

# ARLINGTON UPDATE

## Summer Edition



MAY 2024

### *Meet Me in Arlington!*

Residents and visitors are invited to "Meet me in Arlington" this summer and experience all that our city has to offer. With a range of activities including concerts, festivals, and outdoor markets, there is no shortage of things to do in Arlington.

The City is grateful for the hard work and dedication of our community members who have helped make these events possible. Their commitment to making Arlington a great place to live, work, and play is evident in every event they organize.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of these fun community events and enjoy all that Arlington has to offer this summer. Whether you're looking for family-friendly activities or a night out with friends, there is something for everyone in our hometown.

Included in this newsletter are articles related to our quality of life. I had the opportunity to give the State of the City address in April, and the information is included in a video at [www.arlingtonwa.gov/mayormessage](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/mayormessage).

I look forward to seeing you at the Street Fair or National Night Out this summer.

*- Mayor Don Vanney*



## Schedule of Community Events

[www.arlingtonwa.gov/events](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/events)

Arlington Farmers Markets, Saturdays, Legion Park  
Pride Event, June 2, Legion Park  
Show & Shine Car Show, June 8, Downtown  
Music in the Park, most Saturdays at Legion Park  
July Fourth Celebration  
Arlington Street Fair, July 12 - 14, Downtown  
Pioneer Day, July 20 at Pioneer Park  
Silvana Fair, July 27  
Shakespeare at Terrace Park, August 4, 6pm  
National Night Out, August 6, Legion Park  
3on3 Basketball Tournament, August 10-11  
Skyfest, August 17  
Airport Community Day, August 18  
Art in Legion Park, August 24-25  
Walk for Apraxia, September 28  
Hispanic Heritage Event, September 28

## Parks & Trails

[www.arlingtonwa.gov/parks](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/parks)

Airport Trail, 51st Avenue  
Centennial Park, Division Street  
Centennial Trail, trailhead at Legion Park  
Country Charm Park, 604 E Gilman Avenue  
Evans Park, 18813 59th Avenue  
Forest Trail Park, 18005 Oxford Drive  
Haller Park, 1100 West Avenue  
High Clover Park, 19909 49th Avenue  
Jensen Park, 7801 Jensen Farm Lane  
Lebanon Park, 105 Lebanon Street  
Legion Park, 114 N Olympic Avenue  
Quake Park, 18501 59th Avenue  
Stormwater Wetland Park, west of Haller Park  
Terrace Park, 809 E Fifth Street  
Twin Rivers County Park, 8003 SR 530  
Wedgewood Park, 17510 Gleneagle Blvd.  
York Park, 3209 180th Street

# Farmers Markets

Arlington Farmers Markets are Saturdays, 10am to 2pm, from May through the first week of September at Legion Park. The market hosts a variety of free kids' activities, live performances at noon, artisans, crafts, and fresh farm food. The Market accepts SNAP, SNAP Market Match, as well as WIC and senior benefits. Check out the list of fun activities scheduled with the market!



## Special Events at the Market



Tunes at Noon, most Saturdays  
Young Entrepreneurs May 25, June 15, Aug. 17, Sept. 14  
Pet Parade, June 22  
Christmas in July with Mrs. Claus, July 20  
Farm Tours, August 10  
Chalk Fest, August 31  
Harvest Market, September 28  
Information at [www.stillyvalleychamber.com/events](http://www.stillyvalleychamber.com/events)

# Show & Shine Car Show

Presented by the Stilly Valley Chamber of Commerce. The annual car show is Saturday, June 8 on Olympic Avenue.

### Friday

The Illusion of Elvis 6:00pm  
Kids' mini- car show

### Saturday

Car Show  
Music by Julie Stitch at 10:30am  
Cosmic Wrays Band at noon

[www.stillyvalleychamber.com/activities](http://www.stillyvalleychamber.com/activities)



# Music in the Park

Arlington hosts live bands on the stage on Saturdays at 6 p.m. to approximately 7:30 p.m. at Legion Park, Downtown Arlington. The concerts are funded through the City's hotel-motel tax fund. [www.arlingtonwa.gov/events](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/events)



- June 15 Hot Rodster Band
- June 22 Point of Sail
- June 29 The Aardvarks
- July 6 The Ten Saw Band
- July 13 Street Fair music
- July 20 Stilly River Lockdown
- July 27 The Industrials
- Aug 3 Cookie & the Cutters
- Aug 10 Harvey Creek Band
- Aug 17 Under the Puddle at 5:30pm  
Strutz Party in the Park at 7:30 pm
- Aug 24 Art in Park music
- Aug 31 Moonpie Ramblers
- Sept 7 Meghanne Storey



# Fourth of July Celebration

Activities are all day, including a pancake breakfast, fun run and triathlon, Kiwanis auction, beer garden, old-fashioned carnival, the Duck Dash, Kiddies Parade, the Grand Parade, and fireworks! This holiday event is a hometown all-American experience in Arlington! Get parade entries ready and register online.

