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Council Highlights

Elected officials have been working on the following:

Septmeber:

Approved street closure for Taking Steps to Beat Breast Cancer Walk, Oct. 25
Public Hearing 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan
Presentation of revised Civil Service rules
Approved Amendment to Affordable Housing Alliance to add City of Stanwood
Adopted the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan
Approved Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for traffic control device and street light maintenance, engineering and construction services
Approved Professional Agreement with AE-Com to assist with civil review
Approved Ordinance amending Title 11 regarding Code Enforcement
Signed Resolution urging the Governor and Legislature to preserve the Streamlined Sales Tax Mitigation distribution to impacted local jurisdictions in the 2015-2017 biennial budget
Held Joint Meeting with Arlington School District and Cascade Valley Hospital

October:

Presentation by Friends of Library, Bea Randall
Approved Fire apparatus acquisition and financing
Approved Airport Property appraisal
Approved Professional Services Agreement with Shockey Planning Group
Approved Ordinance relating to land use and zoning; amending the Arlington Municipal Code to establish local restrictions on the production and processing of marijuana, and repealing the moratorium
Presentation -Stillaguamish Genealogy Society, statewide conference
Approved Agreement with Arlington Schools for a School Resource Officer
Approved Pumpkin Roll and Santa Parade street closures
Authorized the City to apply for Hotel Motel Grant for Haller Park Boat Ramp
Authorized the City to apply for Hotel Motel Grant for event programming
Public Hearing on 2015 revenues and setting property tax rate
Approved Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for transportation improvement following the Oso slide
Approved Finance Process Study agreement
Authorized short term interfund loan for EMS
Approved Utility Tax Ordinance to remove sunset provision

November:

Presentation Snohomish Health District Healthy Communities Award
Approved Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Jail Services
Approved Public Works Trust Fund Loans Amendments
Authorized application for SnoCo Community Development Block Grant
Appointed Rachel Ralson to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
Public Hearing on 2015 Budget
Set the Property Tax Levy Rate for EMS for 2015
Approved Fire Station 48 Lease Extension
Approved ESRI Contract for GIS at no cost
Approved Project closeout for Airport Blvd Ph2
Approved project closeout for Utility Improvements projects
Adopted the Public Participation Program for Comprehensive Plan Update
Appointed Trevor Gaskin and Tony La Salata to Planning Commission
Presentation of SR531 Value Engineering Study Results

December:

Ratified prior Director appointments
Approved Purchasing Policy update
Approved amendments to financial policies addressing purchasing procedures
Adopted 2015 Budget and 2014 Budget amendments

Council Meeting agendas can be viewed on our website calendar at: <http://arlingtonwa.gov/>.

Transportation Benefit District Board

December: Approved 2015 TBD Budget and 2015 TBD Work Plan

Mayor's Message

Happy New Year Arlington,

It is always exciting as we enter a new year and anticipate what progress we will make and what opportunities will be presented. Last year was full of unexpected events including a natural disaster; through this tragedy you showed how compassionate and resilient we are as a community.

Your City Staff is looking forward to continuing our evolution as a team to provide streamlined processes and continual updates to our planning. A key item on our list is the update to the City's Comprehensive Plan. This plan sets the vision for the future of our community; having you involved in commenting or reviewing the plan ensures that the vision is one that is shared. You will read in this update how you can participate. We have also started replacing some of the aging and unreliable equipment used in our Police and Fire services, the new equipment will serve you for the next decade.

We have begun the process to upgrade our computer technology with a focus on cyber security and easy access to secured stored data. This migration to cloud storage will allow us to more cost effectively store the data required and will also improve access to that data. Early in the year we will recruit and hire a new Director of Finance to replace Jim Chase who retired in late 2014.

Public Safety Director Bruce Stedman will complete the implementation of the next three phases of the public safety improvement program to align us to a community policing service that provides an improved link between police and our citizens. Our community and economic development staff are busy with general information meetings on potential new businesses that will help fill some empty spaces and bring new building as well. Stay tuned to our weekly e-newsletters for updates as plans progress.

