



THE UPDATE

June 2018

Council Highlights

Elected officials have been working on the following:

February

Agreement with San Juan County for Data Center Exchange Agreement to apply for Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Regional Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

March

Agreement with Region VIII Education Service Center TIPS (The Purchasing System) for cooperative purchasing
Approved sale of Hangar 57B
Ordinance amending AMC 13.12 for Low Income Senior and Low Income Disabled Rates; adopted Grace Period for Utility bills
Awarded Apparent Low Bid for Arlington Valley Road to Scarsella Brothers
Ordinance amending AMC 13.12 for Accessory Dwelling Unit Connection Fees

April

Grant acceptance for social worker public defense program
Resolution declaring Ford Expedition as surplus and completing intergovernmental transfer to Oso Fire Department
Resolution declaring Chevrolet Impala as surplus and authorizing its sale
Application to Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) for Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center (AMMIC) designation
Unscheduled ambulance purchase
Acceptance of Community Contribution Grant from Rotary Club of Arlington for Eight Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for police vehicles
Reappointment of Allen Ice and Lelani Lucrisia to the Cemetery Board
Reappointment of Kay Duskin to the Civil Service Commission
Appointment of Rachel Ralson and Matthew Rosenthal to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
Resolution Supporting Funding of a New Countywide 911 Emergency Radio System (SERS)
Agreement for Fire and EMS Mutual Aid with other Snohomish County fire departments

May

Acceptance of public art proposals
Ordinance correcting typographical error in Ordinance 2014-016 relating to sunset provision of utility taxes
Awarded apparent low bid for 2018 utility improvement and pavement preservation project to Reece Construction
Updated City's fee schedule
Honored departing Commissioners Bob Leonard, Christopher St John, Zoe Undercuffler for Parks, Art and Recreation Commission (PARC) and Steve Peterson for Civil Service Commission
Swearing in of Officer Brandon Carlrud
Authorization to apply for Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant for Evans Park
Resolution authorizing investment in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)
Agreement with National Purchasing Partners (NPP) for cooperative purchasing
Approved replacement of TV 21 equipment
Approved replacement of electronic Patient Care Reporting (ePCR) tablets
Approved Memorandum of Agreement with Arlington City Employees, Local 2849 of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, AFSCME
Appointed Lauren Hammond and Nicholas Rieman to PARC
Reappointed John Branthoover to the Airport Commission
Resolution rejecting all bids on the Haller Splash Pad and authorization to re-bid the project
Agreement with Snohomish County for participation in Diversion Center
Resolution waiving land use fees for Arlington Fly-In

Message from the Mayor

Over the last six years, we have made remarkable progress in recovery of our city finances and services. Our solutions have included reducing staff, eliminating or modifying programs that were ineffective, inefficient, or underperforming, and upgrading technology to be more efficient. Together, we have focused on providing essential public services: parks, streets, utilities, and public safety.

City revenues go into 10 different accounts per state statute. The four primary funds are; the General Fund, which provides for parks, police, fire, and general government services; the streets fund, which repairs our city's roads, sidewalks and trails; the utilities fund, which supports the provision of clean water, the disposal of sewage, and storm water; and the EMS fund, which funds our emergency medical services.

With newfound efficiencies, our reserves now are current with our City required financial policy. And because of this work done by the Council and staff, our bond rating was just upgraded by Standard and Poors to an AA-, with a stable outlook. The upgraded rating reflects Standard and Poors view of the City's strong management with good financial policies and practices in place.

The one account that has not recovered is the EMS fund. Emergency Medical Service calls have increased much faster than the taxes that pay for the service. With the increase in the number of calls and the decrease in insurance payments received from insurance companies including Medicare and Medicaid, EMS has limited opportunities for increasing revenue. With the increasing demand for service, EMS will soon experience response times that will not be able to keep up with the current service level.

The City Council has made the choice to provide a subsidy to EMS from the General Fund for the past four years while it has explored potential solutions to the problem. This short term borrowing until a solution is found cannot be sustained any longer. Without changes to the insurance reimbursement schedules and with annual rising costs above 4%, the Council has studied all the options searching for a sustainable funding path. This \$1.5 Million subsidy from the General Fund has restricted the city financially from adding additional police staff to address current crime rates.

You will read inside about the solution upon which the City Council has requested and how it works.

No one likes increased fees or taxes, including me and the Arlington City Council, however, providing police, fire, and emergency medical services is our highest priority. The solution they have selected has been arrived at after extensive and intensive study. It is also the least expensive to the citizens of all the options they explored.

