

Council Highlights

Some of the things your elected officials have been working on:

September

- Approved road closure for International Distance Skateboarding Race
- Approved Change Order #1 for the Airport Blvd Phase 2 Project
- Authorized sale of Airport Building 75A and land lease to Duane Wilcox
- Authorized participation in the AWC Retrospective Rating Program
- City Council Retreat, Sept. 7
- Swore in Police Officer Molly Ingram
- Department Presentation -Police

October

- Flag presentation for Commander Williams, US Navy
- Proclaimed National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Authorized staff to apply for Hotel / Motel Grant Application
- Adopted ordinance for Lakewood School District Capital Facilities Plan
- Accepted the CPG Grant Agreement
- Authorized professional services agreement with Blue Marble Environmental
- Adopted ordinance to lower speed limit on 172nd St NE (SR 531)
- Authorized bidding of water and sewer utility construction on 173rd St NE
- Approved art selection for the retaining wall on 67th Ave NE
- Presentation for Tanner Gaskin – Eagle Scout Project
- Appointed to PARC: Rob Ruth and Jenny Nelson
- Approved interlocal agreement with AWC for insurance
- Adopted resolution for AWC insurance
- Approved professional service agreement with BHC Consulting
- Approved professional service agreement with Hale, Milligan
- Approved professional service agreement with Shockley Planning Group for Comprehensive Plan Update
- Approved Airport Blvd – Change Order 2
- Authorized 67th Avenue BNSF casing permit

November

- Proclaimed DECA Week
- Adopted resolution to set opening change fund for Community Development
- Adopted an interfund loan to the Stormwater Fund from the Water Dept. Fund
- Adopted a short-term interfund loan to the EMS Fund from the Growth Fund
- Adopted the Annual Transportation Improvement Plan 2014-2019
- Approved interlocal agreement with District 21 for fire service
- Approved interlocal agreement with District 21 for EMS service
- Approved agreement for funding the Snohomish County Emergency Medical and Trauma Care Council
- Approved interlocal agreement with Snohomish County for fleet maintenance
- Awarded bid for utilities installation on 173rd St NE
- Approved interlocal agreement with Snohomish County for municipal road and street services within the City of Arlington
- Adopted moratorium on the establishment of marijuana producer, marijuana processor, and marijuana retailer establishments and the licensing and permitting
- Authorized Snohomish County to prepare the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Arlington
- Authorized street closure for the December 7th Santa Parade
- Adopted the 2014 Property Tax
- Adopted the 2014 Property Tax for EMS
- Adopted 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Plan
- Approved professional services agreement with Herrera Environmental
- Accepted Department of Ecology Stormwater Capacity Grant 2013-2015

December

- Honored the service of Snohomish County Councilmember John Koster
- Approved contract for \$750,000 State Proviso for the Prairie Creek Drainage Improvement Project
- Approved Supplement No. 1 to KBA contract Airport Blvd Phase 2
- Approved short term interfund loan for EMS
- Adopted the 2014 Budget
- Adopted the 2014 City Council & Department Goals
- Signed agreement with Arlington Boys & Girls Club for 2013-14
- Signed agreement with Stillaguamish Senior Center for 2013-14
- Approved interlocal agreement with Department of Enterprise Services for printing services
- Honored service of Councilmembers Ken Klein and Steve Baker

Mayor's Message

2013 was a year of progress for the City of Arlington. Thanks to the voters we funded a Transportation Benefit District that will, over the next 10 years, provide funding to repair or replace 126 segments of roads that are currently failing or near failing.

It is because of our knowledgeable staff and our strong ties to the county and state that we can acquire grants that invest in the infrastructure improvements that will help attract new business and move goods, services and residents throughout our city. Projects completed or underway with the assistance of grant funds include Airport Blvd, 67th Avenue Final Phase, alignment of the Centennial Trail into the south side of downtown, and replacement of undersized culverts in the Prairie Creek area to stem flooding of our manufacturing businesses.

We take pride in being a full service city and providing to our residents all the core services that make Arlington a great town. In this newsletter we want to give you an idea how many services we provide and the amount of infrastructure we maintain on your behalf. Elected officials who visit from other cities and towns make positive comments on Arlington's curb appeal.

