

Storms Impact Village Power; Brush Pickup

As many residents are aware, Amberley Village temporarily suspended Maintenance services to allow our personnel, which are also trained firefighters, to be reassigned into roles as first responders. As such, residents are asked to hold back brush piles to allow teams to focus on safety at this time.

However, in light of the April 8 storms that recently ripped through our area, Brush Collection was resumed, and will remain in effect until cleanup efforts throughout the Village have been achieved. Chief Wallace has asked that the following measures be taken to assist us in keeping Maintenance personnel and residents safe as we work to get to everyone as quickly as possible:

- DO NOT BLOCK FIRE HYDRANTS
- PILES SHOULD BE CLEAN, NEAT, STACKED AND FREE OF DEBRIS
- CONTRACTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN DEBRIS REMOVAL
- LOGS 6 – 8 INCHES IN DIAMETER SHOULD BE IN A SEPARATE PILE

Our focus is on clearing right-of-ways and the safety of ALL Village residents, so some brush piles will have to wait.

Crews from municipalities around the region have been assisting Amberley Village in expediting these efforts, however, damage was especially acute. Many power lines, transformers and trees were downed, with roadways and emergency access blocked.

These efforts have resulted in a gradual cleanup of Amberley Village, but much work remains to be done. We sincerely appreciate your patience, and assure you everything is being done to finish the hard work that lies ahead.

As brush collection is not an essential service, the collection of brush will be suspended after the storm damage is cleared and while we are still under a State of Emergency. Residents are asked not to place brush at the street after April 24.



Downed power lines and transformers left much of the Village without power following recent storm activity. Storms hit multiple neighborhoods, with Amberley Village among those most critically affected. Crews from other communities assisted with cleanup efforts.

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Village Manager, Scot Lahrmer; press 50

Executive Assistant and Clerk of Council, Tammy Reasoner; press 51

Finance Administrator, Kathleen Harcourt; press 52

Tax Administrators, Patty Meiers and Jenny West; press 53

Zoning and Project Administrator, Wes Brown; press 54

Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Wallis; press 55

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NEWS

From Village Manager Scot Lahrmer & Chief Wallace

Amberley Village leadership and staff continue to work diligently to ensure the latest information is reaching all residents, which is why you are receiving this Special Edition Newsletter. Regular updates are being sent out electronically and added to our website, but we realize many of our residents are not equipped to receive them.

“As we are in unprecedented times, the Village needs you to sign up to receive our electronic news. In the event of an emergency, this is the quickest way for me to communicate,” says Chief Wallace. “Without your connection to us, you could potentially be putting yourself in harm’s way. During this state of emergency, please take two minutes and go to our website: www.amberleyvillage.org, click on ‘Email Subscriptions’ and provide your email address, name and check ‘newsletter.’ Or just text AMBERLEYNEWS to 22828.” He adds, “That’s all you have to do to stay abreast of the latest safety news - please do this for your Chief.”

We hope you’ll read this issue carefully, as it contains information critical to keeping operations smooth for all of us in Amberley Village. From staying home, wearing protective face covering, and adhering to brush pickup standards and other directives associated with the Village’s current State of Emergency, we can all do our part to keep first responders and our neighbors safe and healthy. We’ve also included the most recent updates on important day-to-day topics, including tax due dates, public meetings and brush collection changes in light of the recent storms (*see article on Storms Impact Village; Brush Collection Update*).

Finally, we’ve included information (back panel) on how to reach our Administrative Staff during this time of Stay at Home social distancing. For Police non-emergency calls, dial 531-2040, and as always, emergency calls should go through 911. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance or answer any questions.

DO YOUR PART!

Chief Wallace & Village Manager Scot Lahrmer are asking all residents to do the following while Amberley Village is under its State of Emergency:

1. STAY HOME - SAVE LIVES
2. Follow brush guidelines for curbside pickup during storm cleanup; then refrain from putting out brush
3. Sign up for E-News for regular updates at www.amberleyvillage.org



Amberley Village Employs Online Meetings

Following the Governor’s signature of House Bill 197 into law, local government entities are now permitted to hold public meetings online in lieu of meeting in person.

This allows municipalities to continue to work through the passage of initiatives and purchase approvals, which are necessary to the regular operations of Amberley Village.

Amberley Village has selected the Zoom platform to host public meetings. Public notices now include online information for all Council, Committee and Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals meetings, which will enable residents to participate.

