of these two major events, I was proud to host two major Little League tournaments with over 32 teams from all over western Washington participating. These tournaments brought in over 500 people to Arlington and allowed us to show case all that truly is Arlington. The City and the Stilly Valley Little League are excited about the prospects of bringing at least three Little League tournaments to Arlington in 2011. I hope you take the time in the coming months to visit the Quake and Evans ballfield complexes near Arlington Municipal Airport. We are proud to have partnered with Stilly Valley Little League to make these fields some of the best around.

Our summer has also been filled with arts and entertainment. We kicked off the summer with Shakespeare in the Park at Terrace Park. The City's Movies in the Park series, with the new addition of karaoke to keep folks entertained while we wait for darkness to set in, has been a huge success. And I always enjoy the wide variety of music the City offers during the annual Music in the Park series.

On July 6th, the City of Arlington was informed that Snohomish County had received a surprise grant award of \$1 million to complete the missing gap in the Centennial Trail. The grant, from the State's Recreation and Conservation Office, was initially applied for in 2006. The money was freed up after other projects around the state either fell through or were completed under budget. With the grant and an additional \$800,000 in capital projects money, the County will be able to complete the 20 block gap, from the 152nd St NE trailhead to 172nd St NE, by the end of summer in 2011. Completing the missing 1.2 mile stretch is what the City and the hundreds of thousands of users of the Centennial Trail have been waiting for many, many years.

As I conclude, I want to remind all of you of the upcoming EMS Levy vote on November 2nd. More information about the City's EMS program and the EMS Levy proposal is included in this edition of the Arlington Update. I hope you take the time to review the information and most importantly, remember to vote!

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OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Arlington Public Library	435-3033
Arlington School District	618-6200
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

MAY 17

Ordinance 2010-008	Repealing and re-adopting AMC 13.12 relating to utility rates
Ordinance 2010-009	Amending & repealing certain sections of AMC Title 12 re streets & sidewalks; adding a new chapter 12.48 re side walk and roadside memorials.
Ordinance 2010-010	Amending & repealing certain sections of AMC Title 13 re utility service regulations.

JUNE 7

Resolution 2010-005	Adopting the City of Arlington Agenda Publish Policy
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JUNE 21

Ordinance 2010-011	Amending and repealing certain sections of AMC Title 15 relating to fire regulations.
Ordinance 2010-012	Amending & repealing certain sections of AMC Title 16 relating to buildings and construction.
Resolution 2010-006	Adopting a fee schedule for dog licenses.

JULY 19

Ordinance 2010-013	Amending & repealing certain sections of AMC Title 14 re: Airport Regulations
Ordinance 2010-014	Repealing certain chapters of AMC Title 15 re: Telecommunications & Cable Systems
Ordinance 2010-015	Repealing AMC 17 relating to mobile home regulations
Ordinance 2010-016	Creating AMC Title 21 Cable System Regulations

CITY CALENDAR

City Council

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

Planning Commission

1st and 3rd Tuesdays - 7 PM Council Chambers, 110 E. Third Street.
Contact 360-403-3445.

Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission

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

Airport Commission

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

Library Board

Meets quarterly. Contact 403-3441.

Civil Service Commission

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

Cemetery Board

Meets quarterly. Contact 360-403-3428.

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WHY ALL THE FUSS ABOUT BUYING LOCAL?

Earlier this year, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Arlington Business Association launched a campaign to encourage the City of Arlington to Buy Local. The City of Arlington is more than just our city administration and elected officials – it's YOU, too!

So what is local? Local is any business or service that operates within the city limits of Arlington, from "mom and pop" to big box and everything in between.

So why should I buy local? When we as members of the Arlington community buy local we are reinvesting in our community. How? Sales Tax Revenue!

Sales tax revenue represents a significant amount of operating funds for the City of Arlington. Through sales tax revenue we can positively affect the services we expect as members of this community. Do you want a more substantial police force? Buy Local. Do you enjoy our parks and recreation options? Buy Local. Do you want more/better parks and recreation options? Buy Local. More street repair? Buy Local! Fire Protection? Buy Local!

For every purchase you make, 1% of the 8.6% sales tax you pay when you buy something in Arlington stays right here. For instance, a \$500.00 purchase in Arlington results in \$5.25 staying here to help maintain the City.

