



City of Arnolds Park Newsletter

Spring 2008



Clean Up Day

The annual Arnolds Park City-Wide Clean Up is scheduled for **June 2, 2008**. This is offered to all residents in Arnolds Park as a way to dispose of items that are not collected on regular garbage pick up. Please place small items in boxes or bags. White goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators) and brown goods (TV's less than 27", VCR, and other electronics) will be disposed of for \$10 a piece and will have to have a sticker. TV's 27" and larger will be disposed of for \$15 each and a sticker. You will need to purchase this sticker at City Hall **prior to June 2, 2008**. No lawn waste or recycling will be collected.



If you need to dispose of building structures or other large objects that two men cannot easily handle, please call City Hall at (712) 332-2341 to make special arrangements, and we will try to accommodate you.

The City will not pick up any hazardous waste materials, such as oil, paint, insecticides, weed control products, etc.

Please place all debris curbside and have it ready for pick up by **8:00 a.m. on June 2, 2008**.

Projects

Sawmill Bridge: The Engineering Company of Calhoun and Burns, the same firm that did the work on Hinshaw Bridge, is doing the

design work for Sawmill Bridge. The height of the proposed bridge has been controversial, but is being designed at 8'6"; a 2' increase above the present 6'6" bridge. We are presently waiting for approvals from all of the agencies (i.e. DNR, Army Corps. DOT, etc.) and final design will begin. The City is still looking at a bid date prior to October of 2008.

Dam Road – Helms Drive: The project was initiated last fall, with the first phase being completed for travel in November. The second phase is beginning and is scheduled for completion in June. Sidewalks are being constructed on the areas involved with the first phase. Weather permitting the work should be completed on time.

Traffic Signals - 202nd and Highway 71: The work on the intersection and the traffic signals is nearing completion. The signals are installed and awaiting the electric utility to "power them up". They should be operational prior to Memorial Day.

Abbie Gardner Park: The City has purchased the two cottages along Okobojo Grove Road on the south side of the property owned by the State Historical Society of Iowa. A REAP grant of \$75,000 was awarded through the DNR for the acquisition of these two parcels. The City property known as "Forest Park" has been sold and the money earmarked for the project. The City was turned down for a REAP grant last summer to do

improvements in the park, such as trails, parking areas, restrooms and shelter house. The City is working on an agreement with the State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) for maintenance of the larger park, and will be setting up meetings with SHSI and DNR to develop plans for the park. We will be looking for funding again in the next round of REAP grants.

Little League Concessions Stand: The original concession stand bids came in at \$185,000. The plans were re-negotiated and Christensen Construction submitted a cost of \$98,500. The project has started, and should be done in June, again weather "cooperating".

Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Ordinance: The Planning and Zoning Commission has completed a "Comprehensive Plan" for the community. The Commission is now working on an updated Zoning Ordinance. This process should be a little shorter and should be completed by the end of summer.

Maintenance Building: The City has purchased a 5-acre tract of land from the Light of the Lakes (Friends) Church that is located east of Pelican Ridge. This is the proposed site for a new maintenance building, the plans of which are being worked on by our building committee. Bidding and possible construction on this situation should be coming within the next few months.

Trails: Trails along Rohr Street from Henderson Woods east to 240th Ave. and along Linden Dr. from Hinshaw Bridge to 240th Ave. are being designed. The City Council will take action on these designs in the next few months, with the Dickinson County Trails board considering a stretch of trail along 240th Ave. from Linden Dr. to Rohr St. at some point in the future.

At the Library

Summer is a busy season at the library. There will be a program for children (preschool through fourth graders) in July. You can mark the last four Tuesday mornings in July as a time to bring the kids to the library.

The library has a website: <http://www.arnoldspark.lib.ia.us>. It is a work in progress, but soon we hope to have lists of all the DVD movies, lists of the new books, ways to suggest books, and lots of other information. In connection with that, we have a new email which is info@arnoldspark.lib.ia.us.

This is a good time to stop in at the library and enjoy our display case. The current display is Boyd's bears and friends and also adorable character cups. Elizabeth Giefer is the collector.

Remember, when your summer visitors are looking for a comfortable, free place to use their laptops, you can send them to the library. We are a free Wi-Fi hotspot.

The library is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; and 10 a.m. to Noon on Saturday.

Police Department

The Arnolds Park Police Department is looking forward to another busy tourist season for our area businesses. We are always striving to enhance police protection for our citizens and our tourists to make Arnolds Park as safe as possible.

Now that summer is just around the corner, please take the time to clean up around your property. If you have any garbage or other debris, make sure that it is properly disposed of.

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 Communications Center at 336-2525; and for an emergency, call 911.

As always, if our department can be of service to you, please contact our office and we will do our best to assist you with your Law Enforcement needs.

