



Hello Friends,

The mild weather is always too good to be true. Getting a taste of below zero and highs in the teens at most, is definitely not anyone's choice of weather. I'm proud to say that our community is one that supports one another though. Stay cozy and warm as best as you can.

We've been approved to contract with Shinn Brothers for the South High Street Reconstruction project and parking lots. Work will probably begin in April with an August completion date.

The Village has purchased four acres of land east of town to develop a new roadway connecting Alt. 49 & Seminole Lane. This additional route will provide improved access through town, particularly in emergency situations. The project is currently planned for completion within the next one to two years.

Even though there is still snow on the ground, summer is on the Leisure Committee's mind as they begin pre-planning the 2026 pool season, and continue reviewing plans on a conceptual design for a future pool. Once a design is accepted, we can then follow up with cost estimates to begin to determine how it will get financed. Timeframe on a new pool is at least 5 years.

The schools' Digital Design class is working on developing a trifold brochure designating parks and trails within Ivester Park & Arcanum Nature Preserve. We're excited to see their finished product to share with the Park Committee for their approval. These will be placed on the bridges and several locations throughout the park for individuals to pick up.

In my January newsletter, I shared that the Police Department is pursuing State accreditation. This is no small achievement. It is a rigorous process that demonstrates the department is not merely meeting minimum standards, but practicing modern, 21st-century policing every day. From the beginning, accreditation has been one of their core goals and a commitment made to the community when voters approved the two-mill operating levy. They promised to build a professional, transparent, service-oriented department—and they have kept that promise.

There have been some issues with the Blessing Box with this cold weather. The Village is looking at possibly having one installed in the lobby of the Police Dept. This would protect items in the summer and also keep them from freezing in the winter. We'll be sharing more details soon. In the meantime, please keep an eye on the Village website for updates. Thank you to everyone who continues to support this wonderful community resource.

With our weather, it's probable that Groundhog Phil will see his shadow on Feb. 2nd, which traditionally means six more weeks of winter. Let's hope for no shadow so we can expect an early spring. He's like a weatherman 50-50. However scientific accuracy varies, with past studies showing he's right less than half the time. I suppose this positive outlook can justify whatever we get: Never force anything. Just let it be. If it's meant to be, it will be.

However, I'll never be ok with donut shops cutting a hole in my donut, then charging me separately for the same hole they robbed me of. Lol

Happy Valentines Day!



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**“Thinking is
a difficult
art,
therefore
most people
prefer to
pass
judgments”**

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New Council Member

Please give a warm welcome to Chloe Price as the newest member of the Arcanum Village Council.

On January 13th, Chloe was sworn into office by Village Solicitor Nicole Pohlman.

Councilwoman Price will serve the residents of Arcanum until 12/31/27.



AWTHS NEWS

123 West George Street

Thank you to all our supporters of the Christmas Bazaar.

February Events

February 1 - 9am-12pm -
Special antique Valentine's Day cards display

Book 2 About The D&U Railroad by Todd Clemmons available at AWTHS & Fourman's Variety \$20.

Submitted Article

February

February 3

Leisure Committee - 6pm

February 10

Village Council Meeting - 7pm

February 12

Park & Recreation Committee-7pm



February 14

Valentine's Day



February 16

Village Offices Closed- President's Day

February 17

Leisure Committee - 6pm

February 21

Singo - Arcanum VFW - 7pm

February 24

Village Council Meeting - 7pm

Arcanum Public Library

February Events

All Month is the Adult Winter Reading Challenge! Sign up at the front desk!

Feb. 3rd - 6-7pm
Community Euchre Night

Feb. 9th - Craft Day
1pm: Junk Jewelry Craft
5:30pm-7pm: Valentine Canvas Painting

Feb. 24th - 6pm
"Part 1: Nature's Forest" a Weather Program Series with the Darke Co. Parks Department

Tuesdays 3:45-4:30pm: After School Program

Thursdays at 10am: Story Time

Tax Department

Reminder

Just a reminder that 2025 Village of Arcanum Income Tax Filing must be completed through RITA only at: 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.



February 13, 2026

8PM-11PM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ARCANUM VFW POST 4161
311 S ALBRIGHT ST



EIGHT BALL

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Arcanum VFW Post 4161
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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

8PM

Arcanum Area

Business Association

AABA 2026 Membership forms are now available! Membership is open to all businesses in Arcanum and the surrounding area! Great things are happening in 2026 for the AABA that you don't want to miss!! Join now to be part of the experience! AABA forms can be found on the AABA Facebook page or by emailing:

arcanumareabusinessassoc@gmail.com

Arcanum VFW

Fish Fry!!!

Feb. 27th

6:30pm

\$14/meal

