



THE UPDATE

December 2018

Council Highlights

Elected officials have been working on the following:

July:

Awarded bid for Haller Splash Pad Project
Adopted design standards for new development and Olympic Avenue design guidelines
Accepted Recycling Grant from Department of Ecology
Awarded bid for Airport seal coat project

August:

Adopted six year Transportation Improvement Plan
Adopted Ambulance Utility Fee and set rates
Amended 2018 Police Budget to hire two new police officer positions
Completed surplus of properties on Washington Avenue
Awarded bid for Airport pavement improvement project
Purchased waterline easements for 173rd St NE

September:

Rejected all bids for the innovation center renovation and pocket park project with authority to rebid in January 2019
Terminated an Agreement with the City of Marysville for storm water billing
Approved a developer agreement for the Baker-Mor project
Approved an agreement with SAFEbuilt for supplemental building inspection services

October:

Approved City application for Hotel-Motel Grants
Approved agreement with South Snohomish County Regional Fire Authority for the purchase of power cots
Approved a lease for Fire Station #48
Amended an agreement with Snohomish County for the Tourism Promotion Area
Approved an emergency waterline repair for Farmstead Estates neighborhood
Proclaimed October 7-13, 2018 as Fire Prevention Week
Proclaimed October 21-27, 2018 as Friends of the Library Week
Dedicated the Butner Board Room in honor and memory of Dick Butner
Administered oath of office to new Police Officers Shane Sharp, Michael Knight, Dustin Bartlett, Rhonda Urton, and provisional officer Michael Ellis
Appointed the 2018-2019 Arlington Youth Council
Accepted a grant for a Lucas CPR device from the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
Appointed Michele Blythe to the Civil Service Commission
Approved a sale agreement for the surplus Washington Avenue properties
Approved an agreement with Snohomish County for Joint Operations and Maintenance of Twin Rivers Park
Approved an agreement with Arlington Public Schools for community garden space

November:

Approved the close out of the Lift Station #2 project
Approved use of a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the Washington Avenue properties
Approved an Agreement with North County Regional Fire Authority for Shared Fire Marshal and Medical Services Administrator positions
Accepted a grant for a new street sweeper from the Department of Ecology
Approved the 2019-2020 City Budget
Approved the general property tax levy
Approved the EMS property tax levy
Approved a contract for Human Services consulting
Approved an agreement with the Snohomish Health District for a per capita contribution
Approved an agreement with North County Regional Fire Authority for the community paramedic program
Adopted a Complete Streets Policy

Message from the Mayor

The Arlington City Council recently concluded the City's budget process with the formal adoption of the City's 2019-2020 biennial budget. This process begins months before the actual adoption with a thorough review of the City's projected revenue assumptions for the coming years, as well as the identification of City priorities to be addressed. The development of the budget is a true partnership between me, the City Council, the City's department directors, staff, and the public that requires significant discussion to clearly identify areas of focus for the coming years.

This year's budget focuses on the Council priorities of increased investments in public safety, economic development, and strategic capital investments in our community's infrastructure. Included in the budget is a commitment to hire additional police officers and firefighters to enhance public safety, in addition to the continuation of the City's participation in the Countywide effort to eliminate opioid related overdose deaths. The City's Community Outreach Team, comprised of Arlington Police Officer Ken Thomas and embedded social worker Britney Sutton, are making progress with 38 individuals that have completed substance abuse evaluations, 14 individuals that have completed substance abuse treatment, and 14 individuals in stable housing in just four months. I hope you will take the time to review the short summaries of the priorities we have been working on and explore them in more detail on our website.

The City remains focused on providing opportunities for our residents to live and work in the local area and preserve the great quality of life and atmosphere of Arlington. I hope you will take a few minutes to read the update on our continued efforts to attain the regional manufacturing center designation for the Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center (AMMIC) and the new adopted design standards and complete streets policy. This critical work will help bring family wage jobs to our local area, reduce traffic congestion, and improve our local quality of life.

Our road investments in 2019 include two of the most requested improvements in the City. A full write up on the two projects are included in this issue of the Arlington Update on the back page.