It has been challenging to maintain and even increase services with the loss of core revenue, even with the many adjustments made in the last four years. Since 2009, in order to live within our falling revenues, we have reduced our staffing by 20 and our payroll by nearly \$2 million annually. We have restrained our spending through reorganization and have streamlined our processes. All the while we continue to provide fundamental services and strategic investment in areas that will fuel economic growth and retain our quality of life.

In order to preserve core city services and cover ongoing budget gaps, the City has enacted several methods, some of which will likely not be sustainable. One of the most pressing is the delayed funding of replacing equipment and apparatus that deliver services.

Each year departments set aside money to replace this equipment and apparatus. The general fund, which is most impacted by reductions in revenues from property and sales tax, has had to defer this funding. This reduction has impacted two critical departments the most, Police and Fire. Our enterprise funded departments have been able to maintain their equipment replacement funding through the recession. The enterprise funds, mainly water, sewer, and airport, are restricted by state law in their ability to fund equipment and apparatus for departments like Police and Fire. This method of deferring equipment needs in the budget is unsustainable and will challenge our financial health, unless we take steps to ensure the regular replacement of aging, more expensive to maintain equipment.

The 2014 budget provides resources that allow our citizens to decide on the future of our core services delivery. Our small city has performed well during the recession, using both short and long term solutions to the widening gap between revenue and expenses. The City is utilizing the lowest percentage of property tax capacity in Snohomish County, and is the lowest property tax among all 20 cities in Snohomish County. The City Council will ask you for a slight adjustment in property tax rates (Levy Lid Lift) in an April special election. This allows you to decide the future of Arlington city services and our ability to provide you with a full service city.

Detailed information on the levy lid lift is available on page 3 of this publication and on the City website; myself and the city staff are available to answer any questions you may have. Arlington is a full service, world class small city with a growing manufacturing industrial center which provides family wage jobs to our residents. Our economic progress may lag in pace behind our hopes, but a new healthier direction is possible. I look forward to working with all of you in 2014 and beyond to bring our hopes for our community to fruition.



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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

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. 6, 21, Feb. 3, 18, Mar. 3, 17, Apr. 7, 21

Jan. 13, 27, Feb. 10, 24, Mar. 10, 24, Apr. 14, 28

Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8

Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 15

Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7

Feb. 20

Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr. 22

Jan. 7, 23, Feb. 4, 20, Mar. 4, 11, Apr. 1, 15

Operating Efficiencies and Strict Fiscal Management Means No Utility Rate Increases in 2014

The City of Arlington is a full service city providing water, sewer and stormwater services to the Arlington community. It is not unusual to answer questions about our utilities and rate structures.

Balancing the operations with growing state and federal clean water regulations is very challenging, but the Arlington utility staff is meeting that challenge. Arlington is one of the cities in Snohomish County that complied fully with the growing regulations to wastewater treatment by upgrading our facility and treatment plant.

Through good financial management of the three utilities, the City was able to save money on operational costs and passed that savings on to our residents and businesses by eliminating a planned increase to the utility rates for a second year in a row.

By ordinance, the water, sewer and storm utilities require utility rates be adjusted annually. This is designed to maintain utility rates consistent with the cost of inflation and eliminate large utility rate increases and the accompanying "rate shock" every five years. However, for the second year in a row the City was able to rescind the planned rate increase.

We accomplished the stability in rates with multiple strategies; increased production of water from City wells so less water was purchased from outside sources, newer infrastructure required less employee time expended on emergency repairs, upgrading our plant with energy efficient motors to reduce electric bills, and obtaining grants for replacement and upgrade of outdated utility infrastructure. These activities are just a sample of the cost savings measures that have been implemented by the three utilities over the past two years, and these cost savings we happily pass on to the consumers.

We Maintain it!

You only get one chance to make a first impression. Whether it's a new resident or a business looking to locate in Arlington, our curb appeal is that first impression. Arlington's Maintenance and Operations Department is responsible for maintaining the City's infrastructure, including parks, streets and storm systems, public facilities like the Boys and Girls Club, Library, City Hall and Airport as well as the Cemetery. The City's crew of twelve dedicated employees do all they can, day in and day out, to make sure the City of Arlington's curb appeal stays top notch.



Many of the special touches we all enjoy are services done by the Maintenance and Operations staff. They take great pride in dressing the City up for the holidays and ensuring we have strong curb appeal during the summer when our visitors increase. They also set the stage for the many downtown events that add to our family quality of life. The full service city work they provide goes a long way to making Arlington attractive for our residents, visitors and new businesses.