Why shop in other towns and maintain their facilities? We all make choices, choose to Think Arlington First and Buy Local.



City of Arlington Neighborhood Corps Promoting sustainable neighborhood networks to increase safety, awareness, and civility within the Arlington Community!

The City of Arlington is currently in the process of working on a program to build neighborhood contacts and programs to promote Neighborhood Building within the City.

Many neighborhoods have been established for years, some are in the infancy phase and some are still to be established. Neighborhood Corps is not Home Owners Associations, Neighborhood Corps will be established to help promote Public Safety, Emergency Management, Social Networks and Civility within their boundaries.

Would you like to become part of the movement? If so please email your interest to neighborhoodcorp@arlingtonwa.gov.

Help become part of the solution to developing more social capital within your neighborhood. Let us know of your interest in helping to keep Arlington one of the most loved communities in Snohomish County. Sign up to learn more at neighborhoodcorp@arlingtonwa.gov or call 360-403-3618.

A NEW LOOK IS COMING FOR AN OLD BARN



Near the bank of the Stillaguamish River the old barn at the City-owned Hammer/Butler farm has stood for many years. During the snowstorm of 2009, the barn was badly damaged. As a part of the FEMA recovery program, the City received funding to pay for those damages and reconstruct the barn.

Earlier this year, the City awarded a bid to replace the damaged portion of the barn with a new pole building. The damaged portion has now been demolished. Permits for the project are being obtained

through Snohomish County, and require additional steps due to the location in the floodplain.

Currently, the City uses the roundhouse at the Hammer/Butler homestead site for fire and police training, as well as storage. The newly constructed 80' x 36' covered area will be available for uses such as building floats for the 4th of July parade or simply a place to play outside on a rainy day.

CITY PRESENTS CORNERSTONE AWARDS

Most residents would probably agree that the reconstruction of Olympic Avenue in 2007, a project that included replacement of aging infrastructure, and a new streetscape of sidewalks, utility poles, crosswalks and plantings, ushered in a revitalized downtown in Arlington. Many businesses followed the street upgrade with their own projects to improve their building facades. An important guide to these improvements was a set of design guidelines prepared by a team of urban design and planning students from the University of Washington. To recognize those businesses which invested in their storefronts, and are helping to make Arlington a more attractive place, the City initiated the Cornerstone Award.

The Cornerstone Award is presented by Mayor Larson to those Arlington businesses which have made significant improvements to their business facades and contribute to the overall appearance of our community. During the past year Mayor Larson has presented seven businesses with the Cornerstone Award at City Council meetings. The businesses recognized are:

- Flowers by George, 335 North Olympic Ave.
- The School Box, 314 North Olympic Ave.
- Olsen Investment & Management LLC, 16821 Smokey Point Boulevard.
- Mucklestone Law Office, 515 North Olympic Ave
- Rocket Alley Bar & Grill, 420 North Olympic Ave.
- Co-op Supply, 101 South Olympic Ave.
- Stillaguamish Square, 540 N. West Ave.

We look forward to recognizing additional businesses that have taken steps to enhance the appearance and appeal of our business centers. When you visit these businesses, please let them know that their investments in our community are appreciated.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

West Arlington Plan Gaining Synergy

The West Arlington project is a great example of the benefit of planners to coalesce a community's vision. Throughout the last nine months of neighborhood discussions, the positive reinforcement continues to build in support of this effort. The Smokey Point, West Bluff and Island Crossing neighborhoods have individual character but share the same connection with Smokey Point Boulevard as their main transportation corridor. This West Arlington planning effort continues to identify the advantages of a live, work and play community.

The use of a modern zoning tool called "form based codes" will require new development to incorporate attractive building design that can host a variety of uses. It will add needed elements such as pedestrian connectivity and open space areas that benefit families to access their community by foot or bicycle. It will bring a beneficial face along all of Smokey Point Avenue with the addition of street trees and safe pedestrian lanes.

