



Public Buildings & Parks Committee Agenda

June 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Public Buildings & Parks Committee

Peg Conway, Chair
Ray Warren
Ben Hunt

Staff Liason

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes: May 3, 2021

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. Public comment regarding proposed Ordinance 2021-8, Restricting Dogs at Amberley Green

ADJOURNMENT

Amberley Village Council – Public Buildings & Parks Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2021

In attendance: Peg Conway (chair), Ray Warren (committee), Ben Hunt (committee), Tom Muething, Rich Bardach, Natalie Wolf, Scot Lahrmer, Tammy Reasoner. See attached list of other attendees.

Prior Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of April 14 were accepted as submitted.

Restricting Dogs at Amberley Green

Ms. Conway summarized the committee's work to date on whether to implement dog restrictions at Amberley Green, noting that this was the seventh time since May 2019 that the matter had been an agenda item. Significant input has been received during that time. Dog owners love the open space for their dogs that allows them to exercise as well, and many enjoy the connections with other dog and owners they have formed in the process. Other dog owners have had negative experiences, including bites and injuries, and no longer take their dogs, while non-dog owners share similar feedback. Residents adjacent to the Green have complained about dogs coming on their property. Review of other communities' regulations indicated that Amberley's current dogs under control policy allows significantly more freedom than elsewhere.

Previously, the committee has considered a leash law for Amberley Green and a hybrid approach that would designate certain hours for dogs off leash. Ms. Conway stated her belief that the public safety concerns indicate the need for policy change and proposed that off-leash dogs be permitted from dawn to 9 am and 3:00 to 5:00 pm, every day, year-round, along with other regulations previously presented: leash requirement in the parking lot, defining "dogs under control," limiting the number of dogs per owner, and requiring that owners pick up dog waste.

The ensuing discussion covered the possibility of creating a dog park on a portion of the property, the need to make the property available to all residents, not just dog owners; to protect the nearby residents; and the fact that enforcement issues will be present with any approach. Multiple options for hours of restriction were also considered. Mr. Bardach objected to the proposed limitations and expressed his view that dogs/owners who create problems should be prosecuted and barred from the property.

Mr. Warren moved to recommend the Chair's proposal, and the motion passed unanimously. It will be presented at the May meeting of Council for the first of three readings. Members of the public in attendance were advised of the ability to sign up to speak at Council or email Council members with their views. The large numbers and the Zoom format did not allow for public participation at this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by: Peg Conway, Chair

Background on Amberley Green 2004-2021

Amberley Village owns the former Crest Hills Country Club located at the southwest corner of Galbraith and Ridge Roads. This unique property, totaling 133 acres and known as Amberley Green, is a key parcel for the Village because of its size, beauty, potential, and location. As the property owner, the Village funds all upkeep and has full jurisdiction over permitted uses and activities on the property.

Zoning and Development

Crest Hills Country Club operated at this site from its opening in 1967 until it closed in 2004 with the property zoned as park. Subsequently, when the club wanted to sell the property to housing developers, zoning of the property became the subject of litigation between the club and the Village, whose leaders wished to maintain the Village's rural-like atmosphere. Amberley Village acquired the 133-acre Amberley Green property late in 2008 from the Ridge Club following the litigation.

Development initiatives have occurred over the last 13 years, but none have been successful to date. As a result of the 2008 legal proceedings, the Village changed the zoning to Residence A, which is one-acre single-family homes. The Village is not supportive of one-acre zoning on the property and in 2021 created specific zoning text for Amberley Green that places an emphasis on active and passive recreational uses, walking trails, and woodland preservation areas, but includes uses like offices, nursing homes, retail, single-family residential, government/public buildings/facilities, universities, and other similar uses.

Recreational Opportunity for Residents

Shortly after the property was acquired in 2008, the Great Recession dramatically affected the economy. Consequently, Amberley Green sat dormant but was made available *to Amberley residents* for use as open space, primarily for walking on the former cart paths, exercising dogs, and later, using the tennis courts that were restored by Mount Notre Dame High School. The zoning remained Residence A as the Village awaited an economic upturn to activate new development potential for the property.

Opening to Non-Residents and Parking Passes

In 2012, responding to expressed interest and as part of the We Thrive grant that created the community garden there, Village Council *opened the property to non-residents*. At that time, a fee for parking was considered. However, a parking fee would cause the Village to potentially lose its recreational immunity and require the Village to purchase additional insurance to cover cars parked at Amberley Green, which was deemed undesirable. It would also generate administrative tasks that were not feasible for the Village's level of staffing.

Instead, in July 2012, Village Council established free parking permits for Amberley Green to differentiate between residents and non-residents. This has enabled the Amberley Police Department to know what vehicles are at Amberley Green and has discouraged parking on adjacent streets to access the property.

Dog Issues

The use of the property for walkers and dogs gained popularity after 2012. As compared to dog limitations in place at other recreational sites regionally, part of the attraction to the property has been the vague restriction that dogs need to be "under control." "Dogs under control" has been a relative

term that is difficult to define and enforce, but its intent is to keep both dogs and people using Amberley Green safe.

The Village has encountered difficulty with compliance because the term “under control” does not provide enough specifics for police to enforce. Enforcement is additionally challenging, as most people who call to report incidents do so well after the fact, which prevents identification and follow-up.

Formal complaints lodged with the Police about dogs at Amberley Green began around 2013 and have increased over the years as listed below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Complaints</u>	
2014	7	
2015	6	
2016	5	
2017	8	
2018	9	
2019	11	
2020	13	
2021	14	(As of 6/7/21)

In addition, there have been credible discussion threads on social media about dogs at Amberley Green along with other complaints not filed with the Police Department. Staff and Council have also been receiving anecdotal evidence from residents about the number and behavior of loose dogs at Amberley Green.

Actions to Address Dog Issues

In May 2019, the Village began communication efforts to clarify what “dogs under control” entails and to encourage people to supervise their dogs more closely at Amberley Green. After an article on the subject appeared in Amberley’s Spring 2019 print newsletter, two residents addressed Council at the May meeting to express concerns about the present situation and to advocate for a leash law. The issue was referred to the Public Buildings and Parks Committee in May 2019.

Over the course of seven meetings in two years, the Committee has held wide-ranging discussions about the current issues relating to dogs at Amberley Green, including:

- Presence of numerous dogs on the property
- The general public’s perception of the property as a park or an open dog park when the Village does not regard it as such
- The possible ramifications and need to implement changes when development occurs at Amberley Green
- The deep appreciation of open space for dogs by present users of Amberley Green
- Some Amberley residents no longer use the property as a result of negative, even injurious, dog encounters
- The future possibility of a designated dog park on the property
- The potential for a leash law to change dog owners’ behavior
- The difficulties of enforcing a leash law should it be enacted

The Public Buildings and Parks Committee requested staff to provide a list of options to address the issues. Those options were vetted while also hearing input from residents and users from other communities about the dogs at Amberley Green. People who favor maximum access for dogs off leash and those who support varying degrees of limitations differ markedly in their perception of the situation. This matter has generated significant interest from a substantial number of Amberley Green users who are not Village residents.

One of the ideas which surfaced was creating a formal dog run or park on the property. This may be an option in the future, as it defines an area that keeps dogs contained and non-dog walkers could still see dogs in a fenced-in area. However, it does not address the current situation at Amberley Green. Some of the many challenges of this option include:

- Amberley Village is not equipped nor staffed to care for a dog area
- The expense of fencing and the cost of a vestibule to keep dogs in when someone else is entering
- Enforcement of clean-up of feces within fenced area
- No available water or seating currently on the property
- Putting the Village in the business of maintaining a dog run (which some will continue to view as a dog park)
- Even where the Village suspends its leash laws, the laws that govern liability for human or animal injury may still apply.
- The Village would need to identify where on the property the dog run would be located and appropriately rezone that portion for this purpose.

The Committee concurred that a dog run was a possible long-term option that has merit but does not address the immediate issues at Amberley Green. The Committee then focused on creating designated hours for dogs off leash (but still under control) along with other requirements such as keeping dogs leashed in the parking lot and defining “dogs under control.”

Ordinance 2021-8 Restricting Dogs at Amberley Green was recommended by the Committee on May 3, 2021 and received its first reading at the regular Council meeting on May 10, 2021. The Committee continues to accept input on the matter.

- Citizens wishing to speak may request to do via chat with the meeting host, and must include full name and address. (Requests not including the full name and address will not be recognized to speak.)
- The Committee will hear as many people as possible, with priority given to Amberley Village residents.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Chat will only be seen by the meeting host for the purposes of requesting to speak; public chat will be disengaged to allow the meeting to be conducted according to procedure.
- Committee meeting will be limited to 120 minutes.

Council Meetings: Second Monday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.

- A second reading of **Proposed Ordinance 2021-8, Restricting Dogs at Amberley Green** will take place at the June 14 meeting of Council.
- A third reading of **Proposed Ordinance 2021-8, Restricting Dogs at Amberley Green** will take place at the July 12 meeting of Council.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration for a Zoom Council meeting is not the same as signing up to speak; anyone can attend the meeting via Zoom, but speaking requires being added to the agenda.
- Citizens wishing to speak at Council meetings must sign up to be added to the agenda no later than noon the day of the meeting by contacting the Clerk of Council via phone or email, and providing your **name, address and topic**. (531-8675 or **tpreasoner@amberleyvillage.org**)
- The Village offers streaming video for anyone who wishes to watch a Council meeting without participation. The link is included in public postings and on the website calendar listing for all Council meetings.

Written Comments

- Written comments can also be sent to the Clerk via **email** or mail (7149 Ridge Road, 45237) prior to noon the day of the meeting to allow time to compile and forward to all Council members and relevant staff.

PASSED:
BY:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-8

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LEASH REGULATIONS
FOR AMBERLEY GREEN

WHEREAS, Amberley Green has become an important and valued asset to members of the community because it provides green space with the opportunity for walking, exercising, and other activities;

WHEREAS, in recent years the popularity of walking dogs at Amberley Green has increased, as has the number of complaints received by the Village regarding unruly or aggressive dogs on the Amberley Green property;

WHEREAS, this is due in part to the Village's current regulations, which require that dogs on the Amberley Green property be "under control." The Village has encountered difficulty with enforcing compliance because the term "under control" does not provide enough specifics for police to enforce.

WHEREAS, in May 2019, the Village began communication efforts to clarify what "dogs under control" entails and to encourage people to supervise their dogs more closely at Amberley Green, however, this did not seem to correct the issues,

WHEREAS, the Public Buildings and Parks Committee has for two years considered numerous factors concerning the regulation of dogs on Amberley Green and proposes the leash regulations set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Council of Amberley Village, State of Ohio, seven (7) members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: Section 90.03 of the Amberley Village Municipal Code of Ordinances be amended, titled "Amberley Green Leash Regulations," and to include the following regulations regarding leashes for dogs on the Amberley Green property:

- A. Parking Lots - When in any parking lot at Amberley Green, dogs are required to be physically restrained on a leash by the dog's Owner or Caretaker at all times.
- B. Designate from dawn to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to allow dogs off-leash. Owner/Caretaker - For purposes of the regulations in this chapter, the terms "Owner" or "Caretaker" shall mean any person who owns a dog, who permits a dog to be lodged or fed at the person's residence or appurtenant buildings, or who is hired or otherwise charged with walking, feeding, attending to, or otherwise caring for a dog owned by another.

- C. Maximum Number of Dogs – No Owner or Caretaker is permitted to bring more than three (3) dogs to Amberley Green at any one time. During time periods when dogs are permitted to be off-leash, Owners or Caretakers shall have no more than two (2) unleashed dogs at any one time.
- D. Under Control –A dog at Amberley Green that is not physically restrained on a leash must be under the control of its Owner or Caretaker. For the purposes of the regulations in this chapter, the term “Under Control” means that the dog:
 - a. Is visible to the Owner or Caretaker;
 - b. Comes to the Owner’s or Caretaker’s side when called;
 - c. Stays by the Owner’s or Caretaker’s side when instructed to do so, under any circumstances;
 - d. Refrains from chasing wildlife, animals, or other dogs against the Owner’s or Caretaker’s commands;
 - e. Refrains from jumping on or attempting to contact other individuals who may be walking on paths, or who otherwise may be in close proximity to the dog.
- E. Any dog not capable of being kept Under Control by its Owner or Caretaker shall be kept physically restrained on a leash at all times when on any part of the Amberley Green premises. The Village retains the sole discretion in determining whether a dog is Under Control under these guidelines and may, at any time, direct an Owner or Caretaker to physically restrain a dog on a leash if the dog demonstrates an inability to be and remain Under Control.
- F. Disposal of Waste - Owners and Caretakers are required to collect and properly dispose of any fecal matter deposited by their dog(s). Fecal matter must be collected in an appropriate bag or receptacle and disposed of in designated containers located on the Amberley Green premises.
- G. Removal from Amberley Green - The Village retains the sole discretion in determining whether a dog is Under Control under these guidelines and if an Owner or Caretaker fails to maintain their dog(s) in such a manner, the Village may direct the Owner or Caretaker to leave the Amberley Green premises, or may prohibit the Caretaker or Owner from entering onto the Amberley Green property for a period of time or indefinitely.
- H. Liability - Any Owner or Caretaker who fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter will be liable for any injury, death, or loss of property caused by the dog’s action and the Owner’s or Caretaker’s failure to comply with these provisions.

First Reading

- I. Review - The Public Buildings and Parks Committee shall periodically review leash regulations not less than once per calendar year to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the Village is being upheld.
- J. Modifications – The Village Manager has discretion to adjust, as necessary, the times for unleashed dogs.
- K. Visible signage clearly welcoming guests and delineating the rules.
- L. Penalty – An individual who fails to comply with Sections (A) – (F) of this section shall be fined not less than \$25 or more than \$100 on a first offense, and on each subsequent offense shall be fined not less than \$75 or more than \$250 and may be imprisoned for not more than 30 days.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor Thomas C. Muething

Attest:

Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council

Ordinance Vote:

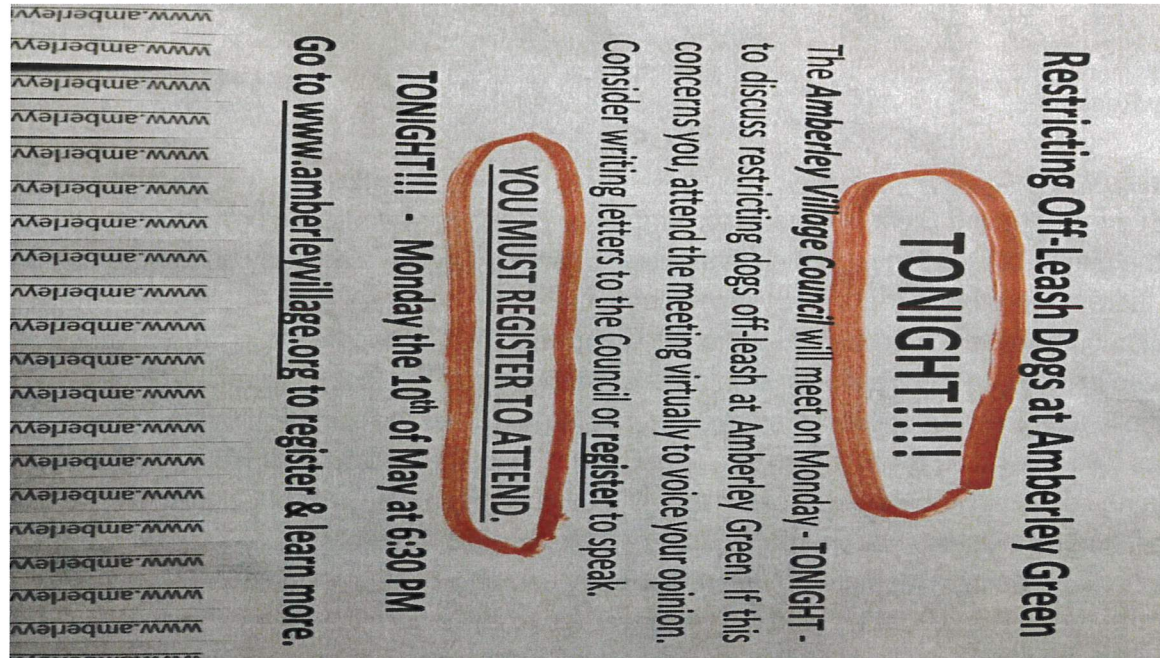
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First Reading

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the ____ day of _____, 2021, the foregoing Ordinance was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Ordinance at all of the places of public notice as designed by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council



Dog restrictions at Amberley Green. I know this is last-minute but I just wanted to notify as many people about a council meeting that begins this evening at 6:30 regarding a restriction of dogs off leash at Amberley Green. Last week the committee ramrodded this proposal so they had something to give to counsel to be discussed starting this evening. To my knowledge there have only been a few complaints that is resulting in a restriction to the dismay of several hundred people. Amberley Green is a treasure that cannot be found anywhere else and it may need a little more management but it does not need restrictions like this. Please chime in to the council meeting this evening. You have to pre-register if you want to speak. See more...