[www.arlingtonwa.gov/July4](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/July4)



## Arlington Street Fair

July 12 - 14

Friday 10am - 6pm Saturday 10am - 6pm Sunday 10 am - 4pm

Every year during the second weekend in July we look forward to hosting the Arlington Street Fair. Olympic Avenue is filled with unique items, food, entertainment, a farmers market and activities for kids. Find some treasures at the Arlington Street Fair! Presented by Downtown Arlington Business Association (DABA) Made possible in part by assistance from the City of Arlington Hotel-Motel tax fund.

### ON STAGE - STREET FAIR

#### Friday, July 12

- 11:00-12:30 Voices of the Village
- 1:00-2:30 Old Time Fiddlers
- 3:00-5:00 Michelle Weaver Band

#### Saturday, July 13

- 10:00-11:00 Kids' Dance Party
- 11:30-12:30 Spitfire
- 12:30 Keith Howard
- 1:30-3:00 Typical Situation
- 4:00-6:00 Jesse Taylor

#### Sunday, July 14

- 11:00-12:30 Circle of Starz
- 1:30-3:00 2old2b Famous Band



## 4TH OF JULY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Pancake Breakfast**  
Haller Park 7 - 11 a.m.

**Kiwanis Auction**  
Haller Park 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

**Pedal Paddle Puff Triathlon**  
Haller Park 9 a.m.

**Freedom 5k Color Run**  
Haller Park 10 a.m.

**Stilly Beer & Wine Garden July 3 & 4**  
Haller Park  
Mon. 2 - 8 p.m. Tue. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Lifeway Hometown Carnival**  
Legion Park 12 - 4 p.m.

**Kiddies Parade**  
4:30 p.m. on Olympic Ave

**Grand Parade**  
5 p.m. on Olympic Ave

**The Great Stilly Duck Dash**  
Haller Park 7 p.m.

**Fireworks Display**  
at Quake Park 10 p.m.

## Pioneer Day

The Stillaguamish Valley Pioneers invite you to Pioneer Day, on the third Saturday in July. Take part in pioneer experiences including: using a washboard, pumping water, sawing logs, using a milk machine, spinning and weaving, and more! For children of all ages.

July 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Located at Stillaguamish Pioneer Park, 20722 67th Avenue NE

[www.stillymuseum.org](http://www.stillymuseum.org)

## National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. This year, the City is hosting National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Legion Park in downtown Arlington at 114 Olympic Avenue. For more information, or how to plan a neighborhood night out, email [info@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:info@arlingtonwa.gov).



## Art in Legion Park

Art in Legion Park features vendors of fine arts and crafts, live music, hands on art, children's activities, and a beer/wine garden.

August 24 and 25 in Legion Park downtown, presented by the

Arlington Arts Council. [www.arlingtonartscouncil.net](http://www.arlingtonartscouncil.net)

### Music on stage Saturday

- 10am to noon El Colonel Guitarist
- 2-4pm Denny & the Jeffs

### Music on stage Sunday

- 10am to noon Marcia Kester
- 2-4pm Ian Jones

## Skyfest and Airport Day

Skyfest is Saturday, August 17.

The Arlington Skyfest features aircraft displays, car show, military display, drone show, expanded kids' area, concessions, airshow and the famous balloon glow.

This is a family-friendly event on the west side of the airport. Purchase tickets in advance at:

[www.arlingtonskyfest.com](http://www.arlingtonskyfest.com)



Airport Community Day is Sunday August 18.

Opportunity for airplane rides for kids ages 8-17, displays, flight simulators, bouncy house, emergency vehicles and more!

[www.arlingtonwa.gov/airportday](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/airportday)



## Shakespeare in the Park

Much Ado About Nothing in the Civil War era, is presented by Last Leaf Productions. Enjoy this witty comedy full of romance, banter and intrigue.

Bring a chair or blanket for seating on the terraces on the north side of Terrace Park. Sunday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m.

## ARLINGTON'S PROACTIVE MEASURES IMPROVING HOMELESSNESS

Arlington is not facing more homelessness or related challenges compared to other local communities. Across CA, OR, and WA, over 180,000 homeless people are on the streets. 8 out of 10 cities with the highest homelessness rates are on the West Coast, indicating a widespread issue with few exceptions in Washington.