Another key element of the synergy developing from this effort is the inclusion of Transfer of Development rights (TDR) to be used as an incentive for high quality development. With the use of TDR certificates, a developer will be able to achieve higher densities that are desirable in a neighborhood providing live, work and play alternatives. The look will be modern, but share the same characteristics such as stores at street level while the upper two floors may be offices or condominiums. The City will seek incentives for commercial development drawing the kind of businesses our citizens' desire, while at the same time provide the services and products which support a healthy lifestyle. The use of TDR's is all in the name of saving the Stillaguamish Valley from unplanned development and maintaining the food production and riverine habitats for future generations to enjoy.

Shoreline Master Plan

The City has been making great progress in developing an updated Shoreline Master Plan (SMP). The deadline for completion is July 2011. The three areas included in the SMP are Country Charm Conservation Area, Old Town along Burke to Haller Park, and a small section along Portage Creek that will predominately stay as buffer and not be impacted by the regulations. The draft Characterization and Analysis has been reviewed by the Washington State Department of Ecology and work has begun to develop the Cumulative Impact Analysis and draft regulations for uses within the shoreline. We are hoping to designate the area around old Haller City (near Haller park) as an historic use area where we may one day see uses such as canoe construction, restaurants or bed and breakfasts serving residents and visitors alike.

Country Charm Conservation Area

Work is being done on the completion of the off-leash pet area so it will be ready when the pedestrian trail to the bottom land is open. The pet area will be fenced and offer separate sections for large and small dogs. Pet owners will be responsible to pick-up animal waste to keep the area free of diseases which can be passed from pet to pet. There are several streams, wetlands and the main south fork Stillaguamish that already have water quality impairments and it will be important that pet owners keep their pets on a leash when visiting the fish and wildlife habitat areas. A water feature for the dogs is also included in the planning efforts.

The Chinook population is at severe risk of extinction with only a couple hundred fish returning in a good year. Restoring the trees to provide shade, logs to form pools in the river, stabilize the stream bank and forest duff to reduce overland flow of pollutants will increase the chances of survival for the Chinook. City staff would welcome your participation in planting a few trees this winter in the effort to keep our corner of nature alive for future generations. Stay tuned for an announcement about those upcoming opportunities to plant along the south fork of the Stillaguamish at Country Charm.

Dreaming of Starting Your Own Business?

A reminder that even though the economic times are tough, the staff of Community Development would like to help you plan for the future. If you have a dream of someday starting a business or building your dream home we are here to assist as you build the foundation of that vision. A short ten-minute visit to our Permit Center may help you realize that your vision may be closer than you think. Now is the time to plan so we are all prepared to take action when times are good once again.

ARE YOU READY FOR AN EMERGENCY?

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.



You can find up to date information on how to create a kit, make a plan, become more informed, and how you can become more involved in your community by going to www.Ready.gov and continuing to read this article. If you do not have internet access and wish to receive the information in the mail, call 360-403-3618 and leave your name and address to receive a preparedness packet.

Community of Arlington Emergency Management: The City of Arlington has taken significant steps to become better prepared to deal with emergencies and disasters by updating the City Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, the Community Mitigation Plan and by joining with partners the Arlington School District and Cascade Hospital. As emergency management partners' steps are being taken to make sure response and recovery plans are congruent with each other and that communication between partners continues even when phones do not. Each partner is working to enhance their plans to be Ready to do the most good for the most people in the community they serve.

City of Arlington Alerts: One of the next steps in the overall City of Arlington Emergency Management plan is to get community involved in preparedness and response planning. How can the community become more involved? The City has purchased an emergency alerting system that asks residents, businesses, congregations, and non-profits to sign up to receive emergency text or email alerts to their cell phones and email addresses. YOU as a City resident, business, congregation or non-profit are asked to go to <http://arlingtonwa.mystateusa.com> and register to receive these important alerts. They may not be frequent, but when it counts, they will be pushed out regularly over a web based system so that you will be one of the first to receive word of an important or impending situation within the City. Even when cell phones cannot connect, frequently texts can still be received as well as emails. Please log on and register your family, business, congregation or non-profit to receive these important alters. The system is simple and will only take you a few minutes. You will be asked to identify which neighborhood you reside within. If you don't know, please email your address to neighborhoodcorp@arlingtonwa.gov to find out if your address has a designated neighborhood name.

SMOKE ALARMS ~ A SOUND YOU CAN LIVE WITH!

