



THE UPDATE

October 2020

COVID-19 Resources

WA State Coronavirus Response
www.coronavirus.wa.gov
News Releases
Phased Approach to Recovery
Business & Workers Information

Snohomish Health Department
www.snohd.org/ncov2019
Arlington, Snohomish County Case Count
Frequently Asked Questions
General Information and Resources

City of Arlington
www.arlingtonwa.gov/coronavirus
City Operational Changes
Community Event Information
Community Resources/In Need Resources
Masks for Arlington Information
Business Resources

Community Resources
Arlington Community Food Bank 360-435-1631
Arlington Community Resource Center 360-322-6989

Utility Customer Support Program

The City recognizes that COVID-19 has caused substantial financial impacts to citizens from job loss or reduced work hours due to business closures, school closures and/or limited access to child care. Through the utility customer support program, the city is implementing a one time utility credit to qualified applicants. Residential customers that turn in an application and meet eligibility criteria will receive a one time \$125 credit on their water/sewer account until funding is exhausted. Commercial customers that submit an application and meet eligibility criteria will receive a one time \$250 credit on their water/sewer account until funding is exhausted. Utility credits not applicable to stormwater and irrigation only accounts.

Information at www.arlingtonwa.gov/finance or call 360-403-3421

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Community,

Thank you for staying the course - keeping physical distance, wearing masks, and making every effort to stay safe and healthy during this pandemic. I know that this year has been extremely challenging for all of us. We are learning to navigate as each new challenge unfolds, often with few tools to help us through.

The City has been helping where we can, with the Coronavirus Relief Funds for Local Governments Program (CARES Act Funds). To help with the economic impact in our town, City Council approved \$310,750 for economic recovery and stabilization to support our businesses adversely affected by the shutdowns. We worked on several initiatives, including business rent relief grants, we issued 69 Arlington businesses grants totaling \$193,220. We have partnered with the Stilly Valley Chamber of Commerce to set up a shop local website for Arlington businesses and consumers shoplocalarlington.com that will launch for the holiday season. We also set up an Outdoor Eatery at Legion Park to support the restaurants serving takeout.

For many people, this time has been overwhelmingly stressful financially and emotionally. Please reach out for help. Many banks and utilities are offering some grace right now, but they need to know your struggle so they can guide you to the best resources for your situation. The City Council approved \$292,000 to support our families adversely impacted by COVID-19. The City has forwarded \$150,000 of the CARES funds to the Arlington Community Resource Center to assist with household rent, mortgages, utilities, and human services needs. CARES funding was also forwarded to the Arlington Community Food Bank and the Stillaguamish Senior Center to help those in need. The City has a new utility customer support program that provides a utility credit for our customers who qualify. See sidebar for information on the program. City Council also approved \$186,130 to support public health and provide the tools to keep our staff protected.

Due to the economic downturn, the City is making adjustments to the 2021/2022 budget. Thankfully, with our strategic financial positioning, we have not had to eliminate any staff. We are hoping for a quick economic recovery for the City, Arlington businesses, and the nation. When we do recover, we hope to continue to make headway in areas of concern, particularly transportation projects.

We are disappointed that we have not been able to celebrate our holiday events in the traditional fashion. We have a group of volunteers working on creative ways to celebrate while following the Governor's Phase mandates. The upcoming holiday season will be a bit different, but there are ways to participate with a sense of community.

Mayor Barb Tolbert

City Welcomes

Arlington Police Officers

Welcome new hires (left to right):
Officer Koska, Officer Devoir and Officer Fish.
Also, welcome:
Officer McClelland and Reserve Officer Stocker.



City Meetings Go Online

The City is now conducting meetings virtually. Zoom video conferencing is being used for City Council, Planning Commission, and other essential meetings, with a platform for the public to provide comment. Meetings are streamed on the City's YouTube channel at: www.YouTube.com/cityofarlingtonwashington. For current information go to: www.arlingtonwa.gov calendar or agenda center.

MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council Workshop: 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00 p.m. 360-403-3441
Airport Commission: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. 360-403-3470
Cemetery Board: the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. 360-403-3428
Civil Service Commission: 1st Wednesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. 360-403-3443
Library Board: Meets quarterly at 5:30 p.m. 360-403-3441
Parks Arts Recreation Commission: 4th Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. 360-403-3448
Planning Commission: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. 360-403-3435
Youth Council: 2nd Thursday at 5:30 p.m. 360-403-3448

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Message From Arlington Fire Chief Dave Kraski

Arlington Fire Department is discussing annexing to North County Fire & EMS to determine what is in the best interest of our community long-term to provide fire and emergency medical services.

Here's what we know so far. First, annexation would stabilize funding for fire and emergency medical services. Currently, our fire department competes for funding with other city departments. All emergency services are a priority for City Council, and it's hard to see city departments compete for funding to provide services that residents want.

Second, annexation would maintain the quality and level of fire and emergency medical services that our community needs. Many of our local firefighters have told me they support the plan and want to move forward with discussions.

Finally, annexation is more cost-effective for taxpayers because it would reduce the need for additional administrative staff, emergency personnel, apparatus and equipment. Long-term, it would reduce costs to individual taxpayers because the cost for capital items (such as fire stations) is shared by more property owners.

Here are the next steps. City Council will hold a workshop on October 26 to determine if the budget implications of annexation are good for Arlington residents. If so, they may then, on November 2, consider a resolution to annex to the fire authority. If council approves the resolution, you would see this ballot measure on your February 9, 2021 Special Election ballot for your vote. The annexation vote requires a simple majority to pass.

If you would like to observe these two City Council meetings, or offer public testimony, virtual meeting access information can be found on the city's meeting calendar at www.arlingtonwa.gov.

I hope you will share your thoughts as we continue to discuss this issue, and we will continue to update our webpage at www.arlingtonwa.gov/RFA. Please feel free to contact me at 360-403-3607 or dkraski@arlingtonwa.gov. Thank you, as always, for supporting your emergency responders.



With the onset of wet and windy weather now is the time to get prepared! There are many things you can do now to ensure you weather the storms:

Check your emergency kit. Restock it, if necessary. Don't have one? Check out Snohomish County DEM Preparedness webpage :

snohomishcountywa.gov/622/Preparedness
Identify nearby trees that might fall in a wind-storm. If possible, take action to remove them. Avoid piling yard waste like fallen leaves and sticks in your yard, on the sidewalk, or in the street where it could wash into City drains and cause flooding.

Use a rake, shovel, or broom to remove leaves and debris from the grates of storm drains.

If you are out and about during or after a storm and observe water over a roadway, turn around.

Do not drive through the standing water.

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

The City of Arlington offers an alert to be emailed or texted to you if there is an emergency impacting city operations or a road closure. Visit our website at www.arlingtonwa.gov and click on "Notify Me".

Smart 911 Saves Time and Saves Lives

Register your information at www.smart911.com. The information you provide now can get you help faster in an emergency. Your safety profile can include phone numbers (including cell phones) associated with your family, medical conditions, property details, emergency contacts and more.

Smart911 is a national service meaning your Smart911 Safety Profile travels with you and is visible to any participating 9-1-1 center nationwide.

With Alerts powered by Smart911, you can sign up for notifications from your community to keep you informed of weather, traffic, and other emergencies. Hear immediately about life-saving actions you must take to keep yourself and your family safe.

The City is encouraging all individuals and businesses in the city to register and provide your additional contact methods to ensure that you will be alerted in the event of an emergency.

October is Fire Safety Awareness Month

Heating, holiday decorations, winter storms and candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the upcoming winter months. Home fires occur more in the winter than in any other season, and heating equipment is involved in one of every six reported home fires, and one in every five home fire deaths.

Carbon Monoxide (CO), often called the invisible killer, is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, propane, etc. do not burn completely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of CO. Carbon monoxide incidents are more common during the winter months, and in residential properties.

Portable generators are useful during power outages, however, many homeowners are unaware that the improper use of portable generators can be risky. The most common dangers associated with portable generators are carbon monoxide poisoning, electrical shock or electrocution, and fire hazards.