As we enter into the holiday season, I ask you to remember those in our community who could use a hand up, not a hand out. Arlington has many generous people who want to help others. Please consider keeping your wallet closed when approached by panhandlers. Because you care, Arlington has several free resources for people who need hot meals, groceries, and clothing. The list of resources is available on our website at www.arlingtonwa.gov. When you want to donate, please consider giving to one of our many local charities that can provide direct resources to those in need.

Mayor Barb Tolbert



City Meetings

Check our website calendar for the latest information

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 & Economic Development Update

Over the last six months, the cities of Arlington and Marysville have made significant strides to pave the way for the build out of the Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing Industrial Center (AMMIC). Comprised of over 4,000 acres of undeveloped, underdeveloped, and redevelopable land, the AMMIC recently obtained designation as a federal Opportunity Zone. Opportunity zones are an economic development tool designed to spur economic development and job creation in communities across the nation, providing tax benefits to investors, even if they do not live, work, or have a business in a zone. The AMMIC is one a handful of designated opportunity zones in Washington state.

The Opportunity Zone program was a bipartisan proposal in Congress incorporated into the US Tax Cuts and Jobs act. The federal designation will help drive private investments to the AMMIC, enabling our cities to leverage our untapped resources to bring in jobs, housing, and critical development.

The cities have also been hard at work developing subarea plans for the AMMIC for each city as part of obtaining regional designation for the AMMIC from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The designation as a MIC by PSRC will open access to federal grants and other programs for critical infrastructure in the AMMIC and surrounding areas. The subarea plan for Arlington is available on the City's website at <http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/575/Manufacturing-Industrial-Center>. The City is set to adopt the subarea plan in December and submit for regional designation from PSRC in January.

In addition to this work on the AMMIC, staff has been hard at work developing design standards for all new development in Arlington that were adopted by the City Council in July. In March 2018, the City Council identified the need to implement some protections to require new development to adhere to standards that will preserve the history and context of Olympic Avenue, the Old Town Residential District, and other areas throughout town. More information on these guidelines are available on our website.

In November, the City also adopted guidelines and regulations for the City's Complete Streets initiative. Complete Streets aims to address the needs of all users when development and redevelopment of land adjacent to traffic corridors is proposed. The regulations and guidelines will help the City provide multi-modal transportation opportunities to all users when land is developed and redeveloped. It also focuses on the aesthetics of our streets. More information on Complete Streets is available on the website: www.arlingtonwa.gov/574/Complete-Streets.

2019-2020 City Budget Adopted

In November, the Arlington City Council unanimously approved the 2019-2020 biennial budget. The City plans to spend \$54,240,420 in 2019 and \$57,432,315 in 2020. While this is an increase in spending on the priorities our community has asked for, the City's property tax rates for 2019 will be lower than 2018.

The City's 2019-2020 budget focuses on the Council priorities of increased investments in public safety, economic development, and strategic investment in our community. The budget includes funding for one new police officer, three firefighters, continuation of the embedded social worker position, a part-time contracted domestic violence coordinator along with the equipment, vehicles and tools to perform their jobs.

The budget also includes \$20 million in capital improvements, including \$9 million in road improvements and preservation, and over \$500,000 in improvements to city parks. Over the next two years, the City of Arlington has budgeted for designing and constructing over \$6.5 million in road improvements, of which \$4.5 million is grant funding. Projects include the design and construction of 173rd St NE, the reconstruction of the Merchants parking lot, repairing the 67th Avenue NE/ 193rd St NE Centennial Trail Railroad Crossing, improvements to the 204th Ave NE / 77th St NE intersection, installation of the 40th Ave NE/ 172nd St NE intersection, improvements to the Smokey Point Blvd and SR-530 intersection, in addition to \$2.6 million in planned pavement preservation work. Parks improvements include improvements to Terrace Park, Evans Park, and the completion of the Haller Park Splash Pad, which is currently under construction.

The City's budget is available for review at www.arlingtonwa.gov/budget.