The geographical truth about the Smokey Point area in Arlington, is that it is attractive to homeless people.

Within walking distance of I-5 exit 206 are:

- A rest stop at exit 207 (unauthorized camping)
- Stillaguamish Behavioral Health, offering a full adult program for mental health and substance use treatment (services)
- Grocery stores and convenience stores (food)
- Smokey Point Community Transit Center, a major hub for regional transit options (transportation)
- Wooded areas on and near the airport (unauthorized camping)

### Proactive Measures

As many cities grapple with homelessness challenges, Arlington stands out for proactive measures taken to address homelessness and related conditions. Thanks to the diligent efforts of the Arlington Police Department's Embedded Social Worker Program/Community Outreach Team, the situation is improving.

At the heart of our improvements are Officer Ken Thomas and Social Worker Calei Vaughn, a co-response team who embody compassion and dedication. They are committed to addressing issues affecting our community members, including homelessness, substance addiction, and mental health. The resources they bring to their clients have proven to be highly effective in making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need.

The program's distinguishing characteristic is its proactive approach. Officer Thomas and Social Worker Vaughn are not waiting for problems to escalate. They are visible and engaged with homeless citizens, reaching out to those in need. They conduct checks at camps, cars, parks, and businesses, ensuring everyone is accounted for and connected with the necessary resources. Their efforts have yielded remarkable results.

### Community Education and Outreach

Success is not just about enforcement. Officer Thomas and Social Worker Vaughn also play an essential role in community education and outreach. They work collaboratively with local and state services, providing assistance and education to community members and service providers. The 111 enforcements related to trespassing, parking, camping, and other arrests, are actions taken to improve community safety and well-being. By addressing issues proactively, the Embedded Social Worker Program helps prevent situations from escalating, ultimately creating a safer environment.

### If You Would Like to Help

If you are an owner of a business building, please:

- Cover your outdoor outlets (used to charge cellphones for free)
- Light your interior after hours (may decrease criminal activity)
- Cover graffiti as soon as it appears
- Trim shrubs around your business (discourages small camps)
- Remove litter from your area (discourages squatters)

If you are an Arlington resident, please:

- Do not give cash or gift cards to panhandlers (used to buy drugs and sex). Instead, donate to a local non-profit, like Volunteers of America's Arlington Community Resource Center, or the Arlington Community Food Bank, or the city's Flex Fund.
- Give only healthy foods, not candy or highly processed foods (artificial colors, preservatives and sugar are triggers for relapse).
- Call 911 with specific details of what you're seeing.

Officer Ken Thomas 425-754-2378  
Calei Vaughn, Social Worker 425-231-4202  
APD non-emergency line: 425-407-3999

[www.arlingtonwa.gov/outreachteam](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/outreachteam)



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## Under Construction! Smokey Point Community Park

Work has begun on the new park located at 17903 Smokey Point Blvd. The park will have a courtyard, large open lawn surrounded by paved path, restrooms, and stage. A playground will be added in the next phase.



## Connecting with the City

### Community Input Survey

Our recent community survey showed a desire for improved communication with City leaders. Take our brief survey to let us know how we can improve. [www.arlingtonwa.gov/inputsurvey](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/inputsurvey)

### City Hosted Booth at the Street Fair

Our Community Development team will be at the Street Fair to share information on the Comprehensive Plan and Island Crossing Plan. Please stop by, visit with staff, and City Council members. Located in front of City Hall at 238 N Olympic Ave. July 12-14.

### 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](mailto:info@arlingtonwa.gov).

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

### 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](http://www.YouTube.com/cityofarlingtonwashington)

For current meeting information, go to: [www.arlingtonwa.gov](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov) calendar or agenda center.

## It's Road Construction Season!

### Public Works Projects scheduled for summer 2024:

- Paving Projects: West Avenue, First Street, 68th Drive NE, Gleneagle Boulevard
- Waterline Improvement project at 64th Drive NE
- Sewer Main replacement at 67th Avenue (TBD)
- Division/Broadway rehabilitation project
- 211th Place Corridor improvements
- 74th Avenue Trail construction
- 188th Street Roundabout construction
- 204th Street/ 74th Avenue traffic signal
- 3rd Street and 5th Street parking lot paving

### Questions?

Check out the City's webpage featuring our current projects at [www.arlingtonwa.gov/pwprojects](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/pwprojects)

If you have questions or comments, please contact the City Project Hotline at 360-403-3544 or email [cityprojects@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:cityprojects@arlingtonwa.gov)