December is the peak time of year for home candle fires; the top two days for home candle fires are Christmas and Christmas Eve. Each year between 2013-2017, an average of 7,900 home candle fires were reported each year.

Electrical home fires are a leading cause of home fires in the U.S. Roughly half of all home electrical fires involved electrical distribution or lighting equipment, while nearly another half involved other known types of equipment like washer or dryer fans, and portable or stationary space heaters. Space heaters are the type of equipment most often involved in home heating equipment fires, figuring in two of every five fires.

Arlington's WiFi Hotspots

In response to the impacts of COVID-19, the City of Arlington has installed additional free hotspots to provide free internet access for families who have limited or no broadband service to their homes.

City of Arlington hotspots:

Legion Park parking lot, 114 N Olympic Avenue
City Hall Parking lot, 238 N Olympic Avenue
Innovation Center, 404 N Olympic Avenue
Haller Park, 1100 West Avenue
Arlington Airport Office, 18204 59th Avenue NE

Arlington Public Schools hotspots:

Families can park at any of the school buildings and access the guest network. The WiFi has been extended further into the parking lot at Haller Middle School and Presidents Elementary, as those sites have the best 24 hour access. The school district has received a grant from HP/Aruba for an outdoor antenna, and they plan to provide coverage to the student parking lot at Arlington High School.

Sno-Isle Libraries hotspots:

Arlington Library, 135 N Washington Avenue
Smokey Point Library, 3411 169th Place NE

2020 Public Works Improvement Projects

Several projects were contracted this summer to upgrade utilities, install signals, repave roadways, and to improve a trail crossing.

204th Street NE/ 77th Avenue NE Roundabout

The City of Arlington is upgrading the intersection at 204th Street NE and 77th Avenue NE with the installation of a roundabout to improve vehicle safety and mobility through the intersection. Additional project benefits include improved pedestrian crosswalks, street lighting, transit stop pullouts, and site amenities and landscaping to enhance this neighborhood gateway. Funding includes a \$1.6 million grant from Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and \$900,000 from growth impact fees.

Utility and Pavement Preservation Projects

We continued to upgrade waterlines in the Old Town Arlington. Old waterlines were replaced, followed by repaving of selected roadways, and updates to ADA pedestrian crossing ramps. Streets included: Park Hill Drive, N. Alcazar Avenue, E. Fourth Street, N. Clara Street, Robinhood Drive, N. Stillaguamish Avenue, E. First Street, S. Hamlin Drive, and E. Maple Street.

We also paved selected streets in the Smokey Point Area; Smokey Point Boulevard - north of 185th Street to 188th Street NE and 43rd Avenue NE - north from 172nd Street NE to 177th Place NE.

67th Avenue Rail/Trail Crossing

We are improving the Centennial Trail crossing of the railroad tracks at 67th Avenue. This project includes upgrading the railroad signal system to LED, installing an additional pedestrian warning light, and modifying the railroad crossing surface for realignment of trail.

More Information

Information on the 2020 construction projects, including maps, can be found on our website: www.arlingtonwa.gov/cityprojects.



Interactive Map of Development Projects

The Department of Community & Economic Development Current Activity Map identifies the location of all permitted projects within the City of Arlington, and provides information where the project is in the process. If you see a Notice of Land Use Action sign on the property, you can use the map to see the information to date regarding the proposed project. As the project progresses, you are able to view the site plan and any architectural renderings showing how the finished project will appear.

Map is available here: www.arlingtonwa.gov/activitymap

Traffic Speed Studies

In response to citizen concerns or officer observations, the Police Department initiates speed studies throughout the City. We primarily use a covert radar system, which is especially helpful because it captures drivers behavior as it would naturally occur. The radar is typically deployed for a few days and records the speeds of all vehicles traveling by the radar. Our Arlington Police Volunteer Coordinator, Ed Krell, has been assisting in this work.