Some cities across the country also struggle with declining revenues and have been forced to cut back on the maintenance and operations. It doesn't take long in a city our size for this reduced maintenance to begin to lessen the curb appeal and thereby the quality of life.

Did you know that we maintain:

- 4 million square feet of pavement at the airport
- 83 miles of roadway, 4.2 miles of alleyways
- 7 miles of gravel trails, 4 miles of paved trail
- 4 stream corridors and 9 acres of wetland
- 3,253 catch basins
- 48 miles of storm pipe
- 19 miles of ditches and swales
- 114 detention basins
- 34 parking lots and 3 bridges
- 2,500 street signs
- 17 school zone beacons
- taxiway reflectors, runway and airport beacon systems
- 716 acres of mowed turf
- 71 acres of landscaped area
- 15 athletic fields
- 18 irrigation systems
- 16 miles of roadside mowing
- 8.2 miles of fencing
- 10,000 headstones
- 42 buildings
- 34 playground areas
- 120 trash cans
- 90 benches and 56 picnic tables
- 50 hanging baskets
- 29 pieces of public art

Community Television Channel

Did you know that the City of Arlington has a television channel dedicated to public information? We share information on this channel about city services and announcements. The channel is accessible to residents inside the city limits who subscribe to Comcast. The Arlington Access Channel 21 is intended for non-commercial purposes only. We invite you to post your event or community program on our Arlington Access Channel 21. Nonprofit and civic organizations may submit content with the online form. If you have suggestions or comments about the television programming, please email recreation@arlingtonwa.gov. For more details call (360) 403-3448.

Arlington Police Department Sees Record 911 Calls Again in 2013

By the end of 2013, the Arlington Police Department will have responded to more 911 calls than it has in recent memory. The officers are expected to respond to over 15,000 calls to 911 for police services, a 10% increase over last year. The men and women of the Arlington Police Department are there for you, 24/7. In addition to responding to 911 calls, the officers also took action on an additional 7,500 incidents. On average, we see the highest number of 911 calls between the hours of 2pm and 6pm on most days. Officers can be called to a variety of calls, from traffic accidents and animal control calls, to the most severe cases of burglary, theft, and assault. In addition to these calls, our officers provide support to our local schools through the School Resource Officer Program. The staff also participates in various school, local community and regional events such as Relay for Life, health and safety fairs, Special Olympics Torch Run, Shop with a Cop, and Chief for a Day.

Arlington Police Department Hosts Citizen's Academy for 2014

Returning for 2014 with a history of excellent feedback from previous attendees, the Arlington Police Department is hosting its annual Citizen's Academy beginning mid-February and continuing through April. The Citizen's Academy is just one tool the Arlington Police Department uses for informing the public about the criminal justice system and crime prevention. It's also a means to strengthen the citizen-police partnership to make our community a better and safer place to live.



There is no cost to the student for the 10-week course. The Police Department only asks that each person in attendance make a commitment to attend each of the 10 classes. Attendees must be at least 18 years of age. Due to the sensitive nature of the material and ride-along, a background check will be completed on the applicants prior to acceptance into the class. You may pick up an application at the Arlington Police Department or obtain one online at: www.arlingtonwa.gov. If you have any questions about the Arlington Police Department Citizen's Academy, please contact Commander Terry Quintrall at (360) 403-3403 or by email at tquintrall@arlingtonwa.gov.

How the Community's Wastewater is Reclaimed and Reused

You can be content to know that Arlington is a sustainable city that has the most advanced treatment facilities to process the community's wastewater into clean water for discharge into the Stillaguamish River, and the solids from that waste into a compost material.

Before your wastewater arrives at the water reclamation facility, it runs through over 68 miles of sewer line and 13 lift stations. Three collection system operators are responsible for maintaining all of this infrastructure and are on call 24 hours a day to respond to any emergencies.

The water reclamation facility, located off of Burke Ave.

has three plant operators and a pretreatment specialist who operate the facility 24 hours a day. The plant operators collect and analyze over 24,000 samples per year. The recent upgrades to the treatment facility allow it to be the most advanced treatment of wastewater. The facility is capable of producing up to 2.7 million gallons of clean water per day from the wastewater. The water produced is classified as "reclaimed water" and is released into the Stormwater Wetland area near Haller Park or discharged into the Stillaguamish River.

