

CITY OF ARNOLDS PARK

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Utility Billing

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



Census

2020 Census – Be Counted!

The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation - who we are, where we live, and so much more. The results of this once a decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children. The results of the 2020 Census will inform decisions about allocating hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding to communities across the country; for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs, and other critical programs and services.

The 2020 Census asks a few simple questions about you and everyone living with you on April 1, 2020. Please complete your form online, by phone, or by mail. Visit my2020census.gov to begin.

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

Projects

Construction has begun on the addition of four pickleball courts and additional parking at Sawmill Park. Diamond Concrete was awarded the \$179,245 bid back in January, 2020; however, construction was delayed due to the COVID-19 health crisis and uncertainty of the financial impact that may result. The courts should be open for public use in the Spring of 2021.

A watermain project beginning on Elm Drive north of the Abbie Gardner Cabin and extending approximately 482 feet down Prairie Lane is nearly complete. Final cost on this project is \$68,593. This project was done in anticipation of the mill and overlay of Prairie Lane that has been pushed back to the Fall of 2021. ABC Services out of Estherville, IA was the contractor on the Elm Drive/Prairie Lane watermain project.



City Hall Hours

City Hall is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. With the public safety concerns due to COVID-19, please feel free to contact City Hall at (712) 332-2341 or via email at aphall@arnoldsparkcity.com for any questions or transactions that do not need to be handled in person.

Police Department

Fall has arrived and school is once again in session. Drive safely and keep an eye out for children. Remember, when approaching a stopped school bus, if 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.

We would like to take this time to remind all pet owners of the Leash Law in Arnolds Park. When animals are not on their own property, they must be on a leash and under the control of a competent person who has the animal on a maximum 10-foot leash. Please clean up after your pets. While on your property, all animals must be in a secure location away from electric, gas, and water meters. This will assure your meters are read properly.

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 two inches or more for snow removal. If vehicles 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 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After hours, you may contact the Dickinson County Communications Center at (712) 336-2525.

Winter Utility Shut Down

Every winter there are homes that have water lines freeze and break. In addition to water issues, the City has seen sewer back-up over the past several years. If a homeowner is leaving for a period of time, the home should be winterized. 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.

Garbage and Recycling

Beginning Labor Day residential garbage will be picked up only on Mondays. Commercial trash will be picked up Monday and Friday weekly. Recycling will continue to be picked up on the second and fourth Fridays each month. Please call City Hall with any questions regarding garbage and recycling.



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 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. ATVs 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 contact City Hall for a complete copy of this ordinance.

Rentals

Please be aware that the minimum rental period differs depending upon what Zoning district property is located in. Rentals by the week, weekend, or night are 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.



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. All vehicles must be off City streets following a snowfall of 2 inches or more for snow removal, if vehicles are not removed, they may be ticketed and/or towed.

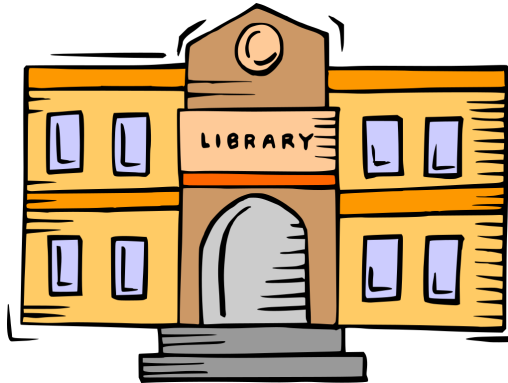
Library

Wow! What a strange summer! Due to the COVID-19 guidelines, our summer reading program looked very different and the library programming was suspended. The library was closed, however; the staff worked very hard to find a way to keep our patrons supplied with reading materials. Our curbside service was a huge success and we are so grateful for the loyalty our patrons have shown us this past summer.

While the Arnolds Park Library is not open yet, we are open to the public by appointment. Patrons can call the library (712) 332-2033 to set up a time to come in and check out books, read the newspaper, or use the computer. Appointments are scheduled for 30 minutes but can be scheduled for longer if needed.

We will continue to provide curbside service five days a week. Patrons can log into their account online and reserve books or call the library with a list and we will pick them out for you. Curbside service is available Monday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If these times do not work, please call the library and special arrangements can be made.

Thank you again to our patrons for your patience, understanding, and kind words as we navigate through the "new normal". Please continue to watch our Website, Facebook page, or newspaper for updates. We plan to open very soon!



Emergency Number

If you have an emergency on weekends or holidays, please call the Dickinson County Communications Center at (712) 336-2525.