If a location has a high incidence of excessive speed violations, the Police Department will initiate additional enforcement actions in the area. The high incidence of excessive speed is dependent upon a number of factors and the department's tolerance for speeding may vary. Some of these factors may be the presence of schools, pedestrians, or high traffic volumes in the area.

To view the speed reports, visit www.arlingtonwa.gov/police and click on "Speed Studies 2020."

theLab@arlington Launches with Amazon Competition

The City's innovation center phase 1 remodel was completed in June. The building is located at 404 N Olympic Avenue, and is now theLab@arlington as part of the NW Innovation Resource Center's (NWIRC) larger innovation network. A public pocket park was also included in the construction project, which was funded by Washington State Department of Commerce.

NWIRC has established a hub for innovation at theLab@everett, and is managing theLab@arlington as part of their network. NWIRC is a strategic partner for innovators, entrepreneurs and inventors to help bring their ideas to life, and provide an expansive community of local resources. Information about NWIRC can be found at www.nwirc.com.

NW Innovation Resource Center teamed up with Amazon Catalyst Competition during June and July to discover and reward big ideas around Clean Technology in Arlington. The regional Amazon Catalyst program was to supercharge innovation, encourage people in all fields to think big, invent solutions to real-world problems, and make a positive impact on the world.

Meet the winners in the Clean Tech Category:

1st Place: Baha Abulnaga of Bellingham

Thermal recycling unit for plastics and metals - a new furnace capable of thermal degradation of scrap plastics and junk tires to produce fuels that are mixed with natural gas to melt scrap metals.

2nd Place: Scott Greeley of Bothell

Gravity-pressurized distillation - An 11-meter tall still can use a liquid pump and gravity to change fluid phase instead of heat.

3rd Place: Laura Denovan of Arlington

Take out wrap up app - An app that lists the type of to-go packaging that is used in specific local restaurants to help consumers make informed choices about which restaurants to frequent.

More information on competition at www.competition.nwirc.com.

Mayor Barb Tolbert stated, "As we experience economic growth, we recognize the importance of preserving our rich natural environment. We encourage the incorporation of new technologies which will both protect our environment and build in cost efficiencies for the businesses. Our collaboration with NW Innovation Resource Center and its Amazon Catalyst competition is a meaningful way for us to spark innovative thinking in our communities."

Stronger Together Building Unity Through Community

The first annual Stronger Together, a multi-community cultural event was presented on September 19. Due to social distancing requirements, the event activities were either online, or discover on your own. Stronger Together is about exploring surface, shallow and deep cultures that we each bring to our communities. How are we the same? How are we different? How does that makes us stronger?

Displays included People of Our Community portraits in the park, a Kindness Tree, and an outdoor community art exhibit. Online activities included: Introduction to your family tree, Race -the power of an illusion class, Gansango entertainment, bystander intervention training, learn about your library class, Gaelic language class for children, Native American storytelling, LGBTQ vocabulary conversation, children's book readings from Mayor Tolbert, Mayor Rankin, and Superintendent Chrys Sweeting, and more.

We are planning another event for May 15, 2021, and are continuing with anti-racism classes. More information at arlingtonwa.gov/stronger.

The event was presented by: City of Arlington, Arlington Public Schools, Stillaguamish Tribe, and Sno-Isle Libraries, and support provided by Stronger Together Planning Committee. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please email Sarah Lopez at slopez@arlingtonwa.gov.



Meet me in Arlington

Learn more at www.arlingtonwa.gov/events.
Be aware that traditional events have been altered to meet safety requirements.

Hometown Halloween

Online Costume Contest at Arlington Arts Council Facebook page
Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt with downtown businesses Oct 19-Oct 31
Come downtown for kettle corn and photo opportunities
Farmer's Harvest Market in Legion Park on Saturday, October 31
Biringer's Black Crow Pumpkin & Corn Maze, month of October

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We are grateful for your service and bravery.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is November 11th.
Let's show our appreciation to our Veterans virtually, go to:
facebook.com/VeteransDayArlingtonWA
and share your photos and thoughts.
No parade due to crowd restrictions.

