

ARCANUM

A Message from the Mayor's Office

With school back in session, it's hard to admit that summer is over. I wish someone could tell me where it went! However, I am looking toward to cooler weather, and a lower electric bill.

I attended a Mayors meeting where Commissioner Aultman discussed Darke County Electric Aggregation. He expressed the need for residents to be informed about it, as it will be on the ballot this year, and why a "yes" vote matters. By pooling our community's buying power, we could negotiate lower rates and lock in stable pricing, keeping costs lower than AES or even Darke Rural Electric, while ensuring more reliable service. This fall, Darke County voters will decide whether the rest of the county can join a similar aggregation program. A "Yes" vote will give other communities in Darke County the same cost-saving and rate-stabilizing benefits you already enjoy here in the Village. Let's do our part to help our neighbors and families in our surrounding rural communities share in the same advantages we have here in Arcanum.

Ivester Park Expansion Project: Regulation signs will be installed soon for the Gunder Path. Golf carts are prohibited on the path per ORC 4511.713.(B)(1). **You could be fined anywhere from \$100 to \$500 for a violation.** Walkers, Joggers and bicyclists must share the path. Walkers and joggers to the right, with bicyclists passing on the left. Dog walkers: **You MUST pick up after your dog,** regardless of the dog's size. We have been receiving very favorable comments on the park expansion. It's hard to believe that our first park expansion meeting establishing the Park & Rec Committee was held in July 2022, and three years later residents can experience the finished product.

Pool Concerns: Several residents have attended recent council meetings to discuss the early closure of the pool and the shortened hours. Village Council has listened and will take these comments into consideration for next years' pool season. Yes, the Village wishes the pool to remain open, and will continue to strive toward that goal, as long as, there are no major infrastructure issues that would be cost prohibitive to open. Should that ever happen, the community will be informed as early as possible. I can't stress enough how important it is for the 1.75 levy to pass in the upcoming election. This levy helps subsidize the General Fund, which in turn helps with expenses for the pool as well as other amenities that everyone is accustomed to receiving. General discussion for a new pool has been a topic for the past 2-3 years, with an original design of an aquatic pool that was estimated at a \$7M price tag. Last years' survey indicated that 87% would support a levy or increased taxes. The committee is trying to design a pool that satisfies all demographics, but with a lower price tag. Once achieved the Village can then determine how to best generate the necessary funding, whether it be a levy or increased taxes designated for the pool only, along with any grants that may be available.

I hope everyone enjoyed the fair again this year and stays safe over the Labor Day weekend.



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

Just once I'd like to read a medication label that says **Warning!** may cause permanent weight loss, increased energy and wrinkle removal.

If you are going to get caught in the act...make sure it's an Act of Kindness!

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309 South Albright St.
Arcanum, OH 45304

ARCANUM VFW
311 S ALBRIGHT ST

September 13, 2025

1 Nite Stand
5:30 PM

EIGHT BALL
6:30 PM

TANTRUM
8:30 PM

LIVE MUSIC

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
\$10 per person \$15 per couple

VFW

POST #4161

FOOD TRUCKS

ZOMBIE DOGZ
GOURMET HOT DOGS

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Barbecue

ARCANUM UFW
311 S ALBRIGHT ST
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
12PM-7PM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

September

September 4
Limb Pickup

September 9
Village Council - 7pm

September 18
Parks & Recreation Committee -
4pm

September 18
Limb Pickup

September 30
Village Council Meeting, 7pm

Our Past ~ & Preserving Our Legacy

The public is invited to the
**Village of Arcanum's 5th Annual
Veteran's Purple Heart Ceremony**
September 11th, 2025
Arcanum Veteran's Park
(123 W. George Street)

6:00 pm - Golf Cart Parade
(Arcanum Family Dollar to Veteran's Park)

**6:30 pm - Purple Heart Induction
Ceremony**

Light refreshments will be available

Elementary Students will be receiving flags at
school to wave during the parade down Main
Street to honor the veterans of the ceremony.

AWTHS NEWS

Arcanum Wayne Trail
Historical Society is pleased to
join with the Village of
Arcanum in recognizing this
year's Purple Heart recipients.
The 2025 event will be held at
Veterans Park on George Street
adjacent to the Historical
Society. The building will open
at 5:30 for visitors to view
AWTHS's military room. A
display of special interest is the
histories of several area
Revolutionay War Patriots:
Ashley, Owen, Gordon,
Harriman, and Satterley. This
is part of a display which
commemorates the 250th
birthday of the United States -
the adoption of the Declaration
of Independence 1776.

America 250

Darke County has
established an
America 250
Committee to celebrate
our country's 250th
anniversary. It is a
great time for Darke
County communities to
take the opportunity
to plan events from
now until Dec. 31,
2026. The Preservation
Society is already
making plans with
events and the Village
has applied for
funding to purchase
several America 250
flags.