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Tammy Reasoner

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Amberley Village

As both a resident and Clerk of Council for Amberley Village, just wanted to provide (what I hope is!) some useful information regarding interaction with the Village. As with any governmental entity, there are protocols required by law for both the government and participants. I felt the frustration of those who tried to participate in tonight's meeting, so wanted to assure all those interested in the proposed restrictions on dogs at Amberley Green that there will be ample opportunity to voice your opinion. However, there are guidelines that are required by Village Code as follows: -Citizens wishing to speak at Council meetings must sign up to be added to the agenda no later than noon the day of the meeting by contacting the Clerk of Council via phone or email, and by including your name, address and topic. (531-8675 or tpreasoner@amberleyvillage.org) -Written testimony can also be sent to the Clerk via email or mail (7149 Ridge Road, 45237), and will be forwarded to all Council members and staff. -Registration for the Zoom meeting is not the same as signing up to speak; anyone can attend a meeting via Zoom, but speaking requires being added to the agenda. -The Village offers streaming video for anyone who just wishes to watch a Council meeting. The link is included in public postings and on the website calendar listing for all Council meetings. I'm committed to putting together a Fact Sheet for how this all works, and will make it available via our website, as well as by request. Please feel free to email me (tpreasoner@amberleyvillage.org) or call for more information (531-8675). Please leave your name, phone, address and email so I can get back to you in a timely manner. Hope this helps!

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Donna McMullen

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Amberley Village

Tammy, thank you for this clarifying information.

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Dan Hoekzema

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Amberley Village

Thank you Tammy. After our post meeting phone conversation I believe you are committed to getting input from whoever wants to contribute so that we arrive at a plan that is most suitable for everyone. It was my lack of knowledge of what the required procedure is for implementing a change like this that led to my frustration.

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Tammy Reasoner

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Amberley Village

Dan Hoekzema thanks! As we discussed yesterday, I will have a written set of guidelines to share out regarding how the process works so as to prevent any further confusion by the end of this week. I hope all those feeling similar frustration are encouraged in knowing that there IS an opportunity to be heard. As with any governmental entity, there are procedures to follow, so my hope is that shedding light on those protocols will allow us to focus on finding a viable solution :-)

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Mandy Alexander

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Deer Park/Silverton

A couple of years ago, i had a plot in the garden. TWICE my husband was accosted by a loose dog outside the garden fence. He almost hit one with a shovel. Also many poop in yards... See more

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Conor Blenk

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Amberley Village

Maybe try to have the owner reign in their dog rather than thinking about hitting a dog with a shovel, they are animals you are not part of the community, you do not live in the surrounding houses, you have a place to make your own garden, do that and move on with your life.

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Kyle Woodman

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Norwood

Conor Blenk what she suppose to do wait for the dog to bite before she protects herself.. your dog you control it.. if you cant control it dont bring it out.

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Sara Schomaker

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Golf Manor

Sounds like you found the perfect solution. You did not enjoy your experience so you did not go back. That's what adults should do instead of complaining and demanding a change for one person and in turn make a big problem for the majority.

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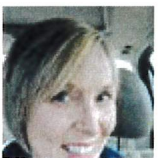
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Lori Morgan

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Deer Park/Silverton

Sara Schomaker true

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Erin Sarvis

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Cherryfield Acres

Ok totally different. That's YOUR house; this is a "public" place that people can choose or not choose to go to!

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Rick K.

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W Chester - Columbus

Like everything else the FEW screw it up for the MANY! The only way to fix anything is to throw a blanket on all of it. That is the democratic way!

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David Mabo

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Amberley Village

This is not the first time this issue has come up. We have not had a dog in years, so the only time we seldom go to the Green. At one point the green required a person to be an... See more

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Michelle Geiyer

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Pleasant Ridge

It's unfortunate that they are not pulsing the main users of the park just the vocal minority who have complained. I've never had an issue there nor my other friends who use it. And 99% of the time I'm there it's all dog owners using the park. There are multiple options in the surrounding area if people want to walk without dogs. I guarantee making this change won't increase usage of this park, maybe initially to prove a point but it's a not a park you go have a picnic with your family. It's an old golf course and a dogs dream with overgrown brush ,ponds, and open space.

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Kyle Woodman

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Norwood

Is it a dog park? if not then doesnt matter what its used for others have a right to use it safely..
And if they have gardens there the people who do that should be at risk cause of bad owners not controlling their dogs.. If the owners had controlled their dogs it wouldnt even be an issue

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Donna McMullen

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Amberley Village

Maybe Amberley residents that would like to walk the various trails , but refrain from doing so because they don't want to be confronted by unleashed dogs , will now be able to do so.

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Jo Hoffman

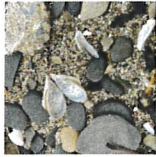
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Deer Park

Exactly !!!

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Jo Hoffman

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Deer Park
Michelle geiyer

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Dan Hoekzema

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Amberley Village

Kyle Woodman others as in who? Other residents absolutely have the right to use it but someone who is not an Amberley Village resident is there as a guest. Even if you have a plot at the garden you do so under the conditions of Amberley Village Council rules.

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Jessica Wagner

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Oakley

Ugh I was not able to make it last week but certainly heard about it. Not cool at all. I did not even know about last night's meeting. Can anyone give an update?!

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Sara Schomaker

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Golf Manor

Sounds like the people that don't want to have the dogs off leash can go somewhere else. This place is so unique and I have never had an issue with any dogs off leash. Not saying it doesn't happen but it must be very rare. For the most part people that bring their dogs to Amberley green off leash have very well behaved dogs.

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Donna McMullen

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Amberley Village

Since this property is owned by Amberley Village residents (yes we really did purchase it with our tax dollars) the residents have the right to place whatever restrictions they desire on this property and the people who use it. We have fought very hard to keep this property 'clean' and oppose all efforts to allow development (condos, businesses, etc). If having dogs run free on this property jeopardizes this green space then please put a leash on it!

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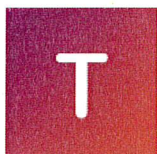
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Tim A.

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Tanager Woods

I would strongly urge Amberley Village to keep the Green a place where people can walk their dogs off leash, as the Green is a truly wonderful and unique place for dogs and their owners. It would be a tragedy to require dogs to stay on leash. That said, dog owners need to respect other walkers, joggers and home owners and keep their dogs under control. My experience is that the vast majority of dogs that are off leash are people and dog friendly and under control. Most people that have dogs that are runners or are not people or dog friendly walk their dogs on leash. The tiny minority that cannot keep their dogs under control and still let their dogs off leash need to rethink letting them off leash and respect others or be held accountable with a fine and/or being banned from the Green. Rather than changing the rules and making all off leash dog walkers 'law breakers' the focus should be on the few off leash dog walkers that have not trained their dog to stay under control off leash. PLEASE KEEP THE GREEN A PLACE WHERE DOGS CAN BE WALKED OFF LEASH AND UNDER CONTROL.

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Janie Rice

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Dillonvale

A 'tragedy?' That's a bit much. And who is going to stand out there and patrol the Green to find the out of control dogs and their out of control owners? I would think the police force had better things to do. Or are you volunteering?

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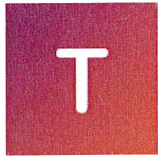
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Tim A.

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Tanager Woods

Janie Rice Exactly the police have more important duties that ticketing people for dogs off leash if they are under control and not adversely impacting other people or dogs enjoyment of the park. People need to take personal responsibility and be mindful of others. If the park in a 'no leash, dogs under control park', people can decide if they want to walk there or not. Would it be a tragedy if they fenced off a half acre for a 'people park' instead so you could mill around in close quarters with some random people that you may or may not get along with?

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Catherine Bennett

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Amberley Village

Tim A. I'm not sure non-residents of Amberley are getting it, the residents have to PAY for it literally thru higher taxes. Do I want to spend my money on retirement, maybe a new car one day...or a large fence enclosure??? Sounds great, but I'm not sure we can afford your wish lists.

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Janie Rice

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Dillonvale

Tim Andrews Huh?? Your arguments make no sense. You were the one who said they should be held accountable if they can't keep their dogs under control. And a dog off leash is not under your control if they are running thru the woods or creeks unless they are a police dog or something. And what if a dog showed up that was running free and still did not get along with your dog? Can you guarantee all the dogs at Amber Green will get along? I was just at the Deerfield Township dog park this morning and there five big dogs, including mine, running around, playfighting, chasing balls, climbing on big tree trunks and having a ball. I don't think they cared if they were not at Amber Green. All these off leash arguments are more for the dog owners than the dogs. Also, I don't usually go to people parks anyway cause then I would have to deal with young millennial people that 'feel' they can do whatever they want and have no respect for other people.

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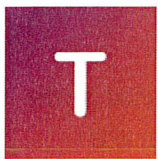
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Tim A.

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Tanager Woods

Great to hear Janice! Keep going to the Deerfield Township dog park and let people that are responsible and can control their dogs without a leash enjoy the Green. Problem solved for you. On the other hand, lashing out at a group of people i.e. millennials is poor form and you should consider seeking help in how to get along with others regardless of their age or classification. My comment about being held accountable is directed at the folks and dogs that are not under control and negatively impact others. People and their dogs need to be respectful. It has worked at the Green for a long time and there is no reason to instigate a leash rule at the Green if everyone is respectful of each other.

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Janie Rice

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Dillonvale

Tim Andrews Obviously you need help in thinking you know what is best for other people and wanting to dictate their behavior - I believe they call that a... [See more](#)

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Tim A.

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Tanager Woods

In closing, I'm all about people being respectful and taking personal responsibility. If that is me, as you said, "wanting to dictate their behavior", my apologies to dictating to those that are disrespectful to others and don't take personal responsibility. Perhaps your approach of restricting dog walkers to 'leash only' is a less dictatorial way to force the desired behavior. And sorry if you think only police dogs can be controlled off leash. My experience is that those that

put the effort into training and working with their dogs can control them off leash. Regarding your comment that “these off leash arguments are more for the dog owners than the dogs” you are only half right. Dogs love to be able to run and explore and many live for the opportunity to do so. Yes, dog parks are great for dogs that cannot be kept under control off leash, but those that can be controlled off leash love running free at the Green verses being restricted to a small space that can get crowded and force dogs and owners to interact in a confined space. I would pose the same question you asked about dogs at the Green i.e. “Can you guarantee all the dogs at ‘a dog park’ will get along?”, especially when they are forced into a constrained space? It is unfortunate that apparently your dog is not trained to walk off leash. Perhaps this is part of the reason you oppose others walking dogs off leash. I am optimistic that if your dog was trained to walk off leash, you and your dog would better appreciate what the Green offers and you wouldn’t be trying to restrict others enjoyment of the Green. If dog walkers, on leash or off leash, and non-dog walkers put a little effort into being responsible, coexisting and respecting each other, everyone can enjoy the Green. My apologies if this is viewed as “dictating their behavior” or being “obtuse”. Perhaps I have too much faith in people and their dogs. Also, thank you for clarifying that you weren’t singling out millennials when you singled out millennials in your previous post.

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Janie Rice

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Dillonvale

Tim, I have two dogs. One is a 4 yr. old small terrier mix that is trained under my voice commands (he rarely leaves my side even at the dog park), my other is the Potcake who is only 1 yr. old so he is not completely trained yet. You don't need to talk down to me about training dogs. I've probably owned more dogs in my life and trained them than you have. My old black lab (her mother was a pedigreed duck hunter) was trained with hand signals. I'm glad to hear you are such a dog expert that you just know 'dogs live for the opportunity to run'. You need to do a session with my terrier who does not like to run but would rather sleep all day. My point is, and plenty of other's on this list, is that you are not taking into consideration people that may be afraid of dogs, small children that could get knocked over and anyone else afraid of going up to Amber Green because of the dogs running free. People have pointed out that they are getting into the gardens and yards up there. Your point about forcing people into confined spaces is

specious at best. No one is forcing anyone to go to a dog park. And owners should know better than to take a dog there if they can't get along with other dogs. I've only had a few instances of dog's not getting along and it was mostly with dominant males that were still intact and the owner quickly removed them. As I said, the dogs can have just as much fun running in a dog park as they can at Amber Green (at least, my dog can and it's funny but he has never once asked me to take him to Amber Park - maybe he needs your help, as well) - it is more the owner's who want the 'green' aesthetic experience that is causing the disruption up there with their dogs 'running free in nature', etc. and obviously a lot of Amberly residents are concerned or there would not be this humongous long post about it. It's not about dog-haters or leash advocates or fun-spoilers or not getting along and 'co-existing' in Kumbaya land, it's about safety and private property rights! Yes, you take a risk going to a dog park but that is a personal choice in a somewhat controlled environment - someone going to Amber Green might not be aware of the running dogs and be scared to death. Also, tell me how you can control a dog if it is out running in the woods and creeks and you are not by its side? Are you with the dog every minute? I doubt it. BTW, you spell versus like this not "verses."

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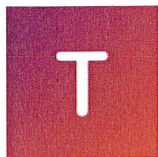
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Tim A.

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Tanager Woods

So sorry to offend you with my misspelling. I suspect it was spell check, but it was my responsibility to double check so as not to offend you, the reader. In my original post I was expressing my opinion, which you seem to take a major issue with. So my apologies that it also seems to have offended you. That sort of surprises me since you, an accomplished dog trainer, prefers dog parks to the Green, yet you pontificate (did I spell that right?) your opinion about a place you say you prefer not to use, to dictate how others use it. You also seem to have no faith in people taking personal responsibility and being respectful, I guess all those people go to dog parks. My opinion is I do believe in the majority of people doing the right thing and that keeping the Green rules as is, can work for everyone with slight modifications to address houses abutting the park and dogs approaching people or other dogs uninvited. The Green is wonderful and the off leash dog walking makes it a treasure not to be spoiled by a few bad actors. Sorry if that offends you, but last time I checked people had a right to voice their opinion. Even if the Green

changes, I hope and pray that, that never does (sorry if using the word 'pray' may offend you. At least I spelled it right)!

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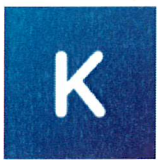
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Kaitlynn Moeller

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Sharonville II

Awesome! Dogs shouldn't be off leash if they're out in public. Especially for those with allergies, or people scared of dogs

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Shielah S.

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Miami Township

So they should never have any place where they can be off leash anywhere? If they don't have a yard?

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Janie Rice

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Dillonvale

Shielah S. Go to a dog park. There are numerous ones around. I was just up at Deerfield Township one this morning. I presume you have a car.

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Dan Hoekzema

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Amberley Village

Seriously??? My dog can't walk out into my yard off leash? Both my yard and Amberley Green are Privately owned property.

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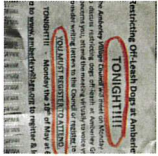
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Dan Hoekzema

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Amberley Village

So essentially what you're saying is that even if you let your dog out in your own yard and neighbors were all hanging out in your yard then your dog must be on a leash. Because Amberley Green is private property.

