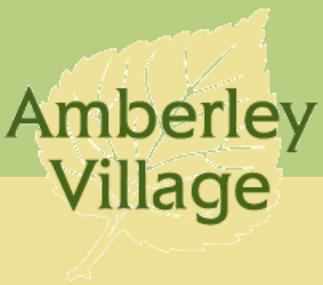


# Amberley Village News

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS OF AMBERLEY VILLAGE



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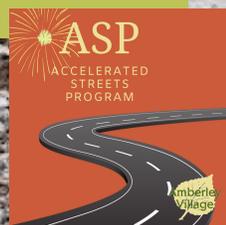
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## From the Desk of Village Manager Scot Lahrmer

***It's a great time to  
be in Amberley Village!***

Whether it's the return of the in-person Ice Cream Social, new faces serving in the community, our residents' generosity, or the commitment of our staff, Amberley Village has much to celebrate. And it seems the community at large is taking notice!

We've recently received media attention for the Ice Cream Social, and also for an unique employee scholarship named in memory of Councilmember Ed Hattenbach. Chief Wallace has again been recognized for his leadership in law enforcement, this time by Crimestoppers.

And we're making headway on the implementation of a \$6.7 million road program that ensures the strength of our Village infrastructure for decades to come.

We know we couldn't have done any of this without the critical support of our residents. The confidence you place in your public servants affords us the resources and latitude to keep seeking new and innovative ways to provide services, strengthen community, and secure safety throughout the Village.

We hope you'll enjoy reading about some of the stories that set our community apart. For each one of them, please know that there are literally hundreds more that take place every day here in the Village - stories of our employees' commitment to honoring the trust you place in them, and their genuine desire to be good stewards of the resources to which you've entrusted them. On behalf of all of our employees, thank you for the opportunity to serve you!



## A Word from Chief Wallace

In this issue, you'll read about the great work our Police Department is doing to maximize the critical tax dollars our residents generously approved earlier this year. We want you to know that we don't take that lightly, and are working around the clock to ensure our residents are getting the excellent services promised. In the story regarding the multi-jurisdictional crime that was solved, you'll read about key tools that were used to crack the case - many of which wouldn't be possible without Police Levy dollars.



Also featured in this issue is evidence of our ongoing commitment to community engagement, which our Village Manager points out above, has resulted in growing public recognition of Amberley Village as a leader in working with other departments and communities. Our recent participation in the work of the Urban League's Center for Social Justice is just another example of the proactive approach our Department makes that helps set us apart from other communities. You'll want to check out the full report on Policing in Hamilton County to learn about recommendations made by the Urban League to improve police-community relations in our region.

And while there is always room for improvement in any relationship, a recent survey conducted in Amberley Village by two of our lieutenants studying for their Certifications as Law Enforcement Executives (CLEE) showed that all residents who responded to the survey were either Satisfied or Very Satisfied with AVPD as a whole, and found the Department either Very Effective (33.33%) or Extremely Effective (66.67%) in engaging or interacting with different groups (ie, ethnic, racial, religious) within our community.

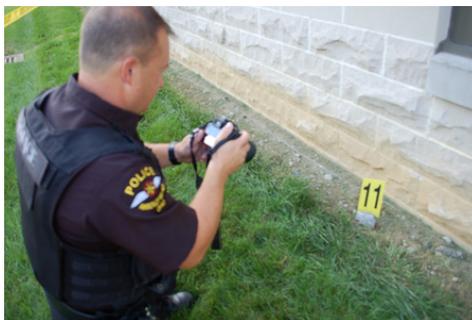
We're extremely proud of our focus on community, as well as of the residents' focus on us. We continue to strive to make Amberley Village a safe, secure and special place to live.





# Amberley Village Police Department: Sending a Message to Criminals

Amberley Village Police Department recently solved a series of crimes that impacted businesses both in the Village and in Blue Ash. Detective James Drake, along with multiple members of the AVPD, spent several months investigating thefts which spanned a six-month period, and resulted in criminal charges of felony theft, receiving stolen property and breaking and entering.



The initial break-in was reported where several cases of cigarettes were stolen from a local business. Investigation of the crime scene revealed that the suspect had entered the building by cutting through the gate lock, and breaking a window above some pallets with a rock.



Probably cutting himself while entering the broken window, police found blood near the point of entry and several locations near the stolen property. Samples were collected and later used to make a positive DNA match.



In addition, surveillance video of the suspect was gathered from the business and neighboring properties, and later became instrumental in convicting the perpetrator. Key tools which are funded through Tax Levy dollars were instrumental in solving the crime. At a time when many departments are relegated to investigating only the most violent crimes, Amberley Village's commitment to safety enables our Police Department the latitude to pursue, investigate and charge criminals who otherwise might not be caught and prosecuted.

