

ARLINGTON UPDATE



OCTOBER 2023

Message from the Mayor



We are now moving into year two of the City's biennial budget. The 2023-2024 budget was based on a period of growth in the City, with unprecedented sales tax and construction related revenues. This has allowed the City to make significant investments, with a focus on public safety and infrastructure improvements.

Citizens renewed the transportation sales tax, which will support the preservation of roads and traffic calming programs.

We have been working on the design for Smokey Point Boulevard and will be installing a roundabout at the 188th intersection this coming summer. The City purchased 2 acres on the Boulevard for a community park, that is under design. A food truck court and public airfield observation area is in the works on the Airport in the Cascade Industrial Center.

Public Works is completing a Traffic Calming Plan to present to Council. Funding for this program starts in 2024. Staff installed flashing stop signs and flashing crosswalk signs to test their effectiveness. Our staff is working hard on the Transportation Benefit Program, categorizing streets and planning for repaving streets throughout the City.

As Hometown Holiday season grows near, we are planning for another wonderful festival in our town. Many thanks to those that volunteer and plan for this magical season in Arlington. I hope you will meet me in Arlington to celebrate the holidays!

- Mayor Barb Tolbert



City of Arlington Solicits Input from Residents

The City requested input from the public on many important topics this year. From major road improvement projects in design to a neighborhood survey for input on the Comprehensive Plan Update. The City also hosted open house events for the infrastructure projects and Comprehensive Plan update.

During most months, we advertised several surveys. We asked for your opinions on broadband coverage in Arlington and input on the need for higher level education classes in Arlington. We conducted an "overall satisfaction" survey through social media for several months. The Police Department survey was launched in August for feedback to insert into the Arlington Police Strategic Plan.

We encourage the public to take the time to complete the surveys throughout the year, have a voice in the improvements and investments in your community.

Mayor Barb added, "Your responses to our questions informs our decisions on City improvements. Thank you for taking the time to give us your input. Whether you attended one of our open houses or took one of our surveys, we heard you and it matters."

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.

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Continued Investments in Infrastructure: Transportation Improvement Projects In Design for 2024 Construction

211th Place Corridor Improvements: Improvements to the 211th Place corridor from SR 530 to 67th Avenue NE. This project will include 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 repaving of the roadway.

204th Street NE / 74th Avenue Intersection Improvement Project: Includes a revision of the roadway from a three-way intersection to a four-way intersection, installation of a traffic signal, installation of protected bus pull-outs, and installation of ADA compliant pedestrian crossing.

74th Avenue Trail Project: The design and construction of a 12-foot wide trail along 74th Avenue NE; extending the Arlington Valley Road Trail north to the intersection of 74th Avenue and 204th Street.

Division / Broadway Rehabilitation: Upgrades to 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.

188th Street Roundabout: The roundabout will improve vehicle safety and mobility through the intersection. Additional benefits include improved pedestrian crosswalks, street lighting, transit stops, landscaping and artwork to enhance this neighborhood gateway.

67th Avenue Sewer Main Replacement:

The City will be upsizing the current 12-inch sewer main with a 24-inch main to increase the flow and intake capacity along 67th Avenue from Woodlands Way to 200th Place. Construction is scheduled to begin summer 2024.

State Route 531 Update 43rd Avenue NE to 67th Avenue NE Widening

Below is an update we have received from the WSDOT team that is working on the project.

This state project includes widening State Route 531 (172nd Street) from 43rd Avenue to 67th Avenue, to add a second lane in each direction. Roundabouts will be added at three intersections to improve safety, travel times and reduce congestion. The project is set to go to bid for construction summer of 2024, with construction beginning in 2025.

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.

November 2023: SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) input November 1 through November 30 with open house presentations. The SEPA review process helps agency decision-makers, applicants, and the public understand how the entire proposal will affect the environment.