This year we will also complete another 40 sections of road preservation and maintenance funded by the Transportation Benefit District. Projects are scheduled across the City and you can follow the plans on our website at arlingtonwa.gov/tbd. Haller Park parking lot expansion is scheduled, and we are hopeful to acquire the additional capital funding to complete the bathroom upgrade.

We have staff involved in planning to explore an expanded library, as well as development of a community resource center for family assistance, a regional designation as a Manufacturing Industrial Center to help promote family wage jobs here in the city, and a partnership with EVCC and WSU for access to programs to ensure we are building the workforce for the future.

By late spring/early summer we expect to receive the final draft of an Economic Redevelopment Plan, funded by a grant from the Economic Development Agency. This is a partnership with our neighbors to ensure we build a viable resilient future for Arlington and surrounding communities.

This year we welcome Paul Ellis to his new position as City Administrator, you can read about Paul's qualifications and goals in this update. Succession planning will continue to be a focus in 2015 and beyond as we accept the retirement of team members and ensure a smooth transition to keep our services and progress on track.

Sincerely, Mayor Barb Tolbert



Mayor Barb Tolbert and City Administrator Paul Ellis

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City Meetings

City Council Meeting 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7pm Council Chambers 110 E 3rd St. 360-403-3441

City Council Workshop 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7pm Council Chambers 110 E 3rd St. 360-403-3441

Transportation Benefit District Board 1st Monday after Council Meeting, workshop 4th Monday

Airport Commission 2nd Tuesdays at 7pm Airport Office 18204 59th Dr NE 360-403-3470

Cemetery Board the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:30pm at the Cemetery Office 360-403-3428

Civil Service Commission 1st Mondays at 9am Council Library 110 E Third St. 360-403-3439

Library Board Meets quarterly at 5:30pm Council Library 110 E Third St. 360-403-3441

Parks Arts & Recreation Commission 4th Tuesdays at 6pm Council Chambers 110 3rd St. 360-403-3448

Planning Commission 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Council Chambers 110 E 3rd St. 360-403-3435

Jan. 5, 20, Feb. 2, 17, Mar. 2, 16, April 6, 20

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Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, April 14

Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, April 21

Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, April 6

Feb. 19, May 21

Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 24, April 28

Jan. 6, 22, Feb. 3, 19, Mar. 3, 17, April 7, April 21

Meet the City Administrator

With the December 31, 2014 retirement of City Administrator, Allen Johnson, the Mayor, in accordance with AMC 2.06.020, recommended the appointment of Paul Ellis to fill that position beginning January 1, 2015. His appointment and contract were approved by the City Council on December 15, 2014.

Paul has been with the city for 11 years managing Capital Projects, Economic and Community Development as part of the city's executive management team. Prior to his move to the City of Arlington in 2003, he managed his own private business for 18 years. Paul moved his family to Arlington shortly after joining the City and has raised four daughters here.

He recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. He is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed in the 27 countries represented by ICMA. Washington State currently has 25 managers credentialed.

Paul's immediate goals for the first six months as the new City Administrator are to:

- Complete the Activity-Based Budget Process and add strategic long and short-term goals. The City Council retreat will be held in the spring instead of fall this year to set strategic goals for the city and incorporate those changes in the budget. Reviewing the city's direction a few months earlier will allow us to be more nimble as we guide the city through changes in the market conditions and continue to improve our financial position.
- Conclude negotiations on three labor contracts. The City has three labor contracts renewing this year. The negotiations team will be meeting with labor groups over the next couple of months to develop the new contracts.
- Establish effective communication between management and City Council. Meet with City Council and the Management Team individually and as a group to discuss ways to improve the flow of information. City Council has an extraordinary amount of information to review and keep current on. The goal is to be sure the Council are receiving the correct amount of detail to make informed decisions about the direction of the city.
- Create a Senior Management and Directors Team for improved problem solving.
- Update policies, procedures and performance appraisals for Human Resources. Many of our human resource policies need to be updated and aligned with the current industry standards. This is an opportune time to look at all personnel policies and bring them up to standards.
- Hire a new Finance Director with strong financial analysis skills. Jim Chase served as Finance Director until his retirement in September of 2014. This position has a key role in the Management Team. We will be looking for a candidate with strong financial analysis skills that will guide our long-range financial projections.
- Institute a process for collaborative service delivery between line departments. The Activity- Based Budgeting also helps identify new ways to create collaboration in service delivery. In a process similar to lean manufacturing, we will look at the services we provide, how we provide them, and whether there are more cost-effective ways to deliver these services.

