



Spring 2011

Arlington Update

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Mayor Margaret Larson



As I look at what we have in store for 2011, I can't help to be filled with optimism. We have much to accomplish to meet the goals that we have set for the City and I just know, with the right people at the table, we will do it!

One of our community's highest priorities for 2011 is the renewal of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy. This is not a new or additional tax; but rather one that is set to expire on December 31, 2011. Every five or six years we've ask the voters to consider renewing the levy so our Fire Department can continue to provide the Medic One services.

The Medic One service is funded by the EMS levy, with a small portion coming from transport fees. Without the funding, who will we rely on in an emergency? We have a wonderful community of caring people but we need a funded EMS system to respond when we need medical help.

More information about the EMS program and EMS levy proposal is included in this issue of the Arlington Update. I hope you take the time to review the information and most importantly remember to vote.

Also a high priority in 2011 is the reconstruction of Station 46, located at 2nd and McLeod Street in downtown. This \$1.3 million project broke ground in November 2010 is expected to be completed in June 2011. See the article on page 9 of this edition and look for the announcement of the Grand Reopening celebration for this Station in the next publication of the Arlington Update.

A priority since you elected me as your Mayor in 2004, the City continues to search for ways to partner with you, our residents, businesses, and service organizations. Our focus is simple: to make Arlington a better community for everyone. Our volunteer program is a cornerstone of this partnership and continues to grow every day. From adopting a park, to planting trees and constructing an off-leash dog park, to answering the telephone at the Police Department, there are always plenty of opportunities to work together to make Arlington the best City in the state of Washington. I hope you will take the time to join in on the fun and become a true partner in your community.



(photo courtesy of Sarah Arney)

I know many of you may be still struggling with our current economy, and the City is no exception. It is time to look at the economic crisis from a different perspective. Our City focus has shifted, from surviving the economic crisis to using it as an opportunity to improve the way we do business to prepare ourselves for the next wave of growth that is just beginning. In this, I believe is where my optimism for Arlington and its future truly shines.

Finally, I welcome your comments and concerns.

Mayor Margaret Larson
Margaret Larson, Mayor

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Code Enforcement	403-3457
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Planning Division	403-3434
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Fire business line	403-3600
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Emergency ~ Fire & Police	911
Human Resources	403-3439
Parks and Recreation	403-3448
Police business line	403-3400
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OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Arlington Public Library	435-3033
Arlington School District	618-6200
Arlington-Smokey Pt Chamber	659-5453
Ball field Scheduling	403-3448
Cascade District Court	435-7700
Community Room Scheduling	403-3448
Lakewood School District	652-4500
Marysville Municipal Court	363-8050
N. County Transfer Station	425-388-3429

CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE & RESOLUTION ACTIONS

AUGUST 2

Ordinance 2010-017	Issuance of par value LTGO & Refund Bonds 2010 – purchase land @ AP, remodel FS #46, advance refund a portion of City's outstanding 2001 LTGO, Repay a loan to Snohomish County 6-Year TIP
Resolution 2010-010	

SEPTEMBER 7

Ordinance 2010-018	Amended AMC 3.32 re: gambling taxes
Ordinance 2010-019	Amended AMC 3.16 re: to occupation taxes
Resolution 2010-011	Declared Surplus property & authorize sale
Resolution 2010-012	Adopted 2010 Snoho Co Hazards Mitigation Pln

SEPTEMBER 20

Ordinance 2010-020	Amended Zoning & LU Maps Comp Plans
Ordinance 2010-021	Amended sections of AMC Title 1 Gen Provisions & adding 2 new sections–civil infraction penalties
Ordinance 2010-022	Amended sections of AMC 2.04 re City Council

OCTOBER 4

Resolution 2010-013	Adopted Comprehensive Emergency Mgmt Plan
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OCTOBER 18

Resolution 2010-014	Waived Bid Irregularities Station #46
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NOVEMBER 1

Ordinance 2010-023	Amended AMC 3.69 Petty Cash Revolving Fund.
Resolution 2010-016	Set Public Hearing for Thompson Annexation
Resolution 2010-017	Set Public Hearing for Hilltop Sports Annexation

