

## Council Highlights

Elected officials have been working on the following:

### April

Proclaimed Volunteer Week, April 10-16  
Proclaimed Arbor Day, April 18  
Awarded 59th Ave Repair Project to Lakeside Industries  
Awarded banking services contract to Opus Bank  
Rejected bids for Haller Park restroom construction  
Approved creation of Police Services Manager position

### May

Approved ordinance for property tax exemption in the Manufacturing/Industrial Center  
Appointed Dary Finck and reappointed Don Munson and John Swizer to Airport Commission  
Proclaimed Public Works Week, May 15-21  
Proclaimed National Police Week, May 15-21  
Proclaimed National EMS Week, May 15-21  
Appointed Jennifer Egger and reappointed Brittany Kleinman to PARC  
Authorized staff to apply for RCO grant for Haller spray park  
Approved ordinance to permit beer and wine gardens at Haller Park during permitted special events  
Accepted public art proposals  
Adopted Transportation 2035 Plan, 2016 Update  
Finalized the 2016 Preliminary Docket for Comprehensive Plan

### June

Swore in Kyle Strand, Police Officer  
Swore in Peter Barrett, Police Sergeant  
Proclaimed June as General Aviation Month  
Approved contract with Stripe Rite for street markings  
Appointed Jonathan Ventura as Police Chief  
Accepted FAA grant award for Taxiway Charlie lighting  
Awarded Reece Construction the 2016 Water Improvement Project  
Awarded Cemex the 2016 Pavement Preservation Project  
Swore in Gregg Haddock, Firefighter/Paramedic  
Approved creation of Assistant City Administrator position  
Approved agreement with Arlington School for Advanced Manufacturing Training Education Center  
Reappointed Dawn Boyden to Library Board  
Reappointed Skip Smith and Maxine Jenft to Cemetery Board  
Adopted Airport mutual benefit agreement to waive land use fees in limited circumstances

### July

Approved RCO Grant and agreement with Snohomish County for Quake Field project  
Accepted T. Bailey, Inc. bid for Burn Road Reservoir demolition  
Accepted Lumenal Lighting bid for LED streetlight conversion project  
Accepted Small Project Grant from Snohomish County for Terrace Park play borders  
Appointed Thad Hovis to Civil Service Commission

### August

Swore in Dan Cone, Deputy Chief of Police  
Swore in Rory Bolter, Police Sergeant  
Approved agreement with Washington State Dept. of Commerce for Manufacturing Streamline Permitting Project  
Awarded bid to Fidalgo Paving for repaving Airport Office parking lot  
Awarded bid to LJR Painting for Airport Beacon painting and lead paint removal project  
Created Arlington Youth Council  
Approved resolution with the City of Marysville and Fire District 12 for regional fire authority planning committee  
Renewed agreement with Snohomish Regional Drug & Gang Task Force

### September

Approved agreement with Fire District 21 to provide EMS and Fire protection services  
Reduced the Planning Commission membership to 5 members from 7  
Appointed Matthew Rosenthal and Thomas So to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

## Mayor's Message

As we head into the last quarter of 2016, your city staff has made great progress on the goals for our City, its economic health and quality of life. Here is a recap of how we are doing on the goals for 2016.

We are at the mid-point in our quest to win the America's Best Communities competition. All 11 strategies are in progress and inside this edition of the Update you can read a short summary of three of the strategies. You can follow our progress on our city website [www.arlingtonwa.gov](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov) or our Facebook page [Facebook.com/StillyValleyABC](https://www.facebook.com/StillyValleyABC). Even though competition wraps up in the fourth week of April 2017, we plan to continue working on community revitalization and improvement of the quality of life in Arlington.

Another City Council goal for 2016 is to increase revenues through economic development. We have welcomed 12 new businesses to Olympic Avenue this year, making a net gain of 27 new businesses on Olympic Avenue since 2014. We have launched our marketing campaign, "Arlington Awaits", and will continue our work in 2017 as we fully launch our marketing campaign nationwide.

To address our goal of future sustainability of our Fire and EMS system, a team of City Council members will begin discussions with the City of Marysville on potential solutions with a Regional Fire Authority. Information on what a Regional Fire Authority is and why we are examining the option is on page 2.

The most frequent topic of discussions with citizens lately is about traffic congestion and the state of the Arlington road system. We will have completed 30% of the 10 year plan for road preservation work by the end of this year, and we are right on schedule. We have made progress on applying for or acquiring funding for some major improvements. Our next update will recap our six year transportation plan and what you can look forward to for congestion relief. The article on page 3 will inform you about the roads scheduled for preservation and repair in 2017.

