

City of **ARNOLDS PARK** Newsletter



Projects

Wildcat Stadium: A number of improvements were made to Wildcat Stadium this past spring thanks in part to a \$15,000 2019 Minnesota Twins Field for Kids grant that was awarded and received in April, 2019; and, hotel/motel tax revenues. The stadium now boasts a new infield made of Red Bell diamond aggregate, new dugouts, pitching mound, bases, and numerous other ground improvements. An additional grant in the amount of \$4,000 was awarded by the Iowa Lakes Electric Members Charitable Foundation. This grant will be used towards the purchase and installation of a new sprinkler system for the newly installed sod. Additional improvements for 2020 include the addition of a batting cage and maintenance shed. Wildcat T-shirts are available at City Hall to help fund improvements to the park.

Watermain & Street Improvements :
Elm Drive to Prairie Lane: Approximately 482 feet of watermain beginning on Elm Drive north of the Abbie Gardner Cabin and extending down Prairie Lane will be replaced yet this fall. Mill and overlay of Prairie Lane beginning at the north end and continuing south to West Okoboji Road; as well as an overlay of Miriam Lane and Circle Drive will be done in the spring of 2020. ABC Services out of Estherville, IA is the contractor on the watermain portion of the project. The street improvements portion of the project will be bid out later this year or early 2020.

Watermain Improvements – Minnewashta Beach Road: The City has contracted with ABC Services out of Estherville, IA to replace approximately 312 feet of watermain along Minnewashta Beach Road. The work is to be completed yet this fall.



Rentals

We are seeing 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.



Utility Billing

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



Sanitary Sewer

Over the summer the City has heard from several residents that have had sewer backup caused by disposable wipes. Please be aware that most of these products are not designed to be flushed.



ATV, ORV & 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 321I.

ATVs, ORVs, and snowmobiles are allowed to operate in the City from sunrise to midnight 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

Trunk or Treat in Arnolds Park: Business and individuals are invited to join us on Tuesday, October 29th from 5-7pm for the 2nd annual Trunk or Treat in Ar-

nolds Park. This year it will be held in the Arnolds Park Amusement Park parking lot. Businesses or individuals interested in participating can contact the library at 712-332-2033 to reserve your spot!

Story Time at the Library: Story time will take place every Tuesday at 10:30am. 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 and sensory play time. 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 \$10.00. Space is limited so be sure to sign up early!

Monday Morning Mah Jongg Club: The players meet at 9:30am 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.

Library Book Club: meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00am. 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 10th.

The library continues to add new items daily. Whether you enjoy reading books, listening to audio books, or watching 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. School is once again in session. Drive safely and keep an eye out for children. Remember when approaching a stopped school bus when the warning lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, you **MUST** stop and let the children enter and exit the bus safely. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping our children safe.

Winter is just around the corner. Please have an emergency travel kit in each vehicle, drive carefully and listen to weather forecasts. If you must travel during inclement weather, please allow extra time to get to your destination. All vehicles must be off City streets following a snowfall of 2 inches or more for snow

removal. If they are not removed, they will be ticketed and/or towed.

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 be an incident that involves your residence.

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



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 (available at City Hall and Arnolds Park Casey's), 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.