The Council will hold a public hearing to detail the study, the issues and the potential solution on July 2nd. If you are not able to attend please email, mail or call us. City Council will receive all comments prior to their final decision.

Mayor Barb Tolbert



Legion Park Stage Project Complete

On Sunday, June 3, Mayor Tolbert, members of the Arlington City Council, City staff, donors, and community members gathered to honor the dozens of volunteers that constructed the stage at Legion Park over 10 weeks.

Arlington has a fabulous culture of volunteerism and community contributions. Mayor Tolbert said at the June 3 event, "it is an honor to join this group to thank them in person for the beautiful new stage in Legion Park." We thank them for this community gift!



City Meetings

Check our website, www.arlingtonwa.gov, for the latest meeting schedule

- City Council Meeting 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m. Council Chambers 110 E Third St. 360-403-3441
- City Council Workshop 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7 p.m. Council Chambers 110 E Third St. 360-403-3441
- Airport Commission 2nd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Airport Office 18204 59th Dr NE 360-403-3470
- Cemetery Board the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at the Cemetery Office 360-403-3428
- Civil Service Commission 1st Mondays at 9 a.m. Council Library 110 E Third St. 360-403-3439
- Library Board Meets quarterly at 5:30 p.m. Council Library 110 E Third St. 360-403-3441
- Parks Arts & Recreation Commission 4th Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Council Chambers 110 E Third St. 360-403-3448
- Planning Commission 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m Council Chambers 110 E Third St. 360-403-3435

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Community Outreach Team Update

Outreach Officer Ken Thomas was joined on March 26, 2018 by Law Enforcement Embedded Social Worker Britney Sutton. Officer Thomas and ESW Sutton have now worked together for just over two months. During this time, they have engaged with 89 people, with 17 of those accepting services.

The team will have access to another tool in mid-June with the opening of the Snohomish County Diversion Center. One of the most significant challenges for the outreach teams is short term housing while the clients are waiting for inpatient treatment. The Diversion Center is designed for the County's homeless population often who are addicted to drugs (primarily opioids) and may be struggling with untreated mental health needs or committing low-level crimes to live and support their addiction. The center will have approximately 40 beds for short-term placement and shelter (up to 15 days) of clients from the law enforcement social worker program while their case manager helps them enroll in treatment options and other social services to address individual needs.

Online Crime Reporting Now Available

The Arlington Police Department has joined several other law enforcement agencies in the region by using a new online crime reporting tool.

This tool allows victims of certain crimes to report the crime online with a minimal amount of typing and mouse clicks. The new online crime reporting site, www.mycrimereport.us, was launched as a community resource through a collaborative effort of the primary emergency dispatch agency, Snohomish County 911, and the two largest law enforcement agencies in the county.

The online crime reporting tool, which can also be accessed via mobile device, may be especially useful for victims who need a police report number for insurance purposes, but either don't want to or cannot wait for an officer to respond.

The online tool will generate a police report number and will send that number to the victim's e-mail, typically within 72 business hours. All reports are reviewed by law enforcement personnel.

Another benefit to the online crime report is that it reduces the need for law enforcement to follow-up on every call in person, meaning officers can spend more time on proactive patrol. However, crime victims can still request an in-person follow-up, and anyone with questions about a crime and how to report it should still call 911.

While the online tool is valuable for reporting minor crimes, there are some reports that must be made by calling 911. Types of crimes that cannot be reported online include felonies, crimes where the suspect is known, where the address of the incident is unknown and/or where the value of something stolen or damaged exceeds \$5,000.

The minimum requirements for filing a report online are that the reporting party has an e-mail address and that they know the location where the incident occurred.

Examples of crimes that can be reported online include:

- Vandalism - Graffiti on a fence to a home or business.
- Theft - A stolen cell phone.
- Theft - A stolen bike.
- Vehicle damage or prowl - A "smash and grab" from a vehicle.

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No Trespassing at On and Off-Ramps to Interstate 5

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has recently posted NO TRESPASSING signs at many of their interstate on and off-ramps, including on Interstate 5 at Exit 206, 172nd Street NE (Smokey Point) and at Exit 208 (SR 530).

WSDOT has also given Arlington Police authorization to enforce state law on WSDOT controlled properties and rights-of-way. This is a great tool for our officers to take action on the repeat complaints we receive at these locations for disorderly conduct, trespassing, drugs, and littering.

If you see suspicious or illegal activity at the on and off-ramps at these locations, please call 911 to report it.

