

# VILLAGE OF ARCANUM

A Message from the Mayor's Office

I'm glad to be flipping the calendar from January to February. I don't know about you, but with the lack of sunshine, January has felt a little gloomy. The end of the holiday hustle and bustle, however, has made January seem a bit more relaxed with a slower pace with not as many things going on.

## Village Updates & News

**Flock System** - Chief Ballinger talked about the Flock System in last month's newsletter, and I'm glad to say that the Flock System was approved by Council and should be up and running sometime in March.

**Grocery store** - Due to the economy and higher interest rates, the acquisition process has seen a few delays. The Village will continue to meet with them and we are hopeful that a few financial incentives will further aid our efforts in providing this amenity to our residents.

The 2022 overall year end reports reflect a 1.2% increase in tax revenues received over 2021 for the General Fund.

Recently a feasibility study was performed by Sawvel Engineering that showed that the Village Water Fund does not have adequate funds to sustain forecasted costs over the next five -year period. With the continued increased costs and the last water rate increase in 2020, the Utility Committee discussed a plan to increase the minimum service fee. Council has approved an increase in the flat rate service fee and a water rate restructure, and customers will see these changes on their April bill. A complete listing of all service fee increases for all size water lines can be obtained from the Village Utility Clerk or by visiting the Village website. Please note that your sewer rates are not affected by these changes.

Utility Superintendent Randy Baker, is asking every household to have a water shut off valve installed inside their home if they do not already have one. Having a water shut off is not only for your protection, but also saves unnecessary costs and time.

Administration has been working on a revised ordinance to present to Council regulating solicitors/peddlers in the Village of Arcanum. More information to follow in the coming months.

We have received several inquiries regarding the "For Sale" signs placed along Alt 49 and North Main St. This real estate is in the early preliminary stages thru a realtor. The land is zoned Residential R1C along North Main out to Hollansburg-Sampson Rd. and Business B-3 along Alt 49.

The Park & Recreation Committee is still collecting bottle caps for new park benches. Caps can be turned in to the Administration Office, Fourman's Variety and the Arcanum Library. Please be sure to be turning in clean caps only. We want to thank everyone for participating in this program.

February may be the shortest month of the year, but a lot is packed into the next 28 days with many popular holidays, historical events, celebrations and occasions dedicated to important causes. You may all be surprised all of what really occurs in February if you look it up!

Groundhog Day is February 2nd, so let's hope he does not see his shadow, and remember that February is the border between winter and spring! Remember to always share and show love on Valentines' Day. Happy February everyone!



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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).

## John Wilt Promoted

On January 9th Officer John Wilt was promoted to Sergeant/SRO of the Arcanum Police Department. Sergeant Wilt has been with the PD



since 2009 and has served as the SRO for Arcanum Schools since 2018. Sergeant Wilt began his public service career by joining the Army at the age of 17. With over 32 years in the Army and two tours in Iraq, Sergeant Wilt has received numerous awards and recognition for valour and achievement. Sergeant Wilt is also an instructor for several training courses and currently serves in the Ohio Army National Guard. Congratulations Sergeant Wilt on your promotion and accomplishments.

## Arcanum's Blessing Box

Faith Church is now stocking the Blessing Box located on the side of SRL Troutwine Insurance Agency in downtown Arcanum.

Faith invites you to take whatever food you need whenever you need it.

Please call Faith Church at 937-692-8934 to place an order for food from their Food pantry. Leave a message or call any Wednesday 9-11am. No questions asked.

## AJBS

### Registration



Lets play ball! Registration for AJBS summer season is here!

Sign-ups are @ Arcanum Middle School ELA

Feb. 4th 9am-12pm

Feb. 11th 9am-12pm

Feb. 13th 6pm-8Pm

Online signs-ups are Feb. 3rd-20th

The cost is \$95 per child or \$140 max per family. The minimum age is 4 by January 1, 2023. Further information may be obtained at [www.arcanumjuniorbaseball.org](http://www.arcanumjuniorbaseball.org), or by visiting their Facebook @Arcanum JBS.

# February

February 4  
AWTHS open 9am-Noon

February 14  
Village Council Meeting @7pm



February 14  
Valentine's Day



February 20  
Village Offices Closed- President's Day

February 28  
Village Council Meeting @7pm

## Arcanum Area Business Association

AABA 2023 Membership forms are now available! Membership is open to all businesses in Arcanum and the surrounding area! Great things are happening in 2023 for the AABA that you don't want to miss!! Join now to be part of the experience!

AABA forms can be found on the AABA Facebook page or by emailing:

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