The solids that are collected at the plant are processed at the City's Biosolids Compost Facility which is located on 63rd Ave. NE. This state of the art facility processes 2,100 cubic yards of biosolids each year and turns it into exceptional quality compost. The compost is used in city landscapes and projects, and it is shared with the Arlington Community Garden. Environmental students from Washington state and from across the US frequently tour this facility to review and study the composting process.

The entire process of treating wastewater and making compost is very tightly regulated by the Department of Ecology. City staff prepare weekly, monthly and annual reports documenting every aspect of operations at the water reclamation facility and compost facility. It's not a pretty process, but one that is essential and must be performed at high standards to protect the environment. You can be proud of the work that the City staff performs every day at the water reclamation facility. The City consistently receives recognition from the State for outstanding operation of the water reclamation facility and compost facility. If you have any questions about our water reclamation system or would like a tour of the facilities, please call (360) 403-3526.



Keeping Focus on Economic Development

In October 2008, Arlington was dealt a heavy blow with the shutting of the Meridian Yachts boat manufacturing plant and the layoff of over 800 employees. The nearly 470,000 square foot manufacturing facility sat vacant for three years before City of Arlington staff was able to find the right developer to reopen the facility, now known as the Arlington Advanced Manufacturing Park. AAMP is now home to over 12 businesses, which provide over 300 family wage jobs. Some of the more notable businesses in AAMP are Outback Power, Thain Boatworks, Skookum Brewery, K LW Manufacturing, HCI Steel, T&E Industrial, Northwest Kayaks Aeroform Inc, West Coat Fabricators, Viking Construction, Buddy Shelters, and Twin Commander Aircraft. Through their creative efforts to condominiumize the facility, the City staff and the developer, Nicholson Investment Properties, saved this facility from becoming an almost certain blight on the community.

With the AAMP development behind them, City staff has now turned to the vacated Northwest Hardwoods site in the 20000 block of 67th Ave NE. Once again, Nicholson Investment Properties has taken on this vacant parcel and is now clearing the site for the near future development of facilities for our expanding advanced manufacturing companies.

In 2014 our primary efforts will once again shift back to the retail environment, focusing on the empty retail storefronts in downtown Arlington and Smokey Point. A recent trip to an economic development conference garnered the City a number of new contacts for future retail development in the area. Stay tuned!

Demand for Fire & Emergency Medical Services Continue to Increase


Arlington's Fire and EMS Department are experiencing a 6% increase in calls for service in 2013. When you need us we are there 24/7. Of the approximately 3620 calls for service 88% are emergency medical related. The average response time for an Arlington resident is 6 minutes from the time of dispatch. Our proactive work in annual fire inspections have yielded results in preventing fires. We perform nearly 1200 inspections each year, which include annual and random site visits.

Community education is a major part of fire prevention; to that end our firefighters presented 75 onsite presentations to daycares, preschools and elementary schools last year. Helping the youngest in our community understand what to do in an emergency situation and knowing that help is a phone call away is vital. As part of a full service department to the community we also are onsite at the Eagles football games at the high school.

As the workloads increase, Arlington Fire Department is continually seeking ways to make their service more efficient and cost effective. New this year they proudly introduce online Fire & Life Safety – Self Inspection Notice for businesses. If your business previously qualified as low-hazard occupancy and have completed these notices in the past, you can now go online at www.arlingtonwa.gov/DFDSelfInspection and submit your form electronically. We are committed to your safety and take pride in being there when you need us.

Arlington Fire Santa Run Food Drive is a Huge Success!

Arlington Firefighters and their families, as well as many other volunteers, cruised the neighborhoods with Santa for the annual Santa Run. This year's record breaking donations totaled 8,107 pounds of food and \$2,340.75 in monetary donations to support the Arlington Food Bank.



**Celebrate Arbor Day
Saturday April 12th**

Plant a Tree!
The City will host a fun event for Arbor Day, including a group tree planting, kids activities and a tree presentation by the Stillagumash Tribe. We will have more information on our website.
360-403-3448.
www.arlingtonwa.gov

Easter Egg Hunt

April 19 at 11am
Arlington Airport Field
(51st and 172nd St)

Bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Sponsored by the City of Arlington & Cascade Valley Hospital & Clinics



City Requests Property Tax Adjustment Vote

Historically, Arlington tried to maintain one of the lowest property tax levels in Snohomish County. We achieved that "goal" as we now have the lowest rate of any city in Snohomish County. In 2001, Initiative 747 was adopted and it basically eliminated the City's ability to raise property tax levels to keep up with inflation or needed additional revenue by limiting property tax collection increases to less than the rate of inflation, unless the taxpayers voted on the increase. As our property tax collections do not keep pace with inflation, the City relies on sales tax as a primary source of revenue for the City's General Fund, to help the City cover any additional cost increases experienced throughout the year. Like all of us the City was hit hard by the downturn in the economy starting in 2008. This downturn was exacerbated by a change in how sales tax is collected in the state. In total, the City has experienced an approximate 25% decline in revenue.