**Top:** Officer Monahan photographs evidence at the scene.

**Middle:** Evidence collection kits, such as the one shown here, are used by Amberley Village detectives and officers when processing a crime scene.

**Bottom:** Officer Roeseler dusts for fingerprints to aid in identifying an offender.

AVPD thanks our residents for their support in sending a definite message to criminals that Amberley Village is NOT where they want to be. With an impeccable crime solve ratio, and thanks to the support of our residents in making safety a priority, Amberley Village continues to lead the region in criminal investigation through tools such as those used in this case:

### DNA



Detective Drake and other officers collected blood samples from the crime scene, which were then submitted to the Hamilton County Crime Lab for identification. The DNA match was a critical link in solidly identifying the suspect.

### BMV



A request was made from the BMV for license plates matching the make and model of the suspect's car. Over 1,200 hits were identified, and were manually researched for a match against .

### License Plate Readers



Photos from license plate readers from across the country are stored in a national database, which were utilized to compare surveillance photos taken at the crime scene. Unique identifiers on the suspect's car assisted detectives in locating the vehicle, and thereby assisting in identification of the perpetrator.

### On-Site Surveillance



Officers spent two Sundays on surveillance following the initial break-ins, dedicating 16 man hours in the field to the case.

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### Surveillance Video



Amberley Village Police Department met with both the business impacted by the robbery, as well as surrounding property owners, to acquire surveillance footage at the times of the break-ins. Video footage was carefully reviewed, and was used to eventually apprehend the suspect.

Indicators on the video supporting the identity of the thief were key to solidifying prosecution.

These tools, combined with genuine determination and constant training, help keep Amberley Village Police Department ahead of criminals. "Key resources are crucial to the solving of any crime," says Chief Rich Wallace. "We're thankful our residents who continue to recognize and provide!"



### Property Maintenance

With the fall season upon us, residents are reminded of the importance of property maintenance to the value of Amberley Village homes. A growing number of complaints have been taken by Administrative Staff regarding trailers, RVs and commercial vehicles parked on property throughout the Village. As a friendly reminder, these are not permitted to be parked on residential property.



### Reading Fire-EMS Receives National Recognition

Reading Fire Department has received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold achievement award for its commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to people experiencing the most severe form of heart attack, ultimately saving lives. The Lifeline award is earned by agencies that demonstrate a commitment to optimal care and life-saving response times as outlined by the American Heart Association.



As our Emergency Medical Services provider, this means Amberley Village residents are receiving the most updated, research based care. Congratulations, Reading EMS!



### Amberley Village Police Participates in Urban League Policing Forum

The Center for Social Justice at The Urban League of Southwestern Ohio recently held a Community Forum on Policing in Hamilton County. Chief Wallace was one of three Police Chiefs who attended the event, and was commended for his proactive approach to community policing. Rickell Howard Smith, Executive Director of the Center for Local Justice, said "Amberley Village PD has been a great partner in our work to increase transparency in law enforcement practices throughout Hamilton County. The collaboration between the Human Rights Commission and the police department can serve as a model for municipalities seeking to build trust with their residents."



#### Read the Report :

At left, Chief Wallace is shown in conversation with Amberley Village residents Jim Boney (l.), Chair of the Human Rights Commission) and Phillip Holloman (center), who was instrumental in establishing the Center for Social Justice.



## Official News

### Congratulations!



Ben Hunt has been sworn in as Vice-Mayor



Dara Wood is the new District E Councilmember



Craig Capozzo was appointed to Planning Commission

### Soliciting in the Village

As most residents are aware, Amberley Village policy requires solicitors to register with the Village. Solicitors are also required to adhere to the Village's DO NOT SOLICIT list, which prohibits them from visiting homes either on the list or who have DO NOT SOLICIT signs posted on their property.

Residents can sign up for the DO NOT SOLICIT list via Dispatch at 513-531-2040, or by emailing Carrie Minton, at [cminton@amberleyvillage.org](mailto:cminton@amberleyvillage.org).

Please note that the solicitation policy specifically exempts political canvassing. Violations of the solicitation policy should be reported to Dispatch at 513-531-2040, and will be followed up by Amberley Village Police Department.