The Arlington City Council is considering adoption of an Ambulance Utility Fee that would be added to your monthly utility bill to ensure public safety is sustainably funded and staffed to support our community.

The City Council is considering this fee after four years of intensive study to find a sustainable model to fund Emergency Medical Services (EMS). EMS services are currently funded through an EMS Property Tax Levy, transport fees, and fees paid by other jurisdictions that contract with the City of Arlington for services. This still leaves a \$1.5 million gap in funding that must be filled with funds from the General Fund, impacting other programs and services. The Council and City directors have carefully considered all options to ensure the community needs for public safety services are met.

What is the Ambulance Utility Fee?

The Ambulance Utility Fee is a \$15 per month per billable unit charge on businesses' and residents' water, sewer and storm water bill to sustainably fund public safety services. The new fee would apply to all single family homes, multi-family units, and businesses within the City limits.

Similar to what is currently in place for our water, sewer and stormwater utilities, low income senior citizens and low income disabled residents would be eligible for a 40% discount of the fee. A short application may be required in order to receive the discount.

Why is the fee necessary?

The City of Arlington is proposing an Ambulance Utility Fee to ensure public safety is sustainably funded and staffed to support our community.

The fee addresses concerns around call response times and increases in homelessness, mental illness and substance abuse in and around our community.

What are the benefits of the fee?

The Ambulance Utility Fee funds increasing public safety services and provides relief to the General Fund, allowing us to hire new police officers and fire personnel to serve the community. Recruitment and hiring of two new police officers will begin immediately on passage by the City Council. In addition, Council has committed to hire three fire personnel and one additional police officer, a domestic violence coordinator, and a police services officer over the next three years.

Why an Ambulance Utility Fee?

The City Council and City directors have carefully considered all options to ensure the community needs for public safety services are met. After four years of intensive study, City Council recommends the Ambulance Utility Fee as the best way to achieve these goals with a sustainable funding model.

Has this been implemented in other jurisdictions?

This is a sustainable funding model that has proven successful to support and grow public safety in communities across Washington state.

How is EMS funded now?

EMS services are currently funded through an EMS Property Tax levied at a maximum of \$0.50/thousand dollars of assessed value. It is supported by transportation fees provided by other jurisdictions that do not have their own public safety services and utilize Arlington to provide those services.

Even with these funding mechanisms there is still a shortfall to cover current costs. To fill that gap, the City has used its General Fund to ensure that services are fully funded. Taking from the General Fund makes it difficult to fund public safety and has restricted public safety from adding staff.

The Ambulance Utility Fee ensures that public safety is sustainably funded and staffed, without dipping into the General Fund.

Where will my money go?

The revenues from the Ambulance Utility will go directly into the EMS fund and under state law must be specifically used for EMS purposes.

When will the community see benefits?

Recruitment and hiring of two new police officers will begin immediately on passage by the City Council. In addition, Council has committed to hire three fire personnel and one additional police officer, a domestic violence coordinator, and a police services officer over the next three years.

How can I have input?

The City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing on the proposed Ambulance Utility Fee for Monday, July 2, 2018 in the Arlington City Council Chambers, 110 E. Third Street. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the hearing to Kristin Banfield, Communications Manager / City Clerk at kbanfield@arlingtonwa.gov. All comments received will be provided to the City Council for their consideration.

Arlington City Council remains committed to ensuring that your public safety investments benefit the community and address ongoing public health challenges. This is a sustainable funding model that has proven successful to support and grow public safety in communities around Washington.

Mayor's Volunteer Award

Mayor Tolbert's Volunteer Recognition Program celebrates citizens' volunteer work and commitment to community service. Mayor Tolbert's Volunteer Award was presented to Dr. Devin Brossard at the April 2, 2018 City Council meeting, Tina Davis at the April 16, 2018 City Council meeting, and Teresa Hanna at the June 4, 2018 City Council meeting.

Dr. Devin Brossard is the president of the Arlington Runners Club. Using their love of running to build a sense of community, the Arlington Runners Club supports local charities for each of their races, generating \$4,500-6,000 per race. Beneficiaries of these runs include Youth Dynamics, the Arlington Community Food Bank, A Christmas Wish, Eagle Wings DisAbility Ministries, and the Stilly Valley Chamber of Commerce.