I hope you have a safe and joyous holiday season. When you have any feedback, questions, or concerns, my door is always open.

Mayor Barb Tolbert



The City of Arlington Presents

# Hometown HOLIDAYS

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You won't want to miss the hometown fun in store this holiday season!

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[www.facebook.com/ArlingtonHH](https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonHH)

## City Meetings

Check our website calendar for the latest information

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 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

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## Arlington, Marysville, and Fire District 12 Begin Talks to Form Regional Fire Department

On Monday, August 1, 2016, the Arlington City Council voted unanimously to form a Regional Fire Authority (RFA) planning committee to begin exploring establishing one fire department for the cities of Arlington and Marysville, and Fire Protection District 12.

The vote is the first step in a yearlong planning process to determine the feasibility of establishing a RFA. A Regional Fire Authority is a municipal corporation in Washington created by a vote of the people in two or more fire protection jurisdictions (e.g. a fire district or districts and/or a city) that want to cooperate. The RFA operates according to a plan, which is formulated by a Planning Committee and approved by the voters in the service area. The plan is required to include information on what and how services would be provided, and recommended sources of revenue.

A planning committee for the RFA, comprised of three elected officials from each governing body, has been appointed. Representatives from the City of Arlington are Councilmembers Marilyn Oertle, Chris Raezer, and Jesica Stickles. Marysville's appointed members are Councilmembers Jeff Vaughn, Jeff Siebert and Steve Muller. Fire District 12 representatives are Directors Gary Bontrager, Pat Cook, and Marilyn Sheldon.

### So what is an RFA, and why would forming a RFA make sense?

An RFA is a formalized way to regionalize fire service under one entity. It allows fire districts and municipalities to combine resources and personnel to provide fire and emergency medical services on a regional basis.

There are three reasons Arlington is examining the formation of a RFA— to achieve greater efficiencies, to reach a more sustainable funding model, and to provide the best service possible to the citizens. Level of service and sustainable funding of fire protection and EMS services has been a significant topic of discussion for the Arlington City Council over the past three years. Arlington has also maintained healthy public safety partnerships with Marysville and Fire District 12 which makes the exploration of forming a RFA the next logical step.

Arlington, Marysville and District 12 already share resources to assist with fire and medical emergencies. This is currently done under a concept of mutual aid, whereby agencies agree to help each other to respond to calls. Many times, however, adjacent jurisdictions have overlapping and duplicate resources. Forming a RFA can help to reduce these duplications and free up funding to enhance service in other areas.

The RFA planning committee is expected to begin meeting in November. Meetings of the planning committee are open to the public and will be advertised.

## Arlington Awaits Goes Live, Sees Immediate Success!

The City of Arlington's newest tool to recruit new commercial and industrial businesses to Arlington is now live! [Arlingtonawaits.com](http://Arlingtonawaits.com) and [Facebook.com/ArlingtonAwaits](https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonAwaits) are up and running as of October 1, 2016. The sites provide our potential new businesses the initial information they need about Arlington, what we have to offer, and why they want to locate here.

With an initial campaign launch, it is often difficult to determine the level of success. We posted our first video testimonial by Nutty's Junkyard Grill on September 20, 2016. Within two days of the launch, we had over 3,100 people view the video! We invite you to like Arlington Awaits and follow along on our journey to grow our economic base in Arlington.



## AMTEC-North, Arlington Public Schools and City of Arlington Programs Promote High-Technology Job training

More local training opportunities for high-tech jobs mean more local jobs for graduates as well as help for Arlington's growing industrial complex, which has had challenges in keeping up with the growing need for qualified employees. Now, the recent partnership formed between Everett Community College, the City of Arlington and the Arlington School District will generate an increase in those local high-tech training programs.

In addition to the technology classes already offered in the Arlington School District, new opportunities will soon be provided by the college in temporary space at the Weston High School campus, west of the Arlington Airport, as part of EvCC's AMTEC-North program.

Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent of the Arlington School District, praises the new involvement with Everett Community College and notes that partnering with the college is opening up many new options for students. She's been busy researching how to blend academic credits for EvCC's college classes with high school class credits.

Arlington High School has its own slate of technology and manufacturing classes and an active STEM program of science, technology, engineering and mathematics courses tailored to help students prepare for aerospace, technology and manufacturing jobs.

