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RCANUM A Message from the Mayor's Office

Summer is over and a new school year is beginning. The past month has provided some much needed rain, but I could have done with a little less heat during fair week!

The traffic light at Main Street and Trojan Ave has been delayed due to receiving the wrong poles required from the distributor.

The annual water lead and copper sampling requested by Ohio EPA has been performed within the Village resulting in "no action" necessary.

Speed signs have been placed on various streets, with more signs being installed as the budget allows. For everyone's' notice: ALL streets within the Village are 25 MPH except for: North Main, South Main, East South, and West South, which are posted 35 MPH.

The pickleball contest during the Brick Street Block Party was well attended and enjoyed by all participants. The Village intends to convert the basketball court in Ivester Park by the Scout House into a multi-purpose court and continue to recondition the old tennis courts.

Hopefully everyone has noticed the new Arcanum Nature Preserve sign. A huge thank you to Karson Wright for designing and installing the sign. A couple interim signs will be placed in the park and at the pool bridge designating the Preserve entrance. The plan is to place signs along the trail identifying unique tree "names" and several species of trees for your enjoyment. A walkway entrance will be made off the pool parking lot, and the Village crew will be widening the west trail for easier accessibility. Also, be sure to check out the new walking path from the gazebo to the drinking fountain in Ivester Park made possible by the Darke County Parks grant.

We are pleased to announce that our electrical engineering consultant advised that our PCA (Power Cost Adjustment) will be set to zero (\$0.00) for the consumption months of August '23 thru January '24 resulting in a 7.2% decrease. Adjusting electric rates in accordance with the Cost-of-Service Plan in November would see a slight increase of 2.2%. Bottom line is that there will be a net decrease of approximately 5% from current rates. We are very thankful for this decrease.

The Village has begun their budgeting process for next year. To remain fiscally responsible, the Finance Committee strives to balance all expenses to total receipts. Once the budgeting process is complete, an announcement will be made of any major projects in the coming year.

With the resignation of Jacob Banks, Council has appointed Calli Means for the remaining term that expires on December 31, 2023.

The Annual Purple Heart ceremony will be the evening of September 14th at 6 pm. If anyone is interested in participating in the golf cart parade, please contact Julie Miller at the Village Office at 937-692-8500 ext.233



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"Honoring Our Present ~ Remembering Our Past ~ & Preserving Our Legacy"

3rd Annual Purple Heart Ceremony

September 14th, 2023

6:00 pm - Purple Heart Golf Cart Parade

(Line-up will begin at 5:30pm in the Family Dollar Parking Lot)

7:00 pm - Purple Heart Induction Ceremony

(Veteran's Park located near 123 W. George Street)

The VFW will have dinner options available for purchase from 6-7pm at Veteran's Park.





Thank you to Karson Wright for designing, building, and erecting the new Nature Preserve sign!!

September

September 4 Village Offices Closed - Labor Day

> September 7 Limb Pickup

September 12 Village Council Meeting, 7pm

September 14 Purple Heart Golf Cart Parade 6pm 3rd Annual Purple Heart Ceremony 7pm (Veteran's Park)

> September 21 Limb Pickup

September 26 Village Council Meeting, 7pm

Employee Spotlight

Please welcome the newest member of the Arcanum Police Department, Officer Taton Bertsch.

Being an officer has always been a dream of Officer Bertsch's. When asked what he loves most about his job, Officer Bertsch says, "Simply being an Officer."



Officer Bertsch is a life long resident of the neighboring county, where he lives with his wife and child.

In his free time, Officer Bertsch enjoys being outdoors and doing activities such as hiking, camping, and riding his bike.

Officer Bertsch is also a huge history buff and in his early days was a big roller skater! Officer Bertsch recently set the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy 1.5 mile record of 7 minutes and 37 seconds.

Congratulations Officer Bertsch on joining the Arcanum PD!



ARCANUM WAYNE TRAIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEPT. 16 AT 10:00A.M.

PITSBURG BUSINESS HISTORY -

ANNETTE STEWART, LIFELONG MONROE
TOWNSHIP RESIDENT, WILL TALK ABOUT
VARIOUS PITSBURG BUSINESSES THROUGH THE
YEARS. FROM INTERVIEWING RESIDENTS,
LOOKING AT SCHOOL YEARBOOK ADS AND
RESEARCHING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, ANNETTE
PLANS TO PRESENT THEIR FINDINGS AND HAVE
DISCUSSION WHILE ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO
SHARE THEIR MEMORIES AND STORIES OF LIVING
AND SHOPPING IN PITSBURG. ANNETTE
OVERSEES AWTHS RESEARCH AND REFERENCE
LIBRARY.

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DISTRICT TOUR IN JULY, AWTHS HAS BROCHURES
AVAILBLE AS WELL AS AN ONLINE VERSION FOR
VIEWING AND PRINTING. PLEASE VISIT
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