



VILLAGE OF ARCANUM

A Message from the Mayor's Office



Let's begin to think positively. With this last blast of cold weather and snow, spring showers and blooming flowers should be here soon! If only we could just skip to May and 75-degree weather, that would be fantastic.

I hope everyone is as excited as I am for the park expansion work to be completed. I cannot wait to see the addition of the beautiful bridges and new walkways throughout our park. It seems it has taken so long to get this project to this stage, but when you consider it began as a dream, first acquiring the land along with all the grant paperwork and approvals through Clean Ohio and ODNR, and then you have the bidding and finally the construction. The labor of all this takes time to reach fruition.

The contractor for the First Street Project has plans beginning around March 1st, to remove the remaining curb, asphalt, and sidewalk. And in April (weather permitting) will be laying the base asphalt, final milling, and overlay of the streets. Another successful street project will then be completed! Other than preventative maintenance on roads, there will be no other significant street construction until 2026 with the South High Reconstruction project, that also includes the ballpark and downtown parking lots.

An electric increase went into effect on February 28th and will be reflected on your March bill. The Distribution Charge is increasing from .03305 to .03430 per kilowatt, with an additional \$2 residential customer charge, which amounts to an approximate average of \$4/month increase. However, a significant increase will be seen in the PCA (Power Cost Adjustment), that the Village has structured to fluctuate automatically to control over or under-usage of power costs from previous periods based on actual cost vs. projected cost for the period, generally adjusting every six months or as needed. Any over-collected funds from other periods are returned to the customers as a credit. The current PCA is negative \$-.0020 and will adjust to a positive \$0.00650. The combined total of increase is 8.6%. Another increase is expected in July. A bill based on an average consumption of 1000 kilowatt hours will see a monthly increase of \$11.75.

The Villages' latest bill from AMP increased by \$41k due to customer demand in the last month and rising energy costs. The Village strives to protect the customers' energy costs, and when compared to AES and Darke Rural Electric, we are still favorable to their rates and fees, and still have one of the lowest power rates in the area.

We understand that rising rates affect every household budget, and we continually strive to keep rates manageable. As mentioned in February's newsletter, AMP is proposing a Smart Thermostat Monitoring Program to aid in energy conservation for our residents. More info will be forthcoming on this program. If you have any questions regarding electric costs or the thermostat program, please reach out to Village Administrator/Chief of Police Marcus Ballinger.

Daylight Saving Time is on March 9th. You're going to spring forward one hour, but you'll also be losing an hour of sleep. Celebrate St. Paddy's Day on March 17th by wearing your favorite green ensemble!

Congratulations to the Lady Trojan's basketball team on their tremendous season! Good luck on your journey forward! Your community is 100% behind you!!

Thought for your day- Why is happiness so elusive? Because we look for it in the future instead of the present.



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

"There are two things we get everyday when we wake up...a chance and a choice!"

Mark your Calendars: 2025 Arcanum Community Garage Sales are set for June 18th - 21st

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309 South Albright St.
Arcanum, OH 45304

MARCH EVENTS

AT THE ARCANUM PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH, AND 31ST 9:30AM:
STRETCH AND TONE CLASSES

THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH 10:00AM:
STORYTIME

THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH 3:45-4:30PM:
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH 5:30-7:30P:
FAMILY LEGO NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH 11:00AM-12:00PM:
SEED STARTING CLASS

MONDAY, MARCH 10TH 6:00PM-7:30PM:
EUCHRE COMMUNITY CARD NIGHT

THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH 5:30-7:00:
ADULT CRAFT NIGHT- CLOTHESPIN SHEEP AND BLOCK CHICKS

FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH 2:00PM:
SPRING GARDENING WITH THE OHIO STATE EXTENSION OFFICE

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society

Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society event: March 13, 7:00 p.m. "Project Isolation" - Presenter: Richard Troutwine. Richard Troutwine will give a presentation of his involvement in "Project Isolation". This was a 28 day confinement in a 10 by 10 foot room with two other engineering students at the University of Cincinnati. This project was conducted in 1962. This experiment was a contract between the U.S. Air Force Aerospace Medical Research Laboratories and UC's Psychology Department. Strict diets, emergency tests, exercise were daily events.

Please come to hear some of the details of this study. Additional free events are planned for the 2nd Thursday of May, September and November.

AWTHS Open hours and tours have been changed from Saturday April 5th to Saturday April 12th 2-4pm to correspond with Arcanum Alumni Banquet and Arcanum Butler Schools tours.

Everyone is welcome to play Euchre the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 1:00. www.awths.org
email: awthsinfo@gmail.com

MARCH

March 9
Daylight Savings

March 11
Street & Service Committee - 6pm
Village Council Meeting, 7pm

March 13
Park & Recreation Committee, 5pm

March 15
Singo - Arcanum VFW @7pm

March 17
Saint Patrick's Day

March 25
Village Council Meeting, 7pm

March 28
Fish Fry - Arcanum VFW @6:30pm

2024 Tax Deadline: April 15, 2025

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.

Arcanum does not give credit for other city taxes withheld.

Taxes can be filed through the mail, brought into the office or through our website.

Log on to our website at www.villageofarcanum.com

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

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.

Utility Department News

The Village would like to thank the Utility Department for all their hard work in keeping the Village going. On February 13th, a water main break occurred at the intersection of W. South Street & S. High Street. The Utility Department was able to fix the main with no interruption to any customers. This is the 3rd water main break with in the past 2 months.

Please be aware that the Utility Department will be trimming trees off the power lines over the next few weeks.

Additionally, the fiberoptic companies are still laying lines around the Village. If you have any questions or concerns please call the Village Office.





Items shown:

- 2025 Window Cling
- Membership form



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