

HAPPY NEW YEAR
VILLAGE OF
ARCANUM



HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a wonderful and very Merry Christmas with family and friends. We can debate December’s weather; however, it is winter and we are only in the beginning of the season. Who knows what lays ahead of us.

The recount performed by the Darke County Board of Elections resulted in the same count. The .5 mil levy failed by 3 votes and the 1.6 mil failed by 119 votes out of the 1300+ votes cast. Arcanum is now the only Village out of 13 villages and the City of Greenville in Darke County, that does not have a current millage supporting operating expenses. Nine Villages have 2 or more levies, varying from 1.6 up to 7.0 mills to help support their current general fund operating expenses. This information can be viewed by the public at the Administration Office. The Village will need to continually reevaluate services throughout 2025 to ensure expenses can be met. The Planning and Finance committees are doing their due diligence in determining plans and options moving forward. We will keep everyone posted on the issue.

Beginning January 1, 2025, the Administration Office hours will be changed to 8 am to 4 pm daily. I would like to thank Alychia Wright for being the Village Tax Administrator for the past 2 years, and wish her the best of luck in her next endeavor.

Council has voted to enact a \$1.50 monthly surcharge to Arcanum water customers for water tower repairs and restoration on the water tower in the park. These funds will only be used for annual inspections and preventive work to keep the tower at “A+” status, as a new tower would be well over one million.

Council has also adopted an ordinance establishing Water and Sewer Utility Rules and Regulations. An important clause residents should be aware of states: No unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, negligently, or for any other reason not listed, break, damage, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment part of a public water/wastewater system. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to prosecution, fined \$500.00, and be required to make restitution for said damages.

We do have some good news to share. I had previously informed you that the Village received a \$750k Neighborhood Revitalization Grant for S. High Street and the parking lot downtown and at the ballpark. The Village also received an OPWC grant for \$400k to be used towards this project. There is no Village match required; however, we will have a \$400k loan with an annual payment of \$14K over the next 30 years to be repaid. This reconstruction project will take place in 2026. No further street projects will be scheduled until additional money is received to support these projects, since 50% of the reserved capital monies is used for annual payments on existing street loans.

Brumbaugh Construction has begun the ground work for the park expansion project. Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused anyone. When completed, it will be a great addition to the park.

I wish to take this time to wish Harry Niswonger, a longtime resident of Arcanum, a belated 100th birthday that was celebrated last month.

I found this daily quote to have a lot of truth: A lie can travel halfway around the world, while the truth is still putting on its shoes. (Mark Twain)



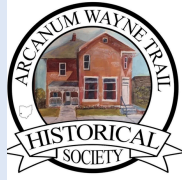
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Some will be able to relate: “Old age has come at a bad time, just as I was beginning to know everything, I’m now forgetting everything I knew.”



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AWTHS NEWS



Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society begins 2025 with the society's annual business meeting January 9 at 6:30pm.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all who helped make the Christmas Bazaar a huge success. Throughout the year the Euchre Card parties will be held the first and third Fridays of each month with the public welcome to attend. For more information contact Jody Flora Fair at 336-978-7886.

Starting in February the historical society will be open the first Saturday of each month. You may enjoy reading preserved old newspapers, or research local families or business histories.

Programs are scheduled the second Thursday of January, March, May, September, and November. Learn more by visiting our website www.awths.org. Join us in preserving our local history.

Have a wonderful 2025.

~submitted article

2025 Council Meetings

The Arcanum Village Council will meet on the second and last Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Council Chambers at 309 S. Albright Street. Council strongly urges residents to attend Council and Committee meetings to stay adequately informed of the discussions and decisions of Council. Committee meetings are scheduled as needed, and are posted on the Village Facebook Page and Village Website.

Arcanum Public Library January Events

January 1 - Closed
 Every Monday @9:30am - Stretch & Tone Class
 Every Thursday @10am - Story Time
 January 2nd @10am - Reptile Frenzy Family Program
 January 6th @6pm - Adult & Teen Craft Night- Vision Boards
 January 7th - Adult Reading Program begins
 January 8th & 22nd 1-3pm - Craft & Chat (6yrs+)
 January 10th @3:30pm - Join a 4-H Club by OSU Extension
 January 13th @6pm - Euchre Card Night
 January 17th @1:45pm - Family Movie Matinee
 January 24th @1:00pm - Winter Bird Program by Darke Co. Parks Department.

Live Tree Pick-Up

The Village Street Department will be picking up live Christmas trees on January 7th, 2025, for all Arcanum residents.

Please place all Christmas trees by the curb the night before.



January

January 7
 Village Council Organizational Meeting @6pm

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 Live Christmas Tree Pickup

January 14
 Village Council @7pm

January 28
 Village Council @7pm



Tax Department Update

When completing the 2024 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.
- *Tax deadline is April 15, 2025

All residents 18 and over residing within the Village corporation must file a tax return. If you retired in 2024, 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.villageofarcanum.com.