The National Fire Protection Agency recommends that a smoke alarm be installed in all bedrooms, and at least one on every level of the home (including the basement), and outside all sleeping areas. It is also recommended that smoke alarms be interconnected, so that when one sounds, they all do.

Most residents are not aware of the two types of smoke alarm technologies available – **ionization and photoelectric**. Ionization smoke alarms are generally more responsive to flaming fires – like a pan fire or smoke from cooking. Photoelectric smoke alarms are generally more responsive to smoldering fires – like a cigarette, overheated wiring, or something hot like a space heater. Both types of smoke alarms should be installed in your home or combination ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms that take advantage of both technologies.

During Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 2010, City of Arlington Fire Department is promoting "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" to better educate the public about recommendations for smoke alarms, and the steps they can take to best protect their homes and loved ones. The Arlington Fire Department is actively supporting this campaign through family-oriented events during Fire Prevention Week as well as making Smoke Detectors available to those who cannot afford them or need replacements. Call the fire department for more details, 360-403-3600.

EMS PERMANENT LEVY ON NOVEMBER 2 BALLOTS

Arlington's current Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy approved in 2004 by voters will expire in 2011.

In November voters will be asked to renew this funding at the same level previously approved for 24-hour basic life support and advanced life support programs, a rate of up to 50 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, for 2011 and each and every year thereafter.



Historical Perspective on EMS

Providers of emergency medical services in the United States began changes in how they delivered EMS as the result of research conducted during military conflicts in Korea and Vietnam. Early field treatment of sick and injured persons had positive outcomes. It was determined that emergency medical treatment applied rapidly in the field significantly improved a patient's chances of survival or reduced injury.

As a result local communities began looking for ways to provide quicker emergency medical responses to their residents and increase their chances for survival and reduce the severity of injuries during medical emergencies.

Arlington EMS Services

Arlington Fire Department has been providing basic EMS service to the community since 1905. Ambulance service once again became part of the Arlington EMS system in 1999 after being provided by Cascade Valley Hospital from 1976 to 1998.

Today the Arlington Fire Department has three stations strategically located to help with quick responses and staffed with a highly trained workforce that provides both basic and advanced life support to our citizens. Medic 46 located in downtown Arlington is the primary advanced life support unit for the City, as well as Arlington Heights, Darrington and Oso. Aid 47 located at the Airport Station is the primary basic life support unit for the City, Arlington Heights and Oso. Medic 48 located between Smokey Point and Island Crossing is the primary advanced life support unit for the Smokey Point and Island Crossing areas and serves as back up to Arlington Heights, Darrington and Oso as well as Silvana.

The Arlington Fire Department responded to over 3,000 calls in 2009 for assistance requested through the 911 system. This represents a twelve percent increase since 2007. EMS-related incidents have accounted for nearly 80% of all calls for assistance.

The cost of conducting day to day operations, maintaining and replacing apparatus and equipment, and remaining current with technology keeps rising. A permanent EMS levy at a rate not to exceed fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation would provide an ongoing and stable funding source for EMS for our community, allowing us to meet the challenges in providing basic and advanced life support to Arlington and provide revenues for replacement of medic and aid units.

The fifty cents translates to approximately \$100 a year, or \$8.34 a month, on a home assessed at \$200,000.

In 1968, motivated by the work of a world renowned cardiologist, the chief of the Seattle Fire Department began training firefighters to treat cardiac arrest. The first Medic One call was on March 7, 1970 and during the program's first year, 31 lives were saved.

In 1974, TV news-magazine, 60 Minutes profiled the success of Medic One, lauding the high standards of training and education. Correspondent Morley Safer declared, "If you have to have a heart attack, have it in Seattle."

Medic One service was expanded beyond Seattle in 1976 having been credited at the time with saving over 650 lives. Other areas in Washington State began adopting their own Medic One programs, including Arlington.

