

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 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- The 2010 Pet Tags are here. 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.
- Utility bill payments can be paid by cash, check or money order. You may sign up for ACH payments by contacting our office. Debit and Credit cards are not accepted at this time. For your convenience, there is a secured night drop box on the east side of the building.
- Reconnect fees for non-payment shut offs increased from \$25 to \$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.

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
7:30am to 4:00pm

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

THE 2010 CENSUS

You may have already received your 10 question questionnaire from the U.S. Census and if you have filled it out and returned it then we thank you. We cannot stress enough the importance of getting the most accurate count of people living in our community. Each person counted equals much needed money for our town from state and federal sources. This money is used to fund needed services that we all use plus it directly effects new and continued businesses coming and staying in our town. The questionnaire is designed to count *all* people without discrimination including non-citizens. If you need help or have questions, please call our office or contact the Argos Public Library for further assistance.

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 please call 892-5717 and 892-5122 after hours.

To save energy costs turn off anything not in use such as lights, toasters, plug-in air fresheners, phone 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). We usually have coupons for CFL's in our office. If your compact fluorescent light bulb burns out, please bring it to the Clerk's Office and we will properly dispose for you.

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.



Protect You
and Your
Family

Call Before You
Dig

1-800-382-5544

Think Safety on
all
Outdoor
Projects

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 end of March which could cause temporary brown water from your faucets. Just run the water a minute or two until it is clear.

Sprinkling credits on your bill go into effect starting with the July 1ST billing and will end with the October 1ST billing.

Please notify the Clerk's Office when filling your pool. The Fire Department does *not* provide pool filling service.

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.

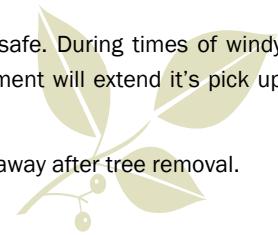
Please refrain from flushing diapers, sanitary napkins or any personal hygiene products in the toilet.

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 to get back to yard work and gardening. 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 and Tuesdays at the curb. 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.
- 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.



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 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 can be paved or stoned. We ask that you avoid parking on these narrow streets whenever possible or so that our Emergency Services can reach their destination 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 and excited about the things to come. 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. There is a sledding hill, nice walking trails and a pond. In the future, the pond will be stocked for fishing and 2 piers added. No swimming or boats allowed. Whether you enjoy walking the trails, rooting for your team, or playing with the kids at the playground, there is always outdoor fun at the park.

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

It's time for Spring Cleanup! Allied Waste will be picking up large items on April 7th and April 21st. Freezers, air conditioners and refrigerators must be tagged showing that the Freon has been removed. No construction materials please.



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A L L I E D W A S T E - G A R B A G E & R E C Y C L I N G S E R V I C E S

We have been working closely with Allied Waste in the transition of the newly provided blue trash totes. As with any change, there have been a few bumps along the way. The following should help answer many of the questions you may have:

- 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. You may use your old trash can for a recycling container but it will need to be marked as recycling. Please stop by the Clerk's Office to pick up a recycling decal.
- The trash 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 if your trash or recycling was not picked up.
- 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 are to be placed at the curb the evening *before* collection day and then pulled back to your residence the evening *of* collection day. This helps in keeping our town looking great.
- 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.