



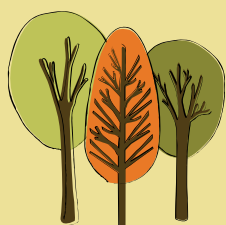
Amberley Village News

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Village Manager Scot Lahrmer - 10 Years



As we enter the Fall season in Amberley Village, there is much activity and excitement in our community. Whether we're celebrating the ability to be together again, even in a limited capacity, or looking back at all we've accomplished or at what's yet to come, one thing is sure - Amberley Village residents are truly the best around!

Thanks to all who sponsored, volunteered and attended our Annual Ice Cream Social this past month - what a testament to you, our residents, to see such a record-breaking number of you who truly care about our community. What started as an annual Safety Fair has evolved into an example of what bringing community together can do, and those efforts are being noticed!

Most of all, as I celebrate my own tenth year as your Village Manager, I want to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve and be a part of this fantastic community. I hope you enjoy this issue of our bi-annual print newsletter, and all the stories describing a vibrant, active and fortunate group of neighbors celebrating one another and the beautiful environment around us!

Chief Wallace - 25 Years



When I was hired at Amberley Village 25 years ago this year, I was excited about the opportunity to be a part of something special. Since that time, that feeling has grown. Getting to know all our residents and the special group of people who serve and have served you continues to be an incredible honor.

But the past year and a half has brought with it both an unforeseen set of challenges, and a different sort of pride as your Police Chief.

This newsletter holds a very special place in my heart, both as a commemorative year in my career, but also as I think back on the collaborative efforts of both Village staff and residents throughout the pandemic and beyond.

While many communities faced civil unrest, I believe we have grown even stronger in the understanding that our work together has been the backbone of our community. Thanks for all you do - and be sure and update your information on file so we can continue to be there when you need us!

Make sure your contact information is up to date!

Amberley Village offers unique and specialized services singular to this community. In order to best accommodate these services, residents are asked to keep updated information and keys on file at the Amberley Village Police Department.

Residents who have not updated their information in the past two years will be contacted by mail to review their contact information and provide any updates. To save postal expenses, if you know you haven't updated your information in awhile, please call the Police Department non-emergency number to provide your most recent information at 531-2040.

Residents can pick up a valuable USB drive which includes tax forms, information regarding Village services, regulations for Zoning, and permits for garage sales and block parties, a welcome video, business development information and a virtual tour of Amberley Village. The USB drive can be requested at the Public Safety window at Amberley Village Municipal Building 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The files included on the drive are also available on the Amberley Village website at www.amberleyvillage.org.

The Village welcomes inquiries, requests and feedback regarding its offerings to residents. Contact the Village regarding property maintenance issues, special requests, Village services, or general information via the Amberley Village Citizen Action Line at www.amberleyvillage.org under Resident Services. We look forward to hearing from you!

Community Policing Benefits Amberley Village Residents

Amberley Village

Amberley Village is widely known for its resident-oriented Police-Fire Department. But did you know that our dedication to community policing extends far beyond the boundaries of the Village? Village Police serve on nearly every task force of the Hamilton County Police Association (HCPA), which results in many additional benefits to Amberley Village residents.

"We have long understood the value of community policing," says Chief Wallace of the Department's connection to the HCPA. "The connections our officers make as a part of the organization expand our capabilities and increase our resources if ever the need arises." Chief Wallace will take over as the HCPA President this year. He is the fourth Police Chief of the Village to hold this position.

Hamilton County Police Association's operational teams are made available to local law enforcement to assist with a variety of larger-scale and circumstantial investigations and special operations. These teams include members of law enforcement agencies from all over Hamilton County, and serve over 40 jurisdictions. Many of the units include mobile equipment and specialized resources not otherwise available to individual departments.

The most recent Amberley Village addition to the Hamilton County Police Association special teams is Officer Nick Mercer, who joined the Honor Guard just a few months ago. He said the unit participates in a wide range of ceremonies, funerals and special events, including National Police Week in Washington, D.C. It also honors fallen officers by staying with them until they are buried. The team also utilizes some unique resources, including bagpipes and specialized mobile equipment.