City utilizes central purchasing program to reduce costs and help assure compliance with laws

The City of Arlington recently instituted a central purchasing program aimed at procuring goods and services that will provide the best value for the City while helping to ensure efficiency and integrity in the process. This new program was implemented as a result from recommendations made by the State Auditor's Office to tighten purchasing and contracting procedures and training. With this recommendation, the City determined that it was in the City's best interest to have one staff member fully versed in state and local laws regarding purchasing and contracting for goods and services.

Kurt Patterson was assigned to the full time Central Purchasing Coordinator position in 2013. Kurt is tasked with saving the City and its taxpayers money not only by finding the "best deal" on goods and services, but also by saving City staff time by performing these tasks for them, allowing them to focus on their essential job duties. He is also charged with ensuring that the City is in full compliance with state and local purchasing and contracting laws, which can be extremely complex and varied.

Kurt has several tools at his disposal to assist in this process. They range from purchasing cooperatives like KCDA and HGAC-Buy, to State bid contracts that can be "piggybacked" on to save the time and expense of conducting bid processes while still meeting the requirements of state bid laws. These tools have been utilized to purchase everything from simple office supplies to squad cars and fire apparatus. Savings of over \$7,000 has been realized on office supplies, office furniture, tires, batteries, HVAC parts, flares and bollards for use at the airport in just the first six months of 2014.

In addition, Kurt also disposes of surplus vehicles and equipment to bring the largest return possible. This year almost \$27,000 was returned to the City budget by the sale of surplus cars, trucks and miscellaneous equipment.

In the short time the Central Purchasing Program has been in place it has proven to be a benefit to the City and will become more valuable as more opportunities for savings are taken advantage of.

2015 Comprehensive Plan Update- Public Participation

The City of Arlington has established a Public Participation Program to help citizens and other interested parties understand, follow, and participate in the periodic update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Public Participation Program explains what a comprehensive plan is, the City's approach to updating the plan, how citizens can become involved, and the projected timeline for completing the update.

Becoming involved in the comprehensive planning process is an opportunity for you to voice your thoughts, opinions, and desires on how you wish to see your community develop over time. Perhaps you are passionate about the preservation and enhancement of existing community assets such as parks, trails, and recreational opportunities. Maybe you are concerned about transportation and the condition of city roads. Or, maybe you desire to see more affordable housing within the City. Whatever your concerns, passions, and desires are regarding the City's future growth and development, the comprehensive planning processes is the time for you to help shape your city's future.

Because the City relies on its comprehensive plan to set the direction for the City's future, your contribution to those plans helps the City ensure it is growing in a way that meets the needs and expectations of its residents. Without input from the community, your City government is left to assume how its residents want the City to grow and develop.

Learn how to become involved today!

Visit www.arlingtonwa.gov/complan. This webpage will be constantly updated with new information and links to draft documents so you can easily access, review, and provide the City with your feedback. Meeting notices will also be made available.

PARKS & RECREATION SURVEY

We would like your input as we update our Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Please take a few minutes to complete a survey at www.arlingtonwa.gov/recreationsurvey. Copies are also available at City Hall.

Seeking Volunteers for Boards and Commissions

Through the City's boards and commissions, citizens can provide input on the policies that shape their city government and city. There are currently seven boards and commissions that advise the Mayor and City Council on an array of issues- Planning Commission, Airport Commission, Civil Service Commission, Library Board, Park Arts and Recreation Commission, Tree Board, and Cemetery Board. Typical duties of volunteers on boards and commissions include providing expertise, advocating, receiving public concerns, and establishing and reviewing policies and regulations.

