

City of Arnolds Park Spring Newsletter

156 N. Highway 71 • Arnolds Park, Iowa • Phone: 712-332-2341 • Fax: 712-332-9245

E-Mail: aphall@mchsi.com • Web-site: www.arnoldsparkcity.com

Spring Clean-Up Day

The annual Arnolds Park City-wide Clean Up is scheduled for **Monday, June 6th, 2016**. This is offered to all residents of 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 (flat-screen TVs, VCRs, and other electronics) will be disposed of for \$10 a piece and will have to have a sticker. You will need to purchase this sticker at City Hall prior to June 6th. The items must have a sticker on them in order to be picked up. Also, 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 items such as oil, paint, pesticides, weed control products, etc. Paint cans will be picked up with the exception the can is dry and the top is off.

Please refrain from placing items curbside before Saturday prior to clean up day. All debris however needs to be curbside and ready for pick up by **7:00 A.M. June 6th**.

This is a good opportunity to get everything cleaned up and

looking nice outside of your home.

Campground

Overnight camping is available on a first come first serve basis at the Boater's Access City campground located on Minnewashta at 7 Bascom St. The rates are \$35 a night with electricity and \$25 a night without electricity. **The City does not take reservations.**

Projects

2016-2017

Highway 71 Bioswale construction by Calvary Methodist Church. A portion is being funded by SWCD. Total cost of project \$39,200.

West Okoboji Road and Benit Drive will be asphalted. Total cost of projects \$53,613 and \$153,848, respectively.

Completed Projects

In this last fiscal year Emerald Hills Drainage Project, West Okoboji Road Sanitary Sewer, Lynn Drive Water and Monuement Drive Water were completed.

We have also applied for grants to partially fund the Monument Pave/Drain System, total cost being \$300,000 with the City portion being \$100,000.

At the Library

We are busy getting ready for this year's summer reading program entitled "On your mark, Get set, Read" Library Olympics 2016! Due to the school ending later than expected as well as the holiday; the program will not officially kick off until June 8th. However, on Wednesday, June 1st, we will have a fun filled morning celebrating the beginning of summer! Children of all ages are welcome and there is no cost to participate in the program.

June 1st at 10:00 a.m. - Ready, Set, Sign-up! Stop by the library to get a sneak peak of our summer reading program. This is a great time to turn in your sign-up sheets (if you haven't already done so), and check out all the new books! Kids will get their summer reading program t-shirts and have a chance to add their own personal touches, as well as hang their reading medals in the hallway. Before leaving, make sure to pick up your reading logs and supplies for next week's parachute experiment!

June 8th at 10:00 a.m. - Experiment, Exercise, and Eat-Everything we need to stay healthy! This program is all about keeping a healthy mind and body. We will be joined by Brittney Janicek from the

YMCA, Grace Phelon, Hy-Vee dietician, and Chris Yungbluth, AP Fire Chief. Brittney will be teaching a “kid friendly” exercise class and showing the kids some fun exercises to do at home to stay active over the summer. Grace will be talking with kids about the importance of eating healthy. We will learn some fun facts about nutrition and have a chance to put those skills to the test as they prepare some kid approved snacks. Chris Yungbluth will be helping the kids exercise their brains as they put finishing touches on their Egg Parachutes. The kids will get to ride up in the ladder truck to test out their creations! The parachute supplies will be sent home the week prior and the kids can build their parachutes individually or as a group. If you are unable to stop on June 1st, please come by any time before June 8th to get your supplies.

June 15th at 10:00 a.m. - Science Center of Iowa presents- Fantastic Forces! Get ready for takeoff! Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a pilot or an astronaut? What makes it possible for airplanes to fly? This program will answer many questions about the mystery of flight. Join us as we take off on an out of this world journey to explore the forces that enable us to zoom through the air at staggering speeds. Using science demonstrations and audience participation, we will rethink the marvel of flight and learn how physics is the ultimate ticket to new destinations! The kids will also learn how healthy and physically fit a pilot or

astronaut needs to be to fly in the sky!