NOVEMBER 15

Ordinance 2010-024	Adopted Proposed Minor LUC Amendments
Resolution 2010-015	Approved Purchasing Procedures
Resolution 2010-018	Approved Park Naming Policy
Resolution 2010-019	Thompson Annexation
Resolution 2010-020	Hilltop Sports Annexation
Resolution 2010-021	Increasing the 2011 Property Tax Levy
Resolution 2010-022	Declaring City Property as Surplus

DECEMBER 6

Ordinance 2010-025	Adopted 2011 budget.
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DECEMBER 20

Ordinance 2010-026	Amended 2010 budget & declare an emergency.
Ordinance 2010-027	Amended AMC 13.12 re stormwater rates
Ordinance 2010-028	Adopted new AMC Chapter 2.20 - City offices and hours of operation.
Ordinance 2010-029	Adopted amendments to AMC Chapter 2.72 re: bidding and small works procedures
Ordinance 2010-030	Adopted amendments to AMC Chapter 5.04 relating to peddlers and solicitors.

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CITY CALENDAR

City Council

1st and 3rd Mondays - 7 PM Council Chambers, 110 E. Third Street. Contact 360-403-3441.

Airport Commission

2nd Tuesdays - 7 PM Airport Office, 18204 59th Drive NE. Contact 403-3470.

Cemetery Board

Meets quarterly. Contact 360-403-3428.

Civil Service Commission

1st Mondays - 9 AM City Council Library, 110 E. Third Street - 360-403-3439.

Library Board

Meets quarterly. Contact 403-3441.

Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission

4th Tuesdays - 7 PM Council Chambers, 110 E. Third Street Contact 360-403-3448.

Planning Commission

1st and 3rd Tuesdays - 7 PM Council Chambers, 110 E. Third Street. Contact 360-403-3435.

ONLINE BILL PAY IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Now there is a convenient way to pay your City of Arlington utility bills and review the history of your account and payments over the internet with Xpress Bill Pay. Setting up an account with Xpress Bill Pay is easy and there is no added fee for this service.

In a few steps you'll be able to:

Elect to receive future billing via e-mail or paper copy.

Review your billing and payment history.

Make your payment with either electronic funds transfer or Visa/Master Card/Discover.

Elect to set up your account to automatically pay your bill.

Take advantage of Xpress Bill Pay and save postage. Eliminate the errand of personally delivering your payment to the post office or City Hall. Pay your City of Arlington utility bill without having to leave the comfort of your home.

To find Xpress Bill Pay, visit our website www.arlingtonwa.gov and click on the "Pay Bill" portal. If you require assistance setting up your account, please feel free to contact the Finance Department at (360) 403-3421.

We'd like to hear from you! Find our 2011 Citizen Survey ONLINE!

In 2010, the City of Arlington embarked on an effort to gather citizens' opinions on a variety of issues. In 2011, we are back again to gauge your opinions on our service to you, our customers. To save paper and money, the Citizen Survey will not be printed. Simply visit our website at www.arlingtonwa.gov and click on the "Citizen Survey" link. Results of the survey will be shared in the next edition of the Arlington Update.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey!

ARLINGTON LIBRARY STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY LEARNING

The National Research Council recommends that children enter school with specific early literacy skills that serve as the foundation for learning to read and write. Children with more of these skills are better able to master reading when they start school. How do they learn these skills? By sharing books, rhymes, and songs with their parents! Library staff are happy to assist families with finding just the right picture book or music CD to bring a smile to a child's face and start them on the road to reading.

If you think your children might be too young to come to the library with you, don't worry. We have programs just for early learners from birth through five years. Attending storytime together isn't only a great way to bond over the Bean Bag Song – it's also an opportunity to make connections with other families in your community. Whether you're a regular or thinking about applying for your first library card, you'll find something to love at the library. Be sure to ask what's coming up the next time you stop in.



Megan Mathieson and children Emma, Nathan, and Nicholas.

Visit the Arlington Library and the Sno-Isle Libraries website (<http://www.sno-isle.org/?ID=2045>) for more information.

STRUGGLING WITH HOMEWORK?