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/compplan2024



Public Outreach Meeting on Division/Broadway Design

Arlington Earns Water Quality Award 20 Years Running

The City of Arlington Water Department was excited to learn that the City received the Washington State Department of Health's (DOH) first-ever 20-Year Award for 20 consecutive years of meeting DOH's Treatment Optimization Program regulations. Of the approximate 60 rapid rate water filtration plants in operation in Washington State, only four have consistently met regulatory standards since the program's inception in 2001—and the Arlington water treatment plant is one of those four!

That's two decades of consistently performing above regulatory standards to ensure continuous delivery of safe drinking water and public health protection for the Arlington community.

Congratulations to the Arlington Public Works Department's water treatment plant operators for their outstanding service to our community.

The City of Arlington Water Quality Report:
www.arlingtonwa.gov/WaterReport.



Water Department employees, City Councilmembers and Mayor

New Water Source

The City is increasing its raw water supply capacity from its Haller South Wellfield located at Haller Park. This project will include the installation of two new wells, upgrades to the existing well house and the installation of two new well houses. Construction is estimated to begin Fall 2023 through early 2024.

Water Treatment Plant Expansion

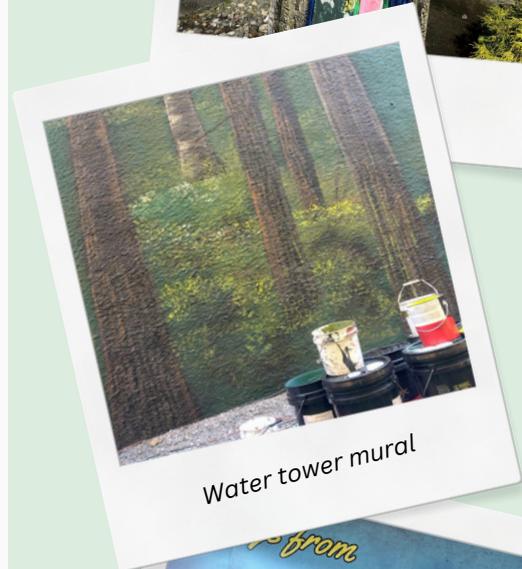
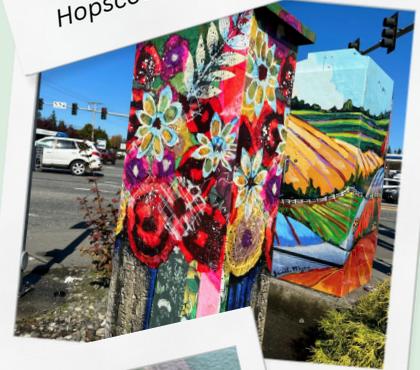
The City of Arlington will be expanding its water treatment capacity with the installation of additional filtration units. The additional filtration units will be in a new filtration building that will be constructed in place of the old water treatment plant. This project is currently in the design phase, with construction estimated to begin summer 2024.

City's Public Art Projects

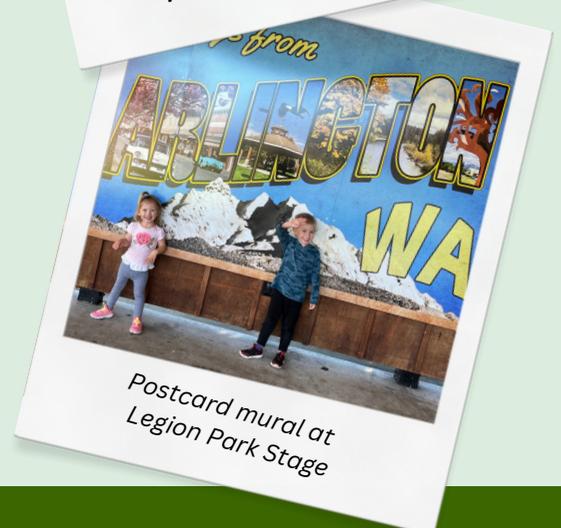
Here are a few of the public art projects we have installed this year. For information, visit www.arlingtonwa.gov/art



Hopscotch art at Haller Park



Water tower mural



Postcard mural at Legion Park Stage

Bridging School to Work Opportunities with Internships

With the job market experiencing a scarcity of qualified employees, it makes sense to invest early in quality high school career programs. This summer, businesses took the opportunity to host Arlington High School student interns.

