Stay Informed. Get Involved.

New ways to connect in Amberley Village!

NEW! Online Photo Galleries: Photos help us all visualize a story, and with such a beautiful setting here in Amberley, why not capture it all? Look for our new photo galleries online via social media, and feel free to contribute your own by emailing them to: amberleyphotos@gmail.com





NEW! Text Opt-In to E-News: It's never been easier to opt in for the Village E-News! We even have cards available to share at your block party or neighborhood gathering. Cards can be requested by contacting Tammy Reasoner at 513-531-8675 or tpreasoner@amberleyvillage.org



NEW! Online Spirit Shop: Check out the new and exciting sportswear options available through the brand new Amberley Village Online Spirit Shop! Residents can now tailor their own spiritwear with embroidered logos, silk screening, and a wide range of designs on men's, women's and youth apparel and accessories.



Social Media: Amberley Village can be found on Nextdoor, YouTube, twitter and Facebook.









Mobile App: Amberley Village Mobile App has been updated to accommodate new changes to iOs and Android operating systems. Download the app at Google Play and the Apple Store, and stay in touch on the go!



Community Calendar

Print Newsletter

Mailed in spring and fall, the print newsletter is produced to ensure contact with households who do not engage in social media or Internet activity, with E-News distributed during subsequent months.

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Frick or Treat Hours from 6:30 National Drug Take Back Day

Brush Collection Lite Begins Extended Tax Returns Due

Leaf Collection

October 15 - December 27, 2019:

October 16, 2019: October 17, 2019: October 26, 2019: October 31, 2019:

October 15, 2019: October 15, 2019: 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting 5:00 p.m. Clean the Green AMBERLEY RESIDENT 8597 Ridge Rd Cincinnati, OH ⁴



























Amberley Green Developments

Following a series of six community open houses and two Council work sessions, Amberley Village continues efforts to keep residents informed and included on plans for Amberley Green.



The open houses, which were held over two weeks in May, were designed to

inform residents the Village had been approached by the Jewish Community Center with a proposal for expansion on a portion of Amberley Green. Key components still have yet to be flushed out, but the Village continues to hold critical the importance of gathering resident feedback before moving further into negotiations.

Part of the feedback process involves the collection of open-ended responses to the information shared at public events. Key points continue to be heard and are being considered as the process proceeds. And while resident input has ranged considerably, several key themes have been identified and compiled, and remain available on the Village website for review (see "Learn More & Get Involved!" next page).

Information gathered was used to construct the agenda for the first of two public Council work sessions on June 24, 2019. Conclusions from the first session included the importance of resident involvement, transparency and a unanimous agreement to follow up on the proposal with the considerations of the residents in mind.

The second Council work session was held on August 27, and featured guest presenter Bryan Snyder, AICP, Development Services Administrator for the Hamilton County Department of Planning and Development. Mr. Snyder drafted preliminary language to assist Council in exploring and refining zoning guidelines for Amberley Green, which will be the first step necessary before any progress can be realized on the property. Results of the second work session included concurrence by Council members to further review the document independently before bringing questions and concerns back to the table.

While decisions and votes do not occur during Council work sessions, it is a very productive way for Council to publicly discuss thoughts and ideas, provide direction to staff, and offer residents an opportunity to hear first-hand the discussion. Residents may not only attend, but are also able to speak at the start of the meeting by contacting the Village Clerk (see next page). Discussion during the work session, however, is limited to Council members in consideration of parliamentary procedure and productivity.

As of press date, the next work session was not yet scheduled, but summary information and all documentation from previous meetings are available via the Amberley Village website. Announcements regarding upcoming sessions will be posted. Look for updates regarding next steps in subsequent newsletters, on our website and via meeting announcements.





Learn more and get involved!

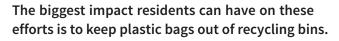
All documentation from the open houses and Council work sessions are available on the Amberley Village website. Visit www.amberleyvillage.org, and go to Forms and Documents on the front page. Click the link, and Amberley Green is the first item in the list. Everything referenced in this article is available in the 2019 folder.

Citizens requesting to speak at any of our open meetings should contact Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council, at tpreasoner@amberleyvillage.org or by calling 513-531-8675 no later than noon the day of regular Council meetings, and before the start of Council work sessions.

Feedback is invited at AG-JCC@amberleyvillage.org.

Recycling Efforts to Focus on Quality

Amberley Village partners with Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District to increase awareness about clean recycling. As a community with one of the largest recycling averages in the region, Amberley Village is now one of several communities where Hamilton County is now seeking to improve the overall quality of our neighborhood's recycling collections to ensure that what's collected can be reused. This is important because the Village earns back dollars on all reusable materials.







Did You Know?