Involved in this new venture is Arlington High School's Amy Verellen-Grubbs, who focuses on new innovative programs and career readiness for Arlington School District students, including new liaison connections with Everett Community College. She believes it's a win-win-win benefit for students, teachers and businesses.

For years, many industries in north county have faced a shortage of qualified employees. Now, patterned on the great successes of EvCC's Advanced Manufacturing and Training Center (AMTEC) training facility in Everett, the establishment of the college's new AMTEC-North facility at Arlington is underway. It will focus on developing an education center to serve both Arlington and Darrington students and their communities.

AMTEC-North also is an important project in the city's America's Best Communities national competition, which recently awarded Arlington \$100,000 to begin developing innovative technology and business programs. As the program matures, training classes will be open to local residents as well as students.

The new education venture grew from the combined effort between Arlington and Darrington to develop new economic and community vitality in the area after the Oso landslide disaster battered the local economy in 2014.

The presence of the AMTEC-North facility will offer industry-related college certificates or degrees in manufacturing and technology skills needed for students to excel in industrial work places. The AMTEC-North venture is expected to be fully developed within the next two to three years.

Ultimately, AMTEC-North will train students for high demand technology jobs in aerospace, maritime, transportation infrastructure, aviation and related industries. Eventually, the facility will include a replicated manufacturing facility, using industry-driven curriculum and employing cutting-edge technologies, adding a fresh new layer to the area's available education and skilled training courses.

EvCC's present 37,000-square-foot AMTEC facility in Everett has been so successful at training and placing graduates in jobs involving precision machining, welding, fabrication, composite materials, engineering and mechatronics (a synergistic combination of precision engineering, electronic control and mechanical systems) that a \$2.5 million expansion of the center will open this month.

Now, thanks to EvCC's partnering efforts, Arlington and North Snohomish County will benefit from its own AMTEC training facility, staffed by experienced college instructors and experts.

The close working relationships between Everett Community College, Arlington School District and Arlington city leaders will result in a strengthened effort to help students broaden their education and achieve their employment goals, which also enhances the economic growth of our community.

AMTEC North classes started in September. We are so excited to bring these opportunities to Arlington's youth. A vibrant city creates ways for their young people to be invested in the city's future, and AMTEC North is just one strategy to make that happen.

## Arlington Transportation Benefit District Completes 30% of Road Preservation Work

October 2016 marked the completion of the third year of the City’s pavement preservation program operating under the Transportation Benefit District (TBD). This year’s work consisted of preservation of over 3 miles of pavement on 59th Ave NE, Highland Dr., Cemetery Road, and 5th Street. To date the City has completed approximately 30% of the 30 miles of roadway identified in the TBD preservation work plan. We greatly appreciate your patience during the road construction inconveniences. Though the pavement preservation work may seem a nuisance to motorists at time, proper preservation can extend the initial investment in a road from 20 years to 80 years.

Deciding what roads to preserve is not an easy decision. City staff looks at various factors before recommending a preservation work plan to the TBD Board of Directors. These factors include pavement condition, amount and type of traffic the road carries, available funding, whether a grant can be used to help fund the preservation work, and if other infrastructure or utility improvement projects can be coupled with road preservation work. This year, the 5th Street and Highland Drive corridors received new water mains before having the roads resurfaced.

### 2017 TBD Planned Projects

The TBD will be approving the 2017 pavement preservation work plan in November 2016. Please visit the City website to see the 2017 Preservation Map at: [www.arlingtonwa.gov/pavementpreservation](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/pavementpreservation).

Project	Funding
67th Ave NE Asphalt Overlay (southern City limits to Bovee Lane)	Federal Funding awarded by Puget Sound Regional Council TBD Funding
Crosswalk Replacement (locations to be determined)	TBD Funding

In addition, the City intends to construct Arlington Valley Road, a new 0.75 mile bypass that will connect 67th Ave NE and 204th St NE and 173rd St NE, a new 0.5 mile alternative to 172nd St NE between Smokey Point Blvd and 51st Ave NE. Construction of both of these projects are grant dependent, with additional funding from mitigation fees paid by new development. In 2016, the City received over \$3.2 million in grants to help repair and construct roadways in Arlington. The City has over \$5.2 million in grant requests pending to repair and construct roadways, sidewalks, and trails in 2017 and 2018.

