April 2018

Sibley County Community Development

Business Expo April 19 4-7 pm

The Sibley County Community and Business Expo is happening Thursday, April 19 from 4 to 7 pm at the Arlington Community Center, 204 Shamrock Drive in Arlington.

We have more attractions planned for the 3rd annual event including a Sibley County snow plow in the parking lot, a presentation on the child care shortage by First Children’s Finance, demonstrations by Arlington Police Chief John Petterson and his K-9 Kash at 5 and 6 pm, and a social media presentation by Sibley County consultant Shannon Frost at 5:30 pm. At 6:30 pm Community Development Director Amy Newsom will be drawing for prizes which include: tote bags, mugs, a Verizon gift card, and a humidifier. Many vendors will also be giving away prizes, make sure you come out to sign up and win.

The Arlington Sons of the American Legion will be selling hot dogs, chips, and water; while the Prairie House will be selling desserts.

The following businesses have registered for a booth at the expo, come check them out:


Upcoming events:

April 15th – Sibley County Historical Society Annual meeting will be held at noon at Hahn’s Dining in Winthrop.

April 17th - Sibley County Senior Expo at the Arlington Community Center from 9 am to 2:15 pm. Contact Extension at 507-237-4100 for more information.

April 17th – Spring Garden Lecture at the Henderson Public Library.

April 19th – Sibley County Community & Business Expo at the Arlington Community Center, 4-7 pm.

April 20th – Ridgeview Sibley Medical Foundation Spring Fundraising event. Social Hour 5:30 to 7 pm, Dinner 7-8 pm.

April 23rd – Deadline to register for the Gaylord City Wide Garage Sales.
Upcoming Events:

April 26th - Sibley County ACT Lunch & Learn, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Arlington Community Center. The cost is $10, please contact Barb Alsleben at 320-221-3747 to register.

April 28th – Chance 2 Dance Talent show at the Henderson Event Center 6-10 pm.

May 1st – Spring Into Arlington


May 19th – 7th Annual Cancer Cruise, 5K Run/Walk and a Car Show and Cruise. All proceeds will be donated to Jeff Larson of Henderson.

May 22nd – Start of the Classic Car Roll-Ins in Henderson.

June 11th – Beginning of Arlington Farmer’s Market.

July 3rd & 4th – High Island Lake Conservation Club Swap Meet, New Auburn, MN.

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

Timberline Wood Products begins construction in Green Isle

The City of Green Isle is excited about the construction happening in the Green Isle Industrial Park. Timberline Wood Products is constructing a new custom cabinet shop that will employ at least 2 new employees in the City of Green Isle.

For more information about lots in the Green Isle Industrial Park please contact EDA Director Amy Newsom at 507-237-4117.

Commercial & Industrial properties for sale in the City of Arlington
The Arlington Child Care Loan Program provides an incentive to new child care providers to provide services in the City of Arlington.

The program provides a matching forgivable loan for actual expenses relating to the cost of opening a child care business in the City of Arlington, up to $1,000 per child care provider. Qualifying expenses must be approved by the Sibley County Child Care Licensor and the Arlington EDA Director. Approved requests will be funded on a first-come/first-served basis until all funds are expended. In addition, the opportunity exists that the Arlington Economic Development Authority’s revolving loan programs could be available to assist with the costs of opening a child care business.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Only new child care providers located within the City of Arlington are eligible for the loan program.

2. All items for which the child care provider is requesting funds must be approved by the Sibley County Licensor and the Arlington EDA Director.

3. Items purchased prior to EDA approval will typically not be eligible for funding unless the EDA finds significant underlying purposes for work beginning prior to project approval (i.e. inability of quorum for a meeting, and the like).

4. Funds may be requested for the following items (up to):
   - Licensing fee ($100)
   - Background study fee ($100)
   - Pre Licensing training ($175/per person)
   - Ongoing training ($250/per person)
   - Fire Marshal visit, if needed ($50)
   - Smoke Detectors ($10/each)
   - Fire extinguishers ($35)
   - Outlet plugs ($4)
   - Stationary baby gate ($60)
   - First aid kits ($15)
   - Utensils/plates/cups ($30)
   - Pack n Play ($120)
   - Pack n Play sheet ($10)
   - Cots ($120)
   - High chair/booster seat ($40)
   - Fluid Cleanup kit ($15)
   - Potty seat/chair ($20)
   - Monitor ($40)
   - Toys for each age group ($200)
   - Craft supplies ($200)
   - Strollers ($100)

For more information on the child care forgivable loan program please contact Arlington EDA Director Amy Newsom at 507-237-4117 or CommunityDevelopment@co.sibley.mn.us.
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.

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