Sno-Isle Libraries provides free online tutoring with HelpNow

HelpNow is a collection of tutoring services offered through Sno-Isle's website to meet a range of academic needs. Homework Help allows students to submit a question in an online classroom and receive live, one on one help from a Brainfuse tutor. Skills Building helps students master specific concepts like long division. The Writing Lab gives students constructive feedback within 24 hours of receiving their paper. The 24/7 Help Center allows students to send a question via an online form and receive an answer within 24 hours.

Live online tutoring for grades K through 12 is available Monday through Sunday, 1 to 10 p.m in both English and Spanish. All tutors are US based, have passed background checks and possess a four year degree and prior teaching/tutoring experience. The online classroom is Mac and PC compatible and works on low-bandwidth connections. Connect with HelpNow with your Sno-Isle library card at <http://www.sno-isle.org/explore/helpnow>.

NEIGHBORHOOD CORPS

The City of Arlington is currently recruiting neighborhood representatives who are willing to come to meetings to help further the development of Arlington's Neighborhood Corps, share ideas, de-fine neighborhood areas, promote neighborhood ideals, and communicate back to their neighbors regarding ideas to pro-mote social net-working, public safety and emergency management.

The City of Arlington's Neighborhood Corps is being created to establish direct neighborhood communication and to create sustainability and vision for years beyond 2012.

Call 360-403-3618 to participate or email: neighborhoodcorp@arlingtonwa.gov regarding your interest in the program.

ARLINGTON WELCOMES NEW POLICE CHIEF NELSON BEAZLEY

Nelson Beazley became the new Chief of Police in Arlington on September 20, 2010.

Prior to his arrival in Arlington, Chief Beazley spent 32 years with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department in Central California before retiring in March 2010 as a Captain. He is a 1977 graduate of California State University Fresno and a 2006 graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Chief Beazley and his wife Arlene have two adult children, and all have made Washington their home.



(photo courtesy of The Arlington Times)

NEW FIRE CHIEF BRUCE STEDMAN JOINS THE STAFF ON DECEMBER 6, 2010.



Arlington recently hired Bruce Stedman to assume command of our Fire Department. Chief Stedman is an experienced firefighter with over 31 years of service to the City of Alhambra in Southern California. There he served in the ranks of Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Chief and ultimately Fire Chief. When asked what his most proud moments of his career has been, he will tell you, leading the troops into battle during the 1992 Los Angeles Riots, the opening of Alhambra's Regional USAR Training Center and being sworn in as Fire Chief for both Alhambra and Arlington.

Bruce is a strong supporter of education and has received a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Studies and a Master's degree in Emergency Services Administration, both from California State University at Long Beach. He is a committed educator and has spent over twenty years teaching fire science and management at the community college and university level. He and his wife are chronic travelers and have had the incredible experience of teaching firefighters in Asian, Europe and Australia.

CHIEFS ASK FOR YOUR COOPERATION PARKING DOWNTOWN

As space to park on public roadways decreases our need to become more vigilant dramatically increases. In an effort to use every available space we encroach closer to intersections, crosswalks and fire hydrants.

The Arlington Police and Fire Departments would like to remind everyone to be mindful of parking too close to these areas so as not to create a hazard for pedestrians by obstructing the view of other drivers or restricting access to fire hydrants. We certainly don't want anyone to return to their vehicles only to find the resourceful Fire Department has resolved the access issue during an emergency as they have in this picture.



Don't let this be you!!

SAY GOODBYE TO THE CRANES

The cranes and most of the heavy equipment have left Arlington as the City's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) expansion and upgrade project winds down. After two long years of construction, the contractor, IMCO General Construction, is leaving Arlington for new projects.

The City's WWTP project was recently deemed substantially complete and the contractor has removed most of their equipment, trailers, and workers; a small work crew remains on site to complete punch-list items.

During the past 21 months of construction, the City's wastewater treatment plant was upgraded to a Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) to meet the increasingly stringent water quality criteria established by the Federal Clean Water Act and enforced by the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE). The City, DOE, and the contractor had to work very close together as the WWTP remained fully operational during the entire construction period.

