



2022 Spring
Issue

UPDATES FOR OUR TOWN

The Argos Town Council passed two ordinances at their February 16, 2022, meeting. **Ordinance 2022-02** raised the written utility payment agreement “load limiter” fee from \$25.00 to \$40.00. This only applies to town residents who need additional time to pay their utility bill.

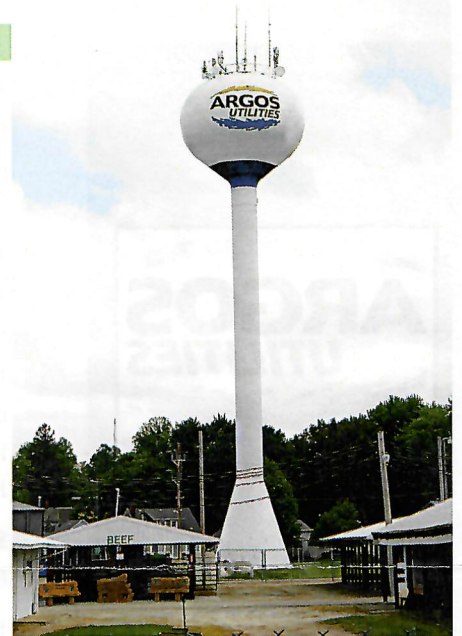
Ordinance 2022-03 raised the utility reconnection fees from \$25 per utility to \$40 per utility. It also clarified these fees apply only after your residence is put on a list for disconnection.

These ordinances can be reviewed at the Clerk’s Office

THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK-TREASURER

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

- We strive to keep our residents up to date with the latest news & events that are important to our community. **Reach Alert is a free emergency alert service for the town. This is used to let our residents know of hydrant flushing, planned power outages, trash/recycling issues, etc. Please go to reachalert.com or call (877)307-9313 to sign up.** General information about Argos can be found on our website at www.townofargos.com. Also, be sure to “Like” us on Facebook (Town of Argos) to get the latest news and events quickly. Feel free to share our posts to help us reach as many residents as possible.
- Pet tags are required for both cats and dogs, age six months and older. You must bring in 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. **NOTE: Pet Tags need to be purchased by January 31st of each year.**
- Trash totes are for trash and recycle totes are for recycling. Please do not use them for anything else. Yard waste should be in its own dumpable container.
- The Downtown Square project is progressing. It will have outdoor seating, restrooms, enough area to host TGIF and an additional 19 new parking spaces for our downtown businesses. Look for Grand Opening mid-May.
- Deerfield Meadows—Currently working on the infrastructure with construction to begin spring 2022. Interested in one of the new homes? Contact Mark VanDerWeele at mvanderweele@townofargos.com. Visit GrowArgos.com for more information.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police Non-Emergency	892-5122
Fire Non-Emergency	892-5995
EMS Non-Emergency	892-6887
Clerks Office	892-5717
Electric Dept	x 250
Water Dept	x 235
Waste Water Dept	x 249

OFFICE HOURS

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

TOWN COUNCIL

Charles R. Snead - President
Shawn Harley - Vice President

Erica Partin
Angela Resendez
George Null

MEETINGS

Town Council - 1st & 3rd Weds @7:00pm
Board of Zoning Appeals - 1st Tues @6pm
Park Board - 3rd Thurs @ 5:30 pm
Redevelopment - 2nd Tues @ 6:30 pm
Plan Commission - 1st Tues @ 7 pm
Police Commission—1st Wed. every other month @ 6:30 pm
Fire Protection Territory -4th Tues @ 6:30 pm



ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Argos Electric is committed to providing you the best quality service. Power outages are rare and are usually caused by dangerous winds or 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.

Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) is our electric power supplier. We encourage you to visit their helpful website at www.impa.com. Cold weather is coming. If you use space heaters, please don't plug them into multiplug power strips. Power strips may start a fire if used in this manner.

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

Please keep at least 3 feet around your meter base clear of overgrowth and other items so that we may properly and safely read and maintain your meter.

REMINDERS

Limb Pick-Up

*Mondays.—by 7am have limb trunks out at the curb and facing the same direction to make chipping quick and safe.

Yard Waste

Mondays in April or until basic clean up is complete.
Please do not set out yard waste and limbs between guy wires and poles.

Cemetery

Cemetery is open from Dusk to Dawn. Cemetery clean-up is Thurs. April 14. Anything left after clean-up will be discarded. Remember that no permanent plantings are allowed unless approved by the Town Council. This includes flowers, shrubs, trees and perennials. All ornamental items should be placed on the monument or the foundation.
Cemetery spaces are available for purchase in the new section only.

Email Billing

Sign up for email billing! It's easy and it helps the environment. Go to www.townofargos.com, click on "Pay Bills Online" then click on "Invoice Cloud". Thank you!

