

ARLINGTON UPDATE



JANUARY 2024

Arlington Welcomes Mayor Vanney

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024. I hope you all enjoyed your holiday and wish you all the best in this new year.



I am looking forward to serving you as the Mayor and leading the City through 2024. Together with our City Council and team of dedicated staff, we will work hard for you to provide high quality services to support our community.

As Mayor I will focus on putting our community first. We will continue the focus on public safety, with the hiring of two additional police officers with the 2024 budget.

I also want to build on the connections with committees, businesses and organizations within the city and partner with our neighboring cities and Snohomish County to benefit Arlington citizens. Supporting our business community is a focus, they are the vital to the community.

My goals for Arlington are for managed development growth while keeping up with infrastructure, to maintain and improve the quality of life for the community.

As a community, your voice matters. I encourage you to come to weekly city council meetings or watch online. I am available to meet with you in person or on the phone. I am open for conversations, and if I can't answer your questions, I will find the right person who can. Please connect with us by reading the City's weekly e-newsletters.

Thank you for trusting me to lead Arlington in 2024.

Sincerely,

Mayor Don Vanney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Vanney".



Mayor Don Vanney,
Mrs. Claus Tina Richardson, City Administrator Paul Ellis and PIO Mandy Kruger

Apply for Boards and Commissions

Citizen advisory committees are extremely important to the City of Arlington. Residents of the city volunteer to serve a designated term on a commission, board or committee, and are instrumental in recommending policies and procedures to the Council. Those actively involved through this process significantly impact the operation of the city and our future.

Please note that most boards require you to live inside city limits or Arlington's designated Urban Growth Area.

If you are interested in serving on a Board or Commission, please fill out an application through our website at www.arlingtonwa.gov/boards. Your application will be considered if a vacancy arises within one year of your submittal.

If you have any additional questions, please call 360-403-3441 or email info@arlingtonwa.gov.

Boards and Commissions include:

- Airport Commission
- Arlington Youth Council
- Cemetery Board
- Citizen Salary Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- LEOFF 1 Disability Board
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission

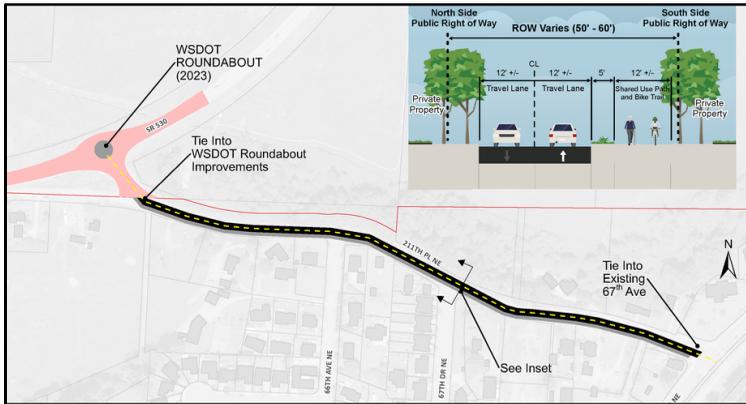
Sign up for weekly e-newsletters

City communications staff creates a weekly newsletter that is distributed by email to subscribers. The Arlington Update E-newsletter has information about city projects and programs, including transportation projects, as well as community events and activities. This is a great way to stay informed on what's happening in the community! To sign up, email info@arlingtonwa.gov.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

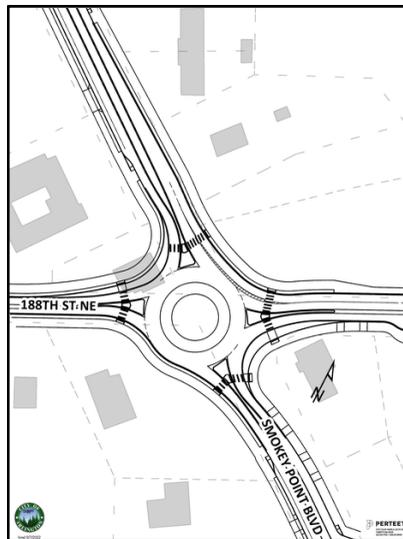
2024 Public Works Construction Projects

211th Place Corridor Improvements: Repaving 211th Place from SR 530 to 67th Avenue NE. Includes installing a 12-foot-wide multiuse trail along the southside of the street, street lighting, landscaping, ADA curb ramps, low-impact drainage, updates to the water and sewer mains, and improvements to the 67th Avenue and 211th Place intersection for improved turning movements. Construction: summer 2024.



