



Hi everyone,

A request to all residents: locate your water shut off valve in your home. If you do not have one, it would be in your best interest to put one in. If you get a water leak, it does take time to notify the utility department to come and shut off at the street and \$'s. If you have one inside, exercise it at least once a year to make sure it is operable. Also, a reminder to change your smoke detector batteries.

Used oil cannot be put out for trash pickup. Once dumped into the garbage truck, it is compressed and then runs out onto the street causing hazardous driving conditions, which is a violation of the nuisance ordinance and a chargeable offense. If you need information on how to dispose of used oil, contact the Village Administrator at 937-467-1868.

A village notification/information system (Code Red) is in the final stages of becoming a reality. This system will provide general and emergency notification to Village residences. Upcoming newsletters will provide information on the progress and implementation of the system.

I ask as residents of the Village of Arcanum that you please be respectful of the staff at All American Clothing on days that the Village Office is closed. All American Clothing has been nothing but hospitable to allow our Village to move into their building on a temporary basis. If the Village office is closed it is posted on the Utility Clerks window (look to the left as you enter the front door). If the office is closed it is your responsibility to put your payment in the night depository box located at 104 W. South St. Please do not bother All American Clothing staff as they have no responsibility to the Village Offices.

The destination for a Village Municipal Building is still being evaluated. It has been determined that a company will be hired to remove the bats and seal the present building. Options to build a municipal building are also being explored. Three possible sites owned by the Village have been located. The Village is getting quotes for the cost of a building and possibilities of funding.

Due to the very cold temperatures, the old water tower still has a leak and is not in operation. A re-organizational meeting has been set for February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at 1 Pop Rite Dr. for Old Fashioned Days. The dates are May 18, 19 and 20. EVERYONE is invited that wants to help with and build on the opportunity to show community pride. This has become a noted festival in the Darke County area and by working together we can continue our fellowship and provide a fun weekend.

Council President this year is Vanessa Delk, and the council committees have been assigned. The replaced fire engine has been sold to a fire company in the North Dakota. We also want to congratulate Captain Kevin Monroe on 20 years of service and dedication to the Arcanum Fire Department. Kevin is moving to another community, and we know he will provide volunteer services where needed.

Well, everyone keep warm. As Mother Nature and the calendar move on, just remember, WE ARE BLESSED.

Respectfully

“Judy’s on Duty”