The goal of this program is to develop future employees in fields that need employees, support our local workforce, and provide a pathway for students who may need encouragement and support to find a career.

The Arlington School District is currently planning for the 2024 Summer Internship Program. If businesses are interested in learning more about the Summer Internship Program, or how to participate in an upcoming job fair in May, please contact Lisa Rodino, School to Work Coordinator, at aci@asd.wednet.edu or 360-618-6330.

Internship Students Present to City Council

City of Arlington interns from Arlington High School, Mackenzie Moff and Baile Linklater presented to the Council on their summer internship and how their experiences prepared them for their future careers. They shared their experiences working in various departments, such as Communications, Records, and Community and Economic Development.

The interns highlighted the valuable skills they acquired, including problem-solving, communication, and teamwork. They also emphasized the importance of hands-on learning and how it helped them gain a deeper understanding of their chosen internship fields. Overall, the interns expressed gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the internship program and believed it had significantly contributed to their personal and professional growth.

College Classes to be Offered in Arlington through WSU Everett

Washington State University Everett (WSU Everett) is making their high-quality, affordable education available through course offerings at an Arlington location, starting in the spring of 2024.

Course offerings include business, data and hospitality courses.

WSU Everett is committed to educating the next generation of leaders, inspiring innovation, and advancing entrepreneurship. Partnering with the City, the goal is to support our workforce development needs. Stay tuned!

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.

City of Arlington Food Truck Pilot Program

The Washington State Food Truck Association has partnered with the City to bring food trucks to the employment core. The pilot program is hosted at the intersection of 172nd Street and 51st Avenue, in the Cascade Industrial Center at the Airport. The program has scheduled various mobile food vendors on selected days and times to gather the responses from customers. This is a pilot project to help determine the needs of food service in this area of Arlington that will help us design the future food truck court.

This pilot program may be on hold during the winter months. To see which trucks participate, when, and to place orders online, the public can access the schedule and details at: StreetFoodFinder.com/Arlington



City's Outreach Police Officer Assists Snohomish County Adult Recovery Court

Police Officer Ken Thomas partners with Social Worker Calei Vaughn to directly assist the homeless in our community. The Outreach Team initiated getting 118 people housed and 175 people into treatment.



Officer Thomas is also the Court Liaison Officer with the Snohomish County Adult Recovery Court (ARC). His involvement with ARC benefits the City of Arlington by reducing recidivism and substance use in the community, reuniting families, and strengthening community connections. The program also works to remove the stigma of substance use by advocating for a therapeutic approach.

The Adult Recovery Court program formerly known as Adult Drug Court, is an alternative to incarceration for adults with substance use disorders and pending felony charges. The ARC program provides participants with intensive treatment, case management, monitoring, and support services. Upon successful completion of the program (graduation), their felony charges are dismissed.

Adult Recovery Court helps save costs for the criminal justice system by diverting people from jails and prisons. Officer Thomas is part of a team that offers encouragement and support to people who are struggling with addiction and homelessness and helps them find a path to recovery and stability.

"I have been privileged to witness clients graduate from the program. They were well known by our criminal justice system, specifically to the communities of Arlington and North Snohomish County," said Officer Thomas. He describes his work with the people of our community as rewarding and challenging. He says that he enjoys seeing people transform their lives and achieve their goals.

Arlington Community Resource Center

Arlington Community Resource Center is a one-stop hub for services for people in need. From help with basic needs like food, clothing and shelter, to assistance with other kinds of resources and programs, they support people in their journey toward stability. Located at 103 E. 3rd Street, open Monday through Thursday. Phone: 360-322-6988

Arlington Police Offer Citizen Academy

The Arlington Police Department hosted a 10-week Citizen's Academy beginning in September. During the academy, attendees learned about various aspects of law enforcement and gained a better understanding of the work done by the police department.