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David Mabo

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Amberley Village

Dan Hoekzema but the green is communal property, not yours alone.

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Suz Moore

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Sharonville II

I am going to be the devil's advocate and give food for thought. Please do not bludgeon me.
Think instead.

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Suz Moore

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Sharonville II

Oxymoron: Controlling dogs off leash.

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Anne Kowalski

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Amberley Village

They are called "trained". So do we have the dog get a pass after taking a test to prove he is trained and therefore permitted to be off leash at this one... [See more](#)

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David Mabo

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Anne Kowalski Where else can you have a dog "free range" in this area. I do not believe Hamilton County, Cincinnati or Ohio State parks allow dogs off leash. ... See more

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Mary Lutz

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Montgomery Heights

My dogs and many others I know are under control off leash. It's what we call under "voice control." It's not an oxymoron. Unfortunately many dog owners... See more

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Lisa Doxsee

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Gwilada Dr

I understand the concern. However I happen to have a dog that is extremely leash reactive, no matter how much training we go to. If a nonleashed dog approaches him however friendly, he will react and cause issues. Therefore, I must avoid Amberley Green. If they would put in a proper dog park with fences to keep dogs safe that could run (such as mine), that seems more the responsible way to go. So dogs can be off leash and others can be free to use the rest of the park without fear of an unnecessary incident. That is what was done at Otto Armleder and other parks.

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Shielah S.

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Miami Township

Where and what is Amberly Green. Sry I'm from Loveland

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David Mabo

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Amberley Village

Shielah S. It is a former golf course in the village. It has trails, but is not a dog park. The village bought it when they choose not to let it be developed.

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Shielah S.

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Miami Township

David M. Sounds lovely

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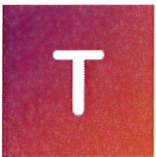
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Tim A.

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Tanager Woods

So destroy a unique refuge for walking dogs off leash and fence in a tiny portion to pack dogs together, just like other dog parks. Frankly neither my dog or I like dog parks. Running free in a cage is not running free and forces multiple dogs in a small confined space is nothing like running free and spaced out on the Green. There are plenty of fenced in dog parks and plenty of leash only parks and even some 'no dogs' parks for those who are scared of dogs and those who have dogs that don't do well off leash or interacting with other dogs, but very few places like the Green where people and dogs can run free. Perhaps King Solomon had the right idea. Split

the Green with half reserved for no leash dog walkers and half reserved for people and dogs on leash.

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David Mabo

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Amberley Village

It is nice that people who do not live in or near the village are demand the village spend money so they can use the area. My family has been in the village since 1974, my wife for 40 years. Between the 2 households we have had 6 dogs and 4 cats. Add in 3 granddogs who have visited, only one would have been a dog park dog. The green is 133 acres, but that includes the tennis courts, the old clubhouse, the parking lot and a lake. If you would like to raise \$250,000 to fence in a portion of the green for a dog free range area, then propose it to the village. If not, it is up to village residents to decide how our tax money is spent. From my understanding, you do not even live in Hamilton County.

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Michelle Geiyer

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Pleasant Ridge

I do not live in Amberley (but close by) and I purchase a Amberley Green pass which I thought helps with park maintenance. To be fair, for non Amberley residents we aren't using this park for free and happy to continue to pay to help support the park.

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John Schmidt

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Amberley Village

I'm not sure all the passes together would pay for a single mow. I believe the village contracts that out.

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Tammy Reasoner

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Amberley Village

Michelle Geiyer passes were issued for parking prior to COVID-19 to assist in identifying who was parked up there. There was never a cost associated with them. And to clarify, Amberley Green is not a park; it's a Village-owned parcel of land that technically belongs to Amberley Village taxpayers. These elements are part of what make this issue so complex.

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Michelle Geiyer

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Pleasant Ridge

Tammy Reasoner taken right from Amberley Green's website

<https://www.amberleyvillage.org/schools-and-recreation/recreation/> It refers to as a public park and we did have to pay for a pass & purchased @ the police window Amberley Green is a 133-acre park, located at Ridge and Galbraith Roads, designated for use as a public park. A former golf course, it's a place to enjoy walking or running amidst beautiful views of rolling hills, ponds and trees. A map of the paths has been created, and copies are available on the west side of the parking lot. Park hours are dawn to dusk. An Amberley Village identification sticker on your car's bumper gives you access to this beautiful property. Cars without a sticker will be subject to ticketing or towing, and no vehicles will be allowed to park overnight. Those who prefer not to affix the Village sticker to their car may obtain a parking day-pass for Amberley Green at the police window in Village Hall.

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Tammy Reasoner

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Amberley Village

Michelle Geiyer not trying to create a conflict, but I am Clerk of Council for the Village; we have never charged for parking at Amberley Green. The stickers are handed out free of charge once you register your vehicle. This is to allow police to know who is utilizing the property. Regardless of what the land is called, the property is paid for by resident tax dollars. That said, we are interested in hearing everyone's point of view on the issue. I am working on a Fact Sheet to

better help those interested in understanding the process we are required to follow as a local government. I will be happy to post the information here on Nextdoor when it is available, and it will also be on the Amberley Village website at www.amberleyvillage.org.

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Michelle Geiyer

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Pleasant Ridge

Tammy Reasoner Thanks for clarifying on the pass, we need to renew ours soon so noted that it will be free. And speaking for myself & my non-resident friends we would have no problem paying to use the park.

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Janie Rice

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Dillonvale

Michelle Geiyer I never had to pay for an Amber Green pass. It's free.

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Nicole Forbus

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Bechtold Park

That's not a bad idea, Tim. It considers both sides of the argument - a compromise. Let the uptight rule followers have their privacy/security, & the rebels can rebuke the system & parade around.....just hopefully not in the buff. 😏

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Carol Friedman

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Deer Park

I agree. I just adopted a 2 y/o very friendly dog. Amberly Green is a lovely place to walk. Haven't taken my dog there yet. But there are so many acres at the Green. Couldn't they take perhaps one acre and make a dog park where dogs can run free. Then those that walk with a dog on a leash or without a dog can also enjoy the park.

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Catherine Bennett

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Amberley Village

The residents of Amberley, through our tax dollars ultimately bought the old Country club & surrounding acreage, any fencing would again raise our taxes, because the residents ultimately pay for all of it. We already pay quite enough. The Green could have been sold for development & reduced our taxes, that didn't happen. There is a limit to what we can afford.

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Beckie Moore

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Kenwood Meadows

Catherine Bennett Amberley Village could apply for a number of grants to pay for fencing. It would not necessarily need to be enclosed entirely, but rather run along a swath of park to prevent any sudden bolting of a dog into a surprised park-goer. I am not a resident, have not used this space before, but do hope that any space available for dogs to run around and just be dogs remains protected. There's just too few opportunities to allow animals to be free 💚 Check this out for grant opportunities: <https://naturesacred.org/community-green-space-grants/>

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David Mabo

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Amberley Village

Beckie Moore there is little interest in fencing in an area.

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Beckie Moore

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Kenwood Meadows

David Mabo Okay, but I thought maybe brain solving solutions, rather than trying to get anti-leashers and always-leashers to agree (which I think they... See more

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David Mabo

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Amberley Village

My neighbor is the grant specialist for the village. If they wanted a grant, she would have applied for one. The village is still deciding the long term use of the green. Before Covid we had a proposal for the use. A leash free dog park does not fit with that use, nor does fencing. For the neighbors near the park, this was a country club when most purchased their houses. To now have it used for a free run dog park with dogs leaving the area is an issue for these owners. If you look at Google Earth you can get a view of the village areas the adjoin the Green. A few weeks ago we too the time to look at that in person at the same time looking at the map.

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Arissa Volk

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Bechtold Park

I accidentally took my rescue doggo there one morning, but I didn't know the reputation of the place as there were no signs around to state that off-leash is encouraged. My dog has a bite history and must be leashed on walks. He's fine as long as everyone ignores him and doesn't approach (which is REALLY hard for some people because he's a fluffy chow and everyone wants to pet him). We were fine for 20 minutes and then a bunch of cars started pulling in with unleashed pups. Nobody got hurt but it wasn't a pleasant time as a dog started walking toward us while mine was sniffing a tree, so I had to yell out, "Hey, come get your dog because mine bites!" I don't have a problem with off-leash parks but I wish there was a sign or something instead of just showing up and being surprised.

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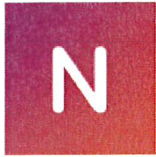
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Nancy Cochran

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Columbia Township – Madison Place

I agree. My rescue dog has leash aggression and I avoid this park for this reason. However I value parks like this because they do provide a unique opportunity for (socialized) off leash dogs. There are plenty of parks where I can take my dog without worry. Signage would be great for people who don't already know.

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Rose Boyd

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Kennedy Heights

Agreed on signage. this may solve a lot of issues. i only heard of this park thru word of mouth. my dog and i love it, but Any passerby may not know.

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Catherine Bennett

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Amberley Village

We'll also need signage to inform passerby's to go to the police station FIRST, fill out their info & get a pass or sticker. They can ask questions at that... See more

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gretchen demar

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Gwilada Dr

we had to leave the park last time we were there. we leash our dogs, the amount unleashed dogs - never seen anything like it outside of a legit dog park. Dogs constantly running up to us was just to much. Thats great for the dogs no doubt, but it is not for us.

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Nancy Moran

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Amberley Village

Me too. Owners with off leash dogs believe their dogs are friendly...and they probably are...but groups of dogs off leash are a risk (as noted by signage at dog parks). The Green is not a dog park. A good compromise is designated off-leash times. Then I could enjoy the Green, too.

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Dan Hoekzema

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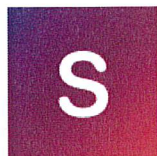
Nancy Moran The problem is that there are prime hours that everyone wants and with the changing of dawn and dusk those hours change. The rules have to be simple, clear and fair to everyone. That's where the problem comes in with making it a time constraint issue. It is 133 acres. Perhaps there are more agreeable ideas?

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Sidonie Holloman

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Amberley Village

Likewise. We no longer take our children to the park because of the amount of unleashed dogs. I respect that owners want to have a place for their doggos to run free but it comes with the expense of others being able to enjoy the green. Unfortunately not everyone has control of their pups. As a resident of Amberley I would really like the ability for my family to enjoy the green without fear of dogs being unruly.

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Nancy Moran

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Amberley Village

Dan Hoekzema if you want to make it fair for everyone then dogs should be leashed so that everyone can enjoy the Green. City and State parks require leashes for this reason. Dogs live in our world, we don't live in theirs. However, off-leash hours could be clearly posted with good signage.

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Nicole Forbus

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Bechtold Park

Why are you opposed to this?! There's a leash law in Ohio for a reason. My dog has been attacked by dogs bc their arrogant, lazy owners felt the law doesn't apply to them. LEASH YOUR DOGS or go to a private enclosure — like your own backyard. People & their dogs have a right to their safety & protection against uncontrolled dogs. Dogs are unpredictable- even the most well behaved dogs can snap in the blink of an eye if they feel threatened, if they're in heat, etc. You also put YOUR OWN dog at risk if it's off leash- another dog could attack THEM. It isn't hard. Follow the law. Please. LEASH YOUR DOGS.(edited)

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Beth Ann Dorizas

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Deer Park/Silverton

@Nicole Forbus. I agree 100%... Even people can snap, so how can we expect our dogs not to if off leash and out of our control. My cousin's dog was severely attacked at a dog park by a dog who had no history of aggression. Sometimes it just happens. I realize my opinion doesn't carry weight, not being a resident of Amberley Village. I've heard Amberley Green is a beautiful place, but when I heard there was not a leash law, I decided it wasn't for us and our 3 small dogs.(edited)

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Dan R.

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Montclair

I don't live in the area anymore, but I did for 10 years and I have so many fond memories being there with my dogs and my family. I hope the community doesn't lose this gem.(edited)

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Tammy Reasoner

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Amberley Village

Part of the reason the Village is working to educate the public on government process is to limit the frustration and open up the dialogue to productive interaction that will assist in finding a solution that satisfies the majority. As Clerk of Council, I sincerely encourage those with an interest in this topic to learn more about the process - and I'm working on tools that will help. Please feel free to post questions that will encourage positive interaction, and I will work to answer them and develop resources that will be of help - I know this is frustrating for many, but procedures are set up to allow everyone to have their say.

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Donna McMullen

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Amberley Village

Tammy: but it is the residents of Amberley who will have the final say in this debate because we're the owners of this property, not our neighbors who want their dogs to run off leash, right?

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Catherine Bennett

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Amberley Village

Donna McMullen I'm wondering that as well. We all need to formally communicate our concerns to council. It's easy to ask for the moon when you're not paying for it.

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Emilie Ogle

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Golf Manor

Catherine Bennett sounds like there are plenty of people who would be willing to foot the bill if it meant they could keep the opportunity to take their dogs off-leash. Maybe it could be as simple as requiring a paid permit for non-residents to be able to do so? Heck, I don't even have a dog and I would gladly pay for a pass to be able to use the park as it is now. There are other options besides raising taxes.

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Catherine Bennett

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Amberley Village

Emilie Ogle it costs over 100k just a year of maintenance, how much are you willing to pay?

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Emilie Ogle

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Golf Manor

If the cost is shared with the taxes that are already being paid and enough pet owners/off-leash supporters were willing to pay then I'm sure a reasonable amount could be reached. Obviously I don't know all of the details and it was just a suggestion but my main point is, you keep crying about your taxes but multiple people have commented saying they'd be willing to pay. The option could at least be looked into and considered.

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Catherine Bennett

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Amberley Village

Emilie Ogle present your thoughts to council, I'm not sure, but I think they are also listening to non- residents. They will ultimately decide.

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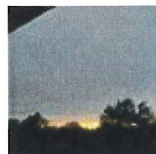
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Billie Blue

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College Hill

IM A DOG OWNER I THINK A DOG SHOULD BE LEASHED JUST BECAUSE YOU SAY YOUR DOG WON'T BITE OR ATTACK DON'T MEAN THEY WON'T AS LONG AS THEY HAVE TEETH THEY CAN BITE BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY.... ALSO IT IS SO TRIFLINT NOT TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

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Nicole Forbus

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Bechtold Park

Please say it LOUDER for the people in the back. Also...yes. 😊 I agree.

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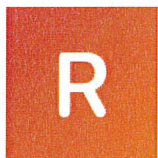
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Ray Piening

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Deer Park/Silverton

Make a dog leash ordinance. Set times for off-leash. Have Amberley Village PD enforce within their discretion. This isn't a difficult problem.

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Donna McMullen

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Amberley Village

I really don't want my valuable police officer to have to police dogs off leash. Seriously

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David Mabo

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Amberley Village

Donna McMullen they keep wanting to have the village spend money

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Emilie Ogle

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Golf Manor

Donna McMullen if there was an off-leash ban, wouldn't they have to go there anyway to make sure it is being followed?

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Donna McMullen

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Amberley Village

Emilie Ogle so you're saying guests of Amberley Green would not abide by the posted rules unless there was police enforcement?

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Emilie Ogle

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Golf Manor

I'm saying that people who go there regularly who don't know about the ordinance wouldn't know right away. Even if it was posted somewhere, it is a big space and signs could be easily missed. Plus, people disregard rules all the time. Hence the reason we need police officers to begin with. I've seen them in the parking lot at the Green multiple times so I feel like they already patrol there anyway.

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Dan R.

•

Montclair

To add to my previous comment, when I used to walk my dog there, if I saw another dog that was on a leash I would leash my dog until we were passed the other dog. I also had an electric collar in case my dog ran off without listening to commands. If dog owners are becoming wreckless, I guess those people are to blame, not those who are complaining. It's a shame when common decency becomes uncommon(edited)

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Jessica Wagner

•

Oakley

This is what I do there as well. I just think the rules need to be better defined and clearly posted so that there are no questions and no one is caught off guard

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Dan Hoekzema

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Amberley Village

Jessica Wagner I agree and I think better communication of the rules will be coming. I don't think a bunch of tough restrictions needs to be our first step.

