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fine-tune its vision, and Amberley Village remains open to this low-impact use, however, no plans have been finalized to date.

In the meantime, The Scottish Rite of the Masons has expressed interest in renovating the former clubhouse on the property, and presented informal plans before the Land Development Committee in February. Details of the proposal are available for public view on our website.

Various objectives are taken into consideration at Amberley Green: incorporation of green space, buffer areas and open space to accommodate some community use; land use consistent with the needs of the Village; create unique opportunities to integrate the beauty, location and size of the property; minimize Village financial contribution; and being aesthetically pleasing.

Residents are reminded that all of these projects are subject to public process, which includes resident feedback – and lots of revisions. Amberley Village is committed to making details available as they develop, with the understanding that development parameters are always subject to change. Make sure you are receiving the latest updates and meeting announcements by signing up to receive *Amberley Village E-News* and meeting notifications so you are fully included in the process. We want to hear from you!

## Chief Wallace Outlines Speeding Strategy

Since 2014, a top concern expressed to Chief Wallace has been speeders through residential areas. In response, the Police Department has implemented a “3-E” strategy to address speeding.

According to Chief Wallace, the pillars of the strategy include the education of residents, engineering of infrastructure and enforcement of traffic laws with an eye toward increasing safety. (Learn more about the “3Es” on the front page of our website.)



The Amberley Village Police Department continues to include articles in print and digital newsletters and regularly talks to residents about speeding and driver inattention. The Department also utilizes tools such as electronic speed signage, temporary speedbumps and roadway modifications. And while these measures are applied throughout the Village, recent high impact areas of focus include Sagamore, Longmeadow, Fairhaven, North and South Farmcrest and Kincaid.

“We also work to increase officer visibility,” says Chief Wallace, “and while it’s not our favorite part of the strategy, enforcement ultimately comes into play when officers are forced to issue citations.” Chief Wallace reminds residents that “as much as we hate risking a bad rapport, the safety of our residents and their children is our first priority.”

Residents with speed and safety concerns should contact Amberley Village Police Department at 531-2040.

## Community Calendar:

April 5, 2020, Noon – 4 p.m.	One Stop Drop at Amberley Green
April 13, 2020, 6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting of Council
April 15, 2020	Income Tax Returns Due
April 25, 2020, 10. – 2 p.m.	National Drug Take Back Day

## Looking Ahead:

June 28, 2020, 9 a.m. - Noon	Kids Bike Safety Fair
August 23, 2020	Ice Cream Social

*Committee meetings are posted regularly on the Amberley Village website calendar. Village posting boards, via Facebook and twitter, and on our new digital signage board in the Lobby at the Amberley Village Municipal Building.*



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## Economic Development Update

**Amberley Village continues to keep residents updated on its latest efforts to maximize the neighborhood’s many assets. While the following serves as an overview, additional information is added regularly to the Village website at [www.amberleyvillage.org](http://www.amberleyvillage.org).**

### North Site

Amberley Village recently established three parcels of land at the North Site, one of which has been occupied by Mercy Health since 2018. This action was necessary to allow for the sale or lease of the two remaining parcels, with an eye toward business tax revenues, which would bolster Amberley Village’s annual income. Look for more on these properties in the coming months.

### 2100 Section Road

Amberley Village has been working in partnership with The Port of Cincinnati to market this property for use as a build-ready industrial site, with the intention of attracting a sizeable employer. Marketing sessions were recently held to assist in rebranding the property, including drone footage, a 360 degree media tour, and social media advertising, which will be used to attract potential users. A mock presentation to a site selector was conducted recently that lays the groundwork for the property to be classified an authenticated site and assist in marketing to an end user.



### Amberley Green

Amberley Village is currently working on changes to the zoning code at Amberley Green. According to our current code, only residential development of an acre or more is an allowable use of the property. This is contrary to what residents and Council have determined are in the best interests of the Village. The zoning code, therefore, must be changed before development of any kind can take place at Amberley Green.

Negotiations continue with the Mayerson JCC regarding development of a portion of the property for a summer camp, however details are still being discussed. The JCC continues to

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**One Stop Drop Recycle Day**  
**Sunday, April 5, 2020 from 12 – 4 p.m.**  
**Amberley Green, 7801 Ridge Road**

Visit [www.amberleyvillage.org](http://www.amberleyvillage.org) for a full listing of acceptable items, including electronics, paper shredding, clothing and small household items.



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# Amberley Village Ends 2019 Under Budget

With expenditures down and revenues up from the previous year, 2019 was financially good to the Village. Amberley Village ended 2019 with a small surplus in the amount of \$107,745 – a welcome contrast to the anticipated operating shortfall of \$350,000.

General Fund expenses, which fund basic Village services like fire protection, snow and ice control, police, EMS, brush and leaf collection, totaled \$5.1 million, representing \$213,000 less than what was budgeted. And while some revenues decreased, the Village's main revenue source, the earnings tax, exceeded projected collections in 2019. Overall, the Village collected a total of \$5.2 million in all General Fund revenue categories.

