



Town of Argos Newsletter

The Argos Town Council holds meetings at 7:30pm on the First and Third Wednesdays of each month. The public is always welcome and we encourage community participation in local government.

The Office of the Clerk-Treasurer

The Clerk's Office is your main source of information and service with a friendly staff. This newsletter was designed with *you* in mind so please keep it as a handy reference.

Building Permits– These permits are needed for the following: New Structures, Remodeling, Garages, Accessory Buildings, Fences, Signs and Electric Upgrade. The cost per permit varies.

Yard/Garage Sale Permits– These permits are available for \$1.00 and are good for a 1 to 3 day sale. Please remove all signs once the sale is over.

Pet tags are required for both cats and dogs age six months and older. You must bring current vaccination records. Tag prices: Spayed/Neutered- \$2, Non Spayed/Neutered- \$10. Senior Citizens pay \$1 for Spayed/Neutered pets. Dog owners are to keep their pets on a leash and clean up after them while on a walk. Please note that your pet, when outside, needs to be on a leash or fenced in area on your property.

Utility bill payments can be paid by cash, check or money order. We now accept Debit/Credit cards. A convenience fee is charged for this service. For more information, please contact the clerk's office. You may sign up for ACH payments by contacting our office. For your convenience, there is a secured night drop box on the east side of the building for any payments.

Reconnect fees for non-payment shut-offs is \$40.

Golf Cart Registration– Per Ordinance #2007-11 you will need to register your golf cart with the Argos Police Department. Bring your proof of insurance and valid driver's license.

Are you planning an event? The Argos Community Building (B&R) is available for rent. The facility has a full kitchen, restroom, and plenty of tables and chairs for a group of 65 or less. The cost of rental is \$75 plus a \$100 refundable deposit. Make your reservations early to ensure availability.

Important numbers

Clerk's Office
892-5717

Argos Police

Non-Emergencies
892-5122

Fire Department
Non- Emergencies
892-5995

EMS Department
Non-Emergencies
892-6887

Electric Department
892-4782

Water Department
892-5717 ext. 235

Wastewater Department
892-5878

Election Day

Election day is Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Polls are open 6am- 6pm.

Come on out and make your vote count!!!

Halloween

Trick or Treat will be Monday, October 31st from 5-7pm.

Remember to turn on your porch light for all the little ghouls and goblins.

Electric Department

Argos Electric is committed to providing you the best quality service. Power outages are rare and usually caused by dangerous winds and storms and the occasional curious critter. If you experience a power outage during office hours call 892-5717 or after hours at 892-5122.

To save energy costs turn off & unplug anything not in use such as lights, toasters, plug-in air fresheners, phone chargers, game chargers, battery chargers, power adaptors, etc. Also, changing appliance filters regularly helps to cut electric usage.

Consider replacing your old light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's). If your compact fluorescent light bulb burns out, please bring it to the Clerk's Office and we will properly dispose of it for you. **Please be aware that CFL bulbs do not work properly in dimmer switch lights. You will need to use regular incandescent bulbs.

Be sure to visit our website at www.townofargos.com and click on the "Energy Calculator". This is a great tool to help you save valuable energy.

Indiana Municipal Power Agency is our electric power supplier. We encourage you to visit their helpful website at www.impa.com.

Security Lights are available for rent. Please contact the Clerk's office for further information.

Please keep your meter base clear of overgrown landscaping and any other items, so we can properly maintain and read your meter.



Protect You and
Your Family.

Call Before You
Dig.
1-800-382-5544
Or 811

Think Safety on
all Outdoor

Water Department

Leaks are not always heard or seen especially if it is a slow leak. It doesn't take very long for any leak to increase your water bill. After the winter months you should check indoor and outdoor faucets, toilets, water heaters, softeners, water pipes in crawls and basements.

The Water Department will be flushing hydrants around the **last 2 weeks of October** which could cause temporary brown water from your faucets. Just run the water for a few minutes until it is clear.

October 1st billing (August 15- September 15 readings) is the last bill that will include a sprinkling credit. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the Clerk's office.

Wastewater Department

The Wastewater Department would like to remind you to NOT put grease, pesticides or any harsh chemicals down the drain.

If you have a sump pump make sure that it is not attached to the sewer system.

Please refrain from flushing diapers, sanitary napkins, personal hygiene products or any other paraphernalia in the toilet.

Sign up for text and email alerts specific to our community at www.nixle.com. This is a great tool to receive information for school closings, boil order alerts, weather advisories and much more. These alerts and emails are sent by local and county agencies.