Amberley Village Officer Nick Mercer recently joined the Hamilton County Police Association Honor Guard



Hamilton County Police Association (HCPA) Amberley Village Team Members

Honor Guard:

Officer Nick Mercer

Mobile Field Force Unit:

Sgt. Brandon Gehring
Officer Delarisco Sumler

Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT):

Officer John Burton

Underwater Search & Recovery Unit:

Commander Chris Fritsch
Officer Mark Roeseler

Amberley Village Police-Fire Department also participates in a number of additional broad-reach community activities, including K-9 service to other jurisdictions, leadership on the Hamilton County Heroin Task Force, and active participation in other professional public safety organizations such as Hamilton County Police Chief's Association, Hamilton County Fire Association, The Shield, and many others.



K-9 Creed

Officer Delarisco Sumler (r.) and Sgt. Brandon Gehring assisted with security for President Joe Biden's recent visit to Cincinnati at Mount St. Joseph as part of the Hamilton County Mobile Field Force (MFF) Unit. The MFF Unit is made up of officers throughout Hamilton County, and responds to incidents or events that have a potential for large crowds. The MFF Unit is a Hamilton County Police Association sponsored team of which Amberley Village has long been a member.



"Amberley Village has long been at the forefront of community policing - even before it became a popular topic of discussion in public safety. We actively encourage ongoing training, participation in a broad range of community organizations, and building partnerships with our residents. Our proactive approach has been proven to minimize the need for police enforcement, which ultimately results in stronger public safety. Our goal is to maximize the effectiveness of our officers in both their jobs and in the community at large."

- Village Manager Scot Lahrmer

Council Passes Dog Regulation Ordinance for Amberley Green

Amberley Village Council recently adopted Ordinance 2021-8, which outlines new rules for dogs at Amberley Green, including limited off-leash hours and mandatory Leash Zones. Dogs are permitted off-leash between dawn and 9 a.m. and the hour prior to dusk, and only when outside the perimeter of the designated Leash Zone that encompasses the parking lot and facilities, including the Community Garden.

Visitors to Amberley Green will see new signage, which includes QR codes for official dawn and dusk times, as well as complete rules and information for reporting violations.

The ordinance, which went into effect on August 26, was passed by members of the Amberley Village Council after nearly two years of discussion and feedback from residents and users of the property, including multiple public meetings.

The new rules are a direct response to a significant increase



in reported dog attacks and incidents involving both people and animals on the property, and a rise in the number of visitors to Amberley Green.

In a statement following the passage of the ordinance at the July 2021 regular meeting of Council, Mayor Tom Muething commended both the Public Buildings & Parks Committee and Councilmember Conway for their diligence in identifying a workable solution to the issues at Amberley Green, and noted the range of input from so many who were passionate about the property.

Residents are encouraged to visit the Amberley Village website for more information and regular updates.