Residents wishing to speak at Council meetings will still be required to register before noon the day of the scheduled meeting to be added to the agenda by contacting the Clerk of Council. These notices will be posted to the online calendar, and will include the necessary information to participate.

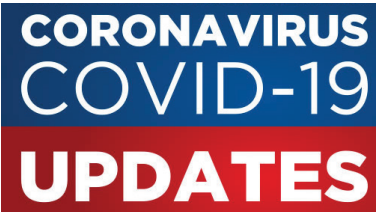
The first online meeting of Amberley Village Council was held on April 13, and was made available to residents via live streaming video.

A recording of the video can be accessed via the link on our website at www.amberleyvillage.org, where residents will also find a list of helpful guidelines.

Questions regarding online meetings and participation should be directed to Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council at tpreoner@amberleyvillage.org



Amberley Village Launches Resource Page



A new resource link has been added to the Amberley Village website to serve as a one-click destination for residents to find out the latest updates. The page includes State of Emergency, important updates, and transcripts of all Village Call Safe messages regarding COVID-19 are linked here.

Also included on the webpage are all Special Edition digital newsletters, which include resource links for preferred websites for information, including Hamilton County Health Department, Ohio’s Coronavirus Website, and an updated map from Johns Hopkins University. These resources should serve as primary resources for information regarding COVID-19 in our area.

Chief Wallace has also issued a letter regarding police response to the Governor’s Stay at Home Order, emphasizing the importance of following all safety measures as outlined by the Village and the State.

The Amberley Village COVID-19 Resource Page can be located on our website by clicking the “COVID-19 Updates” link at the upper right hand corner of the landing page at www.amberleyvillage.org

Tax Deadline Extended by State of Ohio

The Amberley Village income tax deadline was earlier announced to remain at April 15 for all residents. A new bill, signed by Governor Mike DeWine on March 27, has moved the date for both the State of Ohio and all Ohio municipalities to align with the federal filing date of July 15.

Amberley Village encourages residents to file before the extended deadline if they are able to do so. This is the best way to get a refund if you have one coming, find out if you owe a tax balance, and prepare your 2020 estimations if you file quarterly tax estimates. It’s also a great time to do your taxes while under the Stay at Home Order instead of in July when you will want to be on vacation!

As always, the Amberley Village Tax Drop Box remains open, no-contact and secure 24 hours, 7 days a week for your convenience. The Drop Box also offers a great option for dropping off alarm payments, correspondence and other documents to the Village.

Tax questions? Contact Jenny West at 531-0130 or jwest@amberleyvillage.org



Encourage Others on Social Media

Keep yourself, your loved ones and our community safe. Stay at home to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and save the lives of those at high risk for contracting COVID-19.

Are you staying at home and doing your part?

Encourage others to be a part of the effort by changing your social media profile picture “Stay Home. Save Lives.” Simply right-click the image found on our Facebook, twitter and Nextdoor pages, save it to your device, and upload it to your social media profile picture!



Social Distancing Reminder

Signage at Amberley Green and the Municipal Building park has been added to remind residents and dogwalkers to maintain a six-foot distance from others using the green space. Studies have shown that maintaining this standard distance between persons can significantly reduce the spread of Coronavirus.



Area Municipalities Help With Storm Clean Up

Thanks to crews from the City of Mason, the City of Beavercreek, Symmes Township, and the Village of Mariemont for their support in our post-storm clean up efforts. We appreciate all your help!



Property Maintenance

While under the current Stay at Home Order, Amberley Village encourages residents to focus on property maintenance efforts, which impact property values and aesthetics in the Village.

When properties are not maintained, it affects the value of nearby properties and if widespread, can affect the prices of entire communities. Property maintenance impacts the property values of neighborhoods and the Village as a whole. The value of properties, however, is just one aspect. The enforcement of maintenance standards for property owners assures neighbors that all residents are expected to keep their property up to those standards. Simple, timely maintenance can prevent major problems and ensure compliance with the code.

As part of the Village Council’s ongoing efforts to protect property values, our property maintenance code is comprehensively reviewed and updated as needed. Our property maintenance code is an important tool for keeping Amberley Village a safe and pleasant place to live and work and serves an important role in maintaining our property values.

Look for details on a public hearing scheduled for June 8 where the public is invited to provide feedback on proposed changes to property maintenance code.

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