

City of Arnolds Park Spring Newsletter

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Spring Clean-Up Day

The annual Arnolds Park City wide Clean Up is scheduled for **Monday, June 5th, 2017**. 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 5th. 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 5th**.

Please be courteous of the items that are placed on the curb. If you are going through

bags or boxes, put the items back that you do not want. Be respectful of residents' yards and the workers who have to clean it up.

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. Rates go up on the holidays. Please contact City Hall for rate information. **The City does not take reservations.**

At the Library

Summer Reading Program

We are busy getting ready for this year's summer reading program entitled "Build a Better World!" We have many fun programs lined up, as well as, fantastic prizes! This is sure to be our best summer program yet!

May 31st at 10:00 a.m. – Summer Reading Kick-off and Food Drive! Join us at the Milford Pioneer Theatre for a free showing of "The Lego Movie". We will have the reading program sign-up sheets available, as well as, a display of this summer's new books and prizes! In our quest to build a better world this summer we will be hosting a food drive. Anyone

who is able to donate can bring in non-perishable items to the theatre and the food will be taken to Upper Des Moines Food Pantry. Anyone bringing in two or more items will receive a free bag of popcorn! Thank you so much to the Milford Pioneer Theatre and Kozy Heat for making this event possible.

June 7th at 10:00 a.m. – Science Center of Iowa presents: Building Blunders! Mistakes don't always mean failure! Join the Science Center of Iowa as we explore what it means to be an engineer. Building can be hard and things don't always turn out like we want them to. Instead of seeing mistakes as failures, engineers use these blunders to learn and build even better things! Join us and learn about some famous building blunders that topple, tilt, or twirl while experiencing the marvels of engineering!

June 14th at 10:00 a.m. – Build a Magical World with Brandon Aronson! Join local Magician and Illusionist, Brandon Aronson as he wow's the crowd with his magic tricks, illusions and mind reading! All kids will be able to participate in the show whether it's volunteering on stage or participating in the audience. Kids are sure to have a magical time at this amazing one-of-a-kind show!

June 21st at 10:00 a.m. – The RAD Zoo Presents: Reptile and Amphibian Discovery! The RAD Zoo of Minnesota will be joining us for a morning full of

creepy, crawly and slimy creatures. This informative, engaging and interactive program will feature 10-12 reptiles and amphibians that live at the zoo. This program is an enjoyable experience for all ages (even those afraid of snakes, etc.) It will instill a greater understanding of these unique creatures and the incredible lives they live to help build our better world. At the conclusion of the presentation the kids will have an opportunity for a closer look at these amazing animals and can even pet a few of them! Thank you so much to the Arnolds Park Library Foundation for making this program possible.

June 28th at 10:00 a.m. – Building a Better World Starts with ME! This is a fun morning for the kids to celebrate all of their hard work! Join us at Central Park for a morning full of excitement! We will have bouncy houses, a dunk tank, S'mores bar and other fun games. Joining us will be the Lego Robotics League that will host building competitions and also the Arnolds Park Fire Department will be offering fire truck rides and water games. Pizza will be served around 11:00 a.m. sponsored by Pizza Ranch.

In addition to these wonderful programs, all kids can be involved in our summer reading program. This year the kids will be playing "Reading Bingo". Once a Bingo is filled in, the kids will get to spin our "Wheel of Prizes" and pick out a free book. Be sure to hold onto the Bingo cards because once they have a black out Bingo card their name will be put into a grand prize drawing that will take place at the end of the summer program for extra points.

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!

The library will continue to have several other programs throughout the summer including:

Monday Morning Mah Jongg: Every Monday at 9:30 a.m., whether you are a veteran player or wanting to learn, everyone is welcome!

Book Club: Second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for great books, food and conversation.

Tuesday Morning Story Time: Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. the library will host a morning story time. We will enjoy new stories, as well as, some favorite classics. Be sure to stay for the book-themed craft after story time!

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. Dogs should not be running at large. They must be under the owner's control at all times. **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.

Alliant Energy Franchise Fee

The Arnolds Park City Council recently voted to replace the 1% Local Option Sales Tax on Alliant Energy electric bills with a 1% franchise fee, starting April 1, 2017. This one-for-one percentage exchange is not an increase in your electric bill, unless your account has had state sales tax exemption.

The change will affect all Alliant Energy electric customers located within the Arnolds Park city limits. The amount collected from each customer will vary based on the customer's total electricity bill and will appear on the bill listed as "Franchise Fee."

The City of Arnolds Park will use the collected fees as specified in the City's revenue purpose statement. Alliant Energy does not profit from the collection of the franchise fee.

For any questions about the franchise fee please contact City Hall. For other questions about your Alliant Energy utility bill, please contact 1-800-ALLIANT (800-255-4268).

Renting of Residential Property

The intent of residential uses to use and/or the use of a room or group of rooms for the sleeping, living and housekeeping activities for the same person or the same group of persons, on a permanent or semi-permanent basis for an intended tenure of one (1) month or longer. **It is prohibited to provide for or permit the rental of residential property for an incidental term of less than 30 consecutive days.** This holds true for rentals in R-1 Single-Family, R-2 Medium Density, and MH Mobile Home and Manufactured Housing Districts.

Anyone renting residential property in these districts for tenure of less than 30 days could be subject to a citation and subsequent fines.

Grease Traps

The City has had reoccurring problems in the last couple of years with the appearance of grease in the City's sewer mains. In most, if not all cases, the grease has come from commercial restaurants and establishments that prepare food. Grease ultimately hardens in the lines and causes the City's sewer to back up.

Please make sure your interceptors (grease traps) are maintained on a regular basis and are working properly at all times. If the equipment is not functioning properly it could possibly result in a violation of City Ordinance Chapter 96.06 Interceptors Required. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Do not flush non-biodegradable wipes of any kind

(baby wipes, makeup wipes, etc.) down the toilet. These also create a back-up in the sewer lines.

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.

Collection begins at 7:00 a.m. If you do not have your container out in time it will not be picked up again until the next designated collection day.

If you have been gone all winter and have not yet received your garbage cart, contact City

Hall and we will have it delivered to your residence.

*****With the new garbage cart system you are not allowed to throw paint, lawn waste, or recyclables into the cart. Also, remember to place your carts back away from the street after the garbage is collected.**

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.

Severe Weather

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

