

City of Arnolds Park

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ATV, ORV, and Snowmobile Ordinance

The City recently passed an ordinance allowing ATVs, ORVs, and snowmobiles to operate on City Streets.

All persons operating must have a valid motor vehicle license, provide current proof of financial responsibility, and provided proof of registration as required by the Iowa Code Chapter 3211.

ATVs, ORVs, and snowmobiles are allowed to operate in the City from sunrise to sunset except for emergency situations or for loading or unloading from a transport trailer. ATV's 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.

Please stop by or contact City Hall for a complete copy of this ordinance.

City Hall Open House

City Hall will be having an open house on Friday, December 12, from 9:00am- 3:00pm. We will be serving fresh baked cookies and apple cider. We invite everyone to join us for goodies and conversation.

Projects

Main City Park:

Work on the new shelter house should be completed in November. Bids will be going out for pedestrian walk ways, lighting and parking this winter, anticipating spring construction. The shelter will be available for use in the spring of 2015, even if some of the amenities are not finished.

Highway 71 Sidewalk:

Construction of the sidewalk along the east side of highway 71 along Emerald Hills Golf

Course is complete. Construction was finished earlier this year.

Lakeshore Drive:

Construction on the north portion of Lake Shore Drive has begun, and will be completed this fall. This will conclude the street reconstruction for its entire length.

Emerald Hills Drainage:

Plans for drainage improvements on the North end of Emerald Hills Golf Course are planned in the near future. With the construction of a detention area with more capacity, and the addition of rain gardens, overflow in heavy rain events should be cut to a minimum. This will affect Highway 71 in the area of Oak Hill. The rain gardens will clean the water going to West Okoboji Lake during the times of lighter rain.

Street Lights- 240th Avenue

New lights will be going in along 240th Avenue near the cul-de-sac at Bridges Bay Resort. This work should be completed this fall.

No Feed Ordinance

The City Council is receiving complaints concerning the number of feral cats that are currently in town.

Representatives of the Humane Society of Northwest Iowa will be present at the November 12th Council meeting to discuss a spaying/neutering program they plan to initiate. The Council will be discussing limits that could be placed on uncontrolled feeding of wild animals at the November 12th council meeting as well.

At the Library

The Arnolds Park Library saw a few changes this summer. Long time librarian Sue Sup retired after 28 years of service and the Arnolds Park Library Board welcomed new board member Mitch Brown of Okoboji.

Even with a few changes the Arnolds Park Library is continuing to offer great service to our library patrons.

Our coffee bar is available to all patrons for a donation of \$0.50. In addition to offering many types of coffee and tea, we will be serving apple cider and hot chocolate through the fall and winter months.

The library recently joined a program that allows new books and DVDs to be available at the library the day they come out! If you can't wait to read your favorite author's next book be sure to check out the Arnolds Park Library for the newest book release.

Our DVD collection has been updated with some of the most popular movies and television shows. Our collection now includes full series of: Scandal, Revenge, The Big Bang Theory, New Girl, Breaking Bad, Castle,

The Mentalist, The Blacklist, How I met your Mother, Grey's Anatomy, and Longmire. DVD's are available for a two week check-out period. This will give our patrons a chance to catch up on their favorite TV shows.

Our children's, junior's, and young adult sections have also been updated with new books and magazines.

Please stop in to see all the exciting new changes at the Arnolds Park Library.

Police Department

Fall has arrived and the new school year is well under way. In an effort to keep all our kids safe, we are asking that everyone use caution when approaching a stopped school bus from either direction. When the warning lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, you MUST stop and allow the children to enter or exit the school bus safely. Whether a school bus is picking up or dropping children off on either a two-lane road or three-lane highway, you must stop when the warning lights are activated. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping our school children safe.

We can tell by the falling temperatures, that winter will soon be here. We would like to take this time to remind everyone of a few things:

- Keep your sidewalks free of snow and ice. This is the responsibility of the property owners in both the residential and business districts.
- During snow removal, do not park, abandon, or leave unattended vehicles on any public street, alley, or City owned off-street parking area unless the snow has been removed or plowed

from said street, alley, or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. Any vehicles left on City streets following a snowfall of 2 inches or more will be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense whether or not a snow emergency has been declared by the City.

- Keep a Winter Emergency Kit in your car. You never know when or where you may become stranded.
- Drive Carefully. Please allow extra time to reach your destination and use caution when traveling on wet or snow covered roads.

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 been an incident that involves your residence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the police department at 712-332-2227.

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, tied shut, and placed at the **curbside by 7:00 a.m.** on collection days.

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.

Winter Utility Shut Down

Every winter there are homes that have water lines freeze up and break. In addition to water

issues, we have seen sewer back-ups over the past several years. If a homeowner is leaving for a period of time, the water to the house should be shut off. 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.

Recycling

Shamrock is now picking up recycling at local businesses. If you wish to have them pick up

recycling at your business you must contact them directly to set up a separate billing account. Local business recycling cannot be billed through utilities at City Hall. You may reach Shamrock at 712-922-4172.

Emergency Number

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