

VILLAGE OF  
**ARCANUM**

2025 6

Hopefully everyone had a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Years! The early snow in December, made it a nice, beautiful, mild evening for the AABA "Christmas in the Park". Congrats to the winners of the decorating contest and Tree Raffle.

**2025 Village major accomplishments:** School traffic light, electric conversion from 2400 to 7200, beautiful sign erected for Ivester Park at Maple Lane, Ivester Park & Arcanum Nature Preserve Expansion Project, tax department to RITA, East 1st/East/Albright Streets Reconstructed Project, fiber optic available to residents, Certified Operators in the Wastewater Department. The Police Department officially completed their first recertification through the Ohio Collaborative, joined the Blue Envelope Program, and initiated the Safe Exchange Program.

These projects were not without major issues, however with our dedicated, committed and hardworking employees, they worked through all of them and persevered toward overall quality projects, all while maintaining the normal day-to-day operations and services our residents are accustomed to.

Thanks to all of you that cleaned up your properties to meet various zoning requirements. The Village has received many compliments on how nice the entire village looks. Your work does not go unnoticed.

**A few mentions for 2026:** Reconstruction of South High Street and downtown & ball park parking lot starting in the spring with an end of August completion date, electrical underground project planned for Greenmoor/Northmoor, installation of flow meters to detect leaks, switching software systems from CMI to Tyler Technology, catch basins on N. Main & E. South Streets, continual work on new pool designs, installation of the splash pad pending grant approval, and the Police Department is pursuing their next step for State accreditation.

None of this is accidental. They are intentional steps, long planning and hard earned by Council and village leadership to build a place where businesses want to invest and families want to put down lasting roots. We've come far, but the climb isn't over.

I want to address a concern that some residents have voiced regarding Marcus Ballinger filling the roles of both Village Administrator and Chief of Police. Those concerns are real, I hear them, and I respect them. When I asked him a couple years back if he would be willing to fill both roles, he graciously accepted the challenge. The truth is simple; this Village is moving forward in a positive manner! If I felt that he was being overworked and under achieving it would be addressed. I am a committed mayor and a go getter and want to get things accomplished. We have an active Council and a staff that takes service seriously. This all works because they all genuinely want to be here and build and improve the Village for the betterment of our residents. This dual role for Marcus is a special situation, and not necessarily long term, or setting a precedence. But for now, this arrangement works because of timing, trust, and the team we have in place.

2026 is here: delete negative people, forget your past, accept your mistakes and restart your life. Let's have a celebratory 2026.



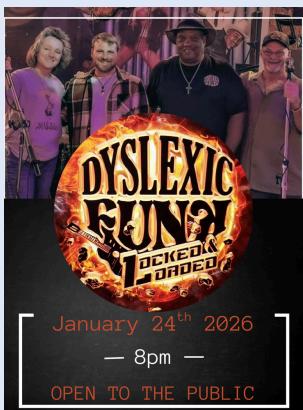
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## VFW - January Public Events



### Arcanum Area Business Association

We would like to thank everyone that participated in the 2025 "Christmas In The Park" festivities. It was a wonderful night full of old and new traditions.

2026 AABA Memberships are now available to renew or become a new member. Memberships are \$75, and can be obtained by emailing: [arcanumareabusinessassoc@gmail.com](mailto:arcanumareabusinessassoc@gmail.com)

*January*

January 6  
Village Council Organizational  
Meeting @7pm

January 7  
Live Christmas Tree Pickup

January 13  
Village Council @7pm

January 19  
Offices Closed for MLK

January 27  
Village Council @7pm



## 2026 Council Meetings

The Arcanum Village Council will meet on the second and last Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Council Chambers at 309 S. Albright Street. Residents are encouraged to attend Council and Committee meetings to stay adequately informed of the discussions and decisions of Council. Committee meetings are scheduled as needed, and are posted on the Village Facebook Page and Village Website.

### Arcanum Public Library January Events

January 1st:

Closed for New Years Day

January 2nd:

Adult Winter Reading Program Begins

January 5th-16th:

Pop Up Book Sale during regular hours

January 5th from 6-7:30PM:

Community Euchre Night

January 6th from 6-7:30PM:

Paper Bag Snowflake Craft (Ages 13+ only)  
Must Sign up at front desk.

January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th from 3:45-4:30PM:

After School Program

January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th at 10:00AM:

Storytime

### Live Tree Pick-Up

Live Christmas Tree pickup will be on January 8th, 2025, for Arcanum residents. Please place all Christmas trees by the curb the night before.



### Village Income Tax Reminder

Just a reminder that 2025 Village of Arcanum Income Tax Filing must be completed through RITA only at: [www.RitaOhio.com](http://www.RitaOhio.com)

All questions and concerns about your tax filing will need to be directed to RITA.

RITA Live Help:

1-800-860-7482

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

All residents 18 and over residing within the Village corporation must file a tax return. If you retired in 2025, you will still need to file a final return. If you filed a final return previously and have no earned income, then you are not required to file.