A New Year, A New Look

The City of Arlington is pleased to announce the launch of its new user-friendly website. The new website will also incorporate a social networking component, meaning that updates from the City will be on Facebook and Twitter. Watch for our fresh, new look at www.arlingtonwa.gov

IN THE FLOW

UTILITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

ARLINGTON CONTINUES TO DEVELOP A STRONG FUTURE WITH WATER

The City of Arlington Water Department is currently working with the consulting firm of Brown and Caldwell evaluating several different options available that would best benefit the City with its future water needs. The City has three sources of water supply: the Haller well field, the Airport well field, and service from Snohomish County Public Utility District (PUD). The Brown and Caldwell study will look at the costs and future opportunities of all three sources and recommend the best plan for the City's future water supply. A brief summary of the City water sources are:



Haller Well Field: Three riverside wells located in Haller Park pump water to the City's Water Treatment Plant (WTP) where it is filtered, chlorinated, and distributed throughout the City. The treatment plant is essentially at full capacity. However, we have more water rights than the treatment plant can process. The Brown & Caldwell study will examine: 1) ways to increase efficiencies to the existing WTP so more water can be processed, and 2) the effort required to expand the WTP in order to produce more water.

Airport Well Field: Groundwater withdrawn from the Airport well field is high quality water. However, full utilization of the City's water right at this source would require a new well to be drilled in addition to the installation of a new well house and pump system. At the same time, the City would also consider adding a treatment system at the well house.

PUD Water Line: To increase the amount of water the City currently receives from the PUD would require a large investment in the PUD water distribution infrastructure. However, the PUD purchased water does not require any additional treatment.

The City of Arlington Water Department is committed to finding the most cost-effective solution for the community's future long term water needs. The Brown & Caldwell study will be completed in early October and posted to the City's website.

CEMETERY IRRIGATION



The City has started installing a new irrigation system at the Arlington Cemetery that will help keep the Cemetery lawns green and landscape fresh all year round. Irrigation water for the Cemetery is provided from a well located on the Cemetery – the irrigation water does not come from the City's potable water system. As the City moves forward with the Water Reclamation Facility and reclaimed water becomes available at the Cemetery, the well will be decommissioned and the water rights transferred to the Haller well field.

LIVING SUSTAINABILITY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY GIVES KUDOS TO CITY'S WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

The organization "Living Green in Snohomish County" recognized King County's Brightwater treatment system and Arlington's Water Reclamation Facility as leading examples of sustainability in western Washington. KSER 90.7 FM weekly program "Seein' Green" also acknowledged Arlington's Water Reclamation facility when they interviewed Sandy Howard, Communications Manager for Washington State Dept of Ecology, on July 9, 2010.

Follow the below link to hear a pod cast of the interview:

<http://recyclewithkbk.podbean.com/2010/07/09/reclaimed-water-in-snohomish-county/>

AUTUMN IS THE TIME TO INSPECT AND CLEAN DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

As another Spring & Summer has come and gone we need to look for those items that may have been forgotten about like the new basketball that no one can find. Is it in the culvert opening down the street? (Believe it or not this happens frequently) You may want to send the kids out this fall to go through your neighborhood looking for things that may impact drainage during the upcoming winter and explain to them the importance of keeping culverts and catch basins clear of toys and debris. When the rain starts falling and we start noticing that the ditch isn't flowing very well, it's usually a lot harder and messier to clean things out and figure out what is blocking the water.



Also, at this time of the year we have to watch those beautiful red, orange & yellow leaves we call gorgeous in October turn into brown, slimy & trouble for us in November when the rain and wind start. Leaves are a huge problem for storm drains and catch basins if not kept cleaned up on a regular basis. You can spend an afternoon raking up leaves, but by the end of the week the wind has brought down more leaves onto your yard and street, causing problems for the water trying to get to the storm drains. Please be proactive when it comes to seeing potential problems with debris & leaves and keep things cleaned up as quickly as you can to avoid a bigger problem later on. Always remember to pick up the leaves or debris and dispose of them properly since sweeping raking or blowing these items onto the right-of-way or into the street is not allowed.

If you see clogged drains or flooding, please call the City's Stormwater Hotline at 360-403-4600

CITY RECEIVES \$115,000 GRANT TO HELP WITH STORMWATER NEEDS

The City of Arlington received a grant in the amount of \$115,678 from the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) under the Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grants Program. The 2010 State Legislature appropriated over \$54 million to the DOE to aid local governments in addressing stormwater management and control, building staffing capacity, and improving local stormwater programs. The program also supports the design and construction of stormwater retrofit projects or low-impact development (LID) projects. The City will use these funds to purchase much needed safety equipment for stormwater workers, to correct several areas where there are failing storm sewers, and to rehabilitate three failing infiltration systems.