Progress Being Made to Address Homelessness and Addiction

Arlington City Council recently received an update on the City and County's efforts to address opioid addiction, opioid overdoses, and associated homelessness.

Arlington is actively participating in a regional approach with Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management taking the lead for this team effort. Called the Multi-Agency Coordination Group, or MAC Group, the team is focused on seven different goals, primary among them is ending opioid overdose deaths. The MAC group is the first project of its kind in the United States, using emergency management techniques to lead a coordinated response to end opioid overdoses.

Arlington is participating in the MAC group, because these issues know no boundaries. The homeless and opioid addicted population is mobile, distrustful of authority, not necessarily ready to stop living on the streets, and are subject to relapse. Researchers estimate that more than 2/3 of individuals in recovery relapse within weeks to months of beginning addiction treatment. For the opioid addicted, 85% of individuals relapse.

Data collected from the MAC group is showing some promising successes for the Arlington Community Outreach Team, comprised of Arlington Police Officer Ken Thomas and Embedded Social Worker Britney Sutton. In the four months since data collection began (June through September), the Arlington outreach team made 234 contacts with individuals; some just once, others multiple times. The team has 38 individuals that have completed substance abuse assessments. Individuals completing substance abuse treatment between June and September are 14, with 14 individuals also in stable housing.

In addition to the 14 completing substance abuse treatment and 14 housed, all Arlington Police officers are trained in the use of Naloxone. A Naloxone training for the public was held in July with over 30 people attending. Additional suboxone prescribing providers are now available in the area through Community Health Centers and Molina. Partnerships with our local services is essential to the success of our efforts. The City is fortunate to have great local partners in the Arlington Community Resource Center, Arlington Public Schools, Cascade Valley Hospital and the Arlington Community Food Bank, and many more.

In 2019, the Community Outreach Team will continue their work throughout Arlington. The MAC group will continue their coordination work and Snohomish County has provided free access to the Diversion Center in Everett to those cities who have outreach teams with embedded social workers. We are looking forward to building additional partnerships to achieve more successes in 2019 with this regional approach.

Arlington Receives Clean Financial and Accountability Audits for 2017

On November 8, 2018, the City of Arlington received notification from the Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO) that the City has received clean financial and accountability audits for 2017.

Stated Mayor Tolbert, "We are pleased to hear that for the third year in a row the SAO issued a clean audit after reviewing the City's finances, financial reporting, and accountability."

The SAO reviewed the City's financial condition and processes, as well as areas representing the highest risk of fraud, loss, abuse, or noncompliance. The auditors' paid special attention to the City's conversion to a new accounting software system; the City's purchasing processes; interfund loans between the Growth Fund and the EMS fund; selected IT security policies, procedures, practices and controls protecting financial systems, IT systems, and data; the statutory authority regarding the ambulance utility fee; the City's general financial condition and fiscal sustainability; and the City's open public meeting minutes.

The audit reports highlighted the hard work by City staff to ensure compliance with all state financial reporting requirements and safeguarding of public resources from fraud, loss, or abuse. The report states in part, "In those selected areas, City operations complied with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources."

The audit reports are available by visiting the SAO's website at www.sao.wa.gov and clicking on "Recent Reports" at the bottom of the page.

Police Staffing Update

In October, the City administered the oath of office to five new officers joining the Arlington Police Department. These officers are all backfilling existing vacancies in the department.

The five individuals joining the department are all experienced police officers with over 50 years of law enforcement experience between them. We are fortunate to have them join the APD team. We hope you will take the time to welcome Officers Sharp, Bartlett, Urton, Ellis, and Knight to Arlington if you meet them on the street.

The City has two police officer vacancies to fill in 2018, with the approval of a budget amendment by the City Council in August. The Police Department expects to fill these two new positions by the end of the year. In 2019, the Police Department will be hiring one additional new police officer, as approved in the 2019-2020 budget. The department expects to fill this new position in the first quarter of 2019. The three police officer positions are the first new positions added to the department since the economic downturn in 2008-2009.