## Phase I of Quake Field Renovation Underway

On October 17, 2016, Hellas Construction began the first phase of the Bill Quake Memorial Park renovation project. The first phase calls for installing artificial turf infields on the two existing baseball fields, making the entire site ADA accessible, and improving the existing features such as the backstops and fencing. Hellas Construction will also complete the design and budget for two new ball fields to be located immediately east of the existing fields. The design and budget will allow the city and key users to move forward on future fundraising efforts.

Phase I will cost \$600,000 and is funded by two grants that were sought as part of the Stilly Valley Youth Project as a result of the March 2014 Oso Landslide. Mayor Tolbert requested and obtained \$350,000 from Snohomish County, which serves as the grant match for the \$250,000 received from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. Hellas Construction is expected to complete the renovation of the two fields by February 2017, just in time for the 2017 spring baseball and softball seasons.



## Community Policing Update

Chief Jonathan Ventura and the men and women of the Arlington Police Department are enhancing the successful “All In” crime prevention campaign with the introduction of the “Conversations with Cops” program. Since its launch on August 1, businesses in Arlington have partnered with the Police Department to host 11 different conversation sessions, connecting with over 125 different people in these gatherings. “Conversations with Cops” is an opportunity for our officers to hold meaningful conversations with our citizens in a non-intimidating environment. Most of these conversations have been about local concerns or questions, but have allowed our officers to share what real life policing is like versus the perception of policing. “Conversations with Cops” is a partnership with the Arlington Smokey Point Chamber of Commerce. If you or your business would like to schedule a Conversations with Cops, please email [manager@arlingtonsmokeypointchamber.com](mailto:manager@arlingtonsmokeypointchamber.com).

Concerned with the level of shoplifting at their store, our local Walmart is looking to introduce the “Restorative Justice” program that has seen substantial success in other Walmarts throughout the country. The “Restorative Justice” program is a diversion program developed by Turning Point Justice and the National Association for Shoplifting Prevention. The program allows Walmart to deal with shoplifters internally, rather than calling police to handle the case. The optional program gives some accused shoplifters, especially first time offenders, the option of paying restitution for the stolen items and completing an online class designed to deter future offenses through education rather than jail time.

The Police Department’s latest efforts are in exploration of new ways to address low level, non-violent crimes in ways that offer just as much help as punishment. One of the programs we are examining is starting a Community Court. This concept has shown positive outcomes in other places across the country, often reducing jail costs and the frequency of repeat offenses.

The Community Court concept was initially launched in 1993 in New York City. Since that time over 100 community courts have been established throughout the United States, including courts in Seattle, Spokane, and Olympia. A community court is usually geared to address the problems of defendants who are chronically homeless, frequently suffer from multiple addictions, and often have a co-occurring mental illness. The court promotes community service and intense supervision over the repeated cycle of short term jail sentences. The court also requires the person to get help for whatever their problem is: addiction, homelessness, mental illness, or something else. The court is also heavily dependent on a deep collaboration between law enforcement, municipal court, prosecutors, public defenders, and social and health service providers.

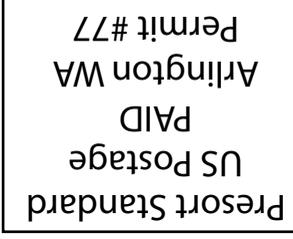
Chief Ventura recently visited the Spokane Community Court and was impressed with the outcomes they are achieving. In the two years since its launch, the Spokane Community Court has been able to assist over 1,000 individuals end their repeated cycle of short term jail sentences. The Department will continue to update the public as further analysis is completed on a Community Court and whether it will work in Arlington.

## Sno-Isle Approves New 10-year Plan for Library Facilities; Includes New Buildings for Arlington and the Lakewood and Smokey Point Area

In late July, the Sno-Isle Library Board of Trustees approved a new 10-year plan for improving library facilities throughout the district. The plan, available online at [www.sno-isle.org/facplan](http://www.sno-isle.org/facplan), reviewed the existing facilities within the district and identified four opportunity areas where there are unserved or underserved community needs and population growth. One of those four opportunity areas identified in the plan is the Lakewood and Smokey Point area, where significant growth is occurring with more growth expected by 2025. Sno-Isle plans to establish a “library demonstration project” for the area that could be up and running as early as the fourth quarter of 2017. Such a project could mean a library using leased space, staffed with existing Sno-Isle Libraries employees and stocked with existing materials and the normal collection-addition processes.

The adopted plan also identifies a new library for greater Arlington. The draft plan initially identified the Arlington Library for renovation. The community told Sno-Isle they wanted a new building, which is reflected in the plan approved by the trustees. The community consistently expressed interest in replacing the current library with a new facility.