Division / Broadway Rehabilitation: Upgrading the current roundabouts on Division Street at West Avenue and Broadway. Constructing raised truck aprons, improved channelization, and increased pedestrian safety with upgraded curb ramps, and enhanced crosswalks with flashing beacons at the Broadway/Gilman and Centennial Trail crossings. Construction: spring/summer 2024.

188th Street Roundabout: Installing a roundabout will improve vehicle safety and mobility through the intersection. Project also includes, pedestrian crosswalks, street lighting, transit stops, landscaping and artwork to enhance this neighborhood gateway. Construction: 2024.

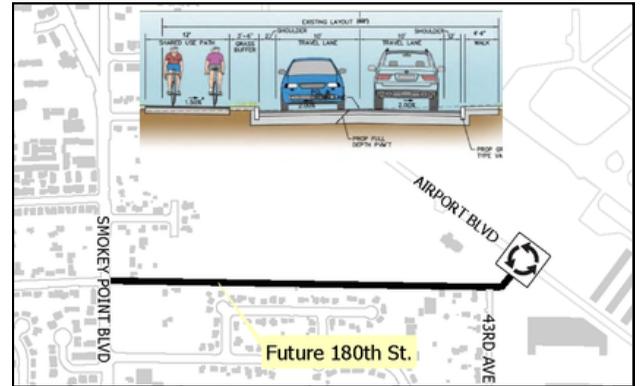


168th Street / 51st Avenue Roundabout: A developer will be installing a roundabout at the intersection of 168th Street and 51st Avenue to improve mobility and safety for all users. This project will include ADA compliant ramps, pedestrian crosswalks, and street lighting. Construction: estimated to begin summer 2024.

Traffic Signal 204th Street NE/ 74th Avenue NE: Installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of 204th Street and 74th Avenue. Construction: estimated to start spring/summer 2024.

180th Street Connector Design:

The City received funding to design a two-lane roadway from the 180th Street/Smokey Point Boulevard intersection east to Airport Boulevard. This project includes a multi-use trail on the north side and a sidewalk on the south side, with a roundabout at the intersection of 180th St./Airport Blvd. This project will be in the design phase during 2024.



74th Avenue Trail:

A multi-use trail connecting Arlington Valley Road trail north on 74th Avenue to 204th Street NE. Construction estimated to begin in 2024.



Utility and Pavement Preservation Projects:

The City of Arlington will be continuing to upgrade its waterlines and resurface roadways in Arlington during the summer of 2024. Will include replacement of old waterlines followed by repaving of selected roadways, as well as updates to ADA pedestrian crossing ramps.

3rd Street and 5th Street Parking Lots:

The City will be installing a new parking lot at the intersection of 5th Street and West Avenue and paving the parking lot at 3rd Street and West Avenue to increase public parking. Construction: summer 2024.

67th Avenue Sewer Main Replacement:

Upsizing the 12-inch sewer main to a 24-inch main along 67th Avenue from Woodlands Way to 200th Place. Construction: summer 2024.

Park Improvements Planned

The City is working on several park projects this year.

Smokey Point Community Park

A community park is in the works for Smokey Point, with construction starting this spring. The 2-acre community park will be built at 17903 Smokey Point Boulevard. The park will have a plaza with seating and art, a stage, a picnic shelter, a restroom facility, a great lawn with a paved trail around the lawn, restrooms and parking. With future funding, the final stage will be a playground.



Conceptual image of Smokey Point Community Park

Jensen Park Improvements

The City has received a County Partnership Project grant to help fund installation of a restroom facility at Jensen Park. In conjunction with the project, we would like to increase the size of the parking lot. Due to the cost of construction, we are currently applying for additional funds through the state, to complete the project.

Bike Pump Track

Arlington Rotary is taking on another community park project and will be raising funds through Duck Dash ticket sales and other sponsors to build a bike pump track at Jensen Park. A pump track is an asphalt path built in a circuit that can be ridden on a bike using momentum without pedaling. Pump tracks have become popular in other cities, including Marysville and Leavenworth. This may be a multiple year project, as the funds are raised for the pump track.

