

VILLAGE OF ARCANUM

A Message from the Mayor's Office

Bring on the May flowers! This month is to celebrate all past and present mothers in our lives. I want to wish all mothers a very special Mothers' Day.

At the recent Mayors' meeting, the potential elimination of property tax was discussed. Should this receive enough support and be placed on the ballot and pass in November, it would create major revenue shortfalls for communities, schools, and emergency services across Darke County. For the Village of Arcanum, this could mean drastically reduced fire and police services, closure of the pool, and limited to no park and street maintenance. The Village currently relies on approximately \$400,000 in property tax levies and inside millage. Council is exploring options to address this potential loss. Additional information from the Ohio Municipal League and the Ohio Office of Budget & Management is available on the Village website and at the Administrative Building, and residents are encouraged to review these materials.

We continue to receive complaints about Rumpke missing trash pickups and report them weekly, and I have raised these concerns with our sales representative. The number to report missed trash is 1-800-828-8171. If reported after hours, it may be the next morning for pickup, or within 24 hours.

SOME NOTICES AND FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Serve Arcanum Day – Friday, May 8, sponsored by the Arcanum High School students, this program brings many volunteers into our community. Please use extra caution while traveling, as students will be out walking throughout town.

While the splash pad grant was not awarded, State Rep Johnathan Newman is working to secure full state funding for the project.

Pool preparations are well underway, including lifeguard interviews and concession planning. A new sun shade is also being considered to provide more shade for patrons. Opening day is set for June 1, and season passes are available beginning May 1 at the Village Office.

Construction continues on South High Street. The Village meets weekly with contractor to address concerns and minimize disruptions to residents.

Dog owners: Please be responsible by picking up and properly disposing of all dog waste while out walking in the community.

Planning a home project? Permits are required for items like patios, fences, and sheds and should be obtained prior to the beginning of any work—and don't forget to call 811 before you dig.

Wishing everyone a meaningful Memorial Day as we honor and remember the loved ones who hold a special place in our hearts. Memorial Day's origins vary, but it was established in part to ensure flowers would be in bloom across the country to decorate the graves of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. In 1968, it was officially designated a federal holiday, observed on the last Monday in May.

“Never let someone with the significance of a speed bump become a roadblock in your life!”



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

*I am retired...
in the sense
that I was tired
yesterday, and
I am tired
again today!*

Local Memorial Day Services

Van Buren Township

May 24 at 1:00pm
Abbottsville
Cemetery

Twin Township

May 24 at 2:00pm
Ithaca Cemetery

Monroe Township

May 31 at 2:00pm
Mote Cemetery

www.villageofarcanum.com

309 South
Albright St.
Arcanum, OH
45304

**MAY 2026 EVENTS
AT THE ARCANUM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

TAI CHI FOR FALL PREVENTION AND ARTHRITIS
TUESDAYS, MAY 5TH, 12TH, AND 19TH AT 100PM
(GROUP IS FULL, BUT WE WILL HOST AGAIN IN
THE
FALL OF 2026)

ARCANUM PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL BOOK SALE!
MAY 4TH-16TH DURING REGULAR BUSINESS
HOURS
ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY
DONATION
SUGGESTED DONATION PRICES ARE LISTED AT
THE SALE, BUT NOT REQUIRED

MONDAY, MAY 4TH AT 11AM AND 4PM
LIBRARY BENEFITS TOURS
COME LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL OUR LIBRARY
HAS TO OFFER PATRONS AND THE COMMUNITY

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY
ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 1ST FOR OUR
SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICK OFF!
REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN
AND JOY MINING WILL BE HERE FOR
FOSSIL AND GEM MINING ON THE
FRONT LAWN. WATCH FOR SIGN-UPS!



**Volunteer
Fire Fighters
Needed**

**What to help your
community? Just
graduated? Have
free time? Life long
dream?**

**Contact
Chief Gibson
937-608-7904**

**COMING TO THE
ARCANUM OPERA HOUSE**

Visit the Arcanum Preservation Society
Facebook page for additional information.

FULTON: ECHOES OF A MUSIC MAN

MAY 2ND 7PM

FEATURING AMERICAN MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JOSEPH RUBIN

*WITH SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL TALENT:
CLARK LEMONS, SHARON ANDERSON AND GRACE
LOCHTEFELD.

CELEBRATE
MOM AT OUR
MOTHER'S DAY
TEA PARTY

Arcanum Opera House
May 9, 2026
Two O'clock

2026 EVENT CALENDAR*

MAY - FULTON CONCERT
(2), MOTHER'S DAY TEA (9)

JUNE - OPEN MIC NIGHT
(13)

JULY - 4TH OF JULY
PICNIC & CHILDREN'S
PARADE (4), BSBP EVENTS (31)

AUGUST - BSBP EVENTS (1)

SEPTEMBER - OHIO OPEN
DOORS (13), OPEN MIC
NIGHT (19)

OCTOBER - HALLOWEEN
PAINT (TBD), HALLOWEEN
FROM (31)

**Breakfast Buffet
at the Arcanum VFW**

**Saturday, May 9, 2026
7am-12pm**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 311 S ALBRIGHT ST

Pre-Order Preferred

Sign up sheet available at the VFW
Payment will be accepted day of
DINE IN OR CARRY OUT AVAILABLE

—\$12 per person—

CHILDREN 6 & UNDER - FREE

Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Home Fries,
Biscuits & Gravy, & Pancakes
Beverages: OJ, Coffee, & Milk

**Arcanum Community
Garage Sales**

June 17th-20th

To have your garage sale
listed on the Arcanum
Community Garage Sale list,
please email:

arcanumgaragesales@gmail.com

Please be sure to include
your address, days and
hours, and a short general
description of your items.

BIG prizes BIG wins

Purchase Here!

Tickets are now on sale for
the Brick Street Super Raffle

**2026 Trailblazer CASH
MYSTERY VEHICLE**

**Golf Carts 2026 Traverse
ATV All-Inclusive Trips
Gift Certificates Guns**

Funds raised support the Give Thanks Foundation's
mission to give back to local organizations and
community projects.

\$100 per ticket
85 prizes totaling \$240,000
Only 3,000 tickets being sold
Your ticket may win more than once
Drawing to be held August 1, 2026

May

May 7

Limb Pickup

May 8

Arcanum High School - SERVE ARCANUM

May 12

**Safety Committee, 6pm
Village Council Meeting, 7pm**

May 14

Parks & Recreation Committee, 4pm

May 21

Limb Pickup

May 26

Village Council Meeting, 7pm

AWTHS News

123 West George Street

Upcoming Events

May 14 at 7pm - The Signers and Women of
the Patriots' presentation by Carole
Fourman and Annette Stewart. Learn how
the Revolutionary War affected families,
including the women and their roles, as
well as the families.

June 6 - Educational Walking Tour of
Arcanum. Meet 9am @ AWTHS