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Jeremy McElwain

•

Monroe Ave

We do the same!

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Elizabeth Thompson

•

Deer Park/Silverton

I don't understand why people can't take their dogs to a dog park if they want their dogs to run off leash. Not everyone is comfortable with dogs running up to them off leash. I have an English mastiff so I know my big baby can be scary if you don't know she's friendly. There are so many dog parks in this area and to take a place away from people who want to walk without being approached by a dog isn't fair to those individuals. It's not hard to keep your dog on leash.

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Dan R.

•

Montclair

Maybe if they start enforcing the parking pass requirement for Amberley residents only, it will eliminate the congestion. I notice a lot of people commenting on here aren't even from Amberley.

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Dan Hoekzema

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Amberley Village

I agree! If you have a constructive idea of how to address this issue that is fine. But if you don't, your opinions are not needed. Thank you.

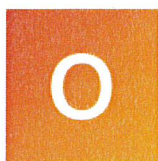
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Olivia Parian

•

Pleasant Ridge

My senior dog and I live a neighborhood over. Though I realize I do not have a say as an Amberley resident, I would happily pay for a pass/contribute to be able to continue to use the Green as well as support its standing in general. I'm so thankful that such a beautiful place even exists so close to us that everyone gets to enjoy. My experience with Amberley Green has been that everyone is always so friendly and overall there is just no place like it anywhere around here. My senior retriever gets stressed out by the commotion of dog parks but absolutely comes alive again at the space of the Green. I mean you'd think he was a puppy, I've never seen him younger than he is there, the freedom and smells! The 'privacy' and safety I feel going on a run at the Green beats neighborhood sidewalks any day. Perhaps there could even be certain 'days of the week' where dog owners could come off-leash? Just a suggestion for compromise. Not a resident, just a human who is just so happy that I've gotten to even spend as much time as I have at the Green. Thanks for listening even if it is not considered. And thank you in general for letting us come as long as we have, it truly has been such a happiness for us.

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Sue Heidel

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Pleasant Ridge

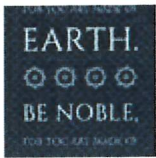
Great idea! A compromise that seems reasonable for all parties.

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Jeremy McElwain

•

Monroe Ave

As would we. If it's such a big deal, make it an annual pass. Free for residents, fee for the rest of us. Or designate a specific section for off leash. Or, put up a fence along the homes that border the park so that any dogs that aren't being properly handled don't go into people's yards. If the village can afford to have someone babysit the park, pretty sure they can afford a large fence. In fact, I would imagine a large fence would be a better use of funds in that regard. Not in the village, just my thoughts.

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Monica Flynn

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Amberley Village

I totally agree...

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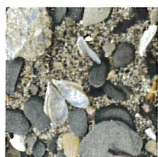
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Jo Hoffman

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Deer Park

So unfair if you don't like dogs don't go to this park there is literally 1000s of other parks that require a leash why can't you leave our one little off leash gem alone !! If you don't like the off least don't bring your dog there and go to summit or any other of the 1000 other parks that require a leash . I have been going there for about 12 years walking my dogs and have not ever have any problems.

6 days ago

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David Mabo

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Amberley Village

Jo Hoffman it is our park, so we should abstain from using it because those from other communities want to allow their dogs run loose?

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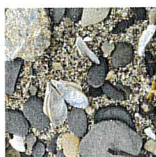
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Jo Hoffman

•

Deer Park

David Mabo so one one should used it except for the way you want to use it . And why can't people choose to coexist . And if you don't like dogs the yes don't go there are plenty of other parks with those rules . I have never seen a single problem with a dog happen there so , not that it doesn't but it is rare so go enjoy the joy on the dogs faces they don't care about you they just want to run and play with there friends

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Janie Rice

•

Dillonvale

"Your one little off-leash gem?" You don't own it, you don't pay taxes for its upkeep and you don't even live in Amberley Village!! What's 'fair' is to let the residents of Amberley decide! And, btw, life is not 'fair' (if there is such a thing) - better get used to it.

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David Mabo

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Amberley Village

Jo Hoffman I like dogs. I do not like aggressive off-leash dogs. To tell me I can not use a park that I pay for so you can have your dog off leash, is not reasonable. You are welcome to walk your dog there on leash.

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Lorna Swift

.

Amberley Village

I'm a dog lover and live in Amberley. I agree that dogs should be leashed. Jo Hoffman, I think you have it twisted. You want your dog off leash...find another park. Amberley residents shouldn't have to go else where. Just sayin...

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Catherine Bennett

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Amberley Village

An enthusiastic dog that jumps on a person, perhaps knocking them down is just as harmful as an aggressive dog. Some people don't want to take that chance! We need days for unleashed and leash days for people that want to walk in peace.(edited)

16h

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Nicole Forbus

•

Bechtold Park

Catherine Bennett 🎉!

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Monica Flynn

•

Amberley Village

Catherine Bennett I did not write the reply that was above. Not sure who did so under my name. I deleted it since it is not mine. So please disregard.

17 hr ago

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Catherine Bennett

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Amberley Village

Monica Flynn I removed your name from the post.

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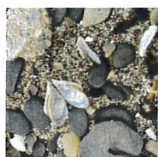
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Jo Hoffman

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Deer Park

Charge a yearly fee to use the park I would pay to keep this off leash . And help pay for the maintenance and keep it cost efficient For the residence

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Sidonie Holloman

•
Amberley Village

What fee would you find reasonable? Current Amberley Green maintenance is budgeted at 100k+ for the 2021 fiscal year.

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Monica Flynn

•

Amberley Village

Sidonie Holloman I think a fee of \$250 a year would be reasonable and a better value than what dog parks charge. Also, all dogs must be registered. I think an automated gate at the entrance will add security at a minimal cost.

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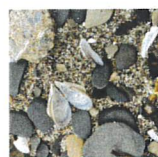
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Jo Hoffman

•

Deer Park

Id pay a yearly 100 dollars to walk my dogs there or , a 10 \$ monthly(edited)

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Sidonie Holloman

•

Amberley Village

Based on your original (since deleted numbers) of 100 people paying \$100- that amounts to 10k per year. You would need 1,000 individuals to pay \$100/year.(edited)

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Catherine Bennett

•

Amberley Village

Sidonie Holloman & that's not even counting the money it would require to build a fence. This was even mentioned at the the last Zoom, I believe by a councilman. I personally don't want to visually cut up the green space with fencing, when a simple leash would do...alternate days of off leash? I want the off leash people to be happy, but I don't want to be exposed to the out of control situation it has become.

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Donna McMullen

•

Amberley Village

Sidonie Holloman or 100 guests to pay \$1000 per year. But what about the police presence etc. how much of those expenses do you want to pay?

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Jo Hoffman

•

Deer Park

I know that I'm not in Amberley Village and I don't really have a say . I know a lot of Amberley Village people to go up there to walk there dogs so you're saying that since you live in Amberley and you don't like it,that all the other Amberley people to go up there and walk there dogs shouldn't be allowed to do that either. that your tax payer dollars more important than theirs because you don't like it is what it sounds like to me

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Sidonie Holloman

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Amberley Village

I have said none of that. I hope there can be an amicable compromise that is safe for all parties.

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Janie Rice

•

Dillonvale

And what you are saying is because you like to go there with an unleashed dog everyone else should kowtow to your wishes! Selfish!

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Rose Boyd

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Kennedy Heights

not selfish, private property, therefore legal.

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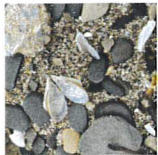
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Jo Hoffman

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Deer Park

Not at all but the majority yes you are one we are many

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David Mabo

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Amberley Village

There are about 4,000 people in the village. About 5 percent on my street have dogs today. We had 3, and my parents had 3. Several of my neighbors used to have dogs. If I still had a dog, we would use the green with the dogs on a leash.

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Donna McMullen

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Amberley Village

Perhaps we can make it like a country club. An initiation fee of several thousands of dollars and then an annual fee of \$1000 or so. So only members who have paid their dues are... See more

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Robyn Fair

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Mary Crest Drive

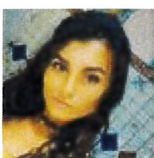
What happened!! I wish I'd had known

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Robyn Fair

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Mary Crest Drive

So am I in trouble if I throw the ball for my dog or nah? I seriously doubt this will be strictly enforced but will come into play when someone's dog either bites or scares the... See more

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Annie Hamilton

•

Clifton

Correct... Criminal charges and civil suit will ruin the person who intentionally broke the leash law and their dog injures someone or kills a pet(edited)

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Robyn Fair

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Mary Crest Drive

There has to be a compromise somewhere.. i love the wide open space for my dog and this is where I taught her perfect recall.. walking these paths we learned to read eachother with out a word..

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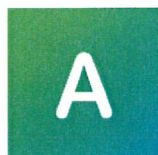
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Anna Pilmore

•

Kennedy Heights

So my problem is that my dogs are very dog reactive on leash. We have taken them, and owners will let their off leash dogs run up to ours and they don't do anything while our dogs are going crazy and trying to fight. I had one lady just stand there and say wow my dog never fights when her dog was trying to fight with mine and my boyfriend had to pull him away from mine. People don't control their dogs and don't care if they run up to another dog without knowing if that dog is friendly or not so yes, please keep them on a leash. It has gotten to the point where my dogs are very rarely walked now and never taken to any parks anymore because people won't keep their off leash dogs away from mine

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Maureen Hollmeyer

•

Deer Park/Silverton

My dog literally got attacked today by an off leash dog. The owner was elderly and fell down or maybe I pushed him, I don't know. I had Hannah, my smaller dog in my arms, so I had to drop her and myself to the pavement and I opened the dog's mouth with my bare hands otherwise he would have died a slow death! Hans, on the left, has a staple/stitches on his neck from the bite. I will be reporting this to the police. The dog owner got up and went about his walk! We're all traumatized!



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Catherine Bennett

•

Amberley Village

I'm glad you're reporting it to the Village Police. If you're going to continue walking there, keep the Police number on your phone. SO sorry this happened to you. We carry pepper spray....& we shouldn't have to! People have become so entitled, it's got to stop.

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Tara Filliater

•

Deer Park

Keep them off the leash!

58 min ago

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Nicole Forbus

•

Bechtold Park

No seatbelts! No helmets! No babyproofing homes! No vaccines! ANARCHY FOR ALLLLLLL!
That's the way!!! 🤪🤪🤪🤪🤪

4 min ago



Maureen Hollmeyer Deer Park/Silverton • 2 hr ago



- • **The Green in Amberly Village - Off leash dogs.** I want to warn all dog owners the risk you take when walking your dog at the Green in Amberly Village. My dog, Hans ~ the one standing in the picture, was attacked by a large Schnauzer who was off leash. The owner was

elderly and wasn't able to control his dog. I had little Hannah in my arms for protection when the Schnauzer had a grip of Han's neck. I dropped Hannah to the ground, fell on my knees to the pavement and bare handedly opened the Schnauzer's mouth in order to release my dog's neck! Hans had to get stitches and all three of us are still traumatized. Had I not done this, I would of witnessed my dog's slow death! The owner fell to the ground although quickly got up and took off in the other direction once he leashed his dog. As a dog trainer, there is no way to control a dog off leash especially once they hit that attack mode. It's a switch in their brain that can't be stopped. So to all those dog owners that say, "My dog is harmless", stop fooling yourself! I will be reporting this to the Mayor of Amberly Village and their police department today.

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12



Mimi Morris

Pleasant Ridge

This is appalling. This is EXACTLY why Amberley Green should be only for leashed dogs. I hope you got the person's name and they can be forced to pay your vet bill. This is totally inexcusable.

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brandon brown

•

Kennedy Heights

facts people need to understand that i agree with this post  % make that owner pay for your dog pain she have to go through

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Janie Rice

•

Dillonvale

It just proves the point that a lot of us were trying to make in the previous humongous post about unleashed dogs running free at Amber Green. Contact the Amberley Village Council as well as they are supposedly holding hearings on this topic!

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Tara Filliater

•

Deer Park

Every dog should be able to be off of the leash, however if you know that your dog is aggressive towards anything or anyone, then don't take them out. However, dogs need exercise so being off leash is fine.

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Beth Ann Dorizas

•

Deer Park/Silverton

Tara Filliater That's the point... no one NO ONE knows what can trigger ANY dog. If people want to allow their dogs to be off leash, head out to the country, or dog park...not a public environment, where there could be children ...(edited)

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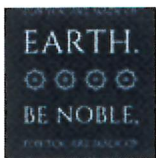
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Jeremy Mcelwain

•

Monroe Ave

Beth Ann Dorizas responsible dog owners do. but i digress.

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Mimi Morris

•

Pleasant Ridge

Jeremy Mcelwain But there is no way to weed out the irresponsible creeps like this one! And, as mentioned above, even a well trained dog can break their training in some circumstances.(edited)

1h

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Tara Filliater

•

Deer Park

Mimi Morris I agree on that aspect, but going to an off leash dog area can have unfortunate events. I think that the dog owner should pay for all of the vet bills. I'm not saying I disagree with the statement she is saying, I'm saying that dogs should be allowed off their leashes to play and get exercise. But in this scenario she stated the dog owner was elderly and couldn't control his dog ...so let's be real, the elderly owner should have not taken his/her dog to an off leash dog area knowing he cannot control his dog. That's where I am getting at, that you as a dog owner know your capabilities of yourself, and know your dog. If you can't handle it...then don't take them. Also, I'm saying is that if you as a dog owner are willingly going to an open dog leash area, you also know the risk factors going in of what could potentially happen.

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Debbie Hawks

•

Dillonvale

A "sweet, loving, wouldn't hurt a fly just wants to play" boxer OFF THE LEASH attacked my little Bichon(who was never off the leash when outside of our fenced in yard).....aggressively with intent to kill. Several people ran to my assistance and separated them. My dog was traumatized because some arrogant, ill informed owner felt she was privileged and above the rules. Dogs are put in jeopardy when owners "let them run free". Pathetic....

37 min ago

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Beth Ann Dorizas

•

Deer Park/Silverton

Debbie Hawks Omgosh... I'm so sorry 😞 When and where did this happen?

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Beth Ann Dorizas

•

Deer Park/Silverton

Maureen Hollmeyer I am so very sorry you had to endure this! I'm sure you are traumatized... are your little pups Morkies by chance? They look like my little Kooper 💕 And I did want to ask:

were you able to contact the schnauzer owner and hold him responsible? What a coward to leave with not so much as an apology!(edited)

44m

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Maureen Hollmeyer

•

Deer Park/Silverton

They are Yochons, Yorkie and Bichon mixes. The owner left the scene while I was tending to my traumatized dogs. I filed a police report because I want it on record especially for the next Amberly Village Council Meeting.

16 min ago

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Beth Ann Dorizas

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Deer Park/Silverton

Maureen Hollmeyer Good for you! I hope he's caught and held responsible!

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Tara Filliater

•

Deer Park

I think dogs should have the right to be off the leash. You know the risk factors going in

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Mimi Morris

•

Pleasant Ridge

Then the irresponsible owners should be prepared to be sued. What if that had been a child that was attacked? You do NOT have unfettered freedom to endanger others for your selfishness. If you want your dog unleashed, go to a real dog park.(edited)

1h

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Beth Ann Dorizas

Deer Park/Silverton

Tara Filliater Well, that is true. I would never take my 3 pups there due to the non enforcement of leashes: even with mine on a leash, for fear of what Maureen experienced.(edited)

53m

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Maureen Hollmeyer

Deer Park/Silverton

Tara Filliater - Did I know the risks going in? This dog wasn't aggressive, it was OLD & SENILE just like the owner.

