



City of Arnolds Park Newsletter Spring 2009



Clean Up Day

The annual Arnolds Park City-Wide Clean Up is scheduled for **June 1, 2009**. This is offered to all residents in Arnolds Park as a way to dispose of items that are not collected on regular garbage pick up. Please place small items in boxes or bags. White goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators) and brown goods (TV's less than 27", VCR, and



other electronics) will be disposed of for \$10 a piece and will have to have a sticker. TV's 27" and larger will be disposed of for \$15 each and a sticker. You will need to purchase this sticker at City Hall **prior to June 1, 2009**. 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 waste materials, such as oil, paint, insecticides, weed control products, etc.

Please place all debris curbside and have it ready for pick up by **8:00 a.m. on June 1, 2009**.

Projects

Sawmill Bridge: The bridge has been designed, and check plans are in the hands of DOT. Bid letting is scheduled for July, with work beginning in the fall. Completion of the bridge will be prior to Memorial Day 2010. The "opinion of probable cost" from Calhoun and Burns, Engineers is \$1,324,590, with \$1,000,000 of that coming from federal funding.

Maintenance Building: Work is progressing on the City's new building. The walls are up and the contractor is pouring the concrete floors. Completion is anticipated this summer.

Trails: Cedar Valley Corp is constructing Trails along Rohr Street from Henderson Woods east to 240th Ave. and along Linden Dr. from Hinshaw Bridge to 240th. These have been rough graded, and concrete will be poured in May.

City Property For Sale: The City purchased the property at the corner of Highway 71 and Linden Dr. The southern portion of the lot will be used to widen the intersection of Linden Dr., and the remainder of the property will be sold. Three buildings have been

demolished, and the remaining house is to be moved off in May. There remains approximately 175 feet of Highway 71 to be sold.

Concession Stand: The concession stand at the Little League Diamond is nearly complete. There is very little work to be done. What a great improvement over the old stand.

Water Plant Upgrade: The Cities of Arnolds Park and Okoboji are co-owners in the Central Water System. A major upgrade in the water plant is anticipated over the next two or three years, necessitated by Changing Standards from the Iowa DNR for water treatment, as well as the need for increased capacities to meet the growth of the communities. The plant that is presently being used was designed to take care of the Cities' needs for 20 – 25 years and was built in 1978.

The initial work is being done by Valley Contracting, which involves new intake lines from the lake to the water treatment plant. The remainder of the project will be bid later this spring. This will necessitate an increase in water rates over the next couple of years with the initial increase being anticipated in July of '09.

Rental Concerns

We have been seeing some confusion concerning rental properties. Most of the homes in our community are "single family homes". This means that they are occupied and can be occupied on an ownership basis or rental basis by one family. A family is defined as no more than three people related by blood or marriage.

Secondly a single family dwelling cannot be divided into two or more rentals, example is a family renting the upper and lower levels to different families, unless they are in the proper zone, have enough square footage, and have enough parking to support such a use.

Finally, homes cannot be rented by the week or weekend, or time-shared unless, again, they are in the proper zone, have enough square footage on the lot, and have enough parking.

Please check with the City offices if you are considering changing the use of a single-family home.

At the Library

Come to the new story hour at the library! Beginning on May 15 the library will have a Friday morning story hour each week at 10:00 AM. All children are invited. Call the library for more information: 332-2033. An appreciation of books is one of the best things you can pass on to a child.

The library has computers for the public, along with a printer and copier. It is also a hotspot if you prefer to bring in your own laptop.

Newspapers available at the library include the Wall Street Journal, the Sioux City Journal,

the Des Moines Register, and the Sheldon NW Iowa Review. There are 50 magazines to choose from - and we welcome suggestions on new magazine titles to add.

The newest display at the library is webkinz, displayed by Mallory Gibson and Stephanie Sauter. Stop in and see how cute it is.

And one more thing...the library will be selling all of the videotapes in a few weeks. If you'd like a heads-up when that happens, call us at 332-2033, and leave your name and phone number.

The library is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; and 10 a.m. to Noon on Saturday.