Of the many advantages residents cite about living in Amberley Village, excellent services tops the list. Our Police, Fire and Maintenance Departments consistently go over and above to ensure that residents have access to personal touches that, collectively, just can't be found anywhere else. But did you know that efforts are made every day to seek additional innovative ways to benefit our residents?

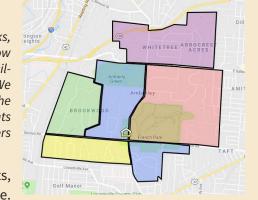
Here's a quick snapshot of just some of the measures being taken to maximize the benefits of being an Amberley resident:

- A recent price increase for Rumpke's services due to rising costs in gas tax will
 not be passed on to residents. Instead, the Village will absorb the increased
 cost within the General Fund, and not charge the increase back to residents.
- Whenever possible, street repairs are done in conjunction with water and sewer projects to ensure costs can be shared, saving Amberley Village and its taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars annually.
- Electric and gas aggregation programs are regularly monitored and offered as options for Amberley residents, which have saved residents approximately \$1.26 million since 2011. Not all communities offer this service.
- By combining police, fire and maintenance services, Amberley Village not only saves on overhead costs like increased employees (and therefore benefits), but also allows for staff members to cross-consider issues during emergency situations, increase manpower available for critical needs, and enable its personnel to better understand the needs of residents by increasing personal interactions.

Learn more by visiting our website at www.amberleyvillage.org/news.

How Does It Work?

With November elections in a few weeks, residents have been inquiring about how council members are elected in our Council-Manager form of village government. We encourage you to take time to review the following snapshot, designed to help residents better understand how Amberley Village voters select their council members.



The Village is divided into five districts, which are outlined in the Village Code.

The Amberley Village Council consists of seven (7) members who are elected for a two-year term. Five are elected from geographic districts that are defined in the Village Code, and two are at-large.

Members of Council elect the Mayor and Vice Mayor, and also appoint a Treasurer, Solicitor and Clerk. Council members are then assigned to committees, which handle business before it goes to the full Council. For more information on Amberley Village Government, as well as its Committee structure, visit the Village website at www.amberleyvillage.org and go to Government & Administration, then Village Council & Committees.

Details regarding the election process, polling location and a sample ballot by address are available through the Hamilton County Board of Elections at https://www.boe.hamilton-co.org or by phone at 632-7000.

Update Your Household Information

Amberley Village reminds you to keep your information on file at the Police Department up to date! The Police Department keeps records on each household that can make the difference between life and death in an emergency. Be sure to check in with the Amberley Village Police to make sure your information is updated, including any information that would be of help to them in an emergency. Contact your Police Department at 531-2040.

K9 Earns National Certification

The Amberley Village K9 Unit, which is comprised of Officer Andrea Alt and her canine partner Creed, has recently earned its National "Police Utility Dog" Certification from the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). This prestigious certification requires that each test phase must be passed on the first attempt in the areas of Obedience, Article Search, Area Search, Tracking or Trailing, Building Search, Narcotics and Aggression Control. Officer Alt and Creed passed all sections with a perfect score, earning them this unique and sought-after "Utility" designation.

According to Officer Alt, she has been working with Creed since late last year on the components necessary to earn the national certification, which has different qualifications than the state

certification process. "You can pass or you can get the 'utility' title, or a perfect score," says Officer Alt, who admits she's a bit of a perfectionist. "When I found out that was an option, I decided to go for it. I was so proud of Creed for passing with zero misses – he performed it perfectly."

Officer Alt has embraced her role as a K9 handler, despite the many challenges the position brings. Many people are surprised to learn that Creed lives with Alt, making them round-the-clock partners. "Off-time is different now," she says. "I like to say it's a lot like having a child in a sport. You're constantly practicing, constantly training, and always preparing for the game." According to Alt, the State of Ohio requires a minimum of 16 hours of training per month, which doesn't include the additional education she undergoes regularly, or the off-time spent reinforcing skills.

But the advantages far outweigh the costs, she says, adding that Creed is an amazing locating tool, having found missing persons, located criminals, and taken countless drugs off the streets. "Word gets out and people avoid the area," says Alt. "It's really important in light of the current drug epidemic."

The NAPWDA Certification also affords Officer Alt an elevated credibility when giving court testimony and making apprehensions, and eliminates the liability of a poorly trained dog team. It raises their profile in the community, and strengthens community relations opportunities. She says they are frequently invited to other communities because of their genuine love of interacting with the public, and their fluid interaction together.

Amberley Village residents will have an opportunity to congratulate Officer Alt and Creed at an upcoming recognition ceremony to honor their achievement. Look for information regarding the ceremony on our website, social media outlets and in an upcoming issue of the Amberley Village E-News.



Creed with K9 Officer Andrea Alt (rt.) and Sergeant Mike Koenig