Website Feedback Requested

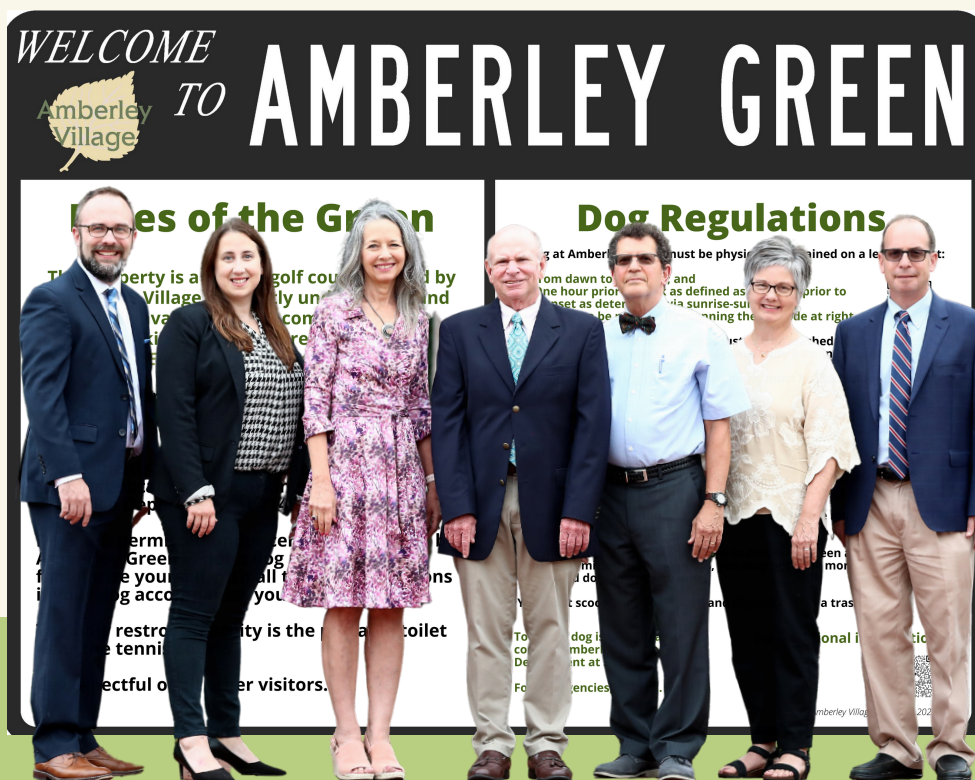
Visitors to the Village website will have noticed major changes over the past several months with the launch of a new look, feel and expanded functionality. Now it's time to weigh in on how those changes are being received by the community.

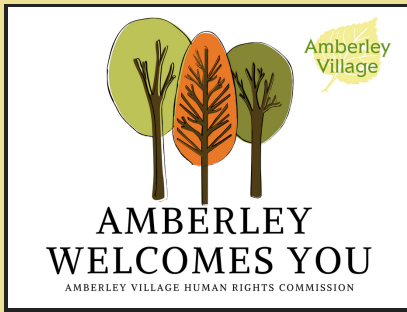
Residents interested in participating in a brief feedback exercise are encouraged to contact Tammy Reasoner in the Administration Office. She'll set up a time convenient for you to stop by, and the exercise can be tailored to meet your timeframe, with opportunities ranging from 10 - 45 minutes.

Your feedback is crucial to shaping communications that are effective in meeting the needs of Amberley Village residents. We'd love to hear from you even if you're unable to participate in the feedback exercise. Feel free to email Tammy with any questions, comments or suggestions at tpreasoner@amberleyvillage.org.

Want to learn more?

Amberley Village staff is available to host training sessions for residents interested in getting the most of Village communications, including the website, newsletters and social media platforms. If you or someone you know is interested in attending training, contact Clerk of Council Tammy Reasoner at tpreasoner@amberleyvillage.org and she'll tailor a training to your interests for groups of five or more!





Yard Sign Regulations

With upcoming elections, residents are reminded to keep political signs out of the public right-of-way, which typically extends to the area where the utility poles are located. Signs should also not be posted on utility poles for any reason. In some areas, utility poles are not present, so priority should be given to sight lines for drivers.

In the event that a sign blocks the line of sight or is posted in the right-of-way or on a utility pole, Village crews will remove the sign. Confiscated signs will be stored for seven (7) days on the south side of the Service Garage behind the Village Municipal Building at 7149 Ridge Road. These can be retrieved before they are disposed of after seven days.

October is Fire Prevention Month!

Amberley Village reminds residents that October is Fire Prevention Month, and a perfect time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms. Multiple alarms are recommended for large homes, and they should be tested monthly. Fire alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. If your family doesn't already have one, Amberley Village has a Fire Escape Plan template available on the website under Police-Fire that will help you get started.

Don't wait until the need arises - by then it's already too late!

Planning ahead saves valuable seconds that can make the difference between life and death in the case of a fire. For additional fire safety resources, visit the Amberley Village website.