## Still Giving Back: The Legacy of Ed Hattenbach

Amberley Village was recently featured on 700-WLW for a unique program established by the Hattenbach Family to commemorate the life and service of Councilmember Ed Hattenbach, who passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic while still in office. The Edward R. Hattenbach Memorial Scholarship Fund is designated for use by one Amberley Village employee or eligible family member per year for the purpose of continuing education. According to Ed's daughter, Meryl, both the Village and education were important to him during his life, and the scholarship fund is a means to honor both in his memory.



The first year of the scholarship proved a competitive one, with an unexpectedly large number of applications. The Hattenbach Family awarded two scholarships in the first year, which was reported in a recent issue of the Village E-News, along with plans for the family to increase the Scholarship Fund by inviting residents to participate in honoring Ed's memory. The Fund is now accessible via the dropdown menu on the donation page at <https://qrco.de/bdLeN0> or via the QR Code above!

## Lift Assist Chair Donation to Help Residents

Amberley Village Police-Fire Department recently acquired a lift assist chair to aid in helping non-injured residents who have fallen in their homes. With more than 60 lift assist calls last year, AVPD recognized the value for both residents and officers alike. "We can now aid residents with non-emergency needs by lifting them from falls in tighter spaces, with more efficiency and with less concern over injuries to our officers," said Training Officer Chris Fritsch. He adds that falls involving medical attention should still call 9-1-1 to ensure there are no delays in medical treatment.

*The Lift Assist Chair is the generous gift of resident Nimet Jeruzalmi in memory of her late husband, Dr. Isaac Jeruzalmi.*

**Coming soon:** Look for photos and video of the Lift Assist Chair, including how it works, on the Village website!

*To request a Lift Assist, call 513-531-2040. If injuries are suspected, call 911 immediately.*



## Chief Wallace Recognized by Crime Stoppers



Chief Wallace was recently honored by Crime Stoppers in the category of Law Enforcement for going above the call of duty to promote community safety

and build stronger community relationships. Selected from candidates throughout Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and Southeast Indiana, Chief Wallace was presented the award at the Crime Stoppers Awards Breakfast on October 11. Crime Stoppers is a multi-faceted non-profit organization with a rich tradition of increasing safety in the community by solving crimes. Comprised of volunteer members, Crime Stoppers is a national network that has been working to keep cities across the US safe for more than 40 years.

## Village Recognizes Employees for Years of Service



Amberley Village Manager Scot Lahrmer has instituted an Employee Recognition Program to honor public servants for significant service milestones. Employees are invited to the regular meeting of council to be honored publicly for their service to Amberley Village, and receive an

award from the Mayor, as well as a service pin and gift card to a retail establishment of their choice. Please join us in congratulating our public servants by visiting the Employee Recognition Program page at: <https://amberleyvillage.org/employee-recognition-program/> and leave a comment or note of congratulations!

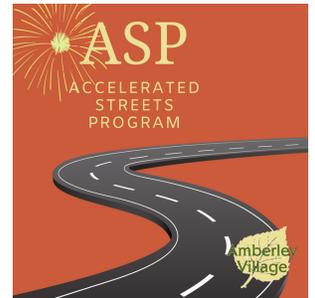




# Accelerated Streets Program Update

Progress on the Amberley Village Accelerated Streets Program is visible in neighborhoods throughout the Village. Communication with residents of those neighborhoods has been ongoing through newsletters, emails and social media posts, but one of our priorities remains informing residents of progress being made on this \$6.7 million investment Village infrastructure. Not only does the investment translate into smoother rides along the roadways, but the impact on property values has been noted by experts nationwide. The following updates on two major projects that fall under the ASP program are just another way Amberley Village is working to protect the investment made by each of you when you chose this community in which to live. As with any project in the Village, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns or feedback. Thanks again for your ongoing support and patience as we progress with this long-awaited project!

For more information and regular updates on all Accelerated Streets Program (ASP) projects, visit the Village website at [www.amberleyvillage.org](http://www.amberleyvillage.org) or contact Village Administration at 513-531-8675.



## Elbrook/Meadowridge/Bluegrass Project



GCWW completed new water main and fire hydrant installations in September, and began work on curb and catch basin concrete repairs. Once concrete work has been completed, repaving will begin and is expected to be completed by early November. Contractors will notify residents prior to any disruptions to driveway access.

## Farmcrest/Kincaid Project

The Farmcrest/Kincaid project represents the largest single investment in the Village Accelerated Streets Program (ASP), with approximately \$2 million allocated for replacement of the storm water system and a complete road reconstruction. Included in the cost of the project is the Greater Cincinnati Water Works' (GCWW) replacement of the current water main system.

Road reconstruction is expected to begin in Spring of 2023, and will include total curb replacement, installation of underdrains and complete reconstruction of the street from the base up. Contractors will add aggregate under the base and replace the street, as well as remove deteriorated concrete.