Police Department

As temperatures increase, so does the number of children and adults walking, cycling, roller blading, 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 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 our tourists to make Arnolds Park as safe as possible.

You can reach the Arnolds Park Police at 332-2227 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. After hours, please call the Communications Center at 336-2525; and for an emergency, call 911.

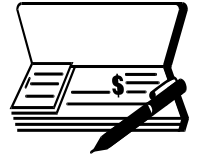
As always, if our department can be of service to you, please contact our office and we will do our best to assist you with your Law Enforcement needs.

Utility Billing

In order to receive the discount on your water, sewer, and garbage bill, payment must be received in our office by 5 p.m. on the day that they are due.

The City has the ability to directly deduct the utility bills from checking accounts at any bank. You would still receive a bill at your home stating paid by bank.

Utility bills are billed quarterly; or for your convenience, you may change to annually. Just contact City Hall if you would like either of these changes.



Garbage Collection

Beginning Monday, May 25, residential garbage will be picked up twice a week, with those days being Monday and Friday.

All garbage must be in City Bags and set at the curb. City Garbage Bags may be purchased at City Hall, Casey's, and Great Spirits Wine and Liquor in Arnolds Park, Buy Rite Foods in Milford, and HyVee in Spirit Lake.

Yard Waste Disposal

As a service to the citizens of Arnolds Park, yard waste is collected curbside on Tuesdays. This is a service

that many communities do not offer.

In order for us to continue to provide this service we ask that you abide by the following guidelines. The yard waste must be in City bags, tied shut, and at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on collection days. **Do not double bag any yard waste.** Yard waste that is double bagged or placed in any other type of container, including black or brown garbage bags, will not be picked up. Branches will be picked up as long as they are cut in 4-foot lengths and bundled together with a City bag attached.

If instead you choose to burn, any yard waste you burn on your property, must originate on your property. **Yard waste cannot be burned on City property, placed or blown on street right of ways, public roads, or neighboring lots.**

Fire Department

The Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire and Rescue members would like to thank everyone who attended our 32nd Annual Pancake Feed. We had a great turnout for both Friday night and Saturday morning and the support the community shows us through their attendance and donations is very much appreciated. Boy Scout Troop 170 from Milford once again assisted us with our fundraiser cooking up the delicious

pancakes and as always did a great job.

If you were unable to make it to our fundraiser, but still would like to make a donation, please send your donation to: Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire and Rescue, PO Box 437, Arnolds Park, IA 51331 or drop it off at either city hall.

As always, if you are a citizen of Arnolds Park or Okoboji and would like to know more about joining the fire department please contact the office at 712-332-5260 and leave a message and one of our members will contact you with information as well as how to obtain an application.

Thank you from the members of the Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire and Rescue.

Curbside Recycling

Recycling is one of the best ways for you to have a positive impact on the world in which we live. Recycling is important to both the natural environment and us.

All recyclable items must be clean and separated before being placed in the recycling containers. Make sure all recycling is in the recycling containers and not stacked beside them.

Recycling is collected curbside on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month. If you should happen to miss the curbside collection, you may take your recycling to the recycling bins next to the water tower on Dewey Street.

Styrofoam is not a recyclable item in the City of Arnolds Park; please do not place Styrofoam in the residential bins or the community bins located on Dewey Street.

Parks & Campgrounds

Be sure to stop and enjoy the City Parks that Arnolds Park has to offer. Sawmill Park is located on Rohr Street.

Overnight camping is available on a first come first serve basis at the city campground two blocks east of the Amusement Park on Broadway Street; and also at the city campground on Minnewashta on Bascom Street. The rates are \$20 per night with electricity and \$15 per night with no electricity. The City does not take reservations.

If walking, biking, or skating is your thing, come out and enjoy the Spine Trail that runs from Spirit Lake to Milford. Take in the sights and sounds that nature has to offer.

Iowa One Call

Iowa law requires that any person, homeowner, professional, public, or private entity, planning to engage in any form of excavation within the state of Iowa, must notify the Iowa One Call notification system, **at 1-800-292-8989 or 811, at least 48 hours prior to excavating.**