In response to the financial crisis, the City enacted a hiring freeze and began to reduce the workforce. Over the past four years, nineteen employees, including managers and line staff, have been laid off or had their jobs eliminated, resulting in a reduction in payroll of almost \$2 million dollars each year. In addition, non-public safety employees took one furlough day per month for two years, and the City's public safety employees agreed to reduce holiday pay and overtime to try to balance the budget.

When the City received its annual audit for 2011, the State Auditor commented on the City's deteriorated General Fund financial condition. The audit points out that while "the City is taking steps to improve its financial health, relying on short term and potentially unallowable methods of financing may inhibit its ability to continue funding general operating costs and impending capital improvements. Additionally, the City may not be able to provide the same level of service."

In June 2013, the City of Arlington received the news that Moody's Investors Service had downgraded the City's bond rating from A2 to A3 and also assigned the City a 'negative outlook'. Moody said "the rating reflects the City's limited financial flexibility, evidenced by substantially deteriorated and narrow reserves and liquidity."

The recently adopted 2014 budget was balanced only by eliminating all funding for equipment replacement. This means that there is no money being transferred to the replacement fund for the replacement of police cars, fire trucks, breathing apparatus and turn out gear for City firefighters, and other essential equipment. Even with these cuts, the future projections show ongoing shortfalls beginning in 2015 and increasing thereafter. All of this means that the City of Arlington does not have the financial capacity to continue to maintain services we currently provide.

Faced with this challenge, in their annual retreat in September 2013, the City Council considered a menu of options to restore revenues needed for full service delivery. The Council finally came to the conclusion that the only reasonable solution was to ask the citizens of Arlington to fix the fundamental problem and adjust the property tax base to a level sufficient to provide the City with fiscal stability over the next 10 years. In all the projections, to provide fiscal stability for the next decade, the basic tax levy level needs to be raised by an additional 58 cents through a vote of Arlington citizens in April.

So what does this all mean to you, the homeowner? If approved by the voters in April, an average household valued at \$173,800, would see an increase on their property tax of \$100, beginning in 2015. The additional funds raised would mean that the existing services provided in Arlington, police, fire, parks, and economic development, would be preserved for a minimum of 10 years.

Without this additional revenue, the quality of life in Arlington will, out of necessity, have to be reduced to a level we have not experienced before. This will impact police, fire, parks, economic development and other core services. All those quality of life elements we have come to expect will need to be reduced or eliminated entirely. Without some sort of infusion of additional revenue, the City of Arlington cannot continue to function as we have known it. If you would like more information about the proposed property tax adjustment, please visit our website at www.arlingtonwa.gov.

2013 Property Tax Rate Comparison			
Ranked Lowest to Highest by Rate			
(General Government Services including Fire Protection)			
Arlington	\$1.420	Marysville	\$2.906
Brier	\$1.507	Monroe	\$2.959
Mukilteo	\$1.515	Darrington	\$3.100
Bothell	\$1.541	Gold Bar	\$3.100
Edmonds	\$1.761	Granite Falls	\$3.100
Mt. Lk. Terrace	\$1.936	Lake Stevens	\$3.100
Lynnwood	\$2.237	Sultan	\$3.100
Mill Creek	\$2.312	Everett	\$3.133
Woodway	\$2.407	Stanwood	\$3.314
Snohomish	\$2.628	Index	\$3.406
Arlington Statutory Maximum = \$3.10		Average Tax Rate Countywide = \$2.52	

Community Classes

January-April 2014

City of Arlington Parks & Recreation 360-403-3448 email: recreation@arlingtonwa.gov
website: www.arlingtonwa.gov/recreation. Classes are pre-register unless indicated.

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. Feb. 8, 15, & 22. 10am-noon at Hadley Hall. \$90.