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Julia Lutz

Madeira North

I walk my dogs off leash every day at Amberley. I have a German Shepherd and a small dog. I am so grateful I have an opportunity to bring my big dogs to a place where they can run free and get all the exercise they need. Your suggestion to go into the country is unrealistic as country property is privately owned. Amberley Village is a true gem for dog lovers. I know of no other place in Cincinnati where I can take my dog and allow him to run free to play. I have great

sympathy that your dog was attacked .and believe that all owners are financially responsible for the bad behavior of their dog. Most of the dog owners I've met have been very responsible. Owners of more aggressive dogs I've noticed have kept them Leased . There are all kinds of places to take small dogs on a leash in Cincinnati. I might suggest since you feel so strongly in walking dogs on a leash that you bring your dogs to those places where you'll feel more secure. I am hopeful that Amberley will keep their off leash policy for those of us that enjoy that park so much. Of course nobody can guarantee Perfect behavior from their dogs therefore small dog owners have to weigh the risk. You do have other choices.

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Wendell Robinson

•

Pleasant Ridge

This is a GREAT option/ Safe, fenced, open. <https://www.greatparks.org/parks/otto-armleder-memorial-park-recreation-complex/armleder-dog-park>



Otto Armleder Dog Park¹⁰

5057 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45226

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Walt Ford

•

Amberley Village

I also have a large dog have been walking my dog off the leash for 10 years and have never had a problem

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Anna Everman

•

Deer Park/Silverton

Summit park has an area for off leashed dogs. It's truly saddens me that this happened. My heart goes out to all involved. ❤️

31 min ago

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Dani Neggie

•

Deer Park/Silverton

I'm so sorry this happened and I'm glad you will both be okay. We took our rescue dog there (who is reactive to others dogs) without knowing dogs would be off leash and it was very... [See more](#)

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Michael Autry

•

Amberley Village

is there some reason as to why a dog could not wear a Muzzle?

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Beth Mogg

•

Pleasant Ridge

I'm dropping this here. It is not an off leash park, though any enforcement doesn't currently exist. It is not an off leash park. <https://www.amberleyvillage.org/schools-and-recreation/recreation/>

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I am an Amberley resident. I go to the Green every day. Today I had a very scary experience involving another dog. I was just reaching the start of the cart path (northwest corner of the parking lot) when a man opened his car door and in a flash his barking dog came at me, trapping me at the garbage can. My dog had run around me, wrapping his leash around my legs. I was frozen there. The man yelled several times and the dog backed down. In the wink of an eye that dog could have done serious injury to me or my dog. I believe the man is not an Amberley resident and there was no park permit sticker on his car. You can check – plate # FYD 6906 OHIO. This is not the first encounter I have experienced with aggressive dogs at the Green. That said, 97% of the dogs there are sociable and a pleasure to be around.

I am not sure why there is a sign requiring non residents to get stickers if no one is enforcing it. If the few aggressive dogs turn out to be from outside the Village they should be identified and banned. Like so many rules, you punish the many to control the few.

Bob Aumann
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Request Activity

5/12/2021 7:30PM -- No activity Reported.

5/12/2021 7:30PM -- Robert Aumann (Citizen) - SUBMITTED

Reasoner, Tammy

From: Linda Berger <bergerlin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 12:54 PM
To: Reasoner, Tammy
Subject: Re: Finance Committee Meeting Notice

Hi Tammy,

Thank you and the council for all of your good work for Amberley Village.

I'd like to weigh in on the dog-walking issue about Amberley Green. My husband, Jon, and I love walking in Amberley Green. We both want the dogs to be leashed. We take turns walking our daughter's cockapoo. (Our daughter has paraplegia and can't walk her dog in the area where she lives.) I tried walking Chloe in the Green once, and during the entire walk, I had to be aware of approaching dogs and pick her up. The owners just shouted from a distance, "don't worry, he's friendly", if the owner even said anything or noticed at all. So it was up to me to pick up Chloe every time a dog came up to us, or several dogs came up to us. Only once did I walk the dog there even though the Green is 5 minutes away.

In French Park, people also have their dogs off leash, too, so now I drive to Ault Park or the river, or walk her on the sidewalks of Deer Park or Pleasant Ridge, or even Rollman to walk her, where people keep their dogs on a leash. I love, love, love the nature of Amberley Green, but I don't think dogs should be off leash. Sometimes I walk there alone, and even then I have to have the peace of a walk disrupted by lots of large and curious dogs coming up to me, and my needing to try to not have a fear of them. I know dogs are friendly and kind creatures, but having big dogs bounding up, and sometimes in groups is unsettling.

So my opinion is for a strict leash law and enforcement of visitors to have the appropriate identification sticker. And I don't like the idea of fencing a part of the Green. It is also hard to imagine off-leash hours being enforced. I am also unclear as to the liability of either the dog owner or the village in the event of being bitten by one's dog. There are dog parks for letting dogs run off leash. I feel that there are getting to be more and more dogs off leash at the Green, probably because it is allowed. I think dogs are happy to be walked on the leash.

Just wanted to share my opinion.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Linda Berger

On May 14, 2021, at 11:15 AM, Tammy Reasoner, Amberley Village <tpreasoner@amberleyvillage.org> wrote:

Meeting Notice

Finance Committee



Reasoner, Tammy

From: Jonathan Berger <jon.berger@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 2:06 PM
To: Reasoner, Tammy
Cc: Linda Berger
Subject: Re: Finance Committee Meeting Notice

Tammy,

Linda made me aware of this email. As I am the one using the Green for my walks with my daughter's dog I can see that this may be coming to a head on its own.

Today's walk I noticed one lady with six dogs all off leash as in not appearing to have any leash. Typically I can see owners with some sort of leash with them; however, it would be difficult to control six dogs. It also makes me wonder if this is being used for dog walkers.

Walking through the parking lot I see a some cars either with the Amberley or Amberley Green sticker but also a fair number without.

I appreciate the use of the Green for not having to do a 'street walk' and would regret losing this resource. It's value during the pandemic has been one of the blessings in living here in Amberley.

Thank you,
Jon Berger
7631 Sagamore
45236

Sent from my iPad

> On May 18, 2021, at 1:58 PM, Linda Berger <bergerlin@gmail.com> wrote:
> tpreasoner@amberleyvillage.org

Work Order Form

Tom Muething, Mayor

Tracking Number: 14426431635

Date Time Received: 5/11/2021 4:35PM

Created By: Michael Bjelovuk (Citizen)

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3317 LOOKOUT DR

CINCINNATI/OH/45208

Issue Location

Request Details

Please provide your input here:

Hello,

I am writing in response to the notice that I saw at the front of Amberly Green, stating that the council is considering making leashes mandatory for all dogs in the park. This would be such a devastating ruling. I have been to Amberly Green dozens of times with my two small dogs and have personally never seen them happier than when they have a wide open space to run and be free. I have never encountered a mean or aggressive dog in the park and typically observe dogs behaving better than at a fenced dog park. I believe the open space creates a more relaxed environment for the dogs.

I understand that there may be or have been incidents caused by dogs being off leash, but I feel that addressing this by requiring leashes in the park is an overcorrection. I believe a better way to address these issues is to create a set of rules, much like you would see in a fenced dog park, (for example, owners must maintain a certain distance from their dog, dogs must be up to date on shots, owners must keep dogs on leash up to a certain point, etc.) Then, if there is an incident, address it individually as opposed to punishing the countless well behaved dogs/dog walkers who frequent the park.

I have lived in many other cities and have never encountered a space quite like Amberly Green. I believe it is truly a gem in the city, and provides such a unique space that cannot be found anywhere else, and the council would be doing a disservice to the city itself by removing what makes it so great.

Thank you,

Michael Bjelovuk

Request Activity

5/11/2021 4:35PM -- No activity Reported.

5/11/2021 4:35PM -- Michael Bjelovuk (Citizen) - SUBMITTED

Date

Authorized Signature

Work Order Form

Tom Muething, Mayor

Tracking Number: 14436901239

Date Time Received: 5/16/2021 12:39PM

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Country:

Request Details

Please provide your input here:

Dear Mr. Muething,

I have been walking my dog at Amber Green since moving to the village thirteen years ago. I find that dogs without leashes are becoming a dangerous issue. I have experienced and witnessed aggressive dogs whose owners are unable or unwilling to control their pets. It is unsettling to be surprised by several strange dogs with no owner in sight. I just returned from the Green where dogs were fighting in the parking lot and of course they were not leashed. I don't know what measures you are considering to manage this issue but as use of the Green by dog owners has increased the potential for aggressive dogs increases as well.

Request Activity

5/16/2021 12:39PM – No activity Reported.

5/16/2021 12:39PM – Tony Colak (Citizen) - SUBMITTED

Work Order Form

Tom Muething, Mayor

Tracking Number: 14423152010

Date Time Received: 5/10/2021 8:10PM

Created By: Frank Gallenstein (Citizen)

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Issue Location

Request Details

Please provide your input here:

Hello Tom,

Thanks for your hard work, and please extend a thanks to all on the Parks committee for their work on the dog issue at Amberley Green.

I am in favor of the new ordinance. Let's give it a chance and see how it works.

I wanted to make a couple of comments regarding the discussion of the ordinance made at the May 10th meeting.

The suggestion of an inner and outer section without some fencing makes no sense to me. Without a fence, enforcement would be problematic.

Rich's comment about the complaints per year does not reflect the magnitude of the issue. I have made two complaints and a couple of police calls the past four years. It became very evident, the police's hands were tied with the ambiguity in the current ordinance. They specifically and very candidly informed me of this. Therefore, I have ceased reporting the issues and no longer call the police.

Allow me to provide some recent anecdotal experiences. Prior to three months ago, I was a regular walker (at least three times a week) at Amberley Green, but always walked by myself - no dog. The last three months I have been walking my 11 month old puppy leashed at least 4 times a week. By far, most of the dogs we encounter are unleashed and well behaved. Even though the majority are well behaved the volume of unleashed dogs is so high that I encounter an aggressive one on every walk, more often than not. By aggressive I mean the unleashed dog approaches my dog by growling and lunging. Occasionally they will try to mount my dog. I'm not talking about wanting to play which is what most want to do; they are aggressive.

I have reported none of this, because it's after the fact. Unless I record my entire walk from my cell, I would never be able to provide proof of their aggressive behavior. I have had some people (not many) deny their dog was behaving aggressively when I call them out on it. Most owners apologize after it happens before I even find it necessary to call them out.

Please share this with other members of council if you think it appropriate.

Work Order Form

Richard Bardach, Council Member

Tracking Number: 14423610857
Date Time Received: 5/11/2021 8:57AM
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Issue Location

Request Details

Please provide your input here:

Hi Richard,

Hope you are having a good day! Emailing you in regards to Council proposing to restrict dogs at Amberley Green due to vocal minority who have complained. I thought you were the one speaking up on behalf of dog owners so I thought I'd start with you first :)

I live in Ridgewood and use Amberley frequently with my 2.5 year old Chocolate lab. We usually go on the weekends since I work crazy hours during the week. I've lived in this area for 6 years and can honestly say I've never had an issue with any other dogs at this park. I can also say 99% of the time I'm there it's always dog owners using the park.

Can Council visit the park randomly on the weekend and actually pulse the users of the park?

My concern is there are already other options in the surrounding area if people want to walk without dogs so by making this change I don't believe it will increase the usage of this park, maybe initially to prove a point but it's a not a park you go have a picnic with your family. It's an old golf course and a dogs dream with overgrown brush ,ponds, and open space.

Thank you for your consideration. It would be shame to penalize the vast majority over the vocal minority who have complained

Request Activity

5/11/2021 8:57AM -- No activity Reported.

5/11/2021 8:57AM -- Michelle Geiyer (Citizen) - SUBMITTED

Date

Authorized Signature

Work Order Form

Tom Muething, Mayor

Tracking Number: 14104251317

Date Time Received: 11/22/2020 1:17PM

Created By: Heather Graden (Citizen)

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Issue Location

Request Details

Please provide your input here:

Hello! Shandy and I have written to the rest of council this morning about the green space. I'll paste my letter at the bottom of this for your review. One additional comment I have is that, in talking with people this morning who desperately want to have the option to be off leash, is that they would love to be told of the expectations/standards of behavior that are needed so that they can follow them and educate others. It may seem to some that this should not need to be told to people—that they should know. But I can see how if people are told by word of mouth that this is an off leash dog park, they would more lax. I wonder, in light of these conversations today, if posting expectations both on-site and online is needed. I don't envy your position and I do really appreciate your work for the community.

Here's my letter to the rest of the council:

Hello! I am writing you today as someone who loves Amberley Green. I am a neighbor in Kennedy Heights and I have been enjoying the green space for the past five years. I am grateful to your community for investing in an area where we are able to take in the beautiful surroundings that showcase the beauty of nature and the joy of community. I, and many others whom I have met at the green, love that we can exercise alongside our dogs. It is a one-of-a-kind place to meet human and dog friends in beautiful surroundings. We deeply value having an area for our dog to be off leash (and under our control) in order to allow him to exercise and socialize in ways that are not possible otherwise. I understand that there are conflicting opinions and experiences about this space. I do not envy you in addressing this and I appreciate your service to the community. I sincerely ask you to consider options for the green space to be available for off leash dog walking. As someone who uses the space multiple times per week because of the off leash option, I would respect whatever measures are needed to manage all concerns, including restricted time blocks, signing up for membership, or establishing a code of conduct that is posted onsite and online.

Again, thank you for considering all options so that the greatest number of people can enjoy this great space.

Sincerely,

Heather Graden

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Request Activity

11/22/2020 1:17PM – No activity Reported.

11/22/2020 1:17PM – Heather Graden (Citizen) - SUBMITTED

Reasoner, Tammy

From: Kate Grise <kategrise15@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 10:21 AM
To: Reasoner, Tammy
Subject: Amberley Green

Hi!

While I am unable to make the meeting concerning the Green I do have a few comments. First, I love having that Green space. It's amazing and I feel safe running there...except for when I can't. I can't take my dog running there because she gets overrun by other dogs. (She's on a leash) She's incredibly friendly but incredibly shy and ends up cowering behind me. Every time we have tried, we have left early.

We tried to take our son sledding, only to have the sled get dog poop on it. (Maybe it was coyote but still.)

And last week my husband had to stop his car on Galbraith to assist someone who was incapable of recalling their animal. Actually most people that use the Green as a dog park are truly unable to recall by true off leash standards but that's my experience. We've had to take back small dogs to their owners who didn't realize their dogs left them while they were on the phone.

If it were a Pay to play park, then maybe it would be great revenue for the Village but as someone who pays for it, to see all of these people from so many different cities yelling that they NEED this off leash park on NextDoor is somewhat annoying. Especially as someone who pays for it and can't use it with their own family.

Thank you for taking my email and listening.

Sincerely,

Kate Grise

Sent from my iPhone

Work Order Form

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager

Tracking Number: 14426381624

Date Time Received: 5/11/2021 4:24PM

Created By: Suzanne Herbert (Citizen)

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3317 Lookout Drive

Cincinnati/OH/45208

Issue Location

3317 Lookout Drive

Amberley/OH/45237

Request Details

Please provide your input here:

Hello,

I am a dog owner and resident in Cincinnati, Ohio. I have lived in many cities throughout my life including New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Orlando, and Cleveland and have never seen such a magical, beautiful place for dogs as Amberley Green. When we take our 2 little dogs to walk the paths and run through the fields, I see a happiness I have never seen before.

I personally can say we have NEVER run into an aggressive or out of control dog, and we have 2 very small terriers. The special thing about this place is the dogs have room to run and be themselves, which eliminates any territorial or aggressive behavior I have seen at other smaller off leash dog parks. The dogs mainly operate independently when at Amberley, stopping to greet a dog or two along the way, but then moving on so they can continue to explore freely.

Amberley Green is so unique and special to the city of Cincinnati. It would be a HUGE loss for the entire city if it became required to have dogs leashed. There are dozens of parks all over Cincinnati residents can take their dog to in order to have an on-leash experience. Just because a few people are scared or cannot control their dogs does not mean there should be punishment for the entire city. I completely understand if signs may need to be put up to provide warning to unknowing dog owners, but causing a restriction to leash only means many people will just not visit Amberley Greene anymore. It will also cause a loss for local businesses surrounding the park, where we usually stop by to get lunch or dinner after our time in the park.