The approval of these new positions is a testament to the commitment of the Arlington City Council and Mayor to fully staff public safety in our community.



Fire Department Receives Grants to Increase Staffing, Improve Safety and Services

In October, the City of Arlington Fire Department, Camano Island Fire and Rescue, and North County Fire / EMS were selected to receive an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grant awarded is in the amount of \$770,000 and will be used to replace 123 sets of self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) that have reached the end of its service life in all three departments. Camano Island Fire and Rescue submitted the grant on behalf of all three departments. The grant is a significant investment in firefighter safety at all three departments that will provide the ability for the three departments to work together during critical incidents.

The City of Arlington Fire Department was also selected to receive another AFG grant and a Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grants awarded from FEMA total close to \$650,000 and will be used to purchase three power lift cots for EMS and hire three new firefighters.

The power lift cots assist in lifting and lowering patients in and out of the ambulance, making the loading and unloading process less jostling to the patient, minimizing the risk of patient falls, and reducing injuries to firefighters.

The SAFER grant was created to provide funding directly to local fire departments to help increase or maintain the number of trained "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The addition of three firefighters to the Department's team of 27 increases the number of firefighters available to respond to an increasing number of requests for service and improve safety for both firefighters and our citizens. Mayor Barb Tolbert said, "This much needed funding will allow the City of Arlington to hire three new firefighters to serve our growing community two years earlier than our available funding would allow."

In addition, the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians has awarded Arlington Fire a \$22,000 grant to purchase a Lucas CPR device for one of the department's medic units. The device is an easy-to-use mechanical chest compression device that provides a consistent chest compression during CPR and will allow medics to continue to provide high-quality chest compressions while a patient is transported to the hospital.

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 Anna Pritchard at the August 6 City Council meeting.



Anna has been a faithful volunteer in the Arlington community since 1988. She's currently a volunteer at Arlington Health and Rehabilitation, helping each week with bingo and updating bulletin boards. She also assists with the monthly horticultural activities in the facility that are presented by the Arlington Garden Club.

She has always been an advocate for the mentally ill and the homeless. Every year Anna assists with the annual count for homeless people in our county.

Congratulations to Anna Pritchard for her volunteer work with those in need in our community!

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.

Introducing the 2018 - 2019 Arlington Youth Council

The Arlington Youth Council is a group of seven Arlington teens that are passionate about helping our community and making it a place where the youth voice is heard. The purpose of AYC is to help advise the Mayor and the City Council on issues and address matters that effect the youth of our community. AYC meets most months during the school year.

The AYC for the 2018-2019 school year are Grace Saenz, Olivia Weaver, Alec Villa, Grace Williams, Enija Reed, Jae Davidson, and Victoria Wilde. Advisors to AYC are Mayor Barb Tolbert, AHS Principal Duane Fish, and Community Revitalization Project Manager Sarah Lopez.

AYC's goal this school year is to spread awareness and knowledge on issues affecting the mental health of Arlington's youth and ways to support the mental health of youth. AYC is working to present a forum as part of a larger event in partnership with the Arlington Drug Awareness Coalition (ADAC). The AYC is looking forward to presenting the event this spring and providing the public the opportunity to support each other for the wellbeing of the Arlington Community.

Follow the AYC on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/ArlingtonWAYouthCouncil.



Road Improvement News

Arlington Receives \$1.6 million to design, construct roundabout at 204th Street NE and 77th Avenue NE

In November, the City was notified by the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) that it is slated to receive \$1.6 million in funding to design and construct the proposed roundabout at 204th Street NE and 77th Avenue NE (Olympic Place). The full project will cost \$2.55 million, with the remaining \$950,000 in funding coming from transportation improvement funds (mitigation fees) collected from new construction in the area.

The proposed construction is for a full roundabout to improve vehicle safety and mobility in the corridor and to provide better pedestrian access to all four corners of the intersection. A roundabout was proposed for this intersection because of the proximity to the SR-9 and 204th Street NE traffic signal and the probability of significant traffic backups.

Stated Mayor Barb Tolbert, "We are grateful to the TIB for the grant award for this essential project that will significantly improve safety in the corridor."