June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. - Animal Athletes: The Zoo is back and bigger than ever! The Blank Park Zoo from Des Moines will be joining us once again for a fun new program. This program will explore some of the world’s strongest, fastest, and largest animals. We always enjoy watching athletes compete in the Olympics, but what if animals had their own Olympics? Who would be the best at high jump, swimming, or gymnastics?! Come and enjoy this wonderful program sponsored by the Arnolds Park Library Foundation and meet some of the greatest animal athletes!

June 29th at 10:00 a.m. - Library Olympics! The fire department and police department will join us for a morning of “Olympic” fun! We will have obstacles courses set up for the kids to run through. These courses will be a “kid friendly” version of what our firemen and police officers do at training. There will also be bouncy houses, games, face painting, and fire truck rides! The fireman will have the grills going and lunch will be served around 11:00 a.m.

In addition to these wonderful programs all kids can be involved in our summer reading program. They will keep track of the books they have read for the week and then give our “wheel of fortune” a spin. They might land on a fun question to answer about the book they read or they may land on one of the many “Prize” spots. Kids will also

have a chance to earn extra prizes by becoming a bronze, silver, or gold medal reader! Each week the kids will get to pick out a free book to take home as a reward for all their hard work!

Please watch for information sent home with your child at school, in the newspaper, or stop by the library to pick up a flyer and sign-up sheet. We hope to see you this summer!

Police Department

As temperatures increase, so does the number of children and adults walking, cycling, roller blading, etc. Please use proper safety equipment for these activities and remember that traffic laws are to be obeyed by motorists, cyclists and pedestrians alike.

The Police Department 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; dogs should not be running at large. **All animals must be in a secure location away from electric, gas and water meters. This will assure your meters are read properly.**

If you are going to be using ATV’s or golf carts this summer please make sure you are aware of all the rules and regulations. A copy of the ordinance is available in City Hall or you may contact the Police Department with questions at any time.

The Arnolds Park Police Department is looking forward to another busy summer 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.

You can reach the Arnolds Park Police at 712-332-2227 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. After hours, please call the Communications Center at 712-336-2525; and for an emergency, call 911.

ISO Rating

The Arnolds Park Fire Department recently took part in a Public Protection Classification (PPC) Survey completed by the ISO (Insurance Services Office). ISO's analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system has resulted in lowering the City's ISO rating from a 6 to a 5. The ISO rating is from 10-1 with 1 being the best.

ISO's PPC program plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies.

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. The bags must not weight more than 75 pounds. Cut branches in 4' lengths and bundle with a City bag attached.

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.

Garbage Collection

Garbage pick-up switches back over to being picked up Mondays and Fridays beginning Memorial Day thru Monday on Labor Day.

Garbage collection begins at 7:00 A.M. Garbage bags may be purchased at City Hall, The Boonedock's & Casey's in Arnolds Park, Sunshine Foods in Milford, or Hy-Vee in Spirit Lake.

*****Please make sure garbage is in City of Arnolds Park garbage bags. It will not be collected otherwise.**

Recycling

Curbside recycling days are the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. There are recycling bins located at 700 240th Ave. if you should miss the curbside collection. Please remember to separate your recycling into tin, plastic, cardboard or paper. Shamrock will not pick up bins mixed together. **Do not recycle the following items:** Waxed milk cartons, egg cartons, Styrofoam, bleach bottles, anti-freeze, oil containers, plastic bags, window glass, light bulbs or ceramics.

You may reach Shamrock at 712-922-4172.

Appliances & Electronics

The City will pick up appliances and electronics at your curbside. You must purchase a tag for these items at City Hall. Dickinson County has a recycling facility located at 2260 220th St. in Milford where you can dispose of all of the above items yourself. Please contact 712-338-2549 with any questions.

Utility Bill Payments

You can now pay your utility bill with a debit or credit card through our website at: www.arnoldsparkcity.com Payments may still be made through check or cash at City Hall. Auto-withdrawal is also available. Please contact City Hall with any questions.

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.

Severe Weather

Sirens located at City Hall, Dam Road, & Benit Drive will be sounded. Tests for these sirens are held every Wednesday at noon.