



ARCOLA NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 4

APRIL - JUNE

2ND QUARTER 2023



ELECTION DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023.

Early Voting Starts Monday, April 24 – Tuesday, May 2, 2023

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE: Thursday, April 6, 2023.

City of Arcola will have an Special Election to vote on Proposition One.

This Special Election is Saturday, May 6, 2023. The Election Day Voting Centers below are near the Arcola area. For other locations visit: www.fortbendcountytexas.gov

M.R. MASSEY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1570 W. SYCAMORE

FRESNO, TX 77545

HOURS: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

MUSTANG COMMUNITY CENTER

4521 FM 521 RD

FRESNO, TX 77545

HOURS: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

HIGHTOWER HIGH SCHOOL

3333 HURRICANE LN

MISSOURI CITY, TX 77459

HOURS: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

www.arcolatexas.org

Past, Present, and Future

Present & Past Items

DID YOU KNOW?

City of Arcola Councilmembers meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6 PM for regular council meetings at 13222 Highway 6. The meetings are in-person, and everyone is welcome to attend.

If you would like to listen or watch the meeting virtually, every meeting will be on Facebook Live. Search on one's Facebook for the Arcola Citizens Facebook page to watch meetings.



High Quality CPR Training

City of Arcola held two (2) days of CPR training on Tuesday, February 7, and Wednesday, February 8, 2023. The training was administered by a representative from Tri-One CPR company who demonstrated hands-on training in CPR and AED life saving techniques. All full-time reserve officers, and full-time employees attended the training all became certified.

Future Items



Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation.

On Friday, April 14, 2023, 7:30 AM- 12:00 PM, The Arcola Police Department along with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive. Location will be 13222 Hwy 6 @ Arcola City Hall.

For more information and to sign up, call Montriesia Gourrier @ 832-271-9257.

"FREE EARTH DAY SHIRT"!



May 6, 2023 – Paper Shredding in Missouri City, TX @ 3845 Cartwright Road in front of the Missouri City Fire Department.

Frequently Asked Questions



HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION

What is a Homestead?

According to Fort Bend Central Appraisal District, a homestead can be a separate structure, condominium or manufactured home located on owned or leased land if the individual living in the home owns it. A homestead can include up to 20 acres, if the land is owned by the homeowner and occupied for a purpose related to the residential use of the homestead.

What is a Homestead Exemption?

Homestead exemptions remove part of a home's value from taxation.

How Do I Receive the New Exemption?

File a Form 50-114 with the Fort Bend County Appraisal District.

When does it go into effect?

Generally, on Form 50-114 the completed application and required documentation is due no later than April 30 of the year for which the exemption is requested with exceptions. For more information, please see form 50-114.

Who Can I Contact with Questions?

If you have questions regarding the homeowner exemption, you should call Fort Bend Central Appraisal District, (281) 344-8623. The application must be filed with the appraisal district, and they are responsible for granting the exemptions.

Community Reminder Items

QUARTERLY QUOTE

YOU DON'T HAVE
TO BE GREAT TO START,
BUT YOU HAVE TO
START TO BE GREAT
- Big League



Springtime means gardening time... Start with pruning. Pruning your trees and shrubs not only looks good but it protects your property and increases fruitfulness and growth for your trees and shrubs.

All pets
must be
on a leash



Please clean up
after your pet

Our City Ordinance requires pets to be on a leash when not in the confinement of their homes. Failure to do so could result in a fine.



MILLION DOLLAR CAKE

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix
- 1 (8 ounce) cream cheese
- 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple with juice
- 2 (8 ounce) cans mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 (3.5 ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping thawed

Directions:

Mix and bake cake mix as per package instruction for two 8" or 9" inch round layers. Let layers cool, and then split each layer in half to have 4 layers.

In a large bowl, whip cream cheese until soft, and then gradually mix in confectioners' sugar. Stir in the pineapple with juice and the drained mandarin oranges, reserving about 5 mandarin orange slices to decorate the top of cake. Mix in the dry pudding mix. Fold in the whipped topping.

Place one cake layer on a cake plate cut side up; spread with frosting. Place another layer cut side down on the first one, and top with more frosting. Repeat until all layers are used, spreading last bit of frosting on top and sides of cake.

Decorate with reserved mandarin orange slices. Refrigerate overnight before serving.

Council and Staff

Arcola Council

Fred A. Burton
Mayor

Florence Jackson
Council Member
Mayor Pro-Tem

Greg Abarr
Council Member

Rosemary Bigby
Council Member

Evelyn Jones
Council Member

Ebony Sanco
Council Member

Arcola Staff

City Administrator/Human Resource Director
Dr. Annette Guajardo
281-431-0606

Police Department
Chief of Police - Arika Carr
Records Clerk/Secretary - Rebecca Ramirez
281-431-5205

City Secretary
Sally Cantu
281-431-0606

Finance Director
Ruthie Cable
281-431-0606

Court Administrator
Stacy Froeschner
281-431-0606

Building Permit Department
Permit Administrator - Lyneshia Garrette
281-431-0606

Gerald Duncan
Maintenance Supervisor
281-431-0606

Receptionist
Clara Furlow
281-431-0606

Important Numbers, Historic Fact, and Reminder.

Important Numbers

Fort Bend County Clerk's Office
281-341-8685

Waste Connections (Trash Service)
281-331-0810

Fort Bend Appraisal District
281-344-8623

Fort Bend County Tax Assessor-Collector
281-341-3710

Fort Bend County Sherriff's Office
Non-emergency
281-341-4665

Texas Department of Public Safety
512-424-2000

Municipal Operations Water/Sewer Utilities
281-367-5511
24 hr. Service



City of Arcola was formed in 1869, predominantly by freed slaves.

- * Established a Post Office from 1869 to 1920
- * In 1924 Arcola included:
 - 1) Sugar Mill
 - 2) Two Steam Gristmill – Cotton Gins
 - 3) Two General Stores
 - 4) Baptist Church

Historically at the intersection of FM 521 and Highway 6, Arcola was a railroad junction in 1887, using the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe Railroad systems. The railroad junction was 20 miles east of Richmond, Texas servicing the Southeastern portion of Fort Bend County.



City of Arcola Water Plant

"Attention Residents of City of Arcola, There might be some color in the water due to the City's new water plant going into service. The water is safe to drink, flush your faucet for 5 to 10 minutes and this should clear any color from the lines. You may contact Koby Boman @ 281-367-5511 if your water continues to look the same color."