Commission Seeks to Welcome All to the Village

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Members of the Amberley Village Human Rights Commission (HRC) have been working to highlight the welcoming environment in Amberley Village. One of its signature projects has been the development of yard signs geared toward neighbors and visitors alike. "We just want to send a message that Amberley Village is a welcoming community that seeks to be inclusive of all," said Dr. Evelyn Jones, a member of the HRC and a champion of the sign campaign.

150 of the signs were distributed at the recent Ice Cream Social, and should be displayed during times indicated by the HRC (*see the HRC web page at amberleyvillage.org/human-rights-commission for more information*).

Brush and Leaf Collection

Falling leaves are just around the corner and leaf and brush collections are approaching their annual overlap. Amberley Village Maintenance Department reminds residents of the importance of following guidelines in helping to serve the whole Village in a timely manner. Brush piles should be placed with the cut ends of branches toward the street, and pickup will take place once per week.

Leaf piles should be separate from brush and free of rocks, dirt and debris that can damage Village equipment. Leaves should be placed close enough to the curb to provide access to Village Maintenance Crews, but not in the street. Leaves, grass clippings and other debris in the gutters cause stormwater backup and other issues.

Guidelines and additional information regarding brush and leaf collection are available on the Village website.

Leaf Collection runs
from October 18 -
December 30



Visit amberleyvillage.org for the latest updates and info!



Annual Ice Cream Social Recognized for 25th Year Promoting Public Safety

Amberley Village hosted its annual Ice Cream Social on August 29. The event was held in a drive-thru format for the second year in a row, and featured a circus theme, complete with entertainment by Cincinnati Circus. United Dairy Farmers donated ice cream, and giveaways, games and prizes were all a part of the car line experience. But did you know that the event began as a Safety Fair 25 years ago?

A news story run by 700 WLW on the day before the event touted the event as an example of community policing (see story, page 3) for its combination of social interaction as a means of educating about safety. In all, more than 1,200 servings of ice cream were handed out to residents of Amberley Village and neighboring communities during the event.

Be sure and check out the News section of the website at amberleyvillage.org for photo galleries, video and an overview of the event. Special thanks to all who sponsored this year's event, which was paid for completely by donations. See a full list of sponsors, contributors and in-kind donors for the event at www.amberleyvillage.org.

We truly appreciate all who volunteered and attended!



Mayor Muething hands out prizes at the Duck Pond



Councilmember Hunt enjoys Homemade Brand Ice Cream



Maintenance Crews transform Firehouse into a circus tent

Reading EMS Update



- Reading EMS has provided EMS service for Amberley Village since January of 2020, and has been extremely effective for our residents. Reading maintains three transport ambulances and has another on order, bringing the total ambulance fleet to four once the new unit is received later this year.
- Reading's average response times from dispatch notification to arrival on-scene have also been significantly better than first anticipated.
- Reading is in the process of increasing 24-hour on-station staffing from 6 to 7 members by the end of 2021. "We look forward to this continued partnership," says Reading Fire Chief Todd Owens, "and are committed to continually work toward providing the best possible service to Amberley Village residents."



Trees + Benches & Bricks...Oh My!

This holiday season, don't forget that Amberley Village has some great gift options and ways to memorialize a special person, event or occasion in your life! Check out our website for more information on our Tree + Bench Donation and Brick Memorial programs... and give the gift that gives something to everyone!



Peg Conway



Elida Kamine



Ray Warren

A Special Thank You

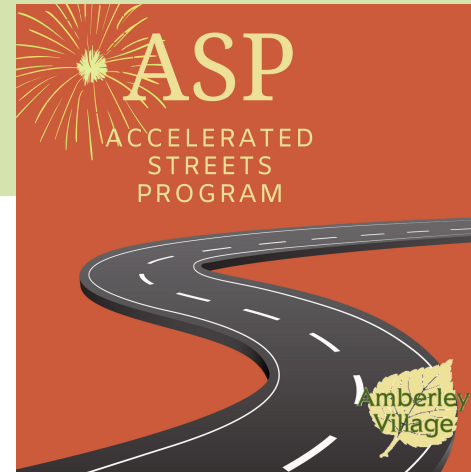
Three of our multi-term councilmembers have announced they will not be running in the November elections, so the Village would like to take a moment to thank them for their years of dedicated service.