Hometown Holidays

For event info: arlingtonwa.gov/HH facebook.com/ArlingtonHH
Shop Small Saturday is November 28 Downtown
Santa visits virtually from North Pole Dec. 5 & 12
Storytime with Mrs. Claus online
Holiday Passport Walk Nov. 28- Dec. 5
Arlington Fire Dept. Santa Run Food Drive arlingtonwa.gov/santarun
Holiday Farmers Market in Legion Park, November 28 & December 5

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City Council Highlights

Elected officials have been working on the following:

May

Appointed Holly Sloan-Buchanan to Civil Service Commission
Contracted with Dowl Engineering for services for 2020 Airport Improvement Projects
Amended contract with Murraysmith for design on CIC to support 51st Ave Urban Village
Contracted with Perteet, Inc. to update the 173rd St Phase 1 design
Temporarily postponed expiration dates of development permits
Amended sections of AMC relating to floodplain regulations and declaring an emergency
Adopted ordinances relating to nuisance properties and code enforcement
Authorized purchase of cameras and equipment for recording City Council meetings
Appointed Jennifer Harrington to the Park, Arts, Recreation Commission

June

Council RFA Zoom Retreat – June 1, 2020
Bid Award for 2020 Airport Project
Bid Award for 204th/77th Roundabout
Contracted with KBA for construction of 67th Rail/Trail Project
Approval of CARES Act Grant money in amount of \$592,200
Approval of Business Rent Relief Grant Program in amount of \$200,000 to support small businesses
Contracted with FCS Group for EMS Fee Study
Contracted with Marysville Regional Fire Authority for Battalion Chief Services
Adopted Bond Ordinance to Fund new Fire Station #48
Termination of Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Twin Rivers Park Maintenance
Bid Award to JB Asphalt & Paving for 2020 Utility and Pavement Preservation
Conveyance of Real Property for right of way purposes related to the Villas at Arlington Project
Cessation of processing special event permits until "Phase 4"
Awarded 2020 Utility and Pavement Preservation Project contract
Resolution condemning racism and supporting peaceful protest in Snohomish County

July

Approved agreement with SMARTCAP development
Approved agreement with Corner 9 Properties, LLC
Awarded contract to Holt Services, Inc for new water source test wells project
Approved geotechnical services contract with Pacific Groundwater Group
Approved construction management contract with KBA for roundabout project
Extended emergency waiver for utility bill late fees and water shutoffs
Reviewed police policies and HR hiring policies
Resolution in support of Arlington Police Department personnel
Update from NWIRC, Diane Kamionka
Approved interlocal agreement with WA School Information Processing Cooperative
Authorized a utility customer support program
Updated AMC regarding the Airport Commission
Amended Process Solutions Contract
Ordinance supporting House Bill 1406, funding for affordable housing
Dedicated right of way for 169th Street NE
Land Lease agreement with Kostar, LLC for temporary well drilling site
Approved right of way purchase for roundabout
Approved design contract for Smokey Point Blvd corridor

August

Signed memorandum of understanding with Washington Military Department
Established LEOFF 1 Disability Board
Authorized temporary payment of LEOFF 1 medical claims
Contracted for public outreach consultant for regional fire authority
Adopted Chapter 12.50 of AMC relating to temporary right of way use permits
Amended AMC Chapter 12.24 and revised City's fee resolution
Purchased right of way for 204th Street/77th Avenue roundabout

September

Authorized funding for Arlington businesses online marketplace using CARES funds
Awarded contract for Island Crossing span wire
Established franchise agreement with Puget Sound Energy
Reviewed 2020 Comprehensive Plan docket items

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City Phone Numbers

Airport	360-403-3470
Cemetery	360-403-3428
Community & Economic Dev.	360-403-3551
Finance Department	360-403-3421
Fire Business Line	360-403-3600
Human Resources	360-403-3443
Mayor's Office	360-403-3441
Parks & Recreation	360-403-3448
Public Works Utilities	360-403-3526
Street & Park Maintenance	360-403-3451
Utility Billing	360-403-3421