Board and Commission members must be residents of the City of Arlington or reside inside the City's urban growth area. Being on a board or commission requires attending monthly, bimonthly or quarterly meetings. The City is currently accepting applications for all positions, so that we have qualified applicants when seats become available. To find out more about a specific board or commission, please visit our website at www.arlingtonwa.gov/commissions. Board and commission meetings are open to the public, potential applicants are encouraged to sit in on meetings. Meeting dates, times and locations vary, and are posted on the city website calendar. For more information, please call 360-430-3441.

AFD Santa Run Food Drive Results

For about 25 years (nobody can remember the year we started!) the Arlington Fire Department has been escorting Santa on a decorated fire engine through Arlington neighborhoods collecting food donations, handing out candy canes and spreading holiday cheer. Alerted of Santa's arrival by the sounds of sirens, air horns and Christmas music residents of Arlington meet Santa and his helpers at the curb with bags, boxes and monetary donations for the Arlington Food Bank.

The event is the largest annual collection for the Arlington Food Bank. After a 10-day run, the crew collected 7,418 pounds of food and \$1,759. The event is organized by the Fire Department Staff, and volunteers from their families, city employees and citizens participate during the neighborhood runs. The costs incurred are covered by the two fire department employee organizations and donations. We would like to give a special thanks to Jennifer Egger & Cascade Valley Hospital for their continued support, Arlington Walmart for the discounted price on 4,000 candy canes, and the community for the amazing support of this event!

From the Desk of School Resource Officer Ambrose

My first four months as the newly assigned School Resource Officer have been simply amazing. My primary focus during this assignment is to ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and any other person that is at our schools. I want each school to be a safe learning environment and working in coordination with the Arlington School District, I believe we can achieve this goal. My office is at Arlington High School, where the sense of school pride and energy from students, staff and parents is almost indescribable. It is infectious and I find myself looking forward to coming to work every day to be in such a positive, high energy environment.

While my office may be at Arlington High School, I have found myself visiting each school within the Arlington School District to put faces to names and to begin addressing individual issues that each school may have with school safety and law enforcement. It has been a very busy four months. It became very clear to me within the first day, how important this job is. I have diligently worked on building relationships with both staff and students. I had the great opportunity to teach search and seizure laws to some of the high school students, which truly helped me to get to know them on an individual level. I have a student who I am currently mentoring to help complete her senior project. I attend dances, school football games, parades and assemblies, and spend as much time as I can in the lunchroom during lunchtime, as well as patrolling the school halls and grounds. My goal is to spend time at every building once a month to help better build a relationship with each school.

Some additional issues we have been working on include traffic safety at all of our schools throughout the day and during evening activities to ensure that our children safely return home every day. Detective Sergeant Dan Cone and I have met with various resources that have provided up to date information about drug awareness at the middle and high schools. We have been making progress on looking at alternatives to present drug information and also possibly implementing an entirely new drug education program in the coming months. We are still actively working to determine the best direction for the drug education program. Stay tuned!

In light of the recent tragic events that occurred at Marysville Pilchuck High School, Arlington Public Schools and the Arlington Police Department are reviewing our safety protocols to ensure they are both up to date and effective for our schools. In addition, we have held safety assemblies for the students and staff to educate them on appropriate ways to respond to threats occurring at school. During these assemblies the focus has been on empowering students and staff to make the best decision based on the situation occurring. As a result of reviews of the Marysville Pilchuck shooting, new safety protocols may be developed and recommended. As the year progresses, we will monitor the reviews and assess whether changes to our protocols and training are necessary.

I have truly enjoyed my first 4 months as the City's School Resource Officer look forward to a great 4 years!