IMCO will return to the project for one last time in May to perform the final paving work; or sooner if favorable weather allows. The City will have a grand opening for the Water Reclamation Facility to celebrate the end of construction during the summer of 2011, stay tuned for more information on the grand opening.



STORMWATER WETLAND CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY



The City has completed Phase 1 of the Stormwater Wetland construction and Phase 2 is currently out for bid. Phase 1 included installation of a 10-foot diameter interceptor manhole on the east side of SR-9 and the horizontal boring of a 36-inch steel pipe beneath SR-9. The interceptor manhole will divert untreated stormwater runoff into the new stormwater wetland for natural treatment before discharging it into the Stillaguamish River. A 12-inch reclaimed water line was connected to the diversion manhole to allow the discharge of Class A reclaimed water into the wetland during dry summer months.

The City was also recently awarded an additional \$195,000.00 grant for the construction of the stormwater wetland; this new grant brings the total grant monies received for the wetland project to \$715,000.

The City anticipates Phase 2 construction starting in late spring to early summer. Phase 2 of the project will entail the construction of a four cell wetland, three weirs, pedestrian trails, three pedestrian bridges, and several wayside viewing areas. This project should be ready for operation in late summer to early fall.

Fun Facts:

- The process of reclaiming water, sometimes called water recycling or water reuse, involves a highly engineered, multi-step treatment process that mimics and speeds up nature's natural restoration of water quality.
- Wetlands include areas with water of different depths, from several feet deep to water merely saturating the soil. Even when a wetland appears dry, waterlogged conditions often occur below the surface of the soil.

THE FLUORIDE BUZZ

If recent announcements by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Health regarding fluoride in drinking water have gotten you thinking, “Do I have cause for concern?”, then here’s some news you can use. We want you to be confident that your drinking water is safe.

Fluoride occurs naturally in the environment, finding its way into water. The Centers for Disease Control, the American Dental Association, and the Environmental Protection Agency have established that concentrations of fluoride in drinking water around 1 part per million (1ppm) are effective in preventing tooth decay. These organizations also determined that if concentrations are too high, fluorosis can occur. Fluorosis is a primarily cosmetic condition, evidenced by white markings in the tooth enamel. But in severe cases it may cause pitting of the teeth and brittle bones. For consumer protection, water purveyors cannot provide water with fluoride concentrations greater than 4 ppm, even if it occurs naturally.



Many more water sources have fluoride well below 1 ppm than they do above 4 ppm. Accordingly, fluoridation of municipal water supplies has been practiced in some areas since 1945 as a cost-effective means of providing fluoride. Water purveyors choosing to do so add fluoride to concentrations between 0.7 and 1.2 ppm (about 1 ppm). However, while tooth decay has significantly declined over the past several decades, healthcare providers have noticed a recent increase in fluorosis, in part due to the multiple sources of fluoride now available to consumers. The new recommendations proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Health that made headlines in January 2011 is for water utilities that fluoridate to adjust fluoride levels to 0.7 ppm—the lower end of the previously recommended range.

The City of Arlington’s water is obtained both from wells with very low natural levels of fluoride, and from the purchase of water fluoridated by the City of Everett. These different sources of water mix within the City’s water mains depending on the demands of customers across the City. Water Department staff monitors fluoride levels across the distribution system two to four times per month. Distribution patterns are fairly consistent and result in three fluoride zones: full (>0.6 ppm), moderate (0.3 to 0.6 ppm), and low (<0.3 ppm). The area most affected by the recent recommendation is the fully fluoridated zone, generally along Burn Road, 186th Street, and south of 188th Street. Although concentrations have been as high as 1 ppm (which is what we receive from Everett’s supply), the average concentration we observe is in the 0.7 to 0.8 ppm range. This means these areas of the City which are “fully fluoridated” are already consistent with the recommendation to adjust fluoride levels.

Other areas of the City receive water with fluoride concentrations below the recommended level. This includes City of Arlington customers in the Smokey Point area whose water is served by the City of Marysville. Depending on their location, age, and other fluoride sources, individuals may want to discuss with their healthcare provider whether a prescription for a full or partial fluoride supplement is right for them.