Did you Know.....

- The Haller well field has been delivering water to Arlington for over 100 years!
- The first United States water plant with filters was built in 1872 in Poughkeepsie, NY. Arlington's first water treatment plant was built in 1924.
- The average person in the United States uses 80 to 100 gallons of water each day. Based on data from 2009, Arlington citizens consume approximately 83 gallons per day. During medieval times a person used only 5 gallons per day.

"We never know the worth of water till the well is dry"
~Thomas Fuller, 1732

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HOWARD CHRISTIANSON STEPS DOWN FROM CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

After more than 20 years on the Arlington Civil Service Commission, former Arlington Mayor Howard Christianson is stepping down. In his resignation letter to Mayor Larson, he stated "I have proudly served the Arlington community for much of my adult life. It is now time for me to enjoy my glory years and allow someone else the opportunity to give back to their community."

Public service has been a way of life for Mr. Christianson, stretching back to his enlistment in the Army during World War II. A 1939 graduate of Arlington High School, Howard and his wife, Delores, who passed away in 2003, raised three children in Arlington. Howard has been long active in the community, serving in local chapters of the Kiwanis Club, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Shriners, and the Free and Accepted Masons. The Arlington Lodge 129 of the Free and Accepted Masons named its Outstanding Citizenship Award in honor of Christianson himself.

Howard served on the Arlington City Council for 12 years before he was elected to two terms as Arlington's Mayor. He was elected to his first term as Mayor in 1971 as a write-in candidate. After deciding not to run again in 1980, Howard was appointed City Administrator and continued to lead the City. Over the years, Howard has been recognized for his contributions to the City of Arlington, including "Citizen of the Year" from the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, the "Booster of the Year" from Arlington High School, the "Builder of Boys" from the Arlington Boys and Girls Club in 1974, the Civic Award from the Association of Washington Cities in 1979, and the first Lifetime Achievement Award from the Stillaguamish Senior Center in 2006 for his significant contributions to his hometown.

In receiving Mr. Christianson's resignation, Mayor Larson noted "Howard has always been a fine friend to me, to the City of Arlington, and all who call this great city home. Howard has earned his opportunity to sit back and revel in all he has accomplished for this community over the past 60 plus years." From all of the staff at the City of Arlington, thank you Howard!



Howard Christianson, first on the right, in Veteran's Day Parade.

HO HO HO ~ THE ANNUAL SANTA RUN WILL BE BACK.....

For those neighborhoods inside the Arlington City limits, you will see a familiar sight this next December.

Santa and his helpers will again be collecting non-perishable items and donations for the Arlington Food Bank.

Be sure to watch for us as we drive through your neighborhood this year!

You can find us on the web at www.santarun.net



WHAT IS YOUR COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO VEHICLE PROWL PREVENTION?

Amy has an exciting day planned. She and her family are leaving for a long trip to Europe the next day and they have many errands to run. She starts her day off by going to the gym. After her workout, she walks back to her car and finds that her window is broken out. She discovers that her purse has been stolen. The purse contained: Wallet (drivers license, credit cards, lots of cash), American Express travelers checks, plane tickets, railroad tickets and passports. She was sure that she hid her purse under the seat so that no one could see it.

Joe drives to a large local shopping center to pay a bill. He parks his vehicle in front of the door where he walks in to pay the bill. He was only inside for a short time. Seizing their opportunity, vehicle prowlers broke his window and took his work laptop in a matter of minutes. This occurred during daylight hours, yet no one witnessed the crime.

Vehicle prowls are the theft of property from a motor vehicle. Most are crimes of opportunity through unlocked doors and open windows. Victims can encounter expensive vehicle damage especially to their windows, doors and locks when the prowler is determined to get in the vehicle. Common areas where these thieves look for prime targets and perform their actions are parking locations such as shopping centers, housing communities, parks and schools, since the prowler can target many vehicles in a short time span. Prowlers know the odds are good that someone will leave a door unlocked, a window down or keys in the ignition.