Pickleball Courts

Snohomish County Partnership Program has dedicated funds to partner with the City of Arlington to build pickleball courts. The Arlington School District has offered property at Haller Middle School near the stadium for the courts. The City will be working on the project in 2024. Stay tuned!

Arlington In Motion 2024 & Beyond Comprehensive Plan Update

The work on the Comprehensive Plan update continues with our consultant Otak, the Planning Commission, and the Community and Economic Development staff. We are looking for your input through 2024 on the elements of the plan. The development of the plan began in 2022. Currently, and through March of 2024, elements of the plan are being formed including: Land Use, Housing, Economic Development, Parks/Recreation/Open Space, Transportation, Utilities, Public Safety, and Capital Facilities.

February 2024: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) published with 30-day comment period. Public meeting in February.

July - August 2024: Website portal open for public comment. Planning Commission formal review. Draft complete Comprehensive Plan published for public review with public meeting.

September 2024: Formal City Council review of Comprehensive Plan.

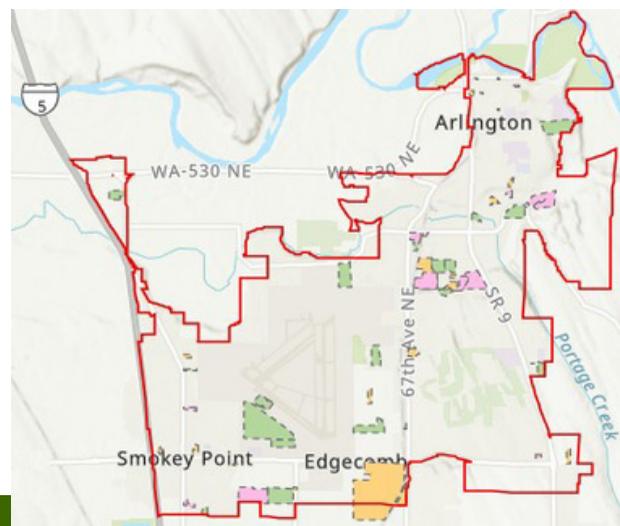
www.arlingtonwa.gov/complan2024

Stay Informed on What's Developing

Are you curious about development activity in the city? Check out our development activity map. The development activity map provides real-time updates on various projects happening in Arlington. Stay updated and informed by exploring the map.

www.arlingtonwa.gov/activitymap

You can also contact the Community and Economic Development Department by phone 360-403-3551, email ced@arlingtonwa.gov or visit the office at 18204 59th Avenue.



Inside/Outside City Limits

We have heard questions (through social media) on why residents of areas considered Arlington can't vote in city elections.

An incorporated city or town, such as City of Arlington, has centralized service (police, fire, schools), control over finance and tax revenue for city services, a governing body, and a boundary (city limits). Incorporation is granted by the state government; the City of Arlington was incorporated in 1903.

The term "inside city limits" refers to the area that is within the official boundaries of a city. These boundaries are often marked with signs (gateway signs on State Route 9 and State Route 530). You can view a map of Arlington with city limits at www.arlingtonwa.gov/citymap and below (area in white). Areas outside of city limits are generally unincorporated and fall under their county's jurisdiction when it comes to taxes and laws.