I truly hope a restriction is not placed on this wonderful park I have often described as "Disneyland for dogs". It is a true gem in the city of Cincinnati, and would leave a huge hole in a lot of dog owner's hearts if it changes.

Thank you

Suzanne

Request Activity

From: Leslie Kreines <kreinesles@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 12:12 PM
To: Lahrmer, Scot <slahrmer@amberleyvillage.org>
Cc: Elida Kamine <elidakamine@gmail.com>
Subject: Leash laws

Hi Scot

I was so thrilled to hear that council is finally considering taking a step towards leash laws and dog safety in the Amberley green space. If you recall I presented over a year ago where I had encountered several incidents. Verbal abuse from several different individuals who when asked politely to call their dogs, refused and attacked me verbally for asking. Then I and my dog were attacked in dog fights many time by individuals whose dogs were dog reactive and came after my dog , once incident being four dogs as a pack. It caused my dog who is a certified therapy dog to become dog reactive when around other dogs, as the last incident put her over the edge and we can no longer walk in a space where other dogs might come near her.

If you recall I foster and help train dogs to be service dogs and facility therapy dogs and one incident, as I indicated with my pet dog can cause a dog to become reactive or timid and no longer able to serve its purpose. Any dog when attacked will most likely than become dog reactive as a new defense ! People think their dogs are trained and under control , but in such a large space not confined, time after time have watched people at the green space have no control over their dogs. This is not a certified dog park , that has to follow under health regulations, vaccine requirements , and rabies laws. And be tested by a certified trainer for dog safety and manners.

There are so many potential disasters that could occur, including the several people who have been bitten there.

Dogs should never be allowed on leash to interact with another dog, that is saved for all dogs off leash in a safe environment, and even then many incidents have occurred when too many dogs are involved. A play date with one dog is always the best scenario.

Please express my words to all the council members, and I and many others in the community highly support changes to the green space so that it now becomes a safe environment for all people and all dogs.

I am always happy to answer any additional questions or concerns that arise.

Leslie Kreines
Sent from my iPhone

Work Order Form

General Suggestion

Tracking Number: 14263861505
Date Time Received: 2/25/2021 3:05PM
Created By: Jean Kranz (Citizen)

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Issue Location

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City: Cincinnati
State: OH
Zip: 45237
Comments:

Request Details

Describe your question or comment below.

I would just like to make a suggestion regarding the Amberley Green dog park. I know there are people who want to walk there who don't care for dogs and I would like to suggest that we just divide the park in half. Run a fence right down the middle and put in some more walkways. The place is huge there's plenty of room. And it could be paid for with donations, I for one would have no problem donating money to keep the dog park. It is that important to me and my dog. Thank you for your consideration.

Request Activity

2/26/2021 9:29 AM -- Carolyn Wallis - RESOLVED

-----Note to Citizen: Dear Ms. Kranz,

Thank you for your suggestion to divide Amberley Green. I will make sure to pass along your comments to the Public Buildings & Parks Committee, Council, and the Village Manager. If you are not already notices of committee meetings via email, you may want to sign up for that at on our Website under the Email Subscriptions tab.

Thank you.

-----Internal Note: Shared with Public Buildings & Parks Committee as well as Council and Scot Lahrmer

2/25/2021 3:05PM -- Jean Kranz (Citizen) - SUBMITTED

Work Order Form

Ben Hunt, Council Member

Tracking Number: 14426481640
Date Time Received: 5/11/2021 4:40PM
Created By: Justin Latz (Citizen)

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Request Details

Please provide your input here:
Good Morning,

I am writing this to note my opinions on the upcoming debate on whether or not to maintain status quo or make dogs on leash the mandatory requirement. I first starting going to this park 3 years ago when I lived off of East Galbraith at the time. The environment of Amberly Green is unlike any other. Since my going there, I recommend that park to any dog owner that is responsible. I have never recommended any place else.

It is just wildly unique. The amount of space really lets my dog roam around and truly feel like a dog. I am sure outliers exist, but I have never once had a problem with dogs being off leash there. I have never seen or heard about and overly aggressive dog or anything. In fact, I think this park helps with the training of dogs. I have met my dog trainer at this park to work on specific things with my dog while off leash and distracted. Every encounter I have ever had there has been pleasant.

That being said, making this dog park to have mandatory leashes I think would absolutely destroy what this park is, who goes there, how many people go there, and the community that has formed there. No place else is there a group of people walking along a path every Saturday while a group of off leash dogs just run around and have fun, like dogs should. Along the way I have gone to local shops in the morning and made a nice Saturday morning out of it with my fiancé. I think it makes Amberly Village the type of place it currently is.

All being said, I am vehemently against the concept of this becoming a mandatory leashed park. If I wanted to walk my dog on a leash (which I also do) I would go to French Park where it is already mandatory. I think the ability to let a dog be a dog is very unique. If this becomes mandatory leash I do not see why I would ever really go back there. There are tons of on leash dog parks and I walk my dog around my block if I want her on a leash. The ability to go to Amberly Green in particular to give my dog the extra happiness and exercise is unique and needed. I would be incredibly upset if there was a decision to make it mandatory. In my opinion, if someone has complained about the fact that it is offleash when walking their dog, then go to an on leash park. Again, there are a ton of them around Cincinnati. No off leash dog park is like Amberly Green though.

Request Activity

5/11/2021 4:40PM -- No activity Reported.
5/11/2021 4:40PM -- Justin Latz (Citizen) - SUBMITTED

Work Order Form

Ray Warren, Council Member

Tracking Number: 14416541245

Date Time Received: 5/07/2021 12:45PM

Created By: Niko Murrell (Citizen)

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Issue Location

Request Details

Please provide your input here:

Respected Council Members, Vice Mayor, and Mayor,

I'd like to thank the Village of Amberley for providing a local park of immeasurable benefit to myself and many other dog owners.

Amberley Green is a very unique place in Cincinnati. There are no other comparable parks that allow for off-leash socialization with your pet. I am very appreciative of Amberley Village's longstanding dog-friendly policies at Amberley Green. These policies are a tremendous service to the local community and the hundreds of regular visitors who frequent the park with their pets.

Over the years, and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, Amberley Green has been a refuge for me and my pet. We visit the park several times a week to freely walk, play, and socialize. This has helped me remain physically active and improved my mental well-being during this stressful time.

I've recently learned that the Village of Amberley is considering a change to leash use policies at Amberley Green.

It's my understanding that concerns were raised by property owners along the Green's boundary. I completely understand and respect these persons' concerns regarding off-leash dogs on their personal property.

However, I am concerned that a more-restrictive leash ordinance will change the character of the park. Many people rely on Amberley Green as a place to exercise, commune with nature, and socialize freely with their pets. A more restrictive leash policy will likely have a net negative impact to the community's health and mental well-being due to a decrease in utilization.

I'm hopeful that the Village of Amberley, the homeowners, and the community may find an agreement that addresses the homeowners' concerns (prevents dogs from entering private property) in the least restrictive manner possible and preserves unrestricted access to the Green for its many residents and visitors.

I genuinely believe that, if given information and visual cues, park users will modify their behavior and this problem could be avoided. We're generally a responsible, respectful bunch of folk. I'd like to propose a few alternatives for consideration:

1) Post signs along the boundary that inform park users that the area they're entering is private property

Re: Amberley Green

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to review and hear everyone's point of view regarding the dog leash rules at Amberley Green. I wanted to let you know that I have been going to AG with my dog for about 6 years now. I'm registered with the Village and I have the sticker on my car. I've always followed the rules set in place. In the past I would purposely not tell folks about this little gem because I liked that it was a small community of folks and everyone was respectful and fun. I have made many friends there. Back then there weren't too many folks and everyone knew and respected the rules. I have definitely noticed an influx of people since COVID-19 hit and I was nervous when I saw AG listed in a couple different news articles about parks to visit when there was nothing else to do and most everything else was closed. I had a feeling that more people would equal more problems.

However, I do think there is a somewhat simple solution. My thoughts are that we can all get along, but perhaps the rules just need to be reinstated and made clearer. I have noticed that some folks don't clean up after their dog, I've noticed that some dogs are not within view of the owner and of course then not under owner control. For me, this is not too bothersome but I certainly understand how it would bother others, especially non dog owners. On the other hand I've noticed more families coming and some on bikes or other wheeled vehicles which I believe are prohibited. Again, this is not too bothersome to me but could be to others and nonetheless breaking the rules. My point is that with the influx of people, is it possible that the signs just need to be bigger, rules spelled out clearer and maybe more of them so no one is caught off guard? I really enjoy being able to utilize the Green to get my exercise as well as my dog's. My pup can sniff to her heart's content and I can clock a couple miles for the day, that's a win win.

I also know there was talk of restricting the hours for off leash which would not make me super happy but I would take some time as oppose to none. I would just ask that they take the 1st shift workers and daylight savings time into consideration and find hours that could accommodate the 8-5, Mon-Fri work hours which I believe a majority of the dog owners have now.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I know it's impossible to make everyone happy but I'm pleased knowing my voice is heard.

-Jessica Wagner, Oakley

Work Order Form

Ask the Village

Tracking Number: 14288301309
Date Time Received: 3/10/2021 1:09PM
Created By: Ronna Willis (Citizen)

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Request Details

Enter your question below.

Saturday walking on the Green with my grandchildren, a bulldog jumped on my leg.. I yelled to the owner who was up the hill that her dog was supposed to be under control. She yelled back, extremely nasty, "This is a dog park!" The same morning a dog with a tail that was dyed pink was in my yard and approached me. Then continued to run around my yard. No owner visible. Yesterday a very large black dog came into my garage. It was wearing a harness, but again no owner in sight. Things are definitely escalating!! I am sure it will get worse as the weather improves, and I would like to be able to use my yard safely!! Especially since it is the only way I can be with my family!!

Thank you.

Ronna Willis

Request Activity

3/10/2021 3:24 PM -- Carolyn Wallis - RESOLVED

-----Internal Note: Per the resident's request, this communication is being shared with Council

3/10/2021 1:09PM -- Ronna Willis (Citizen) - SUBMITTED

Work Order Form

Carolyn Wallis, Administrative Assistant

Tracking Number: 14231471158

Date Time Received: 2/05/2021 11:58AM

Created By: Susan Willis (Citizen)

Contact Information

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Issue Location

Street: Amberly Amberly Green

Unit:

City: Amberley

State: OH

Zip: 45237

Comments: I've worked at the J for almost 8 years and I've come to enjoy walking at the Amberly Green. I read the newsletter about keeping your dog under control and I can't tell you how many dog owners let their dog(s) run all over the green and do not keep an eye on them . I've been a dog owner but I'm uncomfortable when someone's dog runs up to me which happens a lot. The other day I thought I'd have to take a dog home because the owner was no where to be found.

Request Details

Please provide your input here:

Is it possible to post the policies "Dogs Under Control" at the entrance of the trails by the parking lot to remind dog owners of the Park's policy?

Request Activity

2/08/2021 1:10 PM -- Carolyn Wallis - RESOLVED

2/08/2021 1:09 PM -- Carolyn Wallis - SUBMITTED

-----Note to Citizen: Dear Ms. Willis,

Thank you for contacting Amberley Village about this issue. Currently, having your dog "under control" is one of the items listed on the Park Rules sign at Amberley Green.

We know there is an issue with how dog owners define "control." Our Public Buildings and Parks Committee is examining the issue to make recommendations to the Amberley Village Council.

Work Order Form

Carolyn Wallis, Administrative Assistant

Tracking Number: 14231471158

Date Time Received: 2/05/2021 11:58AM

Created By: Susan Willis (Citizen)

If you would like, I can add you to an email list that would let you know when that committee is meeting. You are welcome to participate.

Otherwise, please stay informed by reading our monthly E-News publication online and our printed newsletter that is usually mailed in the spring and in the fall.

Again, thank you for your time and we hope to resolve this situation as soon as we can.

-----Internal Note: Parks & Buildings Committee is still examining the best solution for Dogs Under Control.

2/05/2021 11:58AM -- Susan Willis (Citizen) - SUBMITTED

Reasoner, Tammy

From: (null) (null) <jcolak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Reasoner, Tammy
Subject: Amber Green restrictions on dogs

Hello,

I am writing to provide you with my feeling regarding the use of Amber Green. I love walking both with and without my dog at Amber Green. Initially, I walked without a dog as my dog was a senior citizen. It is beautiful and peaceful and thoroughly enjoyable. I now have a young dog who love to walk at TheGreen. I always keep my dog on a leash for her safety and my peace of mind. She has been approached by off leash dogs every time we walk. Most of these encounters are pleasant for both dogs. However, there have been times when an off leash dog approaches her, without his/her owner and the dog seems aggressive.

I feel that the number of dog being walked at The Green has increased as people now refer to it as a off leash park for dogs. People treat The Green as if it is their own back yard. It is my desire to continue to use The Green for my dog walks and not feel threatened by irresponsible dog owners. It is my hope the the Village limits The Green to Amberley Residents. It is also my hope the Village fence in an area for off leash dogs.

Thank you, Joan Colak

Sent from my iPad

Reasoner, Tammy

From: Melissa Young <mrs.melissa.s.young@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:55 PM
To: Reasoner, Tammy
Subject: Comments on the proposed restrictions on dogs at Amberley Green

Dear Public Buildings & Parks Committee:

First - thank you for taking the time to read my email. My family and I have lived in Amberley for 5 years and we love our community. We have enjoyed the parks and utilized Amberley Green on many occasions. This is a wonderful facility in our community and I truly want every resident of Amberley to be able to use and enjoy it.

Our family has 2 dogs - 1 who can be 'off leash' and stays under control and the second who does not behave off leash. Our 'good' dog enjoys running and chasing balls at Amberley Green and we are so grateful to have a place for her to let off steam. While doing this, my husband and I walk the second dog, on leash. When people approach us, we put our controlled dog 'on leash' because we know not everyone is comfortable with dogs. Sometimes we are surprised by people around a corner but we really try to be respectful.

Sadly, not everyone exercises good judgement or care for their fellow citizens. We have observed and been victims of uncontrolled dogs approaching us or our pets and have been concerned, as I have heard from others.

I have read the proposed restrictions and it really seems like you are trying to balance the needs and desires of our citizens so all can enjoy Amberley Green. Thank you for that! I would only ask that you consider rotating hours during the week so the off-leash times can also be after work hours for those of us who work outside of the home. Could you also consider to designate certain areas of the park to be used for off-leash activities?

I know enforcement is hard for any of this and we really appreciate you working to find a solution that can work for everyone.

Respectfully,

Melissa Young
6720 Fair Acres Lane

Reasoner, Tammy

From: James Kesner <jskesner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 9:44 PM
To: Reasoner, Tammy
Cc: Jim Kesner; Sandy Kesner (gmail); Laura Mellman; Mark Toraason; Jan Toraason; 'Colin Driscoll'
Subject: Dog & People Behavior at Amberley Green

Dear Tammy,

Would you please forward my letter below to the Village Mayor and Council Members?

Thank you,
Jim Kesner

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Dear Mayor Muething,

At the recent Village meeting on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, you spoke clearly about your walks in parks where people effectively call their dogs back when encountering others. I was, and still am, impressed by your concise insight about the dog issues confronting us in Amberley Green, that *"we just need a behavior change."*

I fully agree with you. The current solution being considered by the Village Council pits one group of park visitors against others, setting aside times and space for one or the other, with none of the tribes being satisfied. Why can't we all just get along? If folks in California and Kentucky can get it right, why can't folks from southwest Ohio? I think we can. And I think you do, too. I would like to work to help the Council figure out how. I think some approaches may be obvious: better signage and instructions on what is expected of dog owners. For, in just the few months, since my friends and I have become aware of the Amberley dog issue, we have dramatically improved our behaviors, which has significantly improved our dogs' behaviors and the quality of our interactions with others, simply because we became aware of expectations. Perhaps like children, dog owners need rules. No shame in that.

