

# VILLAGE OF ARCANUM

HAPPY NEW YEAR

## A Message from the Mayor's Office

Happy New Year! Wish I could offer an excuse for the windy and frigid conditions that Mother Nature bestowed upon us causing so many power outages last week. The entire Village staff, especially the Utility Department, worked diligently to swiftly and safely minimize your inconveniences that you unfortunately had to endure. With that being said, I hope everyone enjoyed a great holiday season! Some of you may have brought in the new year celebrating, or simple and quiet at home, or maybe, some of you (like me) were in bed well before the drop of the symbolic ball. Regardless, I strongly believe that what is meant to be; will be rather we like it or not. Let's pray for a great 2023!

You may have noticed the parking space lines have been repainted in the downtown parking lot. This is a temporary fix until grant monies are obtained to repair the lot entirely. Village projects that are planned for 2023 are siding the scout house, fencing work at the ball diamonds and service building, and resurfacing West South Street. The Village was notified that we could apply for a second round of CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant funds that would help subsidize the repairs of East First, East, Albright and Water Streets.

Rumpke Waste recently increased their rates for 2023 by 3%. I'm pleased to announce that Council has voted to absorb this cost within the Garbage Fund and not pass this increase on to the residents. Another 3% increase is scheduled for 2024, and Council will review the Garbage Fund balance towards the end of 2023 to see if residents will be assessed the 2024 rate increase or not. Just wanting to keep you informed.

With the winter months upon us, AMP has a few tips to help conserve energy and the cost to the consumer. When not at home lowering your thermostats a few degrees, dressing in layers while at home before turning up the heat and remembering to turn those light switches off when not in use.

May not seem like a lot, but every little bit counts.

On November 29th, Council accepted the Village Administrator's resignation and voted to approve the Mayor's appointment of Chief Marcus Ballinger as interim acting Village Administrator. He can be reached at the office 937-682-8500 or cell at 937-467-1868 to handle any inquiries.

### And now a few words from Chief Ballinger...

Stepping in as Acting Village Administrator, has been a unique experience and I'm honored to help lead in this capacity in the interim. I want all residents to be rest assured that just like the police department, your quality of life is always my main focus and I'm dedicated to all of us progressing!

That said, the Police Department and Village Council have been working on a project with Flock Safety Systems to bring even more safety and peace of mind to the residents. The Flock System is an automatic license plate reader (ALPR), with vehicle fingerprint technology and active 24/7. The cameras will be placed at all entrances of the village and will assist law enforcement in monitoring vehicles coming into the village that may be stolen or have Amber Alert notifications. Be assured, that there is no personal identifiable information in this system, the system is intended for criminal investigations only. Many other Ohio communities have begun implementing this state-of-art monitoring system as well. More information on this advanced technology will be available shortly.

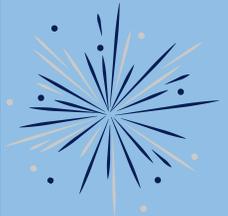
Just a reminder that all Village offices are here to assist local residents as needed, so please don't hesitate to reach out! I look forward to seeing all of you while on patrol.

Stay safe during the winter weather and we hope you all have an exciting and blessed 2023!

**Mayor Bonnie Millard and Chief/ Acting VA Ballinger**



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## Tax Department Update

When completing the 2022 Village of Arcanum Income Tax Return, please remember to:

- \*Sign your return.
- \*Attach page 1 of your Federal 1040.
- \*Include all W2's, 1099's and schedules.
- \*Include your full payment.

All residents 18 and over residing within the Village corporation must file a tax return. If you retired in 2022, then you must file a final return. If you filed a final return previously and have no earned income, then you are not required to file.

Tax returns are available online or in the Administration Office. Online filing is available through the website @ [www.villageofarcantum.com](http://www.villageofarcantum.com).

## Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society would like to thank everyone for supporting the 2022 events whether it was educational programs, fundraisers, or community service projects.



Community support is important for AWTHS to realize their mission: To collect, preserve and foster an appreciation for our past and promote an interest and knowledge of past historical events for citizens of all ages, which may act as a foundation for future generations and instill a sense of pride in local history. Have a wonderful New Year! ~Submitted Article

# January

January 3  
Village Council Organizational Meeting @7pm

January 5  
Live Christmas Tree Pickup

January 10  
Village Council Meeting @7pm

January 11  
Arcanum Preservation Society Meeting@7pm

January 31  
Village Council Meeting @7pm

## Utility Department News

### Convenient Options to Pay your Utility Bill



Pay your bill from the comfort of your home or office, anytime - with our convenient electronic payment options. It's safe, fast – and secure!

- Automatic payments are safer and post to your account faster than mailing a payment
- Enroll in paperless billing and reduce paper waste for a better environment
- Need a reminder? Our RemindMe feature adds an alert to your calendar
- Fully certified with highest-level of data security
- Convenience Fee Applies

Make a payment online:  
[villageofarcantum.com/](http://villageofarcantum.com/)  
Or pay by phone: 844-321-9521

SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE A PAYMENT



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## Arcanum Preservation Society

APS membership forms are available for 2023! Forms are available online, by email, or at the Opera House.

Questions? Contact

[arcanumpreservationsociety@gmail.com](mailto:arcanumpreservationsociety@gmail.com)

## Friendly Reminder

The Village Street Department will be picking up live Christmas trees on January 5th, 2023, for all Arcanum residents. Please place all Christmas trees by the curb the night before.

