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Town of Arcola

Newsletter - March & April

Dutch Elm Disease

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.

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.

Living Tree Environmental will be back again this summer to inspect our community for Dutch Elm Diseased trees.

Just a Reminder When Making Payments

Please make sure that if you have moved within town to update your account numbers for your utility and tax accounts so when making payments through your bank they go to the correct accounts. Your old account number will not be the same as your new account number. Also, please include a house address if you are paying by E-Transfer. This will cause less confusion on our end when we post payments and making sure they get to the correct account.

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Yard Refuse Pick Up

The guys have started refuse pickup already. Our maintenance guys will be picking up any tree branches or bagged clippings/leaves every Monday morning until further notice.

We ask that you please put your branches and garden refuse on the curb. Also please tie or bundle branches neatly and make sure the bags and tree branches are not too large or heavy so that our maintenance guys can pick them up by hand.

Reminder: It is your responsibility to keep your property clean and esthetically pleasing. Ensure your grass is cut and weeds are taken care of, and remember to cut the grass along your fence, garage and up and around your property in the back alley as well.

Town Wide Garage Sale Day

The Town of Arcola will again be holding their Town Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, June 1st. We are just getting things organized, so watch for posters and details of how to register and have your address in the advertising.

Free Dump Day

The Town Council has designated **Saturday**, **June 8**, **2024** as free dump day. This means that from 9-12 pm on Saturday you can take all your garbage and large items to the landfill and not pay any fees! Please take advantage of this free dump day to clean up your yards. Reminder that we still do not accept tires or asphalt shingles.

SMAK Attack

The SMAK Attack is a friendly clean up competition between the towns of Stoughton, Manor, Arcola and Kisbey. Plans are getting under way and a date will be announced shortly. Watch for posters!

This means we will need *everyone* to do your part and make sure your property is cleaned up. Get your lawns mowed, trim your hedges, remove any unlicensed vehicles and clean up any garbage lying around. Don't forget the backside of fences, alley ways and garages.

Let's get our beautiful little community looking neat and tidy!

Summer Transfer Station Hours

Now that spring is upon us, we will be changing the landfill hours to summer ones as of **Tuesday, May 28**th (providing the landfill has dried up). They are as follows: *Please note the time change on Thursdays*.

Tuesdays: 1-2 pm, Thursdays: 4-7 pm, Saturdays: 9-12 Noon

Also, don't forget to bring cash or a cheque with you to pay. The waste disposal fees are as follows:

* Small utility trailers or trunk of vehicle	\$10.00 each
* 1/2 ton trucks & ½ ton trailers	\$25.00 each
* 1 ton trucks & single axle trailers	\$50.00 each
* 3 ton trucks, double axle trailers	\$100.00 each
* Chesterfield and carpets	\$20.00 each
* Love seats, chesterfield chairs and easy chairs	\$20.00 each
* Mattresses & Box Springs	\$15.00 each
* Fridges, stoves, washers (whites)	\$20.00 each
* Water heaters & small metal items	\$10.00 each

Please note that a \$5.00 administration fee is to be added to all accounts charged and not paid at time of disposal.

Arcola Recreation Updates

The second round of **Senior Chair Fitness** has been so much fun! A huge THANK YOU to Kim Wagner with Chair One Fitness for doing this extra session at no cost!

Pickleball is available in the rink now to anyone wanting to play from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. You can also go rollerblading or walking. Keep an eye out for a QR code to scan to see the days and times with availability. The \$5 drop-in fee or \$50 Season Pass (May-Sept) can be paid at the Town Office or put in the drop box on the rink kitchen door. This fee applies to pickleball, rollerblading, and walking.

We want to thank **Community Initiatives Fund** for granting us money to fund **Super Summer Kid's Camp** again to be held each Wednesday in August this summer. More details and registration forms will be posted on the Arcola Recreation Facebook page in the near future.

Arcola Public Library Updates

Library hours: Tuesdays: 9-1, 2-5, Wednesdays: 11-2, 3-7, Thursdays: 9-1, 2-5



Fair Board Info

Just a reminder of cleaning up after your dogs at the fairgrounds. Please either take your doggy bags home with you or please put them in the bins that have garbage bags in them. It is not a nice job to have to dig through bins with no bags to clean out.

Also, we are having some issues with dirt bikes and quads at the fair grounds tearing up the grass. Please respect the Fairgrounds property and grassed areas.

Fair is coming up on June 22nd, watch for upcoming details.

Upcoming Events

May 17th – Grad (at Prairie Place Hall)

June 1rd – Town Wide Garage Sale (watch for more info)

June 8th - Free Dump Day at the Transfer Station from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon (watch for more info)

June 22th – Fair (watch for more info)

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