I would like to call other parks to see what we can learn from their successes. In your comments, you mentioned walking with your dog in the hills outside Berkley, CA, and in a park in Kentucky. Can you share with me the names of the parks you have experienced that most stand out in your mind as examples of good, responsible dog owner behavior? As I did with the Town Administrator of Wagon Hill Farm in Durham, NH, I would like to contact them to see what we as a community can learn.

Thank you, Tom.

Jim Kesner

CC: Village Council Members

## Reasoner, Tammy

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**From:** Dave Remerowski <dremerow@zoomtown.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 10:17 AM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** AG Dog Ordinance

Hello,

The proposed ordinance specifically for AG is not needed as the major dog offenses are already covered by existing AV code. We should not be wasting money on a new AG specific ordinance.

Dangerous dogs are covered by R.C. § 951.10 that applies primarily to dangerous dogs- which by definition means biting or even snarling. The section includes punitive action. This has not been enforced as Frank Gallenstein has reportedly experienced. Violators should be banished from AG and their license plate numbers added to AV Police scanners.

HOWEVER what is not covered is wolf-dog hybrids. These make Pit Bulls look like lap dogs. Worse than one is a pair as I saw at AG last week. Wolf-hybrids are banned all over but not in AV or AG. Are wolf hybrids considered wild animals? If so does anything in the existing code prohibit them?

Dog poop fits the definition of litter in the AV code. "**LITTER.** Includes garbage, trash, waste, rubbish, ashes, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, automobile parts, furniture, glass, auxiliary containers, or anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature."

The ordinance section is § 131.37 **REFUSE.** No person shall drop or throw paper, lunch boxes, refuse, or litter on or within any village property, but shall place the same in receptacles provided for such purposes.

('69 Code, § 138.08) (Ord. C-417, passed 1-12-76) Penalty, see § [131.99](#)

Again what is needed is effective enforcement of the existing litter law. Maybe if offenders could be recorded in the act on cell phones?

So there is no need for the proposed ordinance except to placate a few.

And the topic of removal or relocation of the gardens should be brought up. I understand that many dog complaints come from the gardeners. The gardeners violate the AV property maintenance code regarding loose garbage with impunity. I've even observed animal poisons in the compost pile. Composting does not have sacramental status. The gardens could be relocated to the far SE corner of AG in the flat land adjacent to the tennis courts. If moved to that location there would be minimal dog contacts.

Stay well , Dave Remerowski 8173 Fontaine

## **Reasoner, Tammy**

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**From:** Kei Goodman <k327.goodman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 4, 2021 9:52 AM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** Feedback: Proposed Dog Restrictions at Amberley Green

Thank you for allowing feedback regarding the proposed dog restrictions at Amberley Green.

Our corgi loves being able to be off leash at Amberley Green. We love the area and are happy to comply with new restrictions. We would ask that the hours both morning and afternoon be extended and/or adjusted for weather. (especially in the summer when it is hot, and the winter when it is cold).

We would also be willing to pay an "off-leash" permit fee to be able to continue the privilege. We are responsible dog owners and clean up after Baxter, and make sure he does not harass any other walkers or dogs.

Thank you again for taking feedback.

Warm regards,  
Kei Goodman



## Reasoner, Tammy

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**From:** Ted Hardman <tjhardmanjr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 4, 2021 10:23 AM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** Off- Leash Dogs Amberley Green

Hi Tammy,

Just received the latest newsletter. You do a great job.

Please forward to the Clerk of Courts:

Dear Clerk of Court,

My recommendation is to severely restrict, even prohibit, off-leash dogs on Amberley Green. I am not a frequenter (my preference is riding my bike) but my wife Marlene is along with our granddaughter. On far too many occasions she has been accosted by off-leash dogs.

Ted Hardman  
3271 E Galbraith  
513-313-7014

## Reasoner, Tammy

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**From:** Carrie Conlon <carrie.e.conlon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 4, 2021 12:10 PM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** Amberly Green Dog leash

To members of council,

My name is Carrie Conlon (Hawkins), my family and I have lived in Amberly Village for 10 years. Previously 6787 Glen Acres Dr. and currently 3194 Dot Dr.

I wanted to write on behalf of the dog leash debate at Amberly Green.

It is my utmost wish that we find a way to remain AV Green an off leash area for dogs- if not 100% of the area- then a portion of the area.

We are so blessed in Amberly Village to have so many great walking trails- French Park, the track and AV Green. Currently 2 out of those 3 walking trails, dogs remain on leash- allowing residents and leashed dogs to have walking places without the disruption of unleashed pets.

AV Green is the 1 place that dogs can run free. I know you all have heard countless stories of the joy and exercise AV Green brings to the dogs who can walk the trails with their owners- and romp around with other dogs- my Golden-doodle, Gracie, is one of those dogs. It is truly her happiest place on earth. It does not and cannot compare to a fenced dog park where owners stand around while the dogs play. Her behavior and our Exercise cannot match a fenced dog park.

The best benefit of AV Green is we get our Exercise of walking while the dogs get their Exercise and socialization.

There are so many benefits to being a resident of Amberly Village- but one of them that I truly love the most is the proximity to exercise by walking the trails with my unleashed (but contained) dog.

I know this is a very contested and decisive topic.

Obviously **my vote is for AV Green to remain an off leash area** and allow the track and French park as walking places for residents who prefer to not be around unleashed pets.

If that is not possible- I offer 2 more alternatives.

1. Have pets wear an electronic leash- (\$40 on Amazon) that allows the owner to recall the dog through a remote that can beep, vibrate or shock if necessary. This allows the owners to ensure dogs do not get near other humans or dogs who wish no interaction. We have one and use it most times while at the Green and it is very effective.

2. I known one consideration is limiting hours. This is very difficult for working and busy parents whose lives are dictated by work, school and sport schedules.

I propose dividing the Green in half. The Galbraith/Ridge Rd half for walkers/leashed dogs (as most unleashed dogs do not go near the outer belt by those busy roads) and the unleashed dogs receive the other half by the garden.

The trails could be painted 2 different colored dotted lines to alert the users if they are on a leashed or unleashed trail. AV Green is large enough that this should be able to accommodate both groups.

Thank you for your time and diligence to this matter.

There are not many issues I feel

strongly about- but having this off leash area where my dog, children and I can get our exercise and socializing, has been so important and beneficial in ways that cannot even be put into words.

I hope you will find a way for AV Green to remain off leash or if nothing else, an e-collar or partial off leash.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Carrie Conlon

## Reasoner, Tammy

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**From:** Smith, Pam <Pam.Smith@cincinnati-oh.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 8:15 AM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** Amberly Green proposed restrictions on dogs

Ms. Reasoner and Amberly Village Council and Residents,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be heard before you.

Although I am not a resident of your village, I have been attending Amberly Green for the past 8 years with and without my dogs.

I am the proud owner of two Labrador Retrievers. They are my companions as well as my protection.

I cannot say enough great things about discovering Amberly green except to say Thank you for allowing those of us who may not be residents to patronize.

I had an accident that has my mobility compromised. Since then it has become impossible for me to walk my dogs on leash.

My pets are not viscous by any means but they are canines.

They have more interest chasing the squirrels and other critters than any other interest.

They are curious and love the idea that although while I am walking they can walk alongside me explore, sniff, meet and greet ( if accepting) other pets and pet parents.

Prior to Amberly Green we visited many of the City of Cincinnati dog parks. I can only express that although open to the public the city dog parks ambience and environment has worsened over time.

To the point of I feared for my Life as well as the security of my pets.

Amberly Green has truly been a godsend for me and my dogs. We have met many friendly Amberly Village Residents and some not so accepting.

However; the good has always outweighed the bad experiences.

We will comply with whatever solution deemed best for all patrons however; we greatly appreciate the current environment.

Thank you for your time.

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June 6, 2021

From: Ted Moran

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TO: Amberley Village Council

SUBJECT: Dog leash law at Amberley Green

I believe that dogs should be on leash at all times and that having designated hours for non-leashed dogs is unenforceable and not a viable solution. I am a dog lover but understand that not everyone cares for dogs, and the Green is a venue that all residents should be able to enjoy.

I know a few people that don't go to the Green due to unleashed dogs and also know people (myself included) that carry pepper spray in case of an incident. I would be disappointed to know that council is not disturbed by these facts.

It is not a dog park but it seems that the word has gotten out around various villages that it is a dog park. While I have no way of knowing, I assume that the owners of many of the unleashed dogs are not Amberley residents. I have no problem with non-residents using the green but the wishes of residents must be paramount to opinions of non-residents and those expressed on social media.

Finally, I believe it's not a question of if, but a question of when there is a tragic event at the Green involving a dog attacking another dog, adult or child. I believe the Village is exposed to a liability that could end up costing huge sums of money and do long term damage to its reputation as a quality place to live and raise a family.

I urge council to pass a law requiring all dogs to be on leash.

Dear Amberley Village Council members,

I am writing, again, regarding my concerns with the "off-leash" dogs at the Green. I will first share my personal experiences at the Green. Last April, my husband and I were walking our 24# mixed breed dog when a woman with two dogs approached us with two dogs. She asked if our dog was friendly and could one of the dogs who was leashed, but walking without the owner holding the leash, could say "hi". She was in control of her second dog. Our dogs were friendly, and we were chatting when her second dog came into the mix. Quick as a flash, her uncontrolled dog grabbed our dog by the neck and took her to the ground. It was terrifying! In the scramble, both my husband and I fell off the path to the ground. My husband separated the dogs, and our dog was unharmed, but I broke my fibula in the fall. Amberley Village police had to haul me out of the back of the Green on a gator so that I could get in a squad to the hospital. The woman with the dogs was shocked. She was very nice, and I believe would never have dreamed her dog would do that. I feel her dog was territorial over her second dog. Dogs can be unpredictable in a group.

Since that event, and once my leg healed, we cautiously went back to the Green. I carried pepper spray and we walked defensively. If there was a group of dogs at the parking lot, a frequent occurrence, we walked in the other direction. Still, uncontrolled dogs would approach us in the parking lot. There was never, and I mean literally never, a day that an unleashed dog didn't come up to sniff our dog while walking the path. Some seemed friendly, some did not. If I said or signaled to the owners "Please control your dog", I was met with eye rolling, rudeness, or outright hostility. I have stopped going. I am not looking for conflict, I just want to take a good walk.

This is also my personal experience. Some dog owners allow their dogs to run freely in a wide area. These dogs defecate in the fields and this waste is not picked up. I witnessed this many times. I don't walk in those fields, but others may.

I participated in a past call with the Public Buildings & Parks Committee about this issue. I have registered for another upcoming call; however, I am discouraged that my comments will be considered. On the last call, I did not feel heard. One council member stated she walked her dog at the Green unleashed and, to me, seemed flippant concerning people that couldn't or wouldn't walk their dogs similarly. A second member described running every morning in French Park with his unleashed dog, even though French Park has a leash requirement. One citizen on the call stated the problem was that dogs were leashed rather than unleashed! Another citizen described how dogs needed to run free for the dog's health. Ironically, most of the properties in Amberley are one acre or more, where these homeowners could let their dogs run freely and throw the ball a hundred times to wear them out at home like the rest of us do.

I apologize for the length of this letter. We have lived in the Village for 34 years and have supported the Green throughout its' acquisition. In my opinion, the Green is for the citizens first. A requirement that dogs can be off leash but "under control" is ineffective. A dog needs to be on leash to be under control in this setting. Off leash dogs are a liability for the Village. I personally would not recommend taking small children there. I would like to enjoy going back for a walk without feeling anxiety or conflict. I am asking for a leash requirement and the erection of clear signage stating this. I do not support establishing off-leash times.

Sincerely

Nancy Moran

8480 Arborcrest Dr.

7 June 2021

Dear Mayor Muething & Village Council,

Unfortunately, Sandy and I will not be able to attend the Council meeting on June the 8<sup>th</sup>. So these are my thoughts on the topic of regulating dogs at Amberley Green. I appreciate the time and care you are taking to listen to and consider the various opinions on this issue of such great public concern.

First, the issue needs to be dealt with by changing the behaviors of the Green patrons and their dogs, not by pitting one group against the other for access. As Mayor Muething stated at the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, "*we just need a behavior change.*" Focusing on education and consequences to change behaviors is the civilized approach. And it works! If the Mayor can forward the names of the parks that most impressed him, I will contact them to glean lessons they have learned from which we can benefit.

Second, Council should make available to the public the details and frequency of complaints associated with dogs on leashes and off leashes - minus personal identifiers. At the last meeting, Council members openly disagreed on the nature and frequency of complaints. For an issue as volatile as this, full transparency is essential. How many complaints are hearsay? How has the frequency of these incidents changed over time, especially over the past 1-2 years when the problem has been publicized?

Third, if Council insists on maintaining hours for dogs on-leash and dogs off-leash - and they should not - the current proposal from the Committee must be changed. As currently proposed, folks with dogs off-leash are limited from dawn to 9 AM and 3-5 PM. These hours practically preclude working people from walking their dogs off-leash, even though people walking their dogs off-leash comprise most Green patrons.

Fourth, Council needs to remind property owners bordering the Green that their location has great advantages, but also brings responsibilities. If they want to keep the world out of their backyard, they need to erect a fence.

Fifth, the solution to the dog issue includes well distributed signage, receptacles, and bag dispensers, and stationing a volunteer at the facility to educate patrons constructively and respectfully.

Finally, we need to emphasize what everybody knows: (1) Walkers with dogs on-leash have many, many park options; those with dogs off-leash have very few. Accordingly, the amount of time available for dogs off-leash at Amberley Green needs to be maximized. (2) Walking dogs off leash is healthier for the dogs and the people. (3) The ability to walk dogs off-leash is precisely why so many people view Amberley Green as a unique treasure to the community. Celebrate and take pride in the park's specialness.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
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## Reasoner, Tammy

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**From:** Al Parrish <aparrish14@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 11:19 AM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** Amberly Green — Dogs

I hope the Amberly Village Council members realize that the Amberly Green "dog park" is unique in all of North America, if not the world. Unlike fenced in dog parks, where the dogs are squeezed in, and ruled by a hierarchy of larger and more aggressive dogs, the 133 acres of Amberly Green affords dogs and dog owners the space to "run free"—with adult supervision. This must terrify those who freak out when they see a dog off leash but it's much safer and humane than it might seem. Dogs off leash just want to run and have fun, preferably with other dogs. At Amberly Green they have enough room to pick and choose who they run with. (Dogs have an uncanny knack of being able to instantly tell who they want to be friends with.) In all the years I've been bringing my dog there I've never seen a single problem with either the dogs or their owners. I understand that last year there were all of 13 complaints. Thirteen complaints! Of all the hundreds, if not thousands, of people who visit Amberly Green each year, I would think that's pretty acceptable. You could put a lock on the front gate and not let anyone in and you would get at least 13 complaints—from those who just like to complain about something, anything, especially if it has to do with dogs. I hope the council can find a way to allow Amberly Green to remain a "free range" for all the dogs and dog lovers who love and appreciate what it is— heaven on earth for dogs who spend most of their lives cooped up in a house or apartment but have this one chance to run free...

Don't let the dog haters ruin a beautiful thing...

## Reasoner, Tammy

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**From:** Katie Wellman <ktwellman79@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 9:59 PM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** Public Buildings & Parks Committee -- Proposed Ordinance 2021-8

Ms. Reasoner,

I believe I am to share written comments directly with you regarding the Proposed Ordinance 2021-8 at Amberley Green. I do appreciate your willingness to include my thoughts below in the compiled documents to be shared. However, if I have misunderstood, please do let me know as soon as possible so I may share with the Council members directly before noon tomorrow. Your confirmation of receipt and distribution is much appreciated. Thank you!