The City has prepared a brochure to help concerned citizens and their health providers understand fluoride levels in the tap water at their house. You can download a copy from the City’s web site by going to (<http://www.ci.arlington.wa.us>), pick up a copy when you pay your utility bill, or call 360-403-3526 to request a copy.

UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES-SPECIAL ELECTION ~ APRIL 26, 2011

Does this affect you? The EMS Special Election will apply to the entire Arlington City Limits and Arlington Rural Fire Protection District #21 to include the Burn Road, McElroy, McPherson, Jordan Trails, Jim Creek, Trafton, and Arlington Heights areas of FD #21.

Cost? Homeowners currently pay approximately 43 cents per thousand. This levy will raise it back to 50 cents per thousand. On a home assessed at \$250,000, the current cost is \$108, at 50 cents that cost rises to \$125 per year.

What is this Levy? A proposition to secure permanent funding for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in our community through a voter approved levy. The current levy is set to expire on December 31, 2011. Proposition 1 will ask voters in April to renew the existing levy and make it permanent. This is not a new levy or tax, it renews the existing levy. A permanent levy will save tax payers approximately \$25,000.00 every six years.

What is EMS? This is the ambulance service you receive when you call 911 for a medical emergency. It also provides the Advanced and Basic Life Support transport ambulances, staff and the necessary equipment needed to respond to these calls.

Funding? 100 % of the funds needed to provide this critical service are generated through the levy and transport fees.

What do I receive as a home owner? If approved, area residents will continue to receive the high level of medical care and transport capability currently provided. 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, highly trained medical staff would be available to respond to illness and injury in the Arlington area.

What happens if this levy fails? If this levy fails, the current ambulance service will no longer be provided to our community. This would have a major impact on our community. The sick and injured will be required to wait for much longer periods of time for advanced medical assistance to arrive from other parts of the County.

This levy is critical! Without EMS in our community and in your time of need, medical care will no longer exist in a timely manner.

NOW YOU CAN "ADOPT-A-PARK"

City parks need your help more than ever in light of the budget constraints we are facing, and you can help with Arlington's new "Adopt-A-Park" program. This is a public participation program that provides an opportunity for individuals, volunteer groups, neighborhood associations, and businesses to take an active role in the maintenance and improvement of local parks, trails and green spaces.

Adopted areas are parks located in the City of Arlington. City personnel will train citizens to assist in the general care, supervision and maintenance of neighborhood parks and greenways. Park Adoption will augment, rather than replace, publicly funded maintenance and will have a significant impact on the quality of life in our community.



If you have questions, or to volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (360) 403-4673 or email volunteer@arlingtonwa.gov.

CITY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The City of Arlington is pleased to announce the launch of its redesigned website at www.arlingtonwa.gov. Visitors to Arlington's city website will have an easier time locating key information about the city, contacting city officials, conducting business with the city, such as online bill paying, and searching the City's completely updated municipal code.

The City launched its new website on February 10, 2011. The City's primary goals in developing the new website included making it easier to navigate, easier for City staff to update, adding social media components, improving the overall content available for review and downloading, and improving the overall appearance of the site.



One of the changes to the website is the calendar of events, which not only displays all of the City events on one schedule, but also displays the agenda of that event so the user doesn't have to search any further. The new site also makes it easier for staff to upload information, increasing the City's efficiency.

Some of the most popular features of the city's previous site will be available on the new site as well. Visitors will still be able to sign up for email updates on city council agendas, board and commission agendas, employment opportunities, and road closures. And residents and business owners can continue to contact the City about a particular problem or concern through the City's "Request Tracker" system.

The redevelopment of the City's website is a project almost a year in the making. "The City initially started looking at the websites of other local jurisdictions to determine what we were missing," said Bryan Terry, Information Services Manager for the City. "The websites we continued to revisit all had the same company at their core: Vision Internet." Based in Santa Monica, California, Vision Internet has vast experience with municipal websites, advanced features and applications, competitive pricing, and a thorough understanding of Arlington's unique needs. Some of the sites designed by Vision Internet include award winning websites for Lancaster, California, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Park City, Utah. Closer to home, some sites that Vision has designed are for the cities of Longview, Maple Valley, SeaTac, Shoreline, and Wenatchee.

