

City of Arnolds Park Fall Newsletter ~ 2017

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ATV, ORV, and Snowmobile Ordinance

All persons operating must have a valid motor vehicle license and provide proof of current registration and financial responsibility 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. As always, drive sober or get pulled over.

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

At the Library

Story time at the Library:
Story time will take place every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to hear the latest children's books, as well as, some favorite children's classics. After the stories we will do a themed craft for the kids to take home. Please call 712-332-2033 or stop by the library if you have any questions. Children of all ages are WELCOME!

Paint Night at the Library:
The Lakes Libraries will continue to offer monthly paint nights this fall and winter. Attendees of any skill level are invited to recreate a beautiful painting by following step-by-step instructions from the artist who created the original painting. All painting supplies are provided. Early registration cost is \$7.50 or \$15.00 if you pay the day of the event. Space is limited so be sure to sign up early!

Monday Morning Mah Jongg Club: The players meet at 9:30 a.m. every Monday morning in the library. 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.

Our library book club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The group has a wonderful list of books picked out for the 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 or join us at our next book club on Wednesday, October 11th.

The library continues to add new items daily. Whether you enjoy reading books, listening to audio books, or enjoying a movie; the library has something for everyone! Please stop in and check out all our new items and enjoy a cup of 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 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. Bags will not be picked up if there is garbage or other items in the bag.

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.

Snow Removal

***Town and Country Disposal will not empty commercial dumpsters if there is snow in front of or blocking the dumpster. Businesses are responsible for snow removal and ensuring the path is clear for the garbage trucks.

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.

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.

Recycling Changes

The City will be changing its recycling program. We will be starting a co-mingled cart system in December, 2017. Watch for a letter outlining the program.