

# ARCANUM

Message from the Mayor's Office

Well, we all knew the wonderful weather we've been experiencing was not going to last. Many have taken advantage of this weather and decorated outside for Christmas, as those colder and snowy days will soon be upon us. I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

We've received several calls regarding soliciting within the Village. As I've mentioned in previous newsletters, residents will be notified thru our Facebook Page of approved solicitors with a picture of the solicitor(s) with VA/Police Chief Marcus Ballinger. Please ask solicitors for their Village Permit should they stop at your residence. If one is not presented, please inform them a permit is needed, and ask them to leave. Report unapproved solicitors by calling the Admin Office, so that the police department can be sent out.

The Police Department is working out the details to offer a "Safe Exchange Zone". This will be offered as a safety feature for child custody exchange, online purchased goods exchanges, etc. where an individual will feel more secure. More details will be forthcoming when services are available.

Past newsletters have mentioned fiber coming in to town. All necessary permits and paperwork have been completed by NKTelco to begin work immediately, but it will be a nine (9) month project. So, residents are aware, NKTelco will be soliciting for new customers over the next few months.

The Village Trash contracts were bid out this year, with Rumpke submitting the only bid. This year Rumpke has a \$2.15 increase for residential customers along with all commercial trash dumpsters seeing an increase as well. The Village has not had to pass on any increase to residents since 2017, and to offset this increase, the Village will be contributing \$1.00 monthly to all accounts for the next three years.

The street reconstruction work being done on Albright, East, and East 1st street will continue until the weather no longer permits with the remaining work being completed in the spring. M & T Construction has advised that they will have these streets passable for the winter months.

The Darke County Board of Elections will be performing a recount on the .5 mil levy. Their official results reflected the levy was turned down by 3 votes, which is within the percentage required for a recount. The results reported in the paper were unofficial results per the Darke County Board of Elections. We will keep everyone informed of the official outcome.

A total of 47 property violations were issued this year, with only 10 unfinished. Thank you to all that promptly corrected their violations.

**Mindset:** The established set of attitudes held by someone; a set of beliefs that shape how you make sense of the world and yourself. It influences how you think, feel, and behave in any given situation. What you believe about yourself impacts your success or failure. We don't have to live our tomorrow like we lived our yesterday.

**Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



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

*When older people say, "Enjoy them while they are young." They are talking about your knees and hips not your kids.*





# Thank You!!

The Village would like to thank, The Give Thanks Foundation, for their recent donation of \$1,500 towards the Village Parks!



# Christmas Eve with Faith UMC

WE'RE SAVING A SPOT FOR YOU!

JOIN US FOR  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
DECEMBER 24 | 8:00 PM

Casual Atmosphere  
Traditional Candlelight Service

Christmas is the perfect time of year to catch up with family and friends, share stories and celebrate. And that is just what we are doing at Faith UMC. We are planning a special service that will share the story of the first Christmas and celebrate Jesus' birth. And just like visiting family, you can come as you are or dress up! We hope you will bring your family and come be our guest!

Faith United Methodist Church  
101 East South St., Arcanum, Ohio  
937-692-8934

Pastor William (Mike) Back

Santa's Coming to town!  
Kids can visit with Santa in Arcanum!

Ivester Park Scout House  
DEC 7TH 6-7:00PM

Santa's House Downtown  
DEC 14TH 6-8PM  
DEC 15TH 7-8:30PM  
DEC 23RD 6-8PM



Santa's Mailbox has been delivered to Santa's House downtown. Children can begin mailing their Christmas Letters to Santa!! Be sure to include a return address for a special response. Last day for Santa's mailbox will be Dec. 23rd.



Arcanum Area Business Association PRESENTS

# Christmas in the Park

**7 DEC** @ 6:00pm beginning with the Park Decorating Contest Winners

Park Decorating Contest Winners Announced  
Candy Cane Hunt (Bring a flash light)  
Visiting with Santa  
Crafts  
Bonfire & S'mores

## Village Christmas Tree

The Village Christmas Tree has been placed for all to enjoy. Thank you to Joel Sink for this years beautiful tree.



## AWTHS NEWS

The Arcanum Historical Wayne Trail Historical Society Christmas bazaar was a huge success. Thanks to all who donated so many wonderful items and to all the happy shoppers. You are all appreciated. The Historical Society will not have open hours December 7th. AWTHS is reorganizing the acquisition position.

It is asked that donations be held until January 2025. Please contact AWTHS to make arrangements concerning drop offs and donations at: [Awthsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:Awthsinfo@gmail.com). Please keep items to southern Darke County history. Guidelines are posted on our web site and FB page.

Books listed below are available for sale at the Historical Society or by mail. The Dayton Union Railroad Book is available at Fourman's Variety Store. For more information visit the website at [www.awths.org](http://www.awths.org).

Dayton Union Railroad Book "The Rails and Tales of the Dayton & Union: the Early Years"

The Secret Town - Story of the Founding of Arcanum, Ohio  
Arcanum, Ohio Business History (1852-1968)

Arcanum Chronicles

Arcanum Chronicles Volume 2

December

December 6  
Free BINGO - Faith UMC @6:30pm

December 7  
Christmas in the Park @ 6pm

December 10  
Village Council @7pm

December 25  
Village Office's Closed - Merry Christmas