Garbage Collection

Beginning Monday, May 26, residential garbage will be picked up twice a week, with those days being Monday and Friday.

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

Yard Waste Disposal

As a service to the citizens of Arnolds Park, yard waste is collected curbside on Tuesdays. This is a service that many communities do not offer.

In order for us to continue to provide this service we ask that you abide by the following guidelines.

The yard waste must be in City bags, tied shut, and at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on collection days. **Do not double bag any yard waste.** Yard waste that is double bagged or placed in any other type of container, including black or brown garbage bags, will not be picked up. Branches will be picked up as long as they are cut in 4-foot lengths and bundled together with a City bag attached.

If instead you choose to burn, any yard waste you burn on your property, must originate on your property. **Yard waste cannot be burned on City property, placed or blown on street right of ways, public roads, or neighboring lots.**

Fire Department

The Arnolds Park/Okobojo Fire and Rescue members would like to thank everyone who attended our 31st Annual Pancake Feed. Despite the weather we had a great turnout for both Friday night and Saturday morning and the support the community shows us through their attendance and donations is very much appreciated. The Boy Scouts troop 170 from Milford once again assisted us with our fundraiser cooking up the delicious pancakes and as always did a great job. A new addition to this years breakfast was the opportunity for the children to visit the Fire Safety House right next to the fire station and learn about how to escape their home if it was ever on fire. The children had the opportunity to crawl through a smoke filled room and then firefighters taught them how to escape and what to do once they did get out.

Last year the department responded to 140 EMS calls, 27 Fire Alarm calls, 11 Water Rescue's, 7 Structure Fires, 5 Hazardous Material Responses, 4 Grassland, vegetation fires, 3 vehicle fires, 1 boat fire, and



several motor vehicle crashes. In addition, the department was involved in 15 different events to promote the department and fire, water or personal safety throughout the area. This brings the total number of calls to around 200 and total volunteer hours given to the cities at 3,333 volunteer hours or service.

The new Quint (Pumper truck with a ladder on it) will be arriving in late June or early July and the department will receive three days training on the basic operations of the truck and then it will be placed into service. We have also received the Lakes Area Airboat and it was placed into service in January. To this point we have trained with the airboat but not yet had to perform any rescues.

If you were unable to make it to our fundraiser, but still would like to make a donation, please send your donation to: Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire and Rescue, PO Box 437, Arnolds Park, IA 51331 or drop it off at either city hall.

As always, if you are a citizen of Arnolds Park or Okoboji and would like to know more about joining the fire department please contact the office at 712-332-5260 and leave a message and one of our members will contact you with information as well as how to obtain an application.

Thank you from the members of the Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire and Rescue.

Curbside Recycling

Recycling is one of the best ways for you to have a positive impact on the world in which we live. Recycling is important to both the natural environment and us.

All recyclable items must be clean and separated before being placed in the recycling containers. Make sure all recycling is in the recycling containers and not stacked beside them.

Recycling is collected curbside on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month. If you should happen to miss the curbside collection, you may take your recycling to the recycling bins next to the water tower on Dewey Street.

Styrofoam is not a recyclable item in the City of Arnolds Park; please do not place Styrofoam in the residential bins or the community bins located on Dewey Street.

Iowa One Call

Iowa law requires that any person, homeowner, professional, public or private entity, planning to engage in any form of excavation within the state of Iowa, must notify the Iowa One Call notification system, at 1-800-292-8989 or 811, at least 48 hours prior to excavating.

The Iowa One Call notification system is a free call and a free service to all persons planning an excavation within the state of Iowa. The required 48 hours advance notice does not include Saturdays and Sundays or legal holidays.

Iowa One Call will notify the owners/operators of underground facilities who participate in Iowa One Call. The various underground facility operators will dispatch "locate" personnel to the area to mark the underground facility locations with flags and paint

markings, showing where underground facilities are located so the excavator can avoid damaging the facilities.

Iowa law applies to professional contractors as well as homeowners, and encompasses a wide array of outdoor projects including:

- Installing a fence
- Planting trees or shrubs
- Building a patio, addition, deck, garage, outdoor shed or any similar structure that requires any form of digging
- Putting in a new driveway
- Installing a septic system or water drainage system
- Terracing or landscaping

Iowa One Call is committed to maintaining and operating a notification system efficient in relaying information and safeguarding underground facilities essential to all Iowans.

Parks & Campgrounds

Be sure to stop and enjoy the City Parks that Arnolds Park has to offer. Sawmill Park is located on Rohr Street.

Overnight camping is available at the city campground two blocks east of the Amusement Park on Broadway Street; and also at the city campground on Minnewashta on Bascom Street. The rates are \$20 per night with electricity and \$15 per night with no electricity.

If walking, biking, or skating is your thing, come out and enjoy the Spine Trail that runs from Spirit Lake to Milford. Take in the sights and sounds that nature has to offer.

