

July 2018

# Sibley County Community Development

*Leading Sibley Together*



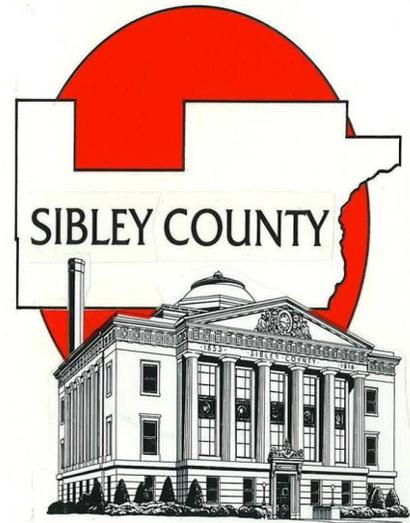
Are you interested in broadening your networks, learning about our local communities and businesses, and growing your skills for working with people? If so, the *Leading Sibley Together Leadership Program* is for you!

The nine session program features monthly sessions where participants visit each of the communities in Sibley County to discover local resources and network with community leaders. Each session features leadership training, presentations, tours and demonstrations. Participants learn about local businesses, county history and government, health care, education, agriculture and natural resources. The program will run from September through May. Tuition for this year's program is \$375 per participant, equating to less than \$42 per day for 9 sessions of Leadership Training. The program is valued at over \$1000.

This opportunity is available to individuals who live or work in Sibley County. Space is limited to a maximum of 24 participants. Brochures can be downloaded at [www.co.sibley.mn.us](http://www.co.sibley.mn.us) or requested by emailing [LeadingSibley@co.sibley.mn.us](mailto:LeadingSibley@co.sibley.mn.us). **Deadline to apply is August 1st.**

*Leading Sibley Together* is led by a committee of individuals from around the county. The program is funded by Sibley County along with tuition fees, and donations from businesses in the County, with education contracted with the University of Minnesota Extension. If your business is interested in donating or having a member participate, please email [LeadingSibley@co.sibley.mn.us](mailto:LeadingSibley@co.sibley.mn.us) or download the application form at [www.co.sibley.mn.us](http://www.co.sibley.mn.us)!

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## Upcoming events:

July 12<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer's Appreciation Potluck at the Sibley County Museum, 12:00pm

July 12<sup>th</sup> - 3D Advocate Open House, RSVP on website, 10 am - 7 pm

July 13<sup>th</sup> - Learn & Go Educational series for small businesses: The legal aspects of small Businesses, at SBDC, 7:30-8:30 am

July 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> - Gibbon Funfest Weekend

July 16<sup>th</sup> - Women's Day at Arlington Farmers Market

July 20<sup>th</sup> - Henderson Music on Main, Toody's Sweet Treats Patio, 6:30 pm

July 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas in July At Green Isle City Hall at 7pm

July 30<sup>th</sup> - Tour of Gardens at Arlington Farmers Market

August 1st - First Day of Sibley County Fair

August 5<sup>th</sup> - Last day of Sibley County Fair

## Upcoming Events:

August 7<sup>th</sup> – Arlington Night Out

August 7<sup>th</sup> – National Night Out, Gibbon

August 10<sup>th</sup> \_Learn&Go: (Educational Session): Seizing the Market, at SBDC, 12-1 PM

August 13<sup>th</sup> -Canning Pickles demo at Arlington Farmers Market

August 17<sup>th</sup> – Henderson Music on Main, Toody's Sweet Treats Patio, 6:30 pm

August 18<sup>th</sup> – Henderson Hummingbird Hurrah, by Henderson Feathers, at Bender Park in Henderson

August 24<sup>th</sup> - Learn&Go: Technology Plan Elements, at SBDC, 12-1PM

August 27<sup>th</sup> –Seniors Day at Arlington Farmers Market

September 7<sup>th</sup> \_Learn&Go: The Business Transition Plan, at SBDC, 12-1PM

September 17<sup>th</sup> –Fall Décor Class at Arlington Farmers Market

October 1<sup>st</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> – Minnesota Manufacturers Week

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Dinner and Music by Sibley County ACT on Alzheimer's, Hahn's Dining and Lounge

Please see the **Things To Do** section of the Sibley County website for details on events.