A LONG-AWAITED FACELIFT FOR STATION #46!



Renovations to Arlington Fire Station #46 are progressing well and are on schedule to be operational in June of this year. Station 46 is located on McLeod and is the oldest of the City Fire stations in operation. The original building was constructed in 1961 and has been added onto twice but was still too small to meet the needs of our growing community.

Renovation plans for the Fire Station were completed in 2010. These included the removal of the south end of the building to provide the space to construct a new 4000 square foot two-story building

that will be used as offices and living space for the Fire Department. The plans also replace the roof over the truck bays and demolish the old administration building to make room for parking and landscaping.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR THE “ARLINGTON-THROUGH MY LENS” PHOTO CONTEST



*Sarah Arney's Architecture
"Downtown 100 Block".*

The votes are in for the City's photo contest held last fall seeking photographs that would promote Arlington. Many of you submitted great photographs for the 7 categories. The top photographs were selected by the City's Information Services Intern, Kyle Elledge. These photographs and other selected entries will be used to promote the City of Arlington in publications and on our website.

First place winners are: Sarah Arney for Events "Storytime at Red Rooster Days", Bob Kuest for Nature "Playtime under the Jordan Bridge", Sarah Arney for People "Terry Marsh & Snowmen in Parade", Austin Smith for Pets "Sunset Corgi", Sarah Arney for Art "AAC Mural in a Day", Sherri Wiederspohn for Places "Walking with Grandpa", and Sarah Arney for Architecture "Downtown 100 Block".

Thank you to all who participated!

CITY LAWS CONCERNING PEDDLERS & SOLICITORS

In recent months, the City has received a number of complaints and concerns about peddlers and solicitors operating in the Arlington city limits. In response to these concerns, the City has completed an update to the City's laws concerning peddlers and solicitors.

The City's laws now require a peddler or solicitor to receive a permit from the City and display this on their person when soliciting. The permit from the City will include the City's logo, the solicitor's picture, name, and other identifying information. The solicitor is barred from making untrue, deceptive, or misleading statements about the product or services sold for the sole purpose of making a sale. They are also barred from making any untrue, deceptive, or misleading statement regarding the purposes of his/her contact with a potential customer.

Peddlers and solicitors are prohibited from selling before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. of any day without the specific prior consent of the prospective buyer. They may not attempt to gain admittance at any residence at which a sign bearing the words "no peddlers," "no solicitors," "no trespassing," or similar words are posted. And a peddler or solicitor may not remain at any location after the resident has asked them to leave.

If you have any questions regarding the new laws concerning peddlers and solicitors, please contact Kristin Banfield, Assistant City Administrator at kbanfield@arlingtonwa.gov or (360) 403-3444.

Helpful Hints about Peddlers / Solicitors in the City of Arlington

- Peddlers / Solicitors must have a City permit prominently displayed on their person.
- Peddlers / Solicitors are prohibited from making untrue, deceptive, or misleading statements about the purpose of their visit or their product.
- Peddlers / Solicitors may operate between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. ONLY.
- Peddlers / Solicitors are prohibited from attempting to gain admittance at any residence with a sign that states "NO SOLICITORS", "NO TRESSPASSING", or similar such sign.
- Peddlers / Solicitors may not remain on your premises if you ask them to leave.

If a solicitor does not have a City permit, please feel free to inform them that a permit is required by the City and the permits are available at City Hall.

If you are concerned about a solicitor for whatever reason, please contact the City of Arlington. If you feel threatened by the actions, demeanor or words of a solicitor, please contact the Arlington Police Department by calling 911.

NATURAL RESOURCES UPDATE

Habitat for Humanimals - One of the important elements to quality of life in Arlington is our close proximity to the rivers, forests and wildlife. With the goal of preserving the natural world within and around the city, sharing the habitat sometimes leads to conflict. The Natural Resources Department receives regular questions from the community on topics such as how to manage their trees, water pollution and what rules to follow for protecting critical areas. In an effort to provide an opportunity for citizens to learn about the natural resources and how we manage them in a sustainable manner, the City will be offering a 4-evening class in May. Participants will learn about the flora and fauna of our community, the impacts from urban stormwater, the rules people along streams need to follow, some fun projects people can install such as rain gardens or rain collection system, and other basic stewardship tools. The City will invite local experts on the various subjects to provide the most up to date information available.

Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) Update - The City has completed the Draft Shoreline Master Plan Update and is hoping to have a City Council approved document to submit to the Department of Ecology at the end of July. We hope citizens will review the plan to gain an understanding of the complexities in managing the shorelines along the Stillaguamish River. The shoreline planning process had been required since the early 1970's and it assures that shoreline dependent activities such as recreation, industry and public access have opportunities as well as reducing human impacts and protecting the natural environment. The record floods we have been experiencing over the past couple of decades reinforce why we need to adopt a master plan for our shorelines. The draft plan is available on the City website by simply typing in the word "shoreline" in the search box. If you are interested in discussing the Shoreline Master Plan, contact Bill Blake 360-403-3440 or bblake@arlingtonwa.gov.



*Photos of Eagle Creek at Country Charm Conservation Area
August 2010 and December 2010*

TDR - Transfer of Development Rights and the West Arlington form based code strategy is being developed with assistance from a \$130,000 grant from Washington State Department of Commerce. The City continues to have great participation from the Smokey Point, West Bluff and Island Crossing neighbors in developing a vision of what the future will look like in those neighborhoods. The plan is to offer the convenience of being able to live, work and play in the community while accepting higher densities supported by transit and trail infrastructure in exchange for keeping the Stillaguamish Valley in continued farming and functional floodplain condition. The project will continue on in to 2012.

Riverfront development - The City has recognized for some time that the area along the riverfront is a special place providing unique opportunities for people to visit nature while enjoying urban conveniences. We are beginning to collect the various ideas and wishes that people of our community share as a vision for what our riverfront can be. It has already been identified in the Economic Development plan as an area where redevelopment can establish new commercial businesses such as restaurants and shops that allow people view access of the river. The Shoreline Master Plan includes elements to protect and restore the critical areas while also keeping alive the ability to resurrect some of the historic uses along the riverfront that were practiced by the Stillaguamish Tribe and original pioneer settlers. There will be a series of trails that will connect the park, natural areas and commercial business where visitors using the centennial trail or state highways will easily find a place to spend some time in our town. It is far too easy to take for granted simple things like a boat launch or place to walk a dog, but if these are important to you we would like to hear your ideas so we can incorporate as many as possible to make the Arlington riverfront a great place to be.

AS WE GROW

Development in the West Arlington area continues to grow. Recently Walmart Opened its doors, and in future months La Quinta and the Cascade Skagit Health Alliance CSHA (outpatient medical clinic) will also begin construction along 172nd. With the continued growth in our city, growth of public infrastructure will be required. To relieve traffic congestion and improve safety for development along 172nd Street, a secondary access road will be constructed along the 173rd Street alignment, from Smokey Point Boulevard to Airport Boulevard. Commercial development will utilize the proposed 173rd Street as alternate access, thus reducing the traffic volumes and accidents on 172nd Street.



The project will be phased to keep pace with development and manage the financial impacts. The first phase of the proposed roadway will extend from Smokey Point Boulevard to the eastern limits of the CSHA, about halfway to 43rd Avenue. Phase II of the project will extend 173rd Street from the CSHA to 43rd Avenue. Phase III will extend the roadway from 43rd Street to 51st Street, once the Airport Business Park is developed.

The roadway section will include a 5' sidewalk and 5' planting strip on the southern edge, and a 10' trail section on the northern edge. The City is currently developing options for lane configuration as well as possible buffers with the adjacent residential development. Traffic, noise, air quality, and cultural resource assessment studies will be performed as well. To acquire the right-of-way for the alignment, the City has currently purchased property adjacent to Smokey Point Boulevard. Commercial development along the alignment will dedicate 60'ft of their parcel for right-of-way.

The City is encouraged with growth in the West Arlington area and will continue to evaluate the infrastructure needs in the area.



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