

Amberley Village

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Advanced Manufacturing Targeted for 2100 Section Road Development

One of the largest tracts of land within Hamilton County is located here in Amberley Village. The 56-acre parcel located at 2100 Section Road is a shovel-ready site within the I-275 beltway making it a highly attractive property and unique opportunity.

Property features of the 56-acre tract include:

Build-to-suit:	Up to 700,000 SF
Zoning:	Industrial-A
Amenities:	Commercial and retail amenities nearby
Airport:	CVG within 20 miles via I-75/I-275
Highway:	¼ mile from I-75, Exit 9
Rail:	Genesee & Wyoming (Adjacent)

Since 2016, the Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority has invested over \$13 million into the property to acquire the land and repurpose it to restore its vitality to our community with advanced clean manufacturing. This type of industry can include production activities that depend on information, automation, computation, software, sensing, and networking. Examples of targeted industries include component manufacturers, part fabricators, machined parts and equipment, plastic injection molders, blowers, extruders and oil and gas equipment. The manufacturing industry has experienced an incredible transformation and is one of the most advanced industries today.

To learn more about the Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority's strategy for this property, along with a property profile, brochure and drone fly-over of the land, visit www.amberleyvillage.org and click on Business in Amberley, then Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority. Direct inquires can be made to the commercial real estate company Cushman & Wakefield at (513) 421-4884.



Prescription Drop-off Available 24 Hours

National Drug Take Back Day is April 28, 2018 and the Amberley Village Police-Fire Department invites residents to participate in this 15th opportunity to remove dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs from homes.



To further our commitment to this national endeavor, the Amberley Village Police-Fire Department has started a local prescription drug take back program that is available to residents 24 hours a day. Residents can bring their unused and expired prescription drugs in a zip lock bag to the Police-Fire Department for disposal. We are requesting to have all pills placed inside a zip lock bag and have the resident recycle their plastic bottles to prevent the burning of plastics when the pills are incinerated. The drugs will be handed directly from the resident to an officer to be placed inside the prescription drug box. This is a free and anonymous service. No questions asked.

Please remember that this prescription drug take back program is for pills and patches only. The Police-Fire Department is not accepting any liquids, ointments, sharps, or plastic pill bottles.

AVA Alarm Monitoring System

The new Amberley AVA alarm monitoring system is now up and operational. We are accepting new accounts at this time. If you would like to join the new AVA Alarm system you can call one of the 3 installers listed below to check your current systems compatibility and obtain a price to program your alarm system to connect to the new AVA system.



Moose Schuler Alarms, Bob Schuler (513) 531-5445

Scott Payne Audio/Video (513) 379-2095

JV Security Systems, Jim VanOrsdel (513) 793-8555

Amberley Village will continue to monitor the older JV alarm system along with the new AVA alarm system and residents are not being required to switch to the new system at this time. The current alarm fee for the AVA system is \$15 per month for monitoring an alarm system that is connected to a land line (analog phone line) or \$22 per month for one that is connected using a cellular alarm backup device. There are no additional yearly maintenance fees associated with the AVA alarm system.

Fire Protection Receives ISO Rating

In 2017, the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO), which is an organization that rates communities' fire departments, conducted a rigorous detailed inspection of the Amberley Village Fire Department. The ISO provides data that helps establish fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties.



The rating classifications range from 1 to 9, with Class 1 representing exemplary protection and Class 9 indicating fire services do not meet ISO's minimum criteria. The Amberley Village Fire Department is pleased to report that it received a Class 2 rating.

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Community Calendar

Council Meeting

WHEN: April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, Amberley Village Municipal Building

Arbor Day & Earth Day Celebration

WHEN: April 26 at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Starts at brick plaza in front of Amberley Village Municipal Building.

Residents are invited to attend tree planting and proclamation presentation!

French Park Green-Up Day

WHEN: April 28 at 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Starts in front of Amberley Village Municipal Building

Join Cincinnati Parks & Amberley Village to perform maintenance tasks and litter patrol along Section and Ridge Roads. To register, complete the Green-Up Day Registration form under Contact Us at amberleyvillage.org by April 16.

Join us on:



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Download the Mobile App Today!