Unfortunately, vehicle prowls are very common. However, they are easily preventable. Use the simple and inexpensive tips below to reduce your risk of becoming a victim of vehicle prowl.

Parking and Securing Your Vehicle:

- Roll up the windows and lock all doors
- Use a garage or secure location whenever possible
- Park in well lit areas where your car can be seen
- If you hear something suspicious (shattering glass) or see someone looking into vehicles call 911

Remove These Items From Your Vehicle:

Laptops, Cameras, Wallets, Purses, Checkbooks, Garage Door openers (hide if possible), and any other items of value.

Anti-Theft Devices:

- Steering wheel locking devices are easy to install and inexpensive
- Car alarms are convenient and effective, especially if they disable the vehicle's starter when activated
- Locking gas caps deter fuel from being siphoned

Tips

- Lock your doors and windows. (Prowls are crimes of opportunity)
- Remove your personal property. (Put valuables in the trunk)
- Use anti-theft devices.
- Utilize visual deterrents by parking in lit areas with high visibility



VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

Volunteering on a City Board or Commission is a great way to get involved in the community. The City is looking for a person to fill a spot on both the Civil Service Commission and the Planning Commission. If you are interested in serving on either of these, you can get an application from the website at www.arlingtonwa.gov or by calling 360-403-3441 for more information. The deadline for all applications is Friday, October 15, 2010.



"Arlington - Through My Lens" Photo Contest 2010

Sponsored by City of Arlington

Eligibility

Contest is open to photographers of all ages and skill levels who are Arlington residents (98223). Entrants will be separated into two divisions, Youth (17 years & under) and adult (18 years & older). Photos will be used to promote Arlington. Digital submissions only please.

Subject Categories:

- *People *Pets *Places *Nature
- *Architecture *Art *Events

Submission Requirements

- There is no cost to enter and entrants may enter all categories but may submit only two photos per category.
- Photo may only be submitted once in one category.
- Age determined at time photo was taken. If photo was taken by a minor under the age of 18, permission to enter from a parent is required.
- Photos must be taken in Arlington 98223 zip code.
- Photos must not be previously published, must be suitable for publishing by the City, and cannot be altered in any way utilizing PhotoShop or other programs.
- City reserves the right to reassign entry to alternate category.

Digital Entry Requirements

- Photo's file name must include entrant's last name and category, for example: smithnature.jpg
- Digital files may be 9" x 7.25" @ 300dpi or 2700 pixels x 2175 pixels @ 72 dpi. If you are unsure of settings, please set camera to highest quality available. Preferred digital format is jpg or jpeg. Please no camera phone photos.
- Photo must be submitted on a labeled CD with entry form.

Deadline

All entries must be received by City Hall offices or via email no later than December 15th. Winners will be announced January 12, 2011.

Winning Photos

Photographers of winning photos will receive:

- Certificates will be awarded to first place in each category.
- Recognition by the City Council
- Select winning photos and non-winning photos, may be featured in the City's quarterly Arlington Update and Recreation Guide newsletter, displayed on the City's website, and/or may be used in other ways to promote the City.

How to Enter

A separate entry form (below) must accompany each photo submitted. Entry forms are available at City Hall 238 N Olympic Ave, Arlington, WA 98223, or online at www.arlingtonwa.gov. Send or drop off entries to: City of Arlington, Recreation, 238 N Olympic

QUESTIONS? Contact the City of Arlington Recreation Department at 360-403-3448 email: shiggins@arlingtonwa.gov

"ARLINGTON-THROUGH MY LENS" PHOTO CONTEST 2010 ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Division: Youth (17 years & under) or Adult (18 years & over) Subject Category: _____

Approximate Date photo was taken _____ Location _____

Caption for the photo (five words or less) _____

Photo Release Form: I hereby grant permission and authorize the City of Arlington to use, publish, copyright, and re-publish my photograph, in whole or in part, unchanged or modified, in all media that exists now or later, for purposes of promoting, describing, and advertising City facilities, events, and programs sponsored by the City of Arlington. I also release and waive any and all claims against the City for such use, publication and republication. I also declare that I am the person who took the submitted photo.

Signature of entrant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/ Guardian if under age of 18 _____ Date _____