

ARCANUM

A Message from the Mayor's Office

Fall is fast approaching and we will begin experiencing the beauty of the leaves changing colors and the goblins coming out for Halloween. This year Council is trying to meet residents in the middle by having Trick-Or-Treat on October 31st with both daylight and twilight hours, with SAFETY remaining our top priority.

Voting month is approaching and it has been suggested to provide additional information on where your tax dollars are being spent on the back of this newsletter. The Village wants to encourage discussions and questions from residents, either by calling the Village Office or by attending the next two council meetings regarding our 1.75 mill levy that will be on the ballot. Also, the Village is currently planning an open Q&A session for the middle of October for all interested individuals, with information regarding the event being posted on the Village Facebook page. To provide you with some info, out of the 13 villages in the county, there are a total of 25 levies with some entities having multiple levies for current expenses, ranging anywhere from 1.2 to 7.0 mills, with the average being 3.04 mill. Arcanum currently has no levy to help supplement current general fund expenses. Arcanum is asking residents for a 1.75 mill levy to help with current operating expenses, and per the Darke County Auditor, this will amount to \$61 per \$100,000 of your appraised value. I cannot stress enough the need for this additional funding. We all are facing increases on our bills and everyone is on a tight budget, and many on fixed incomes, and the Village of Arcanum is no different. The Village of Arcanum faces these same high level of increases in providing residents with the following services: Police and Fire protection, general street repair and paving, winter salting and plowing, park maintenance, leaf and limb pickup, street sweeping and recreational amenities. As it's reflected on the chart, \$25k additional dollars were spent over our revenue for 2024 with all department funds tightened up in '25 to minimize any loss including outsourcing of the tax department. To be transparent, if this levy fails to pass this time, Council will be faced with hard decisions on which services will be reduced, or cut.

On a positive note, Ivester Park has become so beautiful and we are thankful for all the positive comments we have received. We wish to give the Arcanum Cross Country Team a big thank you for picking up all the rocks along the paved paths. Hopefully, in the near future, a Cross-Country meet can be held right here in Arcanum.

The Village is required to perform a new Low to Moderate (LMI) Income Survey for the Village. This is required for obtaining grant funding, and is performed every 5 years. During the month of October, Council members will be going door to door with this survey for about 300 households, that were randomly selected by our engineering firm.

Just to give all the residents on High Street a heads up, in preparation for the reconstruction project scheduled in the spring of 2026, the Utility Department will be removing 18 trees from along the street during the month of October.

A little humor that many can relate to: A hacker called me and said he had all my passwords. I got a pen and paper and said, "Thank God for that, what are they?".



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Life is better
with a little
bit of
nature, so
enjoy the
Arcanum
Nature
Preserve this
fall.

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2024 General Fund Revenue

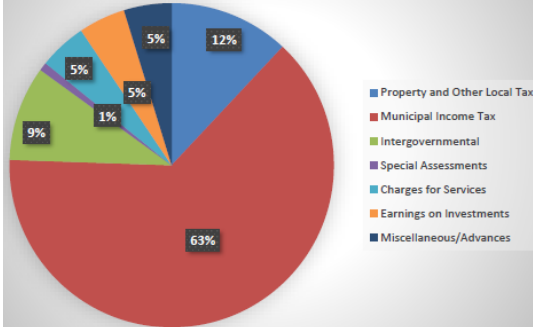
Property and Other Local Tax	160,397
Municipal Income Tax	851,158
Intergovernmental	126,697
Special Assessments	11,135
Charges for Services	63,680
Earnings on Investments	62,349
Miscellaneous/Advances	63,691
Total Revenue	1,339,107

2024 General Fund Expenditures

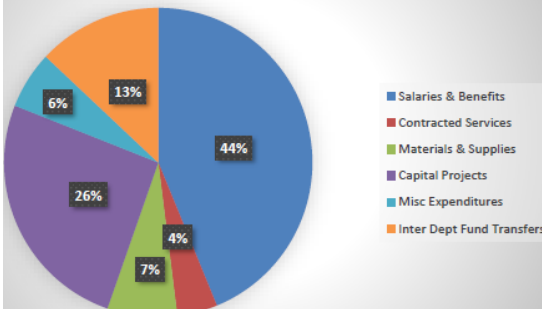
Salaries & Benefits	597,391
Contracted Services	57,718
Materials & Supplies	100,099
Capital Projects	349,744
Misc Expenditures	81,905
Inter Dept Fund Transfers	177,253
Total Expenditures	1,364,110

Assessed Valuation	57,345,130
Inside Mills - Non Voted	1.3
Outside Mills - Voted	0

General Fund Revenue



General Fund Expenditures



Open to the public!!!

Faith United Methodist Church

October 1st @ 6:30pm

Free event- prizes & dessert

October Events

October 2

Limb Pick-up

AHS Homecoming Parade - 7pm

October 7

Leisure Committee - 6pm

October 14

Village Council Meeting - 7pm

October 16

Limb Pick-up

October 18

SINGO - Arcanum VFW - 7pm

October 28

Village Council Meeting- 7pm

October 31

Village Trick-O-Treat - 5:30
-7:30pm

OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS
AT THE ARCANUM PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMMUNITY EUCHRE NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST FROM 6-7:30PM

DARKE COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT:
TRAIL APP PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH AT 10AM

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 6PM

LET'S TALK CEMETERIES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD AT 6PM

STORYTIME IN OCTOBER
THURSDAYS AT 10AM

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM IN OCTOBER
THURSDAYS
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: 2:45-3:45PM
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS: 3:45-4:45PM



Faith United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat
October 31st 5:30 - 7:30pm

Bring your decorated car and pick a spooky spot to pass out candy! Dress to impress the trick-o-treaters