The City anticipates further conversations with Sno-Isle Libraries in the coming months to determine what the library demonstration project will entail for the area of Lakewood and Smokey Point and what a new library for Arlington could look like.



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- 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

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## America's Best Communities Competition Projects Underway!



We have just completed the second quarter of the America's Best Communities finalist competition. Arlington-Darrington has made a significant amount of progress on our comprehensive and ambitious tasks! The grand prize is \$3 million to continue our economic stimulation projects, and we are very excited at the teamwork, dedication and passion for results that we see. ABC has been a catalyst to make positive changes in our communities, and the change is underway! Some of the progress we have made:

### Wi-Fi Hotspot

A City of Arlington free Wi-Fi hotspot was launched to the public on Saturday, October 1. This is the first free hotspot implemented by the City of Arlington and is located at 323 N. Olympic Avenue, known as the Merchant's Parking Lot. Darrington has installed their hotspot in Old School Park.

By creating a public Wi-Fi hotspot, we are improving access to the internet. Citizens will be able to connect to the internet for education, professional purposes, job hunting, health advice, social networking, shopping, directions, and more! Visitors may find that their downtown experience is enhanced by the services we are providing. The introduction of Wi-Fi hotspots leads to a bigger initiative of providing wide internet access throughout the communities to support economic growth and opportunities for youth and education.

### Downtown Beautification

One of the goals of the Arlington-Darrington America's Best Communities plan is to encourage investments and beautification in the downtown corridors. This public/private partnership is designed to improve our ability to attract new development into our towns. This initiative works in concert with two other projects, a merchandising project and tool library project, with a goal of getting the most benefit of what assets we have to work with. We want our downtowns to have a sense of pride in how they look.

With the help of a merchandising consultant, both Arlington and Darrington identified areas that could use some repair. With this encouragement, the property owners in downtown Arlington and Darrington have been busy making those repairs and improving their buildings. Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties has joined our efforts and are offering low cost paint to building owners participating in the program. In late September, we had over 20 volunteers from Senior AMT aerospace company and members of several churches who offered labor and have completed beautification projects, including painting two buildings.



### Youth Councils

Both Arlington and Darrington have created Youth Councils as part of this economic revitalization plan. On Monday, October 3, 2016, seven youth from Arlington were confirmed by the Arlington City Council for their new role as a Youth Council member. The seven, Zack Bailey, Mikayla Beckley, Morgan Bryson, Cole Cramer, Zoe Tapper, Alec Villa, and Olivia Walker, have already been hard at work representing the youth of Arlington with their first meeting on September 22, 2016. On

October 23, 2016, the Arlington Youth Council will meet with the Darrington Youth Council for a retreat at Camp Killoqua, where they will work on teamwork, collectively work through a visioning activity, and emerge from the retreat with a basic plan of action for the upcoming year.



Developing a Youth Council in Arlington and Darrington is Strategy 3.1

of the Arlington-Darrington Community Revitalization Plan, America's Best Communities. One critical component of community and workforce development is supporting the youth of today to become the leaders of tomorrow. Smaller rural communities frequently lose their young people as they move out of the area to pursue higher education and entry-level careers, resulting in a "brain drain" of talent needed to sustain a vibrant local economy. This strategy establishes youth councils in both Arlington and Darrington that will focus on issues of interest to youth leaders by integrating young people into the political process and equipping them with the skills and resources to address these problems. Encouraging young people to make meaningful contributions to their respective communities and the region as a whole will give them a sense of investment and a bond that will promote the Stillaguamish Valley as a place where they can grow professionally in the future.

### Our Partners and Sponsors

The community teams are getting executive assistance from partners from WSU, Economic Alliance Snohomish County, and Frontier. Glen Coil, Economic Alliance, said, "A big part of the success of this project is showing that the community is supportive and engaged. Having volunteers leading the effort and managing the projects will give the judges no choice but to award Arlington and Darrington the \$3 million prize."

We would like to thank the sponsors of the America's Best Communities Competition including Frontier Communications, Dish Network, Co Bank and The Weather Channel for the funding to complete these projects. For more information on the Arlington-Darrington ABC team and all 11 projects go to Facebook, [facebook.com/StillyValleyABC/](https://www.facebook.com/StillyValleyABC/) or the City's website, [arlingtonwa.gov/ABC](http://arlingtonwa.gov/ABC).