A Look Back at 2017 and Focus for 2018

Each year the Village Council along with Village Administration reviews the prior year and discusses the priorities for the coming year. Good progress on our objectives was made in 2017.

The Village's financial strength has been a focus for Council and the Village staff over the past several years. We have focused on controlling costs across the entire organization and growing revenues. There is now a very strong cost conscious culture across the entire organization where all expenditures are challenged and alternative ways of delivering services to our residents are considered. This process is on exhibit at every Village Council Committee meeting. Good progress on growing revenues was also made in 2017 with the completion of the Mercy Health Medical office building on the Village's North Site adjacent to Ronald Reagan Highway. The progress on the cost and revenue fronts allowed Council to recommend a 20% reduction in the Police Levy which was approved overwhelmingly by Amberley residents in May 2017.

The provision of high quality valued services to Village residents has always been the focus for Village staff and makes Amberley Village special. On the police and fire side, we continue to focus on ensuring that our officers are equipped and trained in such a manner that they can continue to provide great service. Chief Wallace and his team are always ready to do that little extra that makes such a difference. On the Maintenance side, the focus over the past few years has been on our street paving program and the continued great service with a smaller staff. The quality of the services provided by Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chesney and his team is evidenced after every winter storm when our streets are clear before anywhere else.

Another key focus area during 2017 was communication with Village residents. Multiple town hall meetings were held in March and April, the Village's website was updated and we continued to experiment with new mechanisms for communication such as social media and videos. All residents are encouraged to sign up to receive electronic notices for upcoming Council Committee meetings.

In 2018, the focus will continue on the Village's financial strength and our resident services. In addition, key focus area will be the former Gibson property (2100 Section Road), Amberley Green and Village recreational assets including the Village walking track which is in need of maintenance.

Tax Notes

2017 Amberley Village Income Tax Returns are due Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

All residents are required to file even if no tax is due. If you file a Federal Extension please submit a copy to the Amberley Village Tax Office.

Changes for 2017 filing

- Online e-File is no longer available. We are researching online filing options for future years.
- A new fillable form is available on our website for your 2017 tax return.
- A drive-up drop box for taxes is located in front of our building.



Tax Season Hours

Regular Hours Monday – Friday 8 AM - 4 PM

Extended Tax Office Hours

Monday April 9th –Friday April 13th 8 AM - 5 PM
 Saturday April 14th 9 AM - 12 PM
 Sunday April 15th 10 AM - 1 PM
 Monday April 16th-Tuesday April 17th 8 AM - 5 PM

To make an appointment or ask a question please call Tax Administrator Patty Meiers at (513) 531-0130 or e-mail questions to taxoffice@amberlevillage.org.

2018 Budget

The budget for 2018 includes the funding necessary to provide residents continued cost effective and efficient administrative, public safety, and maintenance services. The Council Finance Committee works diligently each month with staff in analyzing monthly financials which enables the preparation of the budget to reflect the priorities and action items of the Village. As a result of prudent budget planning and specific initiatives related to long-term fiscal sustainability, the Village's budget outlook is strong. This results in a budget that bolsters Village services while ensuring service delivery to residents. Highlights of some of the items included in the 2018 Budget include:

- 1 replacement Police vehicle
- 1 additional Dispatcher
- 1 Heroin Task Force Commander
- Replace 2006 Dump Truck
- Contracted right-of-way and Amberley Green mowing
- 1 Part-time Custodian
- Bi-annual Audit
- Asbestos remediation at Club House on Amberley Green
- Transfer from general fund to street fund - \$200,000
- Transfer from general fund to capital fund - \$150,000
- \$400,000 street program
- \$310,060 total capital budget

2017 Year-End Financial Summary

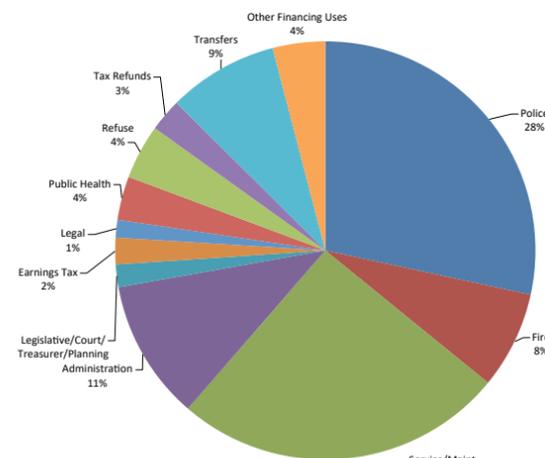
The Village's finances have been a focal point, especially the last few years, as the environment of municipal finance has shifted. The Village has prudently managed its finances, been resourceful, aggressively pursued grants and other new revenue opportunities and communicated our financial position at every opportunity. 2017 was no different with spending being \$142,461 less than the approved 2017 General Fund Budget.