Large Item Pick up

April 13, June 15, August 17, October 12
No electronics or construction materials. Tires must be quartered, mattresses bagged.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Kickoff June 24-26 Sprinkler credits start July 1st billing Marshall County 4H Fair July 16-23
TGIF June 10, July 8, August 12, Sept. 9

Protect you and your family.
Call before you dig
800-382-5544 or 811

Think Safety on all Outdoor Projects



Spring in Argos

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. Please report all water leaks to the Clerk's office. Thank you!

*We will be flushing hydrants during the Spring.

July 1st billing you will see sprinkler credits on your bill, if applicable. Any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Clerk's office.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

NOTE: Do **NOT** put grease, pesticides, medications or any harsh chemicals down the drain/toilet.

IMPORTANT: Please do not flush diapers, sanitary napkins, personal hygiene products or any other paraphernalia in the toilet. If you have a sump pump make sure that it is not attached to the sewer system.

NOTE: Easy toilet leak test – Shut off water behind toilet. Make sure there is clear water in tank and bowl. Add food coloring into the tank. Check periodically to see if any coloring leaks into the bowl. If there is color leaking into the bowl, you have a leak. We suggest you leave it off for up to 3 hours for the test. This testing can be done as often as you like.

PARKS & RECREATION

We are very proud of our parks. Memorial Park on South Michigan St. is a nice place to have a picnic while the kids play. The Community Park has 1.3 mile paved walking trail for you to enjoy, fishing pond, splash pad and lots of play equipment of the kids. Foker Park (aka Pond Park) has a large pond for fishing and has just gone through an upgrade with a new paved walking trail, parking lot, fishing piers, restroom facilities, playground equipment and more. The new gazebo is available to rent for your special occasion.

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

Splash Pad is scheduled to be open Memorial Day to Labor Day—weather permitting.

Please obey the 15 mph speed limit to keep our families safe and notify the Argos Police of any vandalism.

Please park in designated areas. Do not drive on grass, sidewalks or any of the walking trails.

The new message center at Community park can be rented for birthday and event messages.

Enjoy the lighted fountain at Community Park.

REPUBLIC SERVICES—GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Large Item Clean-up is on Wed. April 13, June 15, Aug 17 & Oct 12. Appliances must be tagged showing that chemicals have been removed. No Construction materials and no Electronic items will be picked up.

- Recycle things like cereal boxes, junk mail, newspapers, plastic bottles, soup cans, aspirin and vitamin bottles, Kleenex boxes and so on.
- See the pick up schedule for recycling days, large item pick up and holidays.
- Your trash and recycling tote is to be placed at the curb by 5am on pick up day and pulled back to your residence in the evening.
- Dumpsters are not for personal use.
- Do not place trash in recycle totes and no yard waste in either tote.
- You need 3 " on each side of your totes and 6" from a vehicle.

STREET DEPARTMENT

The Street Department strives to help the citizens of Argos keep the Town looking its best.

- Limbs are chipped on Mondays. By 7am, 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 its pick up over several days.
- Yard debris is picked up at the curb. Please have it out by 7am each Monday. All debris needs to be in containers that can be easily dumped by one person—**DO NOT** use regular trash or recycle totes. Please do not put trash, metal, limbs or excess soil in the containers. Any debris placed in garbage bags will NOT be picked up. Due to inclement weather, yard debris pick up could be delayed and take longer to finish. Spring pick-up will take place March & April
- We 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. Use the bunker closest to West St. ***No Limbs in the dumpables! Place limbs neatly by the bunker.**
- Ordinance 2012-8 states that all grass, weeds, or other rank vegetation shall never exceed 8 inches in length at any time and we ask that you do not mow your grass onto the street as this will cause storm drainage issues during hard rains.
- It is the homeowners responsibility to make their own arrangements to have limbs hauled away after tree removal or professional cutting. Limb chipping is for general yard clean-up/storm clean-up only.
- The Leaf Vacuum truck is tentatively scheduled to begin in March for leaves, grass & garden clean-up and continue into April. Please place yard waste at the curb, not on the street. *Thank you!*

POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY

Argos Fire Territory is always looking for a few good men and women.

Applications are available at the Clerks office or at www.townofargos.com

The Town of Argos is blessed with a fine Police force and a tireless group of dedicated Fire and Ambulance workers. They all serve and protect our community, so please make sure the address numbers on your home or rental are clearly marked and visible from the street. Address numbers need to be at least 3 inches in height.

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 Protection Territory would like to remind you to replace the batteries in your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors every 6 months. Suggestion—change the batteries when you change the time in spring and fall.

Should you have any questions regarding Ambulance or Fire Billing, please contact AccuMed at 888-330-5405.

****Please beware of Phone Scams & Internet Scams... NEVER give out your personal information, all/part of your social security number or card numbers. And you NEVER should have to pay money to receive money. This includes "pop-up" internet FBI warnings.**

If anyone in your home is on life support/oxygen, please contact the Clerk's office.

MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY

The cemetery is open from Dawn to Dusk. Fall clean up is Friday November 12, 2021. Anything left after that date will be discarded with no further notice. The cemetery By-laws have been updated. They will be available at the Clerks Office, the Town of Argos website and at the cemetery.

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