Councilmembers Peg Conway, Elida Kamine and Ray Warren have each made an indelible mark on Amberley Village with their contributions of time, talent and treasure. We will miss their leadership, and wish to acknowledge all they have brought to the table over the past several years! With gratitude, we thank them for their commitment and service to the residents of Amberley Village!



Accelerated Streets Program Update

Village Council has long held the street programs as a high priority for Amberley Village and in January adopted an 8-year resurfacing plan dubbed the Accelerated Street Program (ASP). The multi-year plan will increase the amount spent on our street programs from approximately \$400,000 to an average of \$845,000 per year, or \$6.7 million over the 8-year span. The intent of the ASP is to bring the condition of our streets up to a preventative maintenance level.



The first year of the ASP began in August with the replacement of all of the curbing, the installation of a sump/downspout line and catch basin inlet repairs on Esther Drive. The following streets are also included in the first year of the Accelerated Street Program:

Resurfacing

Section Road (from Knoll Road to west of Aracoma Drive)

- Asphalt base repairs
- Repaving of the entire street

Esther Drive

- Removal and replacement of all type 6 (box) and rolled combination curb and gutter
- Installation of a sump/downspout line to collect water from sump pump and downspout lines
- Storm water inlet repairs
- Repaving of the entire street

Fair Acres Drive

- Asphalt base repairs
- Storm water inlet repairs
- Repaving of the entire street

Winding Way

- Asphalt base repairs
- Storm water inlet repairs
- Repaving of the entire street

The 2021 program also consists of asphalt patching on Galbraith from Ridge to Springvalley Drive, and Section at Fair Oaks Drive. General information and a description of the work that may be included has been sent to residents impacted by the project, and may be found in its entirety on the Village website under the Government tab on the home page.

The Village realizes construction projects are an inconvenience, and every effort to expedite this work will be utilized to minimize traffic conflicts and provide residential access.

During construction, your street will remain open, unless notified in advance, and traffic will be directed around the work zones. Brief delays can be expected while work is being performed. Please proceed slowly through the construction area and do not park on the street while construction is taking place. This paving work is not expected to interrupt mail service.

Throughout the duration of the project, you will notice some periods of time in which our contractor is not working on your street. These intended down-time periods occur in between different phases of the project, and these down-time periods allow the Village to properly assess the street as necessary. Please note that all paving work is scheduled to be completed by the end of October, with final restoration following.

Your patience and cooperation throughout this entire process is greatly appreciated. While we have tried to plan for every contingency, there are times when something unexpected occurs. Naturally, the Village will make every effort to rectify any issues that arise.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss the Accelerated Street Program (ASP), please call Wes Brown at 513-531-8675 or email at wbrown@amberleyvillage.org.



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Looking Ahead:

Sunday, September 26: One-Stop Drop (noon - 3 pm)
Monday, October 4: Planning Commission/BZA (7 pm)
Monday, October 11: Council Meeting (6:30 pm)
Thursday, October 14: Arbor Day Celebration (TBD)
Friday, October 15: Tax Return Extensions Due
Monday, October 18: Leaf Collection Begins
Saturday, October 23: Drug Take Back Day (10 am - 2pm)
Sunday, October 31: Trick or Treat (6 - 8 pm)

Always check the Village website for the latest changes and updates

Committee meetings are posted regularly on the website calendar, Village posting boards and on Facebook. Sign up to receive notices via email on the Village website at www.amberleyvillage.org.



One Stop Drop

Sunday, September 26

Noon - 3 p.m.

Amberley Green

Visit amberleyvillage.org for list of accepted items

*Presented by the
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