



A Message from the Mayor's Office

Spring is coming!! You have to admit that we've had a mild winter, with only one weekend of snow and hazardous roadways.

We've received no further news on the grocery store. Arcanum has done everything possible to provide the owner with business incentives to open, but just like the old saying goes, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make them drink."

We appreciate the 347 pool surveys submitted, with the data providing Council an overall snapshot for the Village moving forward. The current Pool and Parks levy generates approximately \$30K per year and is split between the pool (\$20k), Ivester Park (\$5k) and the ballpark (\$5k). The pool allocation is used for all repairs and operational costs to open yearly.

Arcanum will have two levies on the ballot, with residents having the opportunity to vote on these at the March 19th primary election. Some of you attended the Town Hall meetings held in February where VA Ballinger explained the need for passage of these levies. With no increase in the millage on these levies on the home valuation from 40 years ago, these replacement levies will remain at the same millage but at the current homes' valuation and will generate funds to supplement the Villages day-to-day operational costs. With the aid of these levies, the Village will be able to keep the Village Income Tax at 1%, where other municipalities have increased their income tax to 1.5%.

Cats are still a concern with many of you, and the problem continues with residents feeding stray cats. We all understand the desire to feed the cats out of sympathy, however, they will move on and find their own prey. We are once again asking residents for help to identify individuals feeding stray cats by contacting VA Ballinger, individuals willing to set traps on their property, and several residents willing to check traps that are set in various parts of the Village daily, and notifying the Village when a cat is caught, as the Village does not have the manpower to drive around daily and check set traps. I am pleading with all residents to please help us with this issue, and we are open to any suggestions anyone may have.

Finally on a higher note: Kudos to all the those who helped neighbors clean snow from walks and driveways, and a very SPECIAL recognition to Arcanum Middle Schoolers Kale, Leland, and Cooper, who assisted in saving a gentleman's' life. It is these acts of moral integrity that remind us all, that there is still greatness in this world, and as a community, we should be thankful that our children are being raised with these virtuous values.

I would like everyone to welcome the Arcanum Police Department's newest officer, Officer Ladouceur. Officer Ladouceur comes to the Village from the Dayton Police Department.

Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour on March 10th, and dress in green

on the 17th for St Paddy's Day. Palm Sunday will be on the 24th and we will celebrate Easter early this year on the 31st.

And I leave you with this to think about: "Start where you are, use what you have, and do what you can!"



Mayor Bonnie Millard may be reached by calling 692-8500 or by email: Mayor@villageof arcanum.com

Mark your Calendars: 2024 Arcanum Community Garage Sales are set for June 19th - 22nd

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2023 Tax Deadline: April 15, 2024

When completing the 2023 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 2023, 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. <u>Arcanum does not give credit for other city taxes</u> <u>withheld.</u>

Taxes can be filed through the mail, brought into the office or through our website. Log on to our website at www.villageofarcanum.com Click the Income Tax tab and then, Online Filing. Follow the instructions to file online. You can upload copies of your W-2's, 1099's and your Federal 1040 page 1 and if you have Schedules C & E that need to be uploaded to complete your return. <u>Remember to SIGN YOUR RETURN!</u>

Payments can be made online through the link on the Income Tax tab, in person or by mail to:

> PO Box 157 Arcanum, OH 45304

If you have questions regarding who is required to file go to the Residential Tax Forms page under General forms.

MARCH

<u>March 6</u> Service & Leisure Committee, 5:30pm

> <u>March 10</u> Daylight Savings

<u>March 12</u> Village Council Meeting, 7pm

<u>March 14</u> Park & Recreation Committee, 5pm

> <u>March 17</u> Saint Patrick's Day

<u>March 20</u> Service & Leisure Committee, 5:30pm

> <u>March 26</u> Village Council Meeting, 7pm

> > <u>March 31</u> Easter Sunday

Volunteers Needed

In an attempt to continue reducing the stray cat population, the Village is seeking 5-6 individuals willing to assist in maintaining the T-N-R program. Interested individuals should email va@villageofarcanum.com for more information.

Faith United Methodist Church



FREE EVENT - COMMUNITY BINGO FUN !! Wednesday<u>, March 6th @ 7:00 pm</u> <u>101 E South Street</u> Dessert & Beverages will be served. Come on out and have fun and win some prizes!!!!

A community Easter egg hunt for ages 2yrs - 4th grade will be held at Ivester Park on Saturday, March 30th at 1pm rain or shine. Please be sure to bring a basket or bag for each child to collect the eggs.



Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

<u>March 14th at 7:00pm.</u>

Todd Clemmons returns to Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society to share information compiled in his recent book, "The Rails and Tales of the Dayton & Union Railroad: The Early Years". Todd will discuss his second D&U book which will include memories local people shared when researching the first book. The first book will be available for purchase.