## Advocate3D Open House on July 12<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 7 pm, Gibbon

Come learn more about 3D printing and the different services at the open house of a brand new business in Sibley County!

Register for the event online, Advocate3d.com!

This will be an informal event and all are welcome to come learn about 3D printing. There will be presentations on different 3D printing topics throughout the day. Food and refreshments will be provided. Come to learn, visit, or for lunch.

## Clover Kids Child Care program

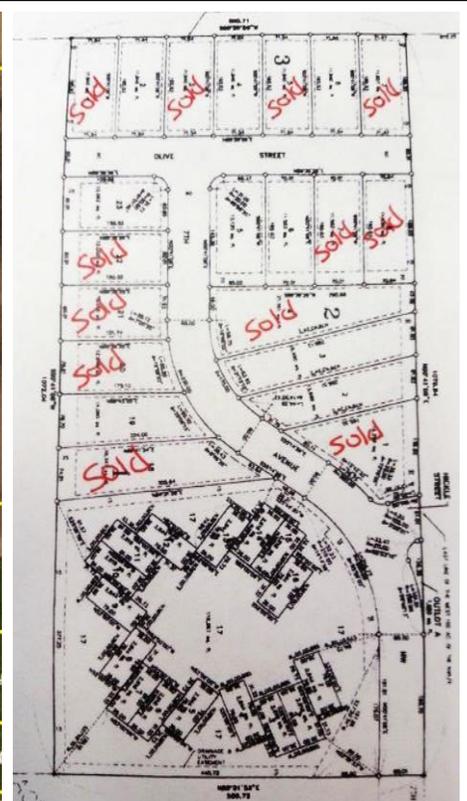
There will be an open house to meet and greet staff, see the classrooms and get all the new-school-year paperwork on Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm. We will also be taking registrations but our infant, preschool, and Kindergarten classes. We are quickly approaching numbers where we will need to start a wait-list, so contact the school soon by email: [info@greenislecommunityschool.org](mailto:info@greenislecommunityschool.org), calling: 507.326.7144 or reach out to us on Facebook to get enrolled!

# Lots for Sale

## Arlington, Minnesota

Price per lot is \$10,500 and if a home valued at \$195,000 or higher is built on the lot within one year the SAC and WAC fees of \$4,825 can be waived.

Please contact Wendy Gilmer, State Bank of Delano, at (763) 972-4233 or Amy Newsom, Arlington EDA, at (507) 479-3219 for more information.



### **Additional Public Transit Service Dedicated to Western Sibley County Press Release: June 28, 2018**

In response to concerns about the lack of public transit service in Western Sibley County, Trailblazer Transit is dedicating an entire bus schedule to serve the areas west of Highway 22 in Western Sibley County and the notch in Southwestern McLeod County starting July 2, 2018. This dedicated bus service will supplement the existing bus service that is currently being provided throughout Sibley County, so there will be more bus service available in Western Sibley County than just the dedicated bus. However, the additional bus service will only operate in the Trailblazer service area west of Highway 22 including all cities and townships.

The additional dedicated bus service will be provided for at least six months through the end of 2018. After this trial period, the Trailblazer organization and MnDOT will evaluate the ridership and efficiency of the dedicated service to see if it merits continuation into 2019. Therefore, the public is strongly encouraged to maximize the use of the additional bus service in order to justify the state and federal funding necessary to provide the dedicated service beyond the initial trial period. As with all public transit service, the service is provided on a use it or lose it basis. Trailblazer Transit is committed to providing Western Sibley County with the information and resources needed to take full advantage of the additional dedicated service.