Be sure to keep contact and household information up to date with Amberley Village Dispatch - your safety is important to us. Stop by or call us at 513-531-2040 today!



Sign Up!

Sign up for monthly E-News updates, and check our website regularly for the latest Amberley Village news and information!

# Winter May Seem Far Away....

...but we all know better! Just a friendly reminder to keep streets and cul-de-sacs clear of garbage cans, cars and debris during snowy weather to ensure our Maintenance Crews are able to uphold their "before the snow hits the ground" reputation, and to keep you moving when the weather is rough. Take a moment and check out this ride-along reminder of the importance of doing your part to ensure all residents have road access during the snow!



## Undergrounding (TUG) Update

Amberley Village has been working closely with Duke Energy to reduce the frequency of power outages in certain sections of the Village. At right is pictured recent progress on Elbrook. The tubes sticking out of the ground represent sheaths that encase power lines, which are installed and connected to power boxes that residents will notice above ground in various locations throughout neighborhoods where the TUG projects are underway. These power boxes will allow Duke Energy to restore power more efficiently in the event of an outage. Amberley Village appreciates your patience as the process continues - we know the long-term benefits of this project will be seen for years to come!



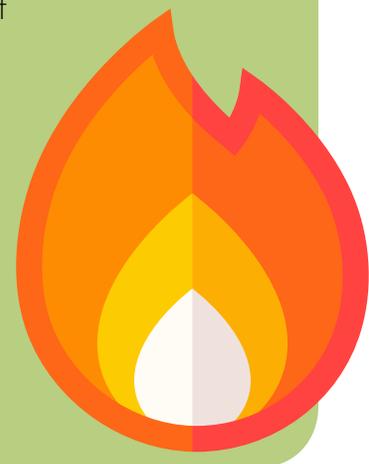
## Gas Aggregation Program

Amberley Village has followed the recommendation of its Aggregation Consultant, AGE, and has locked in a fixed rate contract with IGS Energy of \$0.869 per ccf for the Village Gas Aggregation program for the winter of 2022. The contract, which begins in October 2022, runs through October of 2024, and new rates will be reflected on the November 2022 bill.

Duke's GCR (Gas Cost Recovery) rates to compare for September 1, 2022 through October 2, 2022 were released at \$1.1554 following a drop in August of 2022. This kind of volatility, more likely to the high side, is what AGE's recommendations were based upon for the upcoming contract, and why the fixed rate plan is a great move for residents.

If you are with another supplier and would like to switch to the Village's natural gas aggregation program you should check with your existing supplier for related cancellation fees. After you cancel your existing contract, contact AGE, the Village's Aggregation Consultant at 618-203-8328, and tell them you want to join the Amberley Village natural gas aggregation program. There are no additional fees associated with the Village's aggregation programs and you may join or cancel at any time.

For additional information or with questions, contact Amberley Village Administration at 513-531-8675.



Leaf Collection runs  
Oct. 17 - Dec. 23.  
See guidelines at right!



SCAN ME

Please note leaves will be collected once per week throughout the Village; there are no longer assigned pickup days



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## Looking Ahead:

- Board of Zoning Appeals: First Monday, 7 p.m.
- Council Meeting: Second Monday, 6:30 p.m.
- October 17: Leaf Collection Begins
- October 29: DEA National Drug Takeback Day
- October 31: Trick or Treat, 6 - 8 p.m.
- November 6: Daylight Savings Ends; Set Clocks Back One Hour
- November 8: Election Day
- November 23 - 25: Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
- December 23: Leaf Collection Ends
- December 23 - 26: Offices Closed for Christmas
- January 2: Offices Closed for New Year's Holiday

**Always check the Village website for the latest changes and updates**

*Council & 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](http://www.amberleyvillage.org).*

## 2022 Ice Cream Social

Special thanks to our sponsors, volunteers, staff and residents, as well as Reading EMS and Hamilton County Police Association for their participation in our Safety Display. Visit the 2022 Ice Cream Social Online Gallery at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Gs5J3BdPZ5HZ8e246> or via the QR code below.



**WISH TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR SUPPORT**



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- PRISCILLA WOOD-BYER
- ROB WOOD



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**ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
BY THE NUMBERS**

 1200 Ice Cream Cups
 620 Kona Ice Servings
 Nearly 80 Trolley Trips (An estimated 900 passengers)
 200 Kosher Hot Dogs +250 Ballpark Hot Dogs <b>450 Hot Dogs</b>

**THANK YOU AMBERLEY VILLAGE!**