

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 resident's 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 to Update Your Information

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. Don't forget to update your phone number with the town as well. We have lots of landline numbers that are no longer in service.

Yard Refuse Pick Up

The guys will start to pick up refuse come the beginning of May. Our maintenance guys will be picking up any tree branches or bagged clippings/leaves every Tuesday, 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 7th**. 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 14, 2025** as free dump day. This means that from 9 am to 12 noon, 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 with 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 27th** (weather providing and the landfill has dried up). The hours are as follows:

Please note the Transfer Station will not be open Thursdays this year.

Tuesdays: 1-3 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

Rink Season Wrap-Up

Prairie Place Arena has officially closed for the season. A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped make it a great one—volunteers, staff, and all the community members who came out to skate, play, and support local events. Your involvement keeps our recreation programs thriving!

Paint the Ice & Kitchen Celebration

Thank you to everyone who attended *Paint the Ice* and our *Kitchen Celebration*! These events were a great way to celebrate the season and showcase our updated rink kitchen.

A special thank you to **Cornerstone Credit Union** for their generous grant of **\$25,000**, which helped make this project a reality, and to **Harry and Debra Laurent** for their generous donation of the new rink kitchen cabinets. Your support means everything to our community!

Rink Lobby Seating Project

Thank you to everyone who generously donated towards the rink lobby seating project! We've reached our goal and are now in the process of purchasing beautiful new seats. We are so grateful for the support and for everyone who cares about improving our community and facility.

Ed Hanna Park Fundraiser

A huge thank you to **Blake and Stacy Brownridge** for allowing us to serve lunch at their recent farm equipment sale! Your generosity in donating the food and supporting this fundraiser, as well as your constant support to make Arcola a better place, means so much to us!

Thank you also to **Back Country Electric** for the use of their cooler as well as all the incredible volunteers who came out to help with this event. **All proceeds will go toward a new play structure at Ed Hanna Park**—a project we're very excited about!

Ongoing Programs

Walking and pickleball will continue in the hall throughout April. Once weather allows, we'll move these programs back to the rink side. Everyone is welcome—come stay active with us!

Communities in Bloom

We're excited to announce the formation of a *Communities in Bloom* committee! This group will be working on beautifying our town with new flowers, trees, and enhancements to our parks and public spaces.

If you are passionate about this, we are still looking for people to join us —if you'd like to get involved, text or call **306-575-6616**. Let's grow something beautiful together!

Kid's Camp is Back!

We're thrilled to share that we've once again received funding through the **Community Initiatives Fund** to host *Kid's Camp* this summer! Camp will run every **Wednesday in August**, offering fun, learning, and great memories for local youth.

Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to summer!

Arcola Public Library Updates

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

Check out their Facebook page for all the upcoming things going on at the library!

Upcoming Events

May 16th – Grad (at Prairie Place Hall)

June 7th – Town Wide Garage Sale (watch for more info)

June 14th – Free Dump Day at the Transfer Station from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon (watch for more info)

June 21st – Fair (watch for more info)

June ?? – SMAK ATTACK (watch for posters)

June 27th – FIREWORKS at Ed Hannah Play Park (watch for posters)

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