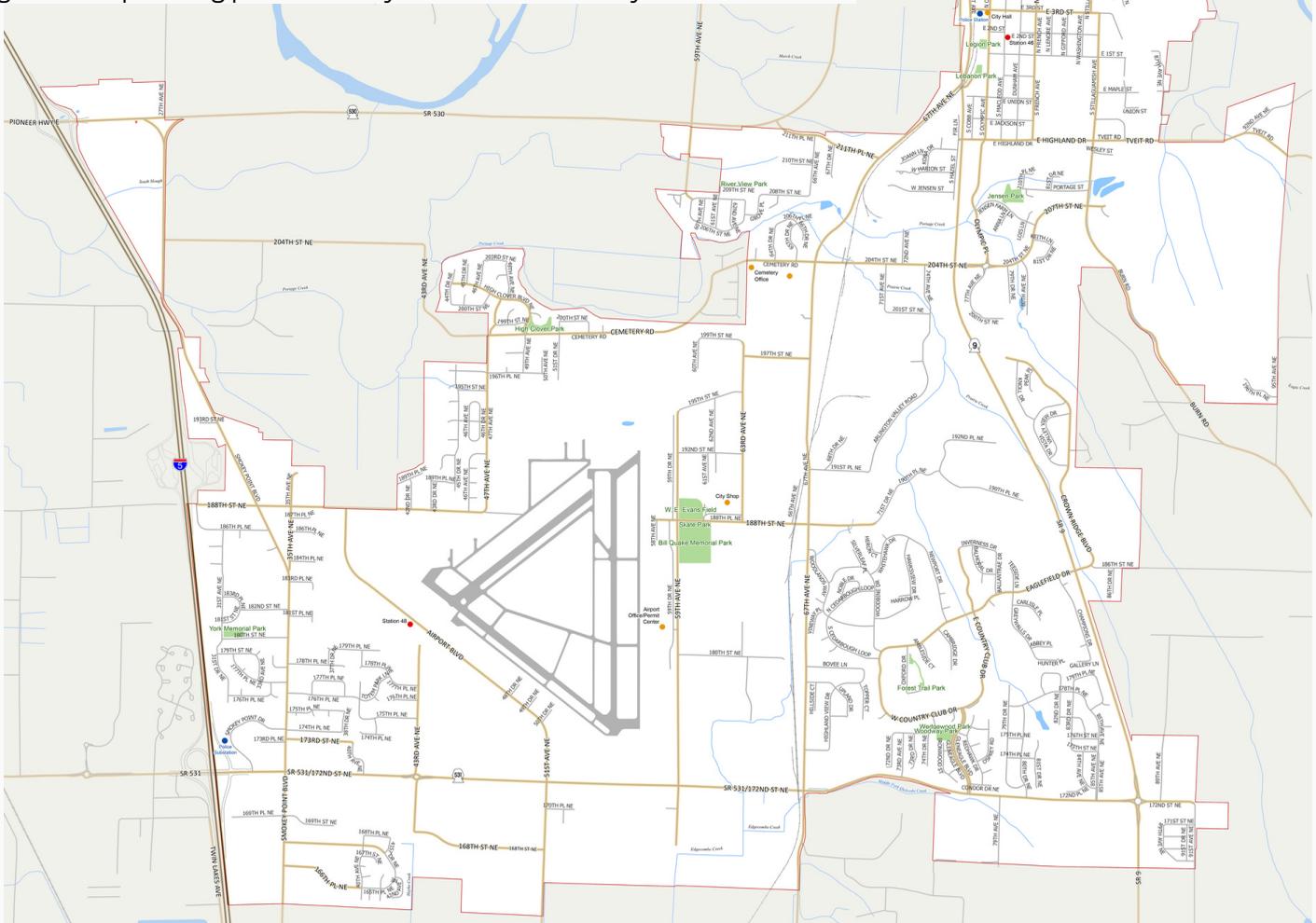
If you live outside of city limits, you are a Snohomish County resident, but in the Arlington Zip code 98223. ZIP codes are used by the United States Postal Service and do not necessarily correspond to city limits. Therefore, it is possible for two areas with the same postal code to be inside and outside of city limits.

City Limits and Voting: Why can't residents living outside city limits vote in city elections?

As a general rule, property within a city's limit is subject to city taxation and city regulation, and can expect city services (provided by the city government). Areas outside any city's limit are considered to be unincorporated, and in most U.S. states they are by default regulated and taxed by the county.

Even if you work or own property in another area, you must choose one residence and one region to register and vote in. If you live in the city limits of Arlington, you can vote for the mayor, city council representative and other initiatives that are on the ballot for the City of Arlington. People in the county can't vote in other cities' elections, you must live within those incorporated boundaries.

A city cannot add (annex) an area unless the area is within the urban growth boundary that is based on state and county planning under the state Growth Management Act. If citizens want their property added to the urban growth area so they can become part of the city, they should become engaged in the planning process to try to influence the city boundaries.



