

# ARCANUM

A Message from the Mayor's Office

I can't believe it's August already!! July was here and gone in a blink of an eye. August will probably fly by just as fast, with the Brick Street Block Party August 1st and 2nd, followed by the Tour de Darke cyclists coming through on August 3rd, The Great Darke County Fair August 15-23, and then school beginning on August 26th!

The Park Expansion in Ivester Park is finally completed, and WOW does it look wonderful! Only a few tasks remain, such as signage for the paths and some finishing touches on the bridges. We encourage everyone to visit and walk through the park and enjoy a hike through the Nature Preserve. The volleyball court relocation is also completed with the lighting still to be installed. We wish to thank Calli Means and her crew for volunteering to repaint the pickleball courts at the ballpark with a new anti-slip paint designed specifically for athletic play.

The swimming pool has been running smoothly this year with no major issues. Attendance has been very good, with very few days being closed due to inclement weather. We will have a better understanding in August of how the overall pools' success was this year once all the numbers are calculated. We know there has been some frustration with the shortened season and pool hours and other complaints shared on Facebook, however, when the attendance was looked at from the previous year everyone would understand why the decisions were made to close at the end of July. The attendance the last few years in August couldn't compensate for the chlorine and staff expense. Next year could be a different story, but it is necessary for residents to speak to one another and pass on the importance of passing vs. not passing the 1.75 mill levy that will appear on Novembers' ballot. It is critical for the community to understand that this levy subsidizes the General Fund to continue providing the services that are currently available, such as: Police and Fire protection, general street repair and paving, winter salting and plowing, maintenance of parks, leaf and limb pickup, street sweeping, and recreational amenities. As I mentioned in June newsletter, our Village is the only town/village in Darke County that does not have a levy to help offset General Fund expenses.

We are pleased to announce that an ordinance has been passed establishing a partnership between the Village and the Preservation Society, continuing to fully support their restoration process until such time there is an avenue for complete ownership of the Old Town Hall by the Society. The Village is proud to continue this endeavor and anxious to see their progress.

The next major street project will be the reconstruction of South High St, which will also include the resurfacing of the ballpark and downtown parking lots. This project is scheduled to be bid out this fall with work to begin in spring of 2026 with completion scheduled for fall of 2026. The Village also has begun general discussions for the brick streets renovation in the next 4-5 years.

This year's Purple Heart Ceremony will be on Sept 11th, honoring all veterans, past and present who have received a Purple Heart. We would love to see the parade route lined with residents for the golf cart parade. More information regarding the event will be posted on Facebook and in the September newsletter.

I'm stealing this from the church bulletin: Life is like a camera...just Focus on what's important...Capture the Good Times...Develop from Negatives...If things don't work out... Just take Another Shot!!!!!!



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the hill...  
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Doesn't  
Work!!!!

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**BRICK STREET BLOCK PARTY 2025**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>  
ARCANUM, OH**

FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
4 PM - 11 PM	Food Trucks, Beer Tent, Kids Area Location: Brick Street	9 AM	Pickleball Tournament - Singles Location: Arcanum Ball Diamonds
4 PM - 10 PM	Vendor Fair Open Location: Arcanum Opera House	11 AM	Pickleball Tournament - Doubles Location: Arcanum Ball Diamonds
5:30 PM	Parade Location: Main St	12 PM - 7 PM	Super Raffle Drawing Location: Main Tent
6:00 PM	Stein Holding Contest Location: Main Tent	12 PM - 12 AM	Food Trucks, Beer Tent, Kids Area Location: Brick Street
6:00 PM	Cornhole Tournament Location: Brick Street	12 PM - 10 PM	Vendor Fair Open Location: Arcanum Opera House
7:00 PM	Music Bingo Location: Main Tent	2 PM - 4 PM	Bunco Location: Main Tent
		4 PM	Car Show Location: Brick Street
		4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Band - Catalina Wine Mixer Location: Main Tent
		8 PM - 12 AM	Band - Decade Divide Location: Main Tent

## YOU'RE INVITED!

ARCANUM OPERA HOUSE  
UPCOMING EVENTSLIFEWISE  
ACADEMY

NOW ENROLLING

ARCANUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: GRADES 1-4

BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL: GRADES 5-8

ARCANUM HIGH SCHOOL: GRADES 9-12



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## AWTHS NEWS

## Arcanum Library

August 2nd from 10am-12pm join us on the lawn for our End of Summer Reading Program Party!!

You may turn in your last Summer Reading Program Reading Logs for Creative Cash for our prize case, play some games, have some snacks, and enter your name for some of our door prize drawings that morning!

It will be a great time to celebrate all the fun we've been able to have this summer!

Storytime and After School Programs will resume after school begins this fall!

August

August 1 & 2  
Brick Street Block Party

August 7  
Limb Pickup

August 12  
Village Council - 7pm

August 14  
Parks & Recreation Committee - 4pm

August 21  
Limb Pickup

August 26  
Village Council Meeting, 7pm

A great driving tour to find our Darke Revolutionary War Patriots! Part of our "new" America-250 display up for viewing. Now through summer 2026. On display, is a Darke county map and all patriots graves or memorials are marked. We have bios on all the patriots on file. View during open hours the first Saturday morning of each month from 9-noon. The tour map is on our web site under America-250 tab. Other displays include our founding fathers, the declaration of independence and early settlers life in our area.

November 13 at 6:30pm at AWTHS program Fort Greeneville DAR and America-250. Find out what is being planned for our county and how you can be involved.

Our traveling educational panels will be on display. Six panels representing Darke County...economy, Revolutionary War Patriots, people, places to visit and early county history including towns and villages. The panels will also be on display November 1 from 9-noon at AWTHS as well.

## Little University's Community Fun Day

Open House and Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, August 23, 2025

10am - 2pm

Come join us at Little University at 110 East South Street to celebrate the opening of 2 new classrooms and a commercial kitchen. Our main campus will be able to accommodate 80 children from 6 weeks old through the 4th grade. Our 16 person staff is preparing for the 2025-2026 school year and excited to meet everyone at the open house.

Whether you are looking for childcare or simply curious about what is happening at Little U, plan to come out to see for yourself what Little U has to offer.

There will be a bounce house, an inflatable axe throwing game and flush a friend (water dump). Some of the games will be cake walk, duck pond, lollipop tree and face painting.

There will be concessions and a lot of family fun.

You can enter to win door prizes and hear about all our new adventures for the children in our community.

Any questions please contact Kathy Pearson at Little University.  
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