Dear Mayor Muething & Village Council,

In light of the upcoming Public Buildings & Parks Committee meeting, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for taking the time and concern in listening and considering the opinions of so many regarding Amberley Village Green Space. It is truly a treasure within the community and valued by so many. I am beyond appreciative of the opportunity to legally utilize the space as an off-leash area for my pup so we may together partake in a daily recreation outing! We truly enjoy walking the trails each day to relax, rejuvenate and get in our "steps!" He also enjoys chasing his ball, playing Frisbee, and taking in all the scents as we experience nature at it's finest!

As you may recognize my name, I have been faithfully following the discussions at hand and do understand the desire to address rising concerns. However, I also want to acknowledge the statement made by Mayor Muething in recent meetings that recognizes the need for owner behavioral changes and respect of the green space. Since my original introduction to these concerns in November, I have been much more cognizant during my time at the Green. Due to my "good dog" as many have observed, I have engaged in diverse conversations. As a result, I have met couples that love to come to the Green to greet dogs as they no longer own one or most notably in February I observed a woman sitting on a bench by the garden watching the dogs play in the snow. She was crying as I walked by so I asked if everything was okay, she replied that she recently lost her dog and loved to watch the dogs enjoy the simple things in life and it helped with her recent heartbreak. Regularly, we also encounter patrons who do not have dogs but want your dog to come say hello. They have expressed appreciation for my willingness to have him sit next to me under total control or leashed as they pass. Many have thanked me but state they are comfortable and prefer a meet/pet with my little guy. This is the type of interaction and mutual respect that I hope we can obtain through education rather than creating a leash ordinance that all but precludes working adults (and retired adults who do not wish to rise with the sun or walk their dog in the heat of the day) from enjoying the benefits of off-leash activity. Having the green space available for all, including those who enjoy the green space to participate in off-leash activities with the furry companion(s) is invaluable; as it is healthier for both dogs and humans.

With that being said, I would happily volunteer my time and energy to lead efforts to educate dog patrons on expectations of "under control" definitions and new rules regarding keeping dogs leashed in the parking lot, etc.

Nonetheless, if there is an insistence on creating differentiation for off-leash activity I do hope that the committee and council considers designating areas that could be used for off-leash daily or scheduled days for off-leash activity. (e.g. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday off-leash; Wednesday, Friday and Sunday leashed.) With appropriate signage, which is already part of the current proposal, it will be very clear and as an avid pup companion park-goer it will be ingrained in my routine; as I am sure it will be for others!

In conclusion, I write to encourage the committee and council to consider the deep appreciation and benefits afforded to the community in making the Amberley Village Green Space available not only to me but also my controlled off-leash pup. I am hopeful that as a community we can come to an agreeable outcome without removing one of the most valued aspects of the Amberley Village Green Space for all patrons. This may include intense training/education regarding utilizing the Green or, in worse case scenario, may include designated days for off-leash activity rather than designated hours that precludes so many from this amazing community perk.

Sincerely,  
*Katie*

Katie Wellman  
(513) 519-2147

## Reasoner, Tammy

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**From:** John Schmidt <johnjschmidt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 10:11 PM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** Amberley Green Dog Regulations

I'm writing to express my thoughts on the on leash/off leash discussion concerning Amberley Green. I am a 25 year resident of the village, dog owner, and a frequenter of the Green. I always walk my dogs on leash, as they are terriers and would be gone in a shot if let them run free!

I have never personally had a problem with an off leash animal, and know that the Green is a unique opportunity in the County for dogs to run free. I also am sympathetic to dog owners, and others who are not dog fans, who would prefer to enjoy the Green without being approached by loose dogs.

I understand that the Village is considering on leash/off leash hours for each day. I am not sure how workable that will be. It is easy to lose track of time when out on the trails, or to misjudge how long a return trip might be. That of itself suggests problems during the transition times. I personally think that on leash/off leash DAYS would be a better solution – greater clarity, less chance of confusion.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

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## Reasoner, Tammy

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**From:** Cathe Bennett <cathebennett@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 10:26 PM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** Amberley Green proposal

I'm a Amberley resident of 26 years& have used the Green since it first allowed dogs. As outside residents were asked to join & restrictions lessened, I no longer feel safe going there with our 2 small leashed dogs. We carry pepper spray. Many residents have quietly stopped going, walking, jogging or trying to walk their dogs after a bad experience. Let me start by saying, I'm completely against the different time "shifts" being proposed. Length of the trails, parking lot etiquette & people's lack of concern will lead to unwelcome encounters & further disputes. My proposal is:

**4 days a week (every other day) for unleashed dogs & others who don't mind.**

**3 days a week for walkers, joggers & STRICTLY leashed dogs.**

**PROPER signage from the entrance to parking lot. \*On leash & off leash days would be clearer & easier to follow.**

Thank you for your consideration,  
Catherine Bennett

Sent from my iPad

## Reasoner, Tammy

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**From:** McGraw, Timothy <Timothy.McGraw@cchmc.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:53 AM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** Dogs at the green

Hi Tammy,

I would just like to voice my opinion about the unleashed dogs at the green. I would first like to say that as an Amberley resident and a tax payer that funds the upkeep to all of Amberley's amazing services that only residents should have a say in the rules that are made regarding our facilities. I feel that if our facilities are going to be open to people that do not live in Amberley then a yearly fee should be charged that is at least in step with what we pay in taxes. We no longer go to the green due to unleashed dogs. We used to go and walk the trail all the time but have had a few occasions where we had dogs run up on us and bark. Thankfully we never have been bitten but we no longer use what was supposed to be ours as residents. When we were there we also noticed that next to no cars that were in the parking lot had an Amberley resident sticker on them either. We are 100% for dogs being on a leash at all times, as it is not a dog park to begin with. We also think that it is time to make sure that the residents are the first priority of the council.

Thank you for your time,

Thanks,  
Tim

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## Reasoner, Tammy

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**From:** David Alden <thekosherkid.daa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 11:15 AM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** Amberley Green and dogs

I am an Amberley resident, and I used to like to be able to walk in the Green. I haven't been able to do it for a number of years, because it is just too scary. The vast majority of dog owners there don't/can't control their dogs. Some do, and that is much appreciated, but they are the minority.

While I appreciate that many people have dogs, and would like to let them run free for a bit, the Green belongs to the residents of Amberley, so the residents should certainly have priority over dogs of non-residents. I also feel that even for residents, the people should have priority over pets. If dogs would have to be on leashes, then all residents can use the Green, and all dogs could use the Green as well, albeit not as freely as they might like. As it is now, however, without dogs on leashes, many residents can't use the Green.

One thought I had, although I certainly don't know how practical it is, would be to have a strip of the park, e. g. 20 m wide along the Galbraith Road edge of the Green, be fenced off. The fence would be paid for through some sort of crowdfunding campaign by those who want a dog park. Maybe even getting some funding from a company that makes dog food for instance.

Sincerely,  
David A. Alden



## **Reasoner, Tammy**

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**From:** Ellen S Garber <ellen.s.garber@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 11:29 AM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** questions for tonight's meeting

Tammy,

It was great talking with you yesterday! I am sending my questions now so that the committee sees them in advance. I will also ask to speak as I have something to say about what happened to me around these questions. I hope that I can figure out how to be recognized. I have only used zoom meetings as a listener and not to request questions.

**Questions for tonight's meeting that I want to submit:**

#1. When did we start prioritizing dogs being able to run freely over the safety of our residents enjoying the Amberley Green?

#2. How will the village enforce the compliance with the ordinance?

#3. As I am walking and observe violations what process will there be in place to report the offenders? An ordinance is only good if it is enforced!

#4. At what point did the village decide to turn Amberley Green into a public park? For years it was only residents or people who had registered their vehicles for an Amberley Green sticker. All Hamilton County Parks require a sticker at entrance. This is not about exclusivity but about safety. Why are the original rules of the green not being enforced anymore?

Thank you,  
Ellen

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## Reasoner, Tammy

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**From:** Maureen Hollmeyer <maureenhollmeyer@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:01 PM  
**To:** Reasoner, Tammy  
**Subject:** Amberley Green Dogs

Hello,

I don't feel the rules will be followed if you divide the day up for dogs on leashes and dogs without leashes.

My dog was bit by an older Schnauzer who wasn't on his leash. The owner was an elderly man who couldn't control his dog. We took a step to walk away and my dog got bit from behind. I had to open his dog's mouth with my bare hands to get his teeth off my dog's neck who needed stitches. I filed a police report, because the owner left the scene and I didn't know my dog was hurt yet.

Different days will make it much clearer to everyone.

thank you

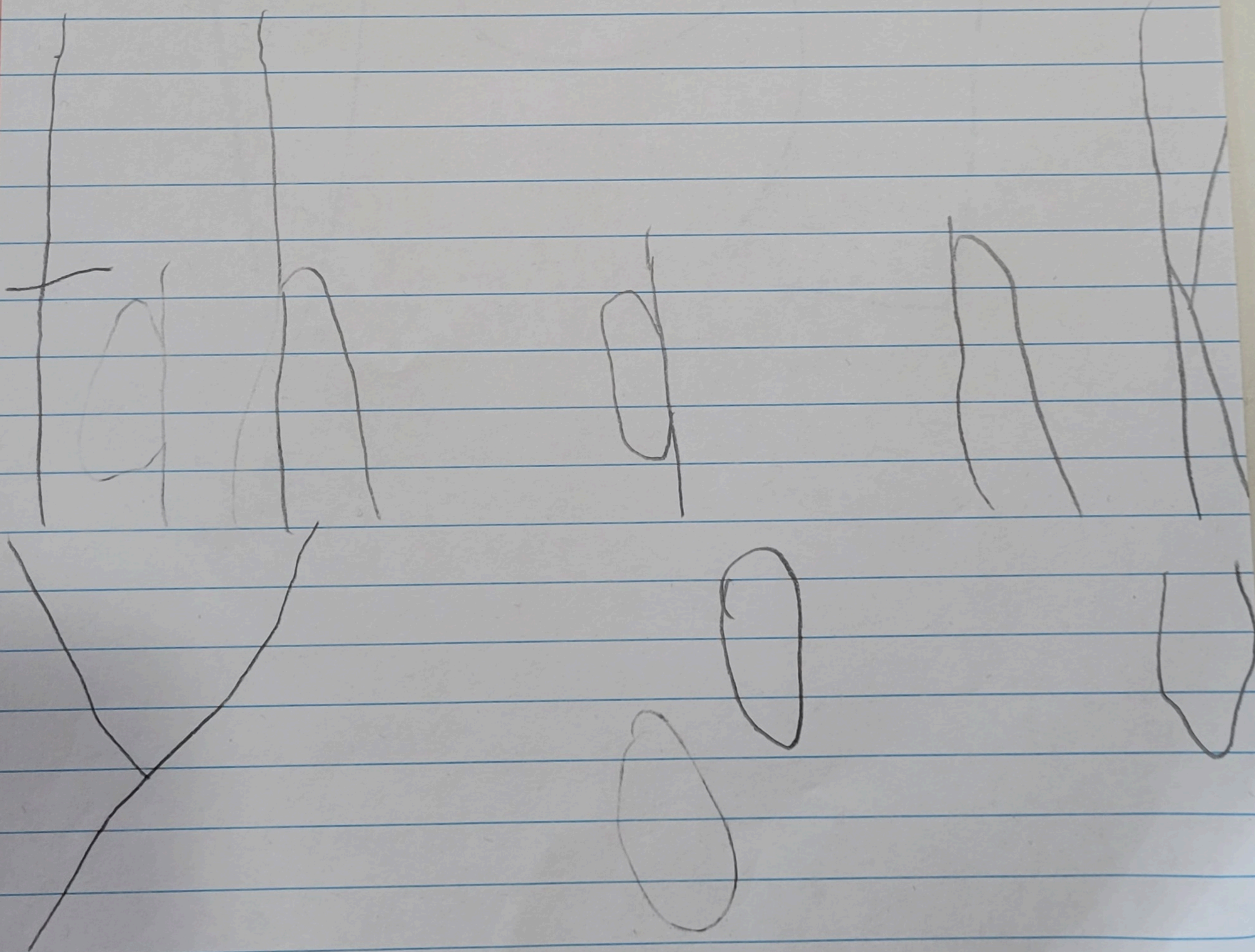
Maureen



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I want dogs on a leash

Because I am afraid of dogs

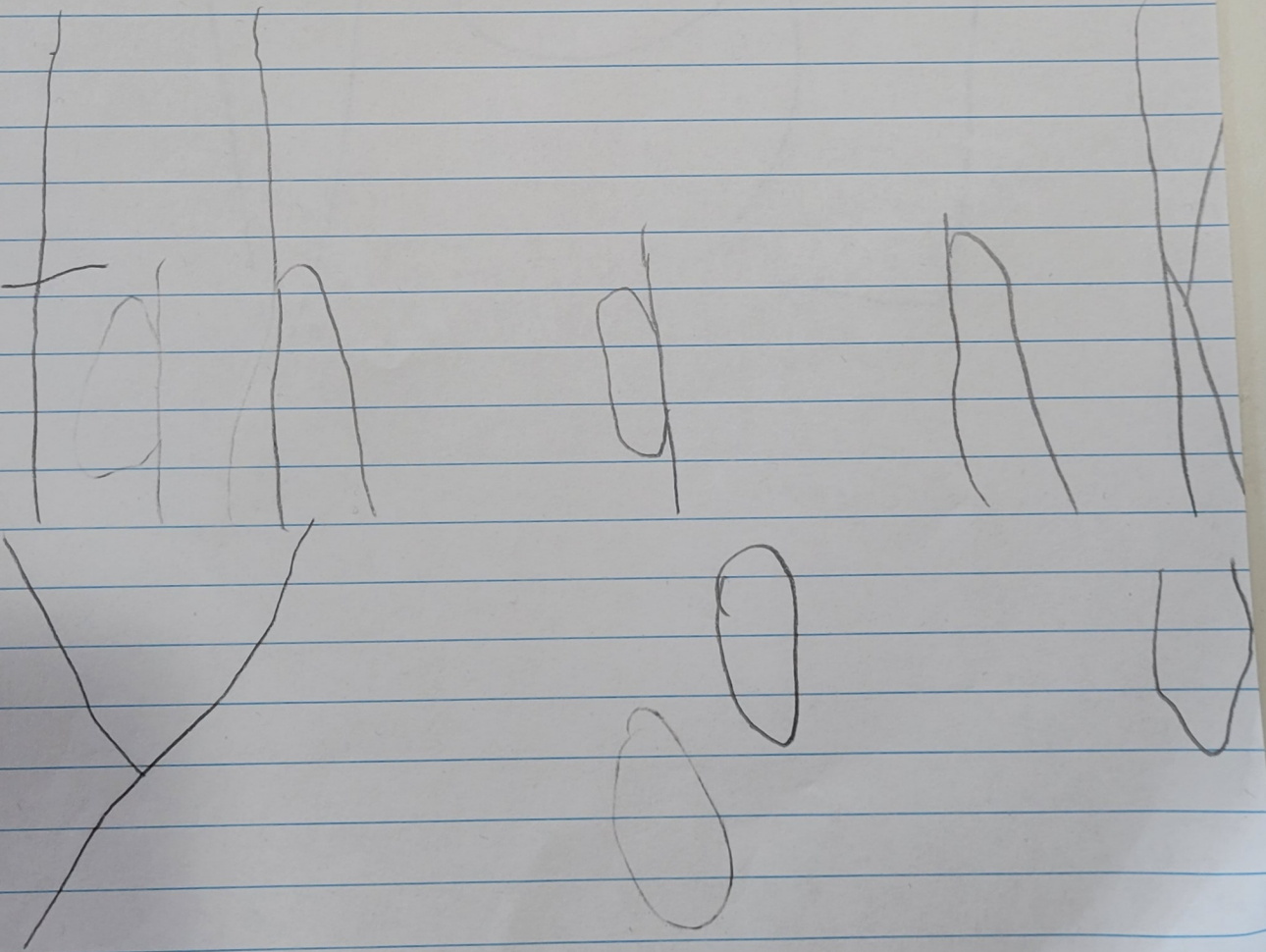




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Amberley Village Resident  
Age, Almost 6