

City of ARNOLDS PARK Newsletter

Spring Clean-Up Day

The annual Arnolds Park City Wide Clean Up is scheduled for **Monday, June 3**. 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 (VCRs, and other electronics) will be disposed of for \$10 each, flat-screen TVs are \$15 each, older model box-style televisions are \$25 each. All of these items require a sticker and you will need to purchase this sticker at City Hall prior to June 3 in order to get the discounted price. 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 3**.

Please be courteous 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 Street. The rates are \$35 a night with electricity and \$25 a night without electricity. Rates increase the week that includes July 4. 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 "A Universe of Stories!" We have many fun programs lined up, as well as, fantastic prizes! This summer is sure to be "Out of This World!"

June 5 at 10:00 a.m. - Summer Reading Program Kick-off Join us at the Okoboji Middle School gym for a free showing of a movie and popcorn. Kids will have the chance to vote on which movie we play during the month of May and the winner will be announced on May 31st.

We will also have Summer Reading Program sign-up sheets available for those who have not signed up, as well as, information on how to set your reading goals!

With the success of the food drive over the past two years we are hoping to once again fill the shelves at the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry. Anyone who is able to donate can bring in non-perishable items and the library staff will deliver the items to Upper Des Moines after the movie. Anyone bringing in two or more items will receive a bag of popcorn! Additional concessions will be available for a small fee. All proceeds will be donated to the Arnolds Park Library Foundation.

June 11 at 10:00 a.m. - The RAD Zoo's Out Of This World Animals The RAD Zoo of Minnesota will be joining us for a morning full of creepy, crawly, and slimy creatures. This interactive program will feature 10-12 reptiles and amphibians that live at the zoo. This program will be an informative, engaging, enjoyable experience for everyone (even for those who don't like creepy crawly things). The kids will have a new appreciation for these unique creatures and their "out of this world skills." At the conclusion of the presentation the kids will have the opportunity for a closer look at these amazing creatures and can even pet a few of them! Thank you to the Arnolds Park Library Foundation for making this program possible. ***Please note the change to Tuesday from Wednesday***

June 19 at 10:00 a.m. - Keith West and The Library Lady! Magician and Illusionist, Keith West and his assistant, The Library Lady will wow the crowd with their magic show entitled "A Universe of Stories". Be ready to be dazzled as Keith West brings the glitz and glam of Las Vegas magic right to our own library! Whether he's making objects float or making them disappear it's guaranteed that kids and adults will be entertained from beginning to end!

June 26 at 10:00 a.m. - Enter the Universe! Portable Planetarium See the wonder of our galaxy from the comfort of the library! Kids will explore the reaches of space in the portable planetarium. See constellations and stars while listening to the stories of stellar mythology. Due to limited numbers fitting into the planetarium at one time this program will be offered from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be available at the library for each session. A "Day to Create" station will be set up for the kids as they wait to "Enter the Universe"!

July 10 at 10:00 a.m. - Apollo 13 Movie- In celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the Apollo 13 mission we will be showing the movie "Apollo 13" in the Arnolds Park middle school gymnasium. This movie is free of charge. Concessions will be available for a small fee. All proceeds will be donated to the Arnolds Park Library Foundation.

July 17 at 10:00 a.m. - Absolute Science - Big Bang Bubbles Join us at the library as Absolute Science presents the biggest bubble show you've ever seen! We will explore the science behind bubbles, as well as, audience participation to see who can make the biggest bubble. Join us for an out of this world bubble popping show!

July 24 at 10:00 a.m. - Jump Rope Warrior David Fisher is a World Record Holder in jump roping and he will amaze and astound you! He has been on "America's Got Talent", "Ripley's Believe it or Not", "ESPN", "The Today Show", "Good Morning America" and now he is coming to the Arnolds Park Library to share his amazing show with us! You won't want to miss this one, especially his black light show! If you would like to stick around after the show David will host a Jump Rope clinic. Each participant can build a jump rope and learn cool tricks! The cost to participate in the clinic is \$5.00 per child.

In addition to these wonderful programs, all kids can be involved in our summer reading program. This year the kids will set a reading goal for themselves at the beginning of the summer. Each child will have an opportunity to spin our "wheel of prizes" and pick out a free book as they continue to work towards their reading goal. This year each participant who reaches their reading goal will receive a ticket to our "End of the Summer" star gazing party. This will include camp fires, s'mores, pizza, and of course looking at the stars!

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 morning at 9:30 a.m. whether you are a veteran player or wanting to learn, everyone is welcome!

Book Club: On the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 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!

Yoga: Several mornings during the summer we will be offering Yoga free of charge for patrons and their families. All ages and skill level are welcome! Please watch our Facebook page and newspaper for more information.

Funday Fridays: Day to Create: Please watch for more information for our "Day to Create" in the months of June and July. This program will include anything from cardboard, Legos, to 3D pens and more! It's sure to have the kids' imaginations going wild!

Paint Night at the Library: Attendees of any skill level are invited to join us at the library for step-by-step instruction from the artist who created the original painting. The cost is \$7.50 for participants which includes all supplies and snacks. Paint Night at the Library is sponsored by the Lakes Libraries.