Participants had the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities and simulations to experience what it's like to be a police officer in certain situations. By the end of the program, attendees developed a deeper appreciation for the challenges faced by law enforcement officers and how citizens can contribute to maintaining public safety in Arlington.

Academy Instructor Sergeant Rory Bolter said, "By offering insights into K-9 units, drones, and other specialized tools, attendees gain a comprehensive understanding of modern policing techniques, and it's been a lot of fun sharing what we do with the public." The Arlington Police Departments enthusiasm for this initiative reflects the department's commitment to transparency and building trust with the community they serve.

Councilwoman Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam said, "It is an amazing experience to hear first-hand experiences from staff while we learn about the programs, tools, and structure of the department from those that live it every day. I applied for the class to learn more about the hows and whys of the department, and I am impressed by the passion each one of the instructors has for their job and our community."

Attendees at the academy will receive a graduation certificate after ten weeks. This certificate serves as a recognition of their dedication and commitment to learning about the inner workings of the police department and showcasing their newfound knowledge and understanding of the Arlington Police Department.

Stay tuned for the next 2024 Citizen's Academy, where participants will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities and simulations that give them a firsthand experience of what it's like to be an officer in the APD. This interactive approach will further enhance their understanding and appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our local law enforcement.





Heather Logan



Don Vanney



Debora Nelson



Michele Blythe



Marilyn Oertle



Yvonne
Gallardo-Van Ornam



Jan Schuette

City Council Highlights

October

Fall Budget Retreat
 Joint Meeting with Planning Commission and Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission
 Land Acknowledgement for Indigenous Peoples Day, read by Mayor Tolbert
 Second Quarter Report from North County Regional Fire Authority
 September 2023 Police Report
 Ordinance Amending 2016-005 Establishing a Biennial Budget
 Appointments to Youth Council

September

Sole Source Resolution for Airport On-Call Services
 Amendment No. 1 for Haller Wellfield Improvement Project
 Amendment No. 3 to SR 530 Roundabout Design
 Amendment No. 12 to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement
 Presentation from Summer Interns
 Mayor signed Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation
 Appointment of Leisha Nobach to Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission
 Amendment to City's Fee Resolution
 Ordinance Revising Special Events Policy
 Sole Source Resolution Purchase of Surplus Snow Removal Equipment
 Third Quarter Report from Community and Economic Development
 Third Quarter Report from Utilities and Transportation
 Audit Exit Conference - 2022 Financial and Federal Audits

August

Audit Entrance Conference - 2022 Financial and 2021/2022 Accountability Audits

July

Public Hearing for Moratorium Related to Island Crossing Subarea
 IT Intern Position and Non-Represented Pay Plan Changes for 2023
 Acceptance of Phase 1 of the 173rd Street Project with Reece Construction
 Acceptance of 40th Ave. and 172nd St. Intersection with Interwest Construction
 Renewal of Water Service Agreement with Snohomish County PUD
 Low Bid Award for the 204th Street and 74th Avenue Intersection
 Amendment No. 1 to Mobile Integrated Health Program
 Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for Solid Waste Services
 Sole Source Resolution for Wastewater Treatment Plant Pump Purchase/Repair
 Resolution Adopting Revised Financial Policies
 Amendment No. 1 to the RH2 Contract for 520 Booster Pump Station Install Project
 Dedication of Real Property for Public Right-of-Way for Pilchuck Village
 Architectural & Engineering Services for Police Impound Facility/PW Storage

Thank you and Farewell, Councilmember Marilyn Oertle

Marilyn was elected to City Council January of 2000. During her time on Council, she has been Mayor Pro Tem for 6 years. She has achieved the Association of WA Cities Certified Municipal Leadership Award. Marilyn has been engaged in many city projects, including the reconstruction of Olympic Avenue, the Legion Park Gazebo, and the Byrnes Performing Arts Center. Marilyn has been a proponent of public art in Arlington and has served on the Arts Council Board. She also served on the Library Board. She has been the Council liaison to the Parks Arts and Recreation Commission and a former member of the Centennial Trail Coalition. Marilyn served on the Planning Commission prior to City Council.