General Fund Expenses 2017

Total = \$4,597,038

Expenses in 2017 for the General Fund totaled \$4.5 million which included funding of basic Village services like fire protection, snow and ice control, emergency medical services, brush and leaf collection. It also included \$1 million toward our Police Department, which receives the bulk of its funding through the police levy. Council approved a \$4.739 million Village budget for 2017 but only \$4.597 million was spent. The pie chart below shows the distribution of expenses in 2017 for our General Fund, where most services without a funding source are funded.

Expense Type	Amount
Police	\$1,305,580
Fire	\$345,052
Service/Maint./Land/Bldgs.	\$1,169,308
Administration	\$498,065
Legislative/Court/Treasurer/Planning	\$80,397
Earnings Tax	\$94,837
Legal	\$62,452
Public Health	\$154,871
Refuse	\$194,298
Tax Refunds	\$116,255
Transfers	\$390,310
Other Financing Uses	\$185,613
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,597,038



Benefits of Planned Changes to Electrical Circuits

The majority of the Village's electric service is provided by circuits known as Deer Park 42 and 43, and Golf Manor 42. The Deer Park station is located at the corner of East Galbraith Road and Blue Ash Road, and the Golf Manor station is located off Section Road just east of the railroad crossing.

Duke Energy made improvements in late 2017 and has plans for 2018 and 2019 to make additional changes to these circuits that will benefit our residents during power outages. Sectionalizing work was completed on Golf Manor 42 in November 2017. This consisted of the installation of fusing, switches and other protective devices at several locations on the circuit which is expected to improve the overall reliability of electrical service. Noticeably, the sectionalizing results in a smaller number of customers without service should an outage occur, and it helps Duke pinpoint the location of the outage or "fault" resulting in faster power restoration. Installation of automated switches, as part of the sectionalizing, allows Duke to perform switching which will also assist in power restoration. Sectionalizing work is tentatively scheduled for the Deer Park 42 circuit in March 2018, and the Deer Park 43 circuit in May of 2018.

In July of 2018, work in the Rollman Estates area will consist of cable injection work to the existing underground cable to extend the life of the cable and help reduce future outages.

Another reliability program being implemented by Duke is referred to as reconductor work which will occur on the Golf Manor 42 circuit. This entails installing a larger conductor which will allow more switching options for Duke to help restore residents' power. The reconductor work on Ridge Road is currently in design phase and to be built in 2019.

Residents will notice Duke Energy crews, or contract crews, around the Village performing this work. The sectionalizing work is fairly extensive and requires work on a multitude of poles.

Amberley Village communicates the electrical outage issues of residents to Duke Energy on a regular basis to assist homeowners in seeking outage causes. In the course of these information exchanges, the Village was recently provided with an update from Duke that several upgrades are planned to improve electric service reliability in our community.

General Fund Revenue 2017

Total = \$4,809,544

2017 revenues for the Village returned to pre-2016 levels due to the decrease in earnings tax collections. Overall for the General Fund, the Village collected \$4.8 million of which \$2.7 million was from earnings tax. Since the earnings tax is the most significant source of our Village revenue, and earnings tax collections were down from 2016 levels, overall General Fund revenues were lower. The pie chart below shows the distribution of revenues collected in 2017 for our General Fund.

Revenue Source

Earnings Tax	\$2,737,956
Property Tax	\$953,552
State Shared Taxes and Permits	\$329,207
Intergovernmental	\$49,983
Charges for Services	\$322,989
Fines, Licenses and Permits	\$196,735
Interest	\$55,663
Miscellaneous	\$163,459
TOTAL REVENUE	\$4,809,544