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.

Renting of Residential Property

We have seen an increasing number of residential properties listed on AirBnB and other vacation rental sites. Please be aware that the minimum rental period differs depending upon what Zoning district property is located in. Property located in the (R-1) Single Family Residential, (R-2) Medium Density Residential, and (MH) Mobile Home & Manufactured Housing districts have a minimum rental period of thirty-one (31) days or one calendar month. Rentals by the week, weekend, or night are only allowed in the (R-3) Cottage Residential, (C-1) Downtown Commercial, (C-2) General Commercial - Mixed Use, (C-3) Highway Commercial, and (C-4) Resort Commercial districts. Regardless of location, all owners must provide enough off street parking for their tenants. A 180-square foot parking space is required for every three (3) persons of occupancy, or one (1) space for each bedroom. Failure to comply with the City Ordinance can result in a Municipal Infraction charge and fine for each day that the violation occurs. Please check with City Hall before listing your property for rent.

Projects

Prairie Lane Storm Sewer: Approximately 440 linear feet of storm sewer pipe is being replaced along the northwest section of Prairie Lane and the public access located in the area. Construction is expected to be completed by Memorial Day. Hulstein Excavating, Inc. out of Edgerton, MN is the contactor on this project.

Street Improvements: Five smaller street repair projects have been completed throughout the City. The replacement of Linden Drive between Hwy. 71 and Iowa Street was the larger of the projects. Hulstein Excavating, Inc. is also the contractor on this project.

Yard Waste & 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 weigh more than 75 pounds. Cut branches in 4 ft. lengths and bundle with a City bag attached. Yard Waste is picked up April through October (dependent on the weather.) If you need to dispose of yard waste outside of this time frame you will need to drop off your bags at the Dickinson County Recycling Center located at 2260 220th Street (A34) Milford. Charges may apply.

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

Beginning Memorial Day and continuing through Labor Day, garbage will be picked up on Mondays and Fridays. Collection begins at 7:00 a.m. If you do not

have your container out in time it will not be picked up until the next designated collection day.

Paint, lawn waste, or recyclables are not to be placed into the cart. Also, remember to place your carts at least five feet away from any structure (i.e. mailboxes, trees, cars.)

Recycling

City recycling is now picked up by Town and Country. Recycling must be placed in the correct container in order to be picked up. Town & Country will not pick up recycling in any other container or if it is mixed in with garbage.

The recycling no longer needs to be separated and can be co-mingled together. Curbside recycling days are the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Please contact City Hall if you would like to receive a recycling container at no charge. There are recycling bins located at 700 240th Ave. if you should miss the curbside collection.

Accepted recyclables include: cans (steel, tin, aluminum), plastic containers (bottles, tubs, jugs), flattened cardboard, paper (newspapers, office paper, junk mail, magazines, phone books). Shredded paper and plastic bags need to be bagged separately in clear plastic bags. **Do not recycle the following items:** Glass (bottles, jars), Styrofoam, ceramics, porcelain, baking glass, toys, clothes, shoes, rubber, waste & food, hazardous materials (paint, lead, glue, oil), electronics (TVs, keyboards, batteries, bulbs), furnace filters.

Please have containers out by 7:00 a.m. on pick-up day. If you do not have your container out in time it will not be picked up until the next designated pick-up day.

Appliances & Electronics

The City will pick up appliances and electronics at curbside year-round. 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, and Benit Drive will be sounded. Tests for these sirens are held every Wednesday at noon.

Utility Billing

Utility bills can be paid by cash or check at City Hall, online using a credit card at www.arnoldsparkcity.com, or taken out automatically of a checking or savings account. Please contact City Hall for more information on automatic withdrawal.

Wildcat Stadium Renovation

Arnolds Park residents driving by 74 Bascom Street will notice a "new look" at the former Arnolds Park High School baseball diamond, now owned by the City of Arnolds Park. Due to be completed by mid-May, Wildcat Stadium will feature a new infield made of Red Bell diamond aggregate - which is finely crushed limestone, new outfield fencing with a "Purple Monster" right field banner, as well as, new dugouts, pitching mound, bases, and numerous grounds improvements.

The project is a year-long dream by stadium renovation co-chairs, John Adams, Sr. of the Arnolds Park City Council and Tim Blankers of the Okoboji Little League. They have been aided immensely on the project by the direction of Rick Heinrichs, Director of Public Works for the City of Arnolds Park.

Financing for the project will come from hotel/motel tax revenues and from a \$15,000 2019 Minnesota Twins Field for Kids matching grant that the committee was awarded April 12, 2019. The Twins grant, made possible by the Twins Community Fund and Cornerstone Partners, Target, US Bank, Treasure Island Resort & Casino, and Delta, will be used for the new dugouts and field fencing.

Baseball and softball play will begin in mid-May at Wildcat Stadium with four nights of games weekly featuring the Okoboji Little League 7th and 8th grade baseball teams and the Okoboji Little League girls' softball. Saturday tournaments are planned throughout the summer.

Co-chairs Adams and Blankers stated that the goal of the project is to provide a first class athletic complex, as well as preserving the heritage of Arnolds Park athletics.