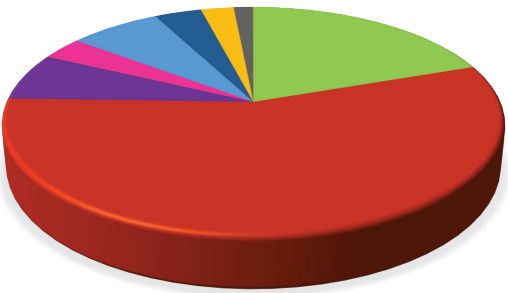
Conservative spending in a cost-controlled environment, combined with better than anticipated revenue, adds up to Amberley Village going into 2020 with a \$5.6 million fund balance.

At right, the chart entitled *Where Does the Money Come From?* illustrates the significance of the earnings tax, which generated \$2.9 million in 2019, or 56% of our total revenues last year.

Equally significant is the data depicted in the chart *Where Does the Money Go?* An ongoing priority in Amberley Village is Police and Fire, where 43% of the General Fund pays for these combined services. In 2019, the General Fund paid \$1.8 million towards Police on top of the \$1.3 allocated by the police levy.

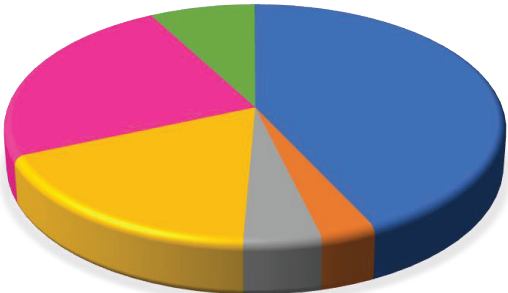
Village finances continue to be a top priority for Village Council, which always seeks to reduce costs and increase revenues while ensuring a vibrant community for our residents.

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



Property Tax  
Municipal Income Tax  
State Shared Taxes & Permit  
Intergovernmental  
Charges for Services  
Fines, Licences, Permits  
Interest  
Miscellaneous

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



Total Security of Persons & Property  
Public Health Services  
Total Basic Utility Services  
Transportation  
General Government  
Total Other Financing Uses

## Continued Focus on Clean Recycling

Amberley Village residents are encouraged to keep up the great work on implementing clean recycling! Our focus has been on keeping recycle bins uncontaminated, which means keeping plastic bags OUT of the bins. Remember, do your part: when in doubt, throw it out!

### RECYCLE RIGHT IN YOUR RECYCLING CART

✓ GLASS JARS & BOTTLES  
BOTTLES • JARS

✓ METAL CANS & LIDS  
AEROSOL • ALUMINUM  
STEEL

✓ PAPER PRODUCTS  
MILK/JUICE CARTONS • BOXES • ENVELOPES  
PAPER • MAGAZINES • NEWSPAPER  
CLEAN PIZZA BOXES • CARDBOARD

✓ PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS  
WATER/SODA • SHAMPOO • LOTION  
KETCHUP/MUSTARD • MILK/JUICE • DETERGENT  
LIDS ONLY IF LEFT ON EMPTY BOTTLE/JUG

When in doubt  
throw it out

✗ PLASTIC BAGS

✗ POLYSTYRENE FOAM

✗ AUDIO/VIDEO TAPES

✗ BATTERIES

✗ ALUMINUM FOIL/  
PIE PANS

✗ METAL/PLASTIC HANGERS

✗ CUPS

✗ PLASTIC TUBS

✗ TOYS

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Contrary to popular belief, only a small percentage - just 13% - of resident property taxes go directly to Amberley Village. The graphic above depicts how your dollars are parceled out among the county, parks, libraries and schools, with the largest percentage going toward education.

## Gas Pipeline Approved by Ohio Power Siting Board



The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB), which oversees public utilities in Ohio, recently approved Duke Energy's proposal to allow construction of the Central Corridor Pipeline.

Several municipalities and a citizens group appealed the OPSB decision, citing safety as a major concern; however, the Board has rejected the appeal, and construction is expected to begin in 2020. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Duke Energy as follows:



CENTRAL CORRIDOR  
PIPELINE EXTENSION  
PROJECT

WEB PAGE: [www.duke-energy.com/centralcorridor](http://www.duke-energy.com/centralcorridor)  
HOTLINE: 513.287.2130  
EMAIL: [CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com](mailto:CentCorridorPipeline@duke-energy.com)

## New Council Email Addresses

Amberley Village is committed to keeping lines of communication open and accessible between residents and government officials. In this spirit, Amberley Village has incorporated Village-issued email addresses for Councilmembers into its digital communications protocol.

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[rwarren@amberlevillage.org](mailto:rwarren@amberlevillage.org)

## Stay Informed. Get Involved.

Amberley Village continues to beef up communication with residents regarding a variety of topics of interest, especially economic development efforts. Annually, two print newsletters are sent to residents: one in the fall, and one in the spring. Regular communication continues during the months between via digital mailing of a monthly newsletter, e-mail updates and social media, however, many residents still only receive print newsletter mailings.

To keep mailing costs down and to stay informed year-round, we encourage residents to take a moment to sign up for our monthly email publication, *Amberley Village E-News*, where we offer more detailed updates on topics ranging from proposed developments at Amberley Green, the North Site and 2100 Section Road (the former Gibson property), to important news regarding curbside and maintenance services, events in the Village, and plans for upcoming safety and infrastructure projects.

Rest assured your personal information is protected vigilantly. Amberley Village does not share subscriber email information with anyone outside the Administration office, and tracking data is used solely to better tailor communications to the interests of our residents.

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