Photo by Jacob Ensey

Arlington's Crime Prevention League's "All In" Campaign Update

Last summer, the Arlington Police Department launched a new approach to fight crime in Arlington. The Arlington Crime Prevention League's "All In Campaign" five pronged approach is designed to take "Community Policing" to the highest level. The five prongs included the City Council, Police Department, City Employees, Citizens, and businesses. A few of the highlights of the program include: (1) In June, the City Council passed important ordinances to deal with aggressive panhandling, illegal camping, and smoking in our parks; (2) The Police Department implemented three key strategies including the opening of their Smokey Point Sub-Station in a high crime area to ensure visibility and to improve response times, deploying a two person PROACT team to specifically attack identified crime problems and to go after top offenders, and conducting over 20 crime prevention community meetings; (3) City Employees were trained in crime prevention and observation skills; (4) Citizens took the pledge to be a part of the community crime prevention team and to call 911 if they see something suspicious; and (5) Businesses agreed to be part of the community policing effort and to call 911 if they catch someone stealing.



We have realized some successes in all of our efforts but still have a ways to go. So what's next? We will be continuing our efforts with all of the above team members in addition to launching a new pilot program. That program is the "Neighborhood Liaison" program, where we match up a police officer and a firefighter to different neighborhoods within the community. The purpose is to improve the connection the Police and Fire Departments have to our customers by providing an individual for that neighborhood to communicate with for non-emergency type issues. Personnel will be reaching out to neighborhoods in the near future. If you have not been contacted, please feel free to call 360-403-3614 for more information.

Police and Fire Departments look to 2015 for much needed equipment replacements

For the past few years, to meet budget the City postponed the replacement of its rolling stock for both the Police and Fire Departments. By 2014, many of these vehicles were in desperate need of replacement. The majority of our police cars had over 100,000 miles and fire equipment was pushing twenty years of service. All of our rolling stock were crushing our repair budgets, with expensive repairs and extended periods of time where the vehicles were not available for use.

This past April, Arlington voters supported a levy lid lift of 58 cents per thousand assessed value that would be used in part to correct this situation. These new monies are now correcting this immediate situation by providing us new equipment in 2015, and also allow the City to fund a long-term apparatus/equipment replacement plan for the future. The Police Department received four new police cars in late 2014 and will receive four additional new vehicles in 2015. The Fire Department has just recently awarded the contracts for construction of a new fire ladder truck and a fire engine to Rosenbauer International, with an anticipated October 2015 delivery date. These new pieces of rolling stock have already reduced our repair budgets, saving you money. Stay tuned for updates as our new equipment comes on board!



Arlington Community Resource Center Update

Two years ago, Mayor Tolbert formed an Arlington Visioning Committee with the task of mobilizing efforts to build a healthy and vibrant community. Community visioning is an opportunity for leaders and members of the community to come together and work as a team.

Arlington has been praised as a great town to live in, whether you are just starting out in life, raising a family or fulfilling the empty nest years. However, like many other towns across our state, Arlington is not without challenges. In the last few years, several grassroots efforts have launched to provide support to the homeless, fight against crime, build awareness with youth to prevent risky behavior, and promote school-to-work and career readiness. Then, nine months ago, tragedy struck with the Oso mudslide. Our communities were ravished with grief, yet the heart of our communities rose above it all, radiating resiliency and gathering together to help others who needed it most.

Through these challenges and many other challenges along the way, a common bond has emerged. The citizens of our city are caring, compassionate and very generous. The outpouring of support has been a dominant force. At the same time, a great need has also been unveiled – the need for a centralized location to house information, share resources and mobilize support. As our city continues to grow, we are in great need to expand efforts and ensure that our citizens are safe, healthy and flourishing.

This is where the Arlington Visioning Committee comes in. The regular meetings include a diverse group of citizens across many sectors, such as banking, business, local government agencies, non-profits, school district personnel, churches, and citizens of Arlington. This committee was fortunate to be led by, Barbara Davis, Vice President of Impact and Community Investment, at United Way of Snohomish County. At the Nov 12th meeting, a decision was finalized to develop an Arlington Community Resource Center. The committee agreed on a lead agency, Lutheran Community Services Northwest, to launch the effort.

The Arlington Community Resource Center will open in a temporary location at the Stillaguamish Senior Center in Spring 2015. Members of the Visioning Committee will form an advisory board to advocate for funding and programs that will benefit the citizens of Arlington.

