

The 2023 holiday season is fast approaching by the look of all the Christmas decorations beginning to fill the stores. I personally would like to get through Thanksgiving first! LOL.

A huge thank you to all the residents that have taken care of their sidewalks that were violated this year, and those who participated in the group shaving and lifting project to stay in compliance of level walking surfaces.

The new Animal Control Ordinance is now in effect, and states that no person shall provide food in an open porch or area that is accessible by any animal. This will be enforced to help with the cat population that residents are consistently complaining of. The T-N-R Program with the Darke County Human Society has not been as effective as hoped, due to residents continuing to feed the feral cats, thus keeping the cats in the area, with reproduction occurring faster than any gains possible with the Villages'

T-N-R Program. Feral cats will stay close to the person and area in which they are being fed. For those resident's feeding feral cats, those cats will become your responsibility, and any feeding of them must be done in an enclosed area. I, myself, love cats and have had several, but owners must take responsibility for them should they choose to have them.

Two big events being planned next year are the, "Darke Side of the Moon" on April 6th-8th, with the county anticipating the population to triple for the event, and "The Great Ohio Bike Adventure" (GOBA) on June 21st- 22nd, with around 1,200 bicyclists staying overnight in Arcanum at Ivester Park and the Field House. More information will follow as these events become closer.

The pickleball courts at Ivester Park and the Ball Diamonds have been completed. The basketball lines on both courts will be painted in the spring. The tennis court will have a new surface this fall, with the actual lines for pickle ball and tennis being put down next spring. Discussions continue on the splash pad and swimming pool plans. The pool planning is an extremely large endeavor, so community participation at the Service and Leisure and Planning meetings are welcome. Meetings are posted on the Village website and Facebook Page.

I'm happy to announce a crew will soon begin clearing out a path in the North Woods at the Arcanum Nature Preserve. Anyone interested in helping, should plan to attend the next Park & Rec Committee meeting on Nov. 9th @ 5 pm.

Other good news is that the garbage rates will not be raised again this year. Although Rumpke has taken a 3% raise this past year and also in 2024, the Village, will be able to keep the current charge rates for residents.

Several important dates for this month: Day Light Savings ends on November 5th (the bright side is we're gaining back the hour we lost in the spring); Nov 7th Election Day; Nov. 10th – Veterans Day; Nov. 23rd - 24th -Thanksgiving/Turkey Day

A little tidbit from a church bulletin: "There may not be much to see in a small town, but what you hear Makes Up For It!!!!!!!



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## NOVEMBER 2023





November 2 Service & Leisure Committee @ 5pm

November 10 Village Office's Closed in observance of Veterans Day

November 14 Village Council Meeting @7pm

November 16 Service & Leisure Committee @ 5pm

November 23 -24 Happy Thanksgiving - Village Offices closed

November 28 Village Council Meeting @ 7pm

## Arcanum Public Library

On Friday, November 17th at 6:30pm. Award-winning actor and musician Gary Reid presents "A Life of Sorrow – the Life and Times of Carter Stanley". This is an adult program: Free, but tickets are needed. Call the library for more information. 937-692-8484.

Mark your calendars for a Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 5! Open House will be from 4:00 p.m-8:00 p.m. with visits with Santa from <u>6:00-7:30 p.m.</u>

## AWTHS

\*Nov. 9 7:00 p.m. **"A Tale of Two Civil War Veterans"** 

Brenda Arnette will tell about the service of her Maternal Great- Great Grandfather John Brandon and Paternal Great-Great Grandfather Levi Sharp. Brenda is a retired AHS math teacher and member of AWTHS & DAR!

\*Annual Christmas Bazaar - Nov. 24th, 5:30-8:00 and Saturday the 25th, 9:00-4:00. Gently used Christmas Décor and more at <u>lower than</u> <u>low prices!</u> 50/50 Raffle, Door Prices, Christmas Bake Shoppe Saturday- Free Bits and Pieces on the Stage

## **Caps for Benches**



Through the Darke County Solid Waste District, the Village has received 6 benches for the community with more to come.

The Park & Recreation Committee is still collecting caps with drop off locations at the Village Office, Arcanum Library and Fourman's Variety!

The Darke County Solid Waste is in need of individuals and groups to come sort the "Cap Mountain"! This is a great community serve opportunity for local organizations. Contact Krista Fourman at the Darke County Solid Waste at 937-541-0827, for more information on conquering the mountain!