The final award of the funds requires approval from the Washington State Legislature in the 2019 legislative session that starts in January.

Arlington Working with WSDOT for Approval to Install Temporary Traffic Signal at SR-530 in Island Crossing

The upcoming opening of Pilot Travel Center, coupled with additional potential development in the Island Crossing area, has Arlington, Snohomish County, the Stillaguamish Tribe working together on an interim solution to traffic concerns that may develop at the SR-530 and Smokey Point Boulevard intersection. Pilot Travel Center will have three access points, two on SR-530 and one on Smokey Point Boulevard. Trucks leaving Pilot are required to exit on to Smokey Point Boulevard and then on to SR-530 if they want to travel on I-5. To address the increased traffic at the SR-530 and Smokey Point Boulevard intersection, the team has identified a number of possible interim solutions while plans for full roadway improvements in the area are developed and funded.

The primary solution is to install a temporary traffic signal on SR-530 at the west leg of the intersection with Smokey Point Boulevard, this will also be the fastest solution to increase safety and mobility at the intersection. The partners are working with the Washington State Department of Transportation to permit and approve the temporary signal so it can be installed by early summer 2019.

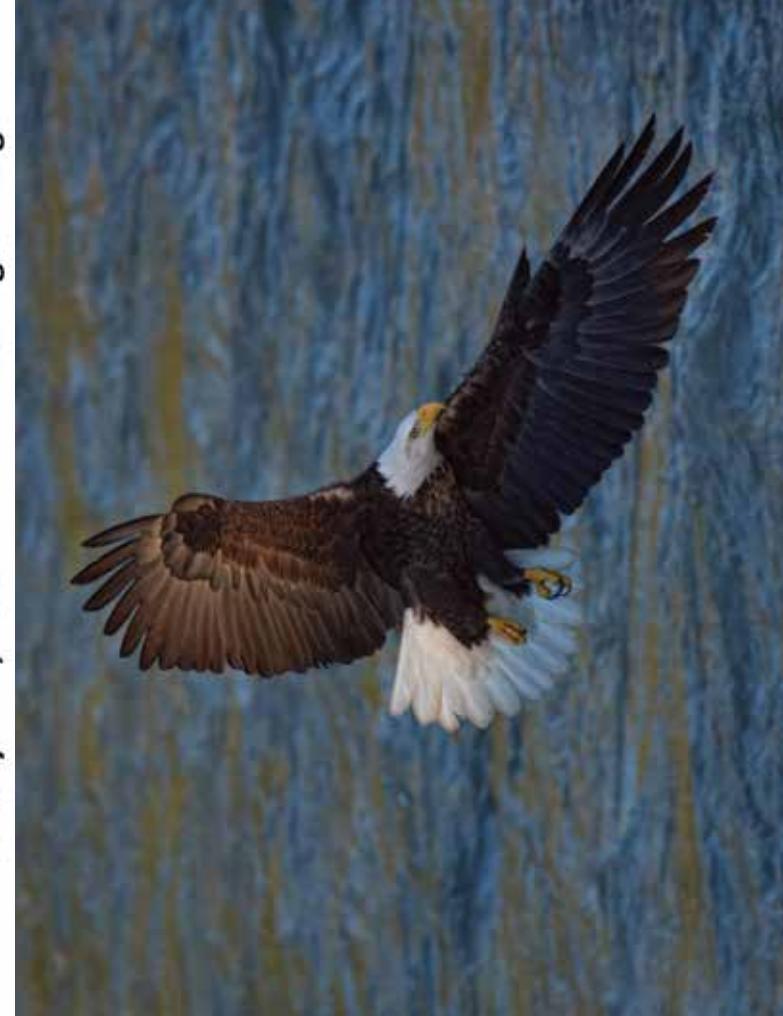
Widening of 172nd St NE is funded and set to begin design in July 2019.

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Human Resources	360-403-3443
Mayor's Office	360-403-3441
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Recreation	360-403-3448
Street & Park Maintenance	360-403-3459
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