Trailblazer Transit provides Dial-A-Ride service, meaning that customers are picked up and dropped-off at locations and times determined by the customers. Customers call Trailblazer Transit to request transportation, and a dispatcher negotiates with the customers to schedule rides as efficiently as possible. Customers who ride frequently may only need to call Trailblazer once to set up standing orders, which are strongly encouraged. Many customers share the public transit service, so rides are scheduled together to best accommodate the most number of people as efficiently as possible. Trailblazer provides transportation to people of all ages for almost any reason! Customers may call toll-free at 1-888-743-3828 to schedule rides. Bus fares are \$4.00 per person for each one-way ride up to 25 miles and \$8.00 for rides more than 25 miles. There is a discounted fare of \$2.00 for all rides that begin and end in the same city limits. There are also virtual monthly passes available starting at \$16 per month that allow for unlimited rides for specific reasons.

To help promote the additional public transit service dedicated to Western Sibley County, several How to Use Transit Workshops will be held to explain how the transit system works and to answer any questions. The workshops are open to the general public. The dates, locations, and times of the workshops are listed below. Additional workshops are available upon request.

Tuesday, July 10 – Gaylord Library, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 12 – Winthrop City Hall, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 18 – Gibbon Community Center, 2:00 p.m.

Please contact Trailblazer Transit at 320-864-1000 or toll-free at 1-888-743-3828. A dispatcher would be happy to assist you, or you can ask for Operations Manager Tonia Persons or Executive Assistant Jake Nelson to answer your questions. [www.TrailblazerTransit.com](http://www.TrailblazerTransit.com)



**Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Medallion Hunt details to be posted at Gibbon Library on June 27<sup>th</sup>!**

**Jackpot Starts at \$500**

## Sibley County Community Development

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There are always more events happening in Sibley County than we can fit into the newsletter, so make sure you look at the "THINGS TO DO" section of the Sibley County website and like the Sibley County Facebook page.

Find us on the Web:  
co.sibley.mn.us

Like Sibley County on Facebook!  
Scan the QR Code below!



# HENDERSON MUSIC ON MAIN 2018

Toody's Sweet Treats Patio

**Friday, June 15th**-6:30-8:30 *The Planet Masters* (Josh Reinitz and friends)  
612-756-3971 josh@easthendersonfarm.com

**Friday, July 20th**-6:30-8:30 *The Fake Band* (Troy Koester and others)  
612-209-2674 philcamel@mchsi.com

**Friday, August 17th**-6:30-8:30 *The Great Trumpet* (Chris Shottliff & Sarah)  
greattrumpet@gmail.com

**Friday, September 14th**-6:30-8:30 *The Frye* (Anne Fee and Joe Tougas)  
507-351-6521 (Anne) director.acsp@gmail.com or  
josephougas@gmail.com

**Sunday, September 30th**-10:30-12:00 *The Jolly Ramblers* (Chuck Thiel)  
320-224-3462 245 Hi-Mae Circle Box 607 Lester Prairie, Mn.  
55354 jollyramblers@aol.com

**This activity is made available through a Small Arts Grant and is funded, in part, by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council with an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund and through the Clean Water, Land and Arts and Cultural Legacy fund. Other support comes from the Henderson Area Chamber.**

# TECHNOLOGY HELP

Sibley County offers computer classes to the community, to assist and teach people how to create and maintain websites or Facebook pages for their businesses, how to create logos for businesses and how to use and manage their technology, ranging from phones, tablets to laptops. Community Development will be offering consultancy, at \$60 for up to 4 hours of consultant time, and \$10 for up to 2 hours of consultant time for technology education.

For more information and registration, please contact Lilian Nakijoba at 507-237-4050 or  
[LilianN@co.sibley.mn.us](mailto:LilianN@co.sibley.mn.us)

## SIBLEY COUNTY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



Does your computer or phone not cooperate?

Are you ready to throw your computer or phone out the window?



•Would you like assistance with your computer, tablet, or phone? Would you like to learn to use your email better? Do you want to learn how to create a Facebook page?

•Community Development will be offering up to 2 hours of consultant time to assist with technology education.

•The cost is \$10 for up to 2 hours of consultant time.

To register for assistance please contact:  
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