Tina Davis leads "A Christmas Wish", which collects gifts and toys for needy families in the Arlington and Darrington communities. "A Christmas Wish" is done in partnership with the financial community in Arlington, the Stillaguamish Tribe, Arlington Rotary, the Arlington Community Food Bank, the Arlington Runners Club and the Arlington Boys and Girls Club. In 2017, Tina and her army of over 40 volunteers turned the Arlington Boys and Girls Club gym into a department store, where families could shop free of charge. In all, over 200 families and over 700 children were served by "A Christmas Wish".



Teresa Hanna received the Mayor's Volunteer Award at the June 4, 2018 City Council meeting. Teresa is an active band mom, making sure the Arlington High School Band program and especially the drum line keep functioning. Teresa is involved not just because her kids are in band, but more importantly because she knows how important the band program is to many students. Teresa helped her daughter bring band back to Darrington and hauled loaner instruments to Darrington High School for their game to witness the band playing for the first time in a decade. She has been one of the unsung hero Band Moms who work behind the scenes and never expects to be thanked or recognized.



Nominate a Volunteer

Do you know a volunteer who should be recognized for their work and commitment to community service? To be eligible for this award, volunteer work must be uncompensated and not a part of any employment. Nominees must perform volunteer service within the 98223 zip code. Volunteers will be considered based on initiative and work contributed through volunteering. There is no minimum hours requirement. Volunteers may be nominated by an individual or a group, but they may not nominate themselves.

Nominations can come from anyone. To nominate a volunteer, please go to www.arlingtonwa.gov/volunteeraward.

Planning Update

Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center

In late March, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) approved policy changes for regional centers that clears the way for the cities of Arlington and Marysville to jointly apply for regional designation of our manufacturing industrial center later this year. The new policies were a product of over two years of work by the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board, of which Arlington City Councilmember Jan Schuette is an active member. Receiving the regional designation will open doors to grants at the regional, state, and federal level.

Complete Streets Program in Development

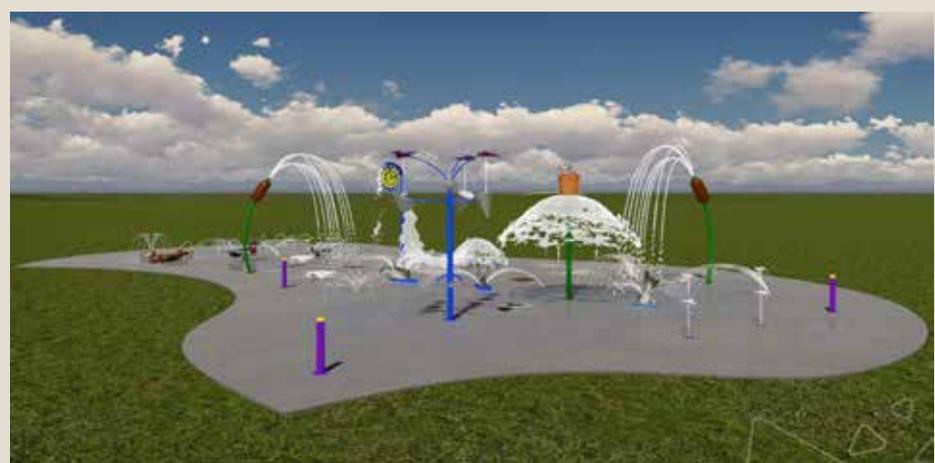
Progress is being made on the development of the City's Complete Streets program. The Complete Streets Program aims to address the needs of all users when development and redevelopment of traffic corridors are proposed within the City of Arlington, including people who drive, family and commuter cyclists, pedestrians, people with accessibility needs, and people who use transit. It also focuses on the aesthetics of our streets. In legislation introduced by Councilmember Debora Nelson, the Arlington City Council adopted a work plan for the development of a Complete Streets program for the City. Councilmember Nelson first learned about Complete Streets and their importance through her work on the PSRC Transportation Policy Board. Having a program in place may increase our ability to receive grants from the regional, state, and federal levels. The Complete Streets program is expected to be presented to Council for adoption in fall 2018.

Haller Splash Pad Groundbreaking Set for July 4

Arlington staff opened initial bids on the long-awaited Splash Pad at Haller Park on May 10. "To our dismay, the only bid received came in \$500,000 over budget," stated Public Works Director Jim Kelly. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$760,000. The lone bid received was \$1.3 million. Stated Mayor Barbara Tolbert, "I am disappointed that we cannot complete the project in 2018, however we will always do the fiscally prudent thing. In this case, we need to rebid the project." She concluded, "we know the community is anxious for us to finish this project and we will, just a little later than we originally anticipated."

