

City of Arnolds Park

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Ron Walker will retire after 35 years as City Administrator

An open house honoring Ron Walker will take place at the Arnolds Park City Hall, 156 N. Hwy 71, on June 26, 2015 at 3:00- 5:00 p.m.

Ron will retire from his full-time position effective June 30, 2015. During Ron's tenure he has been the key-player in many City improvements and accomplishments.

Wanda Thielen, Deputy City Clerk, will be assuming the role of City Clerk effective July 1, 2015. The City will not be filling the full time position of City Administrator at this time.

Clean Up Day

The annual Arnolds Park City-Wide Clean Up is scheduled for **June 1, 2015**. 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 (flat-screen televisions, VCRs, and other electronics) will be disposed of for \$10 a piece and will have to have a sticker. Sofa-sleepers and all other

TV's will be disposed of for \$20 each and a sticker. You will need to purchase this sticker at City Hall **prior to** June 1, 2015; 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 refrain from placing items curbside before Saturday prior to clean up day. All debris, however, needs to be curbside and ready for pick up by **7:00 a.m. on June 1, 2015**.

This is a good opportunity to get everything cleaned up and looking nice outside your home.

Campground

Overnight camping is available on a first come first serve basis at the Boater's Access City campground located on Minnewashta at 7 Bascom Street. The rates are \$35 per night with electricity and \$25 per night with no electricity. The City does not take reservations.

Building Numbering

The City of Arnolds Park has an ordinance that requires the owner to **install and maintain the building number on the principal building of each lot.**

The building number must be easily seen from the street. The figures must also be no less than 2 ½" in height and of a contrasting color with the background.

If you fail to comply with this ordinance, the City may proceed to place the assigned number on the principal building and assess the costs against property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

Having a visible building number makes it much easier for the police department, the fire department, medical personnel, and city crews to find your home during an emergency.

If you are unsure what your building number is, please check with City Hall.

Reminder

It is illegal to connect sump pumps, yard drains and/or eve spouts into the sewer lines.

Projects

Main City Park:

The new shelter house was to be completed by November of 2014. Due to the early winter, however, work on the building was suspended. The contractor should finish construction by the end of May.

Work on the rest of the project, that being walkways, lighting, parking lot, basketball court and rain gardens will begin this spring, as weather allows, and is to be completed by July 1, 2015. Beck Excavating of Spirit Lake was awarded the bid for this work with a total cost of \$326,777.98.

Total cost of this project will be around \$900,000 and has been funded in conjunction with the Okoboji Tourism Committee with a \$25,000 commitment each year for 10 years; and a REAP grant from the DNR in the amount of \$75,000.

Emerald Hills Drainage:

Drainage plans are complete for improvements on the north end of Emerald Hills Golf Course. Water presently runs, during heavy rains, from the Emerald Hills subdivision and from North Emerald Hills, onto the golf course, and finally along the east side of the old railroad grade and onto Highway 71 near Stone Fountain Condominiums. Cohr's Construction of Lake Park was awarded the bid at a cost of \$114,117.

This project will create a detention area to hold some of the volume of water coming

toward the highway and a series of bio-swales that will treat water going into the storm sewer and ultimately into West Lake Okoboji . Funding in part for this project will come from a Water Quality Grant and from the Dickinson Soil and Water Conservation District.

Monument Dr. Water Improvements:

A bid was awarded to ABC Construction of Estherville for a new section of water main to be installed in Monument Dr., from Okoboji Grove Road to Miriam Lane near the Abbie Gardner Cabin. Cost of this project is \$32,924.50; which is to be completed by July 1, 2015.

Benit Dr. and Emerald Dr.

Engineering has been done on Benit Dr. and Emerald Dr. This project will include the replacement of some of the curb sections in the area, as needed; and milling and overlaying of the asphalt surface. Total cost to the City has been projected to be approximately \$165,082.

