



City of Arnolds Park Newsletter

Fall 2006



Winter Weather

Fall has arrived, and winter is just around the corner. At this time we would like to remind you of a few things:

- Keep your sidewalks free of snow and ice—this is the responsibility of the property owner
- During snow removal, do not park, abandon, or leave unattended vehicles on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley, or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall
- Drive carefully

City Website

Log on to arnoldsparkcity.com and check out the website for the City of Arnolds Park.

Meet the City Officials; and members of the City Hall, Library, and Police and Fire Departments.

The minutes of the latest City Council meetings are available to look at, along with a listing of the City services, Ordinances, and calendar.

If you need to contact City Hall for any reason you can do so by phone at (712) 332-



2341, or by e-mail at aphall@mchsi.com.

Police Department

School is once again in session. Drive safely and keep an eye out for children and play equipment that may get too close to the roadways.

Winter will soon be here. Please have an emergency travel kit in each vehicle. Drive carefully and listen to weather forecasts. If you must travel during inclement weather, please allow extra time to get to your destination.

All vehicles must be off City streets following a snowfall of 2 inches or more for snow removal. If they are not removed, they will be ticketed and/or towed.

We would like to take this time to remind all pet owners that they must have their pets, especially dogs, contained on their property at all times. When walking animals, they must be on a leash. **All animals must be in a secure location away from electric, gas, and water meters. This will assure your meters are read properly.**

You can reach the Arnolds Park Police at 332-2227 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. After hours, please call the Communication Center at 336-2525; and for an emergency, call 911.



At the Library

The library has started a book club. We'll be meeting every second Wednesday of the month in the morning for coffee, treats, and discussion. Everyone is welcome to join.

The first book chosen was The Locket by Richard Paul Evans. It takes place in a nursing home where a young man working there becomes friends with an older woman resident. They influence each other's lives in positive ways. Fifteen people came to that session so the discussion was fun.

The November meeting will feature the book The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls. It is a nonfiction reminiscence of the author's upbringing in a very odd family. She tells the story with lots of humor. The library borrows extra copies of the book, so if you'd like to join, stop in to get a copy.

In December we will read a new novel called The Memory Keeper's Daughter. It's the type of book that has become popular by word of mouth. It was first published in paperback which usually means the publisher doesn't have great expectations for it. But it is now on the Amazon bestseller list.

At each meeting we'll take suggestions for upcoming books. It's fun to hear what people are currently reading and gives the rest of us good ideas.



The library is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays; on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to Noon.

The library's internet access is wireless. It can be used by anyone with a laptop. There are also three public computers that are online.

Garbage Collection

From now until Memorial Day, residential garbage will only be picked up once a week with that day being Monday. Garbage is collected on all holidays, except **Christmas**. Garbage collection begins at **7:00 a.m.** in residential areas.

All garbage must be in City Bags and set at the curb. City Garbage Bags may be purchased at City Hall and Great Spirits Wine and Liquor in Arnolds Park, Buy Rite Foods in Milford, and HyVee in Spirit Lake.

There are proper disposal methods for yard waste and it should never be placed or blown on street right of ways, public roads, or neighboring lots.

Yard waste is collected on Tuesdays. The yard waste must be in city bags, tied shut, and at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on collection days. If you choose instead to burn, remember that any yard waste you burn on your property,

must originate on your property. **Yard waste cannot be burned on City property.**

Curbside Recycling

Recycling is collected curbside on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month. Please clean recyclables before placing them in the recycling containers.

Make sure all recycling is in the recycling containers and not stacked beside them.

A community recycling facility is located next to the water tower.

Projects

DAM ROAD—HELM'S DRIVE: The underground projects are nearing completion; the underground sewer, water, and storm sewer are a bit behind completion. We are in hope that final designs will take place in November or December on the street project.

BRIDGES: Construction is complete on Hinshaw Bridge. The project was finished on time and was not over budget. The bridge is a beautiful addition to the City.

Sawmill Bridge will be designed over the next several months by the same engineering firm, Calhoun & Burns, from Des Moines.



TRAFFIC SIGNALS—202nd AND HIGHWAY 71: The final review of the

construction project is in the hands of the Iowa Department of Transportation. Bid letting is projected for December of 2006; and completion is still planned for spring 2007.

202nd/232nd (HOLIDAY DRIVE): The work on this street has been completed.

LITTLE LEAGUE CONCESSION STAND: Bids for the structure came at nearly \$180,000, well above the anticipated \$125,000. A committee will be meeting to look at redesigning the structure to get costs a bit lower.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY: ISU is working on a vision plan on the downtown, Amusement Park, and the City Park area. The Landscape Design/Planning students will do a presentation at the end of the semester concerning long range plans, etc. for that segment of the community.

Team WAVE

Team WAVE has had an extremely busy summer. Because of the extreme weather conditions, first dry and then hot, we didn't do a lot of planting, but volunteers spent over 500 hours on maintenance.

The Iowa Great Lakes Bible Conference Youth Group spent a morning working, and the Forest Ridge High School girls came to help twice. Over 100 youthful

volunteers, they did a great job.

We want to thank the volunteers and Team WAVE members for their labor and time. We also want to thank those who responded to our fundraising letter. A huge THANK YOU to Jeff and Leroy who help and guide us with such enthusiasm.

We have great things planned for next spring! Depending on the grant dollars we receive we could be adding over 100 new trees to the community. They will beautify Arnolds Park and provide great benefits to the environment.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! When you are in our City you can't help but notice the improvements Team WAVE and the City have made. Wouldn't you like to be part of such a great project? We need young and not so young volunteers. Make it a family affair; teach the kids the value of community service. Take pride in Arnolds Park.

Call City Hall at (712) 332-2341 and leave your name; we will get in touch with you in the spring. You may also leave donations at City Hall.

Building Numbering

The City of Arnolds Park has an ordinance that requires the owner to **install and maintain the building number on the principal building of each lot.**

The building number must be easily seen from the street. The figures must also be not



less than 2 ½" in height and of a contrasting color with the background.

If you fail to comply with this ordinance, the City may proceed to place the assigned number on the principal building and assess the costs against property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

Having a visible building number makes it much easier for the police department, the fire department, medical personnel, and city crews to find your home during an emergency.

If you are unsure what your building number is, please check with City Hall.

Utility Billing

It is the responsibility of the landlord to contact City Hall whenever a tenant moves in or out. The account will remain in the landlord's name until City Hall has been contacted and a deposit has been paid by the tenant.

In order to receive the discount on your water, sewer, and garbage bill, payment must be received in our office or the Book Drop/Utility Bill Drop Box in front of City Hall by 5 p.m. on the day that **they are due. Bills are due on the 20th of the month.**

The City has the ability to directly deduct the utility bills from checking accounts at any bank. You would still receive a bill at your home stating paid by

bank. Contact the City hall if you would like to make this change to your account.

Green Waste Site

Materials accepted include yard waste (trees, grass clippings, etc.) and white goods (stoves, refrigerators, and ovens).

Cost is \$10 each to bring a white good to the center. Green waste disposal cost is 20¢ per bag with a \$1 minimum, \$10 for a trailer or \$15 for a truckload. Mulch is also available at the recycling center.

The facility is located on 13th Street in Milford, ½ mile east of the Highway 71 and 13th Street intersection.

Hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from Noon to 7 p.m., Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The facility will close for the season on November 15 and will reopen in mid-April, 2007.



City Council Meetings

The Arnolds Park City Council meets in regular session the second Wednesday of each month at **6:00 p.m.** The public is encouraged to attend and bring any questions or concerns that they may have.