Rebidding on the project closed on June 14, 2018, with the apparent low bidder bidding just over \$769,000 to complete the project. Bid award for the project will go to Council on July 2, 2018.

With this news, City staff is scheduling a Ground Breaking Ceremony on July 4, 2018. Watch the City's e-newsletter and social media for an update on the time of the groundbreaking event.



The project team is happy to answer any questions that you may have. It is unfortunate that the project was delayed while anticipating state funding, but the amount of the grant was worth the wait. Please call Sarah Lopez, Community Revitalization Project Manager, at 360-403-3448 if you have any questions on the project or the delay.

Total Project Budget:	\$ 1,325,000
Total Expenses to Date:	\$ 493,790
Design:	\$ 96,476
Bidding and permits:	\$ 3,643
Splash Pad Equipment acquisition:	\$ 393,671
Estimated Construction Cost:	\$ 760,000
Additional Estimated Costs:	\$ 71,210
(PUD, surveying, landscaping, materials testing, irrigation)	

Information on the Splash Park and all other City projects is available on our website at www.arlingtonwa.gov/500/City-Projects.

Water Safety and Beach Etiquette on the Stillaguamish River

In 2017, the Arlington Fire Department was called to assist on an alarming rise in calls of drownings and near drownings on the Stillaguamish River. Although the river looks inviting on hot days, it is also very deceiving, running high and swift from rains and snow melt. It can easily overwhelm even the strongest swimmer. Even on the hotter days of early summer, the river, and local lakes and ponds are still cold and hypothermia can set in quickly.

The Arlington Fire Department strongly encourages our citizens and visitors to respect the danger of rivers at any depth. Life jackets should always be worn when in, on, or near water. Life jackets can be purchased at many local stores, including Arlington Hardware, Tractor Supply, and Walmart.

The City also reminds our citizens and visitors of the rules on the Stillaguamish River beaches and adjacent parks:

- No littering
- No alcoholic beverages
- No marijuana
- No tobacco products
- No fires
- No discharge of fireworks or firearms
- No overnight camping
- No motorized vehicles
- Pets must be on a leash at all times, Clean up after pets
- Pack it in, Pack it out

The City, Snohomish County and the State will be patrolling the parks and beaches this summer and enforcing these rules. If you observe suspicious or illegal activity, please report it by calling 911.

Meet me in Arlington Summertime Events

May-Dec	Red Rooster Route
June 9	Show & Shine Car Show
June 23	YD Tightly Fun Run
June 30	Shakespeare in the Park
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7-11AM
PEDAL, PADDLE, PUFF TRIATHLON 9AM
FOAM 5K RUN AT HALLER PARK 10AM
KIWANIS AUCTION, HALLER PARK, 9 & 10:30AM
HOMETOWN 4TH AT LEGION PARK, 12-4PM
KIDDIES PARADE ON OLYMPIC AVE, 4:30PM
GRAND PARADE ON OLYMPIC AVE, 5PM
ROTARY DUCK DASH, AT HALLER PARK, 7:30PM
FOOD CONCESSIONS AT OUAKE FIELD, 7:00-9:30PM
FIREWORKS AT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, 9PM
STILLY BEER & WINE GARDEN & FOOD
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JULY 3 - 3-10PM & JULY 4 NOON-8PM

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Public Works Utilities	360-403-3526
Street & Park Maintenance	360-403-3459
Utility Billing	360-403-3421

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ENTERTAINMENT

SUMMER 2018

OUTDOOR MOVIES

AT DARK

JULY 6 STAR WARS LAST JEDI AT THE FLY-IN

JULY 12 EARLY MAN AT TERRACE PARK

JULY 19 PETER RABBIT AT TERRACE PARK

MUSIC ON THE TERRACES

6:30-8:00 PM

AUGUST 2 MOJO CANNON

AUGUST 9 HILLARY & KATE

AUGUST 16 METAL SHOP

AUGUST 23 HARVEY CREEK BAND

SHAKESPEARE AT TERRACE PARK

JUNE 30 AT 6PM

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EVENTS MADE POSSIBLE WITH ASSISTANCE HOTEL/MOTEL TOURISM FUND

Participate in National Night Out

On August 7th, the City of Arlington will again participate in National Night Out Against Crime. We would like to support your neighborhood efforts to celebrate. Please contact Theresa Ramey at 360-403-3600 or tramey@arlingtonwa.gov if you would like more details on how you can establish an event for your neighborhood or to arrange for visits from the Mayor, City Council, and city departments on the evening of August 7th.



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