Community Open Swim

Fridays 5:30-8:45pm, Saturdays 2-6:45pm, Sundays 4-6:45pm. \$5 per person. Stillaguamish Club

Outdoor Bootcamp

Saturdays 7:15-8:15am At the Stillaguamish Club, 4417 172nd St NE. 4 week sessions \$50, \$15 drop in.

Recreational Adult Volleyball

At Post Middle School. Friday nights 7-9pm, \$2

Learning the Trails of the Mt Loop Hwy

Sundays, 1-3pm \$10 per class.

January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26

Classes will cover hiking basics- mapping, safety, wilderness rules, locating trailheads, and types of trails. Located at Utilities office, 154 Cox St. by Haller Park

Youth Volleyball

Signups Feb 10- Mar. 6 for grades 1st-H.S. co-ed. \$100. Practices start Mar. 16 at the B&G Club. 360-435-4442.

Youth Flag Football

For ages 5-14, co-ed. Signups Feb 10-Mar. 6. Practices begin March 16. \$110. B&G Club 360-435-4442

Spin Class

Saturdays 8:30-9:30am. \$6/class

Location: the Sweat Shop, 5200 172nd St NE

Arlington Library Programs

Baby and preschool storytimes, book club, teen programs, and more! 360-435-3033. www.sno-isle.org

Make Your Own Healthy Bath & Home Products

Learn how to make your own soaps, lotions, and cleansers without harsh chemicals, using essential oils and herbs. Perfect for gifts. On-going classes: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, April 21, 6-9pm. 18513 59th Ave. \$14 per class or \$45 for 4-week series.

Finding Your Roots

Class will assist the beginning family historian. Learn to organize, research, and access repositories. Located at 215 French Ave. Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30-9:00pm. \$10 for series.

Art Class- Painting Arlington

For ages 8-18. 2-part class taught by artist Gary Govett. Materials provided. Mondays. March 23 and 30. 4:00-5:30pm. \$25

Teen Night Teens ages 13-18 are welcome at the Boys & Girls Club every Friday night at 8pm. Call 360-435-4442.

Photoshop Elements Intro. Class

Discover the world of editing and enhancing photos! Bring a laptop if you have one. A trial program will be provided for those without Photoshop. Jan. 9, 16, 23. 7-9pm, \$125 for course.

Fit foreGolf

Prepare for golf season- drills used by PGA pros to prevent injuries. Tues. Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 1-2pm or 7-8pm. \$130 360-435-4442

Foundations of Digital SLR Photography

Learn the basic concepts of digital photography with your SLR camera. Build a foundation of knowledge that enables you to take better photos. Mar. 13, 20, 27, 7-9pm. At Hadley Hall, 18513 59th Ave. \$95.

Child & Babysitting Safety Class

Safety & basic care techniques for infants and children. Includes first aid & CPR, meal times, bedtime, stranger knocks, hand washing. Students receive a textbook, certificate and first aid kit. For 10 yrs & older. Located at Hadley Hall, 18513 59th Ave. Feb. 16 (no school ASD) 9am-3pm. \$40.

Basic First Aid

Learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of injuries and sudden illness. Become first aid certified. Hadley Hall, 18513 59th Ave NE. Sat. January 24, 9am-12:30pm, \$30.

CPR, AED Certification

This basic certification conforms to national standards. For adults and ages 12 and older. 18513 59th Ave NE. Sat. Jan 24, 1-4pm, \$30.

Life Planning for Retirement

What do you want to accomplish during your retirement years? Receive assistance in this comprehensive workshop. Includes a 235 page workbook. At Weston HS, 4407 172nd St NE. March 5 & 12 or March 11 & 18. 6:30-9:30pm. \$49 per couple.

Martial Arts for Youth and Families www.tigerkid.com

Thursday 6:00-6:40pm. Jan. 8- Feb. 26 \$88, March 5-26 \$45

Arlington · Stillaguamish EAGLE FESTIVAL Friday February 6 and Saturday February 7



The City of Arlington is pleased to host the 8th annual Stillaguamish Eagle Festival!
www.arlingtonwa.gov/eaglefest 360-403-3448.