Arlington City Council



Heather Logan



Debora Nelson



Michele Blythe



Yvonne
Gallardo-Van Ornam



Jan Schuette



Rob Toyer

Arlington Welcomes New Council Members

Councilmember Rob Toyer was elected to serve on Position 5 of City Council.

The City accepted applications for Position 2, vacated by Don Vanney. The Council will review applications beginning January 16. Interviews of all candidates will be held the week of January 22, 2024. The City Council is expected to make a selection no later than February 5, 2024.

Farewell and Thanks to Barb Tolbert

City Council and staff expressed their appreciation to outgoing Mayor Barbara Tolbert for her hard work during her 12-year tenure, at a reception held on December 18.

Mayor Barb began her first term in 2012 coming out of the recession. She helped bring expenses under control and create a financial plan with mandated reserves, which restored our bond rating and reduced our debt.

She recognized the need for improved infrastructure in the city and lobbied at the state capital for funding for Highway 531 and funding for parallel roads to relieve traffic at this area, as well as many other projects.

She saw the need for economic development in Arlington, to create skilled jobs that would allow people to work and live in Arlington. Emphasis was placed on the Cascade Industrial Center where new manufacturing companies have increased employment opportunities.

Mayor Barb saw the link between public safety and the community's overall wellness. She met crime problems head-on with ordinance changes, community policing with embedded social workers.

The community's quality of life was important to Mayor Barb. She worked with community members to establish a family resource center. During COVID-19, she helped direct the CARES Act funding with businesses rent assistant grants, funding for after school care, and funding for the mobile food pantry.

Mayor Barb was our leader during very challenging times, she supported us during the Oso Mudslide and recovery and through the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for her leadership and wish her the very best and look forward to seeing her future accomplishments.

Youth Council Plan Teen Night

The Arlington Youth Council is planning an event for high school students at the Boys & Girls Club teen center. The event will be Friday, April 26. The Youth Council is planning a ping pong tournament, trivia game and pizza. There will be education about mental wellness. The event will be hosted by the Youth Council. Stay tuned!

City Council Meeting Highlights

November

Swore in Police Officer Abigail Black
Attended Audit Exit Conference through Zoom
Approved 2024 Tourism Grants from Lodging Tax Fund
Appointed Jennifer Benton, Nathan Senff to Planning Commission
Accepted property for right of way, 63rd Ave. and 188th St.
Transferred ARPA funds from Food Court project to Smokey Point Park project
Approved Resolution setting the 2024 Property Tax Levy

December:

Approved the 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan
Extended the Moratorium for Island Crossing to allow for Subarea Plan to be developed.
Authorized purchase of precast restroom building for park
Approved agreements with Snohomish County for park projects
Approved agreement with Arlington School District for park project
Approved contract for Utility and Pavement Preservation design
Accepted Stormwater Capacity Grant agreement
Approved contract for Water Treatment Plant design
Amended 2023 Budget and Modified 2024 Budget

City Council Meetings

Workshops: 2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month at 6:00 p.m.
Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays of the Month at 6:00 p.m.

City Council and Planning Commission meetings are recorded on the City's YouTube Channel at:
www.YouTube.com/cityofarlingtonwashington

For current meeting information, go to: www.arlingtonwa.gov calendar or agenda center.

Boards and Commissions

Airport Commission: 2nd Tuesday at 6 p.m.
Cemetery Board: 3rd Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.
Civil Service Commission: 1st Wednesday at 9 a.m.
Park, Arts, Rec. Commission: 4th Tuesday at 6 p.m.
Planning Commission: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6 p.m.
Youth Council: 2nd Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

City Phone Numbers

Airport 360-403-3470
Cemetery 360-403-3428
Community & Economic Development 360-403-3551
Finance Department 360-403-3421
Human Resources 360-403-3443
Mayor's Office 360-403-3441
Recreation 360-403-3448
Public Works Utilities 360-403-3526
Street & Park Maintenance 360-403-3451
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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

ARLINGTONWA.GOV/EAGLEFEST

Chainsaw Wood Carving Show/Auction (Thur. Fri. Sat.)

Eagle Photo Contest, Haiku Contest

Nature Art Show

Sky Valley Tractor Club Display

Wagon Rides Downtown Scavenger Hunt

Reptile Show and Nature Movie

Nature Activities and Places to Visit!

Meet me in Arlington

