



I doubt we want to see another month like January with those brutal temperatures. Let's pray for a much warmer February. We all know that Facebook can be a two-sided sword, but it was so nice to read all the neighborly kindness and support that was shown towards one another in January, with clearing snow & ice covered sidewalks and driveways, and just overall checking in on one another. Arcanum truly is a community full of wonderful people. Let's hope that Mr. Punxsutawney Phil comes out of his den and doesn't see his shadow! That is when we know to expect warmer weather soon.

With the winter weather, progress has slowed on many of the Villages' projects, so not a lot to report this month. The Police Department's, "Safe Exchange" zones should be ready by the first week of February. Cameras are being installed along with signs designating zones for parking, and instructions for recording all transaction activity.

The new traffic light at Main Street & Trojan Avenue, now have "No Turn on Red During School Hours" signs, to make it safer for our children during school hours.

AMP is proposing a thermostat monitoring program to aid in energy conservation to our residents. Residents that choose to enroll would receive a \$55 initial incentive and could receive up to \$250 if they remain enrolled beyond peak season (June – September timeframe). The program is totally optional and residents may withdraw at any point, but could forfeit the incentive. The Utility Committee is recommending that the Village pursue this program with more details forthcoming.

With the departure of the Village Tax Administrator, it has been decided to begin outsourcing the tax department after this coming tax season. The Village is in negotiations with RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency), that many villages in Darke County are currently utilizing. Village Council has compared the cost of hiring a new Tax Administrator versus outsourcing to RITA, with RITA resulting in an annual savings of \$55k for the Village. Council feels that outsourcing is a necessity at this point in time, with the levies failing on the November ballot, and operating expenses to the Village are constantly increasing. This will go into effect the beginning of July. The office will still handle this years' Income Taxes, however with one exception. PLEASE NOTE: [Village staff will not be preparing or accepting any appointments to calculate your Village Income Tax Return](#), as we will not have the manpower to perform this task. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes you. More information regarding RITA, will follow over the next several months to aid residents with any questions and new procedures with this transition to RITA.

Don't forget your special someone on Valentines' Day February 14th. Then the following Monday we will celebrate Presidents' Day!

The most expensive thing in the world is TRUST. It can take years to earn and a matter of seconds to lose. (Life Lessons)



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**"I will never be over the hill, as I'm too darn tired to climb it."**

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# CUPID'S CANVAS PAINT PARTY

Feb 8th  
6pm



\$50 (includes two canvases, all painting supplies, and dinner for two)

Come out to the Arcanum Opera House for this fun "Paint Your Partner" Paint Party! Sit across from your partner and paint them, then at the end you both get to reveal your paintings! Can't paint? No big deal, make it a Picasso painting! The point is to have fun and spend time together! Don't have a partner? Bring your bestie for a fun night out! Use the link below to get your tickets for this prepay event or Call APS to get your ticket.

Arcanum Opera House  
www.facebook.com/events/2916105728552613  
937-459-1157  
104 W. South St.  
Arcanum, OH 45304

## Tax Department Update

**\*\*\*NEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\***

The Village Tax Department will no longer be filling out Arcanum Income Tax Returns for residents. Returns must be completed by the resident themselves. Incomplete returns will be returned to the resident for completion.

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.

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 return forms are available at the Administration Office. Online filing is available through the website @ [www.villageofarcanum.com](http://www.villageofarcanum.com).

## AWTHS NEWS

The mission of the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society is "...to collect and preserve..." the history of southern Darke County. AWTHS is looking for information on inventions by local people.

Please share information you have by contacting AWTHS:

Email: [awthsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:awthsinfo@gmail.com)

Text: 937- 470-8324

Phone: 937-662-0119

AWTHS open hours are the first Saturday of each month.

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## Arcanum Public Library February Events

Every Monday- 9:30am - Stretch & Tone Class

Every Thursday-10am - Storytime

-3:45-4:30pm - After school Program

Feb. 3rd 12-1:30pm - Winter Weekday Play

Feb. 5th & 19th 1-3 - Craft & Chat

Feb. 10th - 6-7:30pm - Euchre Night

Feb. 13th - 6-7:30pm - Adult Craft Night

Feb. 17th & 28th - 1pm- Healthy Cooking Classes

Feb. 24th - 5:30-7:00pm - Family BINGO Night

Feb. 26th - 10am & 4pm - National Fairy Tale Day Stories & prizes

## February

February 6

Parks & Recreation Committee - 5pm

February 11

Village Council Meeting @7pm



February 14  
Valentine's Day



February 17

Village Offices Closed- President's Day

February 25

Village Council Meeting @7pm

## Arcanum Area Business Association

AABA 2025 Membership forms are now available! Membership is open to all businesses in Arcanum and the surrounding area! Great things are happening in 2025 for the AABA that you don't want to miss!! Join now to be part of the experience! AABA forms can be found on the AABA Facebook page or by emailing:

[arcanumareabusinessassoc@gmail.com](mailto:arcanumareabusinessassoc@gmail.com)

## Arcanum VFW Fish Fry!!! Feb. 28th 6:30pm