Eagle Float Trip: An Eagle Festival Float Trip features an 8-mile voyage from Cicero to Haller Park with a riverside lunch and mocha bar. Float is Friday at 10:30am. Make reservations with North Cascades River Expeditions at 1-800-634-8433. Cost is \$60.

Rock, Paper Scissors Art Show: Arlington Arts Council invites the public to submit a photo in the eagle photography contest and nature art for the show. \$100 cash prizes to selected winners. AAC is also sponsoring a haiku poetry contest. For submission information go to www.arlingtonwa.gov/eaglefest. The art show is Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and includes the Marysville Rock and Gem Club, Dollorious Doll Club, wood carvers, and various textile artists. They will be demonstrating and displaying their media at Magnolia Hall, 102 E. Third Street.

Eagle Watching Expeditions: Saturday morning 9am-10am, the city's natural resource manager, Bill Blake, will lead a short walk through Arlington's innovative Stormwater Wetland Park and the Eagle Trail along the Stillaguamish River. Blake will describe how the wetland benefits the river, and will help find eagles in the cottonwood trees. Participate in a bird identification walk led by Audubon member at Country Charm Park, 11-noon, 604 E Gilman. Visit Squire Creek Park (41415 SR 530) from 10am-2pm for a short walk to see old growth trees and eagles.

Eagles at the Estuary: Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon, wildlife biologists will offer tours at Port Susan Bay Nature Conservancy, at the mouth of the Stillaguamish River. People will be able to look through binoculars and a spotting scope to get a close up look at these grand birds.

Eagles Close Up and Personal: Saturday-For a personal encounter with a bald eagle and other live birds of prey, guests should stop by the Sarvey Wildlife open house from noon to 4 p.m. in City Council Chambers. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. nature exhibits will be provided by Western Wildlife Outreach, Sound Salmon Solutions, Pritchuck Audubon Society and Snohomish Conservation District. Western Wildlife is bringing its educational Bear Trailer with full-body taxidermy mounts of grizzly and black bears and lots of information.

Wild Animals: Predators of the Heart wild animal show is sponsored by Arlington Calvary at Eagle Creek Elementary on Saturday for two shows, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. This wild animal encounter is educational and entertaining with a close up presentation of nature's most amazing animals such as wolves, a mountain lion, skunks, snakes, porcupine, birds of prey and more.

Chainsaw Carvers: Country Carvers Chainsaw Show will be Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Legion Park, 102 N. Olympic Ave. Chainsaw artists from across the Northwest will be carving eagles, mermaids and all sorts of things. Live auction at 2 p.m. on Saturday when Best of Show will be honored.

Hands-on Art Projects: Hands-on craft projects for kids are made available by AAC's Youth Engaged in Art Committee, at Arlington United Church, 101 E. Fourth St., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church is also hosting a bake sale and soup lunch.

Stillaguamish Salmon Stop: Upstairs at City Hall discover the ancient art of fish printing and spin the "Salmon Wheel of Fortune" at the Stillaguamish Salmon Stop presented by the Stillaguamish Tribe Natural Resources Department.

More Fun Stuff

- Learn about small mammals with museum mounts and study skins available to touch and see, presented by WSU Extension.
- A Salmon Obstacle Course for kids to navigate in Legion Park.
- Displays of tractors, planes, and machines in City Hall parking lot.
- Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Museum will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Live entertainment at the Mirwood starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
- Cabaret Show at the Byrnes Performing Art Center at AHS Friday 8pm, Saturday 5pm and 8pm
- Additional Eagle Festival events in Darrington, visit www.arlingtonwa.gov/eaglefest



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City Phone Numbers

Airport	360-403-3470
Cemetery	360-403-3428
Community & Economic Dev.	360-403-3551
Finance Department	360-403-3421
Fire Business Line	360-403-3600
Human Resources	360-403-3439
Mayor's Office	360-403-3441
Natural Resources	360-403-3440
Parks & Recreation	360-403-3448
Public Works Utilities	360-403-3526
Street/Park Maintenance	360-403-3459
Utility Billing	360-403-3421