

City of Arnolds Park

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ATV, ORV, and Snowmobile Ordinance

The City recently passed an ordinance allowing ATVs, ORVs, and snowmobiles to operate on City Streets.

All persons operating must have a valid motor vehicle license, provide current proof of financial responsibility, and provided proof of registration as required by the Iowa Code Chapter 3211.

ATVs, ORVs, and snowmobiles are allowed to operate in the City from sunrise to sunset except for emergency situations or for loading or unloading from a transport trailer. ATV's may be operated during prohibited hours for snow removal purposes.

All ATVs, ORVs, and snowmobiles must be equipped with brakes, lights, muffling devices, and other equipment required by the State of Iowa law.

ATVs, ORVs, and snowmobiles will be allowed to cross Highway 71 at Broadway Street and 202nd Street, but will *not* be allowed to operate on Highway 71. ATVs, ORVs, and snowmobiles will be allowed on all other City streets.

ATVs, ORVs, and snowmobiles will not be allowed to operate in any City Park, playground, or upon any other

City property without permission of the City.

No ATVs, ORVs, or snowmobiles shall operate on City streets at a speed greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour even if the posted limit is greater than thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

Please stop by or contact City Hall for a complete copy of this ordinance.

Projects

Main City Park:

The new shelter house, landscaping and lighting at the City Park is nearly complete. The City will hold an Open House on Friday, September 11, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. The address is 84 Dewey Street Arnolds Park, Iowa. Come join us for light refreshments and help us celebrate our new park. Hope to see you there!

Watermain on Monument Drive:

The watermain project is complete. The street repair on Monument Drive is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

Lakeshore Drive:

The south half of Lakeshore Drive has been finished. The overlay on the north half of

Lakeshore Drive is near completion.

At the Library

As of July 1, 2015 the Arnolds Park Library met the conditions for state accreditation. Achieving state accreditation requires significant, ongoing commitment in all areas of library operations including governance, funding, staffing, library collection, services, public relations, access, and facilities. With our new accreditation, the library will receive a higher rate of compensation through Iowa Library Services' Enrich Iowa program as well as the maximum amount of state aid allowed for tier III libraries.

The library will continue to host a Monday morning Mah Jongg club through the fall and winter months. The players meet at 9:30 A.M. every Monday. If you are a Mah Jongg player or would like to learn the game we invite you to stop by the library on Monday mornings to meet this wonderful group of players.

Book club continues to meet the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 A.M. The group has a wonderful list of books picked out for this fall. Each month a different book is discussed and coffee and treats are served. If you are interested in learning more

about book club, please stop by the library.

Our children's and junior fiction sections have a new look this fall. All of the books have been colorized and separated into reading levels. The children's books are marked with a blue label. Children's books are great for family reading time. The easy reader books which are great for anyone beginning to read on their own are marked with a yellow label and have been given their own section to make it easy for kids to find books. Early chapter books which are located next to the easy readers are marked with an orange label. This section is perfect for older readers who aren't quite ready for junior level books. The junior fiction is marked with a green label on the books and is classified for ages 8-12. Junior books are for more advanced readers. We hope that color coordinating the different sections of books available not only makes it easier for kids to find a book they're interested in, but to find a book that is appropriate for their reading level. Signs with the color distinctions have been posted in each section to help parents and kids with the transition.

The adult fiction section continues to add new books daily. The most popular authors are on standing pre-order and the library receives their newest book the day it is released. We invite you to come in and catch up on the year's best seller books and enjoy a cup coffee, tea, or cider at our coffee station.

Police Department

Fall has arrived and the new school year is well under way. In an effort to keep all of our kids safe, we are asking that

everyone use caution when approaching a stopped school bus from either direction. When the warning lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, you **MUST** stop and allow the children to enter or exit the school bus safely. Whether a school bus is picking up or dropping children off on either a two-lane road or three-lane highway, you must stop when the warning lights are activated. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping our school children safe.

We can tell by the falling temperatures, that winter will soon be here. We would like to take this time to remind everyone of a few things:

- Keep your sidewalks free of snow and ice. This is the responsibility of the property owners in both the residential and business districts.
- 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. Any vehicles left on City streets following a snowfall of 2 inches or more will be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense whether or not a snow emergency has been declared by the City.
- Keep a winter emergency kit in your car. You never know when or where you may become stranded.
- Drive Carefully. Please allow extra time to reach your destination and use caution when traveling on wet or snow covered roads.

Any resident of Arnolds Park that is leaving for an extended amount of time this winter may come to the Arnolds Park Police Department and fill out a House Watch form. This will allow the police department to contact you or an emergency contact should there been an incident that involves your residence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the police department at 712-332-2227.

Yard Waste and Open Burning

The City has proper disposal methods for yard waste and we ask that it never be blown onto or placed on the streets, public roads, or neighboring lots.

Yard waste is collected on Tuesdays. If you wish to have your yard waste picked up it must be placed in City bags, tied shut, and placed at the **curbside by 7:00 a.m.** on collection days.

If you choose to burn your yard waste, please be courteous to neighbors and use good judgment based on weather conditions. All fires must be attended by a person 18 years of age or older at all times. Any yard waste you burn on your property, must originate on your property.

The burning of garbage, rubber, or anything of a toxic matter is strictly prohibited. Yard waste cannot be burned on City property.

Winter Utility Shut Down

Every winter there are homes that have water lines freeze up and break. In addition to water issues, we have seen sewer back-ups over the past several years. If a homeowner is leaving for a period of time, the water to the

house should be shut off. If for some reason there is a power outage, or the heat should go off, a flooded lower level might be avoided. In addition, it would be wise to have someone check the house periodically.

Reminder:

Garbage pick-up switches back over to only being picked up on Mondays after the Labor Day holiday.

Recycling

Shamrock is now picking up recycling at local businesses. If you wish to have them pick up recycling at your business you must contact them directly to set up a separate billing account. Local business recycling cannot be billed through utilities at City Hall. You may reach Shamrock at 712-922-4172.

Emergency Number

If you have a water or sewer emergency on weekends or holidays, please call the Dickinson County Communications Center at 712-336-2525.

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