

VILLAGE OF
ARCANUM

Village Administration: (937) 692-8500

Website: villageofarcanum.com

Dear Arcanum Residents,

In lieu of giving a depressing list of all community events that have been cancelled, I thought it would be better to look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. Instead of giving you a list of things that you can't be doing, here is a list of what we, the Baumle Family, have been doing to stay sane during the COVID-2019 outbreak. Like most families with school-aged children, we have been plugging away on our distance learning homework. My wife Gretchen (in between juggling her own work-from-home duties) has tried to simulate a normal school day for our kids. She has structured their day to mimic a school schedule to keep the kids on task. She even set up gym stations and art centers throughout our house. While it's not perfect, our kids (Roy, age 10 and Nora, age 7) are utilizing every square inch of our living space for activities.

When schoolwork for the day is done, we utilize our downtime to complete those important tasks we might have otherwise neglected. Such important tasks include: Roy versus Dad battling out the NBA playoffs on the Nintendo, Nora pampering herself with a much needed spa day (complete with mud mask and real cucumbers on her eyes 😊) and frequent family walks to enjoy the fresh air and natural beauty that our great village has to offer. We are also trying not to get too caught up in news beyond what we need to know for our safety. While it's obviously important to learn the facts about this pandemic, it is also very easy to get swept up in it all and lose hours watching it or reading news articles.

I encourage our community to do a number of items during this pandemic using safety precautions that have been widely publicized. Check on your neighbors. Enjoy the outdoors. Be patient and kind. Utilize this time to reconnect with family and friends over the phone or video chat. Pull out the board games. Organize your photo albums. I try to look at this time not as an inconvenience but as an opportunity to slow down and do the things that our normally hectic schedules prevent us from doing: an opportunity to reconnect, learn, relax, and be grateful for those we have in our lives.

In closing, rest assured our village is being as proactive as possible during this time. We have changed many of our operations to not only be safe for you and our employees, but also provide the essential services our community needs. Our offices are closed to the public until the State of Emergency is lifted, but we are only a phone call away in your time of need. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at (937) 692-8500. Additionally, please continue to follow our village Facebook page, village website, and Code Red Alerting System for village updates. Until the State of Emergency is lifted, our village council meetings will be available for live streaming on our YouTube page. Please see the reverse side for some general news concerning village affairs.

From my family to yours, God bless you during this trying time.....

The Baumle Family

Greg, Gretchen, Roy, and Nora

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Important April Dates

Apr. 14 Village Council Meeting: *7pm at 309 South Albright St. Live Stream Only.*

Apr.15 Tax Day – Extended to July 15, 2020

Apr. 28 Village Council Meeting: *7pm at 309 South Albright St. Live Stream Only*

*******Limb pickup 2nd & 4th Thursday April through October*******

Main Water Valve Shut Offs. As a reminder, please make sure you have a main water shut off for your residence or business and that you exercise this valve annually. Per Ordinance 2018-19 the Village can/will charge residents/businesses for emergency shut offs.

Tampering with Meters. Per O.R.C.4933.19 Tampering with meters constitutes a theft offense for electric and inside water pits (no one should be inside of water pit besides Arcanum Utilities)

Hydrant Flushing. The Village of Arcanum Utility Department will be flushing water hydrants: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 & Wednesday, April 8, 2020 between the hours of 7:00 AM & 4:00 PM. This may cause some discoloration to the water. Residents may want to check their water before washing. If needed due to weather, the following Tuesday & Wednesday, April 14 & 15, are also scheduled as makeup dates.

Utility Savings. After the bi-annual evaluation performed by Sawvel Consultants and Engineering, the Village of Arcanum is happy to announce a Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) savings! Customers began seeing a savings of .0085 per Kilowatt hour reflected in their March statements. Thank you to our VA Bill Kessler, Keir Smith, Randy Baker, our Village Council, and all our Utility Crew for working toward energy savings for the benefit of our area. We will continue to search for ways to save costs for you.

Arcanum Garden Club. The Arcanum Garden Club is in need of assistance. Anyone who could volunteer to plant flowers or water the planters (especially close to your homes) throughout the growing season, please contact Connie Norris at clnorris54@gmail.com .

Arcanum Farmers Market. Please contact Sharon Troutwine at (937) 692-5128 to be a vendor for this summer's Arcanum Farmers Market. She is looking for vendors, baked items, produce, arts, and crafts.