Reception: There will be a reception for Councilmember Oertle on Dec. 11, 4:30-5:30pm in the City Council Chambers, 110 E 3rd Street.

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 Tues. at 6 p.m.
 Cemetery Board: 3rd Tues. at 2:30 p.m.
 Civil Service Commission: 1st Wed. at 9 a.m.
 Park, Arts, Rec. Commission: 4th Tues. at 6 p.m.
 Planning Commission: 1st & 3rd Tues. at 6 p.m.
 Youth Council: 2nd Thurs. 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
 Utility Billing 360-403-3421

Holiday Kick-Off Shop Small Event Saturday Nov. 25 Downtown Arlington

Tree Lighting at 5pm
Choirs on Stage 5:15-6pm
Olympic Ave. Fire Pits & Falling Snow 4-7pm
Cocoa & Cider at Stilly Diner Booth 4-7pm
Night of Lights - Lighted Cars & Park Lights 4-7pm
Shop Small Specials at Participating Stores
Mrs Claus & Olaf & Minions 4-7pm
Holiday Farmers Market 10am-7pm
Craft Bazaar at Arlington Lifeway 4-7pm
Free Movie at Olympic Theater, The Grinch Cartoon, 7pm
AHS Drummers, Kettle Korn, Mini Donuts, Brats
Holiday Fire Truck, Charm Walk

Hometown Holidays Santa Parade Saturday Dec. 2, Downtown Arlington

Parade at noon on Olympic Avenue
Visits with Santa at Legion Park Gazebo,
after parade until 3pm
Tractor Wagon Rides, pickup at Legion Park
Holiday Carousel, noon to 7pm, Dec. 1 - Dec. 10
Holiday Farmers Market 10am-2pm
Charm Walk 10am-3pm
Holiday Movies at Olympic Theater 2pm

Additional holiday events through December.
www.arlingtonwa.gov/HH



Meet Me in Arlington *For the Holidays*

Have you visited the Meet me in Arlington online marketplace? With over **240 businesses and 600 products**, shoppers can browse an assortment of products and services from Arlington businesses. This is a great way to check out what's trending in your favorite Arlington shops!



We have also curated itineraries, such as adventurous dates, foodie fanatics, family fun, biking and hiking, and blogs with more ideas on how to explore Arlington. We welcome your ideas for itineraries and blogs! Email your ideas to: info@arlingtonwa.gov.

Businesses that are interested in being on the marketplace should contact Stilly Valley Chamber of Commerce, email svcc@stillyvalleychamber.com.

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Meet me in Arlington Pop-Up Shop Success

The City of Arlington is excited to report that we have helped new businesses emerge onto the market by means of our Meet Me in Arlington Pop Up Shop! With the support and exposure provided by the Pop-Up Shop program, new entrepreneurs can introduce their retail products to customers and establish a business presence in the community. The program aims to promote economic growth and support local entrepreneurship by providing a space for new businesses to introduce products to the market and display their unique offerings. The City of Arlington hopes to foster a vibrant and thriving community where residents can discover and support new businesses and stimulate the local economy.

The pop-up location is the lobby at the Innovation Center at 404 N. Olympic Ave. Website: www.arlingtonwa.gov/lab





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ARLINGTON'S HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS



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NOV. 25

HOLIDAY KICK-OFF/SHOP SMALL
 TREE LIGHTING, NIGHT OF LIGHTS

DEC. 2

SANTA PARADE, CHARM WALK, MARKET, CAROUSEL

HOLIDAY EVENTS THROUGH DEC.

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