Street department

It is that time of year for fall yard work . The Street Department strives to help the citizens of Argos to keep the Town looking it's best.

Yard debris is picked up on Mondays at the curb. Please have it out by 7am. All debris needs to be in containers that can be easily dumped by one person. Please do not put trash, metal, limbs or excess soil in the containers. Any debris placed in garbage bags will NOT be picked up.

We now have a place for residents to put yard waste if you would like to clear your dumpables prior to the pick-up date. It is located on the West side of the office. Please use the bin closest to West St.

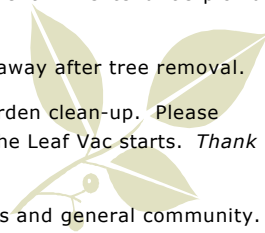
Per ordinance, your grass should not exceed 6 inches in length and we ask that you do not mow your grass onto the street as this will cause storm drainage issues during hard rains.

Please pile all limb trunks facing the same direction to make wood chipping quick and safe. During times of windy weather when there are more than the normal amount of limbs down, the Street Department will extend it's pick up policy over several days.

It is the homeowners responsibility to make their own arrangements to have limbs hauled away after tree removal.

The Leaf Vacuum truck is tentatively scheduled to begin mid-October for leaves, grass & garden clean-up. Please place yard waste at the curb, not on the street. Please use your dumpable container until the Leaf Vac starts. *Thank you!*

Please keep snow & ice removed from your sidewalks to make it safe for postal carriers, kids and general community. *Thank you!*



Emergency Services

The Town of Argos is blessed with a fine Police force and a tireless group of dedicated Fire and Ambulance volunteers. They all serve and protect our community, so please make sure the address numbers on your home or rental are clearly marked. Address numbers are to be not less than 3 inches in height and in a location clearly visible from the nearest street.

Argos has many narrow streets making it difficult for emergency vehicles to maneuver easily. Our zoning ordinance requires that each residence have 2 (two) off-street parking spaces. These parking spaces must be paved or stoned. We ask that you avoid parking on these narrow streets whenever possible so that our Emergency Services can reach their destination quickly & safely.

The Fire Department would like to remind you to replace the batteries in your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors every 6 months.

Should you have any questions regarding Ambulance Billing, please contact Candi at the Clerk's Office.

Argos Fire and EMS are always looking for a few good men and women.

Applications are available at the Clerk's Office.

Argos Parks & Recreation

We are very proud of our parks. Memorial Park on South Michigan Street is a nice place to have a picnic while the kids play. Our ever expanding Community Park now extends from Marshall Street to State Road 10. Kudos to the Park Department, Argos Parks & Recreation Board and Pat Brown, engineer for SITESCAPES, for a great job finishing the Argos Community Park. Feel free to enjoy the walking trails and sledding hill this winter. Please help us keep it clean & vandalism free for all to enjoy!! *Thank you!*

Park pavilions can be rented for your family reunions or other gatherings. Call the Clerk's office for available dates.



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ARGOS IN 46501

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Allied waste - garbage & recycling services

>> Fall Large Item Clean-Up will be on Wednesdays, October 5th and 19th. Appliances must be tagged showing that the chemicals have been removed. No Construction materials or Electronic items will be picked up.

Allied will only collect bagged trash placed in the blue trash tote. You may call 574-842-4768 to exchange for a smaller container or to rent an extra one. You may also call this number if your trash tote becomes severely damaged.

Recycling significantly reduces the amount of weekly garbage. Recycling things like cereal boxes, junk mail, newspapers, plastic bottles (beverage/laundry/shampoo/milk containers/ etc.), soup cans, aspirin & vitamin bottles, Kleenex boxes and so on. The list of recyclable items is extensive. Recycling is easy to do and saves valuable space for real trash.

The trash totes & recycle totes have serial numbers and belong to Republic Services. They are assigned to specific addresses and must remain on the property even if you move to another location. If your container is stolen we ask that you report this to the Argos Police Department so that it can be replaced. Please call the Clerk's Office as soon as possible if your trash or recycling was not picked up or if your Tote was damaged.

Your trash tote is to be placed at the curb with the metal bar facing the street. If there is parking on your street, make sure there is at least 3 feet of space on each side of the tote and nothing in front.

Ordinance 2007-9 explains that trash containers can be placed at the curb the evening *before*, or by 5am the day of collection and then pulled back to your residence the evening *of* collection day. This helps in keeping our town looking great.

Please understand that Dumpsters are NOT for personal use. They are for the businesses that rent them. *Thank you!*

Certain Holidays may interrupt collection on Wednesdays so we will post this information on our electronic sign. You may also call the office to find out.