

Town of Arcola

Dutch Elm Disease

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Dutch Elm Disease has been confirmed in town. We had a Municipal Inspector go around and mark all the trees that are diseased. There was a total of 13 diseased trees this year, with 7 being on the town boulevards. There are 2 more trees that our inspector was not 100% sure about, so branches have been sent away for tests and we should hear the results soon. There was also some elm firewood found in a back yard. We would like to remind residents of a few important facts with Dutch Elm Disease:

Dutch elm disease (DED) is caused by a fungus spread by tiny elm bark beetles that breed under the bark of dead or dying elm wood. If that wood contains the DED fungus, each new generation of beetles can infect healthy elms.

You can help prevent DED:

- Keep your own elm trees healthy;
- Don't prune elm trees from April 1 to August 31;
- If you see signs of DED, report them to your municipal authority;
- Don't buy, sell, store, transport or use elm firewood; IT'S ILLEGAL;
- Remove and dispose of the tree promptly if DED is confirmed;
- Basal spray healthy elms; and
- Support DED management in your community.



SAVE OUR ELMS

The Town will continue to Basal Spray all healthy elm trees to help prevent the repopulation of the beetles. With residents help of getting diseased trees out of Town as fast as possible we hopefully can stop this disease from taking all of our beautiful old elm trees.

If anyone would like more information on Dutch Elm Disease please stop by the Town Office.

School Speeding

As school is about to start up again, we would like to remind residents to slow down in the school zone.



In the months of July and August 6022 vehicles were caught speeding in the school zone, that's about 80% of vehicles. Some speeds clocked were 61, 62, 64 and high as 74km/hr. We realize school has been out for the summer but the speed limit is still only 25 km/hr in the school zone and 40 km/hr in all town limits.

Please slow down and keep our children safe.

Rink Renovations

You may have noticed some hustle and bustle at the Prairie Place Complex the last few weeks. The Prairie Place Board and contractors are busy undergoing some major renovations in the rink both upstairs and downstairs. They will be busy working to get everything finished before the upcoming hockey season starts. Stay tuned for updates!



We thank everyone that has donated money so far such as Arcola Buck Night and Arcola Co-op. This project has become more expensive as we go, so if anyone else is feeling generous and would like to donate some money please stop in the Town Office or talk to Board Chairman Cooper Ryan.

Town Staff News

Our Summer Students Dawson Birnie and Nicholas Singleton are now down for the summer. We would like to give both boys a huge thank you as they did a great job this summer! We wish them well as they both head away for school.



Town Council has purchased a new sweeper attachment for our loader. Our Maintenance Staff is excited to get out and clean all the streets. Our Foreman would just like to reminder residents to stay back at least 50 feet from equipment in use as there is blind spots.

Town Information

Events:

- September 5th- Back to School BBQ @ the School
- September 21st- Craft & Trade Show @ the Rink
- September 27th- United Church Fall Supper @ Prairie Place Hall
- October 5th- United Church Rummage Sale @ Church and Legion Hall
- October 14th- Thanksgiving
- October 17th- Creative Tables for Cancer @ Prairie Place Hall
- October 18th & 19th- MacMurray Theatre opens for the season
- October 19th- Celebrity Sports Dinner & Auction Fundraiser @ Prairie Place Hall
- October 21st- Federal Elections @ Prairie Place Hall



Reminders

- Don't forget to renew your dog and cat licenses. Dog and Cat licenses are to be filled out and bought every year. These are \$10 each. Please come with an idea of the date of vaccines, most specifically rabies. Once you have, we will give you a tag that is to be worn by your dog or cat at all times.
- Please be a responsible pet owner- Do not let your pets run free in town, and remember to pick up after them. We have had 4 different cases of pets running at large and being impounded in less than 2 weeks.
- If any residents have water and sewer bills that are outstanding, they will be sent an overdue letter stating when they have to be paid by, accompanied by a \$5 overdue fee. If not paid by that date, the Town can turn off the water until payment is received. There will also be a \$100 charge to turn the water back on as per our Bylaw 23-2013.
- The Town Office is open Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm. Can't make it in to make a payment- no problem. We are set up for online banking so you can pay from home at any time. Make sure to call or email the office to get the correct account number.
- Don't forget to like our Town of Arcola Facebook page to keep updated on everything going on in the Town as well as important updates from Town Council or Staff.

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