Bird Photography 101

Students need to have the Foundations of Digital Photography to take this class. Learn the basic precepts of capturing memorable bird images with your digital single lens reflex camera. Course covers type of lenses, shooting concepts, bird types, bird anatomy, bird habitat and field ethics. March 8, 10am-noon \$95 at Hadley Hall.

Life Planning for Retirement

What do you want to accomplish during your retirement years? Receive assistance in this comprehensive workshop. Includes 235 page workbook. At Weston HS, 4407 172nd St NE. April 22 & 29, 6:30-9:30pm or April 26 & May 3, 8:30am-12:30pm. \$49 per couple.

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.

Teen nights at the Boys & Girls Club

Fridays from 8-11 pm. For kids grades 7-12. Join the Club to participate. Membership is \$30 a year.

Pet First Aid & CPR

Earn a 2-year certification. Learn skills including restraint and muzzling, rescue breathing, CPR, choking, bleeding and shock management, assessing pet vital signs and treatment for stings, heat and cold injuries and seizures. Excellent course for pet care professionals and pet owners. Includes a reference guide. March 15, 9am-1pm at Hadley Hall. \$60.

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. Hadley Hall, 18513 59th Ave. Mon. Feb 17(no school) 9am-3pm. \$40.

Basic First Aid

Participants learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of injuries and sudden illness. Become first aid certified. Hadley Hall, 18513 59th Ave NE. Mon. Feb. 24, 6-9pm, \$30.

CPR, AED Certification

This basic certification conforms to national standards. For adults and youth ages 12 and older. Hadley Hall, 18513 59th Ave NE. Tue. Feb. 25, 6-9pm, \$30.

Drawing & Painting Arlington for youth ages 8-18

Learn painting and drawing skills while creating Arlington scenes. Taught by Gary & Andrea Govett at Stillaguamish Rm, 154 Cox St. Mar. 21, Mar. 31, Apr. 2, Apr. 4, 2:30-4pm, \$75.

Bootcamp with Marissa

Shake up your workout and get your weekend off to a great start! Saturdays, 7:15-8:15am. \$45/month for 4 classes Stillaguamish Athletic Club, Register at 360-435-9404.

Community Swim at the Stillaguamish Club

Fri. 5:30-8:45pm, Sat. 2:00-6:45pm, Sun. 4:00-6:45pm. Bring your family for an active family night! \$5 per person.

Recreational Adult Volleyball

Open gym volleyball at Post Middle School. Friday nights 7-9pm (excluding holidays). \$2.

Tiger Family Martial Arts

Great program for the whole family to get fit and learn some martial arts moves. www.tigerkid.com. Thursdays April 17-June 5, 7:15-8:00pm. \$85.

Youth Golf Club

Ages 7-12 coed. Fridays April 11-May 23, 4-5pm. \$60. Call the Arlington Boys & Girls Club to register 360-435-4442

Youth Volleyball

Grades 1-12. Practice twice a week, games on Saturdays. March 17-June 7. \$90. Call B&G Club 360-435-4442 to register.

Arlington Library Programs

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



Arlington - Stillaguamish

EAGLE FESTIVAL

Friday January 31 and Saturday February 1

The City of Arlington is pleased to host the 7th annual Stillaguamish Eagle!
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.

Art at the Eagle Festival: Arlington Arts Council's Art at the Eagle Festival begins with an artist reception and chamber concert, hors d'oeuvres, vino and a concert featuring bird-related composition by the five horns of Brass Menagerie, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday evening, at Magnolia Hall, 102 E. Third Street. Music start at 6 p.m. The public is invited to submit up to four entries in two categories: eagle photography and nature with \$100 cash prizes to winners selected by judges. AAC is also sponsoring a haiku poetry contest. The Rock, Paper, Scissors Art Show continues on Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. with members of the Marysville Rock and Gem Club, Dollorious Doll Club, and various textile artists will be demonstrating and displaying their media.

Eagle Watching Expeditions: At 9 a.m. Saturday morning, 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.

Eagles at the Estuary: 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: 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, Pilchuck 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 artist from across the Northwest will be carving eagles, mermaids and all sorts of things. An auction at 3 p.m. Saturday helps fund the event. 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.

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 Mirkwood starting at 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



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City Phone numbers

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Community & Economic Dev.	360-403-3551
Finance Department	360-403-3421
Fire Business Line	360-403-3600
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