

CITY OF ARNOLDS PARK

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COVID-19

City Hall hopes that this newsletter finds all our residents healthy and well! With the everchanging guidelines of public health and safety, please feel free to contact City Hall directly at (712) 332-2341 with any specific COVID-19 related questions. Dickinson County Emergency Management, partnering with Lakes Regional Health Care has requested that seasonal residents quarantine for 14-days upon return; visit the Dickinson County Emergency Management website for additional information.



Spring Clean-Up Day

The annual Arnolds Park City Wide Clean-Up is scheduled for **Monday, June 1, 2020**. This is offered to all residents of Arnolds Park as a discounted way to dispose of items that are not collected during regular garbage pick-up. Please place small items in boxes or bags. White goods (appliances) and brown goods (electronics) will be disposed of for \$10 each; flat-screen TVs are \$15 each and older model box-style televisions are \$25 each. All of these items require a tag that can be purchased at City Hall prior to June 1. **Items must have a tag 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. Empty paint cans will be picked up if the can is dry and the top is off.

Please refrain from placing items curbside prior to the Saturday before the clean-up day. All debris, however, needs to be curbside and ready for pick up by **7:00 a.m. June 1.**

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.

Yard Waste and Open Burning

The City has proper disposal methods for yard waste and we ask that it never be blown into or placed on the streets, public roads, or neighboring lots.

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 Tuesdays**. The bags must not weigh more than 50 pounds. Cut branches in 4 foot lengths and bundle with a City bag attached. Yard Waste is picked up April through October (dependent on the weather.) City bags are available for purchase at City Hall and Casey's in Arnolds Park. 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 St. (A34) Milford, IA. 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.***

Projects

The City relies on hotel/motel income to fund a number of capital improvement projects each year. Due the current health crisis and uncertainty about the financial impact on tourism, the City will be postponing some of the upcoming 2020 Capital Improvement projects.

These projects include the pickleball courts and additional parking at Sawmill Park, parking and sidewalk improvements on West Broadway Street, storm sewer and public access improvements on 232nd Avenue, and the mill and overlay of Prairie Lane, Miriam Lane, Monument Drive, and Pillsbury Point Park Road. Over the course of the summer, re-evaluation will take place and some of these projects may completed yet this fall with the others pushed back to 2021.

Approximately 300 feet of the watermain on Minnewashta Beach Road was replaced last fall. All that remains for that project is the repair of the street. Approximately 482 feet of watermain beginning on Elm Drive north of the Abbie Gardner Cabin and extending down Prairie Lane remains scheduled to be replaced this spring. This project will continue as it needs to be completed before the mill and overlay of Prairie Lane can take place. ABC Services out of Estherville, IA is the contractor on both the Minnewashta Beach Road and the Elm Drive watermain projects.

Renting of Residential Property

The City has seen an increased 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, or taken out automatically of a checking or savings account. Please contact City Hall for more information on automatic withdrawal.

Police Department

As temperatures increase, so does the number of children and adults walking, cycling, rollerblading, etc. Please use the 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, please be courteous and use 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. Copies of the ordinances are available in City Hall or you may contact the Police Department with questions.

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 tourists to make Arnolds Park as safe as possible.

You can reach the Arnolds Park Police at 332-2227 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. After hours, please call the Communications Center at (712)336-2525; and for an emergency, call 911.

As always, if our department can be of service to you, please contact our office and we will do our best to assist you with your Law Enforcement needs.



Recycling

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. 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. **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. 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, batteries, keyboards, bulbs), furnace filters.



Garbage Collection

Beginning Memorial Day and continuing through Labor Day, garbage will be picked up on Monday and Friday. **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.)

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.

Campground

Governor Reynolds has mandated that all recreational camping is prohibited at this time. Once the restriction is lifted, overnight camping at the Minnewashta Campground, located at 7 Bascom Street, will be available on a first come first serve basis. The rates are \$35 a night with electricity and \$25 a night without, rates increase the week that includes July 4 to \$50 with electricity and \$40 without.

The City does not take reservations.

Severe Weather

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

Wildcat Stadium

Residents driving by 74 Bascom Street will notice an addition to the former Arnolds Park high school baseball diamond, now owned by the City of Arnolds Park. New this year is a play area to the North of the ball field and concession stand.



Library

With the library closed to the public the staff has been busy cleaning, organizing shelves, planning programming and putting the final touches on this year's summer reading program entitled "Imagine Your Story".

Due to restrictions on large groups and the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus all of our scheduled performers have chosen to cancel their shows for the safety of our families and themselves. With that being said, we WILL still have a summer reading program. While the program will look different than years past, we are embracing this opportunity to change things up and add some exciting new elements to the program. Please watch Facebook and the newspaper for more details.

New this year we will be partnering with the Milford Library to bring young adults a summer reading program. Each participant will have a punch card to earn extra prizes. A punch can be gotten by reading, visiting local attractions, volunteering, attending a program, or a combination of all. Look for more information coming in May!

Depending on the Governors recommendations the following programs may be available to the public. See the list below for exciting program opportunities and watch our website or feel free to contact the library for current updates:

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

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!

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 \$10.00 for participants which includes all supplies and snacks. Paint Night at the Library is sponsored by the Lakes Libraries.

Past Times

Second Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy and share stories of days gone by, learn about the history of our area, and meet new friends along the way!



Be sure to check out additional programming on our new website at www.arnoldsparklibrary.com.