At the Library

We are excited to announce our new summer children's programming entitled, A "Superhero" Summer, Different Heroes, Different Stories. The program will kick off on Wednesday, June 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Children of all ages are welcome and there is no cost to participate in the program.

June 3rd at 10:00 a.m.- Be a Hero, Save the Planet: There's a Zoo in the Library! The Blank Park Zoo from Des Moines will be joining us for a fun program about the many plants and animals all over the world that need our help. Animals from the endangered species list will be joining us to share their stories and help teach us to be backyard heroes! Come enjoy this wonderful program and meet these heroic animals. A huge thank you goes out to the Arnolds Park Library Foundation for making this program possible!

June 10th at 10:00 a.m.- Travel Back In Time: Heroes throughout History: Join us as we travel back in time to meet heroes from ancient Rome to the Heroes of the 21st century. The kids will then make their very own superhero to display in the "Hall of Superheroes". Afterwards, it's time to sit back with a bag of popcorn and watch these heroes in action with the movie, "A Night at the Museum".

June 17th at 10:00 a.m.- Meet Our Community Superheroes: The local fire department and police department will be joining us for a morning of "superhero" fun! Kids will have the opportunity to ride in the fire truck, explore the new police vehicle and learn valuable skills (like how to use a fire extinguisher) from our community's finest heroes. As a special treat John Adams will be joining us with everyone's favorite Superdog, Savvy! Kids will have an opportunity to pet Savvy and

listen to her extraordinary tales of helping people throughout our community. The firemen will also have the grills going and hotdogs and chips will be served around 11:00 a.m.

June 24th at 10:00 a.m.- Be a Hero, Save a Butterfly: The Dickinson County Nature Center will be visiting the library to help us plant our own Butterfly Garden. Monarch butterflies are in need of our help! Butterflies need a safe place to rest their wings during their long migration back north. Unfortunately, their natural habitats continue to be destroyed. Everyone will have the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and dig in as we create a safe environment for the butterflies. Each child will get to bring home their own butterfly garden to plant and watch throughout the summer!

In addition to these wonderful programs we will be having our weekly reading program. The kids will keep track of the books they have read and will bring their reading log to the library. Each week the kids will get to spin our "Wheel of Fortune" for a chance at an extra "superhero" prize as well as pick out a free book to take home as a reward for all their hard work!

Please watch for information sent home with your child at school, in the newspaper, or stop by the library to pick up a flyer and sign-up sheet. We hope to see you this summer!

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 police department would like to take this time to remind all pet owners that they must have their pets, especially dogs, contained on their property at all times. When walking animals, they must be on a leash; dogs should not be running at large. **All animals must be in a secure location away from electric, gas, and waters meters. This will assure your meters are read properly.**

If you are going to be using ATV's or golf carts this summer please make sure you are aware of all the rules and regulations. Copies of these ordinances are available at City Hall or you may contact the Police Department with questions at any time.

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 9 a.m. to 4:30 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.

Garbage Collection

Beginning the week of Monday, May 25, 2015 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 Boonedocks, in Arnolds Park and Hy-Vee in Spirit Lake.

The City will pick up white goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators) and brown goods (TVs, VCR, and other electronics) curbside and dispose of them for you. Prior to pick up by the City, you will need to purchase a sticker at City Hall. Prices range from \$15 to \$35 depending on the item and size.

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.

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 community recycling bins. These recycling bins are located at the City maintenance building at 700 240th Avenue (just east of Pelican Ridge).

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.

City Hall Hours

As we approach our busiest time of the year we wanted to remind everyone of City Hall's hours of operation. We are open Monday thru Friday 9:00 am-12:00 noon and from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. The office will be closed from 12 noon until 1:00 pm for staff lunches.

The City office will be closed June 29-30 for the Fiscal Year end.

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.

We are currently in the process of acquiring software that will allow us to take Debit/Credit cards and for you to make payments on-line. We hope to have this in effect by the end of summer.

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.**