

With the first holiday under our belts, I'm hoping that your Thanksgiving was as enjoyable as mine and excited for Christmas. The holiday season has officially begun in our charming town with the lighting of the downtown Christmas tree and the arrival of Santa's House and mailbox. Don't forget to stop by Ivester Park on December 3rd for the annual Christmas in the Park, where there will be several fun activities for the children along with the festive decoration contest for all to enjoy.

A few follow ups from last newsletter:

Since opening the secondary exit for special school events, we've received no issues or complaints.

Despite the chilly weather we've been having, it's been wonderful to still see a few smiling faces of little ones on the new Mommy & Me swing that was installed late October.

The Park and Recreational Committee is staying busy!

- Twelve new trees have been planted in Ivester Park, due to 12 generous donations by Village residents. Be sure to check out the tree plaques this spring. Thank you to all that made this revitalization possible, it is very much appreciated.
- Several environmental educationalists have been educating the Committee on the dos and don'ts in areas of wildlife habitats and general preservation of the newly acquired park land.
- The pickleball project is now fully funded thanks to a donation for the crack sealant and painting of the entire court. The Brick Street Committee notified us last week of their commitment to repair the fencing around the complex. Work will begin next spring with plans to be completed for summer fun.
- On-going collection of bottle caps continues for new park benches thru the Solid Waste program.

I'm pleased to announce that both levies for the Village passed! The Park Levy will continue to allow for many improvements to the parks and pool, and the Police Department Levy will provide full time police coverage to the Village. Police Chief Ballinger's diligence in informing the public thru town hall meetings and the passing of fliers played a vital role in making everyone knowledgeable of the benefits to be gained for the Village. Thank you to everyone.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be alert and stay safe.



(Little Vivian Somers enjoying time with mommy Jess on the new Mommy & Me Swing)



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<u>Live Tree Pick-Up</u> 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.



Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

Decorating to be done November 25 - December 2, 2022*.

Voting done by attendees of Caroling at the Opera House and winners announced December 18th.

Best Overall Prize: \$100 Most Creative: \$70 Most Outlandish: \$50

Contest will be open to individuals, groups, families and businesses. Each entry to supply their own tree and decorations. * Entry to Opera House by appointment only

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New Full- Time Officer

Officer Christina Trembley started with the Village in 2021 as a part time officer and recently became a full-time officer. Originally from California, Christina with her spouse and three children, now live by Bears Mill where they run a B&B and wedding venue with many

animals to entertain guest. Christina has played rugby for the past 20 years and is currently the coach for the Dayton Women's Rugby Team, the Flying Pigs, and also enjoys woodworking. Christina says that she loves that her job allows her to use her education and military background to help her community.



Source Santa's Mailbox has been delivered to Santa's House downtown. Children can begin mailing their Christmas Letters to

Santa‼



December 3 Christmas in the Park @ 5:30pm Caroling at